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2015-16 Annual Report Snapshot

Under the Local Government Act, all Councils are required to present an Annual Report to its stakeholders (you, our residents), prior to 15 December each year. This presentation is to include -

- (a) a statement of its activities during the preceding financial year; and
- (b) a statement of our performance in relation to the goals and objectives set for the preceding financial year; and
- (c) the financial statements for the preceding financial year; and
- (d) a copy of the audit opinion for the preceding financial year; and
- (e) any other information Council considers appropriate or necessary to inform you of our performance and progress during the financial year.

Council held its Annual General Meeting on 12 December, which was attended by an audience of six residents.

In reflecting on the 2015-16 financial year, the General Manager spoke about Council achieving the goal of becoming debt free resulting in an underlying operating surplus of \$345,000 at the end of that financial year.

The Latrobe Municipality continues to be one of the fastest growing regions in the state with significant population growth at both Port Sorell and Latrobe. While this continues to be a great achievement, it does challenge Council in balancing increasing compliance requirements, rising community expectations and revenue restraint.

Significant activities undertaken through 2015-16 include -

- stormwater infrastructure assessment throughout the Port Sorell area;
- realignment of Chapel Road, Sassafras;
- the launch of the Mountain Bike Development project, "Wild Mersey" which has the potential to inject \$6.88 million into the local economy together with an indirect economic injection of \$4.8 million per year;
- the review of the overall operation of the Latrobe town centre and its surrounds, bounded by Bradshaw, Cotton, Twiss and Last Streets, to enhance the functionality of the current retail and business area and provide a strategy for future growth. Unfortunately, the work on that project requires review due to the June floods, which will recommence soon with associated consultation; and
- resource sharing with the Kentish Council continues to be enhanced. An external review reported that the Latrobe and Kentish Councils conservatively saved over \$594,000 throughout the 2015-16 financial year.

Emergency management and recovery were tested throughout the latter half of the 2015-16 financial year with the Reliquaire fire on Christmas Eve 2015; a number of house fires, one totally destroying a home; and culminating with the 6 June floods that affected numerous properties from Merseylea to Latrobe. In these emergency situations, Council personnel have dedicated long hours and a significant amount of their own private time to support the community while still managing their day-to-day role with Council.

In concluding the presentation, Mayor Freshney stated that "Council is indeed fortunate to have such a committed council staff, a strong and stable management team and of course, the leadership and experience of its General Manager, Mr Gerald Monson."

A copy of the 2015-16 Annual Report is available on Council's website at www.latrobe.tas.gov.au/annualreports.

Resource Sharing: Providing a Better Service and Capacity

More than any other level of government, Councils remain the grass roots connector between government and community with the Latrobe and Kentish Councils continuing to improve community outcomes through resource sharing initiatives.

"While the traditional expectation of rates, roads and rubbish remain, Councils, no matter what size, are being asked to do more but with less. To meet ratepayer expectations and continuing cost shifting from State Government, Councils needs to be creative. The Latrobe and Kentish Councils have been proactive in this space, having resource shared staff, procurement, plant and equipment in some form since 2010," said Mayor Peter Freshney of Latrobe Council.

Correspondence from Minister Gutwein in November 2015 invited all Councils throughout Tasmania to consider either voluntary amalgamation or strategic resource sharing arrangements to better serve their communities in a financially responsible manner.

"The Latrobe and Kentish Councils engaged the Australian Centre of Excellence for Local Government (ACELG) (now the University of Technology Sydney Centre for Local Government) to conduct an independent review of the success or otherwise of our existing resource sharing arrangements," said Mayor Don Thwaites of Kentish Council.

Learnings identified in the review are that trust and equity between the Latrobe and Kentish Councils have been key factors in the success of its resource sharing arrangement which have also allowed the councils to maintain local

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representation” said Centre Director, Associate Professor Roberta Ryan.

“Both Councils have seen improved levels of service quality, economies of scope and scale and increased organisational development and strategic capacity through resource sharing.

This is quantifiable with conservative data analysis revealing \$326,544 savings in the 2014/15 financial year and \$594,241 in the 2015/16 financial year,” said Mayor Thwaites.

The Latrobe and Kentish Councils are keen to continue to grow, enhance and refine their resource sharing arrangements.

“By being fiscally responsible and responsive to current and future challenges as we further refine our resource sharing arrangement, we are laying a solid foundation to ensure that resource sharing continues to benefit ratepayers while retaining local and accessible representation,” added Mayor Freshney.

The UTS.CLG Centre for Local Government report is available in its entirety on Council’s website with a shortcut being <http://bit.ly/2gXOXox>.

New Faces at Council

A few new staff have joined the team at Latrobe Council recently, filling the void left by departing personnel.

Mrs Janelle Bailey joins the Customer Service and Governance teams part-time and will be one of your friendly faces on front reception and the voice on the end of the phone on a Monday. On Tuesdays, Janelle will be providing administrative support in the Governance Department on a variety of projects.

Mr Clinton O’Keefe has filled the position of Building and Facilities Officer following Mr Wes Poulton’s relocation to the mainland. Mr O’Keefe represents Council on a multitude of committees involving Council’s community assets and works with numerous community groups to meet mutually beneficial outcomes.

Mrs Jacqueline (Jackie) Hardy joins the team in the resource shared position of Tourism and Economic Development Officer, previously held by Mr Chris Frankcombe. Jackie is employed by the Kentish Council and will be working each Wednesday and Thursday at Latrobe. She will no doubt make herself known to the many businesses, organisations and individuals involved in the tourism and industry fields throughout the Municipality.

Mersey Community Hospital Surety Sought

With ongoing uncertainty on the future of the Mersey Community Hospital, a delegation of Mayor Peter Freshney (Latrobe Council), Mayor Don Thwaites (Kentish Council) and Mayor Steve Martin (Devonport City Council) travelled to Canberra in early December and met with both the Federal Minister and Shadow Minister for Health and Aged Care to lobby for a longer term funding arrangement for the Mersey Community Hospital.

Mayor Freshney said “clearly the current two year funding agreement is not acceptable to our local communities and to keep the status quo is not an option, an issue we have today reiterated to our Federal representatives”.

“Our shared priority is very much about ensuring a longer term agreement for the Mersey and ideally, a ten (10) year agreement would provide certainty around service provision and health services generally for the 65,000 people who make up the Mersey Catchment.”

