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Strategic Planning Forums

Community consultation forums to develop Latrobe Council's Strategic Direction for 2012-2017 will be held on Wednesday, November 16 in the Latrobe Memorial Hall Supper Room, James Street, Latrobe and on Thursday, November 17 at Camp Banksia, Anderson Street, Port Sorell.

Commencing at 7.00 pm, these forums seek to hear from residents on what matters to you from the perspective of service delivery by Latrobe Council. What's important now? What will be important in five years?

These forums will be facilitated by Phillip Spratt, enabling Councillors and staff the opportunity to collectively work together with participating residents to identify the broad strategic issues that will sustain and progress Latrobe Council's positive growth and prosperity management, while preserving what residents value about their local council.

Recreation Plan

The much anticipated Latrobe Recreation Plan will be considered by Latrobe Council at their meeting on November 14.

Following adoption, the plan will be utilised by Council to progress the development of the recreation area bounded by Bradshaw, Cotton, Stanley and Last Streets, Latrobe.

Copies of the final plan will be available on Council's website following the November Council meeting.

Planning for Kings Park

Public consultation on the draft plan for the development of Kings Park, Latrobe closed on 30 September with all submissions received currently being assessed by Council's Consulting Heritage Architect, Mr David Denman.

It is anticipated that the final plan, inclusive of any amendments that may result from the submissions received, will be tabled at the December 12 Latrobe Council meeting for consideration and adoption.

Council's Manager Development Services, Mr Ronald Viney said *"it is anticipated that any plan adopted will be implemented as a staged development due to the extensiveness of the proposed works that seek to revitalise this environment."*

At the conclusion of the complete project, the grounds and associated infrastructure will encourage greater community access and utilisation of Kings Park as a focal point in the Latrobe CBD."

Grade 10's Celebrate Milestone

The glamour of Grade 10 Leavers from Latrobe High School will take place at the Australian Axemans Hall of Fame on Tuesday, December 20 from 5.30 pm.

Students will begin arriving at this time and are required to be present for a group photograph at 6.45 pm, after which they will move into the Axemans Hall of Fame for dinner.

The public are invited to view the occasion however limited parking and restricted access will apply. Please follow the direction of authorised personnel.

Traffic conditions along River Road and through Bells Parade will be affected from 5.00 pm until 7.00 pm. If you don't have to travel along River Road during this time, please take an alternate route.

The Latrobe High School Leavers' Assembly will be held in the Latrobe Memorial Hall on Wednesday, December 21 from 10 am. At this assembly, students will be presented with their School Certificate and Civic Certificate. Family and friends of leavers are welcome to attend.

Linking Artists

The 2012 Latrobe Art Exhibition challenges artists of all 2-dimensional genres to interpret the theme "Linked" with two sections offered - Painting or Photography.

Thanks to sponsorship by Latrobe Council, Tasmanian Alkaloids, House of Anvers and Ibbott Hardware Pty Ltd, not only does this exhibition provide an opportunity to highlight your talent to a wide audience, you could win some of the \$3,200 prize money.

Entry forms containing all the information that you need are available online at www.latrobe.tas.gov.au.

Entry forms only will be accepted at Latrobe Council **UNTIL** Friday, January 13, 2012. **Late entries will not be accepted.**

All enquiries should be directed to Michelle Dutton on 6421 4650.

Latrobe RSL Future

The Latrobe RSL executive has convened a Special Meeting at its clubrooms, 160 Gilbert Street, Latrobe for Tuesday, November 8 at 7.00 pm to discuss the future of the Latrobe RSL Club.

President, Mr Ray Simpson, said *"it is hoped that as many financial members of the club are able to attend this important meeting, which will determine the future viability of our club."*

For more information, phone 6427 9668.

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Volunteer needed

The Court House Museum needs another volunteer to open the building for visitors one afternoon per month.

If you have the time and inclination, please contact Elizabeth Gleeson at the Museum on Thursday afternoons and join our happy group of volunteers.

No previous experience is necessary. Training is provided. For more information, phone 6426 1289.

Start Saving Milk Containers

Planning on entering a craft in Henley-on-Mersey's Betta Boat Race? If so, now is the time to encourage your family, friends and work colleagues to help you start collecting Betta Milk containers.

"The 'boat' must be made primarily from Betta Milk containers and fashioned in such a manner as to hold a team of three persons. It can't be motorized in any way, reliant on pure muscle power and oars.

A good base and sufficient milk containers - a recommended minimum of 200 is suggested however the weight of rowers needs to be taken into account - are crucial to create an effective structure.

This much anticipated event challenges competitors to 'race' their craft on the waterway of Bells Parade and is ideally suited to businesses, community groups or a group of friends to participate," said Henley-on-Mersey Management Committee member, Mr David Crampton.

Full details are available to download from the Henley-on-Mersey website at www.henleyonmersey.com.au.

Darrell Baldock Fund

Initial planning and design of a memorial in honour of Darrell "Doc" Baldock at the Latrobe Recreation Ground has begun.

A committee was formed this year to investigate ways to honour the memory of one of our greatest ever Tasmanians.

After a public consultation period, the committee established its objectives and the Darrell Baldock Memorial Fund was launched by Mayor Michael Gaffney and Doc Baldock Memorial Committee Chairman, Peter Freshney.

The fund will be controlled and audited by the council and will help facilitate the committee's goals -

- The construction of a fitting memorial to be situated at the ground, but open to public access at all times, paying tribute to Doc's life as a footballer, horse breeder and politician.
- The extension of the club's history room to incorporate a section in his honour. It would be open to members of the public on selected days throughout the year.

Local building company, Fairbrother, has kindly volunteered to help manage and facilitate the memorial project and it is hoped an initial concept will be released to the public later this year. In the meantime, the committee is planning fundraising efforts and will soon start actively promoting the fund to local organisations. Contributions to the fund may be made via Latrobe Council.



"Christmas with Resonance"

'Resonance' is a newly-formed group of former students and local singers from the Penelope Bruce Music Studio that formed when their mentor, Penelope Bruce, moved to the mainland to further her studies in music conducting.

Their first collaboration under the musical direction of Xiao Xia Jiang-Barter and wonderful and extremely talented accompanist, Jill Bacon, is their Christmas concert - 'Christmas with Resonance' - which will be held at the Latrobe Memorial Hall on Saturday, November 26th from 7.30 pm.

'Resonance' will delight audiences as many well-known melodies are skilfully performed. The concert will also feature special guest soloists Sophie Jones and Carolyn Harris.

Tickets to the performance are now available through the Latrobe Council office.

For further information, please telephone 0409 082 212.

St Pat's Twilight Fair

St Patrick's Primary School Twilight Fair will be held at the school grounds, Bradshaw Street, Latrobe on Friday, November 18 from 5 pm to 8 pm.

The evening will feature many traditional school fair activities such as face painting, food stalls, jumping castle, cake stalls, raffle, lucky dips, show bags, with the addition of a ferret wheel, Anvers hot chocolates and other specialty treats.

