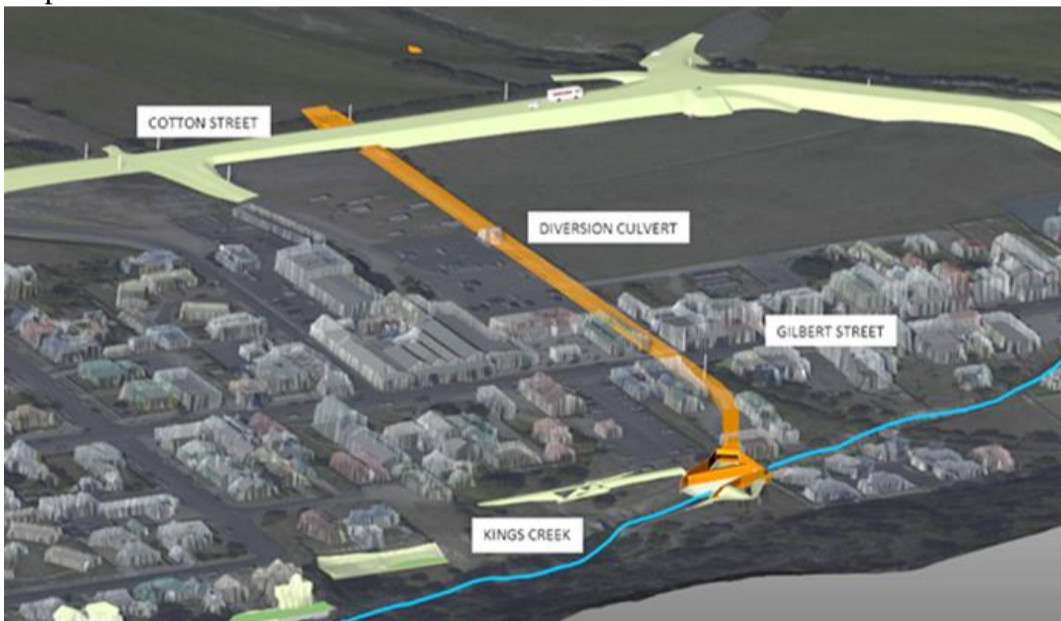




## LATROBE FLOOD LEVEES PROJECT UPDATE

Construction for the flood mitigation works in Latrobe is nearing a start. There has been a great deal of background activity on this important project, working on the detail of the design, including interactions with those impacted by the upcoming works. It has only been in recent weeks that a final project start timeframe could be locked in. A key component of the design is the diversion culvert, designed to take flood flows out of Kings Creek at Kings Park and pass them under Gilbert Street and Cotton Street before entering the Mersey River. In addition, the flood levee along Cotton Street has been redesigned to rebuild Cotton Street on top of the new levee, reducing the impact on private land.



*Design image of a diversion culvert and Cotton Street levee*

The levee works from near the Miles Ford Bridge and beside River Road past the Australian Axeman's Hall of Fame remain unchanged from the original design. There has also been much work ensuring the potential impacts of the critically endangered species of Central North Burrowing Crayfish. Two sites have been identified where new habitats will be created for translocation of any crayfish found

within the construction zone. The levee site and offset areas were inspected by the Commonwealth Department of Environment assessment team in early May, and an EPBC Act Permit was issued on 7 June 2022. Once all permits and approvals are in place, site works are planned to commence in June, firstly establishing a site office at the overnight camping area behind the Station Square carpark and then commencing works from near Cotton Street on the diversion culvert.

The Principal Contractor, BridgePro Engineering, together with their sub-contractors and Latrobe Council, will be working on the project from then and throughout the coming summer period until around mid-2023.

There will be disruptions, including residents, business owners, traffic, and tourists alike, due to the magnitude of this project, please be assured that the team is committed to minimising impact wherever possible whilst still completing the project within a 12-month period.

There will be updates provided on the Latrobe Council website [www.latrobe.tas.gov.au](http://www.latrobe.tas.gov.au) and Facebook [www.facebook.com/latrobecounciltas](https://www.facebook.com/latrobecounciltas) to alert the public of upcoming activities.

## LAUNCH OF SUSPENSION BRIDGE AT WARRAWEE

The ambitious project to construct a 150m long suspension bridge across the Mersey River is now in the final stages. After some adjustments to the design, bought about by unfavourable site conditions, the two abutments and towers have been installed, ready for the bridge to be suspended.

Bridge Pro Engineering will spend the month of June hanging the bridge, using specialist machinery and winches to handle the cables weighing more than four tonnes each.

Once completed, trails will be constructed on either side to connect them to Shale Road for both riders and walkers to experience.



*Wild Mersey maps and merchandise are now available from selected stores.*

*More information on page 12*



## OFF SEASON CAMPAIGN

The Off Season intrastate campaign aims to encourage Tasmanians to explore the offers, opportunities and events available throughout winter, leveraging the unique voice and relevance of the 'Make Yourself at Home' brand platform. The campaign objective is to raise awareness of and educate Tasmanians about the Off Season and, in turn, encourage Tasmanians to continue to explore and experience their backyard during winter by taking advantage of the Off Season offers. The campaign will continue until the end of July 2022.

## TASMANIAN MURAL TRAIL

Latrobe Council will contribute \$2,500 to sponsor a local artist to participate in the Tasmanian Mural Trail.

The Tasmanian Mural Trail will form part of the Davies Construction International Mural Fest in Sheffield from 6-11 November 2022.

This year Mural Fest will feature nine artists from around Tasmania who will be selected to paint a mural over the five-day period based on the theme 'The Place I Call Home'.

These murals will remain on display in Mural Park, Sheffield, for eleven months until the murals are relocated to the towns they represent, forming the 'Tasmanian Mural Trail'. This unique mural trail will begin and end in Sheffield and will showcase the special characteristics that towns around Tasmania call their own. The mural will be retained by Latrobe Council and erected in an appropriate place.

## COUNCIL'S WORKS REPORT



The following works are scheduled to be undertaken throughout the Latrobe Municipality during July and August:

### CIVIL CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE

- Rural roadside shouldering
- Rural roadside drainage maintenance and cleaning
- Rural road verge maintenance and tree trimming
- Road seal maintenance

Contact Team Leader Civil Construction and Maintenance on 6426 4453 for information on works in your area.

### TOWN SERVICES

- Installation of new garbage and recycling bins in CBD areas and parks

- Freers Beach access improvements
- General Council building maintenance
- Elderly Person Units maintenance and upgrades
- Town stormwater network maintenance and cleaning

### GREEN SPACES

- Parks and street tree maintenance and planting
- Hawley, Shearwater and Port Sorell foreshore maintenance
- MTB trails maintenance
- Town creeks and drains maintenance and cleaning

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

## CAMP BANKSIA UPDATE

Work has started on stage one of the Camp Banksia redevelopment, with groundwork for the construction of the new cabins having commenced in mid-May and the Banksia Centre in mid-September. The building works are due for completion in April 2023.

## PORT SORELL CARAVAN PARK

The contract for stage two of the redevelopment of the caravan park is being negotiated and will include a new caravan park caretaker's residence. The expected completion date for stage two is November 2022.

## SPEED LIMIT CHANGE

The Department of State Growth has advised of a change to the speed limit on a 4.6-kilometre section of Mersey Main Road between Latrobe and Spreyton. The speed limit has been reduced to 70 km/h following a review of the speed limit after requests from the community. The speed limit change came into effect the week commencing 23 May.

In making the decision to lower the speed limit, consideration was given to the characteristics of the road, including many curves, the high number of accesses to the road, and the crash history. The reduced speed limit is expected to add only around 30 seconds to the average journey on this road.

## KEEPING IT CLEAR

Are there fire hydrants, manholes and valves on your nature strip?

