



HAWLEY FORESHORE SHARED PATH UPDATE

At the Latrobe Council Meeting on 10 May, council discussed and endorsed the revised plans for the Hawley Foreshore Pathway project.

These plans reflect consideration of the feedback and comments received and set out to achieve a balance between the path alignment, user safety, project cost, state, and national design guidelines and of course, minimisation the impact on foreshore vegetation and aesthetics.

The plans can be viewed on the Latrobe Council website (www.latrobe.tas.gov.au), at the Shearwater 7 Day Makeover shop front in Quinlan Crescent, Shearwater, or at the Council office, 170 Gilbert St, Latrobe, until 4:30pm Monday, 12 July. Key points of the revised plans are:

- **Path Geometry and Safety**
The alignment has been moved closer to the edge of the existing foliage where possible to minimise the potential interaction between path users and motorists. This has enabled the radius of several curves to be reduced which, in turn, will lower bicycle speeds.
- **Path Width and Finish**
Council has adopted a 2.5m wide path which is consistent with the previously completed sections from Shearwater Park to the Don Brown Memorial. This width not only meets the requirements of existing users, but future growth and expansion of the path potentially into East Devonport and beyond.

In terms of the pathway Council has elected to use an exposed aggregate finish which will, we expect, reduce the impact on aesthetics and at the same time provide appropriate access for multiple users including wheelchairs, prams, and walking aids etc.

There are also sections of elevated walkway/boardwalk to minimise the footprint on the landscape. These sections have, however, been kept to a minimum due to their higher construction and ongoing maintenance costs.

The next step in this project is to work through and obtain the necessary approvals, clearances and permits required before finalising the design and construction documentation. Despite our best efforts, Council is acutely aware of the difficulties in gaining permits for projects proposed for construction in environmentally sensitive coastal shoreline areas. Construction timeframes will be dependent upon the approvals process and the availability of contractors to undertake the construction phase which is expected to commence before the end of 2021. Further updates will be made available as the project progresses.

The Latrobe Council appreciates and thanks all those who have attended briefings and made submissions to aid in the development of this project which will, we believe, provide increased opportunities for physical activity in a safe environment while enjoying the unique qualities of the Hawley Foreshore Precinct.

CHOCOLATE WINTERFEST, LATROBE

A wickedly delicious festival celebrating everything chocolate in and around the town of Latrobe

Sunday, 8 August 11:30am - 5:30pm

Program available from 10 July at www.chocolatewinterfest.com.au



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LEADING THE NATION IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM

Resource sharing and shared services models have delivered a productive and sustainable local government model for the Latrobe and Kentish municipalities that can be a model for other communities.

Councils are under pressure to evolve and reform to meet the challenges of financial sustainability, changing community needs and expectations along with future IT requirements.

The Latrobe and Kentish shared services model has the potential to address the issues of long-term sustainability for local government and should form part of any discussion about local government reform.

What this means, in a practical sense, is the two councils have amalgamated staff, while retaining their local elected representatives for each municipality. Rural and regional communities highly value that level of representation. More than 17,000 people live in the Latrobe and Kentish municipalities, and each day both Councils' endeavour to meet community expectations with the effective delivery of a wide range of shared services. The Kentish and Latrobe Councils lead the nation in resource sharing.

When the Councils began the resource sharing journey 12 years ago, it was understood that the process would be one of

KEEP BUS STOPS CLEAR

Since January, local bus company Merseylink has operated seven (7) days a week, enabling residents to transit between Latrobe, Port Sorell, Sheffield, Devonport and beyond, as well as providing transport options for students attending local schools.

As a result of this, bus zones are in effect seven (7) days a week meaning vehicles must not park in bus bays at any time of the day.

Failure to keep the bus bays clear for buses can result in a fine.



Merseylink also recently acquired four new school bus contracts which will commence from 1 July 2021.

The four contracts will travel throughout the Mersey region and complement existing Merseylink services, including the public bus service that operates four trips daily between Sheffield and Devonport, via Railton and Latrobe.

The acquisition of the new contracts allows students travelling to schools in Latrobe, to connect with the relevant Merseylink service, providing more options for students and parents.

Merseylink encourages all current and potential bus users to contact their office by phoning 6427 7626 if they would like more information or have any questions. Remember, please drive, and park safely and keep bus stops clear.

collaboration between Council and the community, focusing on delivering what the community needs.

The Premier's Economic and Social Recovery Advisory Council's (PESRAC) final report proposed that Parliament should drive reform in Tasmania's local government sector. The report went on to recommend the development of an expert panel that would deliver achievable reforms in the local government sector. This recurring conversation on local government reform has highlighted the issue of local government amalgamation and the various benefits that are assumed to flow from it. However, history has shown that amalgamation does not deliver an improved service model nor long-term sustainable change. It also leads to an erosion of democratic representation for decentralised populations.

"Kentish and Latrobe Councils are looking forward to a continued collaborative working relationship with the Tasmanian Government, that brings positive outcomes for our communities," said Latrobe Mayor Freshney.

"Now is the time to have an open conversation around the future of local government reform and how the two tiers of government can best work together," stated Kentish Mayor Wilson.

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LIVE YOUR BEST LIFE

Liveable Communities, also known as age-friendly communities, support everyone at any life stage. Because of this, they prevent or delay disease and illness, and help all people to live their best lives the way that they want.



Liveable Communities provide for a safe community that is affordable, of high quality, readily connected and easy to access.

There are eight areas identified as the basis of a liveable community -

- Outdoor Spaces and Buildings
- Transportation
- Housing
- Social Participation
- Respect and Social Inclusion
- Communication and Information
- Civic Participation & Employment
- Community and Health Services

The Council of the Ageing (COTA) Tasmania has developed a Liveable Community Toolkit that includes information, ideas, and resources to develop a Liveable Community. For a copy of this publication, go online to <https://bit.ly/2Sh9L22> or phone COTA on 6231 3265.

Source: COTA

ELDERLY INDEPENDENT LIVING

Did you know that Latrobe Council own and manage 57 community and 7 social housing units throughout the town of Latrobe for the actively independent aged? Units are co-located across multiple blocks of land and within easy walking distance of numerous facilities and services. The one- or two-bedroom units are designed to meet the needs of the aged that are still able to live independently. They are not disability units though. Successful tenants are offered lifetime tenancy of a unit through an open-ended lease.

There is a waiting list with individuals prioritised one-bedroom units and couples prioritised two-bedroom units.

Allocation is on a "first in, first come" basis, provided the applicant/s meet the eligibility criteria.

If this type of housing resonates with you, further information is available at <https://bit.ly/3gtKqKn>.

LOCAL BUILDING UPDATE

A total of 180 building, plumbing, and commercial applications and notifications of works were received by Council for the 4-month period from February to May inclusive. They comprised of 72 dwellings; 6 dwelling additions/alterations; 17 outbuildings; 5 commercial/industrial; 79 plumbing applications and 1 other application with a conservative value of \$32,231,017.

