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Rates Notice Via Email Option

At the time of writing this newsletter, the Council budget and rates had not yet been approved to enable the specific details to be outlined however, that information should be received by you soon with your rates notice.

To cater for residents that go away over Winter or who prefer a paperless society, Council is able to email your rates notice electronically as from the first instalment date. This is however an opt in service.

Should you wish to receive your rates notice electronically, please forward your details to amys@latrobe.tas.gov.au. These details will not be provided to any third party.

If you have not received your rates notice by 22nd July, please contact Council's Rates Officer, Amy Solomon on 6421 4650.

Payment of rates in full on or before the 9th August entitles the payee to a 2% discount. Alternatively, payments can be made by four instalments on or before 9th August, 2013; 31st October, 2013; 31st January, 2014 and 31st March, 2014.

Payments may be made in person, online or by mail. Please refer to the back of your rate notice for details of available payment options.

Agricultural Innovation Network

Several new agricultural opportunities are emerging with Latrobe Council's Economic Development Officer, Chris Frankcombe, building a local agriculture network to enable local farmers to take advantage of those opportunities.

The Agricultural Innovation Network will link local farmers to industry experts who can help find new markets, crops and opportunities.

The expertise network will be formed to assist farmers with market intelligence, research and development, in-field activities such as pilot crops, local sales opportunities, interstate and international opportunities, downstream processing and value-adding as well as support activities such as transport and logistics and finance.

The intended outcome is new markets and products for traditional and new crops.

If you have an idea in this area, and more particularly if you would like to be involved in the Agricultural Innovation Network, please contact Chris at the council on 6421 4650 (Thursday and Friday) or email chrisf@latrobe.tas.gov.au.

This is not a "working group" that will meet once a month. It is specifically about building a support team around the need or opportunity of each farmer/producer then letting that team get on with it.



Why Vote Yes at Referendum?

Recently, the Federal Government announced a funding allocation to support the development of the multi-use sport and community facility at Port Sorell. Along with Local and State Government funding, the inclusion of Federal funds will enable this \$2.31 million project to progress.

This is just one example of how tripartite support by all levels of government can achieve a much needed boost in a local community however, under the existing Australian Constitution, direct funding by the Federal Government to Local Government can be challenged.

To alleviate messy double-handling by State Governments, the Australian Government is proposing a simple and pragmatic change to the Constitution so that Section 96 would read "*...the Parliament may grant financial assistance to any State, or local government body formed by a law of a state, on such terms and conditions as the Parliament thinks fit.*"

This wording will allow councils to legally receive federal funding directly. It does not in any way change the role of State Government in regulating Local Government.

To change the Australian Constitution, a majority of people in a majority of states, and a majority of people across the nation as a whole (called a double majority) must vote yes in favour of the change. Of the 44 attempts on 19 separate occasions to change the Constitution since its adoption 1900, only eight of these have been successful, the most recent in 1977.

When considering how to vote at the referendum in September, remember that voting 'yes' to include local government funding in the Constitution is about voting 'yes' for Federal support of community infrastructure and services.

Residential Tenancy Amendments

As with many communities, there are a number of residential properties throughout the Latrobe Municipality that are offered as rental properties. The management of these properties is defined by the Residential Tenancy Act. Changes to that Act are currently being considered by State Parliament which may have repercussions to existing tenanted properties.

Copies of the legislation and its progress through Parliament is available at www.parliament.tas.gov.au/bills/billsweb.htm.

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Volunteers Need for Deliveries

Latrobe Neighbourhood Watch urgently require volunteers for 1-2 hours every two months to deliver newsletters in the town of Latrobe. If you can help out, please contact Jenny on 6426 2979.

Wildlife Pointers for Winter



With the darkness of night catching many of us on our way home, please give driving your full attention and drive slower at night or in poor weather to minimise collisions with wildlife.

Be careful when stopping as roads may be wet and/or covered in black ice.

Sometimes it is not possible to avoid hitting an animal on the road or even to stop and go back to check it.

If you are able to stop, use your hazard lights and reflective clothing at night. Helping wildlife needs to be balanced with human safety.

If you find an injured or orphaned animal, it will most likely be wet and cold. The animal needs to be dried off and put in a secure, ventilated box in a draught free area. Remember though, that injured animals may be frightened and could bite or scratch. Covering their head with a towel will calm them down. Joeys need to be physically warmed up by placing them near a heat source such as a warmed heat pack, being careful not to overheat or burn them.

Ignorance in treating animals can kill them, so with all injured or orphaned animals please consult a vet or phone wildlife rescue for help and advice as soon as possible.

Donations towards caring and rehabilitating wildlife are always welcome by visiting www.tasfauna.org or ring 0409 978 064 for further information.

In With the New



The Latrobe Rotary Club comes to the end of another successful Rotary year culminating in the change over dinner on July 3 at the Australian Axemans Hall of Fame.

Rotarian Michael McLoughlin will take over the reins from current President Peter Broun however Rotarian John Blackwell continues in the role of Secretary and Past President Tim Fist will become this year's Treasurer. Details of Committee Chairpersons will be revealed at the dinner.

The awards night was a great success with the Courtesy Award going to Mel Lowry, Pride of Workmanship Award to Mark Ranier, Citizenship Award going to Michelle Dutton and the Industry Achievement Award to Mark Blocker.

The Max Elliston award, presented to a young person who has excelled in their sport or profession was awarded to Shanae Perkins while the Charles Radford Sports Award went to Jordan Harvey.

While the new management team will be busy working on the final details of the 2013-14 programme, Latrobe Rotarians are looking forward to helping at Chocolate Winterfest, Latrobe on July 7.

Latrobe Rotary meet each Wednesday at 6.00 pm at the Australian Axeman's Hall of Fame for fellowship and to hear wonderful guest speakers. If serving the community interests you then please contact any member of the Rotary

Club, Secretary John Blackwell (6426 2613) or visit the website at <http://www.rotarycluboflatrobe.org.au>.

State Induction for Local Club

The Latrobe Football Club will be officially inducted into the Tasmanian Football Hall of Fame at an official gala event in Hobart on Friday, 5 July.

While the Latrobe Football Club is the ninth club to be honored with Tasmanian Football Hall of Fame status, what sets it apart from the other eight teams is that it is the first club to achieve this honour without any statewide league connection.

The Latrobe Football Club has a proud and very successful history, being formed and staging the first recorded Coastal football match in 1881.

The greatest strength of the Latrobe Football Club has been the generational community support that it receives, from the many volunteers through to corporate organisations.