Federal Health and Aged Care Minister, The Hon Sussan Ley MP, was generally receptive to the concerns raised by the delegation, including the benefits of the hospital to the community and the critical role the Mersey plays in the State health system.

Federal representatives were keen to discuss the Federal Governments continued ownership of the Mersey as it remains the only Federally owned hospital in the country and is unique in the way in which it is funded.

The Mayors are very clear that ownership of the hospital is a Federal and State issue and that their primary concern is very much for the retention and provision of health services in our community and the whole State given the role outlined for the Mersey Community Hospital in the State Government’s White Paper.

Previous agreements around the Mersey Community Hospital have been primarily between the State and Federal Governments.

Mayor Thwaites said “the impact on the local community hasn’t necessarily been a priority during those deliberations but it is something that together we are strongly advocating for. We will continue to work together to ensure that health care for our communities is a key component of the decision making process under any ownership or funding model that may eventuate.”

The Mayors genuinely appreciated the support provided to them during their visit to Canberra, particularly by Senators Jonathan Duniam, Jacqui Lambie and Justine Keay MHR and their respective support staff.

Mayor Martin said “we were afforded every opportunity to meet with government representatives and our Tasmanian parliamentarians and their staff were extremely supportive and genuinely interested in our efforts to bring about better outcomes for the Mersey and our communities”.

“There is no doubt as Mayors, we will need to have ongoing discussion and negotiations with the State Minister for Health, Michael Ferguson. Whilst there have been no guarantees, we are confident that the Mersey Community Hospital is now very much on the agenda and that those making decisions around its future are very much aware of the implications for our region and the State as a whole”.

The Mayors have took the opportunity to raise issues relating to the freezing of indexation of the Financial Assistance Grants and the impact on rural Councils in particular; the provision of flood mitigation funding; the disaster recovery arrangements; issues specific to their municipalities such as the Wild Mersey Mountain Bike Project; Devonport’s Living City; Mobile Black Spot Funding and a number of other issues.

Donations Policy Under Review

In March 2015, Council adopted a Donation Policy to enable a consistent approach to be adopted when providing financial assistance to persons chosen to represent Tasmania or Australia in sporting, social, economic, environmental development and/or related to the wellbeing of the community.

To date, this financial support has been primarily accessed by school students however it is available for application by all ages.

A review of this policy is currently in progress to ensure it remains relevant and supportive of community achievements.

*Chris Billett of Move Strong Gym at
Henley-on-Mersey 2016*

Keeping Safe Over Summer

Water Safety - One of the best ways to keep cool and keep the kids happy on a hot summer's day is water play. However, even if your children can swim, this activity can be very dangerous and you should always be mindful of safety precautions.

Only allow children near water if you are able to supervise. You should keep your children in constant view, be within arm's reach and be appropriately dressed, ready for action in case you have to enter the water.

Do not allow yourself to be distracted from supervising water activities. Educate your children that there must be an adult with them before they can go into the water.

If you are on a rural property or visiting a recreational area don't forget about the dangers posed by dams, creeks, rivers and lakes. Drowning is the most common cause of death on farms. Children under five are at the greatest risk with a common scenario being that a child wanders away from supervision, into a dam or creek.

Sun Smart - Remember to slip, slop, slap when you are outdoors.

Try to stay in the shade and dress sun smart. There are lots of cool, comfortable and fashionable clothes that offer sun protection but they have to cover the skin to protect it.

Hats, sunglasses and sunscreen are very important although they won't offer 100% protection from the sun. To get the most protection, sunscreen needs to be applied 20 minutes prior to going outside and reapplied every two hours or more often if wiped, sweated or washed off.

Kids in cars - It may be easy for even the most loving and well-meaning parent or carer to think "I'll just be a few minutes" and leave the kids in the car with the window down a bit but even this has serious health risks for children.

Few people are aware of the little time it takes for the inside of a car to reach dangerously high temperatures. On a typical summer's day in Australia, the temperature inside a parked car can be as much as 30-40 degrees hotter than the outside temperature. Young children are more sensitive to heat than older children or adults and are at greater risk of heatstroke. The younger the child, the faster the onset of heatstroke and dehydration.

Establish good summer habits at home by making sun protection an everyday practice, children copy those around them and learn by imitation. It is unfair to expect a child to wear a hat and sunscreen if you do not do the same. If you adopt sun smart behaviour it is more likely that children around you will pick up on the habit. Encourage children to apply sunscreen every morning after they brush their teeth.

Reinvigorating the Performing Arts Centre

The Banksia Centre Management Committee recently established a Port Sorell Performing Arts Development Hub Sub-Committee. The role of the sub-committee is to -

- investigate and provide advice as to how the performing arts area could be developed to optimise use of the space and
- identify possible funding sources available to Council to effect such improvements.

Representation on the committee is voluntary and includes Councillors Sims and Rockliff as well as performing arts consultant, Mr Simon Baldock, and community representative, Mrs Helen Jaffray.

The sub-committee has met monthly since October and is in the process of developing recommendations for consideration by the Banksia Centre Management Committee. These are based on consultation with performing and visual artists, community groups and businesses.

If endorsed, the recommendations will be forwarded to Council for considered.

Works Commence on Defence Memorial

Works to develop a Port Sorell Defence Memorial at Pioneer Park on the corner of Rice and Meredith Streets, Port Sorell - alongside the Port Sorell Fire Station - will be started this month with completion anticipated late March.

The project received a boost recently when Mr Guy Barnett MHA presented two Lone Pine seedlings - to Mr Rod

Bramich for planting alongside the new Port Sorell Defence Memorial and to Mr Daryl Carr of Latrobe Council's Parks and Reserves team for planting in Latrobe.

"The seedlings have been grown from seeds harvested from a Lone Pine tree planted at the Cornelian Bay War Cemetery, which itself was grown from a seed collected from the Lone Pine growing at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra, providing a direct link to the battlefield at Lone Pine in Gallipoli," said Mr Barnett.



Guy Barnett MHA (centre) presents Daryl Carr (left) and Rod Bramich (right) with two Lone Pine Seedlings

Until their planting, Mr Richard Levett of Levett's Plant Propagation will be continuing to raise the Lone Pines.