LEARNING ABOUT LOCAL GOVERNMENT



Earlier this year, students at St Patrick's School visited Latrobe Council to learn what Local Government does in a community. After the excitement of sitting in the Mayor and Councillor's chairs subsided, they heard from:

- Mayor Freshney on how Council is structured and who it represents;
- Alex Hayes, Council's Development and Regulatory Control Office spoke about responsible dog ownership with the students getting to try out a microchip detector;
- Community Development Officer Michelle Dutton spoke about Council's role in events, various organisations, and activities in our community as well as the importance of volunteering;
- Jonathan Magor, Infrastructure and Assets Manager spoke about waste management, ran a hands on exercise on recycling and showcased some of Council's capital works, including drone footage of a road being constructed; and
- Gleny Nicholls, Environmental Health Officer, spoke about good food practices as well as reinforce hygiene, providing students with a hands-on example of how quickly germs can spread.

Should other schools in the Latrobe Municipality like to take advantage of a similar opportunity to learn about Local Government, Council would welcome your enquiry to the Community Development Officer.

INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE SANKEY STREET, HAWLEY

A stormwater improvement project to alleviate capacity issues in the lower portion of Sankey Street is currently in design. There are several service utilities that need to be crossed and the design team are working through these. Following completion of the design, the works will be programmed with a contractor to complete the works. Impacted residents will be notified prior to works starting onsite.

HAMILTON STREET, LATROBE

Survey works for kerb and channel on the eastern side of Hamilton Street, between Thomas and Reibey Streets, has been completed.

The design process is scheduled to start shortly with construction expected to be completed in the 2021-22 financial year. The project will address issues with the existing retaining wall which is in a poor condition as well as the alignment and width of the road. At this stage, the existing heritage listed culvert under the road (which was built in 1916) will be retained. Other design issues to be addressed include the existing TasNetwork pole on the corner of Thomas Street which may require relocation. Council will work through this process with TasNetworks. Driveway accesses have also been identified as a potential issue to ensure changes in the gradient do not cause vehicles to "bottom out" or scrape when entering and leaving properties.

DUMBLETON STREET, HAWLEY

Works should be nearly complete on the construction of kerb and channel on the southern side of Dumbleton Street, Hawley from Hawley Place to the carpark and address a drainage issue.

MORIARTY ROAD, LATROBE

A footpath extension is to be built on the western side of Moriarty Road, Latrobe between Forth Street and the Torquay

Road/Hawkins Street intersection funded by the State Government's Vulnerable Road User program.

A couple of constrictions exist that need to be addressed in the design process, specifically power poles and a TasNetwork power turret. This section of road also has a high crossfall on driveway accesses which need to be reviewed as part of this, or a future project.

Crossfall of the footpath will be directed to the road to ensure run-off from the works is directed to the kerb and channel.

DOG REGISTRATIONS DUE

The *Dog Control Act 2000* requires that all dogs aged from 6 months must be microchipped and registered.

Registration not only allows Council to keep better control of the dog population but also to provide improved facilities and conditions for responsible dog owners.

Some benefits include:

- Positive identification of your dog
- Reuniting lost or injured dogs with their owners
- Investigation and resolution of dog problems
- Funding of educational programs to encourage responsible dog ownership
- Operation and maintenance of animal pounds
- Dog patrol services to reduce the number of stray dogs on streets and in public places
- Encouragement of de-sexing of dogs through discounted registration fees
- Reduced registration fees for early registration

If your dog/s is/are already registered in the Latrobe Municipality you will receive your registration renewal notice the first week in July.

The introduction of lifetime tags in July 2019 made it possible to renew registrations online. Payment options will be outlined on your renewal notice.

If you have moved into the Latrobe Municipality with your dog or get a dog throughout the year and it is 6 months or older, it must be registered with Latrobe Council.

New registrations will be accepted at the Council office from 1 July with the discount period ending on 31 July. From 1 August, the full fee applies.

SPEED LIMITS CHANGE

Changes to the speed limit along Parkers Ford Road will soon be implemented, dropping the current 80k/h to 60km/h from the roundabout on Port Sorell Main Road through to Gardams Road. This has resulted from the density of development which increases vehicular movements.

From Gardams Road south to Woodbury Lane, the road will remain at 80km/h.

While making these changes, the speed limits along Mill Dam Road and Charles Street at Squeaking Point were also reviewed, resulting in those roads being reduced in speed to 60km/h, also because of the development density.

Along Charles Street, the speed is to be further reduced to 50km/h near Pademelon Drive and then 40km/h just West of Potoroo Lane on the approach to the boat ramp and Squeaking Point Esplanade intersection.

While the Commissioner for Transport within the Department of State Growth is the legislative authority to set speed limits in Tasmania, Council has a form available that ratepayers can complete for a review of a speed limit in a particular area. Council then assesses the application which may include community consultation of residents affected by the proposed change along with vehicle and speed counts.

If deemed justified, Council will endorse the application and forward to the Department of State Growth for further consideration and approval.

CRASH STATISTICS

When considering the performance of all intersections and road links, crash statistics are a valued resource.

While near misses are encouraged to be reported to Tasmania Police as they are an indicator to potential emerging issues, the crash statistics detail accidents where Tasmania Police have been called or a police report has been filed.

Over the past five years, the top three worst intersections for accidents in the Latrobe Municipality have been -

- Bass Highway and Moriarty Road - 18
- Mersey Main Road and Railton Road - 12
- Bass Highway and Gilbert Street - 11



These intersections are on Department of State Growth main arterial roads, and, with high traffic volumes, it is no surprise that these intersections feature strongly in the crash statistics.

WATCH FOR FARM MACHINERY

The Community Road Safety Committee are consulting with the Tasmanian Farmers and Graziers Association on whether there is an existing form of signage that rural property owners may source to alert motorists that their heavy farm machinery is operational, particularly in high periods of activity i.e., harvesting etc.

The placement of this signage should assist in increasing awareness of farm vehicle activity, enabling motorists to drive with increased care and attention.

TARLETON ROAD DELAY

The Tarleton Road reconstruction, drainage improvements and footpath contract between Mersey Main Road and Coal Mines Road has been delayed due to an inability to source product.

The contractor is currently working to lock in a commencement date that will allow the sealing to occur without the need to maintain a gravel surface for an extended time.

With this methodology, there won't be a longer construction period; motorists will not be impacted by the frustration of potholes developing because of the exposed road surface; and the scope and cost for the project should remain substantially unaffected.

In addition to these works, Council is looking to budget the reconstruction of

Tarleton Road from Jowetts Lane to Cornick's Road/Seymour Street in the 2021-22 financial year.

ONLY RAINWATER SHOULD GO DOWN DRAINS

Washing paint brushes and other DIY equipment into drains, with pollutants such as oil and dirt, can end up in our waterways, killing fish and other stream life. Paint is toxic, and dirt and sediment can have long term impacts on water clarity, making it harder for fish to breathe, see and eat.

Once sediment enters a waterway it can settle on the bottom and smother the natural bed where algae and invertebrates live and fish like to hide. Some fish also have such high levels of these toxins that they can be harmful to humans if eaten. So, when you are doing work in the garden, or cleaning a muddy vehicle or painting equipment, remember only rainwater should go down the stormwater drain. Significant penalties can apply. For further information, please contact Council's Environmental Health Officer on 64264444.

POWERING COMMUNITIES

Community groups are invited to apply for funding through the upcoming *Powering Communities Program*. This program will support projects such as:

- Installing solar panels or a battery
- Upgrading equipment such as air conditioners, hot water systems or refrigerators to more energy efficient models
- Replacing lighting with more energy efficient LEDs or
- Conducting an energy audit



Grants between \$5,000 and \$12,000 will be available to eligible community organisations, with no co-contribution required. Expressions of interest (EOI) close on Monday, 2 August.