There will also be a variety of delicious food and refreshments so come along and enjoy a night without cooking whilst indulging in the delights of the St Patrick's Twilight Fair.



Count Down to Community Bank Decision

The project to establish a Community Bank Branch at Port Sorell is nearing a significant milestone, simply needing another 130 pledges of support by the end of this year to enable the process to proceed to the next phase (a full financial feasibility).

"While support for the project has been fantastic to date, there are still many people who have told us they really support the idea but have not yet 'got around' to sending in their pledge," according to committee deputy chair Geoff Taylor.

"We are so close," says Mr Taylor, "but we need these pledges now in order to proceed to the next phase, and get a firm commitment from Bendigo Bank. This venture has so much potential for our community, not just in improving banking services but more importantly, to support the activities of local community and family groups and other like-minded organisations through ongoing community grants.

It would be a tragedy if this didn't proceed because folk just didn't get around to filling in the form.

The need for the Bank has been clearly demonstrated by customer activity since Bendigo Bank installed its ATM and started sending staff out from Devonport one day each week to support the project.

You can pledge support or get further information by phoning 0487 672 556 or emailing portsorellcommunitybank@gmail.com.

Even if you are an existing customer of the Bendigo Bank, please don't sit back and assume it will just happen. Without your support and commitment, it won't happen. So please help us to help you."

Collaboration in Flood Abatement

In response to flooding experienced in February 2011, Latrobe Council met with affected Coal Hill Road residents and Adam Brooks MHA to discuss possible solutions to help minimise the impact of future flooding.

As a consequence, Latrobe Council utilised the expertise and staff of Mersey Natural Resource Management to remove a substantial amount of willow and vegetation which was impacting on the water flow over Coal Hill Road during times of flood.

Latrobe Council has also budgeted, in the 2011/12 financial year, to upgrade the culvert pipes under Coal Hill Road (below the railway line) and install a barrier guard rail. This work will be undertaken in the New Year when it is anticipated that the area will be drier and involve a smaller water stream.

The Council is also pleased to confirm that the Department of Infrastructure Energy and Resources have included works to increase the capacity of the culverts under Mersey Main Road, approximately midway between Railton Road and Henslowe Street, in their forward works program.

"As we have witnessed in other parts of the State, and indeed the country, it is not possible to fully mitigate flooding issues especially in identified flood plain areas however, it is hoped that the three strategies used above will assist with the issue," said Michael Gaffney.

Recognising Quiet Achievers

The search is on to find those amazing individuals and groups that are making a valuable contribution to the Latrobe Municipality and to recognise them through

Latrobe Council's Annual Australia Day Awards.

These individuals are leaders within many organisations and, as such, are mentors to those coming up through the ranks. Wouldn't it be great to recognise their exceptional contribution and share their commitment with the wider community?



His Excellency, Governor Peter Underwood presents the 2011 Citizen of the Year Award to Ivor Kirkwood

How to nominate

1. Download a nomination form from Council's website (www.latrobe.tas.gov.au) or phone 6421 4650 for a form to be posted to you.
2. Ensure your nominee meets the eligibility criteria.
3. Complete the personal information about your nominee.

4. Attach your submission, ensuring you address the criteria relevant to the section in which you are nominating.
5. Return to Latrobe Council, marked for the attention of Michelle Dutton, no later than Monday, 28 November.

Awards are presented in the categories of:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Community Event of the Year

and presented on Australia Day (26 January) at Henley-on-Mersey. Who will you nominate?

ChemClear's Tasmanian Return

ChemClear are once again running a chemical collection run throughout Tasmania.

National Program Manager Lisa Nixon said *"it is getting towards that time of year when farms and properties are being cleaned up and this provides a great opportunity to get rid of potentially dangerous agvet chemicals that may be stored in growers sheds."*

Upon registration, the chemicals are classified as either group one or group two.

Group one chemicals are currently registered products from participating agvet manufacturers and are accepted free of charge.

Group two chemicals are products from non-participating manufacturers, unlabelled or unregistered and a fee for disposal per litre is charged to collect these products.

The booking line closes for this collection on November 18 so I encourage all Tasmanian agvet chemical users to review the chemicals they are storing in their sheds, take an inventory of these products and register them with us for the upcoming collection in December."

To register, call 1800 008 707 or log on to www.chemclear.com.au.

Healthy Community Survey

The Latrobe Municipality is participating in a Healthy Communities Initiative project, funded by the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing, which aims to increase awareness and availability of healthy food options by May 2013.

Presented under the banner of *"Eating Well in Latrobe Municipality"*, part of the process involves determining existing trends in relation to reasons for choosing certain menu items, some habits around eating out, opinions on food safety, and views relating to personal shopping choices regarding food items.

Latrobe High School Community Connection students are assisting Latrobe Council with the collection of this data by conducting face to face interviews with people in Station Square, Latrobe and throughout the Port Sorell/Shearwater CBD until November 18.

Council's Environmental Technical Officer, Mrs Glenys Nicholls said *"Council will provide the collated data to food businesses to encourage them to offer more nutritious foods, or to continue this practice."*

A marketing campaign will be implemented by Council next year to promote those businesses who are offering healthier menu options and providing food in a safe

manner, further reinforcing Council's role of ensuring food that is provided at local outlets is safe to eat."

Should you wish to know more about this project, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Nicholls on 6421 4650.



Rubicon Coast and Landcare Inc were recently awarded the Australian Government Coastcare Award for Tasmania at the Tasmanian Landcare Conference in Stanley. The beautiful engraved glass trophy is currently on display at the Latrobe Council.

This award is given every second year to a community group for the improvement of local coastal or marine environments. Rubicon Coast and Landcare Inc will now go forward as a contender for the National Coastcare Award, to be held in Sydney next year.



Robin Garnett holds Rubicon Coast and Landcare's 2011 Tasmanian Coastcare Award

Rubicon Coast and Landcare Inc helps to care for the native vegetation along the edge of the Rubicon Estuary and in nearby parks. The group is very keen to welcome new members. If you can spare a couple of hours a month for planting and weeding and/or would like to join the monthly meetings at Camp Banksia, contact Robin Garnett (Secretary) at rubicon_inc@hotmail.com.

Latrobe Swim Centre

Looking to burn off some of that extra padding gained over winter? With the weather improving daily and the extended daylight hours, what about considering a lap or two at the Latrobe Swim Centre in George Street, Latrobe?

The Latrobe Swim Centre is now open for the Spring/Summer season on Monday to Friday from 9.00 am until 6.00 pm and on weekends and throughout the school holidays from 10.30 am until 6.00 pm.

Pool Manager, Adrian Triffett said *"within the Latrobe Swim Centre is a warm 25m x 10m pool, a paddlers pool, enclosed and shaded playground for youngsters, on duty life guard, amenities building, a kiosk that provides for your refreshment and snack needs as well as swimming equipment - all within an extensive grassed area."*

The Latrobe Swim Centre provides a variety of aquatic play equipment so all swimmers can enjoy the water environment in a fun way.

