



LAND FOR SALE

8 Fairway Crescent, Shearwater was transferred to Council from VHT Developments for 'public open space' as part of a subdivision in 2010. Zoned General Residential under the Latrobe Interim Planning Scheme, the land area of 1439m² has remained largely undeveloped since being transferred to Council ownership.

In 2019 Council purchased three vacant parcels of land at 8 Club Drive, 4 Fairway Crescent and 2 Fairway Crescent.

At the time of purchase, these blocks were identified as strategic properties to allow for the future development of public spaces at Shearwater, primarily due to their proximity to Shearwater Village and the skatepark. The skatepark and amenities are on a separate adjoining title, with that area being known as Addison Reserve.

With the addition of the blocks purchased by Council in 2019, and the skatepark area, all now available for public recreational purposes, it is considered that 8 Fairway Crescent is 'surplus to requirements and therefore should be sold. This decision was adopted by an absolute majority of Council at its meeting on 7 March.

To maintain a buffer between the skatepark and future development at 8 Fairway Crescent, Council will excise a strip of land 3.9m x 35.5m (139m²) from the existing title and add it to the skatepark title. Additionally, the notation of "public open space" will be removed from the title, enabling it to be developed for general residential purposes, as currently zoned under the Latrobe Interim Planning Scheme.

With the ongoing demand for improved public facilities throughout the Port Sorell area, any funds realised from the disposal of 8 Fairway Crescent could be reinvested into further developing such facilities.

HAWLEY STORMWATER INUNDATION

As a result of a significant rainfall event resulting in between 86mm and 100mm of rain falling in the Port Sorell area on 28 February-1 March, several residences were impacted by the stormwater runoff.

This event is likely to have been in the order of a 1% Annual Exceedance Probability (AEP), which means that the likelihood of this or a larger event occurring in any one year is 1% (or less) based on published statistical design information. The underground piped systems are not designed for this rate of runoff.

installation of kerb and channel in Sankey Street to better contain the flows. This is in addition to other works currently planned for the Sankey Street detention basin.

As for Taroon Street, kerb and channel have been proposed along with potential upgrades to the stormwater infrastructure to accommodate the extra water intercepted and collected from the street. While kerb and channel have historically been opposed in the Hawley area, other practical, mitigating improvements are likely to be limited and ineffectual.

The provision of additional protection over



Photo: Neil Hargreaves 2021

In many instances, the rainfall overloaded the design capacity of the stormwater systems, resulting in the inundation of properties as water flowed with the natural fall of the land or 'overland flow path'. Sankey Street was the most impacted, with water entering several properties. Other affected areas included Taroon Street and Dumbleton Street.

Council is currently investigating what action can be taken to mitigate against such future events.

Preliminary considerations include lowering the intersection of Sankey Street and Hawley Esplanade to create an overland flow path to the foreshore area by using the roadway. This could require the

and above normal design rainfall events is a balance between the cost of infrastructure, the cost of what is being protected and the risk of the event occurring and the damage that may result. It is important to note that rainfall in Australia has displayed both large natural variability and large trends during the past two decades. Variability is mainly due to large-scale atmospheric and oceanic drivers that affect the region.

Council asks residents who have been impacted by the recent rainfall event to get in touch to help Council understand how they were impacted, where limitations exist in our network, and to consider potential future improvement works.

PLANNING FOR CHOCOLATE WINTERFEST, LATROBE

With the easing of COVID restrictions expected to continue throughout the year, consultation is underway to determine whether *Chocolate Winterfest, Latrobe* can proceed in August. The coordinator is currently pursuing the option of extending the dates, enabling unique, bookable activities to be held in the

preceding days, which can then increase the capacity of activity coordinators.

One event that is happening regardless is the *Chocolate Wonders of Wearable Art* competition. Stay tuned for more details in the next newsletter.





BE THE BEST DOG OWNER

Dog ownership brings many joys, but it also requires responsibility. To ensure the welfare of your furry friend, consider the following tips:

- Provide your dog with regular exercise to reduce the risk of it wandering off.
- Keep your dog on a leash in public places to ensure the safety of other people, animals and your dog.
- Make arrangements for your pet's care if you're going away.
- Consider having your pet desexed.
- Regularly worm your pet and treat it for fleas and ticks.
- Ensure your pet is always kept securely on your property.
- Vaccinate your pet.
- Make sure your pet is easily identifiable with a collar and tag with your contact details.

As part of being a responsible dog owner, under the Dog Control Act 2000, it is a legal requirement that you register your dog when they reach six months of age with your local government body and microchip them.

It is also important to keep your details up to date with Council to improve the chances of your pet being returned to you if they become lost.

Council needs to know if:

- You have moved to a new address in the Council area with your dog.
- You have moved to a different Council area with your dog.
- You no longer have your dog.

You can update your details by filling in the Change of Details Form located on the Council website (www.latrobe.tas.gov.au) or in person at the Council Offices.

In updating the above, don't forget to also update the microchip registry as well.

TASSICAT RESOURCES

TassieCat encourages all Tasmanians to become responsible cat owners.

Amendments to the Cat Management Act 2009 came into effect on 1 March.

These changes mean that you are not able to keep more than four cats above four months old on a single property without a multiple cat permit.

Cats above four months old will also be required to be microchipped and desexed. The State Government will no longer accept applications for cat breeder registrations. Anyone wishing to breed a

cat in Tasmania will be required to be a member of a cat organisation or will have the option of applying for a conditional permit to breed a cat.

Cats, prior to sale, will also need to be desexed and microchipped, wormed and vaccinated.

TassieCat is a Tasmanian Government joint initiative that provides expert advice and useful resources to help you keep your cat safe, healthy, and happy while protecting our wildlife and our communities. Some of their resources include information on:

- State Government legislation
- Keeping your cat happy at home
- Cat containment solutions and cat management facilities
- The issues around stray cats
- Microchipping and desexing your cat

For more information, visit www.tassiecat.com

COUNCIL'S WORKS REPORT

The following works are scheduled to be undertaken throughout the Latrobe Municipality during May and June:

CIVIL CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE

- Shearwater car park re-surfacing
- Squeaking Point Road safety improvements
- Road gravel shoulder maintenance
- Roadside drains maintenance
- Roadside tree and vegetation maintenance
- Sealed road surface maintenance

TOWN SERVICES

- Public amenities upgrades
- General building maintenance

GREEN SPACES

- Club Drive street tree planting
- Burgess Drive landscaping
- Shearwater foreshore revegetation
- Town drains and creeks cleaning
- General parks maintenance

Should you have any queries in relation to the above works, please do not hesitate to contact Council's Operations Manager on 6426 4453.

WOOD HEATER TIPS

It's that time of the year when the weather starts to cool and wood heater use increases.

It is also when the inadequacies of using your wood heater can result in increased wood use and a smoke nuisance.

Smoke is generated when there is incomplete combustion of the gases released from the wood.

Incomplete combustion occurs if the burning temperature is not high enough - the volatiles will not ignite and pass up the chimney/flue as smoke or if there is not enough oxygen mixing with the fuel.

To improve combustion in your wood heater:

- Ensure the flue/chimney is clear and cleaned regularly.
- Use plenty of kindling (sticks and twigs) when lighting the fire. Also, place scrunched up paper throughout the kindling to help with increasing the draft.
- Ensure the vent is open, leave the door slightly open and, keep a check on the fire, add some wood after about five minutes, then close the door.
- Keep the vent open for at least 20 minutes after adding new wood or starting the fire. Do not use the fan during this time.
- Ensure wood is reasonably dry, not green.
- Stack the wood at a right angle to the door to allow air to circulate between the logs
- Don't overstack the heater. There should be a gap above the wood to allow better combustion of the gases.
- Check your flue/chimney - remember excess smoke is fuel wasted.

More information is available at www.epa.tas.gov.au/epa/air

BE BETTER TOGETHER

National Volunteer Week (NVW) is Australia's largest annual celebration of volunteering and will be held 16-22 May. This year's theme is "Better Together", as volunteering brings people together, builds communities and creates a better society for everyone.

