



## Year Ends with Surplus

On December 15, Latrobe Council's Annual Report for the 2013-14 financial year was publicly presented.

In tabling the document, former Mayor Gaffney reinforced that Latrobe Council were in a "healthy sustainable position" adding that strong community ties through consultation and communication have been created, resulting in a sound strategic planning platform.

Many challenges continue to face Local Government, not the least being the effect of legislative requirements however, due to the work undertaken over recent years, Council was well placed to meet these requirements.

Resource Sharing with the Kentish Council has been committed to through to March 2016, identifying opportunities to improve service provision. The Councils appointed a Risk Management and Workplace Health and Safety Officer; established a shared information technology service between the two Councils which came into effect from December 2014 and continues to progress the consolidation of Planning and Building Services.

Major achievements throughout the Municipality included the construction of the Banksia Centre at Port Sorell, Latrobe Skate Park, the new Port Sorell Shopping Centre, development of the Darrel Baldock Memorial at the Latrobe Recreation Ground, expansion of dual purpose pathways throughout the Port Sorell area as well as the establishment of a Men's Shed at Latrobe.

A wide range of community events have been hosted and supported throughout the municipality and achievements recognised, which has resulted in associated positive media attention.

The most topical issue was the development of the new shopping complex at Port Sorell which was instrumental in the establishment of new businesses.

The opening of dental, osteopathy, optometry and remedial businesses throughout the Municipality continues to auger well for health services.

Lifelong learning utilising the talents and resources throughout the Municipality has been provided via the school holiday program and establishment of the Port Sorell University of the Third Age.

At the end of the financial year, Council was in a sound financial position with an underlying surplus of \$1.26 million.

To view Latrobe Council's Annual Report for 2013-14, go to <http://www.latrobe.tas.gov.au/annualreports> or call into the Latrobe Council office for a hard copy.

## Buy Local Insert To Continue

Last year, Latrobe Council agreed to support the Latrobe and Port Sorell Tourism Association's (LaPSTA) initiative of encouraging residents to buy from local businesses by allowing for the insert of a Buy Local pull out in this newsletter. With LaPSTA winding up, the last insert was to have been included in the November edition.

Following enquiries from Latrobe Municipality based businesses placing great value on this opportunity; Latrobe Council has reviewed this situation and contracted Red Elephant Creative in Latrobe to continue this service.

While too late for this edition, the revamped Buy Local campaign will be included in the March and following editions of this newsletter.

If you would like to advertise in the Buy Local insert, please contact Ashlee at Red Elephant Creative on 0497 582 630 or [redelephantcreative@outlook.com](mailto:redelephantcreative@outlook.com).

In keeping with the intent of the publication, only businesses based in the Latrobe Municipality are eligible to advertise in this publication with a discount offered for multiple bookings.

## Australia Day Competitions at Henley

With the annual Henley-on-Mersey Australia Day Festival at Bells Parade, Latrobe on 26 January, there are numerous opportunities to compete for some fantastic prizes in a variety of competitions, including ANZAC Biscuit and/or Mini Meringues; Sheaf Tossing; Gumboot Throwing; Cherry Spitting; Betta Boat Race; Junior Casting; Nearest the Pin in Golf; Tug of War; Triathlon; Whip Cracking, Archery, Egg Throwing competitions and more.

Of significant note is the prize money available for ferret racing (prize pool of \$1,000); Triathlon (prize pool exceeding \$1,000); Latrobe Art and Photographic competition (prize pool of over \$2,000) and Wood Chopping competition (in excess of \$20,000).

While many of these activities are able to be entered on the day, some must be pre-registered and will be announced at Henley-on-Mersey.

To find out more, go to the Henley-on-Mersey website at [www.henleyonmersey.com.au/register.html](http://www.henleyonmersey.com.au/register.html).



*It's all in the technique with gumboot throwing.*  
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## Council's Current Works Program

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

### Roads

- Moriarty Road reconstruction
- Chapel Road widening
- Meredith Street footpath construction
- Cotton Street footpath construction
- Perkins Park/Youth Centre/Swimming Pool carpark surface rehabilitation
- Roadside slashing
- General roads maintenance

### Buildings

- Latrobe Scout Hall upgrade works
- Latrobe Recreation Ground redevelopment under grandstands
- Various building maintenance

### Parks & Reserves

- Shearwater Park widen asphalt footpath
- Australia day preparation
- General parks maintenance

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

## What To Do With Your Old Mobile Phones

With the speed that technology moves, it is no surprise that there are over 23 million unwanted mobile phones hiding in drawers, cupboards and garages across Australia.

Dulverton Waste Management Project and Operations Officer, Mel Daley advises that member Councils recognise that "unwanted mobile phones and accessories are not biodegradable; contain materials that are harmful to the environment if not handled correctly, and contain valuable reuseable resources."

Consequently, Latrobe Council has partnered with Mobile Muster to provide a free mobile phone and accessory recycling service to residents.

Items able to be deposited for recycling include mobile phone handsets (including PDA's that are mobiles); mobile batteries of all kinds; wireless USB mobile devices; mobile phone chargers as well as mobile phone accessories.

Mobile Muster recycles more than 90% of all mobile phones and accessories collected, specifically copper, cadmium and nickel; precious metals and plastics which are turned into a number of products including stainless steel, plastic fence posts and batteries.

Simply recycling 50,000 handsets can replace the need to mine 110 tonnes of gold ore, 123 tonnes of silver bearing ore or 11 tonnes of copper sulphide ore.

Worried about the security of your old phone? Prior to disposing of them, residents are encouraged to remove all data from mobile phones and accessories however Mobile Muster guarantee that no mobile is sold for reuse. "Each and every one we receive is dismantled and recycled, and any data left on the handset is destroyed."



## Port Sorell Foreshore Fire Access

Council Officers recently met with Tasmania Fire Service and land managers of various grounds in the Port Sorell area following concerns from residents that some foreshore tracks had become so overgrown that they would restrict access by emergency vehicles if required. Following a walk of the area, it was deemed that some additional works were warranted, which have been programmed.

Residents are reminded that the unauthorised removal of foreshore vegetation is a prosecutable offence.

## Mersey Estuary Catchment

A consultant working with Natural Resource Management (NRM) has worked through different topography of the Mersey River and its estuaries, identifying possible sources of impact to water quality. These impacts are nitrogen levels, phosphorous, suspended solids and Enterococcus.

Some possible activities that impact on water quality are grazing, dairying, septic tanks and sewage treatment plants. The consultant is liaising with Tas Dairy, TasWater and stakeholders in the Tamar River who have also worked on improving water quality in the Tamar River to identify possible ways to mitigate against poor water quality. Effective measures with proven benefits include moving cattle out of the river, fencing pasture, and upgrading treatment plants. Some measures are cost prohibitive while other methods are quite simple with dramatic effects.

