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Further Investment Required for Water and Sewerage at all Levels

Mr David Downie, Northern Midlands Mayor and TasWater Owners Group Chairman recently wrote the following:

“There needs to be more investment by state and federal government in the critical area of water and sewerage to assist in maintaining a reasonable cost of living for Tasmanians.

TasWater has made outstanding progress in ensuring across Tasmania access to safe drinking water by contemporary standards, bringing significant benefits to communities and our tourism industry.



Over the next two years, all boil water alerts will be eliminated and work will start on improving sewerage infrastructure. This work will take significant funding to do at the speed which matches community expectations. Those same communities also expect and need other important infrastructure such as local roads and bridges, parks, sports grounds and community halls kept to the highest standards.

Councils had planned to use the return on decades of community investment into water and sewerage infrastructure through the payment of dividends to aid in the maintenance and renewal of other assets. Councils need to balance costs and spending requirements over a 10-year cycle which has peaks and troughs, and in addition by law, councils must fully fund the depreciation on their assets.

For this reason, the change in projected dividends is significant and it will take some time to work through the impact on council assets and services going forward.

There are a number of factors which have influenced the state of the assets at the time of reform. In Tasmania, as is current practice across many other states, there has been considerable federal and state investment in water and sewerage infrastructure in recognition that such assets were simply beyond the reach of many councils.

For many years, the state-owned Rivers and Water Supply Commission, provided financing to councils to construct infrastructure and, not surprisingly, this was when most water and sewerage schemes were built. Further, by the time of water and sewerage reform, many systems had reached design capacity and new and more stringent standards were introduced. There had been a long lag between any changes in legislated standards, meaning the

catch up is significant, but this is not the fault of councils. The limited ability of councils to fund major infrastructure projects is not new, particularly in the context of keeping downward pressure on rates.

The 2006 reform of councils' water and sewerage systems was initiated in response to the Federal Government's \$10 billion national water initiative funding. Councils agreed that with funding linked to reform there was an opportunity to modernise assets. However, the investment back into water and sewerage never occurred, although some was allocated to irrigation.

Many Tasmanians cannot afford to pay more. Council owners have been working with TasWater in constraining the rate of increase for water and sewerage bills in the face of a demanding reform program. However, pricing increases are the trade-off for the pace of change.

Councils are being told they should not seek to increase rates, even to cover the shortfall through loss of dividends. As if councils would want to put further burden on stretched ratepayers if they could avoid it! The rhetoric is nonsensical and unhelpful.

This issue is simply bigger than councils and, given the critical importance to the long-term prosperity of Tasmania, it needs investment by all levels of government.”

Landcare Volunteers Preserve Beaches

The Port Sorell area has one of the most beautiful estuaries along the north coast of Tasmania. Its small rocky bays and long sandy beaches, backed by local native vegetation, give great delight to residents and visitors alike. The she-oaks and gum trees, paperbarks and banksias, correas and sword sedges all provide a natural habitat for native birds and animals.

With sea level rises and extreme weather events predicted to increase in the future, the stabilising influence of coastal vegetation cannot be underestimated. The roots of different sized plants reach to different depths and provide a network of support that helps to hold the sandy soil in place.

The Port Sorell beaches are free of the sea spurge that infests Bakers Beach or the mass of exotic plants that have spread from gardens to sprawl over native plants at Boat Harbour. Few coastal communities can boast such natural, weed-free coastal vegetation.

And behind this success is a group of dedicated volunteers who regularly get together to go on weed patrols along the foreshore. They watch over the existing trees and shrubs and plant replacements when they are needed. These are the hard working members of Rubicon Coast and Landcare and their quiet, unheralded labours have helped sustain the lovely, unspoilt coastline you enjoy today.

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Backyard Burning an Offence

Burning materials in town in backyards that are less than 2,000m² is prohibited under current legislation with significant penalties applying to these offences.

Even those properties larger in size than 2,000m² are prohibited from burning treated wood, plastics, rubber and other unsuitable materials.

Council's Environmental Health Officer is available Monday to Friday from 8am until 4.30pm to contact on 6426 444 for any contravention of this legislation. At all other times, Tasmania Police should be called on 131 444.

Is Your Block Safe for this Fire Season

After the very wet winter and spring vegetation is going to grow quickly. Please ensure your town block, rural property or even your holiday home is well prepared for the upcoming fire season. Please consider your neighbours and ensure slashing, mowing or preparing fire breaks are completed in a timely manner. Information from the Tasmanian Fire Service in ensuring your property is fire safe can be found on the following link

<http://www.bushfirereadyneighbourhoods.tas.gov.au/>

For the communities safety it is important that we all do our bit to ensure our properties are as safe as possible from fire.

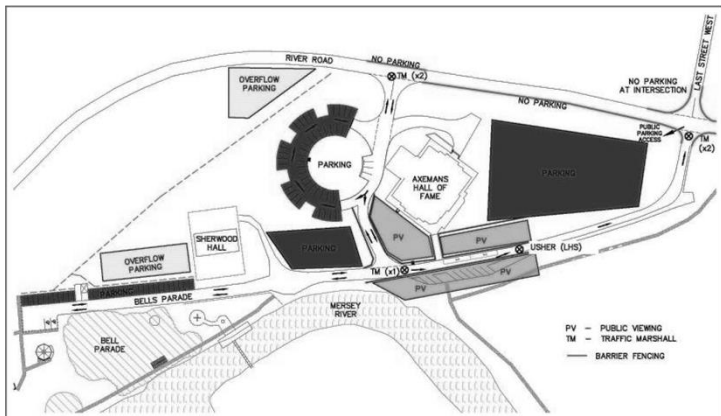
Council will be issuing abatements to property owners if/when properties are considered a fire hazard.

Please contact Council's fire abatement officer on 6426 4444 or the Tasmanian Fire Service 6434 6700 with any concerns.

Latrobe Graduates Arrangements

On December 20, from 5.15 pm, Grade 10 graduates of Latrobe High School will begin arriving at the Australian Axemans Hall of Fame for their end of year dinner.

Usually a time of organised chaos as friends, relatives and interested onlookers gather to witness this spectacle, keeping to the following arrangements should ensure continued traffic movement and adequate viewing.



While vehicles with students make their way along River Road, enter into the circular carpark then turn left in front of the Australian Axemans Hall of Fame and drive to the usher for the drop off, public vehicle parking is accessed from the corner of River Road and Last Street West. Additional parking is provided in the circular carpark and on the grassed area nearby however exiting from these locations is back the same way as entered, not past the front entry of the Axemans Hall of Fame.

No parking will be permitted along River Road from its junction with Last Street West and the entrance to the circular carpark.

Vehicles transporting students are asked to move onto the verge of River Road, enabling through traffic to get past rather than caught up in the congestion.

All students must be at the main entry to the Australian Axemans Hall of Fame no later than 6.45pm for the group photo before moving into the venue at 7.00 pm sharp.

Mersey SES will be managing the traffic with motorists requested to follow their directions at all times.

The barrier tape is in place for the safety and best possible viewing opportunity by all. BYO seating if required.