National Volunteer Week is a chance for all of us to celebrate and recognise the vital work of volunteers and to say thank you.

Together, through volunteering, we are changing communities for the better. We are, Better Together

LOCAL BUILDING UPDATE

50 building, plumbing, and commercial applications and notifications of works were received by Council from January and February inclusive. They comprised of 14 dwellings; 2 dwelling additions/alterations; 6 outbuildings; 4 commercial/industrial; 21 plumbing applications, and 2 other applications with a conservative value of \$40,151,780.

YOUR ELECTED

REPRESENTATIVES

Mayor Peter FRESHNEY	0417 287 006
D/Mayor Graeme BROWN..	0417 598 116
Shayne (Cush) ALLISON	0409 792 648
Michael McLAREN	6426 2777
Vonette MEAD	0407 055 180
Sommer METSKE	0409 622 710
Garry SIMS	0419 139 053
Gerrad WICKS.....	0488 325 590
Lesley YOUNG.....	0419 326 250



HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE FUTURE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Whether or not we realise it, each of us relies on local government services every day - whether it's for waste and recycling, parks and playgrounds, footpaths and roads, or other services supporting the wellbeing of communities.

Councils act as a voice for their local communities - advocating for the delivery of services and support, including from other tiers of government.

Tasmania is experiencing significant changes. Our population is growing in some areas, declining in others, the way people live and work is changing and is getting older overall. This will impact the demand for council services and the number of ratepayers paying for those services.

To determine the future fundamentals of the local government

system, the Tasmanian Government has formed a Local Government Board to undertake a broad review of Local Government.

The review seeks to understand each community's challenges and strengths and then identify the right services for them now and into the future.

This Board is seeking genuine and open community engagement. Your input is critical.

A survey seeking comments is currently open at engage.futurelocal.tas.gov.au/survey until 8 May.

You can also find out more about how the Board is approaching its work at www.futurelocal.tas.gov.au

MAKE YOUR MARK

While the reform of Local Government may lead to a different format of Local Government, that process will not be sufficiently progressed by the time this year's Local Government elections are scheduled to be held on 25 October.

If you are a critical thinker, can work as part of a team, understand finances, are capable of contributing to the development of policy and want to make a positive difference to your community, then why not consider nominating for your local Council? If you don't already have a community profile, now is the time to start working on that.

To nominate as a Councillor, you must be an elector in the municipal area. There are also other criteria that apply.

It is important to note that Councillors are NOT involved in the day-to-day administration of the Council. That is the responsibility of the General Manager.

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF A COUNCILLOR?

The role of the Councillor is defined in S28 of the Local Government Act as -

- (1) The councillors of a municipal area have the following functions:
 - (a) to represent and promote the interests of the community;
 - (b) to facilitate communication between the council and the community;
 - (c) to review the performance of the council.
- (2) In carrying out their functions, councillors are to -
 - (a) act in the best interests of the community; and
 - (b) ensure that resources and access to services and facilities are provided equitably.

Latrobe Council has a wealth of information about its various roles, responsibilities and activities on its website at www.latrobe.tas.gov.au Additionally, the Tasmanian Electoral Commission has an *Information for Candidates* handbook available online at <https://bit.ly/CouncillorHandbook>.

Regardless of whether you choose to nominate for Council, it is important that you vote, but more about that in the next newsletter.

UTAS BURSARY AWARDED

Each year, Latrobe Council offers a \$3,000 scholarship via the University of Tasmania (UTAS), to assist a resident from the Latrobe Municipality (postcode 7307) to access tertiary study.

This is managed via UTAS and promoted through their scholarship portal at apply.scholarships.utas.edu.au.

The application period is from August to October each year (closing 31 October), for allocation commencing in Semester 1 of the following year.

Along with this funding grant, there is also an opportunity for the recipient to participate in work experience opportunities with Latrobe Council, where relevant.

The 2022 recipient is Miss Briealee Connelly, who is studying a Bachelor of Nursing at the Cradle Coast campus and who you might recognise from Terry White Chemmart, Latrobe.



"Ever since I can remember, I have always wanted to become a nurse. My career choice has never wavered.

I am passionate about being able to help people in their most vulnerable moments and excited to learn all aspects of nursing. My real passion would be to become a nurse within the accident and emergency department," said Miss Connelly.

"For some people, schooling comes very easy, and for others, it takes a lot of study, time and hard work. The Latrobe Council bursary will make a financial difference to me in my first year of studying and achieving my dream of becoming a nurse by giving me the time to focus on study, to

achieve the best that I can," said Ms Connelly.

Mayor Peter Freshney added that "this scholarship plays a pivotal role in assisting a student realise their full potential. Latrobe Council is pleased to be able to offer this support."

The Bachelor of Nursing sees Ms Connelly participate in full-time study for three years prior to a graduate placement, then seeking full-time employment in that career.

NEED HELP WITH YOUR BUSINESS?

So, your website isn't doing what it should or isn't being found, your social media isn't being social, or your business is busier than ever but your bank balance isn't growing.

Perhaps customers can't find you, your marketing dollars are not getting results, numbers are confusing, your business needs to employ staff, but you don't know why.

Working alongside KaLiBA, Switch Tasmania delivers the Digital Solutions program across North West Tasmania. Digital Solutions provides low-cost one on one advice for your business, and, for only \$44, you can have access to Tasmania's best business coaches.

No matter what challenges your business faces, the Digital Solutions team can help. Call Anna today on 6408 7005 or email info@switchtasmania.com.au to chat about how the program can help your business.

The Digital Solutions program in Tasmania is delivered by The van Diemen Project in partnership with Switch Tasmania.

GROWING SEEDLINGS

Cradle Coast NRM has hundreds of flat-packed unused one-litre milk cartons available to give away to community groups, schools, or individuals who may want them.

They could be useful for growing seedlings, sheltering very small plants or storing hundreds of litres of milk. Please contact Hannah if you would like some at hsadler@cradlecoast.com.

YOUR VOICE FOR SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY REFORM

Every small business owner has a story where their initiatives and improvements have been hampered by bureaucracy and red tape. Reform for real and lasting regulation and process improvements can only be achieved if experiences are known, and solutions are identified.

The Kentish and Latrobe Independent Business Association (KaLIBA) is seeking input from businesses throughout the Latrobe and Kentish Council areas to compile a database of such experiences and potential improvements to be discussed with the Tasmanian Government.

Every comment is valuable; nothing is off the table. What are your experiences with signage, land access, utilities, licencing, permits, customer service and communication, processes, fees, rules, delays, and everything in between, regardless of the authority you are working with? If you have not already contributed your experiences and issues, please access the survey online at bit.ly/SmallBusinessReform.

With elections called, now is the time to lobby for real and lasting change to support the growth of small Tasmanian businesses. Please have your say to give KaLIBA the guidance it needs to help secure changes for the better.

BUSINESS UPDATES FROM THROUGHOUT THE LATROBE COUNCIL AREA

DI-VINE PLANTS MOVES

Di-Vine Plants Tasmania has moved to 144 Gilbert Street, Latrobe.

Deb Tolson invites you to visit the new store, promising it will feel and look familiar to existing clientele and be an exciting experience for new customers. With much more space than the old premises, Deb has introduced new plants and pots and extended some ranges. New store hours are Tuesday to Saturday 9:00am until 4:00pm.

LITTLE GALLERY

A new artists cooperative - "Little Gallery" - opened in April at the iconic Kenworthy building at 84 Gilbert Street, Latrobe.

Little Gallery is a collective of works by artists June Wilson, Decima Sussman, Lesley Young and Dawn Murray, who met through their love of art and a desire to be the best artists that they could be.

Little Gallery allows them to showcase their work, the art of pastel painting and the work of fellow artists in Latrobe and surrounding areas.

The artists are diverse in their backgrounds and experience which is illustrated in their pieces that you will have the opportunity to view and purchase.

The Little Gallery is open Thursday to Sunday from 10:00am until 3:00pm.