For swimmers seeking to better their lap times, a lap clock is highly visible at the complex.

There are also barbecues so you can enjoy a swim and then cook up a feast."

General admission is only \$3.50 per swimmer or there are 10-pass swim cards and season tickets available that provide a discounted option. These are particularly suited to swimmers who intend to use the Latrobe Swim Centre on a regular basis or those who need that financial outlay as an encouragement to do so.

For more information, contact Mr Triffett at the Latrobe Swim Centre on 6426 1843 or simply turn and enjoy all that the Latrobe Swim Centre has to offer.

Fun Day to Help Hannah

Hannah is a 9 year old Latrobe girl, who has diabetes. As a result of this illness, Hannah is in urgent need of an insulin pump, to give her a better quality of life and prevent damage to vital organs from fluctuating blood sugar levels. Whilst the pump cost is \$8,000, only \$4,000 remains to be raised to purchase the pump.

In an endeavour to raise those much needed funds, a Help for Hannah Fun Day will be held at the East Devonport Primary School on November 19 from 10.00 am until 2.00 pm.

"Entry is by gold coin donation with heaps of activities on offer, including a jumping castle, face painting, crazy hair, cake stall, barbecue, balloon twister, temporary tattoos, singer, clown and a variety of market stalls and much more. We look forward to your support at this Fun Day," said Hannah's aunt, Belinda Simpson.

For more information on how you might be able to assist, contact Belinda by email at help4hannah@gmail.com

Kindergarten Enrolments

Parents are reminded that children turning 5 years of age during 2012 are eligible to be enrolled in kindergarten. All primary schools throughout the Municipality offer kindergarten, and are contactable as follows -

Geneva	6426 1053
Latrobe Primary School	6426 1203
Moriarty Primary School	6426 9275
Sassafras Primary School.....	6426 7240
St Patrick's Primary School.....	6426 1626
Wesley Vale Primary School	6428 4088

As the school year (public schools) concludes on 21 December, parents are encouraged to make kindergarten arrangements prior to this date.

National Win To Latrobe General Practice

Congratulations to the Latrobe Family Medical Practice on their recent achievement in being awarded the highly prestigious Australian Medical Practice of the Year by the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP).

The RACGP General Practice of the Year Award is designed to recognise practices for their approach and strong commitment to patients' health and wellbeing and the delivery of high quality primary healthcare services.

In announcing the award, Professor Claire Jackson, RACGP President, recognised that the practice welcomed the uptake of new medical technologies and medical student mentoring and work placement.

Dr Geoff Shannon, co-principal at Latrobe Family Medical Practice said *"general practice is the cornerstone of a healthy nation and we are delighted to play a role in our local community working to achieve excellent health for all."*

Close ties with local health services have proven fundamental in providing the highest standard of patient care, incorporating a holistic and collaborative approach toward diagnosis and management of illness."

Latrobe Recreation Ground Improvements

Following the receipt of a Sport and Recreation grant, Latrobe Council contracted Total Turf Care to upgrade the irrigation and drainage on the Latrobe Recreation Ground oval. These works commenced at the beginning of October and are nearing completion.

The contractor has programmed to come back in the new year, once the initial trenching is fully grassed over, to complete the sand slitting. Cricket is likely to be played on the ground from the beginning of December.

Whilst ground activities have been restricted during this time, the long term benefits are numerous.

"Whilst the drainage project was always going to affect a number of users of the Latrobe Recreation Ground, the necessity of the upgrade, resulting benefits and communication with user groups has enabled rosters to be amended throughout the works, for which Council is appreciative," said Mayor Mike Gaffney.



The Magic of Christmas

Caroling in the Streets by the Latrobe Federal Band, as part of their annual fundraising, will again take place in December. Your support is greatly appreciated. This year's **Latrobe LIONS Christmas Parade** will be held on the evening of Saturday, December 17, commencing from 6.30 pm from the Latrobe Recreation Ground.

This year's theme is *"The Magic of Christmas"*.

Registration forms are available from Morse's Butchery or the Latrobe Council office and close on Monday, 12th December.

Prizes for each section will be announced and presented following the parade in Kings Park at 7.30 pm.

The Christmas Parade will be followed by **Carols in King** from 7.15 pm.

An extensive program featuring the talents of the Latrobe Federal Band, Christmas Elves, Sing Australian, No Egos, Xiao Xia and the Tasmanian Performing Arts Centre await your vocal accompaniment so grab your blanket, candles and fine voices and come along.

The **Port Sorell Carols by Candlelight** will be held on Sunday, December 18 in the Port Sorell Memorial Hall from 8.00 pm.

Special guest, making her first appearance at the Carols, will be Olivia Pizzerani-Rand together with the Crescendo Choir, Man Choir and the Latrobe Federal Band. As in past years, this will be preceded with a free barbecue from 6.00 pm in the Lions Club Caravan Park.

Plan Now for the 2011-12 Bushfire Season

With the bushfire season fast approaching, the Tasmania Fire Service is providing free copies of their Bushfire Survival Plan template to the Tasmanian community.

This template can be used by residents to prepare a simple household bushfire survival plan that will help

residents prepare and protect their homes and families from bushfire, whether they choose to leave their property or stay and defend.

"We know that householders do not necessarily make the best decisions in times of stress, and a personal Bushfire Survival Plan will help them to make appropriate decisions during emergencies," said Mr Michael Brown, Chief Officer with the Tasmanian Fire Service.

The plan asks residents to answer a series of questions and encourages people to:

- Be aware that leaving early is always the safest option.
- Realise that staying to defend property during a bushfire always carries some risk of injury or death.
- Decide well in advance of a bushfire whether they will leave early or stay with their home to defend it.
- Be aware that deciding to stay and defend their home is a reasonable choice if their home is well prepared, they are physically fit and emotionally prepared and fire conditions are considered less than 'extreme'.
- Identify nearby safer places to flee to at short notice as an absolute last resort, in case they are unprepared or are unable to defend their properties because conditions are worse than expected.
- Understand that the decision to leave early or stay and defend a property must be made and understood by all members of the household, and should be included in their plan.

For hard copies of bushfire safety publications, email communityed@fire.tas.qov. E-versions and further bushfire safety information is available at www.fire.tas.gov.au

Illegal Building Works

When you have got your house on the market and a contract all signed, the last thing that you want to discover is that you have illegal building works that cause you delays and difficulties with settlement; not to mention financial penalties that are applied in accordance with the Building Act 2000.

So when is a Building Permit required?

A Building Permit is required for the vast majority of structures and buildings with the exception of some minor structures such as small fences, some repair works and minor alterations. A Planning Permit may also be required.

A Building Permit may not be required if you can provide certification from a Building Surveyor that the work consists of minor alterations or repairs.