Port Sorell Has a Say

For many years, Council has actively engaged with representative groups based in the Port Sorell area to receive guidance on matters relating to the good development of the Port Sorell, Hawley and Shearwater areas; such matters including:

- Traffic management
- Business/Commercial development
- Recreational facilities
- Foreshore and environmental matters
- Land use planning policy.

Known as the Port Sorell Advisory Committee, this group meet at the Port Sorell Memorial Hall at 4.00pm once a month, excluding January and December. Current representation consists of -

- Commercial Tourist interests Keith Moylan
- Commercial/Retail interests Steve Bush
- Community Dudley Parker
- Landcare Groups Riitta Boevink
- Port Sorell Bowls Club Norris McNamara
- Port Sorell Garden Club Glen Miles
- Port Sorell Golf Club Barry Richardson
- Port Sorell History Group Russell Townsend

- Port Sorell Lions Club Cheryl Heazlewood
- Port Sorell Men's Shed Edward (Ted) Melvin
- Port Sorell Surf Life Saving Club John Bowden
- Rubicon Club Sue Moylan
- Rubicon Senior Citizens Club Eric Woodcock
- Schools Samantha Abblitt
- U3A Christopher Mole
- Youth Rebecca West and Hayley Crack

The Future of Warrawee Reserve

Post-flood, extensive works conservatively estimated at nearly \$1 million are required if the Warrawee Reserve, owned by Parks and Wildlife, is to be restored to its former beauty. Parks advise that that amount of work and associated cost is beyond their capacity therefore raising the question of what will the future Warrawee Reserve look like.

Parks have undertaken some works to make the reserve safer but the reality is that it will never again be the grassed open space, picnic tables, boardwalks or toilet facilities that it was previously. There is just too much damage for the past to be replicated requiring the acceptance of a new norm.

For Council, our priority is on securing the relevant licences from Parks to progress the Wild Mersey Mountain Bike project through Warrawee Reserve.

Council has invested significantly in this project which will result in the formalisation of tracks throughout the higher and generally lesser used sections of Warrawee Reserve and creation of a purpose built "flying fox", a little higher than initially planned, to carry cyclists and their bikes across the Mersey. These facets of the project seek to limit the potential of infrastructure damage, should another natural disaster occur, and give an economic return on Council's investment to the community.

Progressing this, Council continues to reinstate Shale Road to the Warrawee Reserve entry however the boom gate remains closed and the reserve may potentially never reopening to motorists.

nbn™ Update

The **nbn™** network technologies that have or will be deployed throughout the Latrobe municipality include -

- Fixed Line - Fibre to the Node (FTTN)
- Fixed Wireless or
- Sky Muster™ satellite

The great news is that at the completion of the Fixed Line build forecast to be around July 2017, Latrobe will be 100% **nbn™** serviceable. This means that all residents and businesses can contact their retail service provider to switch to the **nbn™** network.

Fixed Wireless update

All four Fixed Wireless towers have been constructed and switched on.

Residents and business owners that have premises connected to these towers (around 1,210 premises) are now able to switch their telecommunication services to the **nbn™** network by contacting their retail service provider.

Fixed Line Update - Fibre to the Node (FTTN)

The building of infrastructure to service approximately 2,000 premises in Latrobe was completed in December. At this point in time, the forecast **nbn™** serviceability is anticipated for March.

For 2,800 properties in the Port Sorell area, the construction process is continuing on schedule with serviceability anticipated for this July.

All residents of properties not covered by Fixed Wireless or Fixed Line technologies are able to contact a service provider to order a Sky Muster™ satellite plan.

Residents/business owners can find out if they can order an **nbn™** service by visiting the **nbn™** website at www.nbnco.com.au.

Bring Port Sorell Back to Braddon

Late 2015, the Australian Electoral Commission announced the start of a redistribution process of Tasmania's five federal seats, to achieve a more equal division of population.

The redistribution process provided an opportunity for individuals and organisations to propose where the electoral division boundaries could be located, or the name of an electoral division.

In the last distribution of electoral boundaries in 2008, the Latrobe Municipality was split with Port Sorell being relocated to the Lyons electorate. After consultation with the Port Sorell community, there was overwhelming support for the Port Sorell area to return to the Braddon electorate.

Council subsequently lodged a submission in support of this redistribution citing the Port Sorell areas many commercial, tourism, educational, transport, health and social links to Latrobe and the North West Coast's "Braddon electorate" compared with the majority of the population and infrastructure contained in the Lyons electorate.

Council awaits a decision by the Australian Electoral Commission.

Advocacy Aligned to Priorities

In recent months Council has been asked to consider a number of issues not directly relating to Council business.

In its formal decision-making role, council can officially advocate to external bodies or levels of government on behalf of the community and municipality.

One of the roles of individual councillors as representatives is to advocate to Council on behalf of constituents, as long as it's done within the framework of good governance focusing on issues rather than personalities.

To assist in establishing Council's role and provide guidelines for dealing with matters of advocacy, an advocacy framework directed by priority areas within Council's *Our Place Our Plan. A Strategic Direction 2012-2017* has been developed.

Councillors, management and community members are able to continue to raise matters not listed in the Strategic Plan which will be considered on a case by case basis thereby allowing flexibility within the framework to address the changing needs of the community.

New Playground Reflects Heritage

In partnership with the Henley-on-Mersey Management Committee, Council is updating the Bells Parade playground to better cater for 2-7 year olds.

Given the historic importance of Bells Parade as a shipping port, a key component of the new play equipment will be a boat. This will be complemented with a rope swing, themed rocker, low table and chairs, swing bars/roll over,

crawl through tunnel and baby swing and surrounded by softfall in a securely fenced environment.

While it is hoped to have the playground installed for the Henley-on-Mersey Festival on Australia Day (26 January, 2017), this is highly dependent on the arrival of the equipment by 7 January.

Balancing Usage Needs with Quality Facility

Demand for utilisation of the Latrobe Recreation Ground in Gilbert Street, Latrobe has significantly increased for football following the introduction of women's football and is further expected to expand in coming years with junior development.

With the high quality of the Latrobe Recreation Ground, where the NWFL, formerly the NTFLL, football Grand Final has been held for the past 23 years, concern was expressed that the additional demand had the potential to either reduce the surface condition or require additional resourcing to maintain.