NEW HEAD CHEF JOINS LUCAS HOTEL

Lucas Hotel Latrobe at 46 Gilbert Street, Latrobe recently appointed a new head chef, Alisha Donald.

Alisha joins the team with 20 years of experience at various cafes and restaurants around the North-West and a passion for local produce and suppliers.

Alisha is making her mark on the menu with a variety of new, delicious dishes in a new menu while keeping a balance with the Lucas' many favourites. Check out the specials, updates and competitions on the Lucas Hotel Facebook page

at www.facebook.com/LucasHotelLatrobe Book today by phoning 6426 1101.

In other news, an upgrade to pizza facilities will be occurring soon, enabling the Lucas Hotel to cater for large orders and offer package deals.

TRIBE CONNECTIONS HEALING

Tribe Connections Healing has taken tenancy at 187b Gilbert Street, Latrobe and is offering an eclectic variety of healing mediums as a cooperative of like-minded individuals.

Activities include Physic Medium Reading Room, Hypnotist, Massage Therapist, Medicinal Movement Yoga, Samskara Yin Yoga, Nidra Guided Meditation, Angel Healings, Crystal Healings, Reiki, Sound Healing. Homeopathy, Flower Essences, Angel Messages and an art room. These are supported by an amazing gift shop emphasising handmade gifts.

As well as activities for the soul, there is a fruit and veggie drop and swap stall out the front during opening hours.

Tribe Connections Healing is open Wednesday to Friday from 10:00am until 4:00pm and Saturday and Sunday from 9:00am until 3:00pm.

They have rooms available for hire for all types of events and workshops or can provide a venue for healers looking to meet with clients or establish a presence - phone 0456 007 421.

LIFELINE LATROBE

Lifeline Latrobe has expanded their open days and is now trading on Sundays from 10:00am until 1:00pm, as well as 10:00am until 3:00pm Monday to Friday. They are closed on Saturdays. You can find them at 147 Gilbert Street, Latrobe.

ASHWOOD HAIR AND BODY

Ashwood Hair and Body is located just beside the Lucas Hotel at 46a Gilbert St, Latrobe and opened in 2021 by owner/manager Tash Woodhall, supported by senior stylist Odyea Barker.

Ashwood is a client-focused salon with an old fashioned call or walk-in booking system for that personal touch.

You can even have a meal during your appointment with Ashwood and the Lucas Hotel teaming up to give you the best of both worlds.

The salon is open Monday to Friday, on late-night Wednesdays and Saturdays by appointment. They also offer home visits and wedding and special occasion packages.

To make a booking, please call 0477 019 969 or call into the salon.

SUNDAY MARKETS AT LATROBE

The Sunday Markets in Latrobe came alive again in March under a new brand North West Markets, Love Latrobe at its usual location of 169-171 Gilbert Street, Latrobe.

The re-opening follows the decision by the property developer, Simon Want, to preserve the things that really matter to our local community until a new, long-term permanent home can be found for the market.

Anyone interested in the markets can go to Facebook: @marketsnorthwest or email hello@northwestmarkets.com.au

LAURA STREET SHOP

The Laura Street Shop at 18 Laura Street, Latrobe, reopened in March under the management of Claire and Jay Aherne. Not only does this mean the return of the Mega Snitty Burger, which is getting a run for its money with the Big Rig burger, they also offer homemade cakes and biscuits, hearty meals and Australia's most awarded fairy floss.

If you can't make it in-store, they offer free local delivery, conditions apply.

The Laura Street Shop is open from 10:00am until 7:30pm Tuesday to Saturday and 11:00am until 7:00pm Sundays.

CROWDED LOUNGE HOURS CHANGE

The Crowded Lounge in Latrobe at 129 Gilbert Street, Latrobe, has changed their open hours to suit those early morning coffee drinkers, 6:00am until 3:00pm Monday to Friday, 9:00am until 3:00pm Sundays and closed Saturdays. There are new menu items and their deliciously healthy smoothies.

While some of their weekly art classes are full, there are still spaces in their Thursday beginners class. Contact Michelle 0459 239 192 to book.

Don't forget to check out the merchandise section at the Lounge, where they have a selection of fantastic locally crafted artworks, gifts and cards.

They also have a business meeting room available for hire. To book, ring 0404 224 929.

RECREATION GROUND CHANGEROOM REDEVELOPMENT

In November 2020, Latrobe Council endorsed an updated development plan for the Latrobe Recreation Precinct, which refers to areas bordered by Cotton, Stanley, Last and Bradshaw Streets and included Perkins Park and the swimming pool, Bosworth Park and the Latrobe Recreation Ground.

The Latrobe Recreation Ground Changeroom redevelopment was one of five priority projects identified in the planning undertaken by Council.

The project aims to create additional change room and toilet facilities under the main grandstand to cater to the increasing numbers of female players in both cricket and football and provide modern and safe facilities for both the home and away teams, umpires and officials.

Council staff and members of the Latrobe Football and Cricket Clubs worked together on finalising design plans. The estimated cost of the project is \$1.5 million.



Future works at the Latrobe Recreation Ground include upgrading the Latrobe Band room facilities. The extent of this project is being scoped by Council in consultation with the Latrobe Federal Band, however, it does not form part of the funding commitment received.

TINY HOUSE REGULATIONS

"Tiny house" is a trendy name for small dwellings that appeal to those downsizing their home or wanting a simpler lifestyle. Some tiny houses are intended to be permanently attached to the land. Others are attached to wheels so they can be moved to different locations.

BUILDING APPROVALS

Building laws apply to the construction and use of dwellings of any size, either a complete building or a new structure such as a granny flat, sleep-out etc. All new building and plumbing work in Tasmania must meet the standards of the National Construction Code - ncc.abcb.gov.au.

MINIMUM SAFETY STANDARDS

All Australian Governments jointly maintain a system for regulating the supply of road vehicles to the market known as the Australian Design Rules (ADS), intended to make vehicles safe for use on the road. Before a road trailer or caravan can be registered for the first time, it must meet the Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989 and the ADS requirements. The Vehicle Standards Bulletin No. 1 also provides details of construction requirements for trailers and caravans. If a structure does not comply with these requirements, then it is not registrable as a vehicle. You can find more information on the ADS and Vehicle Standards Bulletin No. 1 at www.infrastructure.gov.au

MODIFICATIONS

If a trailer is registered but later changed, it will require a Modification Certification in line with Tasmanian registration regulations at www.transport.tas.gov.au

PRE-MANUFACTURED HOMES VS CARAVANS

The fact that a dwelling can be manufactured off-site and relocated on wheels to another place does not make it a

"caravan". To fit that meaning, it must also be capable of being registrable as a vehicle and meeting Vehicle Standards Bulletin No. 1.

The vehicle's placement or attachment on land will require building approval or a temporary occupancy permit for the modified structure. Contact your local Council for information on the building approval process.

PERMITS FOR RELOCATABLE TEMPORARY STRUCTURES

Temporary structures or prefabricated buildings erected for a temporary purpose require a temporary occupancy permit for their placement and occupation instead of building approval for permanent use. An application for a temporary occupancy permit can be made with a building surveyor.

Source: Consumer Building and Occupational Services Division of the Department of Justice

TOURISM AMBASSADORS

Do you enjoy meeting new people and sharing knowledge of your hometown and state?

Do you have pride in your community and want to be a champion for local tourism and events?

Have you considered joining the team of knowledgeable and friendly volunteers at the Latrobe Visitor Information Centre (LVIC)?

LVIC welcomes volunteers who may have discovered some spare time in their day, week or month and are looking to meaningfully fill that time and love chatting with people and sharing their knowledge.

Perhaps you are seeking to upskill your resume with customer service skills, retail skills, and light computer and administrative tasks. Don't worry if you don't already have these skills, you will receive training.

Latrobe Council has successfully applied for funding under the Tasmanian Government's 2021-22 Improving the Playing Field Grant Program and has been awarded \$500,000 for the changerroom redevelopment.

The Labor Party has since announced an election commitment funding of \$500,000 towards the project if elected in the upcoming Federal election.