While this area is generally owned by your local council, it's everyone's responsibility to keep any infrastructure on the nature strip (manholes, valves, and fire hydrants) clear of vegetation, debris, and landscaping products like plants, rocks, and bird baths.

In the event of a burst pipe, fire, or blocked sewer, it's important for everyone's safety that TasWater, your council and the Tasmania Fire Service can always easily access the essential infrastructure on a nature strip.

Help keep your neighbourhood safe by maintaining your nature strip.

Source: TasWater

## COMMUNITY FIRE SAFETY

Tasmania Fire Service provides a range of free residential fire safety programs, resources and supports to the community, including health, housing workers and volunteers to assist their clients, or tenants, who are at an increased risk of being a home fire casualty.

These free services include Fire Safe at Home, Residential Hazard Notification, Fire Risk Management Training, Person-centred home fire risk assessment, and other free fire safety publications.

For more information about the above, please phone 6166 5606.

## DISTRACTED DRIVING

Distracted driving is a considerable risk to people riding bikes and other vulnerable road users.

The problem? People take their eyes off the road while driving a car too often. Driving a motor vehicle is a big responsibility and requires your full attention.

Each time a driver eats, drinks, or checks their phone, their driving abilities are compromised.

As technology has advanced, more devices have made their way into vehicles, either built into the control system or brought in by the driver, and they demand attention. When drivers are distracted, they are effectively 'travelling blind', which causes significantly large areas of the road space to become hazardous for others.

And the longer a driver is distracted, the larger the area of road space compromised. A driver distracted for 2 seconds at 90km per hour is travelling blind for 50 meters. Remember to be aware of the roadway and watch out for cyclists. We all deserve to Arrive Alive.

## LOCAL BUILDING UPDATE

51 building, plumbing, and commercial applications and notifications of works were received by Council from March and April inclusive. They comprised of 14 dwellings; 2 dwelling additions/alterations; 7 outbuildings; 4 commercial/industrial; 21 plumbing applications, and 3 other applications with a conservative value of \$6,931,128.

## YOUR ELECTED

### REPRESENTATIVES

Mayor Peter FRESHNEY ....0417 287 006  
 D/Mayor Graeme BROWN..0417 598 116  
 Shayne (Cush) ALLISON ....0409 792 648  
 Michael McLAREN .....6426 2777  
 Vonette MEAD .....0407 055 180  
 Sommer METSKE .....0409 622 710  
 Garry SIMS ..... 0419 139 053  
 Gerrad WICKS .....0488 325 590  
 Lesley YOUNG .....0419 326 250



## CHOCOLATE WINTERFEST, LATROBE RETURNS



After a hiatus of two years because of COVID, Latrobe's wickedly delicious festival celebrating all things chocolate is returning.

Be aware that Chocolate Winterfest Latrobe will be a different festival than in past years.

With the same ethos to indulge, inform, astound, amuse but above all celebrate chocolate as you escape from the bleakness of winter, there will be the return of many favourites but also some new and exciting activities to participate in.

Obviously, the fluctuation of weather in

Winter makes it challenging to guarantee outdoor events; therefore, many activities are scheduled to be held indoors or under cover. At the time of finalising the program, event hosts

### BELLS PARADE PARKRUN

It's been quite a while since Council was first approached to sponsor the establishment of a parkrun in Latrobe, but the good news is that it is nearly here. 6 August has been tentatively set for the inaugural *Bells Parade Latrobe parkrun*. parkruns are free, weekly community events held all around the world where participants gather in open spaces and parks every Saturday morning to either walk, jog or run a five-kilometre course. It is not a race but rather a positive, all-inclusive experience where you are only competing against yourself. The main goal is to get more physically active and maybe improve your time each week. With the development of the Coastal Pathway linking Bells Parade, Latrobe to Ambleside, the route was quickly identified, and some additional work was undertaken to ensure the event met parkrun's specific guidelines. It costs \$7,500 to establish a parkrun. An approach to Latrobe Council saw them enthusiastically commit the full funding. This was consequently reduced by undertaking the required works with the Apex Club of Latrobe and then funding the shortfall. Intercity Signs generously donated the road closure signage and the advance awareness sign at the turnaround point on the Coastal Pathway. While the event is free to participants, it is reliant on the generosity of volunteers who give their time. A core group has been involved in the establishment of this parkrun and has been training up with other local parkruns. Want to know more? Keep an eye out for the Bells Parade Latrobe parkrun page on Facebook, launching soon.



### MEMBERS SOUGHT FOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Following the completion of a review of the Port Sorell Advisory Committee's (PSAC) Terms of Reference and adoption in 2021, the new Committee appointments commenced in February 2022.

The role of PSAC members is to consult with the community (or organisations they represent) on the development of the Port Sorell, Hawley and Shearwater areas. This can be on topics referred to the committee by Latrobe Council or issues that the representatives raise.

Members are not required to initiate or undertake a project but rather participate in discussion on issues resulting in making informed recommendations to Council. It is not guaranteed that Council will endorse such recommendations all the time, but generally, this is the case.

PSAC provides a valuable conduit to consulting with the broader community and has extensive representation from: Latrobe Council represented by Mayor Freshney and Cr Shayne Allison, with Cr Sommer Metske as proxy.

Tasmania Police

Community Nomination: Paula Weeks  
Rubicon Coast and Landcare Group: Ritta Boevink with Mary Buchanan as proxy  
Rubicon Club: Jo Norris with Jan Dicker as proxy

Port Sorell History Group: Russell Townsend with Rob Bramich as proxy  
Port Sorell Lions Club: Wanda Carmichael with Reuben Newman as proxy  
Port Sorell Surf Life Saving Club: Haydon Coates

Rubicon Enhancement Volunteers Inc: Ralph Brinkmann with Jan Dicker as proxy

Port Sorell Tennis Club: Jan Dicker with Brendan Sullivan as proxy  
Port Sorell Golf Club: Kevin Wescott with Joy von Schill as proxy

One representative nominated by business interests, one nominated by tourist, as well

were working with density limitations and developed a multi-day program of activities to broaden the main festival day - Sunday, 14 August, maximising customer participation.

Extending the festival to the three preceding days has resulted in the presentation of a range of special, bookable events and the multi-day staging of others.

With the State Government withdrawing the limitation of physical distancing in May, the festival program will remain a 4-day event - from 11-14 August - with the main day being 14 August.

Want to know more? You just have to wait a little longer as the full festival program, including details of how to book special activities, is not released until Wednesday, 7 July - World Chocolate Day at [www.chocolatewinterfest.com.au](http://www.chocolatewinterfest.com.au).

Peruse the program online or grab your own copy from a Visitor Information Centre throughout the state from 7 July. Chocolate Winterfest, Latrobe continues to cater for all ages and interests and will be a welcome return to business as usual.

two youth representatives (15-24 years of age) are still being sought.

If you are interested in filling one of these vacancies, please contact Council on 6426 4444 or email [council@latrobe.tas.gov.au](mailto:council@latrobe.tas.gov.au) for further details on the nomination process.

### CHARLIE REPRESENTS TAS AT NATIONAL U14 RUGBY TOUR

Charles Kettle (12 years) will represent Tasmania at the Under 14 Rugby 2022 Southern States Tour in Canberra from 11-16 July.



Mrs Cathy Kettle said Charles was a student at Latrobe High School and had played for the Devonport Bulls Club for the past three years.

"Charlie is very excited at the opportunity to represent his state on a national stage playing the sport he loves," said Mrs Kettle.

"We are immensely proud of Charlie, and we hope he has an amazing time in Canberra."

Charlie attended two state selection camps in Campbell Town and Launceston to qualify for the tour.

Charlie has been awarded a \$100 bursary from Latrobe Council.

# BUSINESS UPDATES FROM THROUGHOUT THE LATROBE COUNCIL AREA

## LOOKING FOR BUSINESS ADVICE?



Digital Solutions provides one on one mentoring in an area of your choosing!

