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MONICA'S CREATIVITY INSPIRED BY CREEPY ENCOUNTER

Have you ever wondered what creepy-crawlies do at night?

Bug Soup Beat children's picture book explores what bugs get up to at night through a captivating story and illustrations by Monica Reeve (pictured). The idea for Bug Soup Beat first popped into the author's head one Summer's night after a very close encounter with a rather large huntsman spider in her backyard! Unable to sleep that night, the text came quickly to Monica, and by 2:00am the next morning Bug Soup Beat had arrived filled with hungry snails, spiders, scorpions, moths, and mosquitos all looking for food. Over the following months, Monica used "cut-paper collage" to create each illustration to make Bug Soup Beat come alive. The cut-paper collage process involves painting large sheets of paper various hues, along with collecting recycled scraps of paper and card. These pieces are then hand cut into the required shapes and pieced together to form a new illustration.

Monica Reeve is proud to call Latrobe home and has always lived "*somewhere*"



along the inspiring North-West Coast of Tasmania.

For the past twenty years she has worked as a primary school teacher with a passion for early childhood education and the visual arts.

Monica is also an artist in her own right working across media and produces a range of items under her brand PIGMENT. Bug Soup Beat is Monica's first published children's picture book through Tasmanian company, Forty South Publishing. Monica has also written a few other children's stories and is currently working on the illustrations for these.

"I was astounded when I viewed the original artwork and found the images totally captivating. The story supports the artwork which creates a magical world of bugs after dark." - Beverly Skurulis (Latrobe, multi-award winning artist)

"This beautifully illustrated book is perfect to read to small children. Simple enough for a child to enjoy and detailed enough to foster conversation between adult and child." - Kit Hiller (Mount Hicks, multi-award winning artist).

The official launch and signing of Bug Soup Beat will be hosted by the Crowded Lounge Coffee Shop, Gilbert St on Saturday 11 May at 10am. All welcome. Inquiries to Monica on Facebook through @bugsoupbeat or mydailyydraw@gmail.com

AUSTRALIAN HUMAN RIGHTS PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL LINK TO LATROBE

You'd be surprised at the wide variety of matters Latrobe Council personnel are contacted about but when a call came in from Rosalind Croucher, the Australian Commissioner for Human Rights Presidency, it raised more than an eyebrow.

Ms Croucher was seeking information on the memorial in Latrobe to her Great Grandfather. She had no idea where or what it was but her 97-year-old mother had told her that there was one in Latrobe. Along with many others, you have probably walked or driven past this memorial on many occasions - it is the town clock in Station Square, Gilbert Street, Latrobe.

On that clock is a memorial plaque erected to the memory of Dr G A Walpole FRACS FRCSE 1862-1942 including the inscription "Loved by All".

Dr Walpole played a key role in Latrobe, specifically at the Devon Hospital, and is Ms Croucher's Great Grandfather.

Dr Walpole's obituary records him as "one of the best-known surgeons in Tasmania" who died on 16 October 1942 at the age of 80, only retiring from his practice due to failing health a fortnight before his passing. Born in Ireland, he came to Australia when a young man. For many years he was at Queenstown before moving to take up the role of superintendent at the Devon Hospital, Latrobe.

The obituary stated that "many throughout Tasmania will hear of Dr. Walpole's illness with sincere regret. His reputation as a physician and surgeon is State-wide, and his kindness, no less than his skill, has endeared him to a host of people who have come under his professional care during his long life".

Possibly the finest monument to his professional skill and personal popularity is the Devon Hospital where he was the surgeon-superintendent for 21 years. On relinquishing that position in 1932, he was honored by residents of the North West Coast."



PORT SORELL LANDFILL REHABILITATION UPDATE

Environmental tests were made over summer examining the location and movement of landfill gases. Tests were conducted at ground level, within monitoring bores and in service utility pits both on the Hawk Hill Road/Alexander Street site and in adjacent streets.

The tests detected methane, carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide and other gases typical of an old landfill. As a precaution, gas alarms have been installed within the Waste Transfer Station and Tip Shop buildings and the area remains a no smoking zone.

Monitoring of service utility pits around the old landfill did not detect landfill gas at a majority of locations. Detection of methane in a service utility pit on Club Drive prompted precautionary testing inside a property, returning safe results.

At the corner of Hawk Hill Road and Alexander Streets and on Club Drive, additional monitoring bores are being installed to better understand how landfill gas is moving through these areas. Scientists will continue to monitor landfill gas levels on and around the site for the duration of the rehabilitation project.

The old landfill site contains contaminants so it is important that people stay within the Waste Transfer Station and Tip Shop area when using these services and follow signage and staff instructions.

WHAT DOES A BOARD DIRECTOR DO?

Port Sorell and Latrobe Community Enterprises is holding a Directors' Information Evening with the intention of recruiting Board Members. To help you decide if being a Director is for you, a no-obligation invitation is extended to you to attend the Latrobe Memorial Hall Supper Room at 7:00pm on 15 May. Your questions will be answered and all the information you need to make this decision in your own time, will be provided.

This is a very rewarding experience and is open to all suitably experienced people - whether you are young or old, in university or retired. If you have something to offer, then come along and have a chat.

Alternatively, you may be aware of another prospective Board Member and can pass this information on. As a Director you will provide the leadership and management skills at a Board level to support and drive the company's strategic direction, goals and objectives.

RSVP to the Bendigo Bank Branch Shearwater on 6428 8883 or email Chairman, Jack Van Tatenhove on missie@outlook.com.au to answer any query prior to the event.

YOUR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

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

Groundwater tests from bore sources on the site and at the nearby Port Sorell Golf Course showed trace concentrations of contamination including heavy metals, trichloroethene and per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). All concentrations of PFAS were below the current drinking water and recreational water guidelines and are not of concern for workers or users of the Golf Course and will continue to be monitored. Other contaminants were either not detected or were also within Australian and international guidelines.

Follow up sampling of surface soils across the Golf Course detected trace levels of PFAS that suggest PFAS accumulation in soil has occurred from the use of irrigation bore water. These results have been assessed by the environmental scientists as low and acceptable, with concentrations needing to be at least 100-fold higher before there would be any health concerns.

Residents with bore water sources in the vicinity of the old landfill site are asked to contact Council on 6426 4444 to arrange free testing of the water quality.

A detailed rehabilitation action plan is being created by the environmental scientists and landfill engineers with guidance from EPA Tasmania and the Tasmanian Department of Health.

DOG MANAGEMENT POLICY REVIEWED

Latrobe Council reviews its Dog Management Policy at least once every 5 years with the most recent review commencing several months ago.