Following consideration by the Latrobe Sport and Recreation Committee, Council agreed with their recommendation that the playing surface at Perkins Park be improved to accommodate the additional demand and will budget accordingly for these works.

Promoting your Tourism Business

Tourism Australia's social media and content team have shared this year's top video trends on Facebook, YouTube and Instagram to explain what you can do to promote your business in these ever growing mediums.

In this 30 minute webinar you will:

- Learn about the best performing industry submissions on Tourism Australia's social media profiles and the results they created for businesses all across Australia;
- Find out what equipment you should consider including in your toolkit;
- Get insights to common pitfalls in editing; and
- Know how to purchase royalty-free music.

The webinar is now available to watch on demand. Simply register to receive access to the presentation by going to <http://bit.ly/2hP8vLR>.

Free Business Assistance

Ulverstone based not-for-profit, Cradle Coast Innovation, has again been chosen by the Tasmanian Government to deliver its Enterprise Centres Tasmania program, which provides free assistance to people with a business or business idea. The organisation was formed in 2011 when a number of North West Coast residents started running innovation focused events and business mentoring on a volunteer basis.

The appointment followed a rigorous, competitive tendering process.

"We are very grateful to the councils, small businesses and many other institutions that urged the Tasmanian Government to choose us. We will continue to deliver the program in a generous, flexible and professional manner, at people's homes and businesses, complemented by innovative events and other programs" said Executive Officer, Daryl Connelly.

Mr Connelly said that he and the rest of the CCI team sincerely appreciated the Government's continued confidence, and they look forward to continuing to make a real difference in our region, so that it remains a fantastic place to work, live and invest.

Anybody wishing to access the program should visit the website. www.cradlecoastinnovation.com.au.

Rehousing Homeless Persons

In recent times, the incidence of homelessness has arisen in the Latrobe Municipality. In attempting to resolve this situation, it was extremely disappointing that the only recourse was to involve Tasmania Police.

While there are a multitude of organisations that are able to provide housing options and support re-integration into society, this is only available if the homeless person turns up at their office and requests that assistance.

While some people may wish to remain homeless, what about those that are homeless because they simply do not know where to turn? If there is a warm bed in a safe house and opportunities to re-engage with society, why not take it? Simplistic, I know.

The apparent challenge lies in the lack of appropriately skilled persons that have these connections and actually go to the homeless and encourage access to existing services. While living on the street does not appear to be frequent throughout the Latrobe Municipality, in the absence of this service, if you are in need of emergency housing as an alternative to homelessness or support to re-engage with society, please contact -

- Housing Connect, 31 King Street, Devonport - 1800 800 588
- Anglicare Tasmania - 1800 243 232
- Mission Australia - Level 1, 35 Oldaker Street, Devonport - 6420 6800
- Youth Family and Community Connections - 81 Oldaker Street, Devonport - 6423 6635
- Salvation Army, 166 William Street, Devonport - 6424 9177
- St Vincent de Paul, 18 Murray Street, East Devonport - 6427 7100

Impact of Bushfires on Wine Grapes

Research is currently being undertaken on the effects of smoke taint on wine grapes in Australia, particularly after the 2009 Victorian bushfires.

Tasmanian wineries in particular have commenced testing to ascertain any adverse effects on the wine, after wineries in the North West were affected during last season's bushfires.

Tasmania has an impressive reputation for quality wines but it is a delicate industry.

Some research is showing that when grapes reach veraison (start to ripen) until they are ready to harvest; they are most susceptible to external influences including smoke taint.

If you live near a vineyard where smoke drift may impact, please have a conversation with the owners and time any planned burn off to have the least impact on the grape and consequently the taste of the wine.

If your property is less than 2,000m², current legislation prohibits you from burning off at your property with significant penalties applying.

Should you require any clarification on this matter, Council's Environmental Health Officer is available Monday to Friday from 8.00am until 4.30pm via 6426 444. At all other times, reports of illegal burn offs should be directed to Tasmania Police by calling 131 444.

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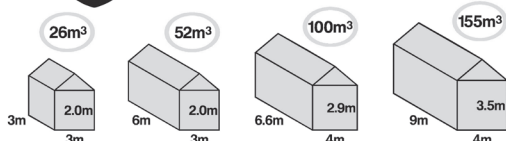
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NETTING SPECIALS (50 mtr rolls):

300 x 40 x 1.4 rabbit netting **\$80**, 900 x 40 x 1.4 netting **\$120 ea.**,

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C PURLINS GAL C15015: 6.1mtr **\$60**, 7.62mtr **\$75**

C PURLINS GAL C20015: 6.1mtr **\$80**, 7.62mtr **\$100**

DOG RUN: Single **was \$980 now \$860**, Double **was \$1480 now \$1360**

GAL HANDYMAN MESH:

2400x1200, 25x25 hole, 50x50 hole, 75x50 hole, 100x100 hole. All sizes **\$40 ea.**

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Building Update

A total of 26 building applications were submitted to Council for approval at its November and December Council meetings with a conservative construction cost of \$7,430,500.

They consisted of 12 dwellings; 2 dwelling additions/alterations; 8 outbuildings; 2 commercial and 2 other.

Council's Current Works Report

The following works are scheduled to be undertaken throughout the Latrobe Municipality during January and February;

Roads.

- Stages 4 and 5 construction works for Chapel Road widening
- Shale Road flood repairs to continue after a detailed scope of work is prepared
- Merseylea Road flood repairs
- Native Plains Road flood repairs
- Roadside vegetation mowing
- Road drainage clearing and general maintenance of the sealed and unsealed road surfaces



Buildings.

- Flood repairs at Australian Axeman's Hall of Fame with fence renewal
- Flood repairs to Bells Parade carpark, specifically the replacement of underground stormwater drainage
- Footpath level alterations in Alexander Street
- Footpath inspections
- General building maintenance
- Upgrade of Elderly Persons Units as required

Parks and Reserves.

- Bells Parade remedial works
- Pig Island clean-up
- Prepare Latrobe Recreation Ground and environs for sporting and community events
- Prepare Bells Parade for Henley-on-Mersey
- Supporting community events
- Maintain street cleanliness and regular rubbish removal
- General parks and reserves maintenance including pruning, mowing and weed spraying

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

Are you prepared for the heat?¹

Being prepared for extreme heat is important. At the onset of hot weather, there are some simple things you can do to reduce your risk of being affected by the heat.