This program closes to new clients on 30 September 2022.

We can help you with:

- Social Media
- Websites
- Cashflow
- Branding
- Search Engine Optimisation
- Marketing
- Digital Safety and more

Don't hesitate to book your coaching session now! Have questions or want to book a session, call Anna at Switch Tasmania on 03 6408 7005.

She will take you through your options and what would be most suited to you and your business needs and book you with one of our experts.

Alternatively, email

info@switchtasmania.com.au for Anna to send you more information.

The Digital Solutions program is an initiative of the Australian Government managed by Switch Tasmania in partnership with The van Diemen Project and In-Tellinc.

## SLIMEY

Have you seen my face on the window down at the Old Lolly Shop? You're probably wondering what it's about. You know those slime videos your kids watch on YouTube?

That is just so mesmerising to watch, or maybe you banned slime from your house just like my parents did. So now, this is the only way they get to see it.

My name is Ellie. I'm 10 years old. Owner and founder of Slimey!

After a whole year of saving and testing recipes, I launched Slimey in January this year.

I've sent hundreds of slimes across Australia with my mission to change parents' opinions on slime one family at a time!

Which has led me to open a store with my mum (owner of You Deserve It) right here in Latrobe. We are located at 52a Gilbert Street (Old Lolly Shop). Come down and say "Hi"

P.S We still sell Lollies

## GET A HAIRCUT AND SAVE THE PLANET

You may be surprised to learn that the salon industry sends more than 1,500 tons of recyclable aluminium back to landfill each year in Australia and New Zealand alone.

Unfortunately, aluminium doesn't degrade easily. It actually contaminates the soil for 500 years. Add to this the waste of plastics, colour tubes, cut hair and more,

and you soon see that beauty at any price is no longer an option.

After joining Sustainable Salons, local salon Carolyn McLennan Hairdressing is set to change all this.

Carolyn McLennan Hairdressing now recycles up to 95% of its waste by using the comprehensive resource recovery program offered by Sustainable Salons.



"We are committed to sustainable growth that encourages social responsibility and respect for the planet. This simple initiative can make all the difference to what was once landfill waste becoming a future resource", says Carolyn McLennan. What's more, Carolyn McLennan Hairdressing staff and clients love that all proceeds from recycling are donated to OzHarvest and KiwiHarvest to fund meals for disadvantaged people.

## THAI IMPERIAL

The Thai Imperial is revamping their menu and diversifying into a new range of meals! Their Asian fusion dishes and kid's meals will still be on offer, with a wide range to cater for vegans, coeliac and dairy-free. Keep an eye out for the new wine and cocktail lounge coming soon! It will be the ideal place to sit back, enjoy and relax with a great range of delicious cocktails, or maybe indulge in a shared platter plate! Follow the Thai Imperial on Facebook for upcoming specials at [www.facebook.com/thaiimperialtas](http://www.facebook.com/thaiimperialtas).

## AXEMAN'S HALL OF FAME



Latrobe's best little kept secret, the Axeman's Hall of Fame, is located at the beautiful Bells Parade.

Latrobe Council has recently completed the refurbishment of the Museum, and it looks great, adding new exhibits, videos, and a computer for information on past woodchoppers.

Tourists love the new vibe, with high praise for the updates.

So, if you're a local and haven't ventured in for a while, check it out. It's free and a lovely way to spend some time on a cold

winter's days and look into the past! Open Tuesday to Saturday from 10.30am-3pm, and Sunday from 9am-3pm.

While you are there, you may even find that little something special at the Axeman's Emporium, with a lovely selection of maker's products

## CHRIS & FILLY FUNCTIONAL MEDICINE

Award-winning health practice Chris & Filly Functional Medicine has recently moved to 4 Barclay Street, Latrobe. Chris & Filly Functional Medicine are most famous for ending body burnout in high-achieving parents struggling with energy, mood, and gut issues. They were the Tasmanian winners and national finalists for the Telstra Best of Business Awards 2022 and are regularly featured in the media, such as Forbes, Body+Soul and The Daily Telegraph. They offer a holistic and natural approach to resolving burnout, including functional lab testing, nutraceuticals, lifestyle, and mindset coaching. Visit [www.chrisandfilly.fm](http://www.chrisandfilly.fm) for more info.

## KALIBA

KaLIBA represents and supports every business across the Kentish and Latrobe municipalities with free and paid memberships

Be Successful - With business support, expert advice, education, promotion, lobbying, networking, development projects, and mentoring.

Be Seen. Buy Local. Sell Local - Promote your business for free in the Kentish and Latrobe online directory.

Be Involved - Attend KaLIBA functions, read the regular e-news bulletins, and tell us the support programs your business needs.

Business benefits and support:

- Education and networking events
- Local online business directory
- Regular business bulletins
- Promotion and advertising
- Lobbying your issues to government

Expert Advice - Free one-on-one professional advisors are ready to help by phone or visit you on any business topic, including:

- Digital marketing and cyber security
- Staff, hiring and disputes
- Wages, awards, and conditions
- Business plans and risk analysis
- Red tape and regulatory issues
- Mental health and resilience

KaLIBA is here for you. Let's Talk.

Contact KaLIBA to arrange a discussion with our executive or a local board member at 0402 636 769 or [contactus@KaLIBA.org.au](mailto:contactus@KaLIBA.org.au).





## COUNCIL HYDROTHERAPY POOL REOPENS

In 2019, the Latrobe Hydrotherapy Pool, owned by Uniting Agewell and leased to the Tasmanian Health Services, was closed by the Tasmanian Health Service, citing it was not financially sustainable for them to continue to provide.

Following extensive lobbying by Latrobe Council on behalf of users and the need to retain this service, the State Government provided \$400,000 in funding for necessary capital improvements. The funding was provided on the basis that Latrobe Council would take over the ongoing provision of hydrotherapy rehabilitation services to the local area and associated operational costs.

After negotiating a lease with Uniting Agewell to operate the pool, the upgrades required were identified in consultation with rehabilitation service providers. A large part of the redevelopment has been invested into creating efficiencies to assist in minimising operational costs for the pool so that it has the best chance to be financially sustainable for the Council. An energy-efficient heat pump heats the pool while instant gas hot water replaces the electric cylinder.

Mayor Peter Freshney said, "The upgraded amenities will also enable multiple users to access the pool and that the facilities meet the level of assistance clients require for their mobility needs, including ceiling hoists and change tables".

Fairbrother Pty Ltd was consequently awarded the contract.

With some delays due to COVID-19, the redevelopment at 37 Moriarty Road, Latrobe, is now complete and open to the public.

Council has engaged Adrian and Carol-lyn Triffett to manage the Hydrotherapy Pool on its behalf. Bookings can be arranged by phoning 0428 296 641.

Council will monitor the operations of the facility for a period of time, particularly the public utilisation rates.

The Mayor added that "We need to ensure that the provision of hydrotherapy services does not create an ongoing impost on Latrobe ratepayers, but at the same time, we acknowledge the health benefits being provided to a wide cross-section of users."

### FUNDING FINDER

The Cradle Coast Funding Finder is a free service that provides a comprehensive list of grant and funding opportunities available to local businesses, community groups, not-for-profits, and individuals.

Visit [www.cradlecoast.com/funding-finder/](http://www.cradlecoast.com/funding-finder/) to access the service.

You can also register to receive email alerts for new grants, save your favourites and access tips to maximise your chances of receiving the funding you need.

### LOOKING FOR HELP?

Are you seeking assistance with finances, food, housing, no-interest loans, household items, or domestic violence?

Visit [www.assistancetas.com.au](http://www.assistancetas.com.au). If you can't find what you are looking for, try [www.findhelptas.org.au](http://www.findhelptas.org.au).