To register your interest, go online to <https://bit.ly/3gm2S7J>, complete the form and return to braddon@aph.gov.au. If you need further information to assist you with your EOI, please contact Gavin Pearce MP's office on 6431 1333.

RUBICON RICE GRASS UPDATE

A recent Rubicon Rice Grass Information session saw participation by 34 residents. Cradle Coast Authority, in partnership with Latrobe Council, secured funding to reduce the 660Ha Rice Grass infestation in the Port Sorell Estuary.

Rice Grass was treated north of a "containment line" between Squeaking Point and Eagle Point to establish a Rice Grass Free Zone and protect Coastal Saltmarsh. A trial treatment of a Rice Grass meadow commenced at Finger Point, Rubicon Estuary, to monitor sediment movement after control. Currently, the most cost effective and least environmentally damaging herbicide for Rice Grass control is Fusilade Forte. This herbicide does not affect native saltmarsh species or seagrasses, is rapidly absorbed, quickly degrades and has very low toxicity to estuarine fauna.

Even though wet and windy weather has hampered the Rice Grass program from November to April, the total area treated this season was 436Ha. Weed contractors completed follow-up work at Narawntapu National Park and reported a kill rate of 90%. Weed treatment has commenced at North East Arm, Brown's Creek, Squeaking Point, Thompsons Creek and Panatana Rivulet. This project will conclude in June 2023.

MAJOR REDEVELOPMENT AT MERSEY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

Work will soon begin on a major redevelopment at the Mersey Community Hospital to expand the hospital's outpatient, operating theatre, endoscopy, and day surgery facilities. Works include:

- an additional endoscopy unit;
- redeveloped day procedure unit;
- expansion of recovery unit;
- expansion of operating theatres

Mersey Community Hospital Nursing Director of Operations Anthony Hurst said early works had already begun on the project.

"Patients and visitors will have already seen the worker's site compound adjacent to Torquay Road, and signage is in place to direct people away from this area," Mr Hurst said.

"Following the completion of these early infrastructure works, the actual building project will begin in late 2021 and take around two years to complete.

All hospital services will continue throughout the project, however there will be some noise, changes to parking and some service disruption throughout.

We thank the community in advance for their patience as we work to upgrade and expand their hospital," said Mr Hurst.

COMMUNITY BANK IN DIRE NEED OF YOUR BUSINESS

In March 2014, the Port Sorell/Latrobe district's first Community Bank opened with fanfare and optimism supported by over 200 local investors, enthusiastic to have a local bank based on a simple model: profits = money returned to the community!

To date, the Community Bank has donated \$100,000 to local community organisations - an amazing incentive for the community to support its continuation. However, this is where the good news ends!

In an extremely low interest rate environment, revenue has suffered, so much more business is required - much more!

Sadly, too many residents in this community choose to bank elsewhere so the questions are: -

- what is needed to attract your business?
- how can the Community Bank assist you?
- do you really want a local Community Bank?

The Community Bank is pleading with Port Sorell/Latrobe residents to support their local

Community Bank, or it will cease operations.

It may seem complex to transfer your current banking, but the branch team is keen to make the transfer of your business an easy process.



Are you considering a new or refinanced home loan? A home loan writer is now on site to assist with your application. Bendigo Bank loan rates are extremely competitive and allow offset accounts. Give Amelia or Janet a call to solve your requirements.

You may want a credit card, personal loan, equipment finance, rural loan, or insurance - the team is keen to help.

The situation is dire, and your support is needed now. Spread the word about the Community Bank's benefit to the community. Even if you don't need a loan, you may know someone who does - a family member, friend, or neighbour.

Together we can make our community a better place to live, play and enjoy.

FLOOD MITIGATION UPDATE

"Council welcomes the announcement by the Tasmanian Government that it will fund a total of \$4.67m towards Latrobe Flood Mitigation measures.

The indicative budget estimated for the project in the aftermath of the floods was \$4.467m however, following the geotechnical survey, extensive hydraulic modelling and engineering, and the associated detailed design work, the cost is now just over \$14m," said Mayor Freshney.

Much has happened in the five years since the floods with the "build back better" theme prominent in design.

Extensive modelling and investigation of possible flood mitigation options have been undertaken.

"While there have been obvious risks associated with the delay in constructing the flood mitigation project, Council's priority has always been to ensure that extensive due diligence would ensure that the project provided the protection that our community deserves.

Council now has a Letter of Intent with local company, BridgePro, to construct the flood mitigation project however the design requires further work. Once those boxes are ticked, further stakeholder consultation will be undertaken," said Mayor Peter Freshney.

SHERWOOD DRIVE, LATROBE

A blackspot, due to limited sight distance, has been raised at the junction of Railton Road and Sherwood Drive.

While Council requested remediation as part of the Department of State Growth's current works on Railton Road, their program did not allow for such a variation. With a recent HipCamp site opening at Sherwood Drive, the emergence of long vehicles is perceived to potentially exacerbate the sight issue. Council is continuing to pursue this matter with the Department of State Growth.

CAPITAL PROJECT DELAYS

While the stimulus of the construction market has worked well, one could argue that it may have worked too well in Tasmania.

Council is not exempt from the fluctuation of this building boom, particularly in delivering its capital works program. Market factors continue to increase not only material costs but impact on the availability of contractors to the extent that significant delays are being experienced. Combined with spiralling costs, the impact on a fixed budget and meeting funding deadlines are a challenge.

This situation is directly impacting on the redevelopment works at the Port Sorell Caravan Park and Camp Banksia. Stage 2 of the Port Sorell Caravan Park redevelopment, which includes a new reception/caretaker's accommodation, 10 new cabins and civil works to reconfigure the entry to Darling Street, were scheduled to commence in May but have now been delayed. The committee are reviewing the priority of all components of Stage 2 and whether there is capacity to defer one of more of its planned deliverables to Stage 3 while maintaining camp operations.

In relation to Camp Banksia, various considerations and adjustments have been made to the design with work now scheduled to commence in November 2021. This has enabled several groups to benefit with the availability of the camp for bookings until then.



HYDROTHERAPY CHALLENGES

Council recently agreed to accept a grant of \$250,000 from the State Government and enter into a 3 + 3 year Licence Agreement with Uniting AgeWell, the owners of the hydrotherapy pool.

The grant will fund the construction works required for the upgrade and maintenance of the Strathdevon Hydrotherapy Pool.

Once complete, the facility to again become available for community use.

The way in which the hydrotherapy pool functions will have a large bearing on the financial impact on ratepayers.



Canvassing of several service providers indicates there is support for use as a hydrotherapy pool (34-35 degrees) as opposed to a warm water pool (32 degrees) for a possible 20 hours a week.

Initial projections indicate that the hydrotherapy pool will run at a deficit of between \$50,000 - \$100,000 annually, which is a cost that will ultimately be borne by our ratepayers.

The financial investment needs to be balanced with Council's desire to enhance the health of our community, especially those requiring hydrotherapy pool services to assist in the rehabilitation of medical conditions or alleviate chronic conditions. The challenge will be setting a user fee that is affordable but also contributes to the operational costs, so the facility becomes cost neutral.

The hydrotherapy pool should be operational by the end of 2021, subject to contractor availability.