Flood Funding Closing Soon

In coming weeks, a number of funding options offered by the Tasmanian Government and available to the flood affected will be closing, specifically -

1. Transport subsidy (DPIPWE) - closes 30 Nov
2. Flood recovery loan scheme (DSG) - closes 16 Dec
3. Primary producer clean-up grants (DPIPWE) - closes 30 Dec

For details on these grants, go to online to www.alert.tas.gov.au/Resources/Pages/floodrecovery/Community-Resources.aspx

Review of June Floods

The June flood event had a devastating impact across the Tasmanian community resulting in the State Government commissioning a formal, independent review of all elements relating to it.

This independent review will build upon and complement existing learnings, and report on the following matters:

- The effectiveness of the strategies, preparedness and plans related to managing flood risk in Tasmania that were in place prior to the June 2016 floods occurring.
- Community preparation, resilience and awareness, including awareness of insurance matters, relating to major flood events in Tasmania.
- The causes of the floods which were active in Tasmania over the period 4-7 June 2016.
- The use and efficacy of forecasting, community alerts, warnings and public information by authorities in responding to flood events.
- The effectiveness of transition from response to recovery in the week following the June floods.
- Consideration of the detrimental environmental effects of the flooding upon the landscape, and what effective mitigation measures may be necessary to avoid similar events; and
- any other matters relevant to the terms of reference.

In undertaking this review, appropriate regard will be had to ensuring all relevant stakeholders are appropriately engaged to provide input.

The Review is to report back to the government by 1 June 2017.

Building Update

A total of 36 building applications were submitted to Council for approval at its September and October Council meetings with a conservative construction cost of \$4,140,690.

They consisted of 11 dwellings; 1 change of class; 3 dwelling additions/alterations; 14 outbuildings; 3 commercial and 4 other.

Latrobe Business' on Parade

On Sunday November 20, from 9:00am until 2:00pm, Latrobe businesses are giving you the opportunity to kick start your Christmas shopping locally.

There will be music, art, kid's entertainment, tastings and shopping, showcasing giftware, clothing, children's toys, gardening, local produce, fine art, fine food and so much more. *Shop Local, Love Latrobe.*

The Tradition of Remembrance Day

At 11 am on 11 November 1918 the guns of the Western Front fell silent after more than four years continuous warfare.

The allied armies had driven the German invaders back, having inflicted heavy defeats upon them over the preceding four months. In November the Germans called for an armistice (suspension of fighting) in order to secure a peace settlement. They accepted allied terms that amounted to unconditional surrender.

The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month attained a special significance in the post-war years. The moment when hostilities ceased on the Western Front became universally associated with the remembrance of those who had died in the war.

On the first anniversary of the armistice in 1919 two minutes' silence was instituted as part of the main commemorative ceremony throughout the British Empire.

After the end of the Second World War, the Australian and British governments changed the name to Remembrance Day. Armistice Day was no longer an appropriate title for a day which would commemorate all war dead.

Remembrance Day ceremonies are conducted simultaneously in towns and cities all over the country on 11 November, culminating at the moment of burial at 11:00am and coinciding with the now traditional one minute silence to remember those who died or suffered for Australia's cause in all wars and armed conflicts.¹

This 11 November, the Latrobe RSL will be hosting a commemorative service from 10:50am at the Latrobe Post Office Reserve, Gilbert Street, Latrobe. It is hoped that you are able to attend.

If you wish to lay a wreath at this Service, please contact Mrs Anne Macleod of the Latrobe RSL on 6426 1255 or email latrobersl@gmail.com.

The Latrobe RSL Sub-branch Inc meet every Friday night for a get together and support of each other at the Teddy Sheean Bar within Belly's Bar and Grill, 160 Gilbert Street, Latrobe. On these occasions, there are meat raffles, membership draws and other activities.

The club conducts a business meeting on the 3rd. Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm except January. Past, present and future members are all very welcome.

Motorbikes for Christmas

If considering buying motorbikes for children or yourselves for Christmas, please consider your neighbours.

Significant penalties apply if you operate a motor vehicle or motor vessel (includes motorbikes) within 500 metres of residential premises for the purposes of sport or recreation.



New Building Regulations Affect You

The processes associated with building and construction has undergone a significant legislative change resulting in a new Building Regulatory Framework, which will come into effect on 1 January 2017. Purportedly reducing unnecessary red tape and supporting the industry, the legislation also provides additional support and protection for consumers. Key features include:

- Accreditation of building practitioners moves to the Occupational Licensing Act 2005.
- Building, plumbing and demolition approvals based on risk. Low risk work can be performed by a licensed practitioner without the need for a permit. Medium risk work, assessed by a building surveyor, can be performed by a licensed practitioner without the need for a permit, but the council must be notified. High risk work requires a permit.
- The Director of Building Control may make Determinations to react to changing circumstances within the Building and Construction Industry (for example, the introduction of new technologies or materials).
- The Director of Building Control will exercise greater oversight of permit authorities and building surveyors and increased compliance auditing of practitioners.
- Greater clarity of role and functions of building surveyors and strengthened immunity from litigation when performing statutory role.
- Owner builders are limited to two projects in a ten year period, residential only.
- Clearer process for granting occupancy permits.
- Improved process for granting temporary occupancy permits.
- Clarified responsibilities for performance of maintenance of essential building services.
- Building Levy replaced by Building Administration Fee of the same quantum, but now payable on building and plumbing work over \$20,000 instead of \$12,000.
- Greater emphasis on rectification of defective work and responsibility for higher standards by responsible builders or plumbers.
- Permit authority or building surveyor may serve Notices and Orders where illegal works have been performed, or a building is no longer fit for occupation.
- Additional requirements for building in hazardous areas to be provided through building regulations.

Don't Play Renovation Roulette

DID YOU KNOW that 1 in 3 Australian homes contain asbestos in some form or another and it remains a national issue posing a significant health threat to Australians.

Australia was among the highest consumers of asbestos-containing products in the world with a broad range of products still commonly found in and around any brick, weatherboard, fibro or clad home that has been built or renovated before the mid-1980's. Many wrongly believe that only fibro homes contain asbestos.

Without knowing where asbestos products might be found or how to manage them safely, you may be playing 'Renovation Roulette' and putting your life and the lives of families and bystanders at risk.

Australia has one of the highest incidences of asbestos related cancers in the world, which continue to increase as a

¹ <https://www.awm.gov.au>

result of home maintenance and renovation exposing householders to asbestos fibres.

If left undisturbed, asbestos generally does not pose a health risk. However, when disturbed during renovations and home maintenance, asbestos fibres can be released into the air and when inhaled, can cause life-threatening diseases including lung cancer, pleural disease, asbestosis and mesothelioma, an incurable, terminal cancer.

Put simply, Australians need to learn how to identify potential asbestos and take adequate precautions when renovating or maintaining homes and the ideal time for you to be proactive is now, before that Summer renovation.

A model of a typical home indicating where asbestos may be located is currently on display at Council.

Recycling Do's and Don'ts

What's allowed to go in your recycling bin can be a little confusing. This confusion can lead to bin contamination, which means its contents may become landfilled instead of getting recycled.