During the past 12 months the number of illegal building works coming to the attention of Council has increased.

You should always check with council when considering development and building, plumbing or repair works.

You can find more information on Council's website at www.latrobe.tas.gov.au; or contact Building and Development Services on 6421 4650.

Visitors to Stay a While and Help a Mile

A six month trial is underway to engage the region's campervan and motorhome visitors in local environmental working bees and Landcare and Coastcare activities.

Arising from the recent report '*Off the Beaten Path: Tracking Self-Accommodating Visitors in North West Tasmania*', which revealed that some visitors are investigating the region as a place to live and looking to make special connections while here, *Helping Hands on Holidays* aims to connect visitors to the region's communities, giving holiday-makers a different insight to our landscapes and providing a local experience to be long remembered.

Nominations are sought from organisations that provide volunteer-based environmental events for inclusion in an online events calendar which will be promoted to caravan and motorhome club members around Australia.

Enquiries are welcome by calling the Cradle Coast Authority's Regional Tourism Development Manager, Ian Waller, or Cradle Coast Natural Resource Management Coastal Coordinator, Belinda Colson on 6431 6285.



The Silly Season Begins

Latrobe Lions members are being kept busy keeping up with the sale of their delicious Christmas cakes throughout the Latrobe CBD, with many businesses coming on board to supply them when the volunteers are unavailable. This assistance is very much appreciated. A highlight in December is the Latrobe Lions Christmas. Held on December 17, the twilight parade places a focus on Latrobe inspiring the community, businesses and individuals to promote themselves in a fun and positive way. This year, the theme for the parade is "The Magic of Christmas" with registration forms available from Morse's Butchery and Latrobe Council. It would be good to see more local businesses come on board with a float but please be mindful that there is a restriction on the size of float bases (i.e. trucks and the like) due to the tight turning circle midway through the Parade.

The club is once again involved with operating the canteen at Latrobe Speedway meetings this season with a number of huge nights expected. This not only fills a need at the venue but raises funds that are then reinvested in worthwhile service projects throughout Latrobe. The club is appreciative of the assistance of the Port Sorell Lions Club members and Peter Freshney with this duty.

The Lions Club of Latrobe would like to take this opportunity to wish readers a safe Christmas/New Year. If Lions is something that you are interested in becoming involved with, new members are welcome. The Lions Club of Latrobe meets on the first and third Monday of each month at the Latrobe RSL from 6.30 pm. For more information please contact Brian (6426 2301 a/h).

PB's Broken

Latrobe swimmers finished their winter season with much success as they participated in the Tasmanian Short Course Championships in September.

Swimmers performed strongly as a result of commitment to winter training and quality coaching delivered with experience and knowledge by Coach Adrian Triffett.

The depth of ability within the team was evident with swimmers consistently ranking in the top eight or higher for their age groups across all events with a number of outstanding individual performances.

Sam Curtis showed impressive form taking up to 16 seconds off his current best times. For the 12/13 year old age group, Sam achieved Silver in the 200IM, and Bronze in the 100 Back and 100 Fly. He went on to substantiate his recent state record for a 12 year old by winning silver in the 800 Open Mens Free in a time of 9:18:61.

Thea Crantock swam exceptionally well in the 14/15 year old 200 IM, gaining Silver in a time of 2:30:89. Thea also gained Silver for the 100 Fly in the same age group.

The team's winning streak was completed with Lily Blair swimming the fastest time for an 11 year old for the 50 Fly in a time of 33:20, and gaining third place in the 100 IM.

Such depth and talent within the club bodes well for the 2012 summer season and is indicative of the value of the access the club has to the pool over the winter season.

Latrobe Primary Shines

The Alcorso/Keep Australia Beautiful-Tasmania Awards for schools demonstrating excellence in Educating for Sustainability is being held at Camp Banksia, Port Sorell on November 18.

Last year, over 1,000 Tasmanian students collectively participated in the Kids for Kids (K4K) Australian Sustainable Schools Initiative (AuSSI) Statewide Conference.

The aim of the conference is to not only reward those schools making significant progress in sustainability but also to facilitate an environment of sharing information and experiences about school's sustainability, biodiversity and climate change learnings.

This year the guest speakers are Costa Georgia, Dr Jennifer Lavers, and Andrew Hughes.

Students from AuSSI schools from across throughout the region are provided with an opportunity to present their sustainability projects and issues in their area via 30-minute workshops.

As a winner of the Northern Primary school section last year, students from Latrobe Primary School will present workshops about cooking produce from their Secret Garden. They will also be sharing learnings from the recent Nude Food Day in which the whole school participated in an effort to educate the school community about reduction in landfill.

Latrobe Hall Façade Update

In 2009, the Commonwealth Government, in response to the economic decline being felt nationally, introduced Regional and Local Community Infrastructure funding to Local Government, more commonly known as the Federal Stimulus Package.

The first round funding (\$196,000 in 2009-10) was allocated to bring forward and offset some of the costs involved with the replacement of the Panatana Rivulet walkway, linking Squeaking Point and Port Sorell.

The second round (\$145,000 in 2010-12) has enabled the completion of staged works at the Latrobe Memorial Hall and Performing Arts Centre. These works include the refurbishment of the entrance, surrounds, foyer and toilets that make an excellent entry to a very important building in the community.

Funnily, it was only six years ago that the Latrobe Memorial Hall was really struggling and rarely utilised however a positive relationship between Latrobe Council and Latrobe High School has ensured a new lease of life for the hall.

Committee Chairman, Mayor Mike Gaffney stated, *"it's always difficult, within a limited budget, to try and improve our community aesthetically. At the performing arts centre we have tried to marry both the Memorial Hall with the Council Chambers for a newer look.*

This will assist with our continuing endeavours to attract a variety of groups and performances to Latrobe such as the Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra, vocal and orchestral performances and even guinea pig championships!"



I Love My Cat

October has been targeted by Central North Wildlife Care and Rescue to reduce the number of young cats coming into animal shelters in March.

Christmas is notorious for the 'cheap' present of a kitten. After the school holidays have finished, the kittens have grown, and with no one at home to care for them, they are

often taken to vets or the RSPCA. Staff do their best, but all too often they face the heartbreaking decision of having to euthanase healthy animals because there are simply too many for them to re-home.

Cats start breeding at five months, and often the easiest option is simply to dump the mother and kits in the bush. This fate is very harsh for the family, and also adds to the feral population. In seven years, one female can have 120 kittens, if half of these have kittens then breed on, it isn't hard to see the numbers blow out, resulting in millions of feral cats, many of which host Toxoplasmosis which is dangerous to humans. In reality there is no such thing as a 'free' kitten.

'I Love My Cat' brochures are now available from your vet or at the Latrobe Council Chambers to provide guidance on responsible cat ownership. If you are already doing the right thing, perhaps you could pop a brochure into the letterbox of someone who may not be.