Stay hydrated - drink plenty of water, even if you don't feel thirsty. Avoid sugar-sweetened drinks, alcohol and caffeine.

Check on others - check regularly on relatives and friends at risk, such as the elderly and people with chronic medical conditions. Look for signs of heat-related illness.

Clothing - wear lightweight, comfortable clothing, especially light colours that reflect the heat.

Minimise sun - keep out of the sun as much as possible. If you must go outside, wear long-sleeved clothing, sunglasses, a wide-brimmed hat and plenty of broad-spectrum sunscreen (minimum SPF30+).

Prepare your house - if you have a fan or air-conditioner, make sure it is working (and set to cool). If you do not have a fan or air-conditioner, open doors and windows where safe to do so. Draw blinds and curtains to keep out the heat during the day.

Pets - make sure your pets are kept out of the sun and have plenty of cool water to drink. Avoid exercising your dog in the heat of the day.

Seek medical advice - remember, heat-related illness can be life threatening. In an emergency, call 000 for help. For non-urgent medical assistance, call *healthdirect Australia* on 1800 022 222 or call your GP.

Discovery Rangers Back for Summer

Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service's award-winning Discovery Ranger Program will be back in summer 2016-17. It's a great way to get to know the national parks and reserves in our region, and to learn more about the animals, plants and natural features that make them so special.

The Discovery Ranger Program runs through the summer school holidays from Boxing Day until the end of January and offers visitors to Tasmania's national parks the chance to join in such things as guided walks, evening talks, engaging childrens' activities and much more.

In and near the Latrobe area, there are free activities on offer at Narawntapu National Park. The timetable for all activities state-wide is available on the Parks and Wildlife Service website at

www.parks.tas.gov.au/index.aspx?base=22676

Register for Clean Up Australia Day

Another great Clean Up Australia Day Campaign has been commenced for 5 March but your help is needed.

In 2016, volunteers removed the equivalent of more than 16,000 ute loads of rubbish from 8,205 locations around Australia.

By getting involved on the day, you bring about lasting change to the community and help improve attitudes toward litter nationwide!

In 2017, the Clean Up Australia Day team are hoping for their biggest Clean Up day yet - but can't do it without you! It's time to have a look around your local area and find those rubbish hotspots that need attention.

It couldn't be easier to get involved or a better time to take a stand against litter in parks, beaches, bushland, rivers and streets.

Register online at www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au and then get your friends and family to sign up as volunteers for your site!

It's one day we can all choose to make a big difference for the environment.

Summer Diet Can Affect Your Teeth

The relaxed nature of the Summer holiday period can be a challenging time for your dental health. The team at Smile Care Latrobe would like to remind you of some of the dental hazards during the holiday season.

If sugar filled fruit cakes, chocolate treats, fizzy drinks, and acidic alcoholic beverages are a part of your holiday diet, it's important to be vigilant with your oral health during

¹ www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/peh/alerts/standing_health_alerts/extreme_heat.

this time. Your teeth continue to be under attack for up to one hour after eating and drinking acidic food and drink. You need not deprive yourself of these holiday treats, but the key is to enjoy them in moderation. After consuming sugar-filled and acidic foods, it is a good idea to rinse your mouth with water to wash away the sugar and acids from around the teeth. You could also try chewing gum to stimulate saliva flow and clear the mouth of sugar and acids and balance the oral pH. Eating basic foods such as cheese can also help to neutralise the acids in your mouth and most importantly don't forget to brush and floss your teeth thoroughly, especially at bedtime.

Looking for a New Year resolution? How about improving your oral health? Come in and see the friendly team at Smile Care Latrobe today. Call them on 6426 1188 to make an appointment.

A Metre Matters

Bicycle riders are some of the most physically vulnerable users of our roads and it is great to hear the Tasmanian Government will adopt the "a metre matters laws" in 2017. The new laws require road users to allow at least a one metre gap on roads with speed limits of up to 60km/h, and 1.5 metres for anything above that speed.

The Port Sorell Legends cycling group are some of these vulnerable road users who were delighted to hear of the announcement. With the new laws in place and their new highly visible cycling apparel, which was purchased with financial support from local businesses including My Coast Realty, Greater Nutrition, Derrico Cycles, Exsighting Vision Optometry and Tempt Bakery Café, it will ensure a safer environment in which cyclists and motorists coexist, and respect each other on the road.

Keep an eye out for the bright yellow colours of the Port Sorell Legends and remember, a metre does matter.

For more information on the Port Sorell Legends Cycling Group, please contact Shellie Wakefield on 0419 129 755.

Join in the Fun of Playgroup

Port Sorell Playgroup operates from the Port Sorell Memorial Hall located on the corner of Meredith and Darling Streets, Port Sorell throughout school terms; resuming on 14 February.

Providing "a good opportunity for children to learn in an informal setting", Port Sorell Playgroup meet Tuesdays from 10.00am until 12 noon with new members welcome anytime of the year.

Janine Morris of Playgroup Tasmania Inc said "playgroup is driven by families. If Tuesdays do not suit, rather than have you miss out, we would much prefer to hear what other days/times are preferred, not lose this service in the Port Sorell community."

At Playgroup children -

- make friends
- develop physically, socially, emotionally and intellectually
- develop skills of cooperation
- extend their experience of literacy in a social environment
- and develop verbal and non-verbal communication.

But it is not only children that benefit. Playgroup can help alleviate the isolation sometimes experienced with parenthood and give you back some adult time while also providing lifelong friendships for adults and children.

Membership is a low cost with resources made available to you and insurance for Playgroup activities.

For more information, contact Janine Morris at Playgroup Tasmania North West and West Coast on 0428 633 214 or email Janine.morris@playgrouptas.org.au.

You can also follow Port Sorell Playgroup on <https://www.facebook.com/PortSorellPlayGroup> or Playgroup Tasmania generally on <https://www.facebook.com/playgrouptasmania>

Latrobe RSL Supports Veterans



With the passing of another year, the Latrobe RSL Sub-Branch Inc held a successful Remembrance Day in November with Legacy supported through the sale of poppies.

Fund raising to support initiatives of the Sub-Branch has recently included barbecues at Bunnings, Burnie with the next one scheduled for 14 January. Your support is very much appreciated.