Latrobe Council has allocated funds in the 2022-23 budget to ensure the completion of this project.

Construction is anticipated to commence later this year with the completion of the project prior to the start of the 2023 football season.

Being an LVIC volunteer needs you to be enthusiastic and welcoming to visitors to our region as you help them plan their holiday and keep up to date on local activities.

The Latrobe Visitor Information Centre is open seven days a week and located at the Latrobe Arts Hub. Sharing the office with Rubicon River Arts creates a beautiful space filled with local artwork.

Those looking for a non-profit for their Centrelink requirements are also welcome as volunteers.

For more information, contact Visitor Information Centre Coordinator Heidi Smith at 6426 4444.



IS IT ILLEGAL TO REVERSE OUT OF DRIVEWAYS?

A growing concern in the community is the number of close calls between cars reversing from driveways and near misses with pedestrians on the footpaths.

Under the Tasmanian Road Rules, motorists are required to drive with due care and attention and not reverse a vehicle when unsafe to do so.

It is a timely reminder to motorists to be extra vigilant and slow down when reversing, especially from driveways where visibility is reduced by parked cars, trees, signs, and other obstacles. Little people move so fast, and older people move so slowly, please be aware of them all and drive accordingly.

AXEMEN AT WAR TO BE REMEMBERED

The Australian Axeman's Hall of Fame Museum at Bells Parade, Latrobe, has been awarded a Department of Veterans Affairs *Saluting Their Service* Grant to develop the "Axemen At War" display. The aim of the display is to recognise and remember:

- Australian servicemen of the AIF who took part in competitive international woodchopping events between Australia, New Zealand and Canada on the battlefields of France in the First World War.
- Those who served in 2/1, 2/2 and 2/3 Australian Forestry Companies of the Royal Australian Engineers, Australian Imperial Force during the Second World War.
- Employees from the forestry industry and various Australian State and Territory Forestry Departments who served with these or other branches of the armed service.
- Australian servicemen who took part in competitive woodchopping events in England, Scotland, Papua New Guinea, New Britain, Morotai, the Northern Territory and Queensland or as returned servicemen (some as amputees) during and after the Second World War.

This is a fascinating and neglected part of Australia's history.

If you have any information or memorabilia that would help them develop this display or simply know the names of people from the forestry industry who served in these or any other branch of the armed services, please contact Curator Libby Prescott (0409 930 775 or email australianaxemanshalloffame@gmail.com)

AN ACCIDENTAL DRUM MAKER

Tarleton residents Russell and Lisa Tomlin recently appeared on ABC Northern Tasmania, showcasing the story behind Russell's hobby of making steel tongue drums.



Russell never thought that he would be making musical instruments but due to an injury, he needed something to fill his day. While not musical, Russell has always appreciated music and considered making a hand pan drum. With the cost proving prohibitive, he discovered how to make steel tongue drums from old gas bottles. "The first one I made saw Lisa standing there with a fire extinguisher as I cut into the gas bottle. Fortunately, it wasn't needed as I took the necessary precautions," said Mr Tomlin. When created, they played it for guests staying at Belle's B&B. They loved it and asked to buy it.

"The original prototype was not to the standard that they have since become but it had an emotional effect on them, which is what happens. Nowadays, I make steel tongue drums ranging in size from 6-15 inches and they are tuned to a note, frequency or scale on either a musical or calming frequency.

Generally purchased by musicians, schools and nursing homes, the calming frequency is suited for meditation, yoga, reiki as they are said to be attuned to the natural vibration of the earth," he added.

While the drums remain a hobby for Mr Tomlin, interest has really taken off since

the ABC story. "I can't make them fast enough, however, to me, their creation is more about making something that someone appreciates. That feeling is overwhelming. It makes me proud. It generally takes 2-3 days to make a drum, and I currently have a waiting list of two weeks. If I could make them quickly while keeping the same satisfaction from the process and not diminishing the product, I probably would," said Mr Tomlin. Mr Tomlin's steel tongue drums can be purchased online via Facebook Marketplace.

BANK WHERE YOU POST



Australia Post has been offering its Bank@Post service for several years now, providing key financial services that are vital to local

businesses and economies. Bank@Post is particularly important for Australians living and working in regional and remote communities, together with small businesses in those communities.

The Latrobe community can access everyday banking services at the Latrobe Licensed Post Office at 111 Gilbert Street, Latrobe, while Port Sorellians can access these services at the Port Sorell Licensed Post Office at Shop 6, 11 Poyston Drive, Shearwater.

These teams can assist customers and small businesses to conveniently make withdrawals, deposits and balance enquiries.

The Bank@Post service is available at over 3,500 Post Offices in communities across Australia, and Australia Post provides access to over 80 banks and financial institutions at participating Post Offices.

For terms and conditions of the Bank@Post service, customers should consult their financial institution.

The Axeman's Museum has also received a further grant from Arts Tasmania for Roving Curator time and funding to design and print an interpretation guide for visitors to help enhance their experience. It is hoped that these initiatives will bring local and interstate visitors by the busload.



Second World War Medals were won by Corporal Bernard Boettcher from Katanning, WA, who served from 1940-1945 in 2 Forestry Company, Royal Australian Engineers.

RESOURCES FOR FARMERS

Updates have recently been provided for Land Tasmania's very useful "Enterprise Crop Suitability Maps" (ESMs) and related climate layers. Completely new datasets for several pasture crops have been added to the available layers on LISTmap, as well as updates to previously available ESMs and modelled climate projections.

To find the new layers, go to LISTmap, and "Add Layer". Look under "Farming" for the ESM layers for 32 different Tasmanian crops.

These layers combine soil, topographic and climate data to identify the places that are currently "well suited", "suitable", "suitable (with intervention such as soil management or frost protection)", and "unsuitable" for that crop. If you then look under the "Farming Climate Change" section, each ESM crop has two available layers that show the land suitability under future climates in 2030 and 2050.

The climate parameters are based on Climate Futures for Tasmania projections under the Representative Concentration Pathways scenario 8.5.

As part of the Australian Government's Future Drought Fund, a Tasmanian pilot of the Farming Forecaster tool is being run in northern and southern Tasmania.

Real-time weather and soil data will be available through an app to assist graziers in understanding pasture availability and varying climate conditions.

Currently, the Farming Forecaster works for some regions in NSW, but Tasmanian data will be available soon.



COMMUNITY ADVISORS

Under the new Port Sorell Advisory Committee's (PSAC) Terms of Reference, appointees undertake to consult with the community (or organisation that they represent) on the good development of the Port Sorell, Hawley and Shearwater areas. This can be on topics referred to the committee by Latrobe Council or issues that representatives raise.

Members participate in discussion prior to making informed recommendations to Latrobe Council. It is not guaranteed that Council will endorse such recommendations all the time, but generally, this is the case.

PSAC provides a valuable conduit to consulting with the broader community and has extensive representation from:

- Latrobe Council: Mayor Freshney and Councillor Shayne Allison
- Tasmania Police
- General Community: Paula Weeks
- Rubicon Coast and Landcare Group: Ritta Boevink
- Port Sorell History Group: Russell Townsend
- Port Sorell Lions Club: Wanda Carmichael
- Port Sorell Surf Life Saving Club: Haydon Coates
- Rubicon Enhancement Volunteers Inc: Ralph Brinkmann
- Port Sorell Tennis Club: Jan Dicker
- Port Sorell Golf Club: Kevin Wescott

Vacancies exists for business and tourism representatives as well as two youth (15-24 years of age) delegates.

If you are interested in filling one of these vacancies, contact Council on 6426 4444 for further details.

Several community groups are yet to advise their nominee's details, whilst the Port Sorell Garden Club, Rubicon Senior Citizens Club and Port Sorell U3A have withdrawn their membership in the group.

WILD MERSEY GETS WILDER

The Wild Mersey Mountain Bike Trails are in the final stage of development, with over 70 km of trails currently available across Latrobe, Railton and Sheffield. An additional 20 kilometres of trails were added to the network in April from the Sheffield Trailhead.

