

*Latrobe  
Port Forell*

# INFORMATION KIT FOR NEW RESIDENTS



Preserving the Past, Promoting the Present, Planning for the Future

# WELCOME

## FROM MAYOR PETER FRESHNEY

On behalf of elected members, Council's management, staff and our local community, I extend a warm welcome and a sincere thank you for your decision to make the Latrobe Municipality your home.

We are fortunate to live in a municipality where we can enjoy the best of both worlds, with a major regional city just 10 minutes down the highway, a similar distance to both sea and airports and a village type lifestyle that is the envy of many.

Whether you choose to live in the Latrobe township, the seaside village of Port Sorell or one of our many rural hamlets, there are great opportunities to enjoy the temperate climate, fresh air, clean water and level of services that are rarely available in comparable communities.

Latrobe is home to the region's Mersey Community Hospital and many associated ancillary health services catering for the broad needs of the very young through to our elderly.

A variety of private and public sector primary schools and a continually evolving High School provide ample and diverse opportunities. The municipality's sustained growth resulted in the development of the newest State Government school at Port Sorell.

Our sport and recreational facilities are the equal of any and better than many of those in similar communities around the state and interstate. The historic Latrobe Recreation Ground is the centrepiece of Latrobe's sporting precinct and the Council has a continued emphasis on the provision of health and lifestyle options for all members of our community. The construction of the Banksia Community, Sport and Recreation and Performing Arts Centre at Port Sorell in 2014 is an example of what can be achieved when we work together and harness the collective skills, attributes and experience of our residents, Council staff and elected members.

Agriculture and tourism are key industries within our Municipality, supplementing contemporary urban businesses.

Our Municipality is abundant with natural attributes ranging from golden beaches extending from Wesley Vale, through Port Sorell and across the Rubicon River to the Narawantapu National Park; the parkland setting of Bells Parade and adjoining Mersey River/Pig Island precinct; Warrawee Reserve and of course the rolling farmlands that dominate our landscape.

Our community has been built around the contribution of so many individuals and community groups, both past and present and I encourage you to consider joining with other like-minded citizens in our many sporting and community based organisations. Collectively we can continue to work together to make Latrobe an even better community for all of us who choose it as our home and those who choose to visit.

I hope the information in this kit assists you in learning more about your new community while supporting your connectedness and chosen lifestyle.

Mayor Peter Freshney



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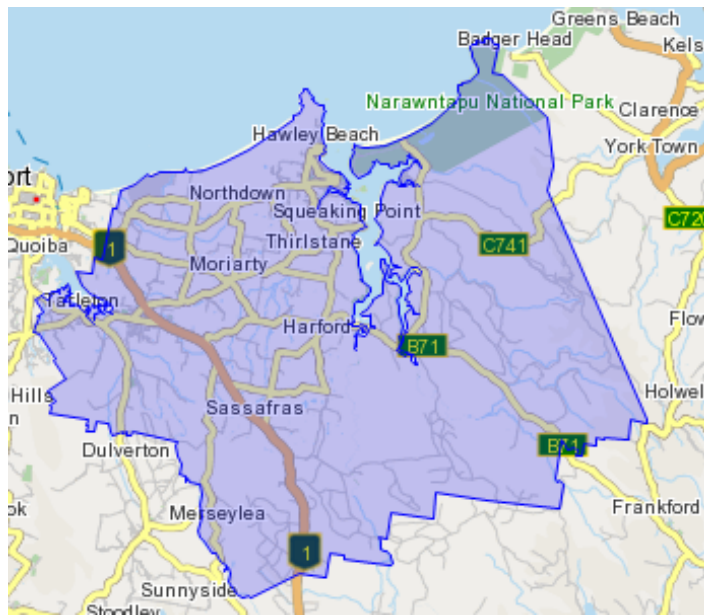


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# SNAPSHOT

Located in the geographic central north coast of Tasmania and offering an easy-going lifestyle, the Latrobe Municipality covers an area of approximately 550 sq kms.



Localities included within the Latrobe Municipality are -

Bakers Beach, Harford, Hawley Beach, Latrobe, Moriarty, Northdown, Port Sorell, Sassafras, Shearwater, Squeaking Point, Tarleton, Thirlstane and Wesley Vale.

and is a mix of one of Australia's finest historic towns where streetscapes have been lovingly preserved; a beachside paradise of sweeping beaches and sheltered inlets adjacent to a premier National Park and some of the most productive agricultural land providing for high quality crop and livestock production interspersed with a mix of Forestry plantations and reserves.

The municipality boasts industrial hubs in close proximity to sea, road and air transport services.

The Devonport Airport and Spirit of Tasmania passenger ferry terminal that traverses between Devonport and Melbourne are only a 15-minute drive from the main urban areas of Latrobe and Port Sorell.

The Mersey Community Hospital is located within the township of Latrobe with its counterparts at Burnie and Launceston only 45 minutes to 1 hour (respectively) away by vehicle on a well maintained national highway.

In the 2016 Census, the Latrobe Municipality had a population of 10,699 of which 49.1% were male and 50.9% female. The Census is the only reliable source of this data although projections are estimated based on past growth rates.

The urban areas of Latrobe and Port Sorell (incorporating Port Sorell, Shearwater and Hawley Beach) have a population of 4,169 and 3,358 respectively while the balance rural community has a population of 3,172 (and where men outnumber the women).

There was a fairly even spread of ages throughout the Municipality however those aged over 45 (53.19%) slightly outnumber residents aged under 45.

18.13% of the population aged 15 years and above did voluntary work through an organisation or group over the preceding 12 months with females generally volunteering more than males.

Multiculturalism throughout the Latrobe Municipality remains relatively low with most ancestry being Australian and English however the influences of the Scottish, Irish, Dutch and German ancestry are starting to emerge. 16.40% of the Municipality have one or both parents born overseas.

Marriage outweighs other relationship situations with 44.32% of residents married however 21.88% have never married with the highest age group in this category being those from 25-34 years.

Family compositions are the highest for families with children under 15 compared with families with no under 15 dependents.

According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics projections, the Latrobe Municipality continues to be the fastest residential growth area in Tasmania, continually exceeding State Growth. Of the 29 Local Government areas throughout Tasmania, the Latrobe Municipality continues to meet projected growth.

## Advertising by Council

### Newspaper

Council generally advertises in The Advocate newspaper (local paper); however most job vacancies for Council are advertised in the Examiner and Mercury as well.

### Notice Boards

Notice boards advising of both Council and community activities are located

- at the Council Office, 170 Gilbert Street, Latrobe; and
- outside Hill Street Grocer, Gilbert Street, Latrobe

While the blackboard outside the Latrobe Memorial Hall and Performing Arts Centre is well utilised by community members for special announcements relevant in the town of Latrobe, the signage space above the blackboard is also utilised for announcements. This is also available for public hire at \$20.00 per week. Contact Council on 6426 4444 to reserve.