### PRECIPITATION INFORMATION

Are you a resident in the greater Port Sorell area who collects rainfall observations, and in particular, are you in possession of historical rainfall data taken from a gauge that continually monitors and records rainfall electronically?

If so, we would love to hear from you!

Council is keen to get an understanding of historical precipitation levels, specific to the greater Port Sorell area, including lows, highs, and averages, to garner an understanding of rainfall trends in the local area.

If you have any rainfall information you would be willing to share, please contact the Council Office on 6426 4444 or email [council@latrobe.tas.gov.au](mailto:council@latrobe.tas.gov.au)

## VOLUNTEERS RECOGNISED FOR SERVICE

"Volunteering is an integral part of every community that not only provides services but social connectedness. This has never before been so important to so many," said Mayor Peter Freshney of Latrobe Council.

Volunteering is not exclusive. People of all ages and backgrounds give their time, talents, gifts and hearts in a wide variety of ways to improve the quality of community life and build a stronger and more cohesive community through volunteering. In Volunteering Tasmania's Volunteering profile of the Latrobe Council area, they state that "the nature of our communities and the ways in which the people of Tasmania connect and support each other through volunteering is changing", with the gap between the demand for and supply of volunteers continuing to grow.

Volunteering is not only beneficial to the recipient, it generally gives as much or more back to the volunteer.

Not-for-profit organisations that provide community-based services within the Latrobe Council area were invited to nominate for volunteer recognition, with the majority also commending individuals that meet specific hours of service or milestone years of continuous voluntary service.



Awards were presented at a civic function in recognition of the contribution they have made over many years and include -

- Mersey Community Hospital Auxiliary
- Members of RSPCA Tasmania
- 500 hours service Katrina Hatfield
- 5,000 hours service Barry Williams
- Members of Port Sorell Community
- Emergency Response Team
- 500 hours service Lynne Jones
- 10 years' service Darren Hamilton
- 10 years' service Sue George
- 10 years' service Robert Allen
- 10 years' service Jacobus Van Tatenhove
- Members of the Port Sorell Golf Club
- 10 years' service David Baker
- 20 years' service Helen Murfet
- Members of the Latrobe Visitor
- Information Centre
- 10 years' service Rose Addison
- 20 years' service Nancy Maney
- 20 years' service Vonda Turner
- 20 years' service Josephine Badcock
- 30 years' service Coral Howe
- Members of the Latrobe Bowls and
- Community Club Inc
- 10 years' service Graeme Moore
- 30 years' service Kaye Lamprey
- Members of the Rubicon Fire Brigade
- 20 years' service Johan Hendriksen
- 20 years' service Ineke Hendriksen
- 30 years' service Paul Osborne
- 30 years' service Michael Dickson
- 30 years' service Richard Higgs
- Members of the Latrobe Federal Band
- 40 years' service Robert Clarke

## SHEARWATER VILLAGE BOOK LIBRARIES

The Rubicon Enhancement Volunteers (formerly the Shearwater 7 Day Makeover) have completed the installation of three book libraries outside Pommy Paul's IGA Shearwater.



Please feel free to drop any spare books you may have lying around so the libraries can fill up. Everyone is welcome to grab a book to read! Please return your book when finished so someone else in the community can enjoy it. Rubicon Enhancement thanks the Port Sorell Men's Shed, Latrobe Council and Pommy Paul's IGA for enabling this great community project to go ahead.

## SCHOOL DAYS OF YORE

The Court House Museum is seeking to create an exhibit pertaining to school days in the past.

If you have a slate or similar ephemera you would like to donate or lend to the Museum, please let Elizabeth know on 6426 1289. Or you can call in to speak to a volunteer at the Museum Tuesday to Friday, 1.30pm to 3.30pm. The Museum is next door to the Post Office on Gilbert Street.

The Museum will be closed during the winter months of July and August, reopening again on 1 September.

## FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY



Looking for the perfect hobby for Winter?

- Something that can be done in a warm, comfortable place.

- Something you can do just for you.
- Something that doesn't cost a lot.
- Something you can do as much or as little as you wish.
- Something that you don't necessarily need a computer to do.
- Something that if you falter, there's help on the spot.
- Something that doesn't take up lots of room.
- Something that is a legacy for your children and grandchildren.

Something you already have - you! The old Police residence at the back of the Post Office Reserve in Latrobe is where the perfect hobby can be started with the Tasmanian Family History Society Inc Mersey Branch. Open Wed & Fri from 10am - 3pm.

Newcomers, researchers, and those who have 'hit a brick wall' are welcome.

Any questions secretary Sue-Ellen 6428 6328 or Ros 6491 1141 or 0476 008 531

## PORT SORELL TENNIS CLUB

The Port Sorell Tennis Club has three courts and a club room located in Kermode Street, Port Sorell.

The club is offering Quadrant Tennis which is a doubles social competition in which participants play against players of an equal standard. The courts are lighted, which enables Quadrant to be run for an evening throughout the year.

Quadrant runs on a Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday night, from 6pm. The competition will start in the week beginning on Monday, July 25, for eight weeks.

Junior coaching is offered by a qualified Tennis Hot Shots coach every Thursday afternoon from 3.30pm. For more information contact Peter Georgiades on 0439 637 301.

Social Tennis is offered on Tuesday mornings at 10am. Just turn up at the courts with your racquet.

Court Hire - did you know it is easier than ever to book our courts. At the courts, simply scan the QR code, enter your preferred time to play, add some contact details, pay by card, and you can then unlock the gate via a code sent to your phone or visit our website [www.play.tennis.com.au/portsorelltennisclub](http://www.play.tennis.com.au/portsorelltennisclub).

If you are interested in becoming a member (membership fees apply) or would like more information about Quadrant, please email the Club at [portsorelltennisclub@hotmail.com](mailto:portsorelltennisclub@hotmail.com), or contact us on Facebook.

## PROTECT OUR GREEN SPACES

We are a newly formed Community Group serving our greater Port Sorell.

- Do you agree that 'green spaces' are vital for our health and wellbeing?
- Do you want to protect and preserve the natural beauty of greater Port Sorell for now and future generations?
- Are you concerned about some of the new subdivisions in the Port Sorell / Hawley / Squeaking Point areas?
- Would you like to see more walkways, parks and wildlife corridors created in future subdivisions?

If you feel passionate about these issues, then please come along to our group meetings on Saturdays at 3pm, Brewstone Cafe, Meredith Street, Port Sorell. Together we can make a difference.

For more information, please contact Hayley Crawford 0408 672 194.

## FAMILY HISTORY MONTH

This August, the Tasmanian Family History Society Inc Mersey Branch is holding a free information session on 'what's next'. This will cater for people who have gathered family history information, either certificates, newspaper articles or photos.

We all have a box of stuff! The aim is to show how your information can be put onto a family tree programme or, for hard copy, how to make some order of the material you have gathered. This information session will be held on Saturday, 13 August, at the old Police residence at the back of the Post Office Reserve, Latrobe, on Saturday, 13 August, from 10am - 12 noon and 1pm - 3pm. Contact Secretary Sue-Ellen 6428 6328 or Ros 6491 1141 or 0476 008 531.

## MORIARTY HALL CELEBRATES CENTENARY

The Moriarty Hall's Centenary Celebrations were held on Saturday, 28 May, with the descendants of the original committee attending to mark the occasion. The chairman of the Hall Committee, Richard Thomas, called the centenary "a great community achievement".



*Image: Rodney Croome, Beverley Croome, Barrie Iles and Jill Ellings, descendants of the first Chairman, Arthur Isles*

"Even its initial form, it was set up to be a public hall, although memorial halls were very much in vogue in the early 1920's," Mr Thomas said the Hall had been used for many events over the years. "When we had a school here, they used it quite a bit. Zumba classes are held here now, and we've had indoor bowls seasons in here too," he said.