The anticipation of these trails is increasing the already exciting amount of buzz about the trails from domestic and interstate riders.

Construction of the new bridge at Warrawee has re-started again. Once completed, the bridge will be the longest pedestrian-only suspension bridge in Australia!

Bridge construction came to a halt in July 2021 due to its proximity to an active wedgetail eagle's nest. With the mating season at an end, the crews are back on site and working hard to ensure it's completed before those amorous eagles get started again!

When complete, this attraction will entice visitors to explore the Warrawee Reserve by foot or experience the wilderness of Wild Mersey MTB.

Wild Mersey is excited to announce that Spreyton Cider Co is the first local business to participate in the new Wild Mersey Trail Supporter Program.

"The trail supporter program will help offset the costs associated with trail maintenance while offering local businesses the opportunity to leverage off the popularity of the trail network and promote their business to a new market," says Latrobe Mayor Peter Freshney.

Kentish Mayor Tim Wilson affirms that "both Councils are committed to ensuring Wild Mersey's trails meet the high expectations of riders for years to come." All revenue generated through the Trails Supporter Program will be solely used to maintain the Wild Mersey trail network.

PUMP TRACKS UNDERWAY

Pump tracks are being built at Bosworth Park in Stanley Street, Latrobe and the Banksia Facilities and are scheduled to open for use from June 2022.

A pump track has an asphalt base, enabling it to be used by bikes, scooters, skateboards, in-skaters etc and includes rollers and bermed corners, providing a facility encompassing a wider age group and skill level.

AN INCENTIVE TO RIDE

With more sections of the Coastal Pathway being built, now is a great time to start riding again. By next year you'll be able to ride from Latrobe right through to Leith on shared paths and on to Ulverstone via paths and quiet streets.

Along with the Wild Mersey Mountain Bike Trails from Latrobe to Sheffield, it really opens up options for riding for fun or transport.

Bicycle Network's north-west social rides group meets on the last Sunday of the month and has a plethora of local routes up its sleeve.

Most months, there is a longer ride and shorter ride option, with everyone starting and ending at the same place, so you can choose the distance and difficulty that suits you.

These are social rides so you don't have to worry about getting the lycra out, all sorts of bikes are welcomed and whatever you feel comfortable riding in. You can check out the next ride at www.bicyclenetwork.com.au/social-rides



Photo: Roger Nichols

LOCAL FOSTER CARERS SOUGHT

With nearly 50,000 children unable to live safely at home in Australia, there is a critical need for more foster carers across the country.

While each child has a unique set of needs and experiences, almost all come from complex family and social situations where they may have suffered neglect, trauma or abuse.



"Fostering a child is primarily about offering a safe, supportive and respectful home environment," says local Life Without Barriers Carer Engagement Officer Kylie Gibbs. "This can be long-term full-time, emergency or respite, which is one weekend per month."

Life Without Barriers welcomes carers from all backgrounds and cultures.

To become a foster carer, the ability to care for and nurture a child is what really matters.

There are some pre-requisites for becoming a foster carer in Tasmania, including:

- You must be over 21 and in good health
- Have a stable home (rent or own) with a spare bedroom
- Be an Australian citizen or permanent resident
- Willing to undertake background checks, including a National Police Check, Child Safety Check and be eligible to obtain a Working with Vulnerable People Registration.

Life Without Barriers' foster carers are never alone in their caring journey. To ensure carers feel supported and confident in their role, they are provided with ongoing training, 24/7 on-call support and a tax-free allowance to support the needs of children in their care.

People interested in sharing their home, heart and time with a child or young person can contact Kylie on 0472 869 969 or visit www.lwb.org.au.

NEW PICNIC TABLES AT PORT SORELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

As the students and staff arrived at Port Sorell Primary School on the first day of the 2022 school year, they were delighted to see a collection of eight (8) new wooden picnic tables in their undercover area.

The tables were designed, created and installed by the Port Sorell Men's Shed.

During 2021, the school decided that they wanted to provide outdoor tables for the children attending the school's Breakfast Program. The Port Sorell Men's Shed was approached to see if they could assist with this project.

The Men's Shed had already been extremely generous earlier in the year in donating a wheelchair to the school for use by students with mobility issues.

The team from the Port Sorell Men's Shed were then very proactive in sourcing a community grant from Cement Australia to finance the tables. SUP-PLY, joinery suppliers in Devonport, supplied the laminated tops at cost price.

This has been a significant story of community collaboration and connection, and the children, staff and parents at Port Sorell Primary School are extremely grateful to the Port Sorell Men's Shed for making this possible.

The picnic tables not only enhance the school grounds, providing seating for the Breakfast Program, but can also be used for other school activities and community events hosted at the school.

The timing has been ideal as the tables have helped to provide COVID-safe outdoor learning spaces for students and staff.

OVERCOMING LONELINESS

A Latrobe High School program is bringing students together with older local community members.

Emma Forbes, Support and Tier 3 Teacher at Latrobe High School, has been organising the program and said it's been great to see the positive impact on students and the participating community members.

"We have already seen wonderful intergenerational relationships being built. Students are demonstrating respect and kindness to the senior citizens, and they, in return, are developing an understanding of the younger generation and how different it is to be a teenager in the modern world."

The program is supported by grant funding from the Mental Health Council of Tasmania (MHCT), in partnership with Primary Health Tasmania.

The MHCT recently released a report detailing the experience of older Tasmanians during COVID-19.

The MHCT report presents ten opportunities to support better mental health and wellbeing outcomes for older Tasmanians based on feedback from service providers and older Tasmanians. One of those opportunities is a connection with young Tasmanians.

If you are an older person at risk of loneliness or social isolation, contact Lifeline Tasmania on 131114 or CHATS North West on 6424 6547.

Source: *Mental Health Council of Tasmania*

STROKESAFE AWARENESS

Tasmania has the highest rate of stroke per capita in Australia, however, 80% of strokes are preventable.

The Stroke Foundation offers free StrokeSafe Talks to community groups or workplaces to assist you in knowing the signs and what to do.

To request a StrokeSafe Speaker, go to www.strokefoundation.tforms.net/52

PARKING THE WRONG WAY

In Australia, you should always park on the left-hand side of the road, in the same direction as moving traffic.

This law exists for various reasons, ranging from the obstruction of your rear reflector lights at night to causing unnecessary confusion for other drivers. The Tasmanian Road Rules also prohibit parking on footpaths and nature strips as it forces pedestrians onto the roadway and into potential danger.



150 YEARS YOUNG

Latrobe Federal Band is well and truly back into the swing of things. They've been rehearsing twice a week and running a combined junior and senior band rehearsals to boost the confidence and playing techniques of the band's younger and less experienced players.

In the lead up to ANZAC Day, they presented a community concert featuring music from the war years and participated in three ANZAC Day Services in Latrobe and the surrounding areas.

2022 is an exciting year for the Latrobe Federal Band - they are turning 150!

In the background, they are planning for their 150th celebration by way of a formal, celebratory dinner on 6 November.

They are wishing to invite past players, their families, and any interested members of the public to express their interest in joining them at the dinner. Expressions of interest are welcome by phoning David (President) 0408 262 187, or Yaminga (Secretary) 0407 309 511, or email latrobe.federal.band@gmail.com



Sincere thanks are extended to the members of the Port Sorell Men's Shed for making a very generous contribution to the school and for genuinely making a difference.

NATIONAL FAMILIES WEEK

National Families Week is held every year between 15-21 May. The aim of the week is to celebrate the vital role that families play in our society.

National Families Week is a time to celebrate with your family, contact your extended family and friends, and share in the enjoyment of family activities with the broader community. It is a time to celebrate the meaning of family and to make the most of family life while reflecting on a families' critical role in teaching, supporting, and nurturing children, especially as they grow.

National Families Week coincides with the United Nations International Day of Families on 15 May.

The enduring theme is 'Stronger Families, Stronger Communities'. This theme continues to highlight the important role families play as the central building block of our communities and deliver the message that community wellbeing is enhanced by family wellbeing.