"Residents of Latrobe are passionate about their sport and actively support the Latrobe Football Club with the club attributing our induction to those lifetime followers," said Mr Rick Slatter, Latrobe Football Club President.

Bowel Cancer Testing

As the second largest cause of cancer deaths in Australia, bowel cancer can be treated successfully if detected in its early stages. Statistics from the Federal Government's National Bowel Cancer Screening program indicate that 42.9% of men in Latrobe, the highest rate in Tasmania, have participated in the screening.

Scouting for Leader

The Latrobe Scout Group is looking for Scout and Cub Leaders to further expand opportunities for young people in Latrobe.

"The troop meets at the Picton Grange Scout Hall on Mondays from 6.30 pm until 8.30 pm and enjoy a variety of games and activities that lead to outdoor camps and hikes.

Training will be provided for anyone interested," said Scout Leader, Mrs Shirley Padmore.

For more information, contact Mrs Padmore on 0400 425 970.

Junior Fishing and Water Expo

The Devonport Anglers Club Inc is conducting a Junior Fishing and Water Expo on Saturday, 20 July from 11.00 am until 2.00 pm at the Australian Axemans Hall of Fame, Bells Parade, Latrobe.

Along with local tackle shop presentations there will also be fish handling demonstrations and displays and information by Marine and Safety



Tasmania, Parks and Wildlife Service, Hydro Tasmania, Inland Fisheries and many more.

Prize presentations to last season's junior anglers will be made at 1.00 pm.

Entry is free so just turn up and learn what's happening in the great outdoors and how you can get involved.

Registrations Due



On 1st July, dog and cat registrations and kennel licences for the 2013-14 financial year became due.

All dogs over the age of six months must be registered in accordance with the Dog Control Act 2000. Failure to

register will result in penalties being pursued.

Previously registered dog and cat owners will receive a renewal notice if their details have not changed. If you no longer have your pet, could you please advise Council.

Under State Government legislation, it is a requirement for all dogs to be microchipped. If a dog is found to not have a microchip, the owner can be fined. Evidence of microchipping is required with any new dog registration.

Dog registrations effected in July entitles the owner to a discounted registration. From 1 August, the full fee applies.

While legislation on cat ownership has tightened, the registration of a domestic cat with Latrobe Council is still only voluntary.

Feral Cat Program

Under the State Government's Cat Management Act 2009 and the Cat Management Regulations 2012, cats over the age of six months are required to be microchipped and desexed.

This action, along with specific requirements on the breeding, selling and giving away of cats, seeks to reduce the number of unwanted cats that are euthanased each year. Unwanted cats left to fend for themselves expand the extensive feral cat population which impacts significantly on our native wildlife.

Latrobe Council is one of the leading lights in an endeavour to minimise feral and unwanted cats with Council introduced voluntary cat registrations and the only Council in Tasmania to have a Cat Management By-Law (2006).

Successful funding for a feral cat eradication program has enabled Council to purchase cages, microchip readers and other equipment and undertake caging in "prohibited areas" including Council declared parks and reserves.

The microchipping of cats will ensure that your valued companion is not a victim of the eradication program and can be returned to you.

As part of the strategy, caged cat details are being recorded and maintained as part of scientific research undertaken by the Parks and Wildlife Service and the University of Tasmania.

Changes Adopted for Council Elections

The State Government recently proposed changes in relation to Local Government elections specifically -

1. the introduction of compulsory voting in all local government elections;
2. the introduction of all-in, all-out council elections with four-year terms for mayors and deputy mayors, aligning to Councillors' four-year election periods and
3. the banning of dual representation.

The proposal of compulsory voting in Local Council elections was defeated therefore voluntary, postal voting still remains for future Local Government elections.

The all-in all-out election every four years for all elected Council positions was endorsed. To effect this, Local Government elections have been deferred to October 2014.

Due to a conflict of interest, Mayor Gaffney left the Chamber for the voting on dual representation (point 3) with the motion accepted. Council representatives and State Parliamentarians, as from October 2014, will not be permitted to hold both positions simultaneously.

Mayor Gaffney was first elected as a Councillor in 1994 and held the role of Deputy Mayor for 4 years and Mayor for over a decade. As a result of the legislative amendment, he will resign from Latrobe Council at the next Council elections.

Mayor Gaffney commented, *"I have thoroughly enjoyed my time with the Latrobe Council; the challenges and the successes. It has been part of Mel's and my life for such a long time. Interestingly, I have held dual representation in Local and State Government for over 4½ years now and I believe that doing so has not hindered my ability to capably represent the Latrobe Municipality and wider Mersey electorate. In fact I believe that doing both roles has been widely beneficial and advantageous for all of our communities."*

Whilst, very disappointed with the Government's decision to ban dual representation from October 2014, until then, I will continue to work diligently and effectively, identifying and pursuing opportunities for the betterment of our community."

I feel very privileged to have been your Mayor and I know I will miss that close involvement but am confident I leave the Municipality in good hands."

School Holiday Adventure

A variety of options are being offered to youth aged from 8-16 years by community groups and businesses that have partnered with the Latrobe and Kentish Councils to provide activities in the July School Holiday Program.

The School Holiday Adventure program was sent home early June with each student in this age group that goes to school in the Latrobe and Kentish Municipalities. If you can't locate your copy, don't despair, it is also available online on www.latrobe.tas.gov.au.

Please note that bookings must be made direct with the provider as soon as possible to secure your participation.

With four term school years, it seems as though you just get over one lot of school holidays and planning starts for the next!

Organisations considering coming on board for the September/October School Holiday program, which run from 28 September to 13 October, should make contact with Michelle Dutton on 6421 4650 as soon as possible.

There is no school holiday program collated by the Councils' over the summer period.



Winter Not So Quiet for Artists



Rubicon River Arts' (RRA) annual exhibition continues until the end of July at Ghost Rock Vineyard, including the ceramic birds created in the workshop supported through Latrobe Council's Arts, Culture and Festivals Assistance. In

conjunction with the Port Sorell Writers' Workshop, the exhibition presents the writers' 'Inspirations' together with the artists' diverse interpretations.

RRA's July meeting is a plein air luncheon at a member's property. Ben Petts will guide artists in observing the landscape and illustrating studies of the native bush and river environment.

RRA members recently painted the refurbished platypus at the Australian Axeman's Hall of Fame which is well worth a look when next visiting Bell's Parade!