### Internet

Council operates its own internet site - [www.latrobe.tas.gov.au](http://www.latrobe.tas.gov.au) - agendas, minutes, strategic plans and information on Council services are available.

Tourism specific information is also available on the Council maintained website - [www.latrobetasmania.com.au](http://www.latrobetasmania.com.au).

Council also utilises Facebook ([www.facebook.com/latrobecounciltas](https://www.facebook.com/latrobecounciltas)) to provide daily information to residents. Like and check “Get notifications” to ensure that you stay up to date with local happenings.

## Banking

### Latrobe

The Commonwealth Bank and Bendigo Bank (within the Latrobe Newsagency) provide face-to-face services.

There are currently two ATMs accessed externally however the Commonwealth Bank ATM is located outside the Latrobe Newsagency. An ANZ Bank ATM is located at 130 Gilbert Street, Latrobe

EFTPOS is available at numerous businesses.

### Port Sorell

An ATM is located on the exterior of Shearwater Festival IGA.

The Bendigo Bank branch and ATM is located in Club Drive.

ATMs for Westpac Bank and Commonwealth Bank are located at the Woolworths complex off Alexander Street, Port Sorell.

EFTPOS is available at numerous businesses.

## Building

Building permits need to be obtained for demolitions, alterations, additions, change of use and all new buildings including certain fences and swimming pools.

Before commencing any building projects, it is advisable to contact Council's Building Services Coordinator to find out just what is required.

It is important to note that planning approval will need to be obtained before most building applications can proceed. When preparing to submit a building application, it is recommended that an appointment initially be made with Council's Planning Officer (phone 6426 4444).

## Business Development

As part of Council's Strategic Plan – *Creating Opportunities* - business mentoring is available through a partnership with Switch Tasmania - phone 6408 7005.

## Camping

### Port Sorell

- The Port Sorell Caravan Park offers 20 unpowered sites, 108 powered sites and six ensuite cabins adjacent to the foreshore at Port Sorell. Three amenity blocks are located throughout the camping grounds with shower costs only 20c for 3-minutes. Additional facilities include a coin operated laundry facility, covered BBQ, camp kitchen, large children's playground and book exchange service. Bookings can be made by phoning 6428 7267.
- Moomba Holiday and Caravan Park is situated at 24 Kermode Street, Port Sorell. It houses 78 powered sites together with nine park cabins, 7 of which provide private facilities. A modern amenities block, laundry facilities and barbecue area are available. Moomba is situated close to the beach and a playground and full size tennis court is located on site. For bookings or enquires phone 6428 6140.
- Camp Banksia at Anderson Street, Port Sorell is a beachside camp and conference facility offering fully catered camps to school, church, sport, family, community and business groups. For more information, phone 6428 6121.

### Latrobe

- Situated at Bells Parade Latrobe, the Latrobe Mersey River Caravan Park offers 40 powered sites and 20 unpowered sites including sites available for tents. Ensuite style unisex amenities together with laundry and camp kitchen facilities are available. For further enquires phone 6426 1944
- There is a designated overnight stop area for fully self contained vehicles located in Cotton Street, Latrobe (at the back of Station Square in Gilbert Street – access via Cotton Street). Campers are allowed to camp for a maximum of 48 hours within any 14-day consecutive period at a cost of \$10 per night. This fee is reinvested in community projects.

The definition of fully self-contained means that vehicles must have their own shower, toilet, washing, cooking and sleeping facilities and must have holding tanks for all toilet waste and sullage water sufficient for at least 48 hours use by the occupants.

Latrobe Primary School check compliance and issue the permits each evening from September through to April. Outside this time, no fee is charged however the ground may not be conducive for vehicle manoeuvrability.

### Dump Points

The location in Latrobe is at the rear of the CBD, accessible off Cotton Street.

At Port Sorell the dump point can be found along the access to the Port Sorell jetty, Darling Street, Port Sorell.

Other privately operated accommodation venues are available throughout the municipality. Specific information can be obtained from the Visitor Information Centre or online at [www.latrobetaustralia.com.au](http://www.latrobetaustralia.com.au).

## Cat Management

The State Government introduced legislation to control cats in 2012.

Council is committed to decreasing the number of feral cats in the community and ensuring domestic cats are managed in accordance with the legislation.

Contact the Council office during business hours for further information.

## Cemeteries

There are a number of cemeteries located throughout the Latrobe Municipality however Council only keeps the records for the Latrobe Cemetery bounded by Gilbert, Percival and Cotton Streets, Latrobe. Records for all other cemeteries are held by the respective religious organisation.

In January 2007, Latrobe Council officially re-opened the Latrobe Cemetery.

Single and double depth plots are available for reservation in the lawn cemetery.

In 2012 the Lions Club of Latrobe donated \$7,500, partnering with Latrobe Council to build a Columbarium, a place for the respectful storage of one's ashes following cremation.

Please contact Council on 6426 4444 for further information.

Working bees are regularly undertaken of the Latrobe Cemetery and grounds. The working bees are well advertised and all are invited to assist with the maintenance of the Cemetery. Enquiries to Council's Executive Assistant.



## Children's Services

The Centrelink Child Care Benefit can offset some of the cost of child care. Enquiries in relation to applying for this benefit should be directed to Centrelink on 31 61 50.

Local providers include

### St Patricks Child Care

Scheduled and casual childcare, long day care, after school and vacation care at 55 Bradshaw Street, Latrobe

Catering for children from 1-7 years, the operating hours are –

7.30 am – 6.00 pm	All day
7.30 am – 12.45 pm	Morning only
12.45 pm – 6.00 pm	Afternoon only

Shamrock Outside School Hours Care and Vacation Care is also provided to any primary school aged child (5-12 years) and operates Monday to Friday.

Outside School Hours Care and Vacation Care hours are from 3pm to 6pm

Vacation Care is offered from 8.00 am to 6.00 pm.

To make a booking for any of the above services -

Telephone: 6426 3048  
 Facsimile: 6426 3049  
 Postal address: PO Box 104 Latrobe 7307  
 Email: st.patccc@catholic.tas.edu.au

### Shearwater Childcare Centre

Scheduled, casual and occasion childcare and After School Care at 81 Club Drive Shearwater 7307

Catering for children from 6 weeks - 5 years for long day care; up to 12 years for after school care, the operating hours are from 7am – 6pm Monday to Friday.

Telephone: 6428 8600  
 Facsimile: 6428 8700  
 Postal address: 81 Club Drive, Shearwater, 7307  
 Email: shearwater@sharingthecare.com.au

### "In home" childcare

This is provided by Mission Australia Early Learning Services -For enquiries in relation to this service and availability within the municipality phone 6424 4855. Coastal Family Day Care also provide services and can be contacted on 6435 3322.

### Learn to Swim

Classes are generally held within the school system however the current Manager of the Latrobe Swim Centre offers this service over the summer season. Phone 6426 1843.