For assistance with injured native wildlife please ring Alastair on 0409 978 064.

Changes to Rubbish Disposal

With the days lengthening, we tend to spend a little more time in the garden and undertake projects around the house, culminating in a little more rubbish than might normally be disposed of through the household rubbish collection.

Households throughout the Latrobe Municipality have options for the disposal of their surplus rubbish.

All households in the Municipality received Waste Disposal Vouchers with their 2011-12 Rates Demand. These vouchers are usable at either the Spreyton Waste Transfer Station (Latrobe households) or the Port Sorell Waste Transfer Station (Port Sorell households).

Rental property landlords should have forwarded these vouchers to their tenants.

Open hours of the Spreyton Waste Transfer Station have changed and are now 7.30 am - 4.00 pm Monday to Friday; 11.00 am to 4.00 pm on Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays but closed for Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day, Devonport Cup, Good Friday, Easter Sunday and ANZAC Day.

The Port Sorell Waste Transfer Station is open from Wednesday to Sunday from 10.00 am until 4.00 pm, with the exception of Christmas Day and Good Friday. This timing assists tourists holidaying in the Port Sorell area to dispose of their rubbish as they head back home on a Sunday.

These and other details are reiterated on the Waste Disposal Vouchers.

Housing Units Allocated

The Strathdevon aged care facility, operated by Uniting Aged Care Vic Tas, recently opened ten Community Housing Units on its site in Latrobe.

The two bedroom units are occupied by singles or couples aged 65 and over and consist of a single storey and garage.

Located in Percival St, at the rear of Strathdevon Home in Moriarty Road, these units were provided by the Federal Government's recent stimulus package. UACVT obtained funding for thirty-two new units across northern Tasmania.

"Strathdevon operates four programs from the Moriarty Road site -

- *the 37 bed Residential Home,*
- *a Community program, currently with 36 clients cared for in their home,*
- *preparation of Meals on Wheels for local associations*
- *and now the community Housing program.*

The integration of these programs enables Strathdevon to offer support through varying stages of need," said Strathdevon CEO, Mr Bill Little.

The Units are currently occupied and there is a waiting list for which enquiries may be made by phoning Strathdevon on 6426 2844.

Improved facilities at Mersey

Brand new treatment rooms, a new waiting area and a state-of-the-art isolation room are among the new facilities now benefiting patients and visitors to the Mersey Community Hospital Emergency Department.

A new entrance, reception and triage area also opened for business last month.

Mersey General Manager Sharon Mason said *"Patients will notice the Emergency Department reception is now positioned in view of the entrance, and the new treatment rooms are positioned in such a way to ensure patients move through the unit in a logical way - these improvements will certainly reduce waiting times.*

There is now also a new corridor linking the Emergency Department and other hospital areas."

Stage Two of the redevelopment is now in full swing, and is expected to be completed in late January 2012. Works due for completion in this stage include new office and staff areas, additional acute treatment rooms and a short-stay treatment unit with separate nurses' station.

Softball Goes From Strength to Strength

The Latrobe & District Softball Association (L&DSA) recently commenced their 2011-12 season at Perkins Park, Latrobe.

The club has been operational for five years now and is growing from strength to strength each year.

In 2010, the L&DSA won Softball Australia's Award for the Local Association of the Year as well as the Tasmania Active After School Community's Award for working with children in schools and getting them actively involved in sport.

"We now cater for the whole community with rosters for every age - Baby Ballers start at age four with an introduction into softball, followed by T'Ball, Junior Teams, Senior Women, Men and Mixed Teams," said coordinator Mrs Shelley Dodd.

For more information phone Shelley on 0439 361 804.

Truly Tasmania Craft Success



The Latrobe Apex Club recently staged another successful Truly Tasmanian Craft Exhibition and Sale in the Latrobe Memorial Hall.

"This Exhibition has now been operating for six years, specialising in only Tasmanian craft, and is one of the club's primary events from which all the money raised goes back into community projects.

For a very small club it is a lot of hard work to organise but very rewarding, especially when we have so many people support the event as stallholders and through patronage," said Mrs Jeffrey.

The Apex Club of Latrobe are always on the lookout for new members so, if you are aged between 18-45 and interested in finding out more about Apex, please give Tammy 0417 132 687 or Ellen 0419 981 600 a call.

The Apex Club of Latrobe would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a safe New Year and looks forward to your ongoing support throughout 2012.

Turning a Page for MS

Multiple Sclerosis (MS) is a chronic and often debilitating disease that does not just affect those living with MS, but also their families and carers. Each year, the MS Readathon is held to raise much needed funds that assist MS nurses and associated health providers; increases support facilities and educational services for those in need along with providing a fundamental step in finding a cure for this mysterious illness.

The 2011 MS Readathon is now complete and many students in Tasmania have shown great support for this year's reading challenge by raising more than \$34,000. This generosity helps support the 20,000 Australians currently living with MS.

Incredibly, Moriarty Primary School came in first on the list of top fundraising schools for Tasmania raising \$2,233, an amazing achievement that goes to show that even the tiniest of schools can help make a big difference! They also won an Apple iPad by having 10% of their enrolment registered and each raising at least \$10 in the MS Readathon.

Moriarty Primary School student's Emma and Amy Fawkner are the highest fundraisers in Tasmania for

2011. The sisters raised an incredible \$750 each after lots of door knocking, aided by their Mum and little brother Ben.



Fundraising On Track

The Lions Club of Port Sorell is making great progress with the Triple 5 fundraising project. Many thanks to the community for getting on-board and donating their 5 cent pieces, including their other loose change, into the collection boxes around the area. After four weeks, a total of just on \$1,000 has been donated. This is a big step towards the target of \$5,000 in 5 months which will benefit the Port Sorell Surf Life Saving Club and Children's Ward of the Mersey Community Hospital.

On November 12, the Port Sorell Lions Relay for Life committee is holding a giant book sale at the Port Sorell Hall. This will get underway at 10.00 am and continue through to 2.00 pm. If you are able to donate books to this cause, please contact Lion Rod Bramich on 6428 6565. Alternatively, come along and pick up what is bound to be an eclectic collection.

Club members recently enjoyed an exchange Club visit to the Kentish Lions Club and are once again working alongside the Latrobe Lions Club during the season's speedway events.

Everything is in place for this year's Christmas Carols, being held on Sunday, December 18 at the Port Sorell Hall, starting at 8.00 pm. There will be the annual free community barbecue in the Caravan Park area prior to the Carols. This will start at 6.00 pm, continuing through to 7.30 pm. Santa has advised that this event is a highlight on his calendar and is taking time out of his busy schedule to make a short visit to see the children.

The Port Sorell Lions Club is always happy to have new members who bring new ideas and support the Port Sorell community. If you would like to join the club, please contact Lions Keith Holliday on 0418 178 115 or Rosie Rabbetts on 6428 7389.