Don't forget to visit the RRA hosted Tasmanian Regional Arts touring exhibition for the month of July at June Wilson's Studio Gallery in Gilbert Street, Latrobe. Featuring sculptural crochet by Adrienne Krist and RRA member Kim O'Brien, "*An Unconstructed Bag Lady and a Hooked Bloke*" will be launched on Sunday, 7th July as part of Chocolate Winterfest, Latrobe,

At a workshop in June Wilson's Studio Gallery on Saturday 20th July from 1.30 pm - 4.00 pm, you can learn to make your own interesting crochet sculptures. Cost is \$35 with BYO crochet hook. Places are limited. Please book with Angela McDermott on 6424 3463 or 0419 490 042.

New members are always welcome to delve into the world of art and share your skills with others. For more information on RRA, please contact Angela as above.

Port Sorell Surf Life Saving



The Port Sorell Surf Life Saving Club's Annual General Meeting in May saw the appointment of the following Executive -

President - Jo Coates; Vice President - Stuart Dickson; Secretary - Danelle Last; Treasurer - Carolyn Mathewson; Life Saving

Manager - Mark Ackroyd; Surf Sports Manager - Wayne Meagher; Junior Coordinator - David Littler.

There are still a number of positions vacant with the Port Sorell Surf Life Saving Club. If you have an interest in filling a role, please contact Jo on 0448 819 848.

The committee took the opportunity to also express its sincere appreciation to outgoing committee members Grant Sharman, Gina Harvey, Graham Baker and Troy Spinks for the wonderful contribution they have made to the organisation over the past few years.

How Does Your Garden Grow?

The Port Sorell Garden Club have a couple of exciting events coming up in the near future including a Christmas in July dinner where all the food cooked will be using local Tasmanian produce predominately obtained from members gardens.

Club members are also preparing for the Latrobe Spring Fever Town and Country Fair and have propagated a wide range of plants to sell and will also have a variety of produce from member' gardens and bunches of spring flowers and daffodils to sell.

If last year is anything to go by, produce will sell out quick so mark 20th September on your calendar!

For more information about the Port Sorell Garden Club, please contact Glen (6428 7133) or John (6428 6334).

North West Tourism Brand

Creative agency Red Jelly and Tourism Tasmania met with the Cradle Coast Tourism Executive in May to define requirements for a regional brand position and creative execution. The meeting enable the creative agency to receive all that they needed from the group before returning to the studio to continue work.

The brand is due to be launched at the upcoming Regional Tourism Forum in Stanley on 18 July so stay tuned for that.

Port Sorell's Newest Park

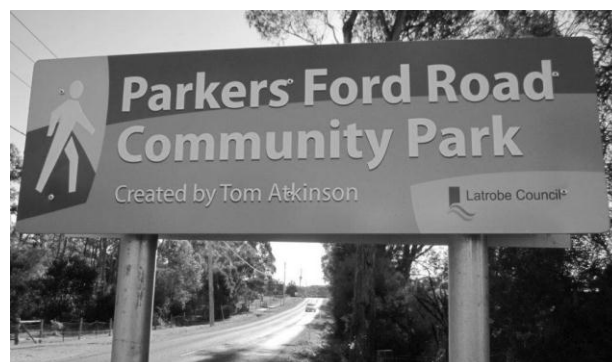


The far-sighted vision of one man, Tom Atkinson, has led to the development of Port Sorell's newest park, Parkers Ford Road Community Park.

Tom saw the potential for turning a weedy block of vacant Council land into an open space for the benefit of all. With approval from Latrobe Council, he contacted his friend, Eugene Holloway and, along with others in Rubicon Coast and Landcare, cleared the land and planted it with grass and trees.

Four years on, and the avenues of trees have grown, the grass is kept mown by local residents and the park has the feeling of a well-kept arboretum.

Everyone is welcome to explore the park. You'll find it on the left hand side of Parkers Ford Road, half way up the first hill from the roundabout.



Rubicon Coast and Landcare is a community group that cares for the indigenous vegetation along the Rubicon estuary and coastal reserves. If you would like to join the group, contact the secretary at rubicon_inc@hotmail.com

Signage Reflects Creative Flair

Visitors to Tasmanian Regional Arts offices are now greeted by wonderful handcrafted mosaic signs courtesy to one of their gifted regional artists.

While volunteering at TRA in 2012, Artist Gerard Mathews offered to look at the current signage and give it a creative update. The result has been two hand-made mosaic signs depicting the TRA Logo - the Dancer.

The signs have proven popular with passers-by who have on several occasions taken photos of these creative installations.

Visitors to TRA for Chocolate Winterfest and other activities should take the time to examine the quality and detail in these two wonderful, yet practical artworks.

Anyone interested in finding out more about the art of mosaics can contact TRA on 6426 2344 or by email on info@tasregionalarts.org.au.

Port Sorell Main Road Upgrade

\$4 million has been allocated for safety improvements to the Port Sorell Main Road. The project will be jointly funded by the State (\$3m) and Federal Government (\$1m).

The aim of the project is to improve the safety of the high accident areas between Wesley Vale and Ghost Rock Vineyard. The numbers and severity of accidents on these sections of the road are higher than any other section along the Port Sorell Main Road.

The improvements will provide changed road alignment and removing crests and dips in the road.

The works are likely to include earthworks, drainage adjustments, road widening, and the provision of a new pavement. Bus bays will also be upgraded by widening, lengthening and sealing, including areas for pedestrians.

The contractor for this project is Venarchie Contracting Pty Ltd who will be commencing works in September 2013 with a scheduled completion in April 2014. All work will be completed under an approved traffic management plan however short delays can be expected in the vicinity.

Your safety is important so please drive with care and obey the traffic signs and other directions.

For more information about the project, including project design maps visit www.transport.tas.gov.au/infrastructure_projects/port_sorell_main_road_-_safety_improvements.

Community Grant Allocations

A number of community groups will benefit from Latrobe Council's 2013-14 community grants, specifically -

- Lions Club of Port Sorell Inc to fund highway signage that meets DIER requirements and promotes greater awareness of Jazz at Port Sorell 2014;
- Thirlstane Golf Club Inc and Port Sorell Golf Club Inc to develop marketing collateral associated with a combined country to coast two-day golf classic to be held in June 2014;
- Cradle Coast Strings Outreach Program under the auspices of Tasmanian Regional Arts to offset costs associated with the Jan Sedivka Camerata concert;
- Rubicon Senior Citizens Club Inc to support the retention of yoga classes, subject to conditions;
- Latrobe Fire Brigade Social Club to offset costs with expanding their volunteer training facilities;
- The Bridge of Hope Anglican Church to establish a Mainly Music group in the Port Sorell community;
- Rubicon Sea Scouts to purchase new rowing and sporting equipment;
- Port Sorell Men's Shed Inc for the purchase of an information technology package;
- Port Sorell Golf Club Inc to offset costs to purchase a refurbished turf cutter;
- Port Sorell Community Playgroup for the purchase of a home corner and quantity of Android tablets;
- Latrobe Junior Football Club to offset costs associated with the purchase of 50 junior football guernseys for Under 12 players;
- Latrobe Boxing Club for the purchase of new and replacement boxing specific equipment.