### Playgroup

Possum Playgroup operates in the Port Sorell Memorial Hall, Meredith Street, Port Sorell, catering for children aged for 0-5 years. Parental supervision is necessary with the playgroup operating each Tuesday during school terms from 10 am until 12 noon. Phone 6426 9191 for more information.

## Community Centres

Numerous community facilities are located throughout the Latrobe Municipality with many managed by a Management Committee of Council or private enterprise.

The **Latrobe Memorial Hall and Performing Arts Centre**, located in Gilbert Street, Latrobe is available to be utilised for a variety of performance, exhibition, social and meetings activities with a large screen and surround sound system also available. There is also a serviceable kitchen area. Bookings can be made by contacting Latrobe Council; phone 6426 4444.

Located in Meredith Street, Port Sorell, the **Port Sorell Memorial Hall** has meeting and activity rooms available for rent by community and private groups for a minimal charge. Bookings can be made at the Port Sorell Caravan Park Caretaker's Office, phone 6428 7267.

Located in Pitcairn Street, Port Sorell, the **Banksia Centre** is available to be utilised for a variety of sport, performance, exhibition, social and meetings activities with catering facilities available within. Bookings can be made via Camp Banksia, phone 6428 6121.

If you are seeking a facility for a specific purpose, Council's Community Development Officer may be able to assist with your enquiry.

## Community Development Grants

Council provides two forms of Community Development Grants to eligible community organisations.

### Emerging Needs funding

is offered to eligible organisations that do not currently receive financial support from Council and who have identified and seek to address a need within the Latrobe Municipality in the fields of minor capital works; health and community welfare; environment and sport and recreation. Funding is up to 50% of the value of the project with a capping of \$2,000.

### Arts, Culture and Festivals Sponsorship

offers funding to eligible organisations to nurture new or established events and major festivals that build our cultural identity, support accessibility and deliver a diverse range of community arts and cultural activities within the Latrobe Municipality, assisting them towards self-sustainability. Funding is up to 50% of the value of the event with a capping of \$1,500.

Enquiries should be directed to Council's Community Development Officer.

## Community Newsletter

Council produces and distributes a free community newsletter – *Council, Coast and Country* - in January, March, May, July, September and November to every household and business in the municipality via Australia Post.

The purpose of the newsletter is to inform residents of local happenings by Council and the community and receive feedback as required. Please forward articles to Council's Community Development Officer – email: [michelled@latrobe.tas.gov.au](mailto:michelled@latrobe.tas.gov.au).

If you do not receive this newsletter, please contact Australia Post in the first instance then Council's Community Development Officer on 6426 4444.

## Community Organisations

The community is well served by numerous community, sport, recreation, cultural, educational and religious organisations as detailed at <http://www.latrobe.tas.gov.au/page.aspx?u=332>.

Specific contact details of these groups may be available from Latrobe Council on 6426 4444 where the group has permitted third party release to the public.

## Council Meetings

The Council conducts its ordinary meetings on the second Monday of each month at the Latrobe Council Chambers, 170 Gilbert Street, Latrobe. The dates are occasionally varied to avoid public holidays and religious festivals.

All Ordinary and Special Meetings commence at 5.00pm and are open to the public, although the conduct of some types of business (prescribed in the Local Government Act 1993) does occur in closed session.

The Council welcomes and encourages the public to attend its meetings.

At each Ordinary Meeting, up to 15 minutes is set-aside shortly after commencement to enable members of the public to ask questions of Council or to make public statements on matters relevant to Council business. Speakers usually have 3-4 minutes to speak on their issue or topic. Submissions, comments or questions in relation to items listed in the Planning Authority agenda are not permitted.

Agendas for Ordinary Meetings are available for inspection at the Council Offices, Latrobe; Latrobe Library; Hawley Beach Shop; Shearwater Newsagency and Port Sorell General Store on the Thursday before each meeting.

Copies or items or extracts from the Agenda are available for a prescribed fee from the Council office or the Agenda is downloadable (PDF format) from Council's website at [www.latrobe.tas.gov.au](http://www.latrobe.tas.gov.au).

## Council Office

Residents can transact all their Council business at the Council office at 170 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 8.00am until 4.30pm. A telephone service is provided until 5.00pm, phone 6426 4444. Council's facsimile number is 6426 2121 and email address is [council@latrobe.tas.gov.au](mailto:council@latrobe.tas.gov.au).

Further information on Council and the Latrobe Municipality is directly available on Council's website at [www.latrobe.tas.gov.au](http://www.latrobe.tas.gov.au).

In the case of an after hours emergency, phone 6426 2653.

## Council Structure

Council has nine elected members. Each Councillor is elected for a four year term on an all in, all out basis. Whilst voting is not compulsory, your voice does matter - ensure you are correctly enrolled to vote.

If you are enrolled on the State Electoral Roll, you are automatically enrolled to vote in the Local Government elections in the Municipality in which you reside.

If you are eligible to be on the State roll but are not correctly enrolled at present, you can get an enrolment form from any Australia Post outlet or the electoral office or have one sent to you by phoning 12 32 35.

### General Manager's Roll

You are eligible to enrol for Local Government elections in Municipalities where -

- You own or occupy land but you are not eligible to be on the State roll for that area;
- You are the nominated representative of a corporate body which owns or occupies land in the municipal area.

To enrol under these special provisions, you need to obtain a copy of the appropriate enrolment form by contacting the Council office.

The positions of Mayor and Deputy Mayor are popularly elected by residents every four years.

The Councillors' role is to direct and control the affairs of Council according to the Local Government Act 1993 and other relevant legislation.

Councillors are required to represent the interests of residents and ratepayers, provide leadership and guidance to the community and encourage communication between Council and the community.

Mayor Peter FRESHNEY .....	0417 287 006
Deputy Mayor Graeme BROWN.....	0417 598 116
Shayne (Cush) ALLISON.....	0409 792 648
Michael McLAREN .....	6426 2777



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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

### General Manager

The General Manager is the Chief Executive Officer of the Council and is responsible for implementing the decisions of Council.

These responsibilities include the day-to-day management of Council, exercising any functions delegated by Council, appointing, directing and managing staff and implementing Council's Strategic Plan.

This is achieved through five streams of Council –

Governance Department	Strategic and corporate planning Policy and management review
Development and Regulatory Services	Statutory and strategic planning Building and plumbing control Public health Animal Control
Community and Economic Development	Economic Development Tourism Community development grants Municipal Marketing and Promotion Aged Persons Housing Recovery (Emergency) Cultural events and festivals Community liaison Recreation facility management Youth activities Roadside Vendors
Finance and People	Financial management Rating Debtors and Creditors Payroll Purchasing Risk Management Property Management & Insurance Human Resources

### Customer Service and Business Support

Information technology  
Committee secretarial services  
Internal administration

### Infrastructure and Assets

Asset management  
Contract management  
Project feasibility  
Waste management  
Engineering services  
Emergency Management  
Building and facilities management  
Natural Resource Management  
Animal control  
By-laws & statutory nuisances

### Operations Department

Road construction and maintenance  
Stormwater, kerb and channel  
Footpaths  
Green Spaces  
Building maintenance  
Bridges

## Dog Management

The Dog Control Act requires all dogs over the age of six months to be registered with the local Council. Registration forms are available from the Council Office at 170 Gilbert Street, Latrobe or by phoning 6426 4444.