Amendments to date include:

- Update of contact details
- Update of kennel licence information
- Moorlands Beach exercise area removed from the map as this land comes under the jurisdiction of Parks Tasmania;
- Removed reference to prohibited area on Pig Island

Council sought submissions from the public on the policy and, following feedback from Councillors and the community, it was further proposed to change the off-leash area south of the Port Sorell boat ramp from being available 24/7 to prohibited to dogs.

The Dog Control Act, 2000 requires Council to formally notify the public of any proposed change to off leash areas and invite submissions. The proposed change was advertised and submissions closed in September, 2018.

Due to the October Council elections, the matter was placed on hold for the new Council to make a decision.

101 submissions were received; 29 were in favour of the proposed change, 70 against and 2 were queries, neither for or against. The report by the Development and Regulatory Services Team Leader was received by Council at its April meeting. Council resolved to further workshop this matter to discuss additional options prior to making a decision.

SAVE THE DATE FOR MULLED WINE EVENT

Shearwater Mulled Wine in May returns bigger and better with more delicious food, more mulled wine and beer, face painting for the kids, fantastic music by Halfway to Forth and Neil Gibson as well as dancing in the street. For something a bit different, come along and try the mulled white wine. There will be firepots and plenty of hay bales with blankets to ensure your comfort and to ward off the evening chill.

Admission is free. Food and wine costs are very affordable. Come along and join in the fun from 5:30pm until 9:30pm at this special event on 25 May.

For the safety of patrons, traffic detours will be in effect from 4:00 pm until 11:00 pm around Shearwater Village. Please follow the directions of traffic personnel. Additional parking, although limited, will be signposted. If you are able, please walk to this event or car pool.

Shearwater Mulled Wine in May is a collaboration by the Lions Club of Port Sorell and Shearwater Village Retailers Group, delivered to you in partnership with Latrobe Council through its Community Grants scheme.

The Port Sorell Lions Club's 800th meeting will be held on 19 June at Shearwater Resort from 7:00pm. Past members and partners are invited to attend this meeting. Please RSVP by 1 June to Denzil King on 0467 286 234 or Chris Smith on 0474 028 102.

If you are interested in helping your local community, have fun and meet interesting people, contact Josh Tome on 0488 667 779 or Denzil King on 0467 286 234 with a view to joining the Lions Club of Port Sorell.

7-DAY MAKEOVER FOR SHEARWATER

Latrobe Council recently resolved to consider allocating \$99,650 in its 2019/20 budget to effect a 7-Day Makeover in Shearwater Village.

A 7-Day Makeover is a program designed to revitalise and reinvigorate public spaces. Facilitated by Creative Communities International Pty Ltd, the program's success relies on involvement by the local community in the 'makeover' process from start to finish.

"It encourages community members to take ownership of the space selected for the 'makeover' by contributing ideas, materials and expertise," said facilitator, Mr Engwicht.

The 7-Day makeover budget of \$99,650 equates to \$74,650 for the consultant's facilitation fee with \$25,000 allocated for makeover materials.

The quality of the program and subsequent amount of maintenance required in the long term is highly dependent on local businesses donating goods and services and community members and groups engagement with ideas and labour.

Mr David Engwicht of Creative Communities International Pty Ltd said that because the community is completely involved in the process, they take ownership of the space and therefore the benefits continue long after the 7-Day Makeover has been completed.

Readers will no doubt recall the 7-Day Makeovers by Creative Communities International Pty Ltd that were undertaken in the Ulverstone Central Business District and along the foreshore at Penguin.

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR PORT SORELL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Port Sorell Advisory Committee (PSAC) is a special reference committee of Latrobe Council where its membership considers a variety of Council or self-referred matters relating to the overall development, marketing and promotion of the Port Sorell area.

Following debate of these issues at meetings held from 4:00pm-5:00pm on a Tuesday once a month, excluding December and January, recommendations are submitted to Council for consideration. Membership is voluntary with appointment for a two-year period.

While many specific groups representing diverse interests throughout the Port Sorell area make up the committee, nominations are currently sought from the community for -

- 1 x representative nominated by commercial/retail interests
- 1 x representative nominated by commercial tourist interests
- 2 x representatives nominated from the community
- 1 x representative nominated by emergency services
- 2 x youth representatives.

If you have great networks in these fields and are interested in nominating for one of these roles, please contact Sarah Cairns at Latrobe Council on 6426 4444 for the nomination form or download it from www.latrobe.tas.gov.au

Nominations will be accepted up until 4:00pm on 31 May.

COMMUNITY WATER FOUNTAINS

The Port Sorell Advisory Committee have recommended the installation of drinking fountains at:

- the Sankey Street car park, Hawley Beach
- Shearwater Village potentially in the vicinity of the skate park
- the foreshore end of Rice Street, Port Sorell and
- Panatana Park Family Reserve, Port Sorell

Latrobe Council resolved to consider a budget allocation of approximately \$20,000 in their 2019/20 budget deliberations.

2017/18 PORT SORELL STRATEGIC PLAN ADOPTED

At Latrobe Council's April meeting, Council's Strategic Planner presented the review document of the Port Sorell and Environs Strategic Plan 2008.

Developed through multiple community meetings and numerous submissions, the *Port Sorell Strategic Plan Review 2017-18: An Integrated Framework for the Future Growth and Development of Port Sorell, Final Outcomes Report, March 2019* contains a comprehensive set of draft design concepts and proposals. Not only will it be used as a reference for future budget decision and works programs, it will also be the basis for the preparation of a revised land use strategy for Port Sorell and its environs.

This Strategic Plan will be presented to the Port Sorell community in the near future.

WILD MERSEY EXPANDS TO RAILTON

The Wild Mersey Mountain Bike network will more than double in size with the opening of a further 17 kilometres of trails that connect Latrobe and Railton and extend in to the Railton hills during May.

This stage will include a pump track - a hard, sealed, undulating surface able to be ridden with mountain bikes, BMX bikes, scooters and skateboards by all ages and skill levels - at Goliath Park, Railton.

A family-friendly mountain bike loop uphill from Goliath Park and a cross-country connection linking Railton to Latrobe will be included in the \$4.1m Wild Mersey development which first opened in Latrobe's Warrawee Reserve last December.

The extension will open 32 kilometres of trails for riding with planning well underway to continue the trail network on to Sheffield and up around the Badgers Range.

Mountain bikers are coming from across the region and state to ride Wild Mersey and as the number of trails grow, so does the interest in the trail network from mainland and overseas visitors.

The latest trails are being built by Trailscapes with the Mersey River bridge link designed and installed by Latrobe-based business, BridgePro.

Riders will be able to start and/or finish in either Railton or Latrobe.

The new Railton trail head is located at Ramsay Road, Railton.

Follow Wild Mersey developments on Facebook at www.facebook.com/wildmerseymountainbiketrails or via the website at www.ridewildmersey.com.au



RUBICON GROVE REVEALS \$5.6M REDEVELOPMENT

The Minister for Human Services, the Hon. Roger Jaensch officially opened OneCare's \$5.6 million Rubicon Grove redevelopment in early April, with the final stage of the highly anticipated project now complete.