To find out more, go online to www.nfw.org.au.

CORES™

COmmunity Response to Eliminating Suicide

THE FIRST STEP IS YOURS

CORES (Community Response to Eliminating Suicide) is offering two-hour Self-Care and Mental Wellbeing Workshops as well as Suicide Prevention Workshop.

This training is relevant to the individual themselves as well as their family and those close to them.

Workshops are held in many communities and are generally sponsored to enable free attendance.

To find the one closest to you, go to www.bit.ly/CORESTas or phone 6491 1552.

CLUB HOSTS STATE LEAGUE

The Port Sorell Table Tennis Club (PSTTC) has been successful in its bid to host the Table Tennis State League in what is believed to be a 'first' for any table tennis club on the Northwest coast. This event will be held at the Latrobe Basketball Stadium from 11-12 June. Eight top Tasmanian table tennis clubs will field eight teams made up of their top eight players for two days of keen competition. The PSTTC, having been established 17 months ago, will be entering a team for the first time. The opportunity to host this event is a vote of confidence in PSTTC and the infrastructure and facilities within the Latrobe area and should generate a lot of local interest in table tennis. It will also boost local business with participants and their families accommodated locally. If you are interested in providing accommodation, please send details to PSTTC at the contact address below. Table tennis is truly a family sport for all ages and skill levels. If it appeals to you, please contact Graeme on 0467 605 039 or portsorelltabletennis@gmail.com.



The PSTTC Committee - Kate Hortle, Tammy Baldock, David Ingram, Paul Skapin, Matthew Piggford, Peter French, Alex Baldock and Jane King.

TENNIS UNDER LIGHTS

The Port Sorell Tennis Club has three courts and a club room located in Kermod Street, Port Sorell.

The club is offering Quadrant Tennis which is a doubles social competition in which participants play against players of an equal standard. The courts are lit, enabling Quadrant to be run of an evening on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday night, from 6:00pm, for eight weeks, commencing May 2.

Junior coaching is offered by a Tennis Hot Shots coach every Wednesday and Thursday afternoon from 4:00pm until 6:00pm. For more information contact Peter Georgiades on 0439 637 301.

Social Tennis is offered on Tuesday mornings at 10:00am. Just turn up at the courts with your racquet.

If you are interested in becoming a member (membership fees apply) or would like more information about the above, email the Club at portsorelltennisclub@hotmail.com, or www.facebook.com/PortSorellTennis.

ROTARY GIVES BACK

With restrictions easing, the Rotary Club of Latrobe is planning some community fundraising events. Watch out for two fun-filled Christmas and an ABBA themed trivia evenings - details later.

With the recent floods on the mainland, the club will be donating proceeds from their Bunnings Sausage Sizzle on 4 June towards their recovery.

The Rotary Club of Latrobe is proud to once again sponsor RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards), a leadership development course for youth (aged 18-30) at Camp Clayton, Ulverstone, in early May.

If this is of interest to you, please contact Latrobe Rotarian Peter on 0407 871 137.

ROTARY NEEDS YOU

Think you know Rotary, think again. It's not a closed club but a worldwide network of people who want to make a difference. Members are the lifeblood that enables the club to support the community.

Yes, there is a membership cost, but it is less than the cost of one coffee per week. They meet twice a month at the Hamilton Hub in Hamilton Street, Latrobe and endeavour to put back into the local community, as well as support international projects.

If this has piqued your interest, please call John on 0457 883 006.

More information about the Rotary Club of Latrobe can be found on Facebook.

AUTOMATA MUSIC BOX

In the days before television and radio, guests at a private soiree would be entertained by the music and movement of automata such as the pictured 19th Century model.



This fine example previously belonged to Miss Mercia Kenworthy, and was acquired by the Latrobe Court House Museum after her passing.

In perfect working condition, this domed musical box plays tunes from famous operas such as 'Carmen'.

Visit the Museum from Tuesday to Friday 1.30pm to 3.30pm to see this and many other objects from the past.

As well, the museum displays photographs and memorabilia from past Latrobe Wheel Race events.

Do you have some spare time to help our local National Trust Museum stay open for visitors?

The Court House Museum needs another volunteer for two hours on a Friday afternoon once a month.

No local history knowledge is necessary and training will be given.

The Museum is open four afternoons a week from September to June and closed for Winter between July and August.

The Latrobe Court House Museum is located next to the Latrobe Post Office on Gilbert Street.

For all enquiries, please ring Elizabeth on 6426 1289.

HISTORY HELP OFFERED

The Tasmanian Family History Society Inc Mersey Branch, based in Latrobe, have the pleasure of hosting the Society's Annual General Meeting on 18 June.

Members, guests and visitors, locally and from far afield, will be able to enjoy talks from three guest speakers and refreshments during the day before the meeting.

Lee Gill from NSW will be speaking about Archaeology and DNA ("Digging up Really Old Dead Things"); John Watts, the story of local William Hainsworth - A Remarkable Pioneer and Mark and Angela Fry on the History of Tasmanian Narrow Gauge Railway.

The branch library in the old police residence (at the back of the State Library at Latrobe) will be open for a short period after the meeting, followed by dinner at the Lucas Hotel, Latrobe.

A visit on 19 June to Home Hill is also arranged. All are welcome. For details and cost, email secretary@tfhsdev.com or phone 6428 6328 or 0476 008 531.

DID YOU KNOW that the Tasmanian Family History Society Mersey Branch offers a research service by email to people who are unable to visit their premises? There may be a dead-end you've reached and just need a suggestion and or advice as to where to look next.

At the Mersey Branch, there are researchers of many years' experience available to help. There is a small fee for this service. For more information, email secretary@tfhsdev.com

Mersey Branch has now published two books - An Index to the Advocate Personnel Notices for 2011-2015 and 2016-2020. These books are for five years and have details for births, deaths and marriages for the district as listed in the Advocate newspaper. These indexes are a great resource for researchers and are a continuation of the Advocate's indexing that first started in 1980. Both books are for sale, as well as the earlier books from 1980 to 2010.

EVENT READY SUPPORT

The Event Ready Grant Program supports events with COVID-19 safety planning. The program is responsive to the Tasmanian Government's Framework for COVID-19 Safe events and activities in Tasmania process and the additional needs, demands and costs associated with planning and delivering those events. Grants up to \$5,000 are available. Applications close on 30 June 2022 at bit.ly/TasEventReadyGrants.

MULLED WINE PLANNED

Following the success of the 2021 Mulled Wine in May event, the Lions Club of Port Sorell (LCoPS) and Shearwater Resort is reviewing the format for this year. The proposed date is 28 May, with more announcements coming on www.facebook.com/lionsportsorell.

On 20 March, LCoPS hosted a Youth of the Year competition.

The winner, Eugenie, went on to compete in the regional finals, which she won. At the time of writing, Eugenie was preparing for the State Final in Hobart.

The Port Sorell community has raised more than \$30,000 to buy an accessible bus with a wheelchair lift for the Rubicon Grove aged care facility. The Rubicon Ladies Auxiliary raised over \$10,000, while the LCoPS donated a further \$20,000.

OneCare Chief Executive Officer, Peter Williams, said the not-for-profit aged care provider identified the need for a bus fitted with a wheelchair lift to ensure all residents received equal access to transport and greater connection with the wider community.

The bus is expected to arrive within coming months.



OneCare's Peter Williams and Port Sorell Lions Club president Matthew Tilling-Shakoff with Rubicon Grove resident Dot Kernan. Picture: contributed.

The LCoPS is working with Latrobe Council on redeveloping the tip shop co-located at the Port Sorell Waste Transfer Station.

Improvements include the relocation of the Recycle Shop on a larger footprint and including weatherproof facilities. Benefits include the storage of donated goods undercover and making the area safer for recyclers. The Lions Club is seeking a grant from the Tasmanian Community Infrastructure Grant to help with establishment costs.

LATROBE LIBRARY

At Libraries Tasmania, they are all about learning for life; connecting Tasmanians to knowledge, ideas and each other through our libraries.