As the owner or person in charge of a dog, you have certain responsibilities and legal requirements. These include:

- Registering and microchipping a dog that is over the age of six months; registrations are valid from 1<sup>st</sup> July to 30<sup>th</sup> June each year.
- Keeping your dog on a lead when you are walking on a road or footpath in a city or town;
- Ensuring that the dog does not roam and that it is under effective control (confined to your own property);
- Restricting your dog sufficiently while it is in or on a vehicle so that it is unable to leave the vehicle or attack any person or animal outside the vehicle;
- Preventing your dog from rushing at, or chasing a moving vehicle or bicycle whilst in a public place;
- Making sure that a bitch on heat is confined away from public places; and
- Cleaning up after your dog.

The *Dog Control Act 2000* provide for a Council to set aside areas for the exercising of dogs, subject to specific conditions.

All dogs enjoy the freedom of running around without a leash. Latrobe Council has established special areas at Port Sorell and Latrobe to give your dog the chance to run around leash free without fear of attracting a fine, provided it is still under effective control. Details are available online at <http://www.latrobe.tas.gov.au/animalcontrol>.

Whilst using off-leash areas, dog owners are required to abide by the conditions that are clearly displayed on site. For the safety and convenience of other residents, users must dispose of a dog's droppings in the bins provided.

**Please note:** All dogs in a Public Place outside Council's Off-Leash Exercise Areas must be on a lead not exceeding 2 metres, and all dogs in the leash free area must still remain under effective control and be responsive to their owners command. **Failure to do so may result in an "on the spot" fine.**

As well as earmarking areas for exercising dogs, the *Dog Control Act 2000* enables Councils to declare areas where dogs are not allowed. These can include areas of sensitive habitat for native wildlife. This does not apply to guide dogs or hearing impaired dogs, which are still allowed access.

Council may declare an area to be one where dogs are restricted from entering:

- During specified hours, days or seasons;
- During specified hours, days or seasons unless they are on a lead.

There are other public places where dogs are prohibited. These include:

- Any grounds of a school, preschool, kindergarten, crèche or other place where children assemble, without the permission from the person in charge of that place;
- Shopping centres and other shops;
- The grounds of a public swimming pool;
- Any playing area of a sports ground on which sport is being played;
- Within 10 metres of a children's playground;
- Beach area in front of the Surf Club around to boat ramp – Port Sorell
- Port Sorell jetty;
- Point Sorell (from the boom gate end of Hawley Esplanade)
- Narawntapu National Park;
- Penguin Island (including 100m of the surrounding sand)
- Rabbit Island;
- Shell Island
- ALL ISLANDS IN THE RUBICON ESTUARY
- Hawley Beach foreshore from Hawley Beach access walkway (south of Surf Club) to the Hawley Beach exercise area starting at Vine Street/Esplanade;
- Port Sorell foreshore from the end of Rice Street to the Port Sorell Boat Ramp;

- Port Sorell Caravan Park – camping with dogs permitted in small section of the park close to Port Sorell exercise area (by invitation only);
- Camp Banksia;
- Shearwater and Thirlstane Golf Courses;
- Hawley Reserve;
- Panatana Park;
- Aub Luck reserve and Rubicon Reserve;
- Hospital;
- Bell’s Parade; and
- Latrobe Cemetery.

Council's Dog Management Policy is reviewed every five years.

## Driveway and Vehicle Crossovers

Vehicle crossovers and driveways within the road reservation are the responsibility of the property owner, not Council.

Any upgrade however must conform with Council’s standard drawing for vehicle crossovers/driveways and obtain approval from Council’s engineering services prior to undertaking works. Works must also be carried out by appropriately qualified persons.

## Education

A number of educational facilities operating within the Latrobe Municipality, being -

Kindergarten	Latrobe Primary School, Lewis Street, Latrobe	6426 1203
	Sassafras Primary School, 50 School Road, Latrobe	6426 7240
	St Patrick's Catholic School, 55 Bradshaw Street, Latrobe	6426 1626
	Andrews Creek Primary School, Westwind Dv, Wesley Vale	6428 4088
Primary School	Geneva, 197 Moriarty Road, Latrobe	6426 1053
	Latrobe Primary, Lewis Street, Latrobe	6426 1203
	Port Sorell Primary School, Pitcairn Street, Port Sorell	6422 2222
	Sassafras Primary School, 50 School Road, Sassafras	6426 7240
	St Patrick's Catholic School, 55 Bradshaw Street, Latrobe	6426 1626
	Andrews Creek Primary School, Westwind Dv, Wesley Vale	6428 4088



High School	Geneva, 197 Moriarty Road, Latrobe	6426 1053
	Latrobe High School, Percival Street, Latrobe	6426 1061

Additionally, the following private education opportunity exists for students from the Latrobe Municipality -

- St Brendans-Shaw College, James Street, Devonport      Grade 7-12      6424 7622

Further education is available at -

- Don College, Watkinson Street, Devonport      6424 4744
- TasTAFE, Valley Road, Devonport      1300 655 307
- Skills Tasmania, Valley Road, Devonport      1800 655 846
- University of Tasmania - campuses at Burnie, Launceston and Hobart

The educational facilities at Devonport are easily accessed through an established bus service.

Less structured certified learning is also available through LINC Tasmania, 113-117 Gilbert Street, Latrobe (6426 1001).

A business mentoring program, developed as part of Council's Strategic Plan, is available to existing and intending business operators through Cradle Coast Innovation (0488 333 893).

## Elderly Persons Units

Council operates 60 one and two bedroom elderly persons units within the town of Latrobe.

Tenancy is based on the payment of a founder donor contribution (depreciating over 10 years) to secure life tenancy plus a fortnightly rental.

The allocation of units is based on the order in which they are placed on the waiting list for same however couples are prioritised for two bedroom units.

There is a committee comprising of tenant representatives, Council officers and Councillors who meet in April and November and at other times when required.

For further information please contact Council's Community Development Officer.