Members of the Sub-Branch catch up at 5.00pm each Friday evening at the "Teddy" Sheean Bar within Bellys Bar and Grill, 160 Gilbert Street, Latrobe for fellowship.

The next general meeting of the Sub-Branch will be on 15 February at this same location.

The annual general meeting will take place on 15 March at 7.00pm where elections for President, Vice President and Treasurer will be held.

While the role of Secretary is not due for election, if any member is interested in this position, the circumstances of the current incumbent would benefit from a transitional arrangement.

The Latrobe RSL Sub-Branch Inc is contactable by phoning 6426 1255 or email latrobersl@gmail.com.



After a successful end of year BBQ, U3A Port Sorell is currently in its Summer recess. A highlight of the year-end celebrations was a presentation to Adam Brooks MHA for his contribution in providing the use of the Burgess Way premises for classes and administration for more than two years.

The U3A office, now co-located in the Banksia Centre in Pitcairn Street, Port Sorell (opposite Port Sorell Primary School) is closed until 23 January.

The U3A team is working on the 2017 program that will be released around the end of January and include a number of new offerings such as Politics, Learn to Swim, MS Excel, and Circle Dancing.

U3A president, Warren Lockett, reminds members that 2017 membership is now due and must be paid before members are able to enrol for programs in Term 1.

In a message to members he said "U3A is your organisation and now might be the right time for you to help our U3A go forward. Some of our committee and volunteers have been there since the beginning, have done the hard yards necessary to get to where we are, and some may want to step back at our AGM in March. Please contact me on 0419 003 371 if you can help."

Enrolments will be open from 30 January through to 10 February with a morning tea/information session scheduled for 3 February.

Term 1 classes commence on 20 February and continue through to 5 May.

The U3A office in the Banksia Centre, Pitcairn Street, Port Sorell is open Monday - Friday (10.00 am until 12 noon) from 23 January. Their email is portsorellu3a@gmail.com, or you can phone 0499 162 539 or forward your correspondence to PO Box 297, Port Sorell, 7307.

Boredom Busters Released

Chat 'n Choose at the Latrobe Baptist Church, 123 Gilbert Street, Latrobe will recommence for 2017 with its registration day on 8 February from 10.00am.

Classes are held from 10.00am until 12 noon on Wednesdays and are aligned to school terms.

Approximately 14 classes for females and males will be offered during first term. Unfortunately, crèche is not offered.

If you are new to the district, bored, lonely or just need some "me" time, this is a great opportunity to make new friends and create lovely presents for yourself, family and friends.

Chat 'n Choose is an inter-denominational craft morning where people of all ages can get together and learn new skills or brush up on old ones. The tutors are all skilled volunteers, very caring and eager to share their skills. The cost is \$2 and includes morning tea. A five minute (approx.) "think spot" with a Biblical theme is also given.

For further information, contact Glenis Smith (6426 1220) or Fay Horne (6426 1740).

Latrobe Croquet Club Officially Opened

On Wednesday, 30 November the Latrobe Croquet Club in George Street, Latrobe was officially opened by Mayor Peter Freshney with the President of Croquet Tasmania, Mr Robert Godfrey, also in attendance. During the course of proceedings, the club paid tribute to the foresight of Latrobe Council and particularly the involvement of Mr Wes Poulton, then Building and Facilities Officer, and Mr Jason Sims of Council's Parks and Reserves team who has developed the three full size lawns.

The celebrations took place throughout the day with over 80 players attending including 24 from the St Leonards

Croquet Club who hired a bus to come up for the day. There were also players from Royal Park Launceston, Devonport and East Launceston croquet clubs.

The opening was followed by a BBQ and more social games which included welcoming four new members to the club.

If you would like to try your hand at croquet, drop in to the club from Monday to Thursday or Saturday or phone Chris on 0499 990 239.



Mayor Freshney runs the first hoop at the official opening of the Latrobe Croquet Club

Rotary Initiative to Support Activities

The Rotary Club of Latrobe's Annual General Meeting is over and nominations for the 2017-18 leadership team have



been received. The club's focus now shifts to Australia Day on 26 January and the magnificent Henley-on-Mersey festival held at Bells Parade, Latrobe.

Hosted collectively by the Rotary Club of Latrobe, Lions Club of Latrobe and

Latrobe Council, the festival is once again

assured to be a magnificent Australia Day celebration for the whole family.

The Club is currently recruiting Friends of Rotary to assist with activities such as this. Please contact David Jones on 6427 822 if you would like to become a Friend of Rotary and serve your local community.

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

Just a reminder that meetings are held each Wednesday evening commencing at 6.15pm at The Lucas Hotel, Gilbert Street, Latrobe.

Community Benefits from Deeds



The start of the New Year will see members of the Lions Club of Port Sorell continue fund raising activities for various charities.

Generous community support of Friday night raffles by the patrons, staff and management of Shearwater Resort has contributed over \$1,200 for the Royal Flying Doctor Service. Friday night raffles will continue in 2017 with funds being donated to the Australian Lions Children's Mobility Foundation. The Foundation funds walking devices for children to aid mobility, which contributes to their quality of life right into adulthood.

The popular Relay for Life Friday raffles and Sunday pancakes will continue over this summer holiday period at the Port Sorell Caravan Park. Funds raised boost the community's overall contributions to the Cancer Council; the Lions Club recently held a very successful book and garage sale for this worthy cause.

Harness racing patrons will also note that Lions Club members man the gates as a way of earning extra funds for charities.

The Lions Club wishes all members and our community the very best for 2017!

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

Health Benefits through Tai Chi and Yoga

In order to provide a morning of Health and Wellbeing on Thursdays in Port Sorell, both Yoga and Tai Chi will be held at new times. Experienced practitioners and beginners are welcome to join either class or take a morning to feel the benefits of both in combination.

Tai Chi is a gentle art form, suitable for all ages, it can be of benefit to people with balance issues, and assists with mobility and movement by refining breathing techniques and adjusting posture.

Barbara will instruct Tai Chi at the Banksia Centre from 9.15am until 10.15am, commencing Thursday, 12 January. To contact her please phone 6425 5275 or email barb3taichi@gmail.com

Yoga means union, a connection of body, mind and spirit through posture, breath and meditation to find harmony, health and happiness.