The value of this support amounts to \$13,052.95 (ex GST).

This funding is open for application in March each year, closing in May and is allocated for the following financial year.

Sk8 Point Central

Since the development and adoption of the 2011 Latrobe Recreation Area Development Plan, developed from extensive public input, work has been steadily progressing on advancing a skatepark facility within the precinct.

A working group has developed a concept for an all-inclusive, central, youth recreation area that incorporates an integrated skatepark- $\frac{1}{3}$ basketball court alongside bike racks, barbecues and a shaded area with tables, seating and a drinking fountain.



Following the announcement that the Tasmanian Community Fund has allocated \$40,000 to the project along with Council's allocation, the project looks set to be completed in the 2013-14 financial year.

The final design of the facility is currently being progressed with plans expected to be available in the near future.

Only Two in Tassie

The Housing Industry Association (HIA) Economics group recently released a report on the Population and Residential Building Hotspots throughout Australia with the towns of Latrobe and Port Sorell being recognised as the only Tasmanian towns to demonstrate significant growth throughout 2011-12.

In determining "Hotspots", the report takes into account areas that enjoy a combination of rapid population growth in excess of the national population rate and whether residential building work has exceeded \$10 million.

While the report recognises a decline in building activity, attributing to the time delay associated with interest rate movements affecting on the ground activity, Latrobe saw residential building work of \$12.2 million approved while Port Sorell's same approvals amounted to \$18.5 million. No other area in Tasmania experienced residential building approvals in excess of \$10 million.

Port Sorell faced growth at a rate of 2.3% while Latrobe grew by 2.8%, significantly beyond Tasmania's growth rate of just 0.2%.

Premier Tourism Forum

Registrations are now open for the eighth Qantaslink Cradle Coast Regional Tourism Forum – *Are You Being Served?* - to be held on 17 and 18 July in Circular Head.

The theme for this year's Forum explores service expectations and delivery standards; not only for visitors to North West Tasmania, but also for tourism operators and the services they receive from regional, state and national tourism organisations and campaigns.

The Forum will commence with a networking cocktail party at Historic Highfield House in Stanley on the evening of 17th July, before moving to the Stanley Town Hall on the 18th for a full-day program of presentations.

Keynote speaker and owner of Australia Zoo, Terri Irwin leads the impressive line-up along with Tourism Tasmania CEO, John Fitzgerald; Executive Manager of Domestic Customer Experience for Qantas, Samantha Taranto; and Maria Island Walk Founder, Ian Johnstone.

Cradle Coast Authority's Tourism Project Officer, Kylie Bowers, said that the Forum is a great opportunity for the region's operators to network together and be inspired.

Program and registration forms can be downloaded from http://www.cradlecoast.com/tourism_forum.html

Investing in Community



The new financial year sees a changing of the guard at the Lions Club of Port Sorell.

Congratulations to Lion Rob Donoghue the newly elected club President, and incoming Secretary Lion Mary Buchanan. Many of you will know both Rob and Mary

not only from their involvement with the Lions Club of Port Sorell but their contributions in many other areas of community life. The new board members are busy planning projects and events for club members and the community.

At the recent "Change Over" night a report of the club's performance, which included the club's donations, was presented by outgoing President Jeanette Manson. \$46,000 was distributed to 49 various organisations, individuals and appeals during this past 12 months. Major donations included \$10,000 towards the upgrade of the Port Sorell Memorial Hall kitchen, \$6,500 for Cancer Council Relay for Life, \$2,500 to the Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation, \$5,800 to the Port Sorell Men's Shed, \$2,000 to the Crecendo Choir, \$2,000 to the Darrel Baldock Memorial and \$2,600 to Tasmanian Lions Foundation towards disaster relief funds.

"These donations were made possible due to the hard work of members and the ongoing support of our great community. The Lions Club of Port Sorell wish to thank the community and its visitors for making this possible," said outgoing Club President, Mrs Jeanette Manson.

If you would like to become a member of the Lions Club of Port Sorell, contact Lion Rosemary Rabbetts on 6428 7389.

Book Now for Summer Camping

Bookings for summer stays at the Port Sorell Lions Club Caravan Park are always in demand with the Chairman of the Port Sorell Lions Caravan Park Committee, Mr Pat Darbyshire, encouraging the early booking of sites.

To secure your site, a deposit must be paid at the time of booking with full payment required by 31 October.

"The need to implement such an early timeframe for the full payment of site fees resulted a couple of years back when there were a lot of no shows for whatever reason."

While the Port Sorell Lions Caravan Park fully understands that there may be occasions when there is a genuine inability to keep to a booking commitment, it is a courtesy to let the Managers of the caravan park know as early as possible to enable someone else to be allocated your site.

There is extensive interest in staying at the Port Sorell Lions Caravan Park over summer and we want as many people as possible to enjoy what Port Sorell offers.

It is only reasonable that if you don't let the caravan park Managers know of a change in circumstances resulting in a cancellation, that you still pay for your site.

En-suite cabins, powered and unpowered site fees have been maintained with discounts on weekly stays offered throughout the off peak season of 1 May to 31 October

only. Throughout the peak period, the cost is on a per night basis," said Mr Darbyshire.

To make a booking, please contact the Port Sorell Lions Caravan Park Managers, Darren and Kim, on 6428 7267 or email admin@ptsorellionscaravanpark.com.au.

Risks to Elderly



Every community member has the responsibility to ensure our older folk are safe.

At the Port Sorell Neighbourhood Watch August meeting on Tuesday, 27th August, Senior Constable Leonie Ridge will explain the types of elder abuse that exist and the risk factors; the issues in identifying elder abuse and responding to it.

If you would like to know more about this matter, please come along. You do not need to be a member of Neighbourhood Watch.

Port Sorell Neighbourhood Watch meetings are held at 7.00 pm in the Port Sorell Memorial Hall on the last Tuesday of the month, from February to November. All are welcome. For further information, please contact Kate Birch on 0412 456 740.