To make it easier to understand what can and cannot be recycled, Council is again participating in the Cradle Coast Waste Management Group's kerbside recycling assessment and educational program.

Keep an eye on www.rethinkwaste.com.au where more information will be provided in coming weeks.

Discovery Rangers Help Share the Wonder

The award-winning and long-running Summer Discovery Program draws on a bank of extraordinary people with a rich knowledge of Tasmania's natural environment.

Introduced in 1978, the program has developed a reputation as one of the best interpretation programs in Australia. The ranger-led activities run in tandem with the summer school holidays, introducing visitors to the wonders of Tasmania's national parks and reserves.

Discovery Rangers offer an array of activities statewide from 27 December to 30 January with Narawntapu's fascinating native wildlife featuring in nocturnal wildlife tours. Youngsters, teens and adults are all catered for with guided walks, evening talks and display tables.

All activities are free of charge with full details of the statewide program available on the Parks and Wildlife website at www.parks.tas.gov.au.

A Helping Hand for Narawntapu's Wombats²

The wombats at Narawntapu National Park are being well cared for in their fight against a debilitating and deadly outbreak of mange thanks to the intervention of the University of Tasmania's School of Biological Sciences students.

Coordinated by Wildlife Ecology Lecturer, Scott Carver, the UTAS students have been conducting an intensive on-ground treatment using innovative, medicated burrow flaps. The flaps transfer mange medication onto the wombats' backs as the animals enter and exit their burrows.

This essential project is helping preserve the Park's wombats which had seen numbers plummet to an estimated <15% of the once thriving population.

Students maintain the burrow flaps and continue to monitor the wombats' condition and numbers. Primary and Secondary Schools across the Cradle Coast region will be

hearing about the UTAS project over the coming months as the university students embark on a presentation tour.

To ensure its ongoing success, the project is on the lookout for industry partners and non-student volunteers. To find out how you could assist, contact Scott Carver at UTAS on 6226 2794.

New Management at Axemans

Following a call for Expressions of Interest in the management of the Australian Axemans Hall of Fame complex, Council received four expressions of interest. With Mr David Foster withdrawing his interest from consideration, this reduced the process to three quality applications.

Council consequently appointed Mrs Amanda Atkins-Cock to the role. While Mrs Cock will take over the management of the Centre from mid-November, she will only be operating the Café on a Sunday. The full service will commence in early January. Mrs Cock is the owner of the Thai Imperial Restaurant and is moving that business to the Axemans.

The Makers Market continues to operate each Sunday and the Latrobe Federal Band will shortly be relocated to the venue, which should provide some great musical options as they rehearse and play in this picturesque setting.

Additionally, a refurbishment of the Axemans exhibition space is being undertaken to make the Centre a more relevant and engaging place to discover the contribution Axemans made to our communities as well as the sport. DID YOU KNOW that the rules for wood chopping as a sport, for the whole world, were written at Latrobe!

While the renovated exhibition space and content will take some time to achieve, it is expected that the visitor experience will be greatly enhanced and the more appealing experience will result in appropriately recognising Axeman Legends from throughout Australia.

Laws Change for Drone Use

New rules on operating very small commercial drones came into effect on 29 September 2016.

People and organisations wanting to fly commercial drones with a maximum take-off weight of less than two kilograms no longer need to apply for a certificate and licence from the Civil Aviation Safety Authority.

This means very small commercial drone operators can avoid the requirement to pay about \$1400 in regulatory fees, as well as the need to develop manuals and other documentation.

Public safety is still being protected by a requirement to follow strict operating conditions at all times, including that drones must not be flown in an area near emergency operations such as firefighting, accidents or search and rescue.

Other operating conditions for commercial drones under two kilograms include:

- only flying during the day and in line of sight
- no flying within 30 metres of people
- no flying above 120 metres
- no flying within 5.5 kilometres of a controlled airport
- no flying over populous areas such as beaches, parks and sporting ovals.

Find more detail about the new rules, the online notification system and drone safety at www.casa.gov.au/drone

² Cradle to Coastlines - Edition 3, 2016

Santa's Post Box Delivered

Christmas is an exciting time of the year and with many decorations in shop windows, it's just a hint that you need to start thinking about writing that all important letter to Santa. Of course, you will tell him about your year and maybe drop a hint or two on what you might like for Christmas. The Latrobe Post Office has taken delivery of a very special Santa Post Box that will get your letter to "the big guy" and perhaps a personal letter back.

They are also an adoption centre for the Elf on the Shelf, a magical helper that helps Santa manage his naughty and nice lists by reporting back to him at the North Pole nightly.

Throughout the month of December, they will be open on Saturday mornings up until Christmas and have lots of special treats that would make great presents or fill Christmas stockings.

Buy a Brick Campaign

Following community feedback on desired inclusions in the Port Sorell Defence Memorial, a competition to develop a concept plan was initiated. The successful design was consequently awarded to Mr Michael Farquharson of Port Sorell, with subsequent refinement by Artas. This concept was recently endorsed by Latrobe Council, enabling the community committee to proceed to the funding and building phase.



Pictured: Port Sorell Defence Memorial Chairman, Mr Rod Bramich shows Michael Farquharson, the successful designer of the memorial, a proforma for the "Buy a Brick" campaign.

To help fund the project, you are being invited to "buy a brick" which will be included in the walkway and memorial surround, forever immortalizing you, your family, your defence force service or special message. To purchase your brick, please call at the Port Sorell Bendigo Bank in Club Drive, Shearwater and complete the application process.

Tourism Opportunities Through Move

The relocation of the Latrobe Visitor Centre to a key town entry, co-located in The Cherry Shed, 243 Gilbert Street, Latrobe, is expected to benefit Latrobe and the wider Municipality if research of other similarly located centres is any indication.

Its new location at a town entry and, in this case, directly adjacent to the Bass Highway, will encourage more visitors to call in and utilise the Visitor Centre's services. This allows Centre personnel to provide information on the Latrobe Municipality and this region to help tourists navigate, experience and stay here longer.

As a result, the Latrobe Visitor Information Centre is in need of more volunteers. If you have time on your hands, a passion for local tourism and helping stimulate our local communities, the visitor centre would love to have you.

If volunteering can assist you to fulfill your Centrelink requirements, the Centre is only too happy to support the right personalities.

To find out more, please contact the Latrobe Visitor Information Centre Coordinator Sharon Jewell on 0400 158 110 or email lvictas@bigpond.com.

Restricted Hours for Dogs on Beaches

While you love and care for your dog, owning such a pet is a privilege that comes with many responsibilities enforceable through State Legislation (Dog Control Act 2000) and Latrobe Council's Animal Management Policy.

With daylight savings in effect, there are a number of parks, reserves and beaches that **now have restricted hours for the exercising of dogs**. These locations and times are detailed on Council's website and are additional to the areas already designated off limit to dogs at all times.

Dog owners are encouraged to become familiar with 'off leash exercise area' boundaries and 'prohibited areas' as Council's Animal Control contractor will implement Council's ZERO TOLERANCE for breaches and issue automatic fines to anyone found with a dog in a prohibited area.

