



# Council Coast and Country

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## Annual General Meeting

The 1993 Local Government Act requires that every Council in Tasmania must hold an Annual General Meeting before 15 December each year.

The purpose of Council's Annual General Meeting is to inform electors of Council activities throughout the preceding financial year.

Additionally, electors may submit issues for consideration and are able to vote on its outcome. The matter is then considered at the next Council meeting, with Councillors more fully aware of elector interest in the matter.

Council recently held its Annual General Meeting for the 2014-15 financial year with the Annual Report highlighting the sound financial position of Council with an underlying surplus of \$758,712.

Major items of capital expenditure for the year included -

- Chapel Road - widening and reconstruction \$341,000
- Moriarty Road - reconstruction \$271,000
- Cotton Street - reconstruction and kerb and channel works - \$124,000
- Archer Street - kerb and channel works - \$155,000
- Cotton Street - kerb and channel works - \$106,000
- Native Plains Road - replace Parramatta Creek bridge - \$155,000
- Port Sorell Stormwater - Alexander Street & Country Club pipe open drain - \$115,000
- Latrobe Stormwater - Percival Street to Reibey Street pipe open drain - \$115,000
- Latrobe Recreation Ground - redevelop under grandstands - \$522,000
- Banksia Centre (Port Sorell Community Centre) construction - \$920,000
- Latrobe Recreation Ground - Convert Scout Hall to Gymnasium - \$87,000

Council's General Manager acknowledged that the Latrobe Municipality "continued to be one of the fastest growing region in the state with significant population growth at both Port Sorell and Latrobe continuing to provide a number of challenges.

These include increasing community expectations, meeting compliance requirements and restrained revenue which has been impacted by the Federal Government's freeze on its Financial Assistance Grants for three years and TasWater's freeze on dividends.

Due to the development of robust long term financial management and strategic asset management plans, Council is well placed to remain financially sustainable.

Resource sharing with the Kentish Council is one of the strategies that had been used to ensure Council continues to attract and keep quality staff, provide succession planning and extend service provision that might not be viable on an individual Council basis.

This arrangement was expanded to the sharing of the planning and building services over the two Council's as well as information technology services. The latter enables our administration centres to be connected through a business to business virtual private network.

I am grateful that the Council has such loyal and dedicated staff that work passionately and continuously to improve the operation of the Council, particularly with the pressure of doing more with less, for the benefit of electors, making the Latrobe Municipality one of the most desirable places to live, work and play.

Council is certainly well placed to continue meeting challenges as they arise in the future."

The full report is available on Council's website.

## Annual Buy Local Directory Proposal

Due to the ever increasing interest to advertise in the Buy Local section of this newsletter, Red Elephant Creative Tas are seeking expressions of interest from businesses located in the Latrobe Municipality who would be interested in advertising in an annual business directory.



The aim of the directory is to encourage the community to support local businesses and increase the exposure for all businesses and services available throughout the Latrobe Municipality in a cost effective way.

Options being considered are along the lines of a one or two liner advertisement under a relevant category that includes the name of the business, address where applicable, licence number if required and contact number in preference to a graphic advertisement. The graphic option would be retained for advertising in this bi-monthly publication.

The directory could be sized to sit alongside your phone as an easy reference guide.

Costings are yet to be determined to take into account how many people jump on board with this opportunity, the quantity published and distribution costs!

If you have a business and are interested in exploring advertising in the directory, please contact [redelephantcreative@outlook.com](mailto:redelephantcreative@outlook.com) or call Ashlee on 0497 582 630 by 18 February.

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## Australia's Broadband Network is Here

The **nbn**<sup>TM</sup> network is Australia's new landline phone and internet network designed to provide everyone with access to fast and reliable phone and internet services no matter where they live.

The **nbn**<sup>TM</sup> network can open up many opportunities for homes and businesses:

- Experience fast downloads, with multiple people and devices operating in the home or business at the same time<sup>^</sup>
- Smooth video conferencing takes the frustration out of face to face contact with loved ones or work colleagues.
- Kids can unlock their full potential by giving them fast access to online educational tools.
- Access to a fast connection can help businesses and employees work smarter allowing them to be more productive.<sup>^</sup>

The **nbn**<sup>TM</sup> network is rolling out across Latrobe. It's now available to residents and businesses in parts of Northdown, Wesley Vale, Thirlstone, Harford, Sassafras, Moriarty, Tarleton and Squeaking Point.

Construction is scheduled to commence in Latrobe from April 2016, and in Port Sorell, Shearwater and Hawley Beach in July 2016.

The new **nbn**<sup>TM</sup> satellite service will cover the remaining areas across the Latrobe Municipality.

**nbn**<sup>TM</sup> will be mailing residents and businesses when they are able to connect to the **nbn**<sup>TM</sup> network with information about what they need to do next. Residents and businesses can also find out when the **nbn**<sup>TM</sup> network is available to them by checking their address at **nbn.com.au** or by calling 1800 687 626.

<sup>^</sup> Your experience including the speeds actually achieved over the **nbn**<sup>TM</sup> network depends on the technology over which services are delivered to your premises and some factors outside **nbn**'s control like your equipment quality, software broadband plans and how your service provider designs its network.

## Snakes Alive!



Summer is the season of snakes and we have all three Tasmanian species in the Latrobe Municipality.

Snakes are a natural part of living in Tasmania and it's very important to be

snake wary and take relevant precautions so that we can enjoy the outdoors safely.

Sighting a snake can be an alarming experience and may be seen in the most surprising of places including towns and industrial areas.

Many of us react with alarm when we see a snake but, if you stand still and watch (from a safe distance), you can observe a fascinating reptile go about its everyday life.

Tiger snakes, white-lipped snakes and lowland copperheads may live alongside each other, probably because they have different diets. White-lipped snakes feed almost exclusively on skinks, copperheads feed mainly on frogs, and tiger snakes prefer small mammals and birds. They help to keep mice, rat and rabbit populations under control. You are most likely to see them in late summer when males are searching for females.

Away from houses, we can appreciate snakes for the important role they play in our Tasmanian landscape.

There is a wealth of detail about snakes in Simon Fearn's fascinating book, "Snakes of Tasmania". He writes, "The

most important thing to do to avoid a bite is to leave snakes alone."



*A copperhead eating a pobblebonk frog. Photo Phil Collier*

Although most will only be passing through, snakes do occasionally take up residence in backyards or parks to soak up the warmth from the sun to regulate their body heat.

If you do find a snake at home or outdoors:

1. Stay calm.
2. Do not approach the snake and secure children and pets safely away from the area.
3. Stand very still or back away slowly, watching the snake at all times.
4. Keep a safe distance so the snake does not feel threatened.
5. Never try to kill or capture a snake as most bites occur whilst attempting to do this.