A community centre and a tea-house, including al fresco dining was revealed to the Port Sorell community, following the earlier release of the residential wing extension that saw the addition of 20 beds in August last year.

The new buildings allow Rubicon Grove to maintain its strong community connections in Port Sorell, with the community hub to host various events and meetings while being utilised by local Rotary and Lions Clubs and the Bridge of Hope Church.

Since its establishment in 2009, popularity for the sea-side facility has continued to grow, making Rubicon Grove a premier location for aged care in Port Sorell.

Peter Bell, OneCare CEO said, "Rubicon Grove is already an integral part of the close-knit Port Sorell community and we are proud to be able to make a real difference in the lives of our residents through our community connections."

Other improvements included renovations to the kitchen and

LIFE SUPPORT VULNERABILITY

If you are reliant on life support equipment at home but haven't provided your energy provider with a medical confirmation form, you may be deregistered.

Registration with your energy provider ensures that you are given:

- general advice that there may be a planned or unplanned interruption to the supply
- information to assist you prepare a plan of action in the case of an unplanned interruption
- an emergency telephone number for the distributor and the retailer at no more than the cost of a local call, and
- at least four business day's written notice of any planned interruption.

If this is you, please contact your energy provider and supply your medical confirmation so you have a backup plan in the event of an unscheduled power outage.

AURORA PAYG METERS ARE BEING REPLACED

Aurora Pay As You Go (PAYG) customers yet to have their meters replaced are being encouraged to contact Aurora Energy to choose a new product.

All PAYG customers will need to arrange a new meter replacement, as the technology that sits behind PAYG meters will no longer be supported after December 2019.

PAYG customers value the ability to top up more frequently and maintain a positive account balance, so Aurora Energy has designed a new product to continue to help customers stay in control of their energy costs, called Aurora Pay As You Go Plus (Aurora PAYG+).

Aurora PAYG+ gives customers insight into their daily energy consumption,

laundry and an extension to the existing carpark.

The cafe at Rubicon Grove, Rubi's Tea House, is open Monday to Friday 10:00am-4:00pm and Saturday and Sunday 1:30pm-4:00pm.



Pictured: Rubicon Grove resident, Geoffrey, is joined for morning tea at Rubi's Tea House by his sisters.

NATIONAL TOURISM CONVENTION ON OUR DOORSTEP

The Cradle Coast Authority, of which Latrobe Council is a member, is delighted the Australian Regional Tourism Convention (ARTC) will be hosted at the Paranaple Centre, Devonport from 21-23 October.

ARTC is a must-attend event for individuals and organisations who wish to contribute to the future of regional tourism in Australia.

"*Getting ready for the spotlight - Is regional Australia finally a genuine part of our national tourism agenda and, are we ready?*" has been announced as the 2019 Convention theme.

Participation in ARTC19 will uncover the big challenges for our regions and explore what is required to compete in an increasingly competitive global market. What do mega trends and disruption mean for tourism in regional Australia and what opportunities do they create for you?

Keep this Convention on your radar for participation.

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY CONCERNS

Complaints relating to pedestrian safety when crossing River Road, Latrobe were recently investigated with traffic counters recording that vehicles were regularly driving at 60km-80km in this 50km zone.

A concept design for the installation of a pedestrian refuge along River Road has been completed with the project being submitted for consideration in Council's 2019/20 budget deliberations.

In the meantime, Tasmania Police have been requested to give this section of road greater attention.



A summary of regional participation statistics in the Garage Sale Trail, funded by the Cradle Coast Waste Management Group (CCWMG) of which Latrobe Council is a financial member, were recently received.

In the 2018 initiative, there were 39 participants throughout the region. With CCWMG outlaying \$11,160 for the project, this equates to costing ratepayers \$286 per garage sale.

The CCWMG agreed that there was already a strong garage sale culture in the community and that the data highlights that participating in the Garage Sale Trail provided limited value to the region.

The CCWMG have undertaken to discuss the 2018 data and cost vs value with Council members to determine participation in 2019.

LATROBE TO AMBLESIDE COASTAL PATHWAY

The potential development of a North West Coastal Pathway has been a long-term goal for the greater region. Over the last 15 years some sections along the coast have been completed and designs, reports and studies have been undertaken to be in a better position to progress the project and secure sufficient funding.

Council staff have been working with Pitt and Sherry, Devonport City Council and the Cradle Coast Authority to progress the section of coastal pathway that links Latrobe to Devonport. The path will run from Bells Parade to Ambleside and be located between River Road and the Mersey River estuary.

Council's Manager Infrastructure and Assets advised that this project is now fully funded with the State Government, Federal Government and Latrobe Council each committed to paying one third of the cost of the project. This arrangement is reliant on Council funding any shortfall as the State and Federal Government contributions for the 3km long section in the Latrobe Municipality are capped at \$1m each.

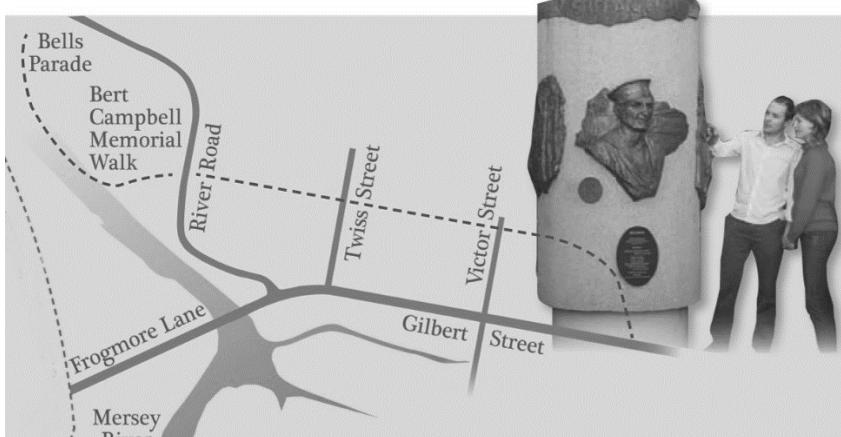
Following the finalisation of agreements, construction will commence with completion scheduled by 30 June 2020.

BELLS PARADE WEIR UPGRADE

It has been proposed to Council that fencing around the Bells Parade weir requires replacement. Armco type railing has been recommended as it was less likely to be damaged by future flooding. This project is being costed for Council's 2019/20 budget deliberations.

INPUT SOUGHT ON SHEEAN WALK REPLANTING

A Tree Committee, comprising of volunteer individuals in the community with an interest and/or expertise in horticulture, elected representatives of Council and led by Latrobe Council's Green Spaces Team Leader was established in late 2018. This year one of the areas that they have identified for revitalisation are plantings along Sheean Walk in Latrobe. Sheean Walk links the Latrobe Central Business District (CBD) from Sheean Memorial to the Bert Campbell Memorial Walk at River Road, Latrobe.