While there were plenty of helpers who put the celebration together, Mr Thomas praised committee member Janet Richardson for her work in the lead-up. Mrs Richardson said, "The history of the Hall needs to be

celebrated. We found a lot of information from Trove and the Family History Society that highlighted the importance of the Hall to the community."

*Source: The Advocate*

## CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON MERSEY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL UPGRADE

Works have begun to expand the Mersey Community Hospital's Outpatient Clinic and Operating Theatres.

The upgrades, which form part of the Tasmanian Government's broader \$41.1 million redevelopment of the MCH, will deliver expanded space on the ground floor and level one to accommodate outpatients, operating theatres, and recovery.

A new Elective Day Surgery Centre will be established, which will allow for increased access to sub-specialty surgery and help to reduce the waiting times for a range of elective surgeries.

Facilities will include additional endoscopy, day surgery, theatre, and

recovery suites, and will provide two new consulting rooms.

Premier and Minister for Health Jeremy Rockliff recently visited the Mersey Community Hospital to acknowledge the critical role the hospital plays in the delivery of healthcare to the North-West community.

"These essential upgrades will position the MCH to meet the local community's increasing and changing demand for health services into the future," Premier Rockliff said.

Fairbrother's Construction has been awarded the \$34.9 million contract to deliver the essential upgrades.

The project is expected to support over 100 jobs during construction, and works are due to be completed in late 2024.



## IMPORTANT UPDATE – CALICIVIRUS (RHDV1-K5)

Landowners have primary responsibility for managing rabbits on their land, and Biosecurity Tasmania provides advice on rabbit control and regulates the release of the calicivirus. As a consequence of the ongoing good growing conditions, 2022 is proving to be another challenging year for rabbit control.

There is currently an abundance of food available, especially green grass, resulting in ideal conditions for rabbits to breed, meaning they are less likely to take calicivirus treated bait.

Young rabbits (up to 12 weeks) may develop immunity from calicivirus if exposed. The release of calicivirus in the presence of a large number of young rabbits, therefore, increases the risk of developing calicivirus immunity within rabbit populations.

Release principles include:

- When food is in abundance, especially green grass, rabbits are less likely to

### PROBLEM WITH PLASTIC BAGS

Plastic bags are a convenient, lightweight, strong, cheap, and hygienic way to transport food and other products.

Unfortunately, most plastics are made to be used once before being discarded. Australians throw away about 7,150 recyclable plastic bags a minute, with 429,000 recyclable plastic supermarket bags dumped into landfill every hour, with only 3% recycled. Once they are littered, plastic bags find their way onto our streets, parks, and waterways.

It's estimated that people consume the equivalent of a credit card of plastic every week, and it's expected that there will be more plastic than fish in the sea by 2050. Reducing our use of plastic bags is an important step towards a sustainable future. Each plastic bag you don't use represents resources saved for use by future generations.

We can all help reduce plastic bag litter by using alternative products, reusing our bags, recycling, placing litter in the bin,

take calicivirus-treated bait as the grass will be preferred.

- Releasing calicivirus when there are large numbers of young rabbits will lead to calicivirus immunity developing in rabbit populations.
- Air temperature must be suitable for very good insect transmission of the virus.

Because of the current environmental conditions, the calicivirus has not been released this year to date. However, officers will continue to assess areas for suitability.

There were no releases of the calicivirus in Tasmania during 2021.

Pet owners are reminded that strains of calicivirus and other viruses, such as myxoma, are always present in the environment. There are reports of some wild rabbit populations currently being impacted by myxomatosis and RHDV2 (a

and reporting littering on the Litter Hotline 1300 135 513. We all love Tasmania, so let's keep it clean.

### HOW TO REGISTER AN AED



Community groups and businesses in Latrobe that own an AED are eligible to join Ambulance Tasmania's Early Access

to Defibrillation Program

This program takes advantage of the many publicly accessible Defibrillators (or AEDs) across Tasmania to bring aid to those in need.

#### HOW DO I REGISTER AN AED?

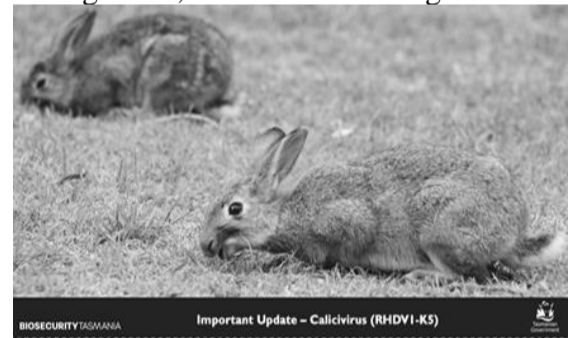
Registration is easy – you can call 1300 979 057 and ask for an Early Access to Defibrillation Program Registration Pack, email [AED@ambulance.tas.gov.au](mailto:AED@ambulance.tas.gov.au), or visit [www.health.tas.gov.au](http://www.health.tas.gov.au). There is no cost to register or participate in the Program.

#### WHAT HAPPENS IF THE AED IS NEEDED?

Most people think you must be trained in using an AED. This is not correct.

strain of calicivirus that has naturalised in the environment).

Rabbit owners should talk with their vet about protection against these viruses and maintain measures to limit infection. Please also note that RHDV2 - another calicivirus variant in the Tasmanian environment - is not registered for use as a biological control agent and is NOT released by the Tasmanian Government but present in rabbit communities. For more information on rabbit management, visit [www.nre.tas.gov.au](http://www.nre.tas.gov.au).



Knowledge of first aid is not required to register your AED. If someone is in cardiac arrest within 10 minutes of your location, Ambulance Tasmania will send a text or voice message to you with the location details. You can choose to take the AED to the location. You do not have to respond if you receive a message. You cannot harm a person by applying an AED. You just have to turn it on, and the machine will talk you through everything you need to do in simple steps.

#### USEFUL APPS

The Ambulance Tasmania AED Locator smartphone app shows community-held AED locations across Tasmania.

The app uses your phone's location to determine your closest AED.

The app also includes an instructional video on how to use an AED, directions on how to perform CPR and manage an unconscious patient, and links to other useful sites and apps. The app is available free from your app store.

Source: Ambulance Tasmania



## PORT SORELL MARTIAL ARTS

The Port Sorell Martial Arts Club has celebrated its second anniversary! Zen Do Kai North Tas is a local community Martial Arts Club in Port Sorell that first opened in March 2020. Within days of opening, the community went into lockdown, and the club unfortunately closed after just one class. In August 2020, the club reopened and started to build something that at the time was nothing more than a pipe dream of its founder, 2nd Dan Brendon Potter. Move forward two years, and the club has grown from three kids and two adults to now having classes of 14 active kids and eight adults.

Zen Do Kai is a freestyle martial art that translates to "the best of everything in progression".

A parent commented, "I love their progress in their ability to listen, follow and learn new things, giving it all a go. They are growing so much through joining this group."

The Zen Do Kai North Tas meets at the Banksia Centre on Tuesday evenings with separate kids and adult classes.

For further information, check out the Club's Facebook or contact Brendon at [bpotter.zdk@gmail.com](mailto:bpotter.zdk@gmail.com) or 0422 756 452.

## ROTARY CLUB OF LATROBE

Latrobe Rotary Club will be busy fundraising in July and August. There will be Bunnings Sausage sizzles on Saturday, July 16 & August 27.

Exciting news! On 23 July, the Christmas Trivia Evening at Latrobe Memorial Hall starts at 6.30pm from \$10 per person, with tables of eight. This is a licensed event with BYO snacks. Have fun and dress your table and yourself and win prizes. To book, phone Carolyn McLennan on 0417 386 191 or call in to the Salon at 2/135 Gilbert Street Latrobe.