Please remember that whilst walking your dog in public, they must remain on a lead at all times and you are responsible for picking up all droppings that your dog deposits. Council has a number of dog poo loos in many parks and reserves where you can dispose of filled bags and take a replacement for your continuing walk.



Dumping of Vegetation on Foreshores

Some of us in our beautiful municipality are lucky enough to live right on the foreshore be it Port Sorell, Shearwater, Squeaking Point or Bakers Beach. It is timely to remind all residents that when clearing garden vegetation from your property, it is not appropriate for it to be dump on the foreshore or in reserves. This is home to many birds and animals and should be able to be enjoyed by locals and visitors alike.

Dumping vegetation amongst the foreshore is illegal and significant penalties apply to offenders.

Recognising Community Contribution

The search is on to find those individuals and groups that make a valuable contribution to the Latrobe Municipality and recognise them through Latrobe Council's Annual Australia Day Awards. There are three categories to be awarded - Citizen of the Year; Young Citizen of the Year and Community Event of the Year.

Details of past recipients are available on Council's website at www.latrobe.tas.gov.au.

How to nominate

1. Download a nomination form from Council's website or phone 6426 4444 for a form to be posted to you.
2. Ensuring your nominee meets the eligibility criteria, complete the personal information about your nominee

and attach your submission addressing the criteria relevant to the section in which you are nominating.

3. Return the nomination to Latrobe Council, "Australia Day Awards", no later than 23 November.

Awards are presented on Australia Day (26 January) at the Municipality's premier Australia Day festival, Henley-on-Mersey. Who will you nominate?

Tell us about your town Latrobe

In an Australian first, the Menzies Institute for Medical Research at the University of Tasmania researchers are inviting rural adults from 12 towns in Australia - including Latrobe - to speak up about whether the design of their town helps to get them outdoors and exercising by taking part in a new study. Does the design of Latrobe encourage or prevent residents from being active? Do Latrobe residents have access to a range of safe, well-maintained places to be active?

"This study will ask Latrobe residents to tell us about their local environment and see if it is related to their physical activity. We know from academic research that this is the case in cities, but this sort of research has never been done before in rural Australian areas like Latrobe," said study leader Dr Verity Cleland, from the Menzies Institute for Medical Research at the University of Tasmania.

"Identifying the parts of our local environment that impact most on physical activity is very important because it can help councils, government, town planners and developers create spaces and places that support healthy lifestyles for people living in rural areas like Latrobe."

Latrobe residents can participate in the study by completing two online surveys. The survey asks about the local area, physical activity, and some details such as age, gender and work. There is an optional part of the study where residents can wear a matchbox-sized activity monitor (like a pedometer) for seven days.

"It is really important that the study includes a wide range of people - those who consider themselves to be active and inactive, young and old, men and women, those employed and not working, and people living both in and out of the town. This means all adults in the Latrobe area can participate in the study," Dr Cleland said.

"To say thanks to local residents, when you complete the surveys you can enter into a draw to win one of two \$100 Visa gift vouchers."

The researchers will also provide the Latrobe Council with a summary of the study results early in 2017 to help inform future council decisions about planning healthy spaces and places.

The survey is available online at <http://tiny.cc/ruralsurvey>.

Have a Devil of a Time in Tassie

There is less than one year to go until the 16th Australian Masters Games are held throughout the North West Coast, its first return to Tasmania since being held in Hobart in 1987. The selection to stage the Games throughout the North West Coast provides a fantastic opportunity to deliver a range of events and activities designed to promote our region's uniqueness.

The Games Committee aims to attract up to 6,000 competitors from Australia and overseas. The Games are open to anyone who meets the age requirements of their sport of choice. It does not impose qualifying standards and welcomes participants from all over the world. The

only criteria to compete in the Australian Masters Games is the minimum age criteria, which in most sports is 30 years.

Locally, shooting (Sassafras), boxing (Port Sorell) and croquet (Latrobe) are confirmed for our Municipality.

On 21 November, you will be able to register for 20 sporting events with the remaining sports, another 20+, to open for registration on 21 February 2017.

The 16th Australian Masters Games will be held from 21-28 October, 2017.

To join the Masters Games family and receive Games updates and early bird entry details, register your email at www.AustralianMastersGames.com.

Permit Required for Disabled Parking

Council has twenty designated disabled parking bays in various locations around the municipality. Community members are reminded that when using these bays the Australian Disability Parking Permit (ADPP) must be displayed in the front of the vehicle with the permit number and expiry date able to be clearly seen. It is an offence to utilise these spaces without a permit and road users are requested to be mindful of this when next parking in the municipality.

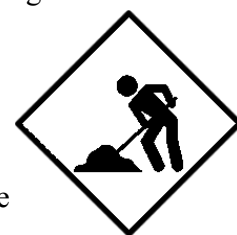
Information on obtaining an ADPP can be sourced from the Department of State Growth (Transport) website, phoning the Transport Access Scheme on 1300 135 513 or from Service Tasmania.

Council's Current Works Report

The following works are scheduled to be undertaken throughout the Latrobe Municipality during November and December;

Roads:

- Preparation works for Chapel Road widening - Stages 4 and 5
- Bonneys Lane/Moriarty Road intersection - works to move hold line further into Moriarty Road
- Reconstruct Moriarty Road/Percival Intersection
- Twiss Lane - surface repair under contract
- Wilmot Street - kerb and channel
- Lewis Street - drainage improvements
- Shale Road - flood repairs to continue after a detailed scope of work is prepared
- Merseylea Road - flood repairs - road sealing works
- Native Plains Road - flood repairs - road sealing works
- Road Resurfacing contract to be delivered
- Road drainage clearing and general maintenance of the sealed and unsealed road surfaces



Buildings:

- Concrete at base of platypus sculpture at Axemans
- Complete beach access
- Flood repairs - Australian Axeman's Hall of Fame fence renewal
- Flood repairs - replace underground stormwater drainage at Bells Parade
- General building maintenance
- Upgrade of Elderly Persons Units as required

Parks and Reserves:

- Bells Parade remedial works
- Pig Island clean-up

- Prepare Latrobe Recreation Ground and environs for sporting and community events
- Supporting community events
- Maintain street cleanliness and regular rubbish removal
- General parks and reserves maintenance including pruning, mowing and weed spraying

Should you have any queries in relation to same, please do not hesitate to contact Council's Works Manager on 0418 104 330.

Marram Grass Spraying

Marram grass is a perennial grass that was introduced into Tasmania from Europe to stabilise coastal dunes. While very effective at trapping sand, its rapid growth and spread has resulted it invading other coastal areas.

Efforts to abate this advancement in the Port Sorell estuary have been undertaken for a number of years and ultimately came to a point where a line was drawn in the sand (metaphorically) to minimise the spread between the pontoon and the boat ramp at Port Sorell.

Annual spraying of this area will be undertaken in early November. Details will be advised on Council's Facebook page and on site.

Tai Chi @ The Port

After some years of unavailability, Tai Chi classes are again being conducted in Port Sorell.

Tai Chi is often called a moving meditation and is an ancient Chinese system of exercises which aim to bring body and mind together, increasing vitality. Breathing techniques and attention to posture are used to improve balance.