Tracey's Country Music Coup

Some amazing performances were witnessed at the Round 6 Grand Final of the Silverado Lounge Country Music competition held recently.

With backing by the Silverado Band, consisting of Dave Hawkins, Dave Spurling and Dickie Beaton, the winners of the previous heats of Round 6 - Mel Mawer, Lynette Muir, Tracey Parker, Allie Hantsch, Linda Dunham and Warren Smith - all took to the stage at the Australian Axemans Hall of Fame.

The People's Choice Award saw Tracy Parker presented with the trophy with Allie Hantsch coming runner up and Mel Mawer third.

The judges agreed with the public votes and also awarded Tracey Parker the major prize but differed in awarding Warren Smith second prize and Allie Hantsch third prize.



Pictured: Mel Mawer (3rd Place), Lynette Muir; Tracey Parker (Winner); Peter Maloney; Allie Hantsch (2nd Place); Linda Dunham and Warren Smith

If you enjoy country music either as a performer or simply appreciate the talent, you can catch further rounds of the Silverado Lounge Country Music Competition fortnightly from 11 July at the Australian Axemans Hall of Fame. Admission is only \$10 per person.

Spring Fever Town and Country Fair

The annual Spring Fever Town and Country Fair will be held on Friday, 20 September from 10.30 am.



The coordination of this popular, community fair that provides an opportunity for community groups to celebrate Spring and, in doing so, raise revenue to provide services within the Latrobe Municipality, has been transferred to the Australian Axemans Hall of Fame.

"The spirit of the Spring Fever Town and Country Fair will remain the same with the transfer of management however there is a change of venue.

The format in past years has been to stage the Fair the week prior to the end of Term 2 however, with the change to a four term school year, the timing has resulted in a slightly later staging of the Spring Fever Town and Country Fair to Friday, 20 September.

This should also assist stallholders with the collection of sufficient spring items to sell at the Fair.

If you belong to a community group that provides a service within the Latrobe Municipality and would like to participate in the Spring Fever Town and Country Fair, registrations are now open for participation," said Mr Peter Maloney of the Australian Axemans Hall of Fame.

Heywire - A Voice for Youth

The ABC's annual media competition, Heywire, is once again inviting young people aged 16-22 years to submit a story about life in Australia outside the major cities.

Your story can be about all kinds of things, as long as it's about YOU and where you come from in regional Australia.

It could be about why you like living where you do, an issue in your community or a challenge that you've overcome.

Your entry can be created in any form of media: text, video, photography or audio. You don't need to be super literate or spend a heap on a professional presentation. Heywire is more focused on you effectively communicating your idea.

Should you be one of the 40 Australia-wide winners, the professionals at the ABC will work with you to fine tune your presentation to a standard appropriate to feature on one of its media outlets.

Winners will also score an all-expenses-paid trip to the Heywire Regional Youth Summit in Canberra in February 2014 which brings together young people to develop ideas to improve life for other young people in their communities.

So what are you waiting for?

More information, including past winners, is available at abc.net.au/haywire. Entries close September 17.

Mersey-Forth Water Management Review¹

Hydro Tasmania's ongoing review of its water and land activities in the Mersey-Forth catchment is nearing completion.

After stakeholder consultation, fourteen social and technical studies were initiated to address catchment wide issues. The studies have resulted in state wide improvement of Hydro Tasmania processes and have led to increased collaboration and cooperation with stakeholders.

Outcomes from some of the social and technical studies that may be of interest to the Latrobe municipality include:

- Agreement from stakeholders to participate in a collaborative approach to address concerns over water quality conditions in the Mersey River;
- Improved stakeholder access to water level, flow and rainfall data on Hydro Tasmania's website for waterways of the Mersey-Forth Catchments;
- Improved communications process for the provision of water releases for Mersey-Forth recreational users including kayaking and canoeing groups;
- Agreement from the Mersey-Forth Recreation Committee, incorporating the Lake Barrington Recreation Committee, to extend their recreation mandate over the broader catchment and development of a catchment wide recreation plan; and
- Provision of training to Mersey-Forth recreational users to prevent the spread and introduction of aquatic pests and pathogens into waterways of the Mersey-Forth Catchments.

The studies and a report detailing project outcomes and commitments will be made publicly available in late 2013.

For more information on the Mersey-Forth Water Management Review including the social and technical studies, reports and newsletters, visit the Hydro Tasmania website at www.hydro.com.au/MFWMR/ or contact Simon Gartenstein on 6230 5401.

Emirates Cup to Tour Port Sorell

It was great news for both the Devonport Racing Club and Latrobe Council with the announcement that our submission for the Emirates Melbourne Cup to visit Port Sorell was successful.



The Emirates Melbourne Cup to be presented in November will tour the Port Sorell area on Monday, October 14 with the visit including functions at the Port Sorell Primary School, Rubicon Grove aged care facility and Ghost Rock Vineyard.

The Devonport Racing Club will also be hosting a special event on the Monday evening with more details to follow in the next newsletter.

Walking Tracks Guide

Council is presently developing a Walking Tracks Guide for the Latrobe area, which will provide a tourism-focused guide to the trail experiences in the area.

This project is likely to include the production of a brochure, an online guide on the Latrobe Council website, interpretative signage, entry signage and directional signage. Some trackwork is also likely to be included.

¹ Source: Simon Gartenstein, Environmental Scientist, Hydro Tasmania

One Year On

The Port Sorell Men's Shed has now moved into its second year with a membership of approximately 60 men.



The Shed has continued to strengthen its base with its well-equipped workshop now fully

operational and a wide range of modern machines. The workshop attracts participation from a diverse group of members, with interests ranging from furniture making, metalwork and wood turning through to honing skills with computers.

The Shedders have recently completed arrangements to lease another area adjoining our workshop where it is proposed to expand the range of available activities. In this regard they are always pleased to hear from other community groups who may require casual use of a meeting place or somewhere to carry out their interests.

The Port Sorell Men's Shed is investigating the feasibility of conducting a fortnightly market commencing during September 2013 and continuing through the summer months. Expressions of interest are being sought from any group or individuals who may be interested.

The Men's Shed conducts a BBQ each Friday at 12 noon for members, supporters and any interested parties. If you are considering or just curious in joining the crew at The Shed, this is a good opportunity to talk to current members and get a good insight of its purpose and operation. You will be made very welcome.

There is no ongoing commitment on members, it is a place you can visit at your leisure, maybe to complete a project for your own use or assist members in a community project or only to enjoy a cooked sausage and a yarn on a Friday.

The Shed is open most days from 9.30 am to 3.00 pm with the Secretary reachable on 0408 852 111.