POP UP THEATRE

Latrobe Council was recently approached by the Devonport Choral Society to "test the waters" of live theatre at the Banksia Centre arts space by way of a pop-up theatre.

The Devonport Choral Society has proposed to present a number of performances at the Banksia Centre. In return for them providing the specialist lighting, staging and audio to present the performances, they have sought fee free access to the Banksia Centre for a set period of time and Council assistance in selling the tickets on an administration fee recovery basis.

Councillors agreed in-principle to the proposal as a one-off arrangement by receiving and noting the March minutes of the Port Sorell Performing Arts Development Hub Sub-committee meeting.

MEMORIES OF BELLS PARADE AREA SOUGHT

Memories of the history of the Bells Parade area continue to be sought for potential inclusion on interpretation signage even though the project has been temporarily put on hold.

It is important to gather this information now, while there are people in the community that can clearly recall locations of former sites, may be able to provide pictures and can give first-hand accounts of experiences for inclusion in this interpretation project.

The project is a joint initiative of the Henley-on-Mersey Management Committee and Latrobe Council and is visioned to be comparable to the interpretation panels around the Darrel Baldock Memorial.

Please contact Council's Community Development Officer on 6426 4444 if you can assist with information.

MOU FORMALISES USAGE

Latrobe Council and the Department of Education are in the process of finalising a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to formally recognise the assistance Latrobe High School provides to Latrobe Council in making its sporting fields open to local football and cricket clubs for competition and training purposes. In recent times, membership of these organisations has outgrown the capacity of existing recreation facilities owned by Council.

The MoU also provides use of other school facilities such as the gymnasium etc.

In return, Latrobe High School has been supported by Council with funding towards their ground irrigation and its maintenance will be ongoing through Council's Green Spaces team.

It is envisaged that the MoU will be a win/win for both parties and formalises what is already established usage.

NEW ROAD NAMED

Council recently adopted Lockwood Street as the name for the new road off Broadwater Court, Shearwater.

The developer initially proposed the names of 'Walter Lockwood' and 'Allan Brown' for the new road, both of whom were local to the Port Sorell area and served in World War 2.

As the names Walter and Allan are first names, they were unable to be considered. Brown was ruled out as there is already a Browns Road at Port Sorell.

Consequently Lockwood Street was endorsed and is currently with the Nomenclature Board for endorsement.

There are currently several larger trees within the walk that have reached the end of their lifespan and require removal. The committee is looking to recommend replacement species to council and is seeking feedback from the community on varieties which they think would be suitable and in keeping with the current native theme.

If you would like to contribute to the options, please contact Sally Stubbs on 6426 4444 or email council@latrobe.tas.gov.au by midday on Friday, 31 May.

The Green Spaces Team Leader, on behalf of the committee, is also investigating and costing for:

- the replacement of the London Planes trees on the eastern side Hamilton Street between Reibey and Thomas Streets, Latrobe noting that any new planting is to allow for the future provision of curb and channel and a 2.4m wide foot/bike path. Suggestions currently include Crab Apple trees;
- ongoing planting of Oyster Bay Pines along Port Sorell Main Road and around in to Alexander Street;
- vegetation of the "Lillico land" on the corner of Port Sorell Main Road and Alexander Street as a key gateway to the Port Sorell area.

SPEED REDUCED ON COAL MINES ROAD

Following a complaint of continual speeding on Coal Mines Road, Tarleton, the Department of State Growth has supported a speed limit reduction to 50km. Signage is installed to reflect this change.

ENERGY EFFICIENT COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

Local businesses and community groups are being supported to be more energy efficient, reduce their emissions and lower their power bills through the Coalition Government's \$50 million investment in the Energy Efficient Communities Program.

Eligible small businesses will be able to claim grants of up to \$20,000 and, high-energy using businesses up to \$25,000. These grants could be used to fund the replacement of lighting, air conditioning and refrigeration systems to help reduce energy costs.

Expressions of interest in the Energy Efficient Communities Program is available from Senator Steve Martin by phoning 6423 1453 or emailing Senator.Martin@aph.gov.au.

RIVER ROAD STABILISATION

During a recent inspection of the Bells Parade weir it was noted that the timber retaining walls opposite it and adjacent to River Road were in a poor condition.

The smaller retaining wall was consequently removed and the bank battered back to a slope.

The larger wall will have steel posts rammed into the existing log posts to stabilise the retaining wall.

Additional drainage works will be required.

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- 6** **Introduction to Needlework Workshop** with Helen West and Ros Donald at the Latrobe Arts Hub, 21 George Street, Latrobe. Every Monday until 8 July 2019. Costs apply. Book - roslyn.donald@gmail.com
- 11** **Continental and Fair Isle Knitting** with Irene Nissen at the Latrobe Arts Hub, 21 George Street, Latrobe. Bookings to irenenissen@bigpond.com. Also on 8 June, 13 July and 8 August
- 12** **Mother's Day**
- 12** **Ella Rose** performs at Shearwater Resort, Shearwater Bvd, Shearwater from 12 noon until 3:30pm. Free event. Bookings ☎ 6428 6205
- 13** **Latrobe Council Meeting** from 5:00pm at the Latrobe Council Chambers, 170 Gilbert Street, Latrobe.
- 18** **Annual Fundraising Garage Sale** at the Port Sorell Anglican Church, 17 Rice Street, Port Sorell from 8:30am until 1:30pm. Surplus church equipment, toys, kitchen items, produce, plants and cakes for sale. ☎ 6428 7810
- 18** **Latrobe Football Club 1969 Golden Jubilee** from 6:00pm at the Latrobe Football Club with special guest, Shane Crawford. Costs apply. Bookings essential. Refer to separate article

BUILDING UPDATE

A total of 60 building, plumbing, demolition applications and notifications of works were received by Council during the months of February and March.

They comprised of 17 dwellings; 4 dwelling additions/alterations; 6 outbuildings; 1 commercial/industrial, 30 plumbing applications and 2 other with a conservative value of \$7,496,000.

FIRE TRAINING ENHANCES CAPABILITY

Members of the Tasmania Fire Service continue to benefit from regular training, making them more effective when responding to fire situations.

On 19 May, the Port Sorell Fire Brigade will be joined by other local brigades to hone their skills in managing a grass fire. Grass fires are extremely fast moving and require a coordinated approach to extinguish them.

The exercise will be held at the Port Sorell Recreation Ground, opposite the Port Sorell Fire Station in Rice Street, Port Sorell.

Rather than a real fire on the Port Sorell Recreation Ground though, it will be a simulation marked out by witches hats. If you are interested in learning more about the Port Sorell Fire Brigade, come along and view the activity between 9.00am until midday.