If you are concerned about snakes on your property, walking tracks or parks, Council employees are not trained to remove snakes, only trained snake handlers can catch and relocate snakes. Watch the snake from a safe distance and contact a local snake handler on -

Reptile Rescue..... 0407 565 181

All About Reptiles..... 0418 170 952

Central North Wildlife Care & Rescue Inc ..... 0409 978 064

**If you are bitten by a snake, apply first aid immediately and call '000' for ambulance assistance.**

Rubicon Coast and Landcare Inc is a volunteer group committed to the care and rehabilitation of the environment in and around the Rubicon Estuary from Point Sorell to Squeaking Point. Rubicon Coast and Landcare welcomes new members. If you would like to join the group or are interested in learning more about them, email [rubicon\\_inc@hotmail.com](mailto:rubicon_inc@hotmail.com).

## Pig Island Protection

To remediate the shingle accumulation diverting the direction of the river and causing erosion issues to Pig Island, a number of large rocks from Shearwater have been used to stabilise the banks of Pig Island with the excess shingle placed behind the rocks.

Along with preventing future bank erosion on Pig Island, the flow in Bells Creek should increase and result in a higher quality of water in Bells Parade for the benefit of recreational users.

## New Telephone Number for Council

Council has recently installed a new VOIP phone system requiring a change of telephone number to -

**6426 4444**

A benefit of the new system however is the ability to transfer callers to the Kentish Council office, should resource shared personnel be located there at the time of your call. This saves an extra phone call cost to you, allowing seamless access to Council personnel.

Additionally, while Council personnel prefer to speak with you when you call, there may be times when this is not possible as a result of being on another call, out of the office, in a meeting or on leave. There is now an option to leave a message directly with the Council officer via voice mail or return to reception to be referred to an alternative officer should you so desire.

A diversion from the old to new number will be in effect for a period of time.

With the new system installed just prior to Christmas, staff returning from the Christmas break are still in the learning phase. Callers are therefore asked to have a little patience with us as we try to best accommodate your call.

## Recreational Vehicles and the Law

With Santa delivering recreational vehicles, Council would like to remind residents that the Environmental Management and Pollution Control (Miscellaneous Noise) Regulations 2004 and the Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994 (EMPCA) states -

**“recreational vehicles (e.g. trail bikes etc.) must not be operated within 500m of domestic premises without the consent of the occupier of the premises.”**

Council regularly receives complaints from neighbours concerned about noise from recreational vehicles. Please check with Council's Environmental Health Officer on 6426 4444 if you plan to use recreational vehicles in a domestic environment to ensure you are not breaching this legislation as significant penalties apply.

Reports of non-compliance should be reported to Council during office hours (8.00 am until 4.30 pm Monday to Friday) or Tasmania Police during the Christmas/New Year period and after hours.

## \$770 Fine for Backyard Burning

Tasmania has regulations that are aimed at improving air quality by placing controls on backyard burning.

The Environmental Management and Pollution Control (Distributed Atmospheric Emissions) Regulations 2007 cover backyard burning in the open and in incinerators (Environmental Protection Authority 2010).

**Burning in the open or using an incinerator is banned on all blocks of less than 2,000 square metres in area. This applies to all properties in Tasmania.**

**Effectively, if you live on a residential block in town, you can't burn off on your property.**

Alternatives to burning waste include -

- Garden waste disposal through home composting or domestic worm farms
- Waste mulching and chipping contractors
- Private waste removal contractors
- Self-haulage of waste to the Port Sorell or Spreyton Waste Transfer Stations

The Regulations allow for infringement notices (or on-the-spot-fines) to be issued by Council officers to a person who commits an offence under the Regulations. Penalties of 5 penalty units (equating to \$770) apply.

For further information contact Council's Environmental Health Officer on 6426 4444.

## We Will Remember Them

In the last newsletter, Council proudly announced that it had commissioned the design of purpose specific flags to raise awareness of Remembrance Day and ANZAC Day.



These were erected in the lead up to Remembrance Day at the Latrobe Post Office Reserve and in Pioneer Park, Port Sorell.

Council is extremely disappointed that the Port Sorell based flag was stolen.

While Council was and still would be happy for the flag to be mailed back to us at Latrobe Council, 170 Gilbert Street, Latrobe 7307 - no questions asked, this has not yet happened.

If you saw something or know where the flag is, please either encourage the person who took it to return it or

call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 to anonymously report what you know.

If the person that took this flag had wanted one so badly, why not approach Council and see about ordering your own!

## Promoting the Region to Visitors

Love your community? Want to help promote the region to visitors? Then why not join the volunteer team at the Latrobe Information Centre!

Latrobe Visitor Information Centre volunteers play an important role as ambassadors for the Latrobe Municipality with volunteering presenting an excellent opportunity to contribute to the local community.

Volunteering provides a great opportunity to share local knowledge, helping visitors to make the most of their stay. Being at the forefront of tourism activity in the region, you may be surprised to learn about the diverse attractions, activities and events which make this such a great place to visit.

Volunteers participate in regular tours of the region, networking with other volunteers and tourism operators and further training opportunities.

The Latrobe Visitor Information Centre is currently assisted by 26 enthusiastic volunteers who service the front of house operations of the Centre.

Volunteers provide assistance with:

- Customer service
- Brochure management
- Information research
- Ticket and retail sales

If you are interested in learning more about volunteering with the Latrobe Visitor Information Centre, please phone Sharon on 0400 158 110 or email lvictas@bigpond.com.

## Hawley Foreshore Café

Council has approved the location of a temporary food van on the foreshore, to the south of the Port Sorell Surf Life Saving Club.

This café type food van follows on from this matter being raised by the Port Sorell Advisory Committee as being beneficial due to the closure of the Hawley Beach Shop some years ago.

George and Dave will be operating the food van over the peak Summer period to provide for the sustenance of persons as they meander along the foreshore walking track and is additional to George and Dave's regular outlet in Quinlan Crescent, Shearwater.

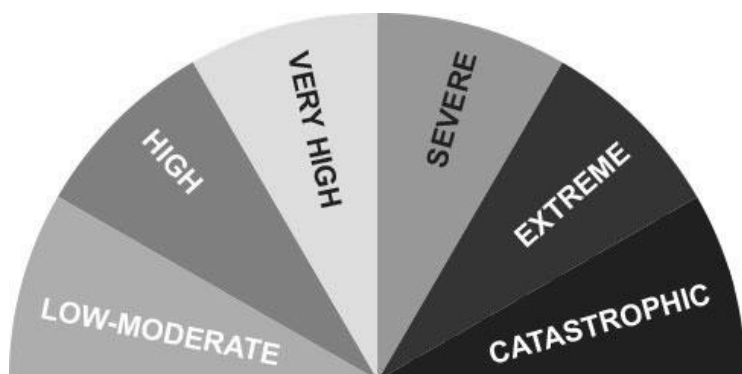
## Being Prepared May Save Your Life

For Tasmania the potential for bushfire has been assessed as above normal across Northern and Eastern Tasmania, as well as in the Midlands and the South East.