## Emergency Services

Ambulance	emergency only	000
	mobile phones emergency only	112
Council	Emergencies only after hours	6426 2653
TasWater		13 69 92
Domestic Violence Crisis Service		1800 608 122

Drug and Alcohol Service, Youth Shelter	Youth, Family and Community Connections	6423 6635
Electricity	Emergencies and difficulties	132 004
Fire Brigade	emergency only Numerous volunteer rural brigades operate throughout the Municipality. Contact Tasmania Fire Service	000 6173 2740
Hospital	Mersey Community Hospital, Torquay Rd, Latrobe	6478 5500
Lifeline	Bargain Shop, Gilbert Street, Latrobe Counselling Service (24 hours)	6426 1415 131 114
Mersey State Emergency Service	19-21 Macfie St, Devonport	132 500
Health Direct	Telephone health advice line	1800 022 222
Poisons Information		131 126
Police	emergency only Latrobe Police Station, Hamilton Street, Latrobe Port Sorell Police Station, Club Drive, Port Sorell	000 6426 1021 6428 6137
Sea Safety, Search and Rescue		000 or 1800 627 484
Stormwater and Roads	contact Council on	6426 4444

## Environment

### Burning Off

In the interest of reducing pollution loads and possible effects upon neighbours, Council does not encourage the burning off of accumulated growth and stockpiled cleared material particularly in Rural Residential and Closed Residential areas.

Waste material, especially from land clearing, should ideally be taken to a Waste Transfer Station, not burnt.

People wishing to burn materials need to be aware of some obvious “dos” and “don’ts”, including -

- Any burning now illegal for blocks under 2,000m<sup>2</sup>,
- gaining the appropriate Tasmanian Fire Service permits where applicable,
- not burning green material,
- avoiding burning on hot, dry or windy days when the weather conditions are likely to cause smoke, ash, cinders or odour to impact on others or cause fires to spread,

- not burning large amounts (large “stock” piles or more than one) of material at any one time;
- having the means to put out a fire available to you,
- appropriately supervising and controlling any burning material, and
- advising neighbours.

Smokey, smoldering fires in or adjacent to residences are not appreciated by anyone and may cause unexpected outcomes including triggering respiratory complaints.

Residents are reminded that though burning off is permitted outside the annual fire danger period, there are penalties that can be applied under the Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994 should negative consequences be experienced from any burning activity. In addition, the Tasmanian Fire Service administers a range of issues relating to fire control and can impose severe penalties for breaches. For further information on “dos” and “don’ts” with respect to fire, please contact the Tasmanian Fire Service on 1800 000 699.

Complaints with regard to any burn off activities should be directed to Council’s Environmental Health Officer on 6426 4444 in the first instance and also the Tasmanian Fire Service.

### Back Yard Incinerators

The use of back yard incinerators, especially in residential areas to burn unwanted waste, is no longer a socially acceptable practice.

Paper, cardboard, plastic and other materials can be legally disposed of in a number of ways, including recycling.

The burning of these and similar materials can cause smoke and odour pollution which could lead to an infringement notice carrying a fine being served.

### Noise

Noise should not create a nuisance for other people. In other words, noise should not unreasonably interfere with a person’s enjoyment of their environment with regard to its volume, intensity or duration.

You should also consider the time of day and your location. If the noise can be heard in a habitable room of another residential premises, it may be considered to be unreasonable.

Noise from stereos after hours should be directed to the police. For noise that is emitted during the day, or is an on-going problem, Council’s Environmental Health Officers may be able to deal with this problem. Remember to consider your neighbours.

Permissible hours of operation - Environmental Management and Pollution Control (Miscellaneous Noise) Regulations 2004

The following equipment descriptions and hours of operation are an excerpt from the Regulations.

Lawnmowers and garden maintenance equipment powered by an engine

Monday to Friday	Between 7 am and 8 pm
Saturday	Between 9 am and 8 pm
Sundays and Statutory holidays	Between 10 am and 8 pm

Chainsaws within 300 metres of residential premises

Monday to Friday	Between 7 am and 6 pm
Saturday	Between 9 am and 6 pm
Sundays and Statutory holidays	Between 10 am and 6 pm

Musical Instruments and amplifying equipment

Monday to Thursday	Between 7 am and 10 pm
Friday	Not before 7am
Saturday	Not before 9 am
Sundays and statutory holidays	Between 10 am and 10 pm

Portable equipment such as power tools, cement mixers etc.

Monday to Friday	Between 7 am and 6 pm
Saturday	Between 8 am and 6 pm
Sundays and statutory holidays	Between 10 am and 6 pm

Motor Vehicle, motor vessel or outboard motor (unless being operated to move into or out of residential premises or a construction or demolition site)

Monday to Friday	Between 7 am and 6 pm
Saturday	Between 9 am and 6 pm
Sundays and Statutory holidays	Between 10 am and 6 pm

Should you wish to operate equipment other than that specifically stated above, you should either contact the Council or refer to the full Regulations.

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

### Recreational Water Quality

Council officers check recreational waters over the summer months (December to March) for microbiological contamination. Please observe any warning signs advising of no swimming if the water quality is not safe for swimming. There are permanent signs at Bells Parade outside the main gates and on River Road side of the Bark Hut.

Spas and pools in the Municipality are also checked monthly by Council staff.



## Events

A number of major events are held throughout the Latrobe Municipality on a regular basis and include -

### January

- Port Sorell Challenge (part of State Swim Series)

- Latrobe Speedway

- Latrobe Liliun Show

- Henley-on-Mersey - Fun, Food, Ferrets and Fitness, Latrobe - [www.henleyonmersey.com.au](http://www.henleyonmersey.com.au)

### February

- Latrobe Speedway

- Latrobe Flower and Vegetable Show

- Concert in the Vines

### March

- Van Diemen Antique and Collectables Expo

- Latrobe Speedway

- Port Sorell Canine Community Walk

- Sassafras Heritage Farm Weekend (bi-yearly - even years)

### April

- ANZAC Day Services – Latrobe and Port Sorell

### June

- Lilium Bulb Sale

### August

- Chocolate Winterfest, Latrobe - [www.chocolatewinterfest.com.au](http://www.chocolatewinterfest.com.au)

### September

- Apex Australia Teenage Fashion Awards

- Mersey Cat Fanciers Show

### October

- Table Top Gaming Convention

- Port Sorell Spring Fair

- Latrobe Antiques and Collectables Expo

### November

- Latrobe Speedway

- Truly Tasmanian Craft Exhibition and Sale, Latrobe

- Dog's Christmas Party

Remembrance Day

## December

Christmas Shopping Night

Port Sorell Lions Club Carols

Latrobe Lions Christmas Parade and Carols in Kings Park

Latrobe Cycling, Athletics and Wood Chopping Carnival

Market by the Beach

An events calendar is maintained on Latrobe Council's website ([www.latrobe.tas.gov.au](http://www.latrobe.tas.gov.au)).

## Fence Construction

The *Boundary Fences Act 1908* sets out the law in Tasmania relating to erecting and repairing boundary fences.

A fact sheet can be found at <https://www.legalaid.tas.gov.au/factsheets/boundary-fences-fact-sheet/>.

Prior to construction of any fence, it is recommended that you contact Council's planning department as there are local regulations that apply to the height of both boundary and front fences.