A draft report is due in February with the final report planned to be finalised in late March/April 2015.

## State Set to Sizzle

There are already signs that this summer could be a bad one for bushfires, reinforced by the introduction of a total fire ban on September 28 last year, the earliest ban since 1987.

Mrs Jan Davis of the Tasmanian Farmers and Graziers Association (TFGA) said recently "the Bushfire and Natural Hazards Cooperative Research Centre warning comes as the TFGA joins with the Tasmania Fire Service (TFS) and the State Fire Management Council to launch a new publication, *Farming Communities and the TFS Working Together To Reduce Bushfire Risk*."

The aim is to provide clear and consistent advice to farmers and their communities about managing bushfire risk.

As we are frequently reminded by experts, bushfires are an ever-present threat across the state. This is a threat that can affect all Tasmanians - directly, if you're faced with the aftermath of a fire; or indirectly, as we come together to support those in the community that have been affected.

Farmers are an integral part of this community resilience. Many local volunteer bushfire brigades exist only as a result of farmers' continuing commitment to this vital service. They give their own time and energy to be the front line troops in difficult times. They will often be out fighting fires when their own properties are at risk. They are there with unquestioning support and generosity for their mates and their families after a fire event.

Our urban cousins need to understand the importance of controlled burns as a tool in fire preparedness. Yes, there will be some smoke, and perhaps even some minor inconvenience - but that's just part of living in our beautiful landscape."

Copies of *Farming Communities and the TFS Working Together To Reduce Bushfire Risk* are available from the TFS or TFGA.



## Bushfire Prone Areas

The production of maps of bushfire-prone areas is part of the ongoing implementation of the recommendations of the Review of Construction and Development Control in Bushfire-Prone Areas.

Draft maps produced by the Tasmania Fire Services of bushfire-prone areas are currently being reviewed. A set of guidelines are being applied to produce a map showing the boundary between bushfire prone areas and non-bushfire prone areas.

The purpose of the review is to confirm the location of the boundary and to ensure that Council and Tasmania Fire Service understand the implications of the boundary location. A representative of Tasmania Fire Service is working with Council Officers to ensure the boundaries are appropriate and agreed.

Areas shown on the maps as bushfire-prone will have planning and building requirements imposed for new use and development, including building work. These may include hazard management areas to separate buildings from the bushfire hazard, minimum standards for access and fire-fighting water supplies and fire resistant building construction.

The non-bushfire prone areas are those where bushfire risk will be tolerated because the risk is relatively low. It should be noted that the boundary marks the area where the risk from bushfire is to be managed without the application of the planning and building code requirements rather than assuming the area has no bushfire risk.

It is envisaged that the final agreed boundaries will be adopted by Council and recommended to the Tasmania Planning Commission for use in the Latrobe Interim Planning Scheme 2013.

## Port Sorell Former Landfill Site

Last year, Council engaged Sykes Consulting to undertake community consultation to assist Council in determining options for the future of the former landfill site located on Alexander Street between Club Drive and Hawk Hill Road.

Over 40 interested persons participated in these sessions with a number of discussion points including the location of the Port Sorell Waste Transfer Station; proposed establishment of a park with associated vegetation and a BMX track; potential housing development and ensuring compliance with EPA requirements given the former use of the land.

From this process, a concept design has been completed and a Draft Report is currently being finalised prior to placement on public exhibition for comment early this year.

## Gilbert/Victor Street Roundabout

Following the announcement of Federal funding to support the installation of a roundabout at the junction of Gilbert and Victor Streets, Latrobe last year, the detailed design process has identified a number of potential constraints.

One suggested solution to the issues was the installation of traffic lights at this junction. This option is being progressed with the Department of State Growth to determine whether it would continue to meet the funding criteria and guidelines.

Discussions are in the very early stage and will involve additional consultation with stakeholders.

## Local Government Reform

The topic of Local Government reform continues to be raised on a regular basis by both major political parties in Tasmania.

The Minister for Local Government, the Honourable Peter Gutwein MHA, will be meeting with Council representatives early this year on this matter.

Policy Officer with the Local Government Association in Tasmania, Dr Katrena Stephenson advises that the "essential elements for an effective system of Local Government should consider:

- Councils with the scale, resources and 'strategic capacity' to govern effectively and to provide a strong voice for their communities
- Maintenance of a strong sense of local identity and place
- Councils with an adequate revenue base (own source or grants) relative to their functions, healthy balance sheets, and sound financial management
- Councils renowned for their efficiency and focus on outcomes, based on the Integrated Planning and Reporting framework
- Regional groupings of councils that share resources on a large scale and jointly plan and advocate for their regions
- Councils that have highly skilled mayors, councillors and executive teams; and are respected by the State government and community alike
- Mayors who are recognised leaders both within the council and throughout the local community, and enjoy a positive reputation for that leadership.
- An electoral system designed to ensure that as far as possible councils are representative of the make-up and varied interests of their communities
- A Local Government Act that minimises prescription and provides a range of options for the way councils and regional bodies are structured
- Effective mechanisms for State-local consultation, joint planning, policy development and operational partnerships
- A local government association that is focused on strategy; a well-informed, dynamic advocate; a leader in reform; and a troubleshooter
- A constructive relationship between employers, employees and employee organisations, focused on improving productivity, performance and rewards."

Council will keep residents informed on this important community issue.

## Drivers Sought

Port Sorell Meals on Wheels are seeking volunteer drivers to deliver meals once a month.



Volunteers would be required to pick up meals from Strathdevon, Latrobe then deliver them to up to 12 clients throughout the Port Sorell area.

Meals on Wheels Tasmania pay a small amount quarterly to cover expenses.

If you are able to volunteer with Port Sorell Meals on Wheels, please contact either Carl (6428 6179) or Max (6428 7275).

## Band Marching to the Nationals

If you have ever heard the Latrobe Federal Band, you no doubt appreciate their talent. Following their success in the 2014 Tasmanian Band Championships the band has decided to compete in the National Band Championships in Sydney from 3-6 April this year.

The competition incorporates two competition days on stage as well as an adjudicated parade of bands through Sydney. The theme for the Championships is the Centenary of ANZACs.

If you are able to assist the band in getting to Sydney, please contact the Secretary, David Richards on 6426 2195.

In the meantime, catch the Latrobe Federal Band's next performance at Henley-on-Mersey on Australia Day (26 January).

## Business Energy Efficiency Program

The Australian Food and Grocery Council (AFGC) is offering an energy efficiency program for small and medium-sized enterprises - *AFGC empower*.

The program, funded by the Department of Industry, provides energy efficiency related information and advice to businesses, with less than 200 employees, in the sector.

As a part of the program, AFBC have developed various tools and factsheets which are available on the program website at [www.afgcmpower.org.au](http://www.afgcmpower.org.au). These tools assist businesses to identify, prioritise and implement energy saving opportunities. Other offerings include:

**Free Energy assessments:** The program provides free energy assessments to all eligible businesses. The assessments provide businesses with a report which will list low cost and no cost energy saving opportunities, financial pathways to implement the recommendations and the feasibility of installing renewable on-site.