The first half of spring saw very low rainfall for almost all of Tasmania. Above-average daytime temperatures have increased evaporation rates, which further increases fuel dryness.

The fire season has commenced in the eastern half of the state, with many fires proving difficult to control because of the dryness of fuels.<sup>1</sup>

The Tasmania Fire Service encourages you to understand Fire Danger Ratings (FDR) so that you are better prepared to appropriately response in an adverse situation.



- **LOW-MODERATE** - Know where to get more information and monitor the situation for any changes. Little risk to life and property.
- **HIGH** - Know where to get more information and monitor the situation for any changes. Loss of life highly unlikely and damage to property will be limited.
- **VERY HIGH** - Only stay if your home is well prepared and you can actively defend it. There is a possibility some people may die or be injured. Some homes may be damaged or destroyed.
- **SEVERE** - Leaving early is the safety option for your survival. Only stay if your home is well prepared and you can actively defend it. There is a chance some people may die and be injured. Some homes will be destroyed.
- **EXTREME** - Leaving early is the safest option for your survival. Only well-prepared, well constructed and actively defended houses are likely to offer safety during a fire. Fires will move quickly with flames higher than roof tops. Some people may die and be injured and hundreds of homes destroyed.

- **CATASTROPHIC** - Leaving early is the safest option for your survival - regardless of any plan to stay and defend. Fires will be uncontrollable, unpredictable and fast moving. Hundreds of homes may be destroyed and lives lost or injured.

The Tasmania Fire Service Bushfire-Ready Neighbourhoods newsletter is currently available at <http://bit.ly/1Y0u8f3> and includes information on being bushfire-ready for the current bushfire season.

## Latrobe Town Centre Enhancement

At the public meeting held at the Latrobe Memorial Hall in October, it was decided that the issues/ideas put forward that night would be further explored at a workshop facilitated by Wendy Morris from Ecologically Sustainable Design Pty Ltd, the consultant assisting Council with the project.

Although it was initially proposed to run the workshop in December, the busyness of the Christmas season delayed this to enable maximum participation. The workshop will now be held in the Latrobe Memorial Hall Supper Room on Monday, 8 February from 6.00 pm until approximately 9.00 pm.

**Council encourages all residents, business owners and other interest groups to be involved and looks forward to all playing a further part in this important project of shaping the future of Latrobe.**

All interested persons are requested to advise Council of their intention to attend this workshop.

Further information is available by contacting Wendy Morris at [esdwendy@netspace.net.au](mailto:esdwendy@netspace.net.au) or telephoning 9481 0637 or 0400 570 637 or Council at either [council@latrobe.tas.gov.au](mailto:council@latrobe.tas.gov.au) or telephone Sharon on 6426 4444.

## Toilet Facilities - Eastern End of Latrobe

Council is currently considering possible options for the provision of toilet facilities at the eastern end of the town of Latrobe.

Prior to the upgrade of the Latrobe Memorial Hall in 2010, the amenities there were open to the public.

The lack of these services was raised at the October Latrobe CBD Enhancement forum, when local businesses stated that they were often approached by persons seeking details of the nearest toilet facilities, both of which are located nearer the southern end of the Latrobe CBD.

## Mountain Bike Master Plan to be Revealed

Council has been working with international mountain bike trail design consultant, Marty Kreig, and a team of local mountain bike enthusiasts in the development of trail designs for a world-class mountain bike facility at Warrawee Reserve in Latrobe.

The concept is to develop 10-12 km of off-road cycling trails in the reserve, connected to 52 km of trails in the Kentish Municipality via two overland bike trails. One of those links would be a riverside ride along the Mersey River to Railton, and a return loop via The Badgers and Bonneys Tier to the Warrawee Reserve.

This development would not only attract mountain bike tourists to our area but provide a safe, off-road family cycling facility for local families.

Council expects to receive the Warrawee Mountain Bike Master Plan in early January.

<sup>1</sup> <http://bit.ly/1Y0u8f3>

## Building Update

A total of 31 building applications were submitted to Council for approval at its November and December Council meetings with a conservative construction cost of \$5,794,950.

They consisted of 15 dwellings; 1 demolition; 8 dwelling extensions; 6 outbuildings and 1 other.

### Building Regulatory Framework Review

The Building Regulatory Framework comprises of four Bills:

- Building Bill 2016
- Occupational Licensing Amendment Bill 2016
- Residential Building Work Contracts and Dispute Resolution Bill
- Building and Construction Industry Security of Payment Amendment Bill.

The State Government's Department of Justice is seeking feedback on Consultation Drafts of the first two Bills.

The first takes a new approach to seeking building and plumbing approvals, by considering whether the work is low, medium or high risk. While the Director has made some determinations on what they think falls into each of the risk categories for plumbing and building, they want to know from you whether they have got this right.

The second replaces accreditation of building practitioners (builders, designers, architects, engineers, building surveyors) under the Building Act 2000, with licensing of building practitioners under the Occupational Licensing Act 2005. There are no proposed changes to existing licensing arrangements for electricians, plumbers, gas-fitters and automotive gas-fitters currently licensed under this Act.

You can make a submission on one or both of these Consultation Drafts by utilising the response document on the Department of Justice's website or contact the Department of Justice for a hard copy.

For more information, please contact Beth Warren on 6166 4629 or email [wstinfo@justice.tas.gov.au](mailto:wstinfo@justice.tas.gov.au).

Submissions close Friday, 12 February.

### Buildings on the Rise

Under the Building Act, house slabs are required to be laid 150mm above ground level.

Over recent years, there have been several occasions where land owners have landscaped up to the flood level which has the potential to place the dwelling at risk of flooding, particularly in low lying areas where there is poor absorption due to the prevalent clay base.

To address this, some Councils have recently required building slabs to be constructed 300mm above ground level.

Latrobe Council has raised this with the Department of Justice who has indicated that notwithstanding the Building Act, approval may be given for Council to implement a 300mm slab construction requirement where evidence is produced that the 150mm provision should be overridden.

While this may or may not add to the cost of construction (conflicting information has been received), the initial outlay may save the expense of damaged property and insurance claims into the future.

Council will prepare a proposal to submit to the Department for their consideration.

## Paintball for Latrobe

At its December meeting, Council approved an application to establish a paintball facility at 37 Speedway Drive, Latrobe to operate seven (7) days a week from 9.00 am until 8.00 pm.