Tai Chi can be practised for relaxation and reducing stress levels, or as gentle exercise which can increase mobility and range of motion. It is performed standing up and without any equipment; in loose comfortable clothing and flat soled shoes are worn.

Hourly classes are held at 10:00am each Thursday and are suitable for women and men, beginners and previously experienced practitioners.

For enquiries call Barbara 6425 5275 or email barb3taichi@gmail.com

Tomorrow's Vision for Active Retirees

"Probus provides an avenue to fill the void when a person retires from their vocation and provides opportunities for active retirees to meet with like-minded individuals, keeping minds and bodies active and expanding interests and activities on a social level and to enjoy fellowship of new friends.

The word PROBUS is a mix of the words PROfessional and BUSiness."

These clubs comprise of just males or females or combined and are all non-fundraising. There are three Probus clubs throughout the Latrobe Municipality.

In Latrobe, the Mersey Valley Ladies Probus Club meet at the Latrobe Senior Citizens Clubrooms on the fourth Monday of every month. They are contactable by phoning 6423 5535 or 6424 3366.

The Mersey Probus Club meets at the same location on the second Wednesday of each month at 10:00am. You can phone them on 6428 8168.

At Port Sorell, the Rubicon Combined Probus Club meet in the Port Sorell Golf Clubrooms on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 10:00am. Their contact is 6428 7463.

Tasmanian Arts Guide

The Tasmanian Arts Guide is a curated cultural tourism website, managed by Arts Tasmania, designed to paint a broad picture of the rich cultural scene in Tasmania. Inclusion is by application to ensure the site offers a high quality arts experience. Approved participants then manage, add and update their own listings, while Arts Tasmania curates all of the content and sources and writes the 'things to know' section.

The Tasmanian Arts Guide currently profiles visual artists and designers who are both represented and unrepresented by a gallery. If you are represented by a gallery already listed on the website, please contact them to arrange your inclusion on the Tasmanian Arts Guide.

If you are an independent professional Tasmanian artist, designer or writer and would like to apply for and manage your own listing on the website, please email: info@arts.tas.gov.au for eligibility criteria and an application form.

Bendigo Bank Opens Agency in Latrobe

The exciting news at the moment is that the Port Sorell Community Bank (PSCB) is soon to open an agency in Latrobe. The Latrobe Newsagency will be the site for clients to use this facility. You may have noticed Phil Martin, the Manager of PSCB outside the newsagency over the past few weeks, speaking with existing Bendigo Bank clients as well as discussing potential opportunities with new clients.

What can the PSCB do for you? With competitive housing loan rates, insurance, rural and personal loans, business and commercial management and a team of qualified, experienced specialists the bank can create the perfect partnership for you and your next project.

If you are part of a community organisation and looking to promote your project, PSCB may be able to form a collaborative relationship to assist you with funding. Recent projects have assisted the Girl Guides' fundraising effort at Chocolate Winterfest, Latrobe as well as the Rotary Club of Latrobe with the installation of new signage at the Port Sorell Bush Walk. Both very worthwhile projects in the community and in turn, opportunities have been created for prospective banking business. Congratulations to both groups.

Softball Embraces All

The Latrobe and Districts Softball Association (L&DSA) continues to demonstrate what a difference a sporting organization can make in a community.

L&DSA conducts regular softball matches at the Latrobe Recreation Ground behind the main grandstand, all year round (weather permitting).

Games are played on Saturday's during the Summer season with training held on Monday's from 3.45pm to 5.00pm for new players to come along and try.

L&DSA is a little different from other clubs in that games are adjusted to cater for the individual needs and abilities of those that are there to play. There is no discrimination based on ability, skill or age with players participating from seven to sixty years of age.

Teams are welcoming new players now, with all equipment and uniforms supplied. No knowledge or skill is needed to play, you are taught everything you need to know.

Disability players are very welcome to join.

If you would like to be part of an all-inclusive club with a can do attitude please ring Shelley Dodd on 0439 361 804. Everyone is welcome and invited to join.

Princess Project Success

In October, Jodi Towns and 11 members of the Christian City Church left for Cambodia on a mission trip with the Princess Project which provides assistance for single mothers, families living in poverty and street children who are at very high risk of being kidnapped or sold into the sex industry. Initially Jodi aimed to raise \$5,400 to build two homes for single mothers complete with chicken coops, two chickens and a rooster.

Rubicon Grove residents and staff embraced this project and in a few short months the initial goal was reached with still months to go so the fundraising activities continued. These included dress up days, staff lunches where staff volunteered to cook lunch for a very reasonable \$5, there was a raffle and a lolly guessing jar. In addition Jodi organised a high tea and cooking classes, she catered for a function, and never missing an opportunity sold muffins left over from a breakfast meeting at Rubicon!! Jodi coerced her friends into helping with jumping castle set ups, tree and yard cleaning; there were also many kind donations of goods and money received from the wider Shearwater community.

In total, Jodi raised \$10,060; a great achievement!

Demand for Services Continues to Increase

Mersey Community Care Association (MCCA) is just one of a network of home support providers, delivering services to both Commonwealth and State HACC clients who live along the North West Coast, of Tasmania. MCCA has been providing services to the community since 1971, when a hand full of community members started what has become an icon of our community.

To achieve the excellent results that the organisation has built a reputation upon, it has always relied on the goodwill of a dedicated team of volunteers to undertake the work required to ensure that people receive support.

MCCA offers Transport, Social Support, Spring Cleaning and Home Maintenance services to clients and their carers, living in the Devonport, Latrobe, Kentish and Central Coast municipalities.

The hard times that have affected most industries throughout the past few years have also had an effect on the organisations ability to delivery year round support to their client base of almost 1,400 people.

Unfortunately, the huge demand for Home Maintenance services and the lack of resources has made it impossible for the organisation to fulfill all client requests for support. The organisation is hoping that the opportunity for growth funding is made available in the near future, to allow the organisation to continue to support people to maintain their homes in a safe and habitable condition.

Twice throughout 2016, Mersey Community Care has been forced to close the Home Maintenance Service completely, in an attempt to catch up on the back log of work that has built up.

The President of MCCA, Mr Michael Harper said, "I have received feedback from both staff and volunteers of MCCA, who say that they are concerned that frail, older persons and younger people with a disability may be living in situations that could place their health and well-being at

risk. The volunteers will often come back after a job are frustrated that they are not able to do more for the clients". MCCA would like to extend an invitation to anyone who may have four hours a month to spare and is interested in becoming part of a dynamic team of volunteers, to call into our office at 167 Steele Street, Devonport and talk to the Volunteer Coordinator about how you can help. For more information about becoming a volunteer or to find out more about the services provided, please phone 6424 8883.

Managing Gorse³

"Spring is here and so are some problematic weeds. The following tips are from Landcare on how they manage gorse.

Gorse is in flower so it's a good time to survey and control in bushland areas because it's so easy to spot. Gorse management varies greatly, depending on how much and where it occurs, but 3 steps are common to all cases – plan; choose a technique and follow up.