On Friday, August 12, there will be a chocolate-themed event in conjunction with Chocolate WinterFest. Watch the program for more information.

The Club Changeover will be held on 22 June, with the revised team with President Tim Ford taking office on 1 July.

If you want to know more, call Secretary John on 0457 883 006.

## WALKING NETBALL

Walking Netball is designed particularly for senior participants who love fun and fitness, and being part of a team. The rules of netball have been modified to lessen the impact on joints and prevent falls and injuries.

It's netball, but at a walking pace and aims to keep you active, improve your fitness and make social connections.

Port Sorell U3A have added Walking Netball to their large list of classes this year, and sessions are held every Wednesday from 2.00pm to 3.30pm at the

Banksia Centre, Pitcairn Street, Port Sorell.

Information about U3A memberships can be found on the website, you can call the office on 0499 162 539, or you can call in to the office at the Banksia Centre any weekday from 10.00am to 12.00 midday and chat to one of the friendly office staff.

## LATROBE TENNIS CLUB

The Latrobe Tennis Club held a Pickleball 'Come and Try Day' on the 1 May with approximately 25 people taking part. Pickleball is a low-impact sport that is easy to learn and play at any age and is one of the fastest-growing sports worldwide.



The Club plans to offer Pickleball permanently, and it is currently taking registrations for a round-robin type roster. The Club's Team Tennis Programme has concluded and was well attended with up to 15 children attending. It will be hosted again later this year, and it is a great introduction to tennis for children aged between 4-12 years of age.

A priority for the Club has been the renewal of the courts which has been talked about for some 20 odd years. While Council has done some maintenance works over the year to make the courts playable, a complete reconstruction of the surface or construction of new courts is a priority. The Club has set up a fundraising page through the Australian Sports Foundation: <https://asf.org.au/projects/latrobe-tennis-club-inc>, and all donations over \$2 are tax-deductible.

Interested, or want to know more? Follow us on Facebook or look us up on the web [www.play.tennis.com.au/latrobetennisclubtasmania](http://www.play.tennis.com.au/latrobetennisclubtasmania).

## LIONS CLUB OF LATROBE

Challenging times have not stopped the club from serving the community over the last year or so, and although some of our major events had to be cancelled due to COVID-19, we look forward to a year of continuing some of our old activities and some new and exciting times.

New Office Bearers for the 2022 -2023 Lions Year will see Lion Julie Holloway lead the club as President, Treasurer Lion Stuart Ritchie, and Secretary Lion Heather Warner.

Currently, we are supporting the Latrobe Footy club by "manning" the gates at home games, the Latrobe Day Care Centre, and some Bunnings barbecues. We continue, with your help to support **Lions Recycle for Sight Australia**. Lions Recycle for Sight Australia is part of the Lions Clubs International Worldwide Eyeglass Recycling Program. We receive requests from humanitarian organisations to travel to a developing country or supply shipping container loads of suitable humanitarian aid from Australia.

Over the 26 years that the Australian program has operated, it has delivered over 7 million pairs of refurbished quality spectacles to men, women and children in Africa, Europe, Middle East, Indian Subcontinent, East Asia, the Far East, China, the countries of the Pacific Rim and Southern Asia and Oceania. In the past ten years, several members of our Marine Branch have been able to use their oceangoing yachts to reach and test villagers in the remotest areas for eyesight and deliver spectacles to them.

Spectacles may be left at Terry White Pharmacy, Latrobe, or Morse's Butchery

## PORT SORELL GARDEN CLUB

The Port Sorell Garden Club meets at 7pm on the last Thursday of the month at the Port Sorell Golf Club. Time to build your garden knowledge and make new friends! Guest speaker at each meeting. Garden visits arranged. Lunch is arranged in July. Contact Shay Holmes 0416 523 287.

## JUST HEALTHY FAMILIES

Women's Legal Service Tasmania and Tasmania Legal Aid have recently established Tasmania's first Health Justice Partnership, Just Healthy Families. Just Healthy Families is a two-year pilot project funded through a grant from the Tasmanian Community Fund to prevent and address family violence within the Tasmanian community.

The program provides direct client services in locations co-located in health and social services and remote advice and assistance via phone, email, and video conferencing.

Secondary consultation, and timely advice, are also provided to all health and social service providers through direct phone access. For more information, call Rachel Collins on 6231 9466 or 0419 666 865

## DOG REGISTRATIONS DUE JULY

Dog registrations are due to Latrobe Council by 31 July 2022. All dogs aged six months and over must be registered. Apply via the Council website, by email, mail, or at the Council Office (170 Gilbert St, Latrobe). Register during July each year to receive a discount and avoid being fined for unregistered animals.







## LATROBE LIBRARY

One of the highlights of a visit to Latrobe is the Teddy Sheean Memorial and Sheean Walk. The walk starts in Latrobe's main street and continues through to Bells Parade, taking around 50 minutes to fully complete the route. The Memorial commemorates Teddy's heroics during World War II. Plaques placed along the walk honour Australian soldiers who served in World War II and in the Malaya, Borneo, Vietnam and Korean conflicts. Libraries Tasmania has a number of items about Edward 'Teddy' Sheean, including the books *'Teddy Sheean VC, a selfless act of honour'* and *'Honour Denied: Teddy Sheean... a Tasmanian hero and other brave warriors of the Royal Australian Navy'*. Both books are written by Tom Lewis. Please call in to the Library or visit [www.libraries.tas.gov.au](http://www.libraries.tas.gov.au) to borrow or place your hold.

Are you interested in Tasmanian history? The Libraries Tasmania website has a great collection of resources related to Tasmania's history, including historical records and photos. Our friendly Latrobe Library staff can help show you how to navigate our website to find what you are looking for.

Latrobe Library is open 1pm to 5pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.

### LATROBE LIBRARY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers make an invaluable contribution to our library programs and services and enrich the lives of many. Latrobe Library is looking for Digital Support Volunteers who:

- Are willing to share and develop their digital skills to help others in the community.
- Have good communication, organisational, and listening skills.
- Are reliable, use good judgement, and seek to improve their skills.

If you would like to learn more, contact Rachel at the Latrobe Library. Drop-in or call 6478 420.

## ONCOLOGY MASSAGE

Oncology Massage Training is coming to Port Sorell. There are professional facilitators flying in from the mainland to conduct training for those wishing to learn and provide comfort and support for their family and friends who are in frail health and especially those with a history or diagnosis of cancer. Anyone wishing to become a qualified Oncology Massage Practitioner this would be your start.

The OM1 Beginners Course is a three-day consecutive course beginning Friday, 26 August, from 9am-5pm at Camp Banksia. The course has six units, and each unit is a

morning or afternoon session of around four hours with appropriate breaks. You don't need to be part of a professional body or association as anyone can register, however, if needing to obtain CPD for work or training, then hours/points will be recognised. Please note to be able to work in the community, you will need to continue with OM2.

For course content and pricing or want to know any other information, please contact Bex on 0477 051 348.

## WEAVERS PROGRAM

Weavers is a peer support program for carers of newly diagnosed individuals living with dementia in partnership with the North West Cognitive Assessment and Pathways Service. If you or someone you know is a former carer and would like to have a chat about being a peer support volunteer, contact Laine 0417 713 291 or email [carebeyondcure2@gmail.com](mailto:carebeyondcure2@gmail.com).

## RUBICON RIVER ARTS

Rubicon River Arts Inc serves the Latrobe municipality but also draws membership from the north west region. The group meets monthly on the first Saturday of the month at the Latrobe Arts Hub, 21 George St., Latrobe. We also organise workshops throughout the year that are available to the public. We welcome people who are interested, dabblers, beginners, and experienced artists.

Recently, RRA visited 'The Hive' at Ulverstone for our social meeting. We were impressed by the facilities that not only the art group had but also the other groups that call The Hive their home enjoyed.