Did you know that there are no permanently manned fire stations within the Latrobe Municipality and brigades are always seeking more volunteers. These volunteers primarily respond to fires but can also be called upon to assist with motor vehicle accidents and provide ambulance support.

Want to know more? Contact your local brigade or the Tasmania Fire Service North West Regional Office on 6477 7250.

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- 25** **Shearwater Mulled Wine in May** at Shearwater Village, Club Drive, Shearwater from 5:30pm until 9:30pm. Traffic detours apply from 4:00pm until 11:00pm. Refer to separate article.
- 25-26** **The Art of Collage with Gina.** For beginners to experienced. Costs apply with 1-2 day options. Some raw materials supplied. Workshop fee must be received by 13 May. Bookings to fynearts@gmail.com

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- 2** **Hook Rug Workshop** with Joanne at the Latrobe Visitor Information Centre and Arts Hub, 21 George Street, Latrobe. Costs apply. Bookings to wildjoanne1@gmail.com
- 3** **Anti-Bullying Parent and Community Forum** with motivational guest speaker Jonny Shannon at the Devonport Paranaopele Centre from 6:00pm. Refer to separate article. Presented in partnership between Latrobe High School, Reece High School, Devonport High School, the Education Department and supported by the Devonport City Council and Latrobe Council.
- 6** **Freecycle Party** hosted by Latrobe High School at Station Square, Latrobe from 10:00am until 2:00pm. Refer to separate article. ☎ 6426 1061

FREECYCLE PARTY TO REDUCE LANDFILL

Latrobe High School's Eco Team will be holding a Freecycle Party in Station Square, Gilbert Street, Latrobe on Thursday, 6 June from 10:00am until 2:00pm as an environmental initiative supporting the reduction of used items and waste going into landfill.

Freecycle Parties are the latest way to update your wardrobe or cupboard without buying new things. At a Freecycle Party, a group of people get together to swap items from clothes to toys, books to sports equipment.

Reusing a product, rather than buying a new one, reduces the demands for water, energy and raw materials. This reduces the impact on the environment.

Team Leader Ava Wylie said that "we are running it slightly differently in that we are asking that donated items be dropped at Latrobe High School at specific times during the week of 20 May, stay tuned to Latrobe High School's Facebook page for times.

Each donor will receive a token for each item donated that they can then exchange for items at the Freecycle Party on 6 June. Not everyone will want to take their token so there will be a pool of donated tokens for use by the public.

In holding the Freecycle Party at Station Square, it is hoped to make it more accessible to everyone."

PORT SORELL SPORTS

While the main winter rosters for mixed netball, women's netball and mixed volleyball commenced just after Easter at the Banksia Centre in Port Sorell, if you are thinking of forming a team or interested in playing, please give John House a call on 0407 561 283 asap. Umpires provided.

EXPANDED AGED CARE SERVICES

Uniting AgeWell has opened a new community service office at Latrobe to support growing demand for in the north-west.

CEO Andrew Kinnersly said the new office, at Magnolia House, 8 Hamilton Street, would enable Uniting AgeWell to continue expanding its services and provide more services to seniors in the region.

The organisation delivers care to almost 200 people living in their homes across the region, including federally-funded Home Care Packages that provide assistance with personal and clinical care, household chores, assistive technology and transport. It also offers social groups and carer respite services, including a men's group and gardening group, to support people to remain connected and engaged in their community, and aims to increase its offering to cater for a wide range of interests.

Transition Care Packages are provided across the region to assist people recovering from a hospital stay to access short-term services to regain their wellness or independence at home as well as domestic assistance and flexible respite through the Commonwealth Home Support Program.

Through the skilled team based at Magnolia House, members of the community can obtain detailed information and advice on the services and supports available to keep them living well at home.

As a further reflection of Uniting AgeWell's commitment to the region, its aged care residence, Latrobe Community, Strathdevon, has undergone a major extension and renovation, with a new 30-bed wing recently opening.

YOUR VOICE MATTERS

Council on the Ageing (COTA) Australia are seeking older Australians to share their views on the issues and policies that matter to them as part of COTA's 2019 Federal Election Panel.

With the Royal Commission shining the light on the shortcomings of the current aged care system, older Australians needing better access to dental health services and with increasing numbers of mature age workers unemployed, COTA are at a crossroads for how they plan and advocate for Australia's ageing population.

COTA Australia invite you to join their Federal Election Panel by completing a short 10-15 minute online survey at <https://bit.ly/2X0ND8N>

The results of this survey will help COTA Australia refine its own policy priorities and enable them to exert pressure on political leaders of all stripes to commit to key asks now that we are in Federal Government election mode.

FOSTER PARENTS SOUGHT

Baptcare have recently been appointed to run the Foster Care Program in Tasmania and are seeking to recruit new families to care for some of the most vulnerable children within our communities.

The qualities attributed to a good foster carer is someone who has empathy, is a good listener, shows perseverance when things get tough, are flexible and adaptable, has patience and humour as well as stability and consistency in your personal and family life.

Does this sound like you or someone you know?

If so, please contact Allison Hicks on 63236700 and get the conversation started.

Can you make a huge difference in someone's life?

HEART FOUNDATION WALKING

Walking is one of the most popular forms of exercise throughout Australia. You can do it at any time to suit you, by yourself, with a friend or as part of a group.

Did you know that there are two local Heart Foundation walking groups - Tuesday at Shearwater and Friday at Latrobe?

Walking in a group not only keeps you fit and active but is a great way to expand your social contacts and make new friends.

A group is also more visible than an individual and can help you stay motivated to your new healthy lifestyle while you are part of your community.

To find out more about a Heart Foundation Walking Group near you, go online to <https://walking.heartfoundation.org.au/walking/tasmania>.

MOBILE PHONE RECYCLING

With a growing need for community education and advice around recycling and sustainability practices in Australia, positive partnerships and accessible recycling are key factors. Latrobe Council continues to work with MobileMuster to encourage the recycling of mobile phones and accessories.

Over the past 12 years, MobileMuster have collected over 42 tonnes of mobile phone components nationally, equating to approximately 570,000 handsets and batteries. Without this program, these would have ended up in landfill. Through MobileMuster they are manufactured in to new products.

So, if you have any old phones just gathering dust at home, why not drop them in to the collection box at the Latrobe Council office, 170 Gilbert Street, Latrobe.

at the Latrobe Arts Hub, 21 George Street, Latrobe. Costs apply. Book - marjorie.brotheridge@hotmail.com

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8 Latrobe Council Meeting from 5:00pm at the Latrobe Council Chambers, 170 Gilbert Street, Latrobe.