NUISANCE CATS

Have you ever found a cat that you didn't own wandering on your property? You're not alone, around half of Tasmanians say that roaming cats are a nuisance in their neighbourhoods.

If you have one in your neighbourhood, read on, because we're going to help you deal with the issue responsibly.

Firstly, it's important to understand that it's not the cat's fault that it has become a nuisance. These issues normally come about when a cat hasn't been suitably contained at home by its owners or properly trained. So, as much as you might feel frustration towards the cat, try to remind yourself that it has no idea that it's a nuisance to you.

Initial steps are -

- Speak with the owner;
- Do not feed the cat;
- Try "cat-proofing" your yard

You can also deter cats from roaming around your yard by:

- Covering sandpits to reduce the risk of unpleasant surprises in the sandcastles.
- Wet your garden before bed. Cats hate getting wet paws.
- Install a motion-activating water sprinkler, or an ultrasonic deterrent device.
- Create a cat deterrent garden. Plants such as Lemon Thyme, Pennyroyal, *Coleus canina* and Lavender are effective.

While trapping a wandering cat is legal, the cat must be safely returned to its owner or to the RSPCA. Animal cruelty is an offence and harsh penalties do apply.

For more information, go to <https://www.tassiecat.com/>

RIVER ROAD, LATROBE

With the construction of the coastal pathway alongside River Road, Latrobe, concern has been raised at the potential interaction between motorists and users of the pathway and a speed limit reduction suggested.

BEAUTIFYING THE LATROBE MUNICIPALITY ONE TREE AT A TIME

Council's Tree Planting Committee met regularly to discuss future planting programs to naturally beautify the Municipality.

MORIARTY ROAD, LATROBE

With planting complete on the Eastern side of Moriarty Road, the planting of trees alongside Mersey Community Hospital side of Moriarty Road has been raised with management.

CLUB DRIVE, SHEARWATER

Following the footpath upgrades in Club Drive, the tree committee has tentatively identified locations for vegetation plantings to beautify the approach to Shearwater Village.

These installations are subject to fine tuning following consultation with residents along Club Drive.



This was considered during the design process with Council funding the installation of additional guard rail in our section. Council personnel have recently investigated the concerns and advise a reduction in the speed limit along the Latrobe section could not be supported.

SASSAFRAS ROAD ISSUES EAST SASSAFRAS INTERSECTION

Council staff are investigating the geometry of the East Sassafras Road and Greens Creek Road intersection following reports that the intersection may not be sufficiently wide enough for vehicle manoeuvrability.

There is conjecture those motorists are not travelling through this intersection with due care and attention in accordance with the Road Rules.

It is prudent though, that the situation be investigated as, if the road is not sufficient to needs, some road widening may need to be undertaken.

HIGHWAY SPEED LIMIT

The 80km/hr speed limit on the Bass Highway between Devonport and Latrobe, travelling East, currently comes into effect at the end of the passing lanes just past TasFreight.

The Department of State Growth are currently investigating moving the 80km/hr limit further towards Devonport due to safety concerns with trucks merging onto the highway.

CHAPEL ROAD ACCELERATION LANE

Turning onto the Bass Highway from Chapel Road, into 110km/hr traffic, can be hazardous.

While there are deceleration slip lanes for motorists turning from the Bass Highway into Chapel Lane, there is a disparity exiting Chapel Lane.

As a main thoroughfare from the Port Sorell area to the Bass Highway, the installation of an acceleration lane is one potential project that will be considered as part of the Department of State Growth's Corridor Strategy and Implementation Plan of the Bass Highway through the Latrobe Municipality.

BUSINESS MATTERS UPDATE

There was a fantastic response to the recent meeting to establish a Kentish and Latrobe regions business association. Around 50 local business leaders attended with 13 nominating for the initial Coordination Group who will implement a 120-day plan to get the Business Association up and running.

Attendees approved the model that the new not-for-profit Business Association will support every business across the Kentish and Latrobe municipal areas, from single home-based ventures and farms to our largest employers. Every business will automatically be a member at no cost, and receive representation, regular communications, and a range of benefits. The 120-day establishment plan includes ongoing communications to all businesses across the region, and opportunities for business people to chart the direction and activities of the Association.

If you are interested in the future of local businesses and have not yet received any of the email invitations or update bulletins, please contact Executive Officer Gordon Williams on 0402 636 769 or email gordon.williams@latrobe.tas.gov.au.

GAS VENT FROM TRENCHES

Rehabilitation investigations are continuing for the Port Sorell Landfill site situated on Alexander Street between Hawk Hill Road and Club Drive.

An assessment of the likely pathways for landfill gas to leave the site has been conducted and a vent trench is to be constructed along the western end of the Club Drive boundary.

The vent trench is likely to be about 100m long, 2m deep and 1m wide and filled with granular gravel, allowing any gas emissions to come up and out of the ground rather than potentially leaving the site.

This vent trench is likely to remain in place and form part of the site's overall remediation.

ST GEORGE'S PARK, LATROBE

Tree planting has commenced along the Moriarty Roadside of St George's Park and into Forth Street.

The committee are proposing to Council that a shelter, tables and chairs be installed at St George's Park to encourage utilisation.

GILBERT STREET, LATROBE

With the new roundabout works at the junction of Gilbert and Hamilton Streets, Latrobe, further trees have been installed along Gilbert Street.

This program will be continuing throughout the 2021-22 financial year.

STATION SQUARE CARPARK

A series of Silver Birch and various shrubs are being planted behind the Station Square carpark and along the boundary of the self-contained camping area to provide screening from the paddock and beautify this area.

COMMUNITY SUPPORTED THROUGH ANNUAL GRANTS PROGRAM

Each year, Latrobe Council allocates \$20,000 in its Community Grants Program. There are two parts to the Community Grants Program.

ARTS, CULTURE AND FESTIVALS SPONSORSHIP funds new or established events and major festivals that comply with COVID restrictions and 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 and enhancing the Municipality's events calendar.

Successful Round 1 applicants include -

- Latrobe Football Club will receive \$2,000 to assist with digitising the photographic and memorabilia history, creating an interactive history room in this their 140th year.
- The Latrobe Garden Club are supported with establishing and advertising a new Latrobe Garden Trail event in December 2021 with \$1,500.
- Choir in the Club have been funded \$2,000 to purchase of sound desk and accessories to stage Choir in the Club at multiple locations and with capacity to support self-sustainability by hiring the equipment to other events.

FREE ROSE PRUNINGS

Free rose cuttings will be available to the community on Thursday, 22 July from 10:00 am until 12 noon at the Latrobe Post Office Reserve, Gilbert Street, Latrobe. This is an annual initiative by Council. Rather than simply mulching the cuttings, they are offered to people wishing to either start growing roses or expand their existing floral display.

"The display of roses around the perimeter of the Latrobe Post Office Reserve in Gilbert Street, Latrobe was initially planted with a donation of rose plants by the CWA in the 1950's.

While natural attrition has resulted in the replacement of some of these roses over the years, the current crop is an extremely hardy lot, coping very well with the climatic conditions of Latrobe," said Latrobe Council's Green Spaces Leading Hand, Mr Shaun Tuthill.

The roses have varying flowering times throughout Spring and Summer with colours ranging from white, yellow, apricot, a blend of yellow and orange, light pink, pink, dark pink through to burgundy and purple.

Some plants are highly fragrant whereas others just have a hint of perfume.