**Free workshops:** The workshop hosted at a food manufacturing site, demonstrates application of the program tools on a site by identifying opportunities to improve energy efficiency and estimating the savings. A business hosting the workshop will receive:

- 3-4 hours onsite technical investigation/support from *Energetics* (a reputed energy management firm);
- Additional support of up to 2 days available if they decide to implement a recommendation; and
- Business case study.

The program finishes in April 2015, so AFGC are looking to engage with as many businesses as possible. There is no cost for businesses.

If you are interested in discussing the program further, please contact Kartik Madhira, Sustainability Policy and Program Analyst on (02) 6270 9016 or 0449 276 271. Alternatively, you can email [kartik.madhira@afgc.org.au](mailto:kartik.madhira@afgc.org.au).

## Photographs of Harford Sought

Do any readers have private photographs of buildings in Harford, or of people or events with buildings in the background? The Latrobe Court House Museum would like to scan them while you wait (a couple of minutes) as there is one photograph only in the Collection. This is of the original Harford Hotel which is now gone.

If you own a photograph of Harford which you would allow to be copied, please contact Michael McLaren on 6426 2777.

## Free Discovery Ranger Program

The Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service's award-winning Discovery Ranger Program is on again this summer! The friendly and knowledgeable Discovery Rangers are currently running an array of free, fun and engaging activities locally through to January 26.

This environmental engagement and community outreach program, now in its 36<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, inspires over 30,000 people each summer across the state. Participants discover our fascinating and diverse heritage whilst enjoying the health and social benefits that these areas provide.

Activities range from the ageless rock pool rambles and guided walks, to quiz nights and wonder tables. They are suitable for all ages and provide a fantastic opportunity for you to enjoy your local national parks, reserves and coastal settings with an experienced and passionate Discovery Ranger. There will also be a range of community events including volunteering opportunities, health and wellbeing experiences and expert talks.

For up-to-date information on activities near you, please check your local park or reserve noticeboard, community noticeboard, or visit the Parks and Wildlife Service website at [www.parks.tas.gov.au](http://www.parks.tas.gov.au). Alternatively, contact John Bowden on 0407 061 520.



*Discovery Ranger John Bowden interpreting Tassie's special raptors in Narawntapu National Park*

## Free Paddle Craft Sessions

Bought your family a canoe, kayak or other paddle craft for Christmas? Did you remember to buy the mandatory life jacket and tethering device?

Lightweight paddle craft has consistently been identified as a high risk recreation activity by the Tasmanian Water Safety Council (TWSC) as supported by the drowning of a paddler at Dover in August 2013 and 28 rescues from paddle craft in Tasmania over the past year.

With annual sales of around 4,000 paddle craft each year in Tasmania, Marine and Safety Tasmania (MAST) has partnered with Surf Life Saving Tasmania (SLST) to conduct free Paddle Safe Programs statewide.

The Paddle Safe Program is open to all ages and will provide valuable life skills to the inexperienced, part time paddler. It covers the basics of correct paddling techniques and how to manage adverse situations; weather reports and where to obtain them as well as information on life jackets and safety equipment.

In announcing the State Government's three year funding support for the Paddle Safe program, Premier Will Hodgman stated "it is critical that we do everything we can to educate recreational paddlers. We want Tasmanians to be able to enjoy the natural assets of our island without putting themselves at risk."

Locally, the Paddle Safe Program is scheduled to be held at Port Sorell in January. Registration details will be available at [www.mast.tas.gov.au/recreational/kayak-canoe/paddle-safe-program/](http://www.mast.tas.gov.au/recreational/kayak-canoe/paddle-safe-program/).

## Laws on Smoke Free Areas

Tasmania has some of the toughest smoke-free area laws in the country. Basically, you cannot smoke in many public areas where people - especially children - gather.

Smoke-free areas help protect us from harmful second-hand smoke. They are also important in reducing the number of young people who take up the habit.

It is important that you respect these smoke-free areas and the people around you.

Smoke free areas include public events, public buildings and workplaces; bus malls and shelters; in cars with children; children's playgrounds; patrolled beaches; public swimming pools; outdoor dining areas; pedestrian malls; outdoor sports grounds as well as any additional areas made smoke-free voluntarily by their occupiers.

The Director of Public Health may also declare some temporary public events smoke-free.

For further information call the Public Health Hotline on 1800 671 738.

## Members Sought for Community Road Safety Initiative

Community Road Safety Partnerships (CRSP) is a "grassroots" road safety program coordinated by the Department of State Growth. The joint partnership between the Latrobe and Kentish Councils has been operating for the past two years, with a range of members representing various community groups; including both Councils, State Emergency Service, Tasmania Police, Department of State Growth, bus drivers and interested community members.

During these two years, the partnership has implemented a number of initiatives with the aim of improving road safety throughout the municipal areas. Such initiatives have included campaigns addressing speed and inattention and the production of an online video addressing road safety for horse riders. Recently, the partnership has provided bike and traffic education sessions to over 500 Year 3 students in the Municipalities, utilising the Sheffield Road Safety Bike Park.

The partnership is currently seeking individuals and organisations who are interested in road safety to join the partnership. To join, or find out more, please contact Chris Clark at Kentish Council on 6491 0200 or email [Chris@kentish.tas.gov.au](mailto:Chris@kentish.tas.gov.au).

## Alternative Exit for Port Sorell

The issue of an alternate access for Port Sorellians in the incidence of any emergency that blocks egress via the Port Sorell roundabout at the junction of Wilmot Street, Alexander Street, Port Sorell Main Road and Parkersford Road continues to be raised in terms of effective emergency management for the area.

Council wish to assure residents that there is a basic secondary egress via Hawk Hill Road that can be opened up for evacuation purposes to Summerhill Drive as required.

This road is currently receiving some maintenance attention but is not a sealed or through road for the purpose of everyday use.

Following the works, Council intend to install signage near Alexander Street to raise awareness of such an emergency exit.

## Stopping the Spread of Feral Cats

With estimations that feral cats throughout Australia eat 75 million native animals a night, endeavours to stop this level of impact continue.

In accordance with Section 19 and Section 21 of the *Cat Management Act, 2009*, Council has approved the extension of its declared areas prohibited to cats for a further two years, subject to public representation as at December 14.

The prohibited areas are proposed to remain as previously adopted and include:

Latrobe	Port Sorell
Bells Parade Precinct	Rubicon Reserve
Dooleys Hill Reserve	Pitcairn Reserve
Kings Park	Aub Luck Reserve
Bass Highway Detention Reserve	Panatana Park
Latrobe Cemetery	Camp Banksia
	Transfer Station

A map of the prohibited areas is available at [www.latrobe.tas.gov.au](http://www.latrobe.tas.gov.au) and from the Council office.