The applicant has investigated many sites on the north-west coast of Tasmania and has found the Latrobe Speedway to offer many advantages including a large outdoor area with existing toilet facilities, change rooms and car parking areas; convenient access to the Bass Highway and Devonport Airport and buffered from residential use by adjoining industrial use and areas of native vegetation. There are redundant areas to the east of the Speedway facilities on the title that the Speedway operators have given permission to be used for the paintball facility.

This sport has only recently been legalised in Tasmania and is licensed under the control of the Tasmanian Police force.

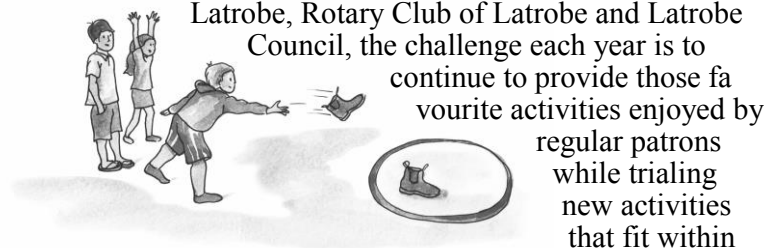
The Planning Scheme amendment to allow this application is currently on public exhibition at the Council office.

### Celebrate Australia Day at Henley

What are you doing this Australia Day?

The Latrobe Municipality's premier Australia Day Festival - Henley-on-Mersey - will once again be held at Bells Parade, Latrobe on 26 January from 9.00 am to 4.00 pm.

Coordinated by the Henley-on-Mersey Management Committee, consisting of members from the Lions Club of Latrobe, Rotary Club of Latrobe and Latrobe Council, the challenge each year is to



the theme of "Food, Fun, Ferrets and Fitness" and, of course, our unique Australian culture.

This year, the committee is including a strongman exhibition where Chris Billett, who is in training for the Highland Games, will demonstrate his abilities by lifting Pappa Bear, Mamma Bear and Baby Bear (his pet name for his weights of increasing heaviness).

Patrons will also have the opportunity to try their hand at croquet, which is a lot harder than it looks.

Zorb balls will be a highlight on the island along with a wildlife display by Parks and Wildlife.

The Woolworths Australia Day Ambassador this year is Rebecca Cuthill - International Humanitarian, Law Advocate and Save the Devil Fundraiser.

Born and raised in Launceston, Rebecca's communications skills saw her work for SBS TV and the BBC in London before moving to The Hague in the Netherlands and working for the UN International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY).

For nearly seven years Rebecca worked in the Tribunal's Outreach program - dedicated to reaching out to those people most affected by war crimes and communicating the work of the Tribunal to the public.

Since returning to Tasmania, Rebecca has managed the Save the Tasmanian Devil Appeal which relies on public donations to support vaccine research and cutting-edge conservation with the aim to keep the Tasmanian devil sustainable in the wild.



## Discovery Ranger Program

The Parks and Wildlife Service Discovery Ranger program is currently underway statewide with fantastic free activities for all ages through to 25 January 2016. Locally, the program is being offered at the Narawntapu National Park, Port Sorell and Latrobe.

Join the friendly and knowledgeable Discovery Rangers for entertaining games, enchanted walks, striking presentation, wild about wildlife activities and much more, and learn more about Tassie's incredible natural and cultural heritage.

For up-to-date information, please check the Parks and Wildlife Service website at [www.parks.tas.gov.au](http://www.parks.tas.gov.au).

## Tourism and Event Promotion Change

As part of an agreed move to centralise each state's individual tourism database, from 2 February, a new single national tourism database (Australian Tourism Data Warehouse) will replace TigerTOUR.

This change will affect your login and listing(s) when the new database is launched.

To ensure that your information is retained on the new system, you will need to use your email address as your new username.

If your email address needs updating, please login to MyTigerTOUR before 18 January and update it in the MyProfile section to avoid any problems in February. Access the TigerTOUR database to make changes or enter new events will not be possible from 18 January to 1 February 2016 due to the migration to the new system.

Additionally, the transition will affect low resolution images in listings.

While the image size of a minimum dimension of 2048 pixels wide x 1536 pixels high has always been an option, ATDW-Online will now be enforcing this size and will no longer permit the addition of text images. This is to enable distributors access to higher resolution product images.

Existing images which do not meet the new minimum size requirement will continue to work; however when the new ATDW-Online database is released on 2 February 2016 you will not be able to update your listing until all images associated with your listing meet the new minimum size requirement.

So please make sure that your account details, listings, images and events are up to date before 18 January.

If you have any questions, please contact the Tourism Tasmania online team on 6165 5286 or email [online@tourismtasmania.com.au](mailto:online@tourismtasmania.com.au).

## 112 Housing Choices Locally

Housing Choices Australia delivers high quality affordable housing to those most vulnerable in our community.

In releasing their 2014-15 annual report, they recognised the integration of the North West Tasmania operations into the organisation and that 83% of North West Tasmania tenants had elected to transfer to Housing Choices in its first 12 months of operation.

With customer satisfaction continuing to rise within Housing Choices Australia, Managing Director Michael Lennon acknowledged his staff that "continue to make great things happen and are never short of ideas, innovations and good old fashioned hard work".

Housing Choices manage 112 properties throughout the Latrobe Municipality and are able to be contacted by phoning 1300 312 447 or calling into their office at 5 Steele Street, Devonport.

## Freedom Camping



With the closure of the Latrobe Mersey River Caravan Park to tourists, the operator instead opting to continue to solely service the accommodation needs of seasonal workers with hostel accommodation, Council is working with a couple of organisations in relation to the ongoing issue of permits for the freedom camping site off Cotton Street, Latrobe, at the rear of the Station Square carpark.

This site is controlled by a By-Law of Council which requires that campers meet specific criteria (must be self-sufficient according to the definition) and only stay for 48 hours in any 14 day period with a valid permit.

This is not a free camp site as there is a cost of \$10 per night charged, which was a requirement of the Economic Regulator to minimise competition with caravan parks.

This is a site only fee with no amenities, power or water provided. Tent and insufficiently self-contained caravans are not permitted to utilise this area.

## Pardoe Beach Bridge Project

Regular walkers on the John Palmer Walking Track on Pardoe Beach would have been pleasantly surprised recently to find that a new bridge has been installed across Pardoe Creek. This site had been closed to walkers for nearly eighteen months due to extensive storm damage.

The walking track is an ongoing project managed and maintained by the Rotary Club of Devonport South East.



The club was successful in securing funding for the bridge totalling \$69,740 from the Tasmanian Community Fund. The new bridge was designed, manufactured and installed by Latrobe firm BridgePro.

Originally built by the Rotary Club in the early 1990's, the walking track is popular with hundreds of recreational walkers, both locals and visitors to the region, every week. The track follows the sand dunes along Pardoe Beach for 3.3km between Teatree Lane, East Devonport to Pardoe Point, accessible from Moorlands Beach.