Step 1. Draw a simple sketch of the area that you want to address affected by gorse. There may be a few bushes clustered together and some outliers. Put these on a simple aerial view drawing and mark the height of the patches as well. Height categories could be: less than .10cm, 1 metre and higher than 1 metre. Start with the outliers, or plants that are on their own not part of the largest cluster of gorse. Include a long-term outlook in this planning stage, remembering that gorse seed can remain viable in the soil for 40 years or more. Your strategy will work best if you start with smaller areas, working from the best environmental values outwards. Make sure you don't bite off more than you can chew, because realistic goals will result in achievable outcomes and you will have to visit the site more than once.

Step 2. Choose the technique you will use to eradicate. For example, if one of your outlying bushes was half a metre tall and accessible because it is in an open paddock without many other trees you could use the cut and paint method, then remove the bush or pile up and let it break down in-situ. The cut and paint technique is suitable without the Chemcert qualifications needed for herbicide spraying. The cut and paint method allows you to be highly selective without off-target loss, so it's perfect for bushland infestations.

Cut the base of the bush and apply Glyphosate (available at ag suppliers) to the cut stump within 20 seconds using a dabber. This technique works well on large bushes and you'll find the area clears quickly as you take down large bushes. Please note that this is labour intensive so maybe ask some friends for help. Also, large areas > 1 acre may be more easily controlled by a qualified weed contractor using broadscale spraying and/or machinery is also an option.

Step 3. Return to the patch every year to see if any new seedlings are popping up. This may require a bit of hand pulling but more often than not, if it is a large area follow up spraying may be required by a qualified weed contractor. Review your plan (Step1). Note that it may take years to get gorse under effective control but native plants and animals will be thanking you for generations. NB: Use herbicides with care, reading all labels and seek professional advice on correct procedure."

³ www.landcare.org.au

Healthy Nutrition Options

Nutrition is important in our lives and no-one knows this more than Shellie Wakefield who has turned her passion for improving the health and the quality of life of individuals through providing the most current evidence-based nutritional advice into a new business in Latrobe, "Greater Nutrition".

A qualified Health Scientist and Nutritionist, Shellie is experienced in a variety of clinical areas and holds a special interest in weight management and associated conditions, food allergies and intolerances, as well as general healthy eating for all ages.

Greater Nutrition offers a diverse range of services for individuals, community groups, schools and sporting organisations. From goal setting and follow up consultations, Shellie's health and fitness regime specialises in nutrition for optimal sports performance and recovery through to supermarket tours to understand food labeling for meal planning.

For more information, visit www.greaternutrition.com.au or contact Shellie on 0498 882 389.

Busy Time in Lead Up To Christmas



The Lions Club of Port Sorell has been participating in community events supporting charities for over thirty years.

A major fund raising event for the Cancer Council recently was the Book Fair and Garage Sale at the Port Sorell Memorial

Hall. The club appreciates the community's ongoing generosity in both donating books and sale items and attending to bag a bargain. All funds raised support the club's Relay for Life team.

Over the next few months, members of the club can be seen manning the gates at Harness Racing and the Devonport Show, raising funds through weekly meat tray raffles at Shearwater Resort, maintenance of the Port Sorell Caravan Park and running Christmas Carols by Candlelight on 4 December.

Club members will provide morning and afternoon teas and lunch for the annual Lions District Convention being hosted by the Lions Club of Latrobe from 11-13 November. On 13 November, members are assisting in providing lunches at Orana, offering respite for carers.

During December, in conjunction with the Salvation Army, Mission Australia, the Port Sorell Community Bank and K-Mart, the Lions Club will be sponsoring a Wishing Tree to provide some Christmas cheer for those in need.

If you would like more information on the Lions Club of Port Sorell please contact Keith Moylan, Membership Chairman, on 6428 7580.

Many Doors Open

Port Sorell U3A's 2016 program draws to a close late November with the U3A office at the Banksia Centre closing for a Christmas/New Year break on Friday, 9 December; re-opening Monday, 23 January, 2017.

While the office is closed, it doesn't mean everyone is on holiday. The programs team continues to work on developing the Term 1 program with a number of new activities including Politics, Geology, Geography, Ancient Civilisations and more planned, in addition to the return of the many popular and regular programs.

This program will be forwarded to members and published on the group's website (portsorell.u3anet.org.au/) in late January with the first morning tea and information session on Friday, 3 February. Enrolments for Term 1 (20 February-5 May) will open on 30 January, closing on 10 February. This timeframe enables Port Sorell U3A to commence classes and activities several weeks earlier than previously.

The committee has determined that membership fees will be unchanged at \$45 for the 2017 calendar year. Members will receive a payment request in November for 2017 membership, which are due on or before 1 January. Only financial members will be able to enrol for Term 1 programs.

The U3A office in the Banksia Centre Pitcairn St., Port Sorell (opposite the Primary School) is open Monday-Friday (10.00 am to 12 noon) and contactable via portsorellu3a@gmail.com, phone 0499 162 539 or forward your correspondence to PO Box 297, Port Sorell, 7307.

Surf Season Up and Running



Summer will soon be upon us and activities at the Port Sorell Surf Life Saving Club are in full swing. Nipper training is underway as is swimming

proficiencies. While beach activities commenced in October, the Nipper water activities commenced last weekend and each Thursday after that at 5.30 pm. New families are always welcome to come along and try out Nippers. For more information, please contact Bron on 0427 557 151.

Weekend patrols at North Freers Beach commence on Saturday 3 December from midday until 5:00pm. The patrols will occur every weekend, both Saturday and Sunday and public holidays, until the end of March 2017. The club is always keen to have new volunteers to help out with Patrols.

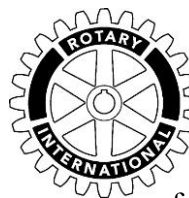
The annual Penguin Island Swim will be held on Monday, 2 January from the front of the Surf Club on North Freers Beach. The 2km event is part of the Tasmanian Open Swim Series (Tier 1). A 500 metre novice swim will also be offered to those who would like to have a go at open water swimming. A mini surf carnival will be held after the event. More details will be included on the Surf Club Facebook site - www.facebook.com/portsorellslsc.

The club values their sponsors and will be announcing their major sponsor for the 2016/17 summer season on Sunday 4 December. This is a great opportunity for members and the community to celebrate the businesses that support surf lifesaving activities at Port Sorell.

Markets by the Beach return on 30 December and will also be held

The Port Sorell Surf Life Saving Club always welcomes new members and enquiries - please feel free to visit the clubrooms on Thursday or Sunday over summer or contact them via Facebook or email: portsorellslc@gmail.com.

Rotary Soiree Planned



Sales of the Rotary Club of Latrobe's 2017 calendar have surpassed expectations and they are into a second print! All proceeds go directly to supporting local flood affected with Rotarians having dispersed significant funds in recent times. Copies of the calendar

are available at several outlets in Latrobe and Port Sorell and it isn't too late to get your copy and support this worthwhile cause.

November and December will prove to be busy months for Rotary, with several projects in the planning stages, including the annual Henley-on-Mersey held each January.

In early December the Club extends an invitation to the local community to a Soiree - an informal information session to get to know what Rotary does for your community, as well as abroad. For more information, please contact Secretary Richard Thomas 0417 144 203.