Blooms range from singles to doubles and vary in height, up to 1.5 metres.



LATROBE TO GET PUMPING

Latrobe about to jump on the pump track trend with the establishment of one at Bosworth Park.

Bounded by Gilbert, Stanley and Cotton Streets in Latrobe, Bosworth Park is undergoing a staged transformation to encourage useability.

The site has so far been developed with the construction of a playground, barbecues, public toilets, and the Latrobe Dog Park. Landscaping has commenced along Cotton Street and dog obedience classes also utilise this reserve.

Next on the list is the construction of a pump track which is a series of curves, dips and transitions that are designed to be ridden by riders of all skill levels and ages by "pumping" - generating momentum by up and down body movements - instead of pedalling or pushing.



Consultation on design is underway with construction, subject to the availability of contractors, expected to commence in October.

WILD MERSEY BRIDGE WORKS

BridgePro are continuing to work on the construction of the bridge over the Mersey River at Warrabee with visitors to the area requested to comply with site signage for their own safety.

This construction will be the longest pedestrian suspension bridge, at 150m, in Australia and is being built at a height to

- Crescendo Music Hub will receive \$2,000 towards the staging of a Latrobe Youth Music Festival and specifically to secure professional guest presenters that will enhance and develop local talent.

The **EMERGING NEEDS** Grants are designed to encourage community partnerships that address an unmet need within the Latrobe Municipality in the fields of Minor Capital Works; Health and Community Welfare; Environment; and Sport and Recreation.

Successful applicants include -

- Port Sorell Table Tennis Club with a contribution of \$2,000 towards the purchase of competition grade table tennis tables.
- Latrobe Basketball Association will receive \$1,817 to replace two laptop computers to better support scoring and statistical information: and the
- Latrobe Bowls Club will receive \$2,000 to offset the purchase of a replacement refrigerator for their bar.

With balance funds remaining, a further round will open in July for projects commencing from November. This is a competitive funding opportunity with details available at www.latrobe.tas.gov.au/community/grants

withstand the impact of flood events like that experienced in 2016.

It will also feature a special addition however the details of that will be announced at its official reveal, expected to be in late July.

There is no doubt that this pedestrian suspension bridge will be an iconic tourist feature in Latrobe while also enhancing the Wild Mersey MBT experience.

The former bridge, subject to Crown Land approval, will be reused at the weir at Bells Parade, providing another access to the walking tracks and open space of Pig Island.

parkrun



Latrobe Council was recently approached to financially support the establishment of a parkrun at Bells Parade, Latrobe.

Unanimous in its support, Council eagerly awaits confirmation from another two local businesses to join collaboratively in this project as joint Foundation Sponsors.

The course is proposed to start from near the amenities at Bells Parade where participants will run/jog/walk north along the coastal pathway 2.5kms and return. To effect a safe parkrun, the accesses from River Road to the Mersey River will be closed each Saturday from 8:30am until 10:00am.

The start date for the Bells Parade Latrobe parkrun is yet to be confirmed.

Council congratulates the coordinating group on their initiative and looks forward to the Bells Parade, Latrobe parkrun continuing to provide for the health and wellbeing of our community.

HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?

It may be mid-winter but there are perennials to be divided, seeds to be sown and potted plants to go in, including deciduous trees and evergreens such as conifers.

WHAT TO SOW AND PLANT IN JULY:

ORNAMENTALS: Camellias (pots), calendula, carnation (seedlings), cerinthe, cineraria (seedlings), cornflower (seedlings), chrysanthemum (pots), cyclamen (pots), daphne (pots), deciduous shrubs and trees (bare-rooted or pots), delphinium (seedlings), echinacea, forget-me-not, freesia (bulb), hellebore (pots), hollyhock (seedlings), hyacinth (bulb), iceland poppy (seedlings), liliium (bulb), lobelia (seedlings), nemophila, pansy (seedlings), polyanthus (seedlings), poppy, primula (seedlings), rose (bare-rooted), viola (seedlings), wallflower (seedlings)

PLANT: Apricot (bare-rooted), apple (bare-rooted), artichoke (crown), Asian greens, asparagus (crowns), broad beans (seedlings), broccoli (seedlings), cabbage (seedlings), cherry (bare-rooted), chervil, comfrey, deciduous fruit trees (bare-rooted), early potatoes, english spinach, garlic (bulbs), grapevines (bare-rooted), horseradish (root cutting), kale, lettuce, mustard, nectarine (bare-rooted), onions, peach (bare-rooted), pear (bare-rooted), peas, plum (bare-rooted), rhubarb divisions, rosemary (pots), sage (pots), shallots, silverbeet, turnip

Sow seeds to get a head start on spring but it is too risky to put frost-sensitive plants such as tomatoes outside just yet. Also get deciduous plants into the ground and plant herbaceous perennials

WHAT TO SOW AND PLANT IN AUGUST:

ORNAMENTALS: Azalea, brown boronia (pots), camellias (pots), calendula, cannas (pots), carnation (seedlings), cineraria (seedlings), cornflower (seedlings), cyclamen (pots), daphne (pots), deciduous trees (bare-rooted or pots), delphinium



(seedlings), echinacea, forget-me-not, hellebore (pots), hollyhock (seedlings), iceland poppy (seedlings), liliium (bulb), lobelia (seedlings), marigold, native plants (pots), pansy (seedlings), polyanthus (seedlings), poppies, primula (seedlings), rose (bare-rooted), snapdragon, succulents (pots), viola (seedlings), wallflower (seedlings)

PLANT: Certified seed potatoes, Jerusalem artichokes, shallots, potato onions, garlic cloves and oca (*Oxalis tuberosa*). Off-sets (suckers) of globe artichokes (for tasty food and brilliant flowers). Divisions of chives, rhubarb, and asparagus crowns. Sturdy young seedlings of cabbage, cauliflower, celery, broccoli, lettuce, onion, and leeks.

SOW: Direct where they are to be grown seed of peas (including delicious snow peas), broad beans, turnips, swedes, Asian brassicas, English spinach, and onions. In warm, well-drained soil or containers, sow silverbeet, cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli, and lettuce seeds.

STUDENTS SOAR IN

CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG JR

Ian Fleming's *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang Junior* is set to make its stage debut in Latrobe this September.

This 60-minute student-performer version of the popular stage musical will be presented by students at Geneva Christian College.

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang JR follows the story of a loving inventor, Caractacus Potts, who sets his family on a fantastic adventure when he decides to restore a race car to its former glory. Caractacus soon discovers the machine is magic and can float and fly but gets into trouble as the evil Baron Bomburst desires the vehicle for himself. The family must join forces with new friends to outwit the dastardly Baron, his Baroness, and their villainous Child Catcher.



Pictured: Oliver Carroll (Jeremy), Wyndham George (Caractacus), Lia Fish & Isabelle Carrasco (Jemima) flying Chitty Chitty Bang Bang

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang JR will be performed at Latrobe Memorial Hall from 21-23 September. Tickets are available from Geneva school office on 64261053.

CONTROLLING ASTHMA

Asthma is an inflammatory condition of the airways which restricts airflow and affects 66,000 Tasmanians or more than 1 in 8 people. Most people with asthma can experience good control of their condition however, without these practices, asthma can be fatal.