Did you know that the library has a Community Learning Coordinator who offers digital sessions to assist community groups to improve their digital skills? The sessions can even be held where community groups gather.

Digital sessions include opportunities for both skills development and an introduction to a variety of technologies, including:

- Zoom and online video calling
- What to do with your digital photos
- My Health Record
- Your Digital Legacy
- Pinterest
- eBooks & eMusic
- Libraries Tasmania free online resources

They are hands-on, and participants are encouraged to bring their own devices if they have them. Some equipment can be provided. Further support is offered with take-home resources.

If you would like more information or to organise a session for your group, please call Angela on 6478 4230 or angela.sferco@education.tas.gov.au

Are you a fan of audiobooks?

Why not try out an eAudiobook on your phone or tablet?

Libraries Tasmania members have access to the uLibrary app, which has a collection of eAudiobooks from bestselling authors such as Ann Cleeves, Anna Jacobs, Jeffrey Archer, and Katie Fforde read by British narrators.

This app is available for both Apple and Android devices. Drop into Latrobe Library and chat to the staff if you need help with setting uLibrary up on your device.

The opening hours for the Latrobe Library are 1:00pm until 5:00pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.

FLOWER SHOW BUCKS TREND

In a Summer beset by cancellations, the organisers of the Latrobe Flower Show agreed in early February to buck the trend and go ahead with their 32nd Annual Show. 45 exhibitors filled the Latrobe Memorial Hall with fruit and flowers, pot plants, floral art and photographs. Ever-popular dahlias took up several long tables, and vegetables overflowed another.

First-time exhibitor, Sharon Bicancki, won two First Prizes from two entries: a Persian Shield with stunning purple leaves (Foliage Pot Plant section) and a photograph of it (Plant Portrait). Five-year-old Jacinta Smith collected four prizes in the children's classes.

Two exhibitors who regularly vie for the best collection of fruits displayed 18 seasonal fruits between them.

Mrs Audrey Campbell of the Sassafras/Wesley Vale CWA, which runs the two-day event, was delighted with its success.

"We were prepared to run at a loss this year," she said, "but despite COVID, it was as good as ever."

If you are interested in showing off something from your garden in next February's competition, you can pre-register your interest by contacting Mrs Campbell (6428 4154).

EXERCISE ON THE BEACH

With the receipt of a Healthy Tasmania grant, the Port Sorell Surf Life Saving Club and Mrs Deb Hicks of Empower Exercise Studio are establishing a series of free come and try outdoor exercise experiences at Shearwater Park, including:

ACTIVE STRENGTH AND BALANCE BY THE BEACH each Wednesday in May, which are ideal for active people aged 60+ who have some gym/exercise experience. They are designed to help strength and balance for everyday life and are achievable by all fitness levels. All equipment is provided.

INTRODUCTION TO BOXING BY THE BEACH is scheduled for the first four Wednesdays in June. If you've never boxed before, this is your opportunity to come and try this fun, safe workout that will get your heart pumping and the laughs rolling! Again, no experience is necessary, and all equipment is provided.

ACTIVE BOXING BY THE BEACH will be held each Wednesday in July. This will be a fun, action-packed workout for people with some boxing experience. It is guaranteed to get the heart pumping and the laughs rolling. Why not bring your workout partner and double the fun! All equipment provided.

Each session is held from 1:30pm until 2:00pm. Places are limited, so contact Deb (via text to 0408 598 667), Facebook [@empowerexercise](https://www.facebook.com/empowerexercise) or email info@empowerexercise.com to book.

After a 'splashing night' and positive feedback from the community last Winter, the Port Sorell Surf Life Saving Club (PSSLSC) is planning a second Mid-Winter Solstice Splash.

This is an occasion for the brave to take a dip in the crisp waters of Freers Beach, Shearwater, the evening of 24 June. Fancy dress or favourite swim outfit is encouraged. The swim will be followed by food, drinks and music at the club. Participants are requested to secure a ticket for the free swim via Eventbrite. For more information, go to www.facebook.com/portsorellslsc

THE NATIONAL SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM EXPLAINED

Gabbie Rogers-Smith is asked many questions as part of her role as school chaplain at Port Sorell Primary School. One of the most common is, "Gabbie, what's a school chaplain?"

Part of a school's wider student support team, school chaplains in Australian government schools work toward the overall wellbeing of students and the wider school community (including staff and families).

In short, the aim of school chaplains is to identify and respond to the emotional (primarily) and physical and social needs of the school community, providing pastoral care and support. But what does this look like on the ground?

Here's a usual day in the life of Chappy Gabbie at Port Sorell Primary School.

- Breakfast Club before school (courtesy of Loaves and Fishes and some champion volunteers);
- visiting various classrooms throughout the day - getting alongside individuals and small groups, assisting with their work while getting to know them over time;
- meeting with one of two individual students to do art/drama/gardening while providing pastoral care and/or building resilience and emotional maturity;
- chatting to staff in the staff room and/or being present in the playground at recess and lunch; and
- talking with parents before and after school.



If helping with breakfast club, student mentoring interests you, or if you would like to know more generally about the chaplaincy program, Ms Rogers-Smith would love to hear from you - gabbie.rogers-smith@devonportchaplaincy.org.au.

COMING EVENTS

COVID-19 safe requirements continue to be in effect. When attending an event, please comply with COVID requirements as directed by the event host.

APR

27 Targa Tasmania - Moriarty Stage commences at 8:30am with vehicles travelling through Latrobe to the next stage from 9:00am. www.targa.com.au/targa-tasmania-tour

28 Wesley Vale Community Information Forum at the Latrobe Memorial Hall Supper Room, Gilbert Street Latrobe from 7.00pm. Attendee registration is essential via bit.ly/WesleyValeForum

MAY

Throughout May - featured artist is Pam Lockwood with her watercolour landscapes at The Crowded Lounge, 129 Gilbert Street, Latrobe. Pam is also conducting Watercolour Workshops on the second Tuesday of each month.

1 Latrobe Cemetery Working Bee at the Latrobe Cemetery, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 10:00am-11:15am. BYO gardening implements and wear appropriate clothing. Food and drink at conclusion. ☎ 0417 598 116

4 Active Strength and Balance by the Beach with Deb Hicks of Empower Exercise Studio each Wednesday in May. Register by text message to 0408 598 667

6 Breastscreen Bus at Banksia Centre, Pitcairn Street, Port Sorell. Bookings essential to 13 20 50.

7 Danny Kealley Band at Mackey's Royal Hotel Bar, 161 Gilbert Street, Latrobe, from 8.30pm. Free entry.

8 Mother's Day

9 Latrobe Council Meeting at 70 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 5:00pm. Attendance registration essential to 6426 4444.

12 Tarleton/Latrobe Community

Information Forum at the Latrobe Memorial Hall Supper Room, Gilbert Street Latrobe from 7.00pm. Attendee registration is essential via <https://bit.ly/TarletonLatrobeForum>

13-15 Where? Where? Wedgie weekend. Refer to separate article.

14 Jerome Hiller performs at Mackey's Royal Hotel Bar, 161 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 8.30pm. Free entry.

16-22 National Volunteer Week

19 Australia's Biggest Morning Tea. Donate at www.biggestmorningtea.com.au

19 Sassafras Community Information Forum at 76 Chapel Road, Sassafras from 7.00pm. Attendee registration essential via bit.ly/SassafrasForum

21 Volunteer Recognition Awards Presentation. Nominations close 2 May - www.latrobe.tas.gov.au/community/volunteer-recognition

21 Silver Linings perform at Mackey's Royal Hotel Bar, 161 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 8.30pm. Free entry.

27-29 Where? Where? Wedgie weekend. Refer to separate article.

28 Matt and CJ perform at Mackey's Royal Hotel Bar, 161 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 8.30pm. Free entry.