If you have ever considered joining a service club but perhaps feel you cannot commit your time on a regular basis, perhaps you might like to consider becoming a "Friend of Rotary", volunteering your services to your local community when your busy schedule allows. If this sounds like you, then watch this space for further information on becoming a Friend of Rotary.

If you would like to know more about the Rotary Club of Latrobe and how you can be involved, please do not hesitate to contact them by phoning Frans on 0410 805 288 or Richard on 0417 144 203 or visit them on Facebook or the website www.rotarycluboflatrobe.org.au

Just a reminder that meetings are held each Wednesday evening commencing at 6:15pm at The Lucas Hotel, Gilbert Street, Latrobe.

From Convention to Christmas



Members of the Lions Club of Latrobe are currently finalising activities associated with hosting the 37th Tasmanian Lions Convention from 11-13 November. The club is most grateful for the support given by the Lions Club of Port Sorell and looks

forward to the community welcoming delegates to Latrobe during this time.

After that, the club is in full swing for Christmas.

Along with coordinating the Latrobe Lions Christmas Parade, being held on 17 December with the theme "T'was the Night Before Christmas"; members will be selling Lions Christmas Cakes in front of the Latrobe Newsagency most weekends.

The Speedway canteen continues to be a regular on the club's calendar throughout the racing season with funds raised supporting community initiatives including the establishment of garden beds for the Children's Respite Centre.

As usual, don't forget to recycle your used stamps and eyeglasses to assist with Lions projects. Intact stamps can be left at either Ritchie's Supermarket, Morse's Butchery or pass on to any Lions Member. Unused eyeglasses can be dropped into the Latrobe Medical Practice or Coventry's Pharmacy.

If you interested in service to your local community and being part of a worldwide Service Club or want to know more about the Lions Club of Latrobe, please contact Peter at Morse's Butchery, Kae on 6426 1442 or any other Lions Member.

Community Care Needed for New Plants

Rubicon Coast and Landcare (RCL) members have been working hard planting trees, shrubs, grasses and sedges along the Hawley foreshore. Members have spent more than 50 hours planting 155 plants in public areas, replacing ones that have died or disappeared. The patches of

indigenous plants along the sea front help to maintain food and shelter for native animals and birds. Their roots play an important role in binding the soil and preventing erosion.



Pictured: Rubicon Coast and Landcare member removing *Agapanthus* from the Rubicon foreshore

RCL ask you, the local community, to value and watch over these plantings to help ensure that they grow well into maturity.

If you would like to join the Rubicon Coast and Landcare team in caring for the native vegetation along the Rubicon Estuary and its nearby reserves, contact the secretary Eugene Holloway on 0428 135 507 or by email at rubicon_inc@hotmail.com.

Shibori Revealed



Rubicon River Arts (RRA) thanks all those members who participated in the Port Sorell Spring Fair. Despite the weather it was a great day and a great way to launch into a busy and creative Summer period.

RRA member Katherine Tyson has an exhibition titled Juxtapositions during November at Rialto Gallery/Restaurant, Wilmot St, Burnie. Katherine's paintings combine well known portraits, past and present, superimposed with animals sure to bring a smile to your face!

On Saturday 12 November, Mr Kim O'Brien will present a Shibori Workshop from 10:00am-1:00pm to further explore dyeing techniques with natural fabrics. Shibori is a Japanese manual resist dyeing technique, which produces patterns on fabric. If you want to learn how to create extraordinary effects to decorate plain material, contact Kim - kim.obrien@vacet.com.au to secure your place by making a payment of \$50 or TATA and RRA members \$40.

2016 has just flown! Rubicon River Arts next gathering will be the final one for the year, a barbecue and end of year celebration for members and partners in early December. New year for RRA begins with the first meeting in early February. Stay creative!

Croquet Club Officially Opens

Six months from its establishment, the Latrobe Croquet Club has grown to 25 members and now boasts three full size lawns.

The club has attracted much local interest and has recently been included in the course list offered by Port Sorell U3A. Commencing mid-October with nine participants, they were introduced to the game by one of the club coaches, Joan Gill, before being taken through a game of golf

croquet. Despite the cold wind, the participants enjoyed themselves immensely and continue to look forward to each game.

With all this happening, it is timely for the club to be officially opened by Mayor Peter Freshney. This will take place on Wednesday, 30 November at 4:00pm and you are invited to join local members, the President of Croquet Tasmania and other croquet club representatives on this occasion. The opening will be followed by a BBQ and some social games of croquet for anyone interested in trying their hand at it.

If you would like to try croquet, just drop into the club in George Street (opposite the Latrobe Swim Centre) any time on a Monday-Thursday or Saturday or phone Chris on 0499 990 239.

Funding Opportunities

Advanced Manufacturing Marketing Expansion Program

Designed to enable eligible Tasmanian small and medium sized advanced manufacturing enterprises with a sales turnover in excess of \$300 000 up to \$20 million, to develop new interstate and international markets

Amount: \$ for \$ funding up to \$10,000 per activity
Close: ongoing.

For more information: www.statgrowth.tas.gov.au/home/sectors/advanced_manufacturing/adv_manufact_market_expansion_program or email Sharron.Yaxley@statgrowth.tas.gov.au or phone 64 777 090.



Cradle Coast Residency

The Cradle Coast Residency is open to all professional artists working in a range of creative disciplines including visual and performing arts, design, craft, new-media, film and literature to support their residency and the production of work from either the University's Mooreville Road campus, Makers' Workshop at the West Park precinct, or at a self-nominated location in the region.

Amount: \$5,000

Closes: 3 December.

For more information: www.cradle-coast.utas.edu.au/events-and-exhibitions/artist-in-residence

Contemporary Art Awards

A Contemporary Art Awards are a competitive online art award that aims to support emerging artists in their early careers.

The award is open to entries from all mediums including painting, works on paper, new media, photography, ceramics, sculpture, illustration, installation and more.

Amount: The overall winner receives a non-acquisitive cash prize of \$3,000 and ongoing professional support

Closes: 29 November.

For more information: www.contemporaryartawards.com

What's On

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

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Mark "Obie" O'Brien Exhibition at Ghost Rock Vineyard, 1055 Port Sorell Main Road, Northdown throughout December. ☎ 6428 4005

7-13 Planet Ark's National Recycling Week

8 Squeaking Point (and surrounds) Bushfire Safety Information Session at the Thirlstane Golf Club, Squeaking Point Road from 7:00pm. Hosted by Tasmanian Fire Service to discuss the upcoming bushfire season and how residents of the Squeaking Point and surrounding area can be better prepared to manage their bushfire risk. ☎ 0418 451 954 or suzette.harrison@fire.tas.gov.au

12 Port Sorell Golf Club Carpark Sale in the Golf Club Carpark. Shearwater Boulevard Shearwater from 8:00am until 2:00pm. Plants, produce, books, bric-a-brac, sausage sizzle, raffle and much more. ☎ 6428 7993

12 Shibori Workshop with Mr Kim O'Brien from 10:00am-1:00pm. Cost is \$50 or TATA and RRA members \$40. Bookings essential to kim.obrien@vacet.com.au

13 Doctors Rocksters perform at Ghost Rock Vineyard, 1055 Port Sorell Main Road, Northdown from 1pm until 4pm. Bookings through Cellar Door essential - 6428 4005. No cost for entry.