Andrea from Haven Yoga and Meditation will conduct Yoga classes at the Port Sorell Memorial Hall from 10.30am until 11.45am, commencing Thursday, 19 January. To contact Andrea, phone 0424 597 669 or email andrea@havenyoga.com.au.

Nourish Your Soul



Rubicon River Arts

Rubicon River Arts member Katherine Tyson begins the year with her exhibition titled *Juxtapositions 3*, an amusing collection of animals and birds cleverly juxtaposed within portraits of famous and infamous historical characters. The Exhibition will open at Ghost Rock Vineyard on Saturday, 4 February and be open from 11.00am until 5.00pm daily throughout the month.

Art can nourish the soul, calm the mind and inspire the heart, and local art can enrich the community too. You may be amazed by the brilliant artists living right in your region - dancers, painters, writers, sculptors, actors, musicians and more. Take the time to seek out their talents and support their work.

One way to show your appreciation for the arts is by attending open studios, art walks, and gallery openings. Ideally, attendees of these events would be purchasing artworks, but just showing up is enough to keep artists and gallery owners encouraged. Additionally, telling an artist how much you like their work, either in person or via email or letter, is another way to show your support.

Watch Out!

Roads are very dangerous places for native animals with an estimated 293,000 killed on Tasmanian roads every year – an average of one animal every 3 kms. Brushtail possums are the most frequently killed animal (108,543 per year), followed by pademelons (28,854 per year) and wallabies (15,824 per year) but Tasmanian devils, ring tailed possums, bandicoots and blue tongued lizards suffer badly as well. Tasmania has the worst roadkill record of all Australian States.

Summer is an especially hazardous time as young marsupials are leaving their mothers' pouches to explore their world. They are not well adapted to fast moving metal predators with bright lights and no warning scent. Most animals die between dusk and dawn. Research has shown that travelling at speeds below 80 km/hr on high beam or 60 km/hr on low beam between these times allows many animals to avoid a collision – and saves damage to your car. See www.roadkilltas.com

The Rubicon Coast and Landcare team cares for the native vegetation along the Rubicon Estuary and its nearby reserves. To join the group and lend a hand, contact the secretary Eugene Holloway on 0428 135 507 or email rubicon_inc@hotmail.com



Bennett's Wallaby near Port Sorell. Photo. Phil Collier

Working Together

2016 was a year of growth for the Port Sorell District Community Bank with targets met in several areas. Business is slowly building despite the challenges of the global economy and current low interest rates.

150 golfers attended the Thirlstane Golf Club Veterans Day on 16 November with the Port Sorell Golf Club holding their Veterans Day in March. Both events are sponsored by the Port Sorell District Community Bank.



Diane Kelly and Chris Smith, both of the Port Sorell Lions Club with Jenny Donnelly of Port Sorell District Community Bank

Another example of community organisations working together is the fundraising effort for Asha Beveridge's trip to the USA as a participant in the Australian Futsal team. A recent sausage sizzle was a united effort by Port Sorell District Community Bank, the Port Sorell Lions Club and Asha's fundraising committee.

A breakfast was recently held in Latrobe where David Robertson, Head of Financial Markets and Business Finance of the Bendigo Bank delivered the presentation - *Economic Outlook and Market Update*. Attendees enjoyed the

report with a focus on the Reserve Bank, global markets, housing prices and the resilience of the Australian economy.

The Port Sorell District Community Bank staff and board directors thank all shareholders, customers and the community for their ongoing support in making the bank the success it is today.

Summer Patrols Resume



The Port Sorell Surf Life Saving Club remind residents and visitors of the services they provide over summer and some tips for keeping safe in the water.

Patrols are provided from North Freers Beach, directly in front of the club rooms.

The club patrol on Saturdays from 12.00noon until 5.00pm and on Sundays and public holidays from 11.00am until 4.00pm.

They strongly encourage swimming between the flags as this is where they can best provide assistance, however they do keep a general eye on the broader estuary between Freers Beach and Penguin Island.

If you plan on using your kayak, please remember it is a MAST requirement to wear a life jacket. Conditions on our beaches and in the estuary can change suddenly and the club encourage people to check the weather before heading out.

While blow up toy tubes and animals may be a lot of fun in the water, please remember that the wind can pick them up quickly and push you and the toy into deeper water.

To find out more about the Port Sorell Surf Life Saving Club, come and have a chat with one of the members on patrol. They will be more than happy to share some advice. Alternatively, like them on Facebook to find out the latest news from the Surf Club.

The club hopes everyone has a really safe and enjoyable summer on our beautiful beaches.

Sponsorship 101²

So you know not to put all your funding eggs in one basket but when it comes to support, sponsorship can be the golden egg, so it's a great one to crack. The flipside is that it can also be the hardest.

What is sponsorship?

Sponsorship is when a company/organisation gives you support (cash or in-kind) in return for recognition. It is most definitely not a gift - sponsors always want something back and they want to be able to measure it.

They don't want to feel warm and fuzzy. They want results. They have a product/service to sell and a brand to promote and protect, and they think hanging out with you will help them do that.

How do I get a sponsor?

Unfortunately there's no magic answer. You just have to think strategically and plan rigorously.

Step one is to know your own product/event.

Next is to think about what businesses might be interested in what you're offering and do some research on potential sponsors and make an approach. Initially this would simply be a testing of the waters, not a full-blown proposal. It is important that you find out what the potential sponsor wants and whether it's worth it - if it doesn't help your budget it may just be a pain to deliver.

They're interested? Super! Now you have to create a great proposal - something that they can't put down. Include measurable deliverables with specific targets and be very clear what you're asking for. Importantly, get everything in writing, including who expects what from whom and when.

Of course you will put their logo on your brochures, on your promotional materials and website and in the event space if possible but you can also get a bit more creative and give some extra love. Along with social media, the inclusion of product placement either through wearing their t-shirts/caps or putting up banners/posters all help to publicly acknowledge the sponsors and associate your service/event with their organisation.

Sponsorship deals can be long and fruitful relationships but, like all relationships, they need to be continually worked on and mutually beneficial.

Funding Opportunities

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Applications close Friday, 17 February.

For more information. visit www.growwithnbn.com.au.



Sport and Recreation Minor Grants Program

The Sport and Recreation Minor Grants Program offers financial assistance towards equipment purchases and/or the development/improvement of facilities or playing surfaces that directly benefit sport and recreation clubs and improve opportunities for Tasmanian's to participate in sport and active recreation.