Swim Club Makes Waves

The Latrobe Swimming Club, under the guidance of head coach Adrian Triffett, continues its record of improved results.

Seven swimmers have been selected to represent Tasmania at the Australian All Schools Swimming Championships to be held in Adelaide in September. Congratulations go to Lily Blair, Thea Crantock, Sam Curtis, Pru Hamdorf, Max and Maggie O'Leary and Sarah Turnbull.

Pru Hamdorf, Thea Crantock and Sam Curtis also achieved nationally recognised times to qualify for the recent National Age Championships.

"Thanks must go to the Latrobe Council for its ongoing support in making the pool available during the winter months for training purposes," said Latrobe Swim Club Official, Mrs Claire Curtis.

"Squad members are currently training for come and try events, time trials and short course state championships which are to be held at the Launceston Aquatic Centre for the first time in August."

Local Surf Lifesaving clubs also utilise the facility as well as several lap swimmers and Masters."

Any enquiries from interested lap swimmers can be directed to Claire Curtis on 6424 8948 or for beginners, please contact Deepwater Swim School 0417 309 194.

Genealogy Research Made Easier

If you are into charting your family tree, then you won't want to miss the Legacy information session that the Tasmanian Family History Society Inc (TFHS) Mersey Branch is holding at its library (situated behind the LINC State Library in Gilbert Street, Latrobe) on Saturday, 6th July from 10.30 am.

Legacy is a software program that can help you manage volumes of family history information with ease, and has the capacity to also directly search many other online services.

The Tasmanian Family History Library is open Tuesday and Friday from 11.00 am until 3.00 pm.

For more information, please contact Secretary Sue-Ellen on 6428 6328 or the library on 6426 2257.

Cultural Exhibitions Showcased

Tasmanian Regional Arts has been fortunate to secure the 10 Years of Mural Fest Photographic Exhibition by Johan Pfeiffer, which consists of a photograph of each year's winning mural and a book of photographs for each year as well as an exhibition of "The Language of War" which showcases Tasmanian Poets and is part of the 100 years of Gallipoli Project.

These will be on display at the Tasmanian Regional Arts office, cnr George and James Street, Latrobe on Sunday, 7 July.

Local Tourism Update

The Latrobe and Port Sorell Tourism Association (LaPSTA) has been working with the Regional Tourism Association and participating local businesses to promote Latrobe and Port Sorell as a destination for Tasmanians to visit over autumn and winter. The program also includes a web-based campaign via the My Tassie Break website http://mytassiebreak.com/ltat_latrobe_portsorell.html and Latrobe municipality promotion at various industry events, such as product promotion events and in a "mega familiarisation tour" of the North-West Coast by industry players.

LaPSTA TV advertisements will be screened on WIN TV during July and August.

LaPSTA is working closely with Chris Frankcombe, our Secretary and Latrobe Council's Tourism and Economic Development Officer, to promote Latrobe and Port Sorell during the Autumn Winter Season.

Carols in Kings Park

Christmas Carols in Kings Park will commence immediately after the Latrobe Lions Club Christmas Parade on Saturday, 21 December.

Mayor Mike Gaffney organises the carols and would love to hear from any individual or group wishing to entertain the public on the night.

"The Carols start at 7.15 pm and finish at about 9.00 pm. Everyone is invited to attend (and perform) and the standard of last years events was excellent. Whilst, we are very fortunate to have some wonderfully talented individuals and groups it would be great if could introduce a few more new acts. Variety is the key and age is no barrier." said Mayor Gaffney.

If you are interested in more information please contact Mike (0409015253) or Candice (64214650)

Ghost Rock Vineyard Wins Trophy

Ghost Rock Vineyard is once again celebrating success with their 2102 "Two Blocks" Pinot Noir, winning a Gold Medal and trophy for Best Pinot Noir 2012 at the International Cool Climate Wine Show held in Mornington, Victoria recently.

This is a great accolade for both the vineyard and our region and highlights the fact that the North Coast of Tasmania is capable of producing premium quality wines.

As the name suggests, this wine combines grapes from two sites within the vineyard on Port Sorell Main Road, Northdown. The original planting of four Pinot Noir clones on the Clairdown site adjacent to the Cellar Door where the soil is red ferrosol plus two more clones from the Oulton site, towards Port Sorell, and growing in pebbly grey loam. This combination of different clones, age of vines and soil types gives the wine a real complexity and expressive quality which will continue to improve with age.

The wine won against Pinot Noirs from all around Australia including Victoria's Mornington Peninsula and New Zealand, both of which are recognised worldwide as premium producers of Pinot Noir.

This is a great feat for a locally owned and run vineyard. Congratulations to owners Cate and Colin Arnold and all involved in this fantastic success! Be sure to head to Ghost Rock Cellar Door to sample some of their award winning wines soon! Open hours in Winter are Friday, Saturday and Sunday 11.00 am to 5.00 pm.

Bendigo Bank Prospectus Launch Nears

Bendigo Bank and the board of the Port Sorell and District Community Bank® branch are excited to announce that they have successfully reached the next stage of the development of a Community Bank® in Shearwater.

The board anticipates that the prospectus will be launched in July and are hopeful that they will raise the minimum capital requirement within a relatively short period of time allowing the branch to be opened in November 2013.

The new branch will be located at the site of their existing ATM in Club Drive, Shearwater and will shortly be advertising for branch staff.

Your support of the Community Bank® branch is vital and you can start banking with the Shearwater branch today in readiness for their opening. The more business that the community generates prior to the branch opening, the sooner you will see the benefits flowing back in to the community.

For those unfamiliar with the Community Bank® model, it is based on the principles of shared value. This means that for every \$1 of banking business revenue generated half the income stays in your community to deliver outcomes such as sporting facilities, education, the arts, medical resources, aged care and the list goes on.

For information on how doing your banking can help your community contact our Relationship Banker, Anjela Cannell, on 0409 139 666.

Destination Management for Cradle Coast

The Cradle Coast Tourism Executive has appointed SEPIA Consulting to compile a 2020 Destination Management Plan for North West Tasmania.

The 15-week planning project will assess the region's current and potential visitor offerings, market presence and

visitor expectations and recommend ways to grow the tourism sector to the benefit of the regional economy and its communities.

Regional Tourism Development Manager, Ian Waller, is leading the project for the Cradle Coast Authority with a working group of five Executive members - Rod Stendrup, Stuart Jones, Stephanie Jaensch, Peter Button and Tanya Trost.