The independent community funding body, the Tasmanian Community Fund (TCF) was established following the sale of the Trust Bank in 1999 to give back to the community proceeds from the sale of a community asset. Since that time the TCF has allocated approximately \$58.6 million to approximately 1700 statewide projects.

## Council's Current Works Program



The following works are scheduled to be undertaken throughout the Latrobe Municipality during January and February;

### Roads:

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

### Buildings:

- Latrobe Recreation Ground - water meter rationalisation
- Shearwater Park - construct four beach entry access structures
- Recladding northern external wall of the Latrobe Youth Centre
- General building maintenance
- Upgrade of Elderly Persons Units as required

### Parks and Reserves

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

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

## Keep Your Cat from Roaming<sup>2</sup>

Responsible ownership of a cat goes beyond ensuring that you care for and feed the cat. Cat owners have a responsibility to ensure their pet cats don't kill native wildlife or become a nuisance to others.

Cats that are prevented from roaming are protected from being hit by cars and from being injured or catching diseases from interactions with other cats. In fact, pet cats that are prevented from roaming have been found, on average, to live up to four times longer than those that are allowed to roam. Cats kept indoors or in a specially designed cat enclosure won't prey on wildlife. It is easy to enrich their environment to ensure they get enough exercise and don't get bored. You will also get to enjoy their company more too!

About one in five households feed a stray cat that does not belong to them. Many stray cats are not desexed and feeding them supports breeding, resulting in greater impacts on native wildlife, disease spread, public nuisance

and more cats for the feral population. Do not feed a cat that is not yours.

More information, go to <http://dpiwwe.tas.gov.au/invasive-species/cat-management-in-tasmania/information-for-cat-owners>.

## Tennis Anyone?

The Port Sorell Tennis Club's new adult mixed and ladies rosters commences on 11, 12 and 13 January at the Port Sorell Tennis Centre, Kermode Street, Port Sorell.

Juniors Fast Four tennis roster commences on 13 February and is a 6 week roster catering for children from Grade 4-9 who must be able to play full court tennis.

If you are interested in either of these rosters, please Facebook Port Sorell Tennis Club contact the Port Sorell Tennis Club at [portsorelltennisclub@hotmail.com](mailto:portsorelltennisclub@hotmail.com).

In the second week of school resuming in 2016, Mr Peter Georgiades will recommence tennis coaching for children aged from 5-14 years. Some of Mr Georgiades students last year participated in the ANZ Tennis Hot Shots Primary Schools National Championship, reflective of the quality of coaching he is able to provide.

Young people interested in receiving tennis coaching are asked to contact Mr Georgiades on 0439 637 301 or on Facebook under the same name.

Additionally, the Latrobe Tennis Club is going great guns with providing opportunities for persons of all ages and abilities to get involved in this sport. For more information, contact Stephen Pearce on 0448 020 185.

## Recycling Mobiles Helps the Salvos

MobileMuster is supporting the Salvation Army this summer by giving \$2 for every kilo of mobile phones and accessories recycled with MobileMuster through to 19 January.

Last year Mobile Muster collected more than 13,000 kilograms of old mobiles and accessories and gave \$26,802 to the Salvation Army. This year they'd like to collect 16,000 kilograms and give \$32,000 to the Christmas Appeal but need your help.

Simply drop your mobile phone into the Mobile Muster box at the Latrobe Council office before 19 January to ensure your collection is counted towards helping the Salvos. By recycling mobiles and accessories this summer you will not only be helping to keep them out of landfill, it will also be helping families in need across Australia.

## Sunglasses: A Health Necessity

Summer means time spent on the water where exposure to UV light is increased due to reflection. This makes sunglasses a necessity, as even short-term UV exposure can leave eyes bloodshot, swollen or hyper-sensitive to light.

Over the longer term, UV exposure can accelerate serious eye health problems, including cataracts, abnormal growths on the eye's surface and even cancer of the eye and surrounding skin.

However, we all know how easy it is to lose expensive sunnies in the water when they sink to the bottom and can't be retrieved. Barz Optics is an Australian based family company established by Kevin Barr - a former surfing champion. During his years in the surf industry Kevin met surfers and outdoor sportsmen and women who wanted to protect their eyes but couldn't find sunglasses to withstand the demands of their sports. Barz Optics research, develop and manufacture in Australia a range of floating sunglasses.

<sup>2</sup> DPIWWE

If you enjoy water sports check out these sunnies at Exsighting Vision Optometrists, 35 Gilbert Street Latrobe. Don't risk your eyes! Protect them! Slap on a hat, slip on sunglasses, and slop on sunscreen.

### Craft and Art



The Apex Club of Latrobe coordinated a very successful Truly Tasmanian Craft Exhibition and Sale over the long weekend in November.

Increased crowds visited the venue and were no doubt attracted to the event via the extensive media coverage and fine weather.

Much interest has been expressed by a variety of stallholders for later this year, so much so that the club is investigating the option of an additional venue to cater for them all.

Some amazing feedback was received from patrons enabling Apex to continue to improve the event.

The club thanks its sponsors and volunteers, without whom they could not run the Fair.

As a service organisation, all funds raised are reinvested in community projects. The Club is continuing to liaise with Latrobe Council on an appropriate project to invest in and, when able, details will be provided to readers.

The club is now in the midst of facilitating the Latrobe Art and Photographic Exhibition, having taken over this event from Latrobe Council.

The Exhibition and Sale will be held on the weekend of 21-22 May at the Latrobe Memorial Hall, a move away from the traditional staging around Australia Day.

Past participants in the Exhibition have been forwarded entry information however, if you would like to participate in the Latrobe Art and Photographic Exhibition, please contact Tammy Jeffrey on 0417 132 687 or [tammy.walters@ozemail.com.au](mailto:tammy.walters@ozemail.com.au) for details.

### What a Mix!

An experiment in mixing businesses has proved to be a lot of fun, excitement and is a very productive exercise.

The Crowded Lounge in Latrobe provides the ideal atmosphere for what Oldenberg describes in his book, 'The Great Good Place', as the 'Third Place'. It is not home and it is not work, but it is a place many choose to frequent which emits a sense of welcome, belonging and calm.

The slow and casual feel of The Crowded Lounge encourages patrons to pull up a chair and sit for as long as they like, whilst taking in the artistic vibe created by the exhibited art, workshop in progress or various cliques carrying on business, doing the jigsaw, meeting friends or just enjoying quality coffee.

The Gallery-Studio is extending its workshop profile in the New Year from pastel, watercolour and oil programs, to include Mosaic Jewellery, Calligraphy, Photography, Coffee making and more.