14 Latrobe Council Meeting from 5pm in the Latrobe Council Chambers, 170 Gilbert Street, Latrobe.

18 Aged Care Expo will be held at Uniting AgeWell Strathdevon Community, 37 Moriarty Road, Latrobe from 10am to 3pm. ☎ 6343 3933

19 International Men's Day

20 Latrobe Business' on Parade from 9:00am-2:00pm at various locations along Gilbert Street, Latrobe.

30 Latrobe Croquet Club Grand Opening at George Street, Latrobe at 4.00pm. All welcome to check out the new premises. ☎ 0499 990 239

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Sandra Henderson Exhibition at Ghost Rock Vineyard, 1055 Port Sorell Main Road, Northdown throughout November. ☎ 6428 4005

1 Dec-31 Jan Summer Reading Club this year themed *Heroes and Villains*. Kids, pick up your Summer reading pack at the Latrobe Library and Online Access Centre, Gilbert Street, Latrobe. By registering for the Summer Reading Club, you can enter the draw to win an iPod and every time you complete a reading log of 15 books, you can enter the LINC Tasmania competition to win an iPad mini. Young children can also enter if their parents read the books to them. More information is available at www.summerreadingclub.org.au/ or ☎ 6426 1697.

3 Latrobe Speedway featuring Wyllie Tiles Fireworks, Super Sedans, Sprintcars, Street Stocks, Formula 500, Karts and Tassie Sixers at Gulf Western and Independent Oils Raceway, Speedway Drive, Latrobe. Gates open from 3:00pm.

4 Christmas Carols by Candlelight hosted by the Lions Club of Port Sorell at Port Sorell Primary School, Pitcairn Street, Port Sorell from 6pm until 8pm. Includes games for children and BBQ. ☎ 0428 322 141

11 Latrobe Cemetery Working Bee at the Latrobe Cemetery, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 10am. Bring your gardening equipment and be ready for 90 minutes clean up with a drink and snag complimentary on conclusion. For more information, ☎ 0417 598 116

- 11 Pete Cornelius** performs at Ghost Rock Vineyard, 1055 Port Sorell Main Road, Northdown from 1:00pm-4:00pm. Bookings through Cellar Door essential - 6428 4005. No cost for entry.
- 17 Latrobe Lions Christmas Parade** step off at 6:30pm along Gilbert Street, Latrobe from Bradshaw Street to Victor Street and return. This year's theme is "T'was the Night Before Christmas". Criteria apply. ☎ 0438 195 117
- 17 Carols in Kings Park**, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 7:15pm. ☎
- 18 Christmas Carols** from 7:00pm at the Wesley Vale Community Church, Port Sorell Main Road, Wesley Vale. ☎ 6423 2260
- 20 Latrobe High School Grade 10 Dinner** arriving at the Australian Axemans Hall of Fame, Bells Parade, Latrobe from 5.15pm. ☎ 6426 1061
- 26 Latrobe Carnival** featuring wood chopping, athletics and cycling at the Latrobe Recreation Ground, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 2:00pm until 8:00pm. Part of a state series. ☎ 0437 563 034
- 27 Latrobe Speedway** featuring Super Sedans, Sprintcars, Street Stocks, Formula 500, Speedcars, Juniors, Karts, Demo Derby at Gulf Western and Independent Oils Raceway, Speedway Drive, Latrobe. Gates open from 3:00pm.
- 30 Official Opening of the Latrobe Croquet Club**, George Street, Latrobe at 4:00pm. All welcome to BBQ and to try your hand at croquet. ☎ 0499 990 239
- 30 Market by the Beach** at the Port Sorell Surf Life Saving Club, Dumbleton Street, Hawley from 5:00pm-8:30pm. Contact marketbythebeach1617@yahoo.com

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- 2 Penguin Island Swim** at North Freers Beach, Hawley. Registration from 9:15am for all events. Entry fees apply. The 2km event is part of the Tasmanian Open Swim Series (Tier 1). More information is available from www.facebook.com/portsorellslsc
- 6 Market by the Beach** at the Port Sorell Surf Life Saving Club, Dumbleton Street, Hawley from 5:00pm-8:30pm. Contact marketbythebeach1617@yahoo.com
- 9 Meet Dash the Robot** from 10:30am until midday at the Latrobe Library and Online Access Centre, Gilbert Street, Latrobe. Suitable for ages 7+-14 (with an adult). Bookings essential to 6426 1697 or www.eventbrite.com/
- 9 Animation Fun** from 2:00pm-3:30pm at the Latrobe Library and Online Access Centre, Gilbert Street, Latrobe. Suitable for ages 7+-14 (with an adult). Bookings essential to 6426 1697 or www.eventbrite.com/
- 13 Market by the Beach** at the Port Sorell Surf Life Saving Club, Dumbleton Street, Hawley from 5:00pm-8:30pm. Contact marketbythebeach1617@yahoo.com
- 16 ComicsPlus Online Comic Books** from 10:30am-11:30am at the Latrobe Library and Online Access Centre, Gilbert Street, Latrobe. Suitable for ages 7+ (parent and child activity for 7-12 y.o. please). Bookings essential to 6426 1697 or www.eventbrite.com/

19 Latrobe Speedway Showcase in Kings Park, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 5:00pm-8:00pm. Further details to follow next newsletter.

20-21 Latrobe Speedway Grand Prix at Gulf Western and Independent Oils Raceway, Speedway Drive, Latrobe. Gates open from 3:00pm each day.

24 Draw a Superhero from 2:00pm-3:30pm at the Latrobe Library and Online Access Centre, Gilbert Street, Latrobe. Suitable for ages 7+-12. Bookings essential to 6426 1697 or www.eventbrite.com/

26 Henley-on-Mersey at Bells Parade, Latrobe

26 Port Sorell Lions Australia Day Waterslide on the side of the Port Sorell Bowls Club Hill, Meredith Street, Port Sorell from 9.30 am until 11.30 am. ☎ 0407 045 458

28-29 Latrobe Liliu Show at the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 1:00pm-4:00pm Saturday and 10:00am-4:00pm Sunday. ☎ 6435 1298

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Deadline.....Distribution Date

1 December	3 January, 2017
16 February	Tues, 7 March
6 April	1 May
15 June	3 July
17 August	4 September

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Family Orientated Swim Centre

The Latrobe Swim Centre in George Street, Latrobe is open for Summer, right through to March 2017.

The Centre boasts a 25m x 10m lap pool, toddlers' paddling and water play pool, sun shaded and enclosed toddler playground, swim aids such a noodles and the like and large grassed area, making it ideal for the whole family.

Admission remains the same as last year at \$4 for a swimmer and \$2 for a spectator. Multi-swim tickets (books of 10) are \$36. Further discounts apply for U3's.

Season tickets are also available at \$360 a family or \$220 for an individual. To contact the Latrobe Swim Centre, phone 6426 1843.