"The Plan is a critical step in the growth of the tourism industry within the region," Mr Waller said. "Research shows that awareness of the region's products and experiences are limited primarily to Cradle Mountain and Strahan. We're at a cross-road and could take a number of different paths to rejuvenate our industry. By undertaking this assessment, we'll find the best ways to encourage new products and experiences, enhance our current offerings, and link products to clearly identified target markets."

50 Year Milestone

The Port Sorell Bowls Club will celebrate its 50th Anniversary this year.

To commemorate its founding, the Club will be holding an afternoon tea on Tuesday, September 3, at which it is hoped to present a book outlining the history of the Club.

A celebration dinner will be held on Saturday, September 7 and an afternoon tea combined with the Opening of the Green will be held on Sunday, September 8.

Present and past members are invited to attend these events. For information please contact Marion Smith on 6428 6433 or Max Amos on 6428 7275 or email janetteamos@bigpond.com.

Feel, Stronger, Healthier and Happier!

Due to growing interest, three new opportunities have started at The Quiet Cone to complement the popular "gong relaxation" sessions.

Yoga is an ancient healing practice that teaches non-judgment and non-violence.

Manager, Mrs Jan Dixon said "don't worry if you are a bit stiff, overweight or unfit, the things you will learn during this course will help you to overcome all of these things and more."

Tutored by qualified Yoga Teacher Andrea Martin, yoga sessions are being held on Wednesdays from 6.30 pm.

Gentle stretching and body movements from a seated position are also being offered.

Gentle stretching can help relax, centre, calm and energise the body; increase oxygenation and strengthen the respiratory system; lower blood pressure; detoxify and cleanse organs and triggers the 'relaxation' response of the Parasympathetic Nervous System.

These sessions are being held on Thursdays from 11.30 am and are facilitated by Megan Townsend.

If you are interested in learning about and practicing different styles of meditation then Guided Meditation on Thursdays from 1.00 pm may be of interest to you.

More information on any of the above, phone 6426 2797 or go online to www.thequietcone.com.au



LINCing the Community

The Latrobe Library and Online Access Centre are looking clean and bright after receiving a very welcome "facelift". With the property transferred to Latrobe Council ownership, Council contractors have been busy painting and cleaning and new carpet has been placed in the library.

Latrobe LINC are located at the Post Office Reserve in Gilbert Street, Latrobe so call in and have a look around. Membership is free and once you have a LINC card you may use it at any of the libraries and centres around the state.

To celebrate Chocolate Winterfest, Latrobe there will be a display of resources all about chocolate and you may like to enter a draw to win a Kobo ebook reader.

Staff and volunteers can help you with computer enquiries, finding books and dvds, getting help with reading and writing or finding short courses to enrol in.

The library is open on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 1.00 pm - 5.00 pm and the Online Access Centre is open daily from 10.00 am - 5.00 pm.

From Surfing to Yoga

The Port Sorell Surf Life Saving Club is having a slight change or purpose over the coming months with the start of Haven Yoga and Meditation classes.

Instructor, Andrea Martin, advises that *"while the classes will be on the beach when warm, to satisfy the comfort levels of participants and provide the best possible experience, the Port Sorell Surf Life Saving Club is being used as an indoor venue, especially over the Winter period."*

The yoga sessions are being held on Mondays from 6.00 pm until 7.30 pm and Thursdays from 9.30 am until 11.00 am. Concession rates as well as 10 card class discounts are available.

To find out more, contact Ms Martin on 0424 597 669 or www.facebook.com/haven.yoga.tas.

Grants on the Grapevine

Tourism Industry Regional Development Fund

The Federal Government's Tourism Industry Regional Development Fund (TIRF) grants program is expected to open in mid-July 2013.

TIRF grants support investment in tourism industry related accommodation, infrastructure, experiences and facilities by eligible tourism operators.

Tourism Tasmania is offering free workshops that will provide tips on preparing a successful grant application, the pitfalls to avoid, useful resources and an overview of Tourism Tasmania's highly successful grant support program.

Workshops will be held at the following locations.

- Tuesday 9 July 10.30am - 3.00pm in LAUNCESTON, Level 1, 12-16 St John Street.
- Wednesday 10 July 10.00am - 2.30pm in BURNIE, Level 2, Harris Building, Cnr Cattley & Alexandra Street.

To register your attendance, go online to www.tourismtasmania.com.au/industry/grants/tirf_workshop



Sport and Recreation

The annual grants program by Sport and Recreation Tasmania provides a variety of grants to clubs, associations, local government and other not-for profit providers of sport and active recreation.

This funding may be accessed for minor or major equipment purchases, facility developments or upgrades, planning and research studies, participation projects and other development initiatives.

Minor Grants range from \$500 and \$10,000

Major Grants are between \$15,000 and \$80,000.

Both are due to be open for application from 1 July.

For more information Call 1800 252 476 or email sportrec@development.tas.gov.au.

Latrobe Council Works Report

The following works are scheduled to be undertaken throughout the Latrobe Municipality over the next couple of months. Should you have any queries in relation to same, please do not hesitate to contact Council's Engineering Works Coordinator on 6421 4650.

Roads

- Alexander St underground power
- General road maintenance
- Footpath maintenance

Buildings

- General building maintenance

Parks & Reserves

- General parks maintenance

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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Rubicon River Artists Exhibition at Ghost Rock

Vineyard, 1055 Port Sorell Road, Northdown from 11am until 5pm Friday to Sunday. ☎ 6428 4005

2-30 An Unconstructed Bag Lady and a Hooked Bloke Exhibition at June Wilson's Studio Gallery, 129 Gilbert Street, Latrobe. ☎ 6426 2987

- 6 Cement Australia Lights on Fire** at Bells Parade, Latrobe from 6.00 pm. Includes a community lantern parade departing from Station Square, Latrobe at 6.15 pm; DJ Harry, fire pots, hot chocolates, chocolate marshmallows, chocolate book launch and concludes with a fire show. Free admission.
- 7 Chocolate Winterfest, Latrobe** in and around various venues of Latrobe from 10.30 am until 4.00 pm. For the latest information, download the program from www.chocolatewinterfest.com.au/program.html
- 7 Business and Employment Where's the Talent? competition** at the Latrobe Bowls Club, Victor Street, Latrobe from 11.00 am. ☎ 6421 4650 (Michelle)
- 7 Cheese Making Class with Red Cow** at Tranquilles, 9 Gumbowie Drive, Port Sorell from 10.30 am until 1.30 pm. Cost: \$160 per person. No prior cheese making experience necessary. Bookings essential to 6428 7555
- 7 NAIDOC Week Launch** at the Spreyton Memorial Hall, Maidstone Park, Spreyton from 2.00 pm. ☎ 6426 1004 or board@sixriverscorporation.com.au by 3 July for catering purposes