Art Workshops already locked in for 2016 include: Judy Drew (Feb), Stan Sperlak, USA (Mar), Pamela Pretty (Sept), Ev Hales (Aug) and a new Mixed Media event with Robyn Kiltelty-Redman.

June Wilson still has pastel art classes from beginners to advanced with a 3-day workshop Introduction to Pastel (8, 9, 10 Jan) to get the year started.

All the while the coffee lovers drink and artists paint, Ashlee, of Red Elephant Creative, designs, prints, publishes and promotes from behind her red doors in the centre of the Lounge.

Sometimes playing with business ideas works well and The Crowded Lounge hope the people of Latrobe and surrounds agree. For more information, call 0417 367 128.

### Playful Penguins Playgroup Resumes



Do you have a pre-schooler and looking for a playgroup experience with other families in the Port Sorell area?

The Port Sorell Community Playgroup is held from 10.00 am until 12 noon in the Supper Room of the Port Sorell Memorial Hall, Meredith Street, Port Sorell every Tuesday during school terms. The first session is on 2 February.

A small annual membership fee applies and regular fundraisers are undertaken to help with the cost of new equipment purchases.

For more information, please contact Kate on 0408 325 429 or Facebook: Port Sorell Play Group.

### Move Complete for Shedders

At the Port Sorell Men's Shed, a busy and satisfying 2015 has concluded. Through the support of the community, a move into the new "shed" at 14 Burgess Way, Shearwater has resulted. This will give the Shedders an opportunity to expand activities offered to members.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday, 12 February at 10.00 am at the shed with a barbecue to follow. There will be four vacancies on the board with nomination forms available at the Shed for members who might like to try their hand in a management role. Membership for the 2016 calendar year has been set at \$40 with new members always welcomed.

For more information, contact; Chairman Les Tomich on 0417 467 531 or Secretary Keith Haines on 6428 7950. Alternatively, email [mensshedportsorell@gmail.com](mailto:mensshedportsorell@gmail.com).

### How Does Your Garden Grow?

Responding to Mayor Freshney's initiative last July, the formation of a Latrobe Garden Club has quickly bloomed with membership of 35 interested people joining up, representing the wide district of Latrobe and beyond.

In accord with the old sentiment "from small seeds big trees grow", the Club has achieved early success in a period spanning just five meetings at various members' gardens and a visit to a garden nursery. Clearly the popular need for a local garden club has now been fulfilled for all those keen to share their interest in gardening, regardless of their skill or experience.

The club has attracted a combination of people with a common interest in garden development, plants, shrubs and trees, seeds, garden design, exchanging plants, in fact everything embraced in amateur or suburban horticulture. The club celebrated the end of their successful first year with a Christmas Lunch at Bev and Doug's garden where, despite lacking the elderberry wine, everyone had a jolly time.

For more information on the Latrobe Garden Club, please contact Rae on 6426 2237 or Bev on 6426 1609.



## Over 20 Years Service



The *Latrobe Neighbourhood Watch Committee* has been serving the Latrobe community for over 20 years. The aims of the committee are to discuss issues about community safety and to deliver Crime Stoppers reports via newsletters. Approximately 1,600

bi-monthly newsletters are delivered into mailboxes by 30 volunteers. The Watch is always on the lookout for volunteers to assist with the delivery of newsletters. If you are interested in joining Latrobe Neighbourhood Watch, please contact Jenny Bauld on 0419 322 307.

Latrobe Neighbourhood Watch meets at 7.00 pm bi-monthly on the last Wednesday of the month as follows -

- 27 February
- 27 April
- 29 June
- 31 August
- 26 October

at the Latrobe Council Chambers, enter from Lewis Street, Latrobe. The succinct meetings are followed by supper and your attendance is always warmly welcomed.

## From Australia Day to Weddings



This month Latrobe Rotarians are busy preparing for the Henley-on-Mersey Australia day celebration.

From this event, the club moves into the coordination of the much anticipated Rotary Club of Latrobe Wedding Expo.

This year the Expo will be held on Sunday, 17 April at the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe.

If you have a product or service relevant to the staging of a wedding, you may consider coming along as a stallholder however you are urged to register your interest as soon as possible as sites fill up quite quickly. Email your interest to [weddingexpo@rotarycluboflatrobe.org.au](mailto:weddingexpo@rotarycluboflatrobe.org.au).

Rotary meets at the Australian Axeman's Hall of Fame every Wednesday at 6.00 pm for fellowship and to hear quality guest speakers on a variety of topics. For more information about the Rotary Club of Latrobe, contact the Club President Colin Benbow (6428 6146) or Secretary, Richard Thomas ([info@rotarycluboflatrobe.org.au](mailto:info@rotarycluboflatrobe.org.au)) or visit the club's website at <http://www.rotarycluboflatrobe.org.au>

## Get Crafty and Make Friends

Chat 'n Choose, a craft morning where people of all ages can get together and learn new skills and bush up on old ones, will commence with registration day on Wednesday, 3 February.

Class are held at the Latrobe Baptist Church from 10.00 am until 12 noon each Wednesday during school terms with approximately 14 crafts, for both men and women, offered during Term 1. The tutors are all skilled volunteers, very caring and eager to share their skills.

Morning tea is served and a five minute "think spot" with a Biblical theme is given. No crèche is available.

The cost is \$2, including morning tea, per week.

If you are new to the district, lonely, bored or just need some "me" time, this is a great opportunity to make new friends and create lovely presents for yourself, family and friends.

For further information, please contact Glenis Smith (6426 1220) or Fay Horne (6426 1740).

## Beach Patrols and Summer Markets



Patrols of Port Sorell beaches by members of the Port Sorell Surf Life Saving Club recommenced in December and are carry out on Saturday, Sundays and Public Holidays only. Persons using beaches at other times are asked to be mindful of

weather and tide conditions, rips and ocean currents and other marine hazards.

*Markets by the Beach* are being held from 5.30 pm until 9.00 pm alongside the Port Sorell Surf Life Saving Clubrooms on Friday 8, 22 and 29 January. Along with community groups and individuals providing a variety of products, there will be foodies and free children's entertainment.

The Port Sorell Surf Life Saving Club is a welcoming family orientated organisation that welcomes enquiries from keen swimmers who may be interested in joining them. Contact [portsorellslc@bigpond.com](mailto:portsorellslc@bigpond.com) for information.

## Celebrating our Nationality and Youth



Members have enjoyed a short break over Christmas but are now back into the swing of things in the lead up to Henley-on-Mersey (refer to separate article).

The club still has some delicious Christmas Cakes available at Morse's

Butchery for those that enjoy this quality product.

In buying a Lions Christmas Cake, you support the work of Lions throughout the community.

The Club Final of the annual Youth of the Year Quest will be held on Monday, 7 March.

This Quest is designed to encourage, foster and develop leadership in conjunction with other citizenship qualities in youth, at the age when they are about to enter the fields of employment or higher education.