In declaring such prohibited areas, Council is required to undertake the trapping, humane destruction, seizure and/or detainment of cats found to be in these areas.

Queries regarding the declared areas may be directed to the Manager of Development Services, Mr Ronald Viney on 6421 4650.

## Mersey Upgrades Continue

Works are currently underway at the Mersey Community Hospital, Latrobe to cater for improved fire management.

The work involves remediation on fire walls and floors, replacement of fire doors, installation of fire sprinkler systems in all the public foyers as well as other behind the scene improvements.

The works have commenced with the installation of the fire sprinkler system in the Main Entrance and First Floor foyers of the hospital. This work requires the barricading off of areas to protect the public from the construction activities. While access will remain through the Main Entrance at all times, there will be a change to the appearance on entry to the building and also access pathways. Visitors to the Mersey Community Hospital are requested to use caution and read temporary signage that will direct you on how to get to your desired destination.

At the same time, the Admissions office will be relocated from the First Floor foyer to the end of the Day Ward, also on the First Floor. The public are asked to proceed to the First Floor via the lifts or the stairs and then follow the signage to Admissions.

During the foyer works the lifts or stairs may be out of order for a time, but never both at once and the second lift bank in the Emergency Department foyer will remain operational at all times.

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## A Seat for Weary Legs

A daily walk along Latrobe's many walking tracks can be quite relaxing as well as good for you however, as you get a little older, you probably can't manage the distance that you would like to without a little rest. This was the situation for Mr and Mrs Jones of Latrobe, who like to frequently wander around the extremely well maintained and relatively flat Pig Island at Bells Parade, Latrobe.

In mentioning their dilemma to the land managers, Latrobe Landcare Group Inc, a swift resolution resulted as Ron and Phillip Hedditch quickly constructed a sturdy seat for a mid-way rest.

"The seat is attracting quite a lot of use since its installation," said Mr Hedditch who was only too pleased that the group could help out in this way.

"Pig Island is a very special place with extensive diversity. One minute you can be walking through tea tree bush and the next you are in wetlands then well maintained grasslands and open space," he added.

Since the Latrobe Landcare Group Inc "adopted" the development and maintenance of Pig Island, under the auspices of Latrobe Council, a wide variety of flora and fauna has returned.

"I've seen birds here now that I hadn't seen since I was a child," said Mr Hedditch.

Mr Jones stated "I used to live down here as a child, in a house right near the main gates so this area was always my second home and holds many good memories for both of us. It is also a place where we can get out of the wind.

We've both seen quite a few changes over the years and it is a wonderful area thanks to the hard work of Latrobe Landcare. As we walk around, we hear lots of positive comments from locals and visitors. The community should take pride in what has been achieved here and look after it."

For information on walking tracks around Pig Island and other walks in Latrobe, call into the Latrobe Visitor Information Centre (co-located in the Australian Axemans Hall of Fame) and pick up a copy of the "Latrobe Walking Tracks Guide".

## Tasmanian Youth Concerned Their Dreams are Out of Reach

According to Mission Australia's 13<sup>th</sup> Annual National Youth Survey "Young Tasmanians are struggling to cope with stress as they strive to achieve their goals in life, with many concerned their dreams for the future may be out of reach.

The 2014 Youth Survey reveals a disturbing gap between what young people aspire to and what they actually believe they can achieve. The vast majority of young Tasmanians surveyed ranked career success and financial independence as their top two aspirations, yet only around 60 per cent felt those goals were actually attainable.

In a particular trend for Tasmania, around one in five young people also ranked employment in the top three most important issues in Australia today - double the rate of concern among young people in the rest of the country. Given the continuing high rates of youth and adult unemployment in Tasmania, these results demonstrate how attuned young Tasmanians are to the social and economic climate they are living in."

These finds were further explored in the Report by the Tasmanian Youth Forum which identified that "young

people want to be proactive and find pathways to help themselves to be workplace ready ... and gain relevant and meaningful experiences to prepare them for the workplace, such as volunteering, work experience and internships but they don't know how to get this experience."

Mission Australia State Director Noel Mundy said the results should act as a wakeup call to government and the community that urgent investment is required to ensure young Australians are better supported through the transition into adulthood so they have the opportunity to lead healthy and productive lives and to underpin Australia's future prosperity.

## Changes for Latrobe Primary School

Late last year, Latrobe Primary School was advised that the construction of their last two classrooms off the original plans for the hub of four senior classrooms adjoining the Enrichment Centre had been approved.

Since that time, architects have been on site with works due to commence in April for student occupation from the start of Term 3.

These works will enable Latrobe Primary School to cater for its continued growth and are a fantastic achievement not only for the school community but outgoing Principal, Mrs Vicki Hales. Mrs Hales concluded her time working in schools for a number of personal and professional reasons at the end of 2014, after 40+ years of service with the Education Department.

Also receiving her 40 year Service Award (reached in 2013) from the Education Department late last year was Miss Lyn Menzie.

## Cheap Not Always the Best

With many energy costs expected to rise by 5% per year, as a minimum, people are now more aware than ever of how much and where they consume their electricity.

Heating our homes and hot water are our largest costs, but did you know that these costs can be reduced by up to 80% just by changing heat sources and usage patterns.

Lighting is another modern necessity, the latest LED lights can reduce these costs by up to 80% as well, offering a better quality light and longer life span with some products expected to last 20 years or more.

It always makes more economical sense to reduce your consumption before you look at producing your own energy via a solar system. Once your consumption is under control then it is time to look at making your own power. Solar panels have been Australia's number one choice in offsetting daytime loads from the free energy directly from the sun.

DMS Energy are the locally owned experts in the field of energy efficiency, heating, lighting and ventilation, helping mums and dads as well as businesses take control of their power bills. For your free consultation, call DMS Energy on 1300 502 599 or drop in to 56 Sheffield Road, Spreyton.

## Local History Preservation

The Port Sorell History Group is working on the publication of a brochure highlighting some of the interesting historical events of the Port Sorell area. When completed, the brochure will be available at local outlets.

The group would like to hear from anyone who has small boats suitable for display, fishing gear from the past or photographs depicting fishing and boating activities in the Port Sorell area, which they would be willing to add to an

exhibition of model boats and fishing memorabilia at the Port Sorell Memorial Hall on January 26 from 10.00 am. Please phone either Russell (6428 6184) or Betty (6428 6199).

### **Creativity Tasters Offered**

The Crowded Lounge/June Wilson's Studio Galley has developed several initiatives that will give the creative in the community opportunities to hone their skills or discover their passion before considering booking into a variety of artistic endeavours.

The workshops are introductory in nature and open to all comers, regardless of previous experience or skill level.