Recognising Volunteers

Volunteering is an essential part of any community - connecting us, strengthening our sense of belonging and creating positive relationships that build a stronger local community.

"Inspiring the Volunteer in You" is an awards program that recognises individuals who make an outstanding contribution to their local community through volunteering.

Braddon politician, Peter "Sid" Sidebottom, is inviting the community to nominate in a variety of categories within this awards program.

For more information about the awards, or to download a nomination form, please visit www.notforprofit.gov.au/volunteering or call Sid's office on 6431 1333.

The closing date for nominations is November 11 with award ceremonies to be held December 7.

Care Service Celebrates 40th

Mersey Community Care, based in Devonport, provides transport, minor home maintenance, social support and more recently spring cleaning services, to frail/aged, younger disabled people and their carers, living in the

Latrobe, Kentish and Devonport municipalities and minor home maintenance in the Ulverstone municipality.

These services are provided to the community by a dedicated and passionate team of approximately 160 volunteers, without whom, the service would not exist.

This year Mersey Community Care Association reaches the 40 year milestone.

Whilst they have a significant number of volunteers, they are always interested in hearing from anyone that may like to join their volunteer base. If this is of interest to you, please phone 6424 8883 or email mcca@bigpond.com.

A Rare Opportunity

Remember the beautiful Midlands Hawthorn which stood in the Post Office Reserve? For many years local residents stood under it at every Anzac commemoration.

The tree was planted at Federation 1901 and stood for 110 years before being removed due to disease.

A unique opportunity now exists to buy a little piece of Latrobe history.

The staff at the Court House Museum have twelve healthy seedlings, grown from seed gathered under the hawthorn, for sale at \$5.00 each. Keep our history alive by planting one of the tree's offspring!

Profits from the plant sale will be used to buy conservation materials for the preservation of the Collection.

The trees will be available at the Museum (next to the Post Office) Tuesday to Friday 1.00pm to 4.00pm.

Penguin Island Ocean Water Swim

The Port Sorell Surf Life Saving Club invites swimmers to participate in the annual 2XU Penguin Island Ocean Water Swim from Freers Beach, in front of the Port Sorell Surf Life Saving Club, out to Penguin Island and back, as part of the annual 2XU series on January 2.

Additional to the 2km Penguin Island Swim, a shorter course swim of 500m is also offered for community and younger swimmers. You don't need to be a member of a surf club to participate and you are even able to swim the course in a wet suit, if this is your preference.

Registrations open from 9.30am on the day of competition with the start time scheduled for 10.30 am.

Stay up to date with further details as they come to hand by checking <http://www.slst.asn.au/>

Beethoven's Best Performed

The Cradle Coast Orchestra has undergone a number of name adjustments since inception in 1990. Initially formed as the Burnie Orchestra, the expanding membership resulted in a change of name to the Greater Braddon Orchestra and, with 30 players residing from Railton through to Stanley, it is now known as the Cradle Coast Orchestra.

Each year, the Cradle Coast Orchestra performs in Burnie but also stages an annual concert at a different location in the Cradle Coast area. This year, that concert will be held at the Latrobe Memorial Hall on Sunday, November 13 from 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm.

The orchestra will play a selection of items from their repertoire of Beethoven, Mussorgsky, Lully, Strauss, Mozart, Woodhouse and Schubert. There will also be

solo performances by Kate Hudson (flute), Josie Riches (violin) and James Anderson (cello).

Admission prices are: adults \$10, students and concession \$5 and families \$20 with tickets only available from the door.

Further information is available by phoning 6438 1235.

Community Canine Walk

On Sunday, November 20 the inaugural Delta Society Port Sorell Canine Community Walk will be held at Port Sorell.

The Delta Society volunteers provide a much loved service for many aged care homes, including Rubicon Grove, as dog owners and their temperament tested therapy dogs visit the residents on a regular basis.

"Our volunteers love their dogs and sharing them with others. The advantage to residents in aged care homes is that they get that enjoyment from interacting with the pets without the worry of having to care and clean up after them," said Devonport Delta Society Coordinator, Mrs Claire Curtis.

The Port Sorell Canine Community Walk will depart from Pioneer Park, alongside the Port Sorell Fire Brigade, at 11.00 am. Registrations are available from 10.30 am.

There are two different length walks (2km and 4km) and on completion, while enjoying a sausage sizzle by the Port Sorell Fire Brigade, random prize draws, the winner of the colour in competition and raffle will be announced. The RSPCA and Latrobe Council's Animal Control Officer, Todd Dare, will also be available to answer your doggy questions.

So come along and enjoy a walk with your dog whilst supporting the Delta Society.



Caravan Park Improvements

Have you been for a walk through the Port Sorell Lions Club Caravan Park lately? If not, why not call in and introduce yourself to the now, not so new managers Lyn and Denis McMurrich and take a stroll through the park.

The area is looking great with freshly painted cabins, garden makeover and even some chooks in residence! The children's play area is not restricted to park users, so drop in and enjoy the playground.

Some of you may have noticed the new amenities block going up in the camping area along East Esplanade. This will be a welcome addition and open for the upcoming busy tourist season. If you haven't already booked your site for the 2011-12 season, you'll need to get in quick. The Port Sorell Lions Caravan Park is contactable on 6428 7267.

With the success of additional security in and around the park last New Year's Eve, this will again be present this year.

The Relay for Life fundraiser committee's pancakes in the park will commence on the second Sunday morning in January at the park's camp kitchen. Community members are most welcome to call in and check out the Master Chefs in action! All funds go to Relay for Life.

Preparing Business for Emergencies

Don't let your business be unprepared for an emergency. A small amount of emergency planning now could be the difference when your business needs it most.

The new Commonwealth Government Emergency Management and Recovery Resources Package makes it easier to deal with emergencies. It contains important information, checklists and a template, so you can make an emergency management and recovery plan that's right for your business.

It's about planning for the worst, not hoping for the best. Visit business.gov.au/emergency to start planning now.

The Evolving Face of Tourism

The restructure of Tourism Tasmania, which includes the creation of a leaner and more focussed business structure and the appointment of people to new roles within this new structure, is well underway.

"As part of the new look Tourism Tasmania, we have now created three business units - Marketing, Industry Support, and Operations and Planning, and are making good ground with the placement of staff within these business units.

In the end, there will be approximately 24 fewer staff in the new organisation and a number of these will be senior level staff.

As there are fewer people in the organisation, many of the programs and activities we have delivered in recent years will need to cease or change. Over the coming months, the new business unit teams will be working with me to define the services we will and will not be able to deliver in the future.

When the transition has been fully completed, Tourism Tasmania will have a complement of around 60 staff and the majority of these will be in the Marketing Unit," said Tony Mayell, Chief Executive Officer, Tourism Tasmania.

The Good Axe

An insight into the lives of the "Legends" of wood chopping, as inducted at the Australian Axemans Hall of Fame at Latrobe, was recently launched in the form of a book by Carla Evans titled *"The Good Axe"*.