13.7% of the Latrobe Municipality have asthma. This is higher than both the national (11%) and state average (13%). Asthma is also one of the most common reasons for visiting the doctor or hospital in Tasmania. With more than 90% of hospitalisations for asthma in Tasmania being preventable, there is clearly much that can be done to support people with asthma in staying well.

Asthma Australia's goal is to halve hospitalisations due to asthma by 2030 by focusing on the consumer and the health system that surrounds them.

They provide meaningful support for people with asthma through a range of resources, information, and community initiatives and can forge new connections with health professionals as well as create events that bring people together to support each other.

For more information, phone 1800 ASTHMA (1800 278 462) or go to asthma.org.au

CELEBRATING 150 YEARS

In 2021 the Sassafras Primary School will celebrate its 150th birthday. What an amazing milestone, and one worth celebrating!

Plans are underway for an Open Day later in the year with an invitation to past students, staff, and community members with connections to Sassafras Primary School to be part of this special event.

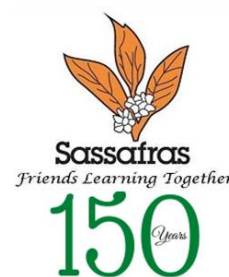
If you would like to be involved in the planning or have any items that you would be willing to add to the school's history display, please contact the school on 64267240 or email sassafras.primary@education.tas.gov.au.

The school is keen for photographs, previous uniforms, school books etc - in fact, any memorabilia of interest to Sassafras Primary School and will take great care of the items, returning them after the Open Day!

WOMEN'S HEALTH WEEK

Women's Health Week (6-10 September) is an annual health awareness campaign focussing on good health and wellbeing for women and girls.

To get involved by hosting an event and inviting women (and men) to attend, you can register at www.womenshealthweek.com.au



HALL REDEVELOPMENT TO HOUSE BAND MOVE

A Memorandum of Agreement is being developed between Latrobe Council and the Latrobe Federal Band to relocate to the Latrobe Memorial Hall.

This agreement will see the site cater for the senior band, junior band, storage of band equipment, music library and administration.

There are some works that need to be undertaken with this project including building an extension onto the back of the hall and dropping the existing stage down to floor level. The latter ensures disability access requirements can be met without impacting on the useable space within the Latrobe Memorial Hall.

Consequently, the former stage will no longer be available to the community.

Due to bookings of the Latrobe Memorial Hall, works on this project will not commence until February 2022.

To continue to address staged activities within the Latrobe Memorial Hall, a portable stage system will be available along with an improved audio system in the main hall. The "Supper Room" and kitchen facilities will continue to be available for hire by whole of facility hirers, enabling ongoing diverse use by existing and potential groups without impacting on the Latrobe Federal Band's space and vice versa.

HAMILTON HUB ACTIVITIES EXPAND

With the management of Hamilton Hub (formerly the Latrobe Senior Citizens Club) at 18 Hamilton Street, Latrobe transferred to Latrobe Council, the venue is now available for broader community use, as an alternative to the Supper Room of the Latrobe Memorial Hall.

While the Latrobe Senior Citizens Club has retained sole use of the building every Tuesday, the venue is now used for school tutoring, meetings of community groups, Embroidery Guild activities, art classes, day-care activities, community events and private functions.

New lighting has been fitted and signage reflecting the venue's name was recently installed.

Future works at the site include line marking the parking bays to differentiate between venue parking and the private parking of co-located, private residences; new seats and tables; wifi capability; repair works to the façade; the installation of a projector, screen and sound system and the installation of an access control system.

To book Hamilton Hub for your next meeting, public event or private function, phone Latrobe Council on 64264444.

VISIT LATROBE & PORT SORELL

With the launch of the 'Visit Latrobe & Port Sorell' website and socials, there is an opportunity to collaboratively promote our region, not just to the rest of the State, but to the mainlanders that have suddenly "discovered" the delights of Tasmania.

To maximise your exposure, local organisations with a tourism focus are encouraged to register their business in the "Visit Latrobe & Port Sorell Tasmania" directory (www.latrobetasmania.com.au). Please also follow, like and tag "Visit Latrobe & Port Sorell Tasmania" on social media.

A steady stream of eye-catching photos of our area, events, community club activities, businesses, and sporting pursuits are sought to entice those passing through to stop, stay and spend a little longer. If you haven't already checked out the website, please jump online and have a look.

BIKING AND SHARED PATHWAY STRATEGY

The Latrobe Council is committed to improving cycling and walking facilities within our area, as we recognise cycling and walking are an important recreational and social activity for residents.

Off the back of the near completion of developments including the Wild Mersey Mountain Bike Trail and the Coastal Pathway, Council's attention now turns to maximising the utilisation of these community assets. With that in mind, Council is in the process of finalising draft Terms of Reference for a Biking and Shared Use Pathway Strategy.

Through identifying walking and cycling networks and addressing key barriers that deter people from these activities, Council hopes to transition to an environment and culture that supports locals and visitors alike to enjoy all the benefits of an active lifestyle within the Latrobe Council area. The Strategy will seek to identify key linkages where the provision of regionally significant additional infrastructure can better connect parts of our municipality. Since the opening of the Coastal Pathway at Bells Parade, we have seen a steady influx of people riding from Devonport to relax in Latrobe. Through the development of a strategy, Council hopes to identify how to better connect biking, walking and tourism.

The potential for the Strategy to be a collective effort in conjunction with the Kentish Council is also being investigated.

GO LEFT TO TURN RIGHT

The completion of the roundabout at Gilbert and Hamilton Street provides Hamilton Street motorists with increased frequency to access Gilbert Street as well as offering opportunities for traffic to utilise the roundabouts for U-turns.

If you want to head in the opposite direction, you are more likely to get a quicker break in the traffic by turning left and using the roundabout, while also keeping other traffic moving.

Likewise, if you are wanting to turn off Gilbert Street, rather than bank up traffic, use the nearest roundabout to make a U-turn, placing you on the side of the street that you want to be.

Motorists are reminded to be aware of traffic at roundabouts, especially cars in front of them as rear enders can be a predominant crash at such locations.

A HEARTY WALK

Throughout Australia, the Heart Foundation has a network of walking groups of which the Latrobe Hearties are one.

Meeting on Friday mornings at 9.30am at the gates into Bells Parade, members walk a variety of local routes including Pig Island and the new coastal pathway. They also carpool and go to other spots as desired, just to mix it up a bit.

With 15 members, if you enjoy walking and are available at this time, they would be most welcoming to you.



For further information, please contact Council's Heart Foundation Walking Coordinator Glenys Nicholls on 64264444 or, for general information on Heart Foundation Walking Groups go to <https://walking.heartfoundation.org.au/walking/tasmania>

NO IDLE TIME FOR ROTARY

The Rotary Club of Latrobe continues to support various projects and programs throughout the local community and provide financial support for our community's youth and up and coming leaders of the future.

This cannot be achieved without fund raising. While continuing to be challenging under COVID-19 restrictions, the club moves forward with a Bunnings BBQ booked for 10 July and 21 August. Members will once again support the staging of Chocolate Winterfest, Latrobe at the Chocolate Corner in the Latrobe Memorial Hall. This valued support enables this event to proceed.

Next up is a Trivia Night on 14 August so grab some friends and get ready to make

your booking so you don't miss out on this fun event.

To help Rotary continue their great work, new members are always welcome. For more information email info@rcol.org.au or phone 0457 883 006.