Application is open to clubs, associations, local government and other not-for profit providers of sport and active recreation.

Funding Amount – between \$500 and \$10,000.

Limitation - Applicants must contribute at least half of the project funding.

Opens on 1 February. **Closes** at noon on 15 March.

For more information, go to

http://www.dpac.tas.gov.au/divisions/csr/sportrec/funding_opportunities/minor_grants, phone 1800 252 476 or email at sportrec@dpac.tas.gov.au

Tasmanian Community Fund

Round 34 of the General Grant Program will open 28 January.

Guidelines and application forms are ever evolving and will be available on the Tasmanian Community Fund website closer to this opening date.

Organisations considering applying are encouraged to discuss their project idea with Tasmanian Community Fund staff prior to or early in the grant round.

Funding Amount - Stage 1 Expressions of Interest applications for large program based grants (\$100,000 to \$500,000) close at 5.00pm on 1 March 2017.

Applications for small grants (up to \$20,000) close at 5.00pm on 15 March 2017.

Applications for medium grants (between \$20,001 and \$90,000) close at 5.00pm on 5 April 2017.

For more information, <http://www.tascomfund.org/>

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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Through to 29 January - Summer Discovery Ranger Program. Full details at

www.parks.tas.gov.au/index.aspx?base=22676

- 2 **Penguin Island Swim** at North Freers Beach, Hawley. Registration from 9.15am for all events. Entry fees apply. The 2km event is part of the Tasmanian Open Swim Series (Tier 1). More information is available from www.facebook.com/portsorellslsc
- 6 **Market by the Beach** at the Port Sorell Surf Life Saving Club, Dumbleton Street, Hawley from 5.00pm-8.30pm. Contact marketbythebeach1617@yahoo.com
- 8 **Welcome to the New Year church service** at the Merseylink Bus Depot Shed, Port Sorell Main Road, Wesley Vale commencing at 11.00am. This is followed with a shared luncheon with all welcome. ☎ 6423 2260
- 9 **Meet Dash the Robot** from 10.30am until midday at the Latrobe Library and Online Access Centre, Gilbert Street, Latrobe. Dash and his robot buddies will engage you in fun activities that introduce you to the world of coding. Learn real-time programming in a fun atmosphere. This workshop is built around a series of challenges, depending on your ability and interest.

² <http://bit.ly/2gdPwtY>

Suitable for ages 7+-14 (with an adult). Bookings essential to 6426 1697 or www.eventbrite.com/

- 9 **Animation Fun** from 2.00pm-3.30pm at the Latrobe Library and Online Access Centre, Gilbert Street, Latrobe. Create amazing stop motion films using animation kits. You will learn techniques that can be used for animating stop motion films. Build your own creations to film and manipulate. Suitable for ages 7+-14 (with an adult). Bookings essential to 6426 1697 or www.eventbrite.com/
- 13 **Market by the Beach** at the Port Sorell Surf Life Saving Club, Dumbleton Street, Hawley from 5.00pm-8.30pm. Contact marketbythebeach1617@yahoo.com
- 16 **ComicsPlus Online Comic Books** from 10.30am-11.30am at the Latrobe Library and Online Access Centre, Gilbert Street, Latrobe. Learn how to access this free database just with using your LINC library card. There are about 12,000 comics to choose from for all ages. Suitable for ages 7+ (parent and child activity for 7-12 y.o. please. Bookings essential to 6426 1697 or www.eventbrite.com/
- 19 **Latrobe Speedway Muster** in Kings Park, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 5.00pm-8.00pm. Meet the drivers and check out the speedway vehicles. Food, refreshments and children's entertainment also available. ☎ 0438 708 603.
- 19 **Eat and Greet at Hill Street, Latrobe** in Station Square, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 5.00pm until 8.00pm. Hill Street is showcasing a variety of local producers and their products that are available in-store. ☎ 6426 5000
- 20-21 **Latrobe Speedway Grand Prix** at Gulf Western and Independent Oils Raceway, Speedway Drive, Latrobe. Gates open from 3.00pm each day.
- 24 **Draw a Superhero** from 2.00pm-3.30pm at the Latrobe Library and Online Access Centre, Gilbert Street, Latrobe. Crystal is running another of her popular drawing workshops. Come prepared to learn new drawing techniques and create your own superhero. Suitable for ages 7+-12. Bookings essential to 6426 1697 or www.eventbrite.com/

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- 26 **Henley-on-Mersey Duathlon** at Bells Parade, Latrobe from 9.00am until 1.00pm. For more information, go to <http://cradlecoasttm.blogspot.com.au/>
- 26 **Wood Chopping Competition** at Bells Parade, Latrobe from 9.00am until 4.00pm. ☎ 0428 912 166

26 **"The Arnies" Strongman Competition - Tasmanian Heat** at Bells Parade, Latrobe from 10.00am. ☎ 0402 733 944

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

28-29 **Latrobe Liliium Show** at the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 1.00pm-4.00pm Saturday and 10.00am-4.00pm Sunday. ☎ 6435 1298

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- 8 **Chat 'n Choose Registration Day** at the Latrobe Baptist Church Hall, 123 Gilbert Street, Latrobe at 10.00 am. ☎ 6426 1220 or 6426 1740
- 18-19 **Latrobe Flower and Vegetable Show** at the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 2.00pm until 4.00pm Saturday and 9.00am until 4.00pm Sunday. ☎ 6428 4170 or 6428 4154
- 25 **Free Family Fun Day** at the Port Sorell Primary School Oval, Pitcairn Street, Port Sorell from 11.00am until 3.00pm hosted by the Lighthouse Christian Fellowship. There will be Thomas train rides, jumping castle, face painting, balloon sculpting, whip cracking as well as many others games, a free sausage sizzle, tea, coffee and icy poles. ☎ 0417 594 897

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- 4 **Concert in the Vines** featuring **Leo Sayer and Band** from 1.00pm-6.00pm at Ghost Rock Vineyard, 1055 Port Sorell Main Road, Northdown. Tickets are \$74pp (lawn/general admission) or \$150pp (premium) and available through www.ghostrockvineyard.com.au, the cellar door or by phoning 6428 4005.
- 5 **Clean Up Australia Day** (refer to article)

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