Mrs Evans has previously self-published five books, this being the sixth, that typically relate to expanding on known Australian history and providing an insight into the personalities involved.

"I was initially considering writing a book about the Schooner the Enterprise but was diverted into writing The Good Axe as a result of a visit to the Australian Axemans Hall of Fame.

The 100 page publication not only delves into the history of Hubert Allan Nichols, who instigated wood chopping as a sport prior to Federation, but is a biography of the inducted axemen at the Australian Axemans Hall of Fame.

These include Vic Summers, the Youd brothers and the Foster brothers with whom I have had many great conversations whilst compiling this publication.

The ability to write a book that details the history of wood chopping as a sport from the perspective of these men who were so significant in the sport was truly satisfying."

Copies of *The Good Axe* are available from the Australian Axemans Hall of Fame at Latrobe.

Outdoor Cinema Expands

The summer outdoor cinema screenings have recommenced in Latrobe and are now also confirmed to also proceed at Port Sorell in Shearwater Park.

The screening in Latrobe will be held on the second Friday of each month, at Bells Parade, through to and including March whilst the Port Sorell screenings will take place on the last Friday in December, January and February, proving a great experience during the peak tourist period.

Reliant on sunset, the timings of the outdoor cinema will change from month to month.

The full program will be released in the very near future however, the November 11 screening will be Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade.

The airing will commence at approximately 8.30 pm with admission prices remaining at \$10 adult, \$7.50 child and \$25 family.

Teddy Sheean Memorial Service

A memorial service recognising the 69th Anniversary of the valour of local hero, Edward "Teddy" Sheean, will take place at Sheean Memorial, Gilbert Street, Latrobe on Thursday, December 1 from 2.45 pm.



This short service will culminate with a minute's silence at 3.15 pm, the time when HMAS Armidale sank beneath the waves of the Timor Sea after being strafed by enemy fire in World War 2. All are welcome to attend this Memorial Service.

If you are unaware of the courageous story of the then 18 year old Teddy Sheean, details can be found at the memorial.

Endeavours are continuing on the posthumous awarding of a Victorian Cross to Teddy with Tribunal hearings expected to take place before the end of this year.

Further information is available by phoning Garry on 6344 3731 or 0427 633 105.

Grants

BUSINESS.GOV.AU offers simple and convenient access to all the government information, forms and services you need. It's a whole-of-government service providing essential information on planning, starting and growing business, accessible online via www.business.gov.au/Pages/default.aspx Part of this site is dedicated to "Grants and Assistance" which may be of interest to you - www.business.gov.au/Grantfinder/Grantfinder.aspx

OUR COMMUNITY (ourcommunity.com.au) is a world-leading social enterprise that provides advice and tools for Australia's 600,000 not-for-profit community groups and state, private and independent schools, as well as practical linkages between the community sector and the general public, business and government.

SPORT AND RECREATION provides funding to increase opportunities for participation in sport and active recreation in Tasmania, and to assist the ongoing development of Tasmania's sport and active recreation sector. Currently, three grant programs are available:

- Minor Grants Program
- Major Grants Program
- National/International Sport Championships Program

Applicants are advised to contact Sport and Recreation Tasmania on 1800 252 476 or email sportrec@development.tas.gov.au to discuss their application prior to submission.

NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK grants of up to \$2,000 for standard events or up to \$5,000 for regional grants are now open for application, closing on November 14.

Applicants must address all of the assessment criteria, including how the project or event/s addresses the aims of National Youth Week, the aims and outcomes that project or event and how young people are involved in developing the project or event/s.

For more information, contact Amy Murphy on 6232 7052 or at Amy.Murphy@dpac.tas.gov.au

Howzat!

In a coup for Ghost Rock Vineyard, the headline act for their annual outdoor concert on the March 3 will be none other than Daryl Braithwaite.

Daryl and his band *Sherbet* had 20 Top Forty hits during the 70's and he was King of Pop from 1973 to 1976.

Held in the stunning vineyard grounds, the concert will commence at 12 noon, continuing through to 5.00 pm.

Food will be available for purchase with patrons encouraged to bring their own chairs. Unfortunately, no rugs, umbrellas, marquees or food and drink is permitted to be brought into the venue.

General admission tickets will cost \$40.00 with children U12 free. Tickets will be available from the Ghost Rock Cellar Door by phoning 6428 4005 or online at the Devonport Entertainment Centre (decc@devonport.tas.gov.au).

So dust off your Sherbet records and practice your harmonies of old as all roads lead to Ghost Rock Vineyard on March 3, 2012!

Latrobe Twilight Carnival

The annual Latrobe Carnival is taking a twist this year in an endeavour to encourage greater patronage and not compete with the Boxing Day sales.

Taking the form of a twilight event, the Latrobe Carnival will be held at the Latrobe Recreation Ground from 3.00 pm until 9.30 pm on Tuesday, December 27.

"The program will be a pacey, diverse and interesting competition which we hope works in the new format.

Along with the cycling and athletics programs, a full wood chopping program has been reintroduced again this year with a highlight being the U23 Tassie team taking on the Victorians.

The finals of all major events will be held in the evening, allowing for those that can't get there for the full program to enjoy the best of the best on the day" said Latrobe Bicycle Race Club Secretary/Treasurer, Mr Dennis Chugg.

Tickets to the Latrobe Boxing Day Carnival are only available at the gate on the day and cost \$15 adults; \$10 pensioners, \$5 school aged children and \$10 for cars.

Summer Vacation Care

The Summer School holidays provide an opportunity for youth be in involved in a number of vacation care programs. Throughout the Latrobe Municipality, these are offered by -

- Shamrock Vacation Care, Bradshaw Street, Latrobe - 6426 3048
- Stepping Stones Vacation Care, Club Drive, Shearwater - 6428 8600

Young people are also able to access programs offered at The Zone, Stewart Street, Devonport and the Devonport Regional Art Gallery.

Additionally, Mersey Leven Child Care Services, Elanora and Keiko - all in Devonport - also provide activities that may be of interest.