Basic drawing skills start the year off (Jan 9-11) where June will revisit the first principles of sketching with pencil and charcoal. For those wishing to refresh their knowledge of painting with pastels, June's two day workshop (Jan 24-25) will be very attractive. On Day One all of the essential techniques of working with pastels will be explored before moving on to a full painting on Day Two.

For those interested in considering working with watercolour, Sandy Michell, a well-recognised local artist and tutor, will teach all things necessary for the task in her "Introduction to Watercolour" one day workshop on January 17.

On January 31, June Hope is offering a second "Felting is Fun" workshop for both the experienced and beginners. "June's first workshop last year was such a success that we are keen to keep the ball rolling this year," said Mr Brian Wilson.

Brian continues to roll out his iPad/iPhone workshops, with his first for the year covering "Apps and How They Make You Look Smart" on February 7.



The biggest news however is that Lyn Diefenbach (pictured), world recognised oils and pastel Artist and Tutor from Queensland, will be back for a special three day workshop on February 13-15.

Of course, all of the above is complemented by the wonderful coffee and goodies from the Crowded Lounge coffee bar.

For more information, email [thecrowdedlounge@gmail.com](mailto:thecrowdedlounge@gmail.com) or phone 0417 367 128.

### **Dreams On Stage Develops Confidence**

Dreams on Stage Inc is a not-for-profit performance and drama group for pre-primary and primary aged children, currently in the planning stages, for establishment at Port Sorell.

Set to commence in March-April, kids will get together weekly to follow their amazing imaginations and dreams, all facilitated by music, props, costume and exciting new adventures. Performance skills are taught and confidence builds as the term progresses.

The venue for Dreams On Stage Inc will be the Port Sorell Memorial Hall, Meredith Street, Port Sorell.

A small annual membership fee will apply with the group with families very welcome.

Dreams on Stage Inc is currently seeking expressions of interest from local drama teachers/drama students/actors/performers who have experience working creatively with children.

For more information about either the position or participating in Dreams on Stage, contact Scott Kenney at [scottkenney@ozemail.com.au](mailto:scottkenney@ozemail.com.au); 0402 050 244 or Facebook: Dreams On Stage.

### **Huge Year for Latrobe RSL**

The Latrobe RSL has a big year ahead with the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ANZAC Day being a prime focus.

In conjunction with Latrobe Council, the club hosts the Latrobe Dawn Service which this year will highlight many locals involved in World War 1.

The Latrobe RSL has also been successful in securing ANZAC Centenary Funding from the Commonwealth Government to develop the World War 1 section of Sheean Walk between Victor and Twiss Streets, Latrobe. This will involve a significant amount of research to ensure the maximum coverage on the new plaques that will make sure that no younger person ever forgets the contribution by so many at a time of war. The Club is greatly appreciative of the funding support by Latrobe Council for this project which should be completed later in the year.

Members of the Latrobe RSL catch up with old and new friends every Friday and Saturday night in the bar area of Belly's Bar and Grill restaurant, 160 Gilbert Street, Latrobe with a meat raffle, membership draws, footy tipping (when in season) and punter's club some of the many activities enjoyed.

The Latrobe RSL offer a number of different membership options including full and affiliate membership (\$20) for ex-service personnel and their families or social membership (\$10) for the general public who are supportive of the work of the Latrobe RSL.

For further information, please contact Secretary Anne (6426 1255) or President Hans (6427 7886).

### **The Hilton Hen House**

The life of a chicken isn't normally as luxurious as it is at Rubicon Grove. Named "The Hilton Hen House", the new home for Rubi and Connie and their new sisters is forming up to be quite spectacular.

This Rubicon Grove Auxiliary project was funded through a Latrobe Council Community Development Grant and community donations to OneCare.



The project embraces Rubicon Grove's commitment to the Montessori Program which works towards giving people the opportunity to build and maintain their skills.

"Something as simple as collecting the eggs in the morning sunshine awakens the sensory experiences and lovely memories.

The Hilton Hen House is a community project with the Port Sorell Men's Shed building this luxurious home and will involve families, friends, children and visitors in all aspects, each imparting their own knowledge and

experiences while building new relationships and community links at the same time,” said Rubicon Grove Manager, Mrs Maree Febey.

### Birds breeding on beaches



This time of year is very important for the shorebirds in the Rubicon Estuary. Migratory shorebirds from the northern hemisphere have flown in for the summer. Red-necked Stints and small numbers of Far Eastern Curlew and Pacific Golden

Plover can be seen feeding in the estuary and particularly North East Arm.

Resident Shorebird Monitoring Program members recently surveyed local beaches and found that numbers of Hooded Plovers and Red-capped Plovers are down on past years. With high tides and erosion of beaches many of their traditional breeding sites have been washed away. Australian Pied Oystercatchers have also had nests washed out.

Unfortunately their breeding season coincides with the busy holiday season where everybody wants to be on the beach.



*Red-capped Plover with nest, eggs and chick. Photo: Faye Beswick*

Shorebird chicks may be unable to fly for six weeks which is a long time to dodge people, bikes and dogs and to get enough food. Agitated adults, sometimes performing elaborate ‘injured wing’ type displays, are a sure sign of eggs or young close by.

Please help them to raise

their young by walking away, putting dogs on a leash, walking on the wet sand where possible and avoiding known breeding sites and safe havens like Penguin Island.

To join Rubicon Coast and Landcare Inc, contact Russell at [rubicon\\_inc@hotmail.com](mailto:rubicon_inc@hotmail.com)

### Meditation Through Dance



Sacred Circle Dancing is probably the oldest known dance formation and was part of community life from when people first started to dance.

While dancing in circles continues in many forms, the Sacred Circle Dance sessions held at Bells Parade, Latrobe are meditative and relaxing in their intent. Sacred Circle Dancing is a movement meditation activity that involves simple, easy to learn dance steps to centre a scattered mind space.

Free Sacred Circle Dance sessions are conducted on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month, through to the end of March, from 7.30 pm at Bells Parade, Latrobe.

Further information is available from Emma on 6427 7795.

### School Holiday Visit to the Museum

Children can come into the Court House Museum, situated right next to the Latrobe Post Office, for free, and parents or grandparents by donation during the month of January. Why not visit the Museum one day as a holiday activity? The Museum is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 1.00pm until 4.00pm.

### Keeping Latrobe Men Busy

The Latrobe Men's Shed has completed its first year on a positive note.

33 members have signed up with another 24 attending occasionally and many others turning up just to have a look.

Activities have included the constant need of providing suitable and safe places for tools and equipment as well as keeping the shed tidy.

Over 20 community projects were completed including several odd jobs and clean-ups for local widows and pensioners; a makeover of kinder furniture for Sassafras Primary School; property boxes for a local gym and the construction of easels and pottery stamps for three different organisations. Restoration projects have included a large picture frame for the Latrobe Courthouse Museum and an old Singer sewing machine. 70 toy cars were made for Operation Christmas Child, 17 billy carts for the young people of our municipality, a bookcase and a garden table and chairs for two local widows, and a large music stand for Latrobe Primary School.