## Footpaths

Council footpaths are inspected annually and a program established to rectify the most utilised paths with the greatest hazard to users.

For enquiries about works within road reservation contact Council Engineering Department.

## Garbage Collection Service

Council provides a fortnightly garbage collection service. All property owners on the domestic garbage collection route must use the prescribed blue and red mobile garbage bin.

Additionally, tip tickets to Port Sorell or Spreyton are included with residents annual rates notices. The relevant tip ticket is based on your nearest centre. An additional sheet of tip tickets can be purchased from the Council office or you may pay at the transfer station.

Requests to obtain bins should be directed to the Council office during business hours.

Garbage collection is as follows:

### Latrobe North Garbage (every second Monday)

Includes north of Gilbert Street (not including Gilbert Street) up to the Moriarty Road roundabout, Bass Highway, streets off Bass Highway (not including Moriarty Road) and all of Spreyton area.

**Latrobe South Garbage (every second Tuesday)**

Includes southern side of Gilbert Street (including Gilbert Street) and the Railton Road area.

**Port Sorell Garbage (every second Monday)**

Includes Shearwater, Hawley Beach and Port Sorell bounded by the Alexander Street/Port Sorell Main Road roundabout.

**Rural Garbage (every second Tuesday)**

Includes the mainly rural area between the Alexander Street/Port Sorell Main Road roundabout and the Moriarty Road roundabout.

**Rural Collection – second and fourth Monday of each month**

Sassafras store area	7.00am – 8.00am
Valleyfield/Oppenheim's Road junction	8.00am – 9.00am
Moriarty Fire Station	9.00am – 10.00am

## Health

Aged Care facilities	Rubicon Grove (Port Sorell)	6427 5700
	Strathdevon	6426 2844
	Latrobe Adult Day Care Centre	6426 2744
	Respite Care Centre	6427 9511
Centrelink	167 William Street, Devonport	131 021
Community Nursing	23 Steele Street, Devonport	6421 7700
Community Transport	Mersey Community Care Association (Devonport)	6424 8883
Doctors Surgeries	Latrobe Family Medical Practice	
	45 Gilbert Street, Latrobe	6426 1141
	Port Sorell Medical Centre	
	81 Club Drive, Shearwater	6428 7720
Dentists	Dr G Fantarella, Shop 2, 1 Quinlan Cres, Shearwater	6428 8881
	Smile Care Latrobe, 98 Gilbert Street, Latrobe	6426 1188
	other dental services providers can be located in the Yellow Pages	
Department of Veterans' Affairs		1800 555 254
Family, Child and Youth Health Service		
	23 Steele Street, Devonport	1300 737 639
Meals on Wheels	Devonport	6423 3272
Respite Centre	2 Hawkins Street, Latrobe	6426 2488
Senior Citizens Club	Latrobe Senior Citizens Club	6426 1823
	Rubicon Senior Citizens Club (Port Sorell)	6428 6568

## Immunisation

Vaccinations are provided in accordance with the National Health and Medical Research Council, Australian Vaccination Schedule.

Regular immunisation clinics are held at the Latrobe Family Medical Centre, 45b Gilbert Street, Latrobe the third Thursday of each month from 12 noon until 12.30 pm.

Council also conducts school immunisation programs as required.

Further details can be obtained from Council's Environmental Health Officer.

## Justices of the Peace

Normally there is a Justice of the Peace available at Council, but on occasions this may not be the case. Appointments are encouraged to ensure availability.

Contact details for Justices of the Peace can be obtained online at <https://www.justice.tas.gov.au/justice-of-the-peace>.

A Commissioner for Declaration is empowered to exercise some of the ministerial functions of Justices of the Peace. They may witness signatures to documents and take statutory declarations but they **are not** authorised to administer, take or receive an oath, affidavit or affirmation or receive a complaint or issue a summons or a warrant. A Commissioner for Declaration is appointed by profession and can be found at many Councils, Post Offices, banks, schools and the like.

## Museums

### Australian Axemans Hall of Fame

The history of competitive wood chopping is the story of Australia's pioneering bushmen and their families. Sadly, the unique culture and bush skills are dying along with the last generation to work the forests with an axe and crosscut saw.

The Australian Axeman's Hall of Fame and Timberworks is the first national museum dedicated to this aspect of our colonial history. It is also an educational and entertainment centre.

The Australian Axemans Hall of Fame is open daily and contactable on 6426 2099.

### Latrobe Court House Museum

The Court House Museum tells the story of Latrobe and surrounding areas since European settlement began in the mid nineteenth century. The centre of a rich agricultural and forestry district the town has also been a major port on the North West coast, the site of the Tasmania's oil shale industry and birthplace of competitive wood chopping in Australia. The Museum tells its stories through changing displays and rich photographic collections

Located in the original Courthouse in 113-115 Gilbert Street, Latrobe, the Latrobe Courthouse Museum is staffed by volunteers and operates from Tuesday to Friday from 1pm until 4pm subject to volunteer availability. The museum is closed throughout June and July. Entry is by donation. Phone 6426 1289 or 6426 2777.



### Latrobe Football Club History Room

On a per capita basis Latrobe's contribution to the sport of Australian football is second to none. A total of fifteen senior premierships plus one state flag is creditable enough, but when one peruses a list of some of the illustrious names to have taken the field over the years, one's admiration increases still further. Along with regular Tasmanian interstate representatives like Joe Murphy, Len Lawson and Vin Waite, and dual Wander Medallists in Bob Hickman and John Jillard, Latrobe has been home to three champions who would have to be accorded legendary status regardless of either the era or the company. Of these, Ivor Warne-Smith and Darrel Baldock have both acquired Australia-wide reputations, however, the third of these champions, Harry Coventry, despite being less well known, loses nothing in comparison, and might lay some claim to being Latrobe's favourite son.

The Latrobe Football Club has established a History Room at the Latrobe Recreation Ground. To view the memorabilia, phone 6426 1479 or 0418 364 379.

### Sherwood Hall

This 1850's timber home of convict/entrepreneur Thomas Johnson and his part-Aboriginal wife Dolly Dalrymple Briggs was relocated to Bells Parade, Latrobe in the early 1990's to save it from being lost to erosion on the banks of the Mersey River at Latrobe.

It is architecturally recognised as one of the most significant timber buildings in Australia and reflects the building methods of the 1850's along with lifestyle items and the history of the Johnson-Briggs family.

It is open each Tuesday and Thursday from 10am until 2pm and Saturday and Sundays from 1pm until 4pm. Admission by donation. Enquiries to 6426 2888.

### Darrel Baldock Memorial

Officially opened in 2014, the Darrel Baldock Memorial is located in Gilbert Street, Latrobe at the entrance to the Latrobe Recreation Ground. This self-guided series of panels with statue likeness of Darrel Baldock details his early years in Latrobe leading to his rise to Australian Football League (AFL) Legend and State politician.