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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Until end November Tasmanian landscape

photography by Adam Holbrook at Ghost Rock Vineyard, 1055 Port Sorell Road, Northdown ph 6428 4005

- 11 **Latrobe RSL Remembrance Day Service** at the Latrobe Cenotaph at 10.45 am. ☎ 6427 9668
- 11 **Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade** at the Outdoor Cinema, Bells Parade, Latrobe from approx.. 8.30 pm. BYO chair and warm clothes. Admission charges apply. ☎ 0458 999 205
- 12 **Gowans Motor Group Sizzler Speedway Racing** featuring Super Sedans (Rnd 1), Modifieds, Street Stocks (Rnd 3), AMCA's, Wingless Sprints, Formula 500s, Sidechairs at Bendigo Bank Arena, Speedway Drive, Latrobe. Racing starts at 6.00 pm. ☎ 0417 593 518
- 13 **Amy Kendall** performs a unique blend of folk roots and pop music at Ghost Rock Vineyard, 1055 Port Sorell Road, Northdown. ☎ 6428 4005
- 13 **Cradle Coast Orchestra** performs in the Latrobe Memorial Hall from 2.30 pm. ☎ 6438 1235
- 16 **Latrobe Council Strategic Planning Forum** in the Latrobe Memorial Hall Supper Room, James Street, Latrobe from 7.00 pm. ☎ 6421 4650
- 17 **Latrobe Council Strategic Planning Forum** at Camp Banksia, Anderson Street, Port Sorell from 7.00 pm. ☎ 6421 4650
- 18 **St Patrick's Twilight Fair** from 5pm to 8pm at 55 Bradshaw Street, Latrobe. ☎ 6426 1626
- 20 **Port Sorell Canine Community Walk** departs 11.00 am from Pioneer Park, cnr Rice and Meredith Streets, Port Sorell. Registration from 10.30 am. ☎ 6424 8948
- 26 **"Christmas with Resonance" concert** in the Latrobe Memorial Hall from 7.30 pm. Pre-purchased tickets available from the Latrobe Council office. ☎ 0409 082 212

december

- 1 **Teddy Sheean Memorial Service** at Sheean Memorial, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 2.45 pm. ☎ 6344 3731 or 0427 633 105
- 3 **Wyllie Tiles Fireworks Spectacular Speedway Racing** featuring Sprintcars (Rnd 3), Formula 500s, AMCAs, Tassie Sixes, Lightning Sprints, Junior Sedans (Rnd 4), Sidechairs, Speedkarts at Bendigo Bank Arena, Speedway Drive, Latrobe. Racing starts at 6.00 pm. ☎ 0417 593 518
- 5-11 **Coastcare Week**
- 9 **The Grinch** at the Outdoor Cinema, Bells Parade, Latrobe. Time to be advised. BYO chair and warm clothes. Admission charges apply. ☎ 0458 999 205
- 11 **Latrobe Cemetery Working Bee** from 9.00 am. ☎ 6426 1797
- 12 **Latrobe Council Annual General Meeting** at the Latrobe Council Chambers, 170 Gilbert Street, Latrobe. A report by Council on how we are worked for you through the 2010-11 financial year. All welcome. ☎ 6421 4650 (Candice)
- 17 **Latrobe Lions Christmas Parade** from 6.00 pm. Theme - "The Magic of Christmas". ☎ for more information and registration - Kae Campbell 6426 1442. Size limits apply.
- 17 **Carols in the Park** in Kings Park, off Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 7.15 pm. ☎ 6426 1797 (Mike) or 6421 4650 (Candice)
- 18 **Port Sorell Carols by Candlelight** in the Port Sorell Memorial Hall, cnr Meredith and Darling Streets, Port Sorell from 8.00 pm.
- 27 **Latrobe Carnival** featuring cycling, athletics and wood chopping program at the Latrobe Recreation Ground from 3.00 pm - 9.30 pm. ☎ 0429 475 249
- 30 **Outdoor Cinema**, Shearwater Park, Port Sorell. Film and time to be advised. BYO chair and warm clothes. Admission charges apply. ☎ 0458 999 205
- 31 **Pilgrimage of the Churches** starting from the Latrobe Baptist Church, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 5.00 pm. ☎ 6426 2857

january

- 1 **Jones Enviro Services Triple Treat Speedway Racing** featuring Super Sedans (Rnd 4), Sprintcars (Rnd 5), Street Stocks (Rnd 5), AMCAs, Formula 500s, Speedkarts at Bendigo Bank Arena, Speedway Drive, Latrobe. Racing starts at 6.00 pm. ☎ 0417 593 518
- 2 **Penguin Island Ocean Water Swim** from Freers Beach. Registrations from 9.30 am.
- 7 **Port Sorell Surf Fiesta** at Shearwater Park from 11.00 am until 4.00 pm. Gold coin admission.
- 13 **Outdoor Cinema**, Bells Parade, Latrobe. Film and time to be advised. BYO chair and warm clothes. Admission charges apply. ☎ 0458 999 205
- 23-28 **Latrobe Art Exhibition** at Australian Axemans Hall of Fame from 9am until 4pm daily. ☎ 0400 578 746

Port Sorell Surf Fiesta

Mark your calendars now for the 2012 Port Sorell Surf Fiesta - January 7 from 11.00 am until 4.00 pm at Shearwater Park, Shearwater.

Fiesta Publicity Officer, Mrs Michelle Haddon said *"the day will feature numerous local stall holders selling a range of goods, yummy foods and drinks; entertainment and roving musicians for all the family to enjoy; a jumping castle so come along and bring all the family to support the Port Sorell Surf Club."*

Entry is by donation with several exciting door prizes to be announced throughout the day.

For more information go to the Fiesta's Facebook page - Port Sorell Surf Fiesta 2012 or email them at psfiesta2012@gmail.com."

The Fiesta is presented by the Port Sorell Surf Life Saving Club and staged in conjunction with their annual Surf Carnival. Latrobe Council continues their major sponsorship of the Fiesta.

Your Elected Representatives

Following the October election, the following are your current elected representatives -

Mayor Mike Gaffney,	
43 Gilbert Street Latrobe	6426 1797
Deputy Mayor Rick Rockliff,	
90 Churchills Road, Sassafras.....	6426 7283
Rob Beveridge, 65 Esplanade, Hawley Beach...	6428 7693
Dayna Dennison, 3 Colin Court, Shearwater.....	6428 7844
Peter Freshney, 87 Shearwater Bvd, Shearwater.....	6428 7004
Michael McLaren, 37 Gilbert Street, Latrobe....	6426 2777
John Perkins, 26 Palmers Road Latrobe	6426 2585
Garry Sims, 300 Wesley Vale Rd Wesley Vale	6428 4019
Lesley Young, 265 Greens Creek Road, East Sassafras	
.....	6426 7235

Christmas Closure

As this is the last newsletter before Christmas, the Mayor, Councillors and Staff of Latrobe Council would like to take this opportunity to wish you a safe and happy festive season.

The Latrobe Council office will be closed for the Christmas period from 1.00 pm on Friday, December 23, reopening at 8.00 am on Tuesday, January 3, 2012.

Emergencies only during this time should be directed to 6426 2653.

Plan Your Promotion

Future article deadlines and distribution dates are -

Deadline.....	Distribution Date
1 December	3 January, 2012
23 February	6 March, 2012

Articles may be submitted to Michelle Dutton via email michelled@latrobe.tas.gov.au; facsimile 6426 2121 or mailed to PO Box 63, Latrobe 7307.

Contributions must be relevant to the Latrobe Municipality and suitable for inclusion. They will be used at the discretion of the editor, in whole or part, or not at all, in the next scheduled issue or subsequent issues. The Council does not pay for editorial submitted.

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