A major project has been a new kitchen for the Baptist Church Hall.

Financial and other support has come from Baptcare, Latrobe Council, Meadcon and several generous locals.

The Latrobe Men's Shed meet on Fridays from 9.00 am until 12 noon, finishing with a BBQ. New members are most welcome; contact Secretary, Reverend Ralph Terry on 6427 0006.

### Playful Penguins Playgroup

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



The Port Sorell Community Playgroup is held from 10am until 12 noon in the Supper Room of the Port Sorell Memorial Hall, Meredith Street, Port Sorell every Tuesday during school terms.

As you immerse yourself and your child in this informal and relaxed environment run by parents and caregivers, your child will laugh, read, sing, share and generally enjoy the experience of playing with other children.

Through playgroup, friendships are formed that last a lifetime and you will discover that you are not alone in your child rearing experience.

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

The first Port Sorell Community Playgroup session for 2015 will be held from Tuesday, 10th February.

For more information, please contact Secretary, Scott Kenney on [scottkenney@ozemail.com.au](mailto:scottkenney@ozemail.com.au); 0402 050 244 or Facebook: Port Sorell Playgroup.

### Apex Events Support Community

The Apex Truly Tasmanian Craft Exhibition last November was again a great success. The group is appreciative of the support received and looks forward to making it bigger and better this year. If you would like to provide feedback or be involved in this year's event, please do not hesitate to contact Tammy Jeffrey on 0417 132 687.





As with all Apex Club of Latrobe projects, funds raised are reinvested back into the community with the club currently in discussion with Council on potential projects in which it might be involved.

At Apex's last National Convention the age limit was reviewed. Currently, membership applies to persons aged 18-45 however the Latrobe Apex Club is looking to drop the retirement age limit.

If you would like to be learn more about the Apex Club of Latrobe, please contact Jessie Walters on 0439 003 321 or Tammy Jeffrey; 0417 132 687. Come have fun while helping your community.

### Northdown Anglican Church Rejuvenated

An extensive "make over" of the Northdown Anglican Church brought the place back to life just in time for the busy festive season.

Northdown Anglican Church Elder, Mrs Willis Dawson advises that current and former parishioners funded the cleaning of algae off the roof and themselves painted the exterior of the hall and church.

"One of our parishioners contacted local spray contractor, David Dick, about getting rid of the weeds in the yard. Mr Dick has ancestors buried at the grounds and he not only donated the spraying of the weeds this year but has generously offered to spray the grounds annually.

We hope to replace the hedge on the front and are investigating engaging the unemployed to assist with that as well as general works within the hall and more ground tidying up.

The committee is extremely appreciative of the involvement of Mrs Alma Salter in making these improvements come to fruition. It is amazing how someone new can bring fresh ideas and enthusiasm to a project," added Mrs Dawson.

Church services are held at the Northdown Anglican Church on the third Sunday of each month, commencing at 9.00 am.

### Chat 'n Choose

Chat 'n Choose is a craft morning for women and men held each Wednesday morning during school terms (10am until 12 noon) at the Latrobe Baptist Church, Gilbert Street, Latrobe.

The sessions provide people of all ages with an opportunity to get together and learn new skills, brush up on old ones or just have a chat. The tutors are all skilled volunteers who are very caring and eager to share their talent.

Approximately 15 crafts are being offered during Term 1.

The cost is \$2 each week which includes morning tea and a five minute (approx.) "think spot" with a Biblical theme throughout the session.

Registrations for Term 1 will be taken on Wednesday, February 4 at 10.00 am on site.

If you are new to the district, lonely 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 either Glenis (6426 1220) or Fay (6426 1740).



### Youth Quest Unequalled

After a short break over the Christmas/New Year period, Latrobe Lions Club members are back into the swing of things, getting ready for the Henley-on-Mersey Australia Day Festival at Bells Parade on Monday, 26 January.

The club final of the Lions Club Youth of the Year Quest will be held on Monday, March 2. The Quest is open to students between the ages of 15 and 19 years June 30 June, 2015. This is a prestigious event for young people, which boasts many high profile Australians amongst the ranks of former entrants, including past Premier of Queensland, Mr Peter Beattie; the ABC's Sabra Lane and Senator Simon Birmingham. Through entering the program, which is now in its 50th year, you will have an unequalled opportunity to experience an interview situation - in a friendly atmosphere - and a chance to practice your public speaking skills.

There are still a number of Emergency Medical Information booklets available at Coventry's Pharmacy and the Latrobe Post Office.

Please don't throw away those used stamps and old spectacles. Spectacles may be dropped in at the Latrobe Medical Practice or Coventry's Pharmacy while stamps may be left at Ritchie's Supermarket, Morse's Butchery or passed on to any Lions Member.

Should you wish to know more about the Lions Club of Latrobe please feel free to contact Lion Peter Burk at Morse's Butchery, Lion Kae Campbell 6426 1442 or any Lions Member.

### Diverse Arts Program



The New Year brings the annual Australia Day celebrations at Bell's Parade along with the Latrobe Art Exhibition and Sale at the Australian Axemans Hall of Fame. Featuring two dimensional artwork and digital photography, the competition is this year themed 'Inside Out'. Rubicon River Arts support this event with members assisting with curating the exhibition, which is an encouraging opportunity for local amateur and hobby artists to mix with professionals in displaying their creative skills.

A popular workshop from recent times will return mid-March with Eve Howard and her ceramic birds. The workshops will be over two days (a weekend), one day for 'horizontal' birds such as gulls or wrens and the other for upright penguins or owls. Eve teaches simple techniques to achieve the artist's choice of realistic or stylised bird sculptures coloured with simple glazes.

Kim O'Brien will run Shibori dye workshops later in the year where you can learn how to create original colour effects in your fabrics and garments of cotton or silk.

Gina is planning to inspire with more beautiful book-binding workshops over half, one or two days, where you can learn how to create quality books for notes or drawings or simply original gifts.

New members are always welcome to delve into the world of art and share your skills with others and join in Rubicon River Arts activities. For more information on any of the above or the group generally, phone Angela on 6424 3463 or 0419 490 042.



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

**Port Sorell**

The Port Sorell University of the Third Age can be justifiably proud of how the group has evolved to become a thriving entity in the Port Sorell community.

After only seven months of operation, the group boasts 219 members, 35 tutors/leaders, 14 venues (not including Council venues) and 37 courses.

Recently, 80 members gathered at Camp Banksia to share a day of fun and a BBQ to mark the success of the first year of operation.

"U3A Port Sorell extends a heartfelt thanks to the Port Sorell Lions Club who kindly cooked for the large group of people. Entertainment was provided by some of the groups and an inspiring display of members work was provided.