Don't forget to recycle your used stamps and eyeglasses to assist with Lions projects.

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

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

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

## Join the Summer Reading Club

The Latrobe Library has established a Summer Reading Club which runs until 31 January 2016.

Pick up a Summer Reading Club pack and find out what activities are on.

There are some great prizes to be won if you try the Encyclopedia Britannica quiz, do a book rave, continue stories started by authors, or up-load a picture with a 'Lost Worlds' theme.

For more information, go to [www.summerreadingclub.org.au/](http://www.summerreadingclub.org.au/) or call into the Latrobe Library at 111 Gilbert Street, Latrobe or phone 6426 1697.

### Jazz at the Port



The Port Sorell Lions Club and Bendigo Bank present *Jazz at the Port* on 31 January, 2016 at Camp Banksia, Anderson Street, Port Sorell.

Gates open from 11.30 am with entertainment, featuring the Tasmania

Army Jazz Ensemble featuring Chief Petty Officer Mark Ham, Evan Carydakakis and Double Agent commencing at 1.00 pm and continuing through to 5.00 pm.

Coordinator, Mrs Kris Crawford advises patrons to "bring your nibbles, wine, sun shade and chairs. Some food and alcohol will be on sale by Ghost Rock Vineyard, Spreyton Cider and the Lions Club of Port Sorell Inc."

Entry is only \$10.00 per person, which equates to \$2.50 an hour for some cool jazz.

No dogs are permitted to attend though and in the event of inclement weather, the event will be held in the hall.



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### Exciting Program for Release in February

The U3A office, currently closed for the Summer recess, will re-open on Monday, 8 February.

Programs for Term 1, 2016 will be released mid-February with enrolments taken for programs commencing in early March.

There is an exciting program planned for 2016 and new members are very welcome. For membership enquiries see the website: [portsorellu3a.net.au](http://portsorellu3a.net.au) or email them.

U3A reminds members that 2016 membership fees must be paid before you can enroll in programs for 2016. While the office is closed, membership fees can be paid by mail to PO Box 297, Port Sorell or by electronic funds transfer (eft) - details on your invoice.

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



### Wood Carvings Display Unique Character

Local woodcarver, Karen Scott-Hoy, has an exhibition of her works, entitled *Embodiment*, at Ghost Rock Vineyard during January.

Karen is an interpretative woodcarver, working entirely by hand using age-old techniques, a mallet and chisels, to create in Huon pine original "one-off" works of art. Salvaged, weathered Huon pine has its own unique character and blemishes which enhance rather than detract from the beauty of the finished work as the artist uses the rhythm and flow of the natural timber to give the carving its motion and action. From motorbikes to dancers, there's something to intrigue everyone!

Rubicon River Arts (RRA) members have had success in art competitions of late. Jacki Murphy won the Pastel

Award and Margaret Coombes won the Watercolour Award at TasArt. June Wilson won 2nd prize.

The 2016 theme for Rubicon River Arts' Annual Exhibition is "Art & All That Jazz", to tie in with the annual Devonport Jazz music festival, of which Ghost Rock Vineyard is a part.

Rubicon River Arts' first meeting for the New Year will be on 1 February at the Bridge of Hope Church Hall, Rice St, Port Sorell. New members are welcome with more information available by phoning Angela (0419 490 042).

### Funding Opportunities

#### ANZ Staff Foundation Grants

The Foundation aims to support projects run by charitable organisations which offer a direct and tangible benefit to local communities in the fields of education and employment; urban and rural economic and social divides; financial capability; and urban sustainability.

**Funding Amount** - up to \$5,000

**Closes** - 15 January, 2016

**For more information**, phone 1300 133 472

#### Tasmanian Jobs and Investment Fund

Supports all eligible industry sectors in the establishment of new projects that create sustainable business investment and job creation that will contribute to the strengthening of Tasmania's economy.

**Funding Amount** - Total pool of \$24 million available.

Allocated on a \$2 private contribution for a \$1 grant contribution arrangement with a minimum application of \$50k

**Closes** - 12 February, 2016

**For more information**, call AusIndustry on 6230 9900.

#### Sport and Recreation Major Grants Program

Provides grants to clubs, associations, local government and other not-for profit providers of sport and active recreation.

**Funding Amount** - between \$15,000 and \$80,000

**Limitation** - Applicants must contribute at least half of the project funding.

**Closes** - 3 February, 2016

For more information, go to <http://bit.ly/1Ln6LTW>, phone 1800 252 476 or email at [sportrec@dpac.tas.gov.au](mailto:sportrec@dpac.tas.gov.au)

#### Tasmanian Community Fund

Round 32 of the General Grant Program will open on 23 January.

The community infrastructure targeted round will open on 14 May 2016.



Guidelines and application forms will be available on the Tasmanian Community Fund website closer to this opening date.

Organisations considering applying are encouraged to discuss their project idea with Tasmanian Community Fund staff prior to or early in the grant round.

**Funding Amount** - Small Grants are up to \$10,000 with Medium Grants from \$10,001 to \$90,000

**For more information**, <http://www.tascomfund.org/>

## What's On

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

### jan

- 8 Market by the Beach** alongside the Port Sorell Surf Life Saving Clubrooms, North Freers Beach, Hawley from 6.00 pm until 8.30 pm. ☎ 0448 819 848
- 10 Church Service in the Shed**, a combined service with Westbury Parish and the "Shed" is Merseylink's bus depot on Port Sorell Road, Wesley Vale. The service is followed by a free BBQ & sweets luncheon, coffee etc. Plenty of parking and all are welcome. Further details from Norma ☎ 6423 2260 or Shirley ☎ 6426 9369
- 22 Market by the Beach** alongside the Port Sorell Surf Life Saving Clubrooms, North Freers Beach, Hawley from 6.00 pm until 8.30 pm. ☎ 0448 819 848
- 23 Makers Market, Garage Sale and BBQ** at Rubicon Sea Scout Hall, 22 Kermode Street, Port Sorell from 9.00 am until 2.00 pm. ☎ Jody Slean on 0419 891 346
- 23-24 Latrobe Lilium Show** at the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 1.00 pm until 4.00 pm Saturday and 10.00 am until 4.00 pm Sunday. Admission - \$4 adults. Food and refreshments available. ☎ 6435 1298
- 26 Cradle Coast Triathlon** at Bells Parade, Latrobe. Registration from 8.30 am. Enquiries to [cradlecoasttm@gmail.com](mailto:cradlecoasttm@gmail.com) or 0427 279 649
- 26 Henley-on-Mersey Australia Day Festival** at Bells Parade, Latrobe from 9.00 am until 4.00 pm. ☎ 6426 1442 or Facebook "Henley on Mersey" community.
- 26 Australia Day Waterslide** on the side of the Port Sorell Bowls Club Hill, Meredith Street, Port Sorell from 9.30 am until 11.30 am. ☎ 0407 497 440
- 26 Model Boat and Fishing Memorabilia Exhibition** at the Port Sorell Memorial Hall, Meredith Street, Port Sorell from 10.00 am. ☎ 6428 6199
- 29 Port Sorell Summer Market** alongside the Port Sorell Surf Life Saving Clubrooms, North Freers Beach, Hawley from 6.00 pm until 8.30 pm. ☎ 0448 819 848
- 31 Jazz at the Port** at Camp Banksia, Anderson Street, Port Sorell from 1.00 pm until 5.00 pm. Admission: \$10 per person. ☎ 0467 252 266