FAMILY HISTORY MONTH

Family History Month in August is a great time to start researching your family roots with the Tasmania Family History Society Mersey Branch ready to help you.

They will be conducting free beginner sessions on Wednesday, 18 August however you do need to book as numbers are limited.

At these sessions, you will receive advice on where to start, how to store information, what suits you best - hard copy or computer or both and some handy hints.

Did you know that family group and pedigree charts are available from their library, along with advice on how to fill them out?

If you've ever had an interest in your family tree, this local group can get you started. Simply book in for their beginner sessions by phoning Sue-Ellen 6428 6328 and have your other enquiries answered by Ros 0476 008 531.



Pictured: Ross, one of the family history volunteers

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Libraries Tasmania will be offering a range of school holiday activities for 5-12-year-olds. For information regarding activities and to book a place please visit www.eventbrite.com.au.

Would you like help getting online safely or learning how to use your smartphone, tablet, or laptop? You can register for a free, small group session or one to one appointment with volunteers at Latrobe Library.

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

MANGER DANS LE NOIR

The Lions Club of Latrobe expresses its appreciation to the community that attended their recent dining in the dark function - Manger Dans le Noir; supported by Latrobe Council through its annual Community Grants.

With a little encouragement almost everyone tried dining with a mask on and some were very innovative in their approach to eating in the "dark".

Have you ever tried to guess what is in a bag just by the sense of feel; or draw on a white board blind folded? Guests, good naturedly, took part in these activities to gain an appreciation of what people with vision impairment face daily.

Guest speaker Leroy Court, a well know local and former Paralympian who is himself visually impaired, was both entertaining and informative with his presentation. He certainly made attendees think of the simple things many take for granted such as identifying yourself when you speak to someone with vision impairment, or the inability of being able to choose from the menu and to see what you are eating.

The Lions Club of Latrobe look forward to making this a regular event in 2022.

T3 DISCOUNT MEMBERSHIP

Did you know that the University of the Third Age (U3A) Port Sorell offers, on average, over 30 courses every term - that's almost 100 timetabled classes a year!

But that's not all - they now offer a regular range of one-off sessions which have included talks on health issues and vaccines to specific scientific discussions, legal issues and even cook alongs! Their goal is to offer a range of sessions to meet a broad range of interests.

It is however the friendships you make from being a part of U3A Port Sorell that are priceless.

For just \$45/year, U3A membership is terrific value and as Term 3 is soon to commence in early September, they are offering new membership for the remainder of the year for \$20. Term 3 is planned to be the best yet!

To become a member either pop into their office at the Banksia Centre, Pitcairn Street, Port Sorell from 10:00am until 12 noon from Monday through to Thursday or online at <https://portsorell.u3anet.org.au/> and select Membership.

They look forward to seeing you!

LATROBE BOWLS AND COMMUNITY CLUB INC

The Latrobe Bowls and Community Club (LBCC) had a very successful season with seven from nine teams finishing in the top four with three Premierships in the Bowls North West (BNW) competitions. Saturday Open Division 5, Thursday Ladies Division 3 and 4 were all Premiers. LBCC also have good representation in BNW state-wide competitions in both Open and Senior Mens and Ladies teams as well as members in the Open and Senior State squads.

Indoor Bowls continue Tuesday afternoons during the winter months and Crib nights are held each Wednesday throughout the year, starting at 7:00pm. Crib is open to the whole community with more

information available from Glennis by phoning 0427 337 847.

A Soup and Sandwich luncheon fundraiser for the Royal Flying Doctors Service Tasmania was held recently, raising over \$1,100. Another luncheon is scheduled for 9 July, at 12 noon, this time supporting Rubicon Grove's fundraising for a bus with a chair lift.

If you are looking for a venue, why not consider the LBCC. Currently Housing Choices meet throughout the year; Platypus Patches conduct quilting sessions each Tuesday from 10:00am. Contact Veena on 0427 585 070 for more information; retirement and engagement parties are held and sadly two wakes. Contact the Club on 6426 1276 or the Secretary on 0437 097 240 if you'd like to know more.

At the commencement of the coming season, it will be 100 years since the inception of the Latrobe Bowls Club with a committee formed to arranged festivities to celebrate this milestone.

BAND HISTORY SOUGHT

It has been fantastic for the Latrobe Federal Band to get back to normality after the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. Over the last few months, the band has been able play at multiple events, including the Latrobe ANZAC Day Service, Reclaim 2021 (Youth Week Tasmania), and the Tasmanian State Solo and Party Championships. The latter saw both youth band and senior band players come away with wins in multiple categories.

Something that is perhaps even more exciting, however, is that they have started gearing up for their 150th birthday that will be celebrated in 2022.



With a history of 150 years, they know there are some amazing band stories and photos in the community, spanning across generations. In fact, they are writing a book to capture their history and would love to include contributions from the community. If you have a story or photos to share, they would love to hear from you. Stories and photos can be shared by contacting David (0408 262 187), Yaminga (0407 309 511), or email latrobe.federal.band@gmail.com As always, new players (experienced or beginning) are most welcome. Simply contact them on one of the numbers above.

CROQUET CLUB CELEBRATES

The Latrobe Croquet Club celebrated its 5th birthday in May with a lunch at Villarett Gardens.



Pictured: Members of the Latrobe Croquet Club at their recent birthday celebrations.

The Club received a great birthday present with a visit from Deputy Premier Jeremy Rockliff who pledged Government help to purchase a new mower so the club's lawns will be in top condition when they co-host the Croquet Nationals this September. The club congratulates member Patsy Paine on her selection in the Tasmanian Team for this competition.

The Club HiLo Competition was contested recently with Malcolm Maney and Tony Thompson the victors and they also hosted a day of friendly social games with 14 players from Georgetown.

Croquet is played on most days at the Latrobe Croquet Club in George Street, Latrobe (opposite the Latrobe Swim Centre). Anyone wishing to "come and try" is asked to contact Chris on 0499 990 239.

AMAZING GROWTH FOR TABLE TENNIS

The Port Sorell Table Tennis Club (PSTTC) recently hosted two, popular interclub competitions, against Sidmouth and Deloraine, with more planned for later in the year.

Former national Paralympic team coach Roger Massie recently visited PSTTC to conduct a junior clinic and individual coaching sessions with three members achieving accreditation. The club now

having five accredited coaches available to coach members, from beginners through to the more advanced players. All coaches have their Working with Vulnerable People card and are registered to coach children.

PSTTC was recently recognised by Table Tennis Australia for the work that has gone on behind the scenes to bring about its phenomenal growth in the nine months since establishment. The recognition, which gives a bit of an insight into PSTTC, can be found online at

www.tabletennis.org.au/news/selfless-volunteers-behind-port-sorell-table-tennis/ PSTTC membership numbers continue to grow and at the end of May stand at 48. New members are from all age groups with most being beginners.

If you would like to know more about table tennis at Port Sorell, please contact Graeme on 0467 605 039 or email portsorelltabletennis@gmail.com

COMING EVENTS

COVID-19 safe requirements continue to be in effect. When attending an event, please register as per the requirements offered by the organising body and maintain 1.5m physical distancing between non-same household people. This will assist in events continuing to be held for your enjoyment, and coordinating groups not receiving a hefty fine for any non-compliance.

JULY

1-31 Discount Dog Registrations. Refer to separate article.