A piano was recently donated to U3A by Robert Tucker and is located at the new Banksia Centre for use by the group as well as other community groups. We are still in need of a piano stool though," said Mrs Anne Lockett.

While the U3A office has now closed for a short Summer break, the office at 23 Burgess Way, Shearwater will reopen on Monday, February 9 with the program of classes for Term 1 to be released shortly thereafter to enable classes to commence on Tuesday, March 10.

If you think you would be able to provide a course of interest or a venue for U3A use, please email the office at [portsorellu3a@gmail.com](mailto:portsorellu3a@gmail.com) or forward your correspondence to PO Box 297, Port Sorell, 7307.

**Book Sale Kicks Off Events**

The busy season is well and truly in full swing as the Lions Club of Port Sorell moves into summer and all its festivities.

The major functions will begin with the next round of the Relay for Life Books Sale, to be held in the Port Sorell Memorial Hall on Saturday January 24. Donations of books and magazines for this very worthy cause will be gratefully received and members of the public can arrange delivery or collection through Lions Chris Smith (6428 6149) or Lion Rob Donaghue (0439 351 908). The sale will be held between 9.00 am and 12 noon.

On January 25, 'Pancakes in the Park' will be held from the Lions Club Camp Kitchen in the Port Sorell Caravan Park and all are welcome to support this further Relay For Life function.

January 26 is Australia Day and the giant water slides will again be in operation on the hill adjacent to the Port Sorell Bowls Club in Meredith Street. The annual BBQ will also be in operation and we look forward to another fun day in the sun. Don't forget the 30+ sunscreen.

Jazz at the Port will be held on February 8 at Camp Banksia, Port Sorell from 1.00 pm until 5.00 pm. Four Jazz bands will be performing this year with admission maintained at \$10.00 per person.

Please bring your own picnic lunch and sunscreen although Ghost Rock Vineyard, Spreyton Cider and beer sales will be available. The Lions Club of Port Sorell will also be cooking up a storm on the barbecue. For more information, please contact Kris Crawford on 6428 7926.

The annual Miles Ford Education Bursary was again popular with secondary schools with the club able to make four Awards for the 2015-16 college years.

For more information about the Lions Club of Port Sorell, please contact the club's membership chairperson, Lion Rosemary Rabbetts on 6428 7389.

**Upgrade Provides Additional Use**

This month Latrobe Rotarians will be busy preparing for the Henley-on-Mersey Australia Day celebration, which will be bigger and better than ever.

Members have also been busy, in collaboration with the Lions Club of Latrobe, with upgrading the internals of the Bark Hut at Bells Parade as a Henley-on-Mersey project, which will create greater opportunities for its use.

A few copies of the Latrobe Rotary calendar are available in stores around Latrobe and Port Sorell at a cost of only \$6.00. All profits from this project are guaranteed to support worthy causes in the municipality.

The 2014 Rotary Club of Latrobe Wedding Expo will be held from 10.00 am through to 3.30 pm on Sunday, April 19 at the Latrobe Memorial Hall. If you are interested in being an exhibitor at the Wedding Expo, please contact Rotary at [weddingexpo@rotarycluboflatrobe.org.au](mailto:weddingexpo@rotarycluboflatrobe.org.au), Facebook Rotary Club of Latrobe or phone Tim or Tania on 0427 558 516 or 0437 070 178.

Rotary's main objective is "service - in the community, in the workplace and around the globe".

Rotary meets at the Australian Axeman's Hall of Fame every Wednesday at 6.00pm for fellowship and to hear wonderful guest speakers. For more information, please contact any member of the Rotary Club, President Margaret Birchenough (6428 6103) or Colin Benbow (6428 6146) or visit [www.rotarycluboflatrobe.org.au](http://www.rotarycluboflatrobe.org.au).

**Funding Opportunities****Sport and Recreation Tasmania - Major Grants**

Offers financial assistance towards major equipment purchases and the development/improvement of facilities or playing surfaces that directly benefit sport and recreation clubs and improve opportunities for Tasmanians to participate in sport and active recreation.

**Funding Amount** - from \$15,000 to \$80,000 per organisation

**Closes** - 4 February 2015

For more information, call 1800 252 476, email [sportrec@dpac.tas.gov.au](mailto:sportrec@dpac.tas.gov.au) or go to [www.dpac.tas.gov.au/divisions/csrt/sportrec/funding\\_opportunities](http://www.dpac.tas.gov.au/divisions/csrt/sportrec/funding_opportunities).

**Holden Home Ground Advantage**

Assists clubs throughout Australia with equipment purchases and facility development.

There are two rounds of funding allocated nationally each year for the next 10 years.

**Funding Amount** - up to \$10,000 or \$100,000

**Closes** - 28 February, 2015

**More information** is available at <http://bit.ly/1vWIyOc>



## Local Sporting Champions Program

Offered by the Australian Sports Commission to provide financial assistance for young people aged 12-18 towards the cost of travel, accommodation, uniforms or equipment when competing, coaching or officiating at an official national sporting organisation (NSO) endorsed state, national or international sporting championships or a School Sport Australia state or national championships

**Funding Amount** - \$500 per applicant

**Closes** - Considered 3 monthly with next round closing 28 February 2015

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

## Sport and Recreation Tasmania - Minor Grants

Supports equipment purchases and the development/improvement of facilities or playing surfaces that directly benefit sport and recreation clubs and improve opportunities for Tasmanians to participate in sport and active recreation.

**Funding Amount** - 50% of total project funding capped at \$10,000

**Closes** - 4 March 2015

For more information, call 1800 252 476, email [sportrec@dpac.tas.gov.au](mailto:sportrec@dpac.tas.gov.au) or go to [www.dpac.tas.gov.au/divisions/csrt/sportrec/funding\\_opportunities](http://www.dpac.tas.gov.au/divisions/csrt/sportrec/funding_opportunities).

## Deviantart Creative Grants

Allows artists to make creative dreams a reality including installation of an art exhibition; additional artist materials or resources to support the production or public display of art; a piece of work that requires specific tools; costs to run a creative event.

**Funding Amount** – from \$250 to \$750

**Closes** - always open, considered 3 monthly

**More information** - online at <http://bit.ly/1smUK5p>

## Emerging Needs Funding 2015-16

Latrobe Council's Emerging Needs funding offers support to eligible organisations that have identified and seek to address a need within the Latrobe Municipality in the fields of environment, health and community welfare; sport and recreation.

Funded projects may include equipment purchases, simple facility or infrastructure improvements, research or planning projects, and projects to develop and empower the community.

This is the only round of funding for the 2015-16 financial year.

**Funding Amount** - capped at \$1,500 per application

**Closes** - 8 May, 2015

**More information** is available by phoning 6421 4650 or emailing [michelled@latrobe.tas.gov.au](mailto:michelled@latrobe.tas.gov.au)

## Arts, Culture and Festival Assistance 2015-16

Latrobe Council's Arts, Culture and Festivals Sponsorship offers funding to eligible organisations to nurture new and established arts, culture and events activities in the Latrobe Municipality which result in social, cultural and economic benefits for the municipality.