8-19 School Holidays

- 13 Wesley Vale Football Club versus Spreyton** at Pipers Park, Wesley Vale from 12 noon. Cost \$6. Food and refreshments available. ☎ 0417 368 139
- 14 Ella Rose** performs at Ghost Rock Vineyard, 1055 Port Sorell Road, Northdown from 1.00 pm - 4.00 pm. No cover charge. ☎ 6428 4005
- 19 Business Networking Breakfast** hosted by Business and Employment at the Australian Axemans Hall of Fame, Bells Parade, Latrobe from 7.30 am until 8.30 am. Cost: \$10 (includes breakfast). RSVP to <http://www.businessandemployment.biz/events/overview/> or telephone 6422 7777
- 20 Pastry Class with the CWA** at Tranquilles, 9 Gumbowie Drive, Port Sorell from 10.30 am until 1.30 pm. Cost: \$95 per person. Bookings essential to 6428 7555.
- 20 Junior Fishing and Water Expo** at the Australian Axemans Hall of Fame, Bells Parade, Latrobe from 11.00 am until 2.00 pm. Free admission. ☎ 0419 871 131.
- 20 Latrobe Football Club Sponsors and Past Players Day** at the Latrobe Football Club from 11.30 am featuring former VFL icon, Stan Alves as guest speaker. Cost: \$20 per person. Bookings essential to 6426 1440 or 0418 579 530.
- 26 School's National Tree Day**
- 27 Wesley Vale Football Club versus Ulverstone** at Pipers Park, Wesley Vale from 12 noon. Cost \$6. Food and refreshments available. ☎ 0417 368 139
- 31 National Tree Day.** To find a local planting site, go to treeday.planetark.org/find-a-site/

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- Wilday Photography Exhibition** at Ghost Rock Vineyard, 1055 Port Sorell Road, Northdown from 11am until 5pm Friday to Sunday. ☎ 6428 4005
- 3 Red and Blue Ball** at the Latrobe Football Club, Last Street, Latrobe from 8.00 pm. Entertainment by "Doctor's Rocksters". Dress: Formal. Cost: TBA. ☎ 0408 236 603
- 10 Wesley Vale Football Club versus Motton Preston** at Pipers Park, Wesley Vale from 12 noon. Cost \$6. Food and refreshments available. ☎ 0417 368 139
- 15 Latrobe Diabetes Support Group** meet at the Latrobe Family Medical Practice Meeting Room, 45b Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 11am until 12 noon. ☎ 6425 0800 (Nancy)
- 16 Business Networking Breakfast** hosted by Business and Employment at the Australian Axemans Hall of Fame, Bells Parade, Latrobe from 7.30 am until 8.30 am. Cost: \$10 (includes breakfast). RSVP to <http://www.businessandemployment.biz/events/overview/> or telephone 6422 7777
- 27 Elder Abuse Information Forum** at the Port Sorell Memorial Hall Supper Room, off Darling Street, Port Sorell from 7.00 pm. ☎ 0412 456 740

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- Wilday Photography Exhibition** at Ghost Rock Vineyard, 1055 Port Sorell Road, Northdown from 11am until 5pm Wednesday to Sunday. ☎ 6428 4005

- 20 Spring Fever Town and Country Fair** at the Australian Axemans Hall of Fame, Bells Parade, Latrobe from 10.30 am. ☎ 6426 2099

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Plan Your Promotion

Future article deadlines and distribution dates are -

DeadlineDistribution Date

15 August.....2 September

17 October5 November

5 December6 January, 2014

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Saturday, 6th July, 2013

**Cement Australia Lights on Fire**

from 6.00 pm at Bells Parade, Latrobe

Join in the official opening of Chocolate Winterfest, Latrobe

Make a lantern and join the walking lantern parade departing from Station Square, Gilbert Street, Latrobe at 6.15 pm and from near the Latrobe Mersey River Caravan Park at 6.25 pm. Lanterns displayed within Bells Parade at conclusion of the walk.

Get pumped with DJ Harry; be warmed by the mesmerising fire pots; sip a mug of hot chocolate or indulge in a chocolate coated marshmallow; be exhilarated by the fire show.

Join us for the launch of the chocolate poetry book - "Beyond the Chocolate Box"

Dress warmly.

Free for the whole family.



CHOCOLATE WINTERFEST, LATROBE



*A wickedly delicious festival celebrating everything chocolate in and around the town of Latrobe
Be indulged, informed, astounded and amused by the chocolate experience*

on Sunday, July 7 10.30 am - 4.00 pm

A sample of indulgences ...

Chocolate High Tea

The elegance and tradition of a bygone era

Chocolate Appreciation Master Classes

Discover the art of tasting and making chocolate.
Bookings 6426 2703

Chocolate Wonders of Wearable Art

From the extravagant to the highly imaginative

My Chocolate Love Affair

View the talents of chefs at this premier chocolate dessert competition

Chocolate Corner

Ravishing delights to satisfy the most discerning palate including the House of Anvers, Gourlays Sweet Shop, Venus Confectionary, Tasmanian Gourmet Hampers, Pickled Sisters Pantry, Tasmanian Gourmet Brownies, Chocolate Fountains, The Chefs Toolbox, The Berry Thing, Velocci Coffee, Wild Hog Spit Roast and Sweet-As Rock Candy.

The Great Treasure Hunt

Discover what's out of place in Latrobe to win some treasure

Chocolate Chess

Are you good enough to win this game of strategy and the chocolate chess set?

Chocolate Mousse Mayhem

Teams of two, blindfolded, feeding each other mousse

2,000 Chocolate Block Challenge

Have you bought the golden chocolate block and won \$100?

Chocolate Pancake Stack Time Trial

How quickly can you devour 10 chocolate pancakes

The Chocolate Bowl

A swirl of chocolate showbags, chocolate and lolly raffle and various other treats at the Latrobe Girl Guide Hall.

Decorated Chocolate Cake Competition

Create an animal themed cake for a chance to win

All Things Chocolate

Decorate a biscuit in all manner of flavoursome delight

Naked Brownie Hunt

Solve the clues and be rewarded with delectable chocolate brownies

Chocolate Sculpture Trail

Showcasing the flexible capabilities of chocolate are various venues

**46 activities at
26 venues**

**Discover all
the delights at**