The Annual General Meeting will be held on 2 July from 10am-12pm at Latrobe Arts Hub. Members are welcome to attend. After the meeting, we will be mounting the annual RRA exhibition. The theme for this year's exhibition will be 'Our World' and is open from July 3 to the end of August 2022. Contact the RRA for opening times.

At her workshop on 23 July 2022 from 10am-3 pm at Latrobe Arts Hub, Kim O'Brien will be teaching the basics of designing your own stencils and printing them onto plant-based material using fabric inks. \$70 non-members; \$63 RRA members. Contact Kim at [kim.obrien@vacet.com.au](mailto:kim.obrien@vacet.com.au). Contact RRA at [rubicon-river-arts@googlegroups.com](mailto:rubicon-river-arts@googlegroups.com) for details or follow our Facebook page for events, workshops, and activities.

## RUBICON COAST LANDCARE

After the last two very quiet COVID years our group is back 'in business'.

We have been quietly working pulling Sea Spurge in the Port Sorell area and keeping an eye along our stretch of beach out as far as 'The Carbuncle'.

In September, we intend to have another sea spurge pull in these areas. If it gets away, it will ruin our beautiful beaches. At the moment, Aubrey Luck Reserve in Joyce Street, Hawley, needs a little extra care, and we intend to have working bees in this area.

If you would like to come and give us a hand, please do. The only requirement is to join Landcare - a \$10 annual fee for insurance purposes.

For more information, please phone 0407 045 458.

## SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES

- You should install a smoke alarm in each sleeping area (bedroom), hallway and living area. Smoke alarms should be supported by a home fire escape plan.
- Test alarms monthly.
- Vacuum dust from alarms every six months.
- Replace batteries once a year. Some alarms have 10-year lithium batteries that do not need replacing every year.
- Mains powered smoke alarms also have backup batteries - check with the manufacturer if your model has batteries that need to be replaced regularly or whether it has a rechargeable battery.
- Young children are likely to sleep through the sound of a smoke alarm, so you must alert them to a fire and help them escape to safety.
- Installation of a smoke alarm is quick and easy. Follow the manufacturer's instructions. Generally, because smoke rises, mounting in the middle of the ceiling is recommended.
- Maximum protection can be gained from interconnecting smoke alarms - when one smoke alarm operates, all connected alarms will operate.
- All alarms have a use-by date of 10 years, after this time, the entire alarm must be replaced.

Source: Tasmania Fire Service

## GRIEF SUPPORT FOR WOMEN

Are you experiencing grief? New Mornings' Grief and Loss provides a safe and supportive place for people to meet, share experiences, learn from, and encourage each other. New Mornings Grief and Loss can arrange an appointment with one of their doctors (bulk billed) to discuss your needs and answer your questions. For more information, contact Dr Alison Whishaw by email [alison.whishaw@newmornings.org.au](mailto:alison.whishaw@newmornings.org.au) or phone 6411 6212.

## AUSTRALIAN WARNING SYSTEM IMPLEMENTATION

*Tasmania Fire Service (TFS) and Tasmania State Emergency Service (SES) Update – July 2022*

The Australian Warning System (AWS) is a new national approach to information and warnings for hazards, including bushfire, flood, and storm. TFS and SES are responsible for the hazards of bushfire, flood, and storm, with the priority being on the implementation for the hazards of bushfire and flood in the first instance.

AWS has been designed based on community feedback and research across the country and aims to deliver a more consistent approach to warnings, no matter where you are. It uses a nationally consistent set of icons to show incidents on websites and social media, supported by calls to action and enhanced messaging.

### Bushfire Warnings

For bushfire, changes to warnings, including national calls to action and enhancements to our warnings messaging, were implemented in Tasmania at the end of September 2021.

### SES Flood Warnings

An SES Flood Warning System will be implemented for the hazard of flood from September 2022. This system complements the existing Bureau of Meteorology Flood Warnings, with SES warnings being all about what is the action the community needs to undertake to be safer.

## DO NOT EAT WILD

### MUSHROOMS

The deadly Death Cap mushrooms (*Amanita phalloides*) have reappeared in East Launceston. Death Caps have previously been identified in Latrobe. The caps of the mushrooms are 40-160mm wide, usually pale green to yellow in colour, with distinctive white gills and white stems.

It has a membranous skirt on the upper part of the stem and a cup-like structure around the base of the stem (called a volva).



This species is not native to Australia, they were accidentally introduced from the northern hemisphere.

With mild, wet weather, we may see an influx of mushrooms. Death Cap mushrooms are often identified growing in leaf mulch near established oak trees, most commonly in the autumn months.

Death Cap is a deadly, poisonous fungus that is responsible for 90% of all deaths related to mushroom consumption.

Symptoms of Death Cap mushroom poisoning generally begin 6-24 hours after ingestion. Symptoms may subside for 1-2 days, giving a false impression of recovery. However, by this stage, the toxin may have already caused serious liver

damage. Liver failure and death may occur within 7-10 days.

Symptoms include nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, diarrhoea, and hallucinations.

If you suspect that your or your child has eaten a poisonous mushroom, do not wait for symptoms to occur. Urgently contact the Poisons Information Centre on 131126 (2 hours a day, seven days a week).

In an emergency, call 000 for an ambulance or seek urgent medical attention. If possible, take the whole mushroom with you for identification.

*Source: Department of Health*

## THINKING ABOUT ELECTRIC VEHICLES?

With fuel prices not expected to drop in the foreseeable future, some Tasmanians are looking at electric vehicles as a way to keep their weekly costs down.

Electric Vehicles are any vehicle that uses electricity for propulsion. EV's include cars, bicycles, trucks, vans, aeroplanes, trains, motorbikes, buses, boats, and more. Although electric vehicles have been around for some time, many of us still do not know much about them.

**Complicated to charge?** Almost all electric vehicle owners do all of their recharging at home by basically plugging in an extension cord in their normal electrical outlet in their garage. You can't overcharge them; it is completely safe to leave them plugged in.

**Expensive to maintain?** With almost no moving parts other than the wheels, electric vehicles don't have the wear and tear that traditional vehicles do.

**Would it leave me stranded?** Just like a petrol vehicle, your electric vehicle has a

The warnings system has the following warning levels:

- **Advice (Yellow)** - An incident has started. There is no immediate danger. Stay up to date in case the situation changes. This warning level may also be used to communicate a reduced threat to the community.
- **Watch and Act (Orange)** - There is a heightened level of threat. Conditions are changing, and you need to start taking action now to protect you and your family.
- **Emergency Warning (Red)** - An Emergency Warning is the highest level of warning. You may be in danger and need to take action immediately. Any delay now puts your life at risk.

Further information about the Australian Warnings System can be found here: [www.australianwarningsystem.com.au](http://www.australianwarningsystem.com.au) or contact the Tasmania Fire Service/State Emergency Service Public Information and Warnings Unit: [www.ses.tas.gov.au](http://www.ses.tas.gov.au) or [www.fire.tas.gov.au](http://www.fire.tas.gov.au)



gauge that lets you know how much "fuel" you have left.

### Less power than a regular vehicle?

Electric vehicles accelerate faster than petrol or diesel cars. As the charge on your vehicle gets lower than around 20%, you may notice a little less torque when accelerating

Contact the Australian Electric Vehicle Association – Tasmania Branch for more information on maintaining electric vehicles [www.aeva.asn.au](http://www.aeva.asn.au).

### Where can I find a charging station?

Local EV charging stations can be found:

- Latrobe Mersey River Caravan Park, 1 River Road, Latrobe
- House of Anvers, 9025 Bass Highway, Latrobe

Charging station locations can be found on the Electric Vehicle Council website [www.electricvehcilecouncil.com.au](http://www.electricvehcilecouncil.com.au).