### Sheean Memorial and Sheean Walk

The Edward "Teddy" Sheean memorial is located in Gilbert Street, Latrobe (opposite the Latrobe Newsagency) and was officially opened on 12th December, 1992.

The memorial pays homage to the supreme and heroic sacrifice by 18-year old "Teddy's" in his final hours on HMAS Armidale as well as his early years in Latrobe.

Sheean Memorial and is also the starting point of "Sheean Walk", a beautiful tree lined link between Latrobe CBD and the picturesque Bells Parade.

Along Sheean Walk, a number of plaque detail various world conflicts and peace keeping endeavours in which Australians have been involved with a section specifically dedicated to World War I and another to World War II.

## Neighbourhood Watch

The aim of Neighbourhood Watch is to assist all residents to maintain a protective environment in which to live because, unfortunately, there is always an element of our society who considers what is yours is theirs. There are coordinators and “watch” areas at Latrobe and Port Sorell. Contact details are available from the Council office (6426 4444).

## Parking

Kerbside parking is free throughout the entire municipality with parking bays line marked in the urban centres of Latrobe and Port Sorell. There are however restricted parking limits in the CBD that are clearly detailed on street signage.

There are a number of Council car parks provided at -

- the rear of Station Square accessible from Gilbert or Cotton Streets, Latrobe. This is also where large vehicles may park however, if camping, please refer to Camping in this kit.
- opposite Station Square, Gilbert Street, Latrobe (Reisz’ carpark)
- adjacent to the Latrobe Bowls Club, Victor Street, Latrobe
- Shearwater CBD adjacent to the former Shearwater Medical Centre

Although there are no parking meters, be aware that significant on the spot fines will be issued to residents and visitors that park on any yellow lines, in invalid/disabled parking zones, within loading zones or park longer than the permitted time.

Airport security parking is available at the Devonport Airport.

## Parks and Reserves

The Latrobe Municipality has many attractive parks, playgrounds, picnic and barbecue sites, all within easy walking distance from most houses in the urban areas of the municipality and linked by a variety of walking tracks.

Key reserves and playgrounds include –

Latrobe	King’s Park (incl. playground), Bell’s Parade (incl. playground), Thompsons Park, Warrawee Forest Reserve and Henry Somerset Orchid Conservation Area
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The southern end of the Bark Hut at Bells Parade, Latrobe and the nearby rotunda are available for sole purpose use by booking same with the Australian Axemans Hall of Fame (6426 2099). All other areas within this reserve are multi-use availability only.

Port Sorell	the foreshore from Point Sorell to Squeaking Point; Pitcairn Street Bushland Reserve, Aub Luck Reserve, Rubicon Reserve, entry to the
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Port Sorell Caravan Park (incl. playground) and Panatana Rivulet (incl. playground).

Further information is available from the Latrobe Visitor Information Centre on 6426 2240.

## Planning Permits

All development and use of land within the Latrobe Municipality is governed by a planning scheme. Should you wish to establish a new development (even if building approval is not required), you may need planning approval.

With the introduction of vegetation management controls, all development within rural residential zones requires a planning permit.

Home-based business, commercial and industrial activity, signage and the like should be discussed with Council's Planning Officer.

## Plumbing Permits

Plumbing permits must be obtained before work commences on any project. To obtain a permit, plans should be submitted to the Council showing the relevant details of the proposed works.

Household drainage plans can be obtained by contacting Council during normal business hours.

## Port Sorell Advisory Committee

The Port Sorell Advisory Committee is a special committee of Council consisting of organisation and community representatives of Port Sorell.

Its role is to consider and recommend to the Council on matters relating to the good development of the Port Sorell area in such fields of traffic management, business/commercial development, recreational facilities, foreshore and environmental matters and land use planning policy.

Membership also entails assisting the Council with marketing, promoting and developing the Port Sorell area in liaison with Councillors and Council staff.

The Committee meet monthly at the Port Sorell Memorial Hall on a Tuesday. Meetings commence at 4.00 pm for approximately 60 minutes.

Residents of the municipality are very welcome to attend meetings as observers. Comments must be directed through the duly appointed representatives.

Council provides the Chair for the meetings and secretarial services to the committee. Contact Council's Executive Assistant for further information.

## Postal Services

There are two full service Australia Post offices situated within the Latrobe Municipality -

Latrobe - 113-117 Gilbert Street, Latrobe

Port Sorell - Shops 6-10, 11 Poyston Drive, Shearwater

## Rates

Each year rates are set by estimating the cost of services, infrastructure and projects that need to be funded throughout the following year less anticipated revenue from State and Commonwealth Grants together with fees and charges. The balance expenditure is funded from rates and charges.

Essentially, the rates that you pay are your investment in local services and facilities for the betterment of the community not only for now but years to come.

Council manage more than \$125 million in community assets and undertake an annual capital works program of more than \$2.5 million.

Rate notices are issued early in each financial year with a discount offered if rates are paid in full within four weeks of issue. Ratepayers also have the choice to elect to pay by four instalments.

Where ratepayers are unable to pay in full or by four instalments, arrangements for other periodical payment schedules can be arranged by contacting the Rates Officer.

Legal proceedings, which may lead to a defaulting ratepayer incurring substantial costs, may be commenced without further notice if rates and charges are not paid on time.

### Pensioner Rate Remission

Through Council, the State Government offers a pensioner rate remission to all eligible pensioners. Basically, all pensioners with a pension concession card or a Department of Veterans' Affairs gold card are eligible.

The pensioner must own or occupy the house as their principal place of residence as at the 1<sup>st</sup> July in the financial year the rates are levied to get the remission. Their pension card must have also been granted by that date. The remission is 30% of the rates with a maximum set annually by State Government plus 20% of the fire levy.

Please contact Council's Rates Officer to check your eligibility as staff will be happy to advise and answer any question.

## Recycling Service

A domestic kerbside recycling collection service is provided to those residences that receive a household garbage collection. Each residence is issued with a blue and yellow wheelie bin. This operates on a fortnightly basis.

Recycled materials can include the following -

Plastics (all numbers), steel and aluminium cans, glass bottles, and jars (**please rinse all containers and remove all lids**), newspapers/magazines/junk mail /cardboard/ office papers/ (**do not bundle paper and cardboard**)

These items are **NOT** recyclable -

Plastic bags, window glass or mirrors, batteries, light globes, polystyrene foam, crockery, household rubbish, food items, household chemicals or oils, nappies.

Recycling may not be collected on Public Holidays. Any changes will be advertised in the local newspaper and Latrobe Council's "*Council, Coast and Country*" newsletter prior to the collection date.

## Road Reservation Works

The day to day maintenance of the nature strip is up to the property owner to manage to the level of appearance they require including reshaping and grassing nature strip without creating any hazards to the general public.

All other works, including any variation to driveway width or excavations within the road reservation are subject to separate Council approval.