This is the only round of funding for the 2015-16 financial year.

**Funding Amount** - capped at \$750 per application

**Closes** - 8 May, 2015

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## What's On

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

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**11 Penguin Island Challenge** incorporating Penguin Island Swim - part of the Tasmanian Ocean Swim Series Tier 1 - from Port Sorell Surf Life Saving Club. Registration from 9.00 am, race starts at 11.30 am. Go to <http://www.slst.asn.au> for more details or ☎ 0429 803 026

**11 Snakes Up Close and Personal** at The Narawntapu National Park Discovery Den, Bakers Beach from 11.00 am until 1.30 pm. ☎ 0407 061 520

**16-17 2015 Super Sedan Grand Prix** also featuring Supers Sedans, Street Stocks, Lightning Sprints, AMCA, F500, Wingless, Juniors, Speedkarts and Tassie Sixes at Bendigo Bank Arena Speedway, Speedway Road, Latrobe. Gates open from 4.00 pm. Admission charges apply. [www.bendigobankarena.com](http://www.bendigobankarena.com)

**20-31 Latrobe Art and Photographic Exhibition and Sale** at the Australian Axemans Hall of Fame, Bells Parade, Latrobe from 9.00 am until 3.00 pm daily. Free admission. Vote for your favourite artwork. ☎ 0400 578 746

**24 Book Sale** from 9.00 am until 12 noon at the Port Sorell Memorial Hall. A fund raising event for the Lions Club of Latrobe's Relay for Life team. ☎ 6428 6149

**24-25 Latrobe Lilium Show** at the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 1.00 pm - 5.00 pm Saturday and 9.00 am - 4.00 pm Sunday. Potted bulbs and seed for sale. Demonstrations in floral art, hybridizing and seed growing. Auction of flowers at 4.00 pm Sunday. Morning and afternoon teas, light lunches available. Admission: Adults \$4. ☎ 6435 1298

**26 Henley-on-Mersey Australia Day Festival.** See article on front page and advert on back page.

**26 Port Sorell Lions Australia Day Waterslide** at Port Sorell Bowls Club, Meredith Street, Port Sorell from 9.30 am. ☎ 0407 310 252

**26 \$50,000 Clayton Stewart 300mm Australian Standing Elimination Challenge** and wood chopping program at Bells Parade, Latrobe in conjunction with Henley-on-Mersey. Enquiries to 0439 355 117

**26 Model Boat and Fishing Memorabilia Exhibition** at the Port Sorell Memorial Hall, Meredith Street, Port Sorell from 10.00 am. ☎ 6428 6184

**30-31 2015 Australian Super Sedan Title** also featuring Street Stocks, AMCA, Lightning Sprints, Juniors, F500, Wingless and Modified Sedans at Bendigo Bank Arena Speedway, Speedway Road, Latrobe. Gates open from 4.00 pm. Admission charges apply. [www.bendigobankarena.com](http://www.bendigobankarena.com)

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**8 Jazz at the Port** at Banksia Centre, Pitcairn Street, Port Sorell from 1.00 pm. ☎ 6428 7926

- 14-15 Latrobe Flower and Vegetable Show** at the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe. ☎ 6428 4170 or 6428 4154
- 21 Tasmanian Boxing Championship (Elite)** at the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 6.30 pm. ☎ 0419 502 532
- 22 A Day For Butt** at Perkins Park, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 11am until 7pm. ☎ 0400 843 584
- 28 Workshop on "Inner Journey Intuition Exercises"** with Emma Creeley from 11am - 4pm. Membership of U3A required. ☎ 0499 162 539
- 28 A Day in the Vines** featuring Joe Camilleri and the Back Sorrows plus Linda and Vika at Ghost Rock Vineyard, 1055 Port Sorell Main Road, Northdown from 12 noon until 5.00 pm. BYO chair, gourmet BBQ available. No drinks permitted to be brought in. Tickets \$64 per person available through Cellar Door (6428 4005) or Devonport Entertainment and Convention Centre (6420 2900)
- 28 Southcott High Pressure Dash** speedway racing featuring Sprintcars, Super Sedans, Street Stocks, AMCA, Lightning Sprints, Juniors, Modifieds, Karts at Bendigo Bank Arena Speedway, Speedway Road, Latrobe. Gates open from 4.00 pm. Admission charges apply. [www.bendigobankarena.com](http://www.bendigobankarena.com)

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- 7-8 Van Dieman Antique and Collectables Expo** at the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe. ☎ 0488 283 075
- 13 A Taste of Italy by the Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra** at the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 7.30 pm. Bookings to [www.tso.com.au/](http://www.tso.com.au/)
- 22 Port Sorell Canine Community Walk** from the Port Sorell Fire Station, Rice Street, Port Sorell from 10.30 am. ☎ 6424 8948
- 22 Latrobe Country Music Day** at Bells Parade, Latrobe from 11am until 4 pm. ☎ 0417 096 116
- 22 Messtival** at Port Sorell Primary School from 11.30 am. Great family fun with water slides, goop, paint, jelly, bubbles, water/paint colour run. ☎ 0437 088 474

- 28 Bendigo Bank Race Meeting** featuring Sprintcars, Street Stocks, AMCA, Wingless Sprints, Modifieds, Tassie Sixes, Demo Derby at Bendigo Bank Arena Speedway, Speedway Road, Latrobe. Gates open from 4.00 pm. Admission charges apply. [www.bendigobankarena.com](http://www.bendigobankarena.com)

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- 19 Rotary Wedding Expo** at the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 10 am until 3.30 pm. ☎ 0457 883 006

## Your Elected Representatives

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## Plan Your Promotion

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

### Deadline.....Distribution Date

12 February .....	2 March
16 April (due to Easter) .....	4 May
18 June .....	6 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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## CELEBRATE AUSTRALIA DAY AT HENLEY-ON-MERSEY

Indulge in Australia's unique quirkiness, proud heritage and pioneering spirit with ferret racing, whip cracking, archery, egg throwing, model boat racing, wood chopping, musical entertainment as well as challenges for all ages on the land and water

Watch Australia and New Zealand's best axemen compete to break a 50 year record worth \$50,000 in the Clayton Stewart 300mm Australian Standing Elimination Challenge!

Enter the mini meringue and ANZAC competition. Food and refreshments available

**Guest Speaker:** Woolworths Australia Day Ambassador, Rachael Treasure

**When:** 26 January  
**Where:** Bells Parade, Latrobe  
**Time:** 9.00 am - 4.00 pm  
**Entry:** \$5 Adults, \$1 Children, Under 5 FREE  
**Enquiries:** 6426 1442 [www.henleyonmersey.com.au](http://www.henleyonmersey.com.au)