1 Alcohol Inks Art Workshop at Virtue's Spirit Art Supplies, Latrobe. Cost: \$65 for 3 hours with all materials supplied. Booking to 0402 794 444 or email dev.jones58@gmail.com

3 Devonport Stamps and Collectables Fair at the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 10:00am until 3:00pm. Local and interstate dealers will be attending. The public are invited to hold a stall, if they have collectables, coins, or stamps that they wish to sell. ☎ 0416 168 485

3-19 School Holidays

3 Chris Meek performs at Mackey's Royal Hotel, 161 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 8:30pm. Free entry.

9 Soup and Sandwich Luncheon at the Latrobe Bowls and Community Club in Victor Street, Latrobe from 12 noon until 2:00pm. Cost \$10. A fundraiser for Rubicon Grove's purchase of a bus with chair lift. Bookings essential to Mary on 0417 306 459

11 Christmas in July (5-course) at Tranquilles, 9 Gumbowie Drive, Port Sorell from 12:30pm. Cost: \$55 per person. Bookings essential to 6428 7555 or 0415 723 874

14 Zumba Koins for Kids Challenge at the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 10:30am until 11:30am. Cost: \$10 per person. All welcome. ☎ 0427 969 429

17 Tony Leonard performs at Mackey's Royal Hotel, 161 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 8:30pm. Free entry.

20 Latrobe and Port Sorell Community Club Form from 6:00pm at the Wesley Vale Football Club, 254 Wesley Vale Road, Wesley Vale. Refer to back page of newsletter for details.

22 Free Rose Cuttings noon at the Latrobe Post Office Reserve, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 10:00 am until 12noon.

25 Christmas in July at Tranquilles, 9 Gumbowie Drive, Port Sorell from 12:30pm. Cost: \$55 per person. Bookings essential to 6428 7555 or 0415 723 874

30 SeaFM/7AD Koinz for Kids Trivia Night and band at Mackey's Royal Hotel, 161 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 6:30pm for 7:00pm. Free entry. Bookings essential to 6328 3370

31 Christmas In July Buffer Dinner at the Thai Imperial, Bells Parade, Latrobe from 7:00pm. Cost: \$55 per person. Prize for best dressed, Christmas themed guest. Bookings essential to 6426 2099

AUGUST

6 Thai Street Food at Tranquilles, 9 Gumbowie Drive, Port Sorell from 6:30pm. Cost: \$40 per person. Bookings essential to 6428 7555 or 0415 723 874

7 WD40's perform at Mackey's Royal Hotel, 161 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 8:30pm. Free entry.

8 Chocolate Winterfest, Latrobe in and around various venues of Latrobe from 10:30am until 3:30pm. The program will be released on 10 July at www.chocolatewinterfest.com.au

9 End-of-Life Choices (Voluntary Assisted Dying) Act Public Information Forum by Michael Gaffney MLC on where to from here. 7:00pm in the Supper Room of the Latrobe Memorial Hall, James Street, Latrobe. ☎ 64223000

14 Scott Haigh performs at Mackey's Royal Hotel, 161 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 8:30pm. Free entry.

15 Dog Obedience Classes recommence at 9:00am. This is a 6-week course with full details available at <https://bit.ly/2Su3H6e>. Cost: \$27.50. Bookings essential. Enquiries to 64264444

18 Tasmanian Family History Beginner Workshops at the Tasmanian Family History Rooms behind the Latrobe Library in Gilbert Street, Latrobe. Morning and afternoon sessions. Limited numbers. Bookings essential to Sue-Ellen on 6428 6328

20 Singapore Satay Club at Tranquilles, 9 Gumbowie Drive, Port Sorell from 6:30pm. Cost: \$40 per person. Bookings essential to 6428 7555 or 0415 723 874

21 Zac Weeks performs at Mackey's Royal Hotel, 161 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 8:30pm. Free entry.

27 Vietnamese Street Food at Tranquilles, 9 Gumbowie Drive, Port Sorell from 6:30pm. Cost: \$40 per person. Bookings essential to 6428 7555 or 0415 723 874

28 Jerome Hillier performs at Mackey's Royal Hotel, 161 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 8:30pm. Free entry.

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES?

The Latrobe Fire Brigade is a volunteer brigade within the Latrobe Municipality and attends around 150-200 emergency callouts per year.

These incidents range from structure fires, vegetation fires, motor vehicle accidents, hazardous material spills, alarm response and more.

The Latrobe Fire Brigade currently have openings for motivated individuals who wish to make a difference in their community by volunteering with this group.

If you are -

- at least 18 years of age;
- of good character (Police check required);
- able to obtain a Working with Vulnerable People Licence;
- willing to attend and participate in fortnightly training;
- available to attend emergency incidents when possible;
- medically and physically fit to undertake heavy manual duties required in the role of being a firefighter;
- have a passion to continually learn and become competent in all aspects of emergency response and
- work well in a team environment



then they look forward to hearing from you.

Applicants who have daytime availability (between the hours of 8:00am to 4:00pm) will be highly regarded.

If you are interested in this rewarding opportunity, please contact the Latrobe Fire Brigade Chief, Mr Michael Clarke on 0409 261 718, or send him a message on their Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/Latrobe-Fire-Brigade-226454674032197>.

COUNCIL'S WORKS REPORT

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

CIVIL CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE TEAM

- Club Drive tree plantings between Alexander Street and Quinlan Crescent
- Old Deloraine Road tree removal and localised road widening
- Shearwater carpark re-surfacing - pending contractor availability.
- Tarleton Road reconstruction project
- Road seal maintenance
- Road gravel shoulder and drains maintenance

TOWN SERVICES

- General building maintenance
- Elderly Persons Unit refurbishments

GREEN SPACES

- General parks tree maintenance
- Burgess Drive industrial estate landscaping improvements
- Bells Parade path upgrades linking to new foreshore shared path

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

CHECK-IN AT VENUES

The Check in TAS app is now the only authorised digital system used for collecting contact tracing information in Tasmania.

If you haven't already done so, where practical and possible, you will need to

download the app to your smart phone or device.

Don't have a smartphone or are unable to use one? Others in your group can check-in for you on their device, or staff at the premises will be able to record your contact information on their device, or with pen and paper.

The state government's official coronavirus information website at <https://coronavirus.tas.gov.au/check-in-tas> has more information about the Check-In Tas app and alternatives.

CLUBS FORUM

Do you belong to a club that could benefit from a little tweaking to help it grow and become more sustainable?

Andrew Moore of Clubs Tasmania, part of the Tasmanian Hospitality Association, invites you to a Latrobe and Port Sorell Community Club Forum at the Wesley Vale Football Club, 254 Wesley Vale Road, Wesley Vale on Tuesday, 20 July from 6:00pm until 8:15pm.

As this forum, you will learn -

- how the Digital Ready Program can grow your club by taking the next step online and effectively using social media;
- how to access free, tailored training in your venue for staff and volunteers;
- find out how to access 8% savings on private health insurance;
- how to attract, train and retain coaches and administrators
- plus engage in a Q&A with Andrew Moore around the barriers to

participation and how Clubs Tasmania can help.

To register for this forum, go to <https://bit.ly/3cuMSis>

If you want to know more? Contact Andrew Moore on 1300 125 827.

FUTURE EDITIONS

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

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30 Sept	Nov-Dec
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