10 World Chocolate Day and release of Chocolate Winterfest, Latrobe program

26 Schools Tree Day - register at treeday.planetark.org or by phoning 1300 88 5000

27 Spinning Workshop with Rasa and Joanne at the Latrobe Visitor Information Centre and Arts Hub, 21 George Street, Latrobe. Costs apply. Bookings to rasha.dunlop@gmail.com or wildjoanne1@gmail.com

28 National Tree Day - register at treeday.planetark.org or by phoning 1300 88 5000

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10 Stencil Print on Card and Fabric Workshop with Kim O'Brien at the Latrobe Arts Hub, 21 George Street, Latrobe. Costs apply. Bookings to kim.obrien@vacet.com.au

11 Chocolate Winterfest, Latrobe held at multiple locations in and around the town of Latrobe. www.chocolatewinterfest.com.au

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- 7 Coast to Coast Baroque with Van Diemen's Band and Lotte Betts-Dean** at the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 6:00pm. Tasmania's own baroque super-group, Van Diemen's Band will be joined by internationally acclaimed mezzo-soprano, Lotte Betts-Dean for a coast to coast tour of baroque favourites by Vivaldi, Handel and Scarlatti. Tickets available online at www.vandiemensband.com.au.
- 9 Leonard n Tome Trio** performs at Shearwater Resort, Shearwater Bvd, Shearwater from 6:00pm until 9:30pm. Free event. Bookings not essential. ☎ 6428 6205
- 11 Latrobe Council Meeting** from 5:00pm at the Latrobe Council Chambers, 170 Gilbert Street, Latrobe.
- 15-16 Ceramic Birds workshop** with guest artist Eve Howard. Learn how to mould clay to create a bird at the Latrobe Arts Hub, 21 George St, Latrobe. Places limited. Book via gard1234@bigpond.net.au
- 19 Soup and Sandwich Luncheon** with entertainment by the Port Sorell U3A Choir at the Port Sorell Bowls Club, Meredith Street, Latrobe. This is a major fundraiser for the Rubicon Grove Auxiliary.
- 30 Tassel Making Workshop** with Marjorie Brotheridge using pre loved fabric and additions ie buttons and fibres

MERSEY HELIPAD NEARS COMPLETION



RUBICON AUXILIARY PLANS YEAR'S ACTIVITIES

The Rubicon Grove Auxiliary held its Annual General Meeting in March at which retiring President, Noelle Geeves, was acknowledged for her service and commitment to the auxiliary as President for the past five years.

The incoming executive was elected and are Sharron Martin - President; Bridget Cole - Vice President; Elaine Bramich - Secretary and Deidre Merrick - Treasurer. Thursday night's Knit and Natter group that was previously at George and Dave's but relocated to Rubicon Grove some months ago, will be in recess until daylight savings starts again. Enquiries on the knitting group should be directed to Mrs Kaye Dutton on 0459 472 758.

The auxiliary's major fundraising events this year include a dessert stall at the Shearwater Mulled Wine in May festival which will be held in Shearwater Village on 25 May as well as the annual Soup and Sandwich Luncheon at the Port Sorell Bowls Club on 19 June. The Port Sorell U3A Choir will provide the entertainment at the luncheon and you will be sure to enjoy a delightful lunch while helping to raise funds to support the needs of residents at Rubicon Grove.

The next meeting of the Rubicon Grove Auxiliary will be held in the Rubicon Grove Development Room on Wednesday, 15 May at the new time of 1:00pm.

If you wish to know more about the Rubicon Grove Auxiliary, please phone Elaine on 0408 637 019.

HOSPITAL AUXILIARY TURNS 70

The Mersey Community Hospital Auxiliary recently celebrated their 70th birthday anniversary with a lovely 2-course luncheon at the Australian Axeman's Hall of Fame with their oldest member, Mrs Dawn Burk, cutting the anniversary cake. The main activity of this volunteer group is the operation of the hospital kiosk situated near the hospital's Emergency Department.

The income raised through the kiosk is reinvested back in the hospital with the purchase of equipment and medical aids that ultimately benefit local patients.

On 21 May the Mersey Community Hospital are hosting a Thank You morning tea for these volunteers as part of Volunteer Week.

If you are interested in learning more about the Mersey Community Hospital Auxiliary, please telephone Maureen on 0488 784 654.

ORAL HISTORY WORKSHOP

With increasing interest in recording local history from the people that lived it before they move on, an Oral History Workshop covering all aspects of oral history practice including interview technique, ethics, transcription and publication, will be held at the Glenorchy Library on 25 May from 10:00am until 4:45pm including lunch.

Costs apply - \$30 student; \$40 member or \$50 non-member.

Register online at <http://oralhistorytas.org.au/Docs/2019WorkshopRegGlenorchy.pdf>

The Mersey Community Hospital's state-of-the-art helipad will be operational in the next couple of weeks.

The helipad is now complete and is currently undergoing testing and commissioning.

MCH Acting General Manager Anthony Hurst said the new helipad would allow for faster patient transfers than ever before.

"When a person is seriously ill, or has been involved in an accident, every second matters," Mr Hurst said.

"The MCH-based helipad will allow us to transfer patients to the most appropriate tertiary hospital for their needs - whether that be in Launceston, Hobart or Melbourne."

The helipad features special deck lighting that supports night vision technology so helicopters can land safely at any time of the night or day.

Mr Hurst said a project was also underway to replace vegetation removed during the helipad project.

TOURIST ACCOMMODATION REFURBISHMENT LOAN SCHEME

The Tourist Accommodation Refurbishment Loan Scheme (TARLS) provides for up to \$20 million for low interest loans, over an initial two-year period, for eligible tourist accommodation businesses operating in Tasmania.

TARLS provides assistance to tourism operators to lift the standard of their product or services.

Loans are provided for a minimum of \$50,000 to a maximum of \$1.5 million.

For more information please call Chris Cooper at the Office of the Coordinator-General on 6777 2808 or email cg@cg.tas.gov.au

HERITAGE PLACES RENEWAL LOAN SCHEME

The Heritage Places Renewal Loan Scheme provides up to \$10 million in low interest loans, over an initial two-year period, for owners of Tasmanian Heritage listed properties.

Loans are available for refurbishing a property that facilitates tourism and business development opportunities, undertaking essential heritage conservation projects, developing a business or adapting a property to support a new business initiative that will grow the visitor economy. Loans are not available for properties used as a private residence.

Loans will be provided for a minimum of \$100,000 to a maximum of \$1.5 million.

Information is available at <https://bit.ly/2uVdZgv>

ANTI-BULLYING FORUM WITH JONNY SHANNON

Bullying can have a profound effect on one's life, leading you on a road of self-destruction however you can turn that around.

That was the case for Jonny Shannon who is nowadays an international technology entrepreneur and travels the world to share how he worked through being bullied.



Jonny grew up in South Auckland, New Zealand and found school extremely difficult, having undiagnosed dyslexia and other disabilities which led him to failing all his subjects and being bullied.