28 Mulled Wine in May (TBC) at Shearwater Resort, Shearwater Bvd, Shearwater. Details closer to at www.facebook.com/lionsportsorell

JUNE

Throughout June - feature artist at The Crowded Lounge, 129 Gilbert Street,

Latrobe is Katarina Koroheke, a visually impaired artist that paints Tasmanian landscapes in brilliant colours and tones.

1 Introduction to Boxing by the Beach with Deb Hicks of Empower Exercise Studio the first four Wednesdays in June. Register by text message to 0408 598 667

4 Scott Lewis performs at Mackey's Royal Hotel Bar, 161 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 8.30pm. Free entry.

5 Sassafras Platinum Jubilee Celebration at 76 Chapel Road, Sassafras from 2:00pm. Cost: \$10 pp. Bookings essential to 0409 907 281.

11 Rude Lixx performs at Mackey's Royal Hotel Bar, 161 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 8.30pm. Free entry.

11-12 Table Tennis State Competition at the Latrobe and Districts Youth Centre, Cotton Street, Latrobe. ☎ 0407 871 137

13 Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

13-19 Men's Health Week

14 Latrobe Council Meeting at 70 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 5:00pm. Attendance registration essential to 6426 4444.

18 Not a Bumble Bee performs at Mackey's Royal Hotel Bar, 161 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 8.30pm. Free entry.

18 Tasmanian Family History Society Mersey Branch Annual General Meeting ☎ 6428 6328

24 Mid-Winter Solstice Splash at Freers Beach, Shearwater. Details at www.facebook.com/portsorellslsc

25 Brett Collidge performs at Mackey's Royal Hotel Bar, 161 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 8.30pm. Free entry.

LIVE PERFORMANCE SUPPORT PROGRAM

The Live Performance Support Program gives arts organisations, festival organisers, and performing arts venues the confidence to plan performances in Tasmanian theatres and other venues.

This program sees the Tasmanian Government share some of the risks of potential lost ticket sales if performances are required to be cancelled or significantly modified due to the impacts of the Tasmanian Government's directives relating to COVID 19.

The program has been extended until 30 September 2022. Further information available at <https://bit.ly/LivePerformanceProgram>.

CAMP BANKSIA UPDATE

Significant progress has been occurring at Camp Banksia with AJR Construct Pty Ltd engaged to undertake the redevelopment works on the vacation of the site by the seasonal workers. The redevelopment will see Camp Banksia offline for around 12 months and barricaded accordingly.

Stage 1 includes work on the accommodation area. These two dormitory-style accommodation huts will house 38 beds each and are suitable for schools, community groups and large family get-togethers. Additionally, it enables Camp Banksia to provide camps to more than one group simultaneously.

Stage 2, which will be undertaken concurrently with Stage 1 with a delayed start, sees works commence at the Banksia Centre. This will result in the Performing Arts room being unavailable for this stage as works are undertaken to extend its size.

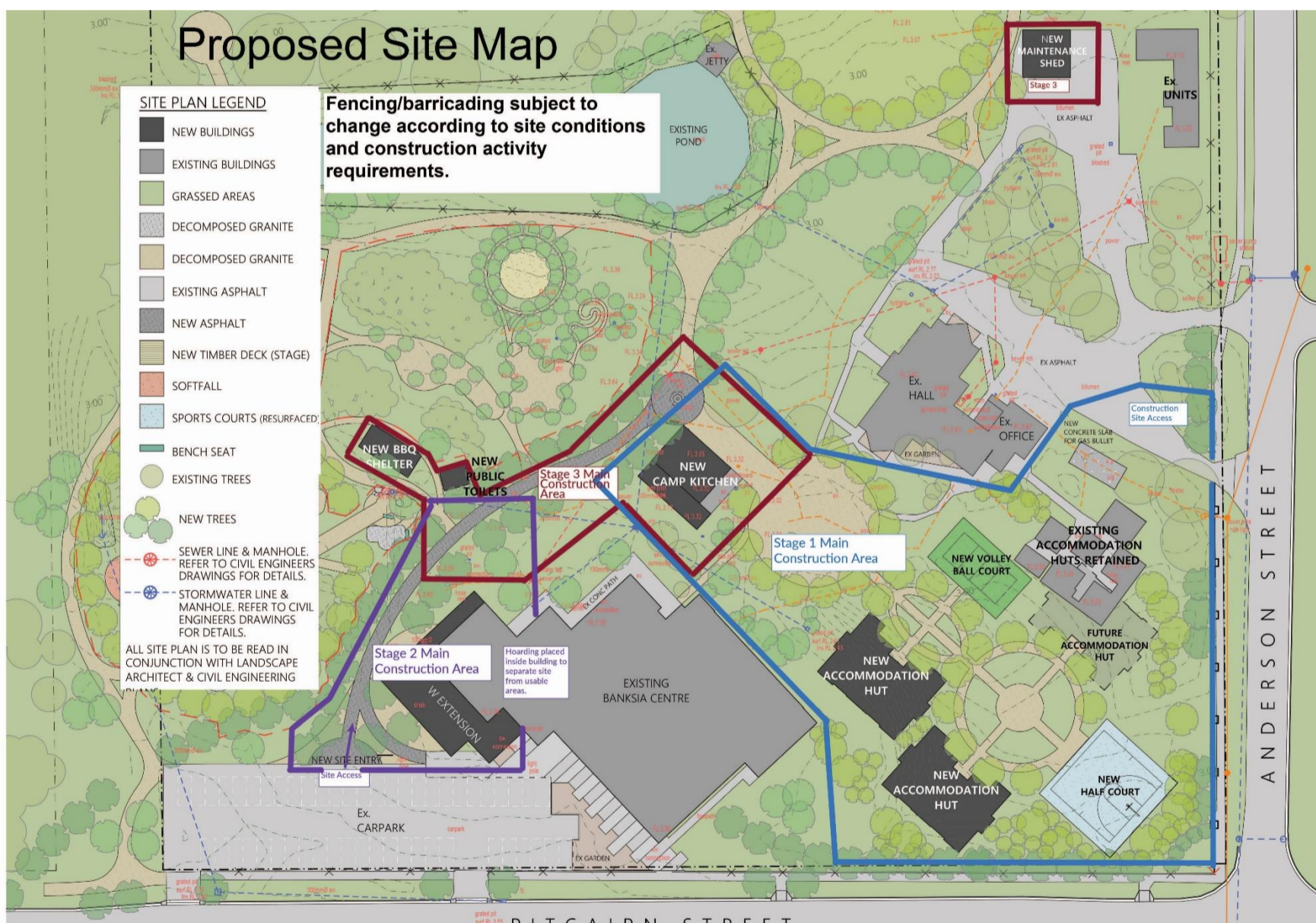
This will enhance the rooms' ability to be utilised as a multipurpose space with exhibitions of local history and arts in

the foyer. The management of the Camp Banksia facility will be relocated to the Banksia Centre.

Existing toilet facilities near the stadium will remain accessible with plenty of notice provided should their availability be compromised intermittently.

Stage 3 involves relocating the camp kitchen, constructing an undercover BBQ area nearer the future play space area for greater public use, constructing new public toilets, upgrading the laundry, installing all underground services for future works, creating footpaths, associated landscaping as well as constructing a new maintenance shed more appropriate for the management of the facilities. This will commence once the accommodation area (Stage 1) is complete.

Council will keep the public informed of potential disruptions as they occur, in addition to providing regular updates on the redevelopment itself via Council's Facebook page (latrobeCounciltas) and the website - www.latrobe.tas.gov.au



WHERE? WHERE? WEDGIE?

Decades ago, there were estimated to be as few as 1000-1500 Tasmanian wedge-tailed eagles remaining. There's since been a lot of efforts to reduce human impacts on these birds, but it is not known if these are working. Are numbers now recovering, stable or continuing the suspected decline? Nature Trackers, a program of citizen science projects, invites you to assist with gathering that knowledge by tracking Wedge Tail Eagles from 13-15 May and 27-29 May as part of Where? Where? Wedgie.

To take part, simply register at <https://bit.ly/NatureTrackers>, choose a location, spend the day in the great outdoors and upload your observations.

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