### feb

- 3 Chat 'n Choose Latrobe Registration Day** at the Latrobe Baptist Church Hall, 123 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 10.00 am. ☎ 6426 1220 or 6426 1740
- 7 Brass Band March for Breast Cancer** from 10.00 am. 6 hours of continuous brass band marches played consecutively at three locations in Latrobe. Will a new world record be achieved? ☎ 6424 9431
- 8 Latrobe CBD Enhancement Workshop** in the Latrobe Football Clubrooms, Last Street, Latrobe from 6.00 pm until approx. 9.00 pm. ☎ 6426 4444
- 20-21 Latrobe Flower and Vegetable Show** at the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe. ☎ 6428 4170 or 6428 4154
- 21 Latrobe Country Music Day** at Bells Parade, Latrobe from 11.00 am. ☎ 0417 096 116

- 21 A Day for Butt** at Perkins Park, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 11.00 am until 7.00 pm. ☎ 0499 986 191 or 0400 843 584
- 27 Concert in the Vines** featuring rock legends Mental as Anything and Little River Band's Glen Shorrock at Ghost Rock Vineyard, 1055 Port Sorell Main Road, Northdown from 12 noon until 5.00 pm. No drinks permitted to be brought in. Tickets (general and premium) available through Cellar Door (6428 4005) or online at <http://ghostrock.com.au/>.
- 26-28 Sassafras Heritage Farming Weekend** at 7738 Bass Highway, Sassafras (look for the Fergie on the pole). ☎ 0418 140 901 or [www.facebook.com/SassafrasHeritageFarmingWeekend](http://www.facebook.com/SassafrasHeritageFarmingWeekend) or [www.SassafrasHeritageFarmingWeekend.com.au](http://www.SassafrasHeritageFarmingWeekend.com.au)

## Your Elected Representatives

Mayor Peter FRESHNEY .....	0417 287 006
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## Plan Your Promotion

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

### Deadline.....Distribution Date

18 February .....	7 March
14 April .....	2 May
16 June .....	4 July

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

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## Tania Kernaghan to Perform

The Historical Machinery Club of Tasmania will be holding their next biennial "Sassafras Heritage Farming Weekend" from 26-28 February at 7738 Bass Highway, Sassafras (look for the Fergie on the pole).

This year themed on potato harvesting the weekend includes a Fergie tractor display, steam display, stone crusher, chaff cutting, sheep shearing, vintage tractors, bikes, motors and cars. The miniature railway will be operating and Brian Fish will be there with his bullock team. A craft display will also be a feature with music by Reno and Jade and Tania Kernaghan.

This is just a small sample of what the weekend has to offer. For all the information, go to [www.facebook.com/SassafrasHeritageFarmingWeekend](http://www.facebook.com/SassafrasHeritageFarmingWeekend) or [www.SassafrasHeritageFarmingWeekend.com.au](http://www.SassafrasHeritageFarmingWeekend.com.au). Alternatively, if you wish to be involved, contact Chairman - David Perry on 0418 140 901.

# Latrobe Municipality

## Local Incident Management Plan

Information about what to do during a local incident - Fire, Flood or Storm

### What to Expect

- Limited visibility during fires or storms
- Limited or restricted access to certain roads
- Loss of communications as local ABC radio may be off air for periods of time
- Loss of power and telephone communications so remember cordless telephones rely on power
- Town water supply may fail so do not rely on town water for fire fighting purposes

### Get Ready Early!

- Understand the risks and develop a personal/family incident survival plan and rehearse your plan
- Pack an 'Emergency Kit' including items from 'What to Take'
- Prepare your house to give it the best chance of surviving an incident

### What to Take

- Medications for 7 days / toiletries for at least 3 days
- Prescriptions
- Clothing, photos, personal items, woollen blanket, food and drinking water
- Documents - passports, titles, bank accounts, birth, marriage and insurance certificates
- Mobile phone, charger, portable radio, torch and batteries
- Something to sit and lay down on
- Pet food, leashes and bowls

### Assembly Area

relevant to the emergency will be advised

Monitor Local Radio

ABC Radio

100.5FM or 102.1FM

Battery Operated Radio Ready

### When to Go

- When you hear that an incident is impacting or will impact on your area

### GO EARLY

- When advised by Tasmanian Fire Service, SES, Tasmania Police or local radio.
- When leaving your home, close all windows and doors, drapes, blinds, turn off lights, gas bottles and air conditioning.

### What to Wear

- For a fire - natural fibre (wool or cotton), long sleeve top and long pants, solid footwear (leather), wide brimmed hat, smoke mask and a towel;
- For a Flood - solid footwear (leather)

### On Arrival Expect...

- To be welcomed and comforted
- To be crowded and also be able to offer help to others
- To be refreshed and watered
- To be given updated information
- To be told what to do!

### Phone Numbers

**Police, Fire, Ambulance**  
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**Tasmania Fire Service**  
(general enquiries)  
1800 000 699

**State Emergency Service**  
(Flood & Storm Emergency only)  
13 2500

### TasNetworks

13 2004

**TasWater**  
13 6992

### Websites

**Tasmania Fire Service**  
[www.fire.tas.gov.au](http://www.fire.tas.gov.au)

**Bureau of Meteorology**  
[www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au)

SES

[www.ses.tas.gov.au](http://www.ses.tas.gov.au)

**Emergency Warning**  
[www.ewn.com.au](http://www.ewn.com.au)

ABC

[www.abc.net.au/emergency](http://www.abc.net.au/emergency)

**Latrobe Council**

[www.latrobe.tas.gov.au](http://www.latrobe.tas.gov.au)

### Publications



# FOOD, FUN, FERRETS AND FITNESS

## HENLEY-ON-MERSEY



9.00AM - 4.00PM 26TH JANUARY  
BELLS PARADE, LATROBE



- FERRET RACES
- AXEMANS CARNIVAL
- STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TRIATHLON
- BETTA BOAT RACE
- GREAT CHERRY SPT COMPETITION
- STRONGMAN EXHIBITION
- GUMBOOT THROWING
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