After overreacting too many times, Jonny was finally expelled for fighting too much and not showing up to school. It wasn't until his last school that a counsellor took him aside to work through some of the key issues he was facing.

The difference for Jonny was from "night to day". He quickly turned his academic performance around and focused on his emotional wellbeing.

Surprised in the difference seeing a counsellor made, Jonny committed to

doing youth work to help other students like him in the future.

A parent and community forum at the Devonport Paranaple Centre will be held from 6:00pm on Monday 3 June.

At this forum, Jonny will provide guidance on how you can empower the victim, making sure that they are able to control how they deal with bullying.

There will be separate follow up sessions with students at Latrobe High School, Reece High School and Devonport High School. This session is for parents and the wider community to support the messaging and how they can give support to someone being bullied that could help them achieve their life potential. Will that be you?

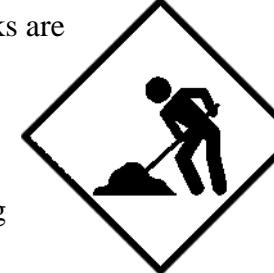
This forum is a partnership between the Education Department, Latrobe High School, Reece High School, Devonport High School and supported by Devonport City Council and Latrobe Council.

COUNCIL'S CURRENT WORKS REPORT

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

Civil Construction and Maintenance Team

- East Sassafras Road Corner Realignment between Chapel Road and Bass Highway



- Port Sorell Golf Course drainage improvements
- Stormwater network upgrade works in Dumbleton Street, Taroona Street and Quinlan Crescent
- Rural Roadside drain cleaning program
- Rural road gravel shoulder grading program

Town Services Team

- Latrobe Recreation Ground improvements including main grandstand refurbishment, replace and upgrade Hill Bar, electrical upgrades, main entrance upgrade
- Latrobe Depot renovations
- Gilbert Street bike racks
- Elderly Persons Units - construct new gazebo
- Station Square - revitalise timber furniture and shade structure
- Building maintenance program
- Playground maintenance program

Green Spaces Team

- Perkins Park ground upgrades
- Pig island development of walking tracks
- Bosworth Park playground upgrades
- Mowing and lawn care program
- Tree maintenance program
- Weed spraying program
- Garden maintenance program

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

REIMAGINE AGEING AND LIVE YOUR DREAM

Getting older doesn't mean slowing down but there can be different challenges that arise that may prevent you from staying socially connected and physically able.

This becomes very apparent when the kids are off your hands, you become single again or you have hit retirement.

Throughout the Latrobe Municipality, there are a range of healthy and positive initiatives that support intergenerational community engagement and personal independence.

Reviewing what's currently available locally and what the emerging needs of a community are can broaden opportunities not only for older residents but the community collectively.

Perhaps activities exist and you are simply not aware of them or maybe there is something that you have always wanted to try but it doesn't (yet) exist.

Council's Community Development Officer is seeking your input on what sort of activities older residents might like to try their hand at.

When defining an older person, this refers to people aged 50+.

From a "wish list" of activities, it is proposed to fulfil as many gaps as possible and have them available the week of 14-21 October. This is your opportunity to reimagine ageing and have an input on what you would like to be involved in into the future.

Please forward your "wish list" to Council's Community Development Officer, Michelle Dutton at council@latrobe.tas.gov.au by 31 May.





THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

The University of the Third Age (U3A) Port Sorell provides a diverse range of stimulating educational, creative and leisure programs to engage retired or semi-retired people over the age of 50 years in their ongoing physical and mental health wellbeing.

An information session for the Term 2 program will be held on 10 May at the Banksia Centre, morning tea included, with course enrolments closing on 17 May. Term 2 starts on 27 May.

The annual membership fee is \$45 applies plus a small additional charge per class of \$2, sometimes a little more depending on materials required.

Congratulations to the new executive, led by Tony Harris as President; Lesley Young as Vice President/Public Officer/Special Events; Wendy Sinfield as Secretary and Memberships; Anne Turner as Treasurer, Wanda Carmichael as Program/Venue Co-ordinator; John Sumpton as IT/ Communications and Enrolments; Libby Prescott the Office Manager; Di Kelly provides Functions and Venue Assistance with Ann Lewis the Publicity Officer.

U3A Port Sorell's office at the Banksia Centre, Pitcairn Street, Port Sorell is open Monday to Friday from 10.00am to 12 noon. Phone 0499 162 539 or visit their website at portsorellu3anet.org.au.

DYNAMIC ARTS HUB EMBRACES ALL



Have you visited the exhibition space at the Latrobe Arts Hub, 21 George Streets, Latrobe?

This venue is filled with a wonderful variety of original artworks and a fabulous selection of cards by members of Rubicon River Arts and it's all for sale.

Rubicon River Arts are an eclectic group of artists that work across a variety of mediums.

Their next get together is at 10:00am on 8 June at the Latrobe Arts Hub so if you are the arty type and seeking to connect with like-minded individuals, you will be made most welcome.

Details of upcoming workshops and arts opportunities including Needlework, Continental and Fair Isle Knitting, Collage, Hook Rug, Ceramic Birds and Tassel Making can be found in the What's On section of this newsletter.

Want to know more about Rubicon River Arts Inc? Look for them on Facebook, email rubiconriverarts@outlook.com.au, phone Angela on 0498 243 460 or call in to Latrobe Arts Hub, 21 George Street, Latrobe.

RSL'S MEMBERSHIP DRIVE



The Annual General Meeting of the Latrobe RSL saw the election of Ray Will as President, Bob Foster as Vice President, Betty Manners

Secretary while the Treasurer's role was filled by Hans Gramberg. Jeff Garwood, Bill and Frances Fair were elected as Committee Members.

This year's national ANZAC Day theme paid tribute to the contribution of nurses during times of conflict and in Australia's Services. It is the RSL's pleasure to coordinate another well attended Dawn ANZAC Day Service and enjoy the company of the broader community at the clubrooms in Belly's Bar and Grill for breakfast and other ANZAC Day activities.

The Latrobe RSL Sub-Branch Inc. conducted three pre-ANZAC Day Services on 24 April. One at Strathdevon aged care facility in Latrobe, another at Rubicon Grove in Shearwater and a third at Melaleuca in East Devonport.

Members also partnered with Latrobe Council to present the mid-morning Citizens Commemorative Service on ANZAC Day.

Did you know that along with service membership, if you are related to a current or former member of the Defence force, police, ambulance, fire brigade or SES, you are eligible to join the Latrobe RSL as an affiliate member? If you have no such association, you can join as a social member. By joining the Latrobe RSL, you are assisting in the welfare of ex-servicemen and women, war widows and dependants in the local community. You are also supporting the men and women of the Australian Defence Force.