## "Sharps" Disposal Service

Council provides a free service during office hours for the proper disposal of sharps containers for diabetics, home care patients etc, who reside within the Latrobe Municipality. Full sharps containers may be brought to the Latrobe Council office, where they can be exchanged.

For further information, you may contact Council's Environmental Health Officer.

Under no circumstances are "sharps"-type waste to be taken to the Waste Transfer Station or disposed of in the domestic refuse collection service.

## Sport and Recreation

Many physical activity opportunities are available throughout the Latrobe Municipality. Contacts for such groups can be sourced via <http://www.latrobe.tas.gov.au/page.aspx?u=384>.

Facilities range from tennis courts, bowls clubs, (Port Sorell and Latrobe) youth centre, paddlers pool, golf club (Thirlstane and Shearwater) skatepark, football and cricket grounds to small parks

with play structures, seating, a kickabout area and plantings to larger parks with additional features such as barbecues and toilets.

Public or large group activities on Council managed land require approval from Council.

## Stormwater

Any new connection to Council's stormwater system is to be undertaken by Council or an approved contractor at the developers cost.

New connections to the town sewer or water system are supplied by *TasWater* who are contactable by phoning 13 69 92.

## Swimming Pool

The Latrobe Swim Centre is located in George Street, Latrobe and consists of a paddling pool and 25m x 10m heated pool. The area includes many shaded spots and a fenced children's playground area. Amenities comprise of male and female change rooms, change rooms for the handicapped, first aid room, and kiosk.

The Centre is open from October to March each year. Private Hire is subject to the discretion of the Manager, who can be contacted throughout the swimming season by phoning 6426 1843 or 0417 309 194.

The pool is heated to 28 degrees through the winter months to enable early morning lap swimming.

Further details are available by contacting the Pool Manager.

## Tourism

The Devonport & Cradle Country Tourism INC is made up of business operators from throughout the tourism industry. Their goal is to build and nurture a highly professional and sustainable tourism industry for the Mersey region. Devonport & Cradle Country Tourism INC provide a forum where stakeholders can work together towards agreed common goals.

As the peak tourism body for the Latrobe Municipality, Devonport & Cradle Country Tourism INC provides input into regional and state tourism planning and coordination, pursuing regional and localised benefits - acting locally but thinking globally.

This group meet at various locations throughout the Mersey area on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 2.00 pm. For more information, contact [president@dcct.com.au](mailto:president@dcct.com.au) or phone 6424 8411.



## Transport

### Air

Devonport Airport is serviced by Qantaslink airlines.

Bookings can be made with your travel agent or Qantaslink on 13 1313

### Road

Mersey Community Care provides a scheduled service for Home and Community Care (HACC) eligible passengers.

Merseylink provides a regular bus service between Latrobe and Devonport from Monday to Saturday.

Bus services operating between Port Sorell and Devonport are provided by Phoenix Coaches from Monday to Saturday and by Merseylink from Monday to Friday.

Metro have a new Hospital Link service from Mersey Community Hospital to NW Regional Hospital Burnie. If you are a patient, or visiting a patient in hospital, your return trip on the Hospital Link service is free. For further detail phone Metro on 132201.

Further afield, Tasmanian Redline Coaches operate statewide.

Private buses are available for hire locally from Phoenix Coaches, Merseylink and Geneva Christian College.

Taxis are based in the neighbouring city of Devonport.

### Sea

TT-Line operate regular passenger ferries between Devonport and Melbourne (daily). Passenger reservations are available by phoning 13 2010.

A number of freight transport services are provided by local companies. Refer to the Yellow Pages for details.

## Visitor Information Centres

### Latrobe Visitor Information Centre

21 George Street, Latrobe 7307

Daily Opening Hours 9.00am - 3.00pm

Closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day

Phone: 6426 2240

Email: [tourism@latrobe.tas.gov.au](mailto:tourism@latrobe.tas.gov.au)

Volunteers are crucial to support the regularity of information to visitors. If you are interested in coming on board as a volunteer, please contact the Centre Manager on the above number.

### Port Sorell

Within Shearwater Resort, 17-23 Shearwater Boulevard, Shearwater

## Volunteering

Volunteering is vital to any municipality and there are a number of ways in which you can be involved with your community and develop relationships.

Please contact Council's Community Development Officer to discuss opportunities for volunteer work in the community.

## Waste Transfer Station

Refuse is collected at either the Spreyton Waste Transfer Station, Mersey Road, Spreyton (Latrobe residents) or the Port Sorell Waste Transfer Station, Hawk Hill Road, Port Sorell (Port Sorell residents), compacted and then transported to a disposal site at Dulverton, which is not accessible to the general public.

Site hours -

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| Spreyton  | Monday - Saturday           | 7.30am - 4.00pm. |
| Bay Drive | Sundays and Public Holidays | 11.00am - 4.00pm |

This centre is closed on New Year's Day, Devonport Cup Day, Good Friday, Easter Sunday, ANZAC Day, Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

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| Port Sorell    | Wednesday - Sunday | 10.00am. - 4.00pm. |
| Hawk Hill Road |                    |                    |

This centre is closed on Good Friday and Christmas Day.

With each annual rate demand, Council includes eight free entry vouchers to the relevant Waste Transfer Station. Additional sheets may be purchased from the Council office. After these vouchers have been utilised, charges apply for accessing the station. The charges vary according to the vehicle size.

Recycling receptacles are located at the entry to each Waste Transfer Station and able to be accessed free of charge.

A charge applies for the disposal of Green waste.

## Water and Sewerage

TasWater sources, treats and supplies drinking water, and removes and treats wastewater to homes and businesses in reticulated areas throughout the Latrobe Municipality.

Their website - <https://www.taswater.com.au/> - provides a wealth of information about the services that they provide.

If you encounter problems with your water and/or sewage, please phone 13 69 92.

# CHECKLIST

Moving house can be exciting but when it comes down to it, there are a few hassles associated with it. Below is a list to assist you with notifying relevant organisations of your change of address.

As an interim measure, until you have time to call the following organisations, get your mail redirected. For redirection of mail you should visit your local post office.

## ***Organisations you should notify:***

- ☐ Australia Post for re-direction of mail
- ☐ Australian Electoral Office, 49 Cattley Street, Burnie 132 326
- ☐ Banks and financial bodies
- ☐ Clubs and unions
- ☐ Medicare, William Street, Devonport 132 011
- ☐ Department of Transport - Motor Registry Office  
C/- Service Tasmania, Fenton Street, Devonport
- ☐ Centrelink. William Street, Devonport
  - Newstart, Jobsearch, Newstart Allowance Enquiries 132 850
  - Pension Enquiries 132 300
  - Family Payment Enquiries 136 150
- ☐ Employer
- ☐ Insurance Companies
- ☐ Newspapers and periodicals
- ☐ Other Educational Facilities



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