While it is not until November, the Latrobe RSL are already planning to broaden the significance of Remembrance Day in Latrobe.

For information on anything RSL related, please contact the Secretary, Betty Manners on 0447 021 776.

LIONS CLUB OF LATROBE



The Lions Club of Latrobe is pleased to announce that Mr Dudley Parker is their incoming President for the 2019/20 year with Brian Stewart taking on the role of Secretary.

The Club's contact details are PO Box 100, Latrobe or email latrobe@lionstasmania.org

Sadly, Lion Peter Burk, who has given outstanding support to club activities over his 12-year membership, has resigned.

Peter has served as a member of the Board, Vice President, two terms as President and Tail Twister.

He has served on numerous committees and spent many hours in the Speedway canteen, on the Footy gates and out making fairy floss at school and community events. On top of all that, Peter has organised many social events but perhaps the one he has been most passionate about has been Relay for Life, even when dealing with his own health problems. Whatever was going on personally with Peter, he was usually there lending a hand.

Aside from his support of the club and its members he also quietly helps out many in the community without most being aware of his contribution. He has a quiet sense of fun but give him a costume, especially a Santa suit, and he really blossoms. Peter will be missed by the club.

Just a reminder that if you have spectacles you no longer need, you can recycle them at the Latrobe Family Medical Practice or Coventry's Pharmacy where they will be repurposed for people less fortunate.

If you are interested in helping the Lions Club of Latrobe serve the community, please email latrobe@lionstasmania.org or phone 0438 241 129.

CHURCH MOVES TO RUBICON GROVE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Last month the Bridge of Hope Anglican Church moved from Rice Street, Port Sorell to the Facilities Room at the Rubicon Grove Community Centre. An official Opening and Blessing by Bishop Richard Condie was held with visitors attending from community groups, OneCare, Rubicon Grove and other churches.

The new space is very welcoming and is used each week for church on Sunday, Mainly Music on Wednesday and a knitting group twice a month.

A new Clavinova suitable for the room has been purchased and was demonstrated by musicians at a piano soiree recently.

Sunday services at 9:30am have been well attended and are followed by a morning tea. Services are led by Revd. Susan Willis who commenced this year as a Locum Minister.

The church hopes to continue to grow through welcoming new residents in the area into the fellowship along with residents of Rubicon Grove. Families with young children are also encouraged to take part. Over

Over 20 families have registered for the Mainly Music program which caters for pre-school children and their parent or carer. This is held from 9:30am until 11:00am every Wednesday during school terms.

For inquiries please phone Grant on 6428 7810.

CHARGE BARS INSTALLED AT HOSPITAL

The Latrobe Rotary Club have been busy focusing on supporting the Latrobe Youth Brass Band to participate in the National Band competitions, sponsored a local Grade 10 student from Geneva to attend Rotary Adventure in Citizenship in Canberra and sponsored a Grade 11 youth to participate in the National Youth Science Forum in Canberra.

The club has also been working with the Mersey Community Hospital to install charge bars throughout their facility for use by visitors and patients.

Members visited local schools to promote broader awareness of the Rotary initiative to "End Polio Now" and spoke with students about Science and Engineering Challenges and the Rotary Youth Enrichment Program.

A community seat has been funded for positioning at the No. 2 croquet lawn in Latrobe and trees are ready to be planted in Bosworth Park, Latrobe.

The club continues to expand its membership and welcomes Tony Trilling. Interesting and informative guest speakers, social evenings and more projects are on their horizon including a Charity Dinner as a major fundraiser for Youth Suicide Awareness and Prevention to be hosted by the club on 26 October. Tickets will be available after 1 July.

If you have a project that the Rotary Club of Latrobe can support or your wish to join their busy, vibrant club or simply find out more about Rotary, please email info@rcol.org.au

EXTENSIVE FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY AVAILABLE

The Tasmanian Family History Society Inc. Mersey Branch is pleased to advise that they hold at their library the parish records of baptisms for the Port Sorell District as well as marriages for Sassafras, Port Sorell, Devonport and Forth/Leven Districts. These Church records are not available from other sources. Some of these records are in book form or on film with both formats able to be photocopied. The branch has also produced an index of personal announcements from The Advocate newspapers from 1980 to 2018. These are available to search or purchase. Earlier Advocates from 1900 to 1945 are also at the library.

An ongoing project is the collection of information regarding Latrobe and surrounding districts.

These folders contain information about pioneers of the area, businesses, maps, buildings etc. There are also folders contain details of the 400 men and 14 nurses from the district who served in World War 1.

The library has hundreds of books and is well worth a look. Divided into sections with a library catalogue and a names index (a work in progress) the library is very interesting.

Located behind the State Library in Gilbert Street, Latrobe, the Tasmanian Family History Library is open Wednesday or Friday from 10:00am until 3:00pm, other times by appointment by phoning 6426 2257 or 6428 6328.

REMINISCE WITH THE '69 PREMIERS

What is touted as the golden era of football for the Latrobe Football Club kicked off with winning the NWFU Premiership in 1969; this year marking their Golden Jubilee.

Coached by the legendary Darrel Baldock, who had returned home to Latrobe after a successful stint with St Kilda, the final game of the season saw success for Latrobe, winning over Ulverstone 64 to 29.

This was the start of a golden era for the club as the Demons went on to win the following three Premiership flags.

A reunion will be held on Saturday, 18 May from 6:00pm at the Latrobe Football clubrooms, with tickets open to the general public at a cost of \$45 which includes a smorgasbord dinner.

This is an opportunity to reminisce about that game specifically, although, with the passage of time, the occasion will no doubt blur into many fond memories of the Latrobe Football Club.

Former Hawthorn superstar, Shane Crawford, will be the special guest of the evening.

Crawford represented the Hawthorn Football Club on 305 occasions over a 16-season career, claiming the Brownlow Medal in 1999 and being named all-Australian on four occasions as well as receiving four club best and fairest awards.

Bookings can be made by phoning Rick Slatter (0418 579 530), Gavin Woodcock (0439 376 657) or Chloe Nicholls (0456 780 690).

CROQUET WILL TAKE YOU PLACES



A group of thirteen players and partners from the Latrobe Croquet Club have recently returned from an eight day trip to Norfolk Island where they were part of the 72 strong field competing in the Convicts Cup Golf Croquet Tournament. This tournament is held every year on Norfolk Island with competitors from all over Australia competing. Several Latrobe players won enough games to make the final but were a few hoops short so had to be content with the feasting and sightseeing.

The club held its annual Hi-Lo Competition in April with 22 members taking part over two days. The winning team was Val Addison, Flick Green and Curtis Mead with two teams - Lynette Stuart and Colin Kirkland plus Roberta Campbell and Penny Anderson - tying for second.

Croquet is played all year round, weather permitting, so if you are interested in giving it a try give Chris a call on 0499 990 239.