*Source: Cradle Coast Authority*

## WEED MANAGEMENT

Propagating and selling plants can be an enjoyable hobby, and selling them online or at markets could become a source of additional income. However, it is important to make sure you know what you are growing, selling, or giving away to others. Some plants, which may look attractive, may actually be declared weed species. In Tasmania, under the Weed Management Act 1999, it is illegal to import, purchase, propagate, trade, or otherwise distribute declared weeds.

If you are unsure about the status of a particular plant, you can check the Declared Weeds Index on the Dept Natural Resources and Environment website [www.nre.tas.gov.au](http://www.nre.tas.gov.au).

*Source: DNRE*



## COMING EVENTS

COVID-19 safe requirements continue to be in effect. When attending an event, please comply with COVID requirements as directed by the event host.

### JULY

- Throughout July** – Rubicon River Arts Annual Exhibition. Theme “Our World”. Contact rubicon-river-arts@googlegroups.com for more information.
- 2 WD40’s** perform at Mackey’s Royal Hotel Bar, 161 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 8.30pm.
- 2 A Night to Uplift Your Spirits** with Emily Burke, Victorian Opera Soprano at Port Sorell Lifesaving Club, Hawley Beach from 6pm. Tickets via Eventbrite.
- 3-10 NAIDOC Week Visit**  
www.naidoc.org.au for more information.
- 6 Introduction to Boxing by the Beach** with Deb Hicks of Empower Exercise Studio each Wednesday in July. Register by text message to 0408 598 667.
- 7 Chocolate WinterFest Latrobe program** will be released at www.chocolatewinterfest.com.au.
- 7 World Chocolate Day**
- 9 Ringmasters** perform at Mackey’s Royal Hotel Bar, 161 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 8.30pm.
- 11 Latrobe Council Meeting** at 70 Gilbert St, Latrobe from 5.00pm. Attendance registration is essential to 6426 4444.

- 16 Latrobe Rotary Club Sausage Sizzle** at Bunnings Devonport. 0457 883 006
- 16 The Cream Team** perform at Mackey’s Royal Hotel Bar, 161 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 8.30pm.
- 23 Stencil on Material Workshop** with Kim O’Brien. 10am-3pm at RRA. Contact kim.obrien@vacet.com.au.
- 23 Christmas Trivia Evening** with Latrobe Rotary Club. Latrobe Memorial Hall from 6.30pm. 0457 883 006.
- 23 Leonard & Tome Band** perform at Mackey’s Royal Hotel Bar, 161 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 8.30pm.
- 25 Quadrant Tennis Season** begins Contact Port Sorell Tennis Club for details portsorelltennisclub@hotmail.com.

### AUGUST

- Throughout August** - Rubicon River Arts Annual Exhibition. Theme “Our World”. Contact rubicon-river-arts@googlegroups.com for more information.
- 6 Don’t Come Monday** perform at Mackey’s Royal Hotel Bar, 161 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 8.30pm.
- 8 Latrobe Council Meeting** at 70 Gilbert St, Latrobe from 5.00pm. Attendance registration is essential to 6426 4444.

### 9-24 School Holidays

- 11-14 Chocolate WinterFest Latrobe**  
Program released 7 July.
- 13 Family Tree Information Night** from 10am-12pm or 1pm-3pm at the Old Police Residence, Post Office Reserve. Contact Sue-Ellen 6428 6328 or Ros 6491 1141 / 0476 008 531.
- 13 Danny Kealley Band** perform at Mackey’s Royal Hotel Bar, 161 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 8.30pm.
- 20 Not a Bumble Bee** perform at Mackey’s Royal Hotel Bar, 161 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 8.30pm.
- 20-26 Book Week** Contact your local school or Library for more information.
- 27 Latrobe Rotary Club Sausage Sizzle** at Bunnings Devonport. 0457 883 006 for
- 27 IronCliffe** perform at Mackey’s Royal Hotel Bar, 161 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 8.30pm. Free entry.

### SEPTEMBER

- 4 Father’s Day**
- 8 R U OK? Day** Visit www.ruokay.com for more information.
- 12 Latrobe Council Meeting** at 70 Gilbert St, Latrobe from 5.00pm. Attendance registration is essential to 6426 4444.

## HOW TO HELP A DISPLACED PLATYPUS

If you see a displaced platypus, visit the Australian Platypus Conservancy (APC) website [www.platypus.asn.au](http://www.platypus.asn.au) or contact your local wildlife rescue organisation for guidance before rescuing the animal.

A juvenile platypus typically emerges from its nesting burrow for the first time in mid-summer when it’s around 3-4 months old. First-year juveniles are far more likely to encounter a human on dry land, near a creek or river or in a puddle by the side of a road.

You are then faced with deciding what (if anything) should be done to assist the animal’s survival. In some cases, a juvenile may be in genuine trouble and unable to survive without human intervention. This is particularly likely to be true for very small juveniles that have only recently emerged from a nesting burrow and are in poor condition. However, there have been cases when bright, healthy juveniles were removed from the wild when they were most likely just goofing around near their nesting burrow. In other cases - particularly in autumn or early winter - juveniles encountered far from the nearest surface water are most likely to be dispersing and engaged in normal, natural behaviour.

## FUTURE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW

Community engagement for stage one of the Local Government Review has now concluded. The community and stakeholder input is at the heart of this review – the board wishes to thank everyone in the community, the local government sector and all other stakeholders for their passion and participation in providing views on what matters for the future of local government. Throughout the engagement program, the board provided a wide range of events and opportunities for Tasmanians to have their say on the key issues, challenges and opportunities facing local government. The local government sector was also supported by numerous regional and online forums for elected representatives and council employees. While the board implemented a broad advertising campaign in support of the review, the board would also like to acknowledge councils that had an important role in raising awareness within their communities. What’s next? The board will now carefully consider the engagement feedback and other research and information to identify priority reform areas for further exploration in stage two.

Deciding what to do with a displaced platypus will depend on the animal’s behaviour, physical condition (fat vs average weight vs thin), age class and the circumstances in which it is found, along with any evidence of injury.



Source: APC

An interim report will be provided to the Minister for Local Government by the end of stage one (30 June 2022). Keep an eye on the website and social media presence for further updates.

## “I THINK ADULTS PLAY A BIG ROLE IN THIS”

The Commissioner for Children and Young People, Leanne McLean, has launched ‘*I think adults play a big role in this*’, a consultation report on children and young people’s views of the importance of respectful relationships and consent education. Ms McLean said the report, which emerged from her discussions with more than 40 CCYP Ambassadors from around Tasmania on the theme of Acceptance, Belonging and Feeling Safe, provides insights into the lived experiences of young Tasmanians in our community. Ms McLean says the report provides a foundation upon which to build ongoing dialogue between decision-makers and Tasmanian children and young people in the design and delivery of appropriate policy and programs to address issues that impact their lives while also, importantly, meeting their needs. The report is available at [www.childcomm.tas.gov.au](http://www.childcomm.tas.gov.au).

Source: CCYP

# LATROBE AND PORT SORELL PUMP TRACKS

Latrobe Council is currently constructing two pump tracks in the municipality.

TrailScapes is constructing one in Latrobe’s Bosworth Park as part of the redevelopment of the space and will complement the existing playground, BBQ facilities and dog park. It is expected the track will be open during July for the community to use.

Image: Bosworth Park Pump Track



The second track is being constructed by Ride More at Camp Banksia.

This track has been supported by the Tasmanian Community Fund and local businesses.

The tracks are expected to be completed during June. Follow the Latrobe Council Facebook page for more information.

Image: Camp Banksia Pump Track



## WILD MERSEY MERCHANDISE AT SPREYTON CIDER CO.’S CIDERY

Latrobe and Kentish Councils are excited to announce that Spreyton Cider Co, a participant of the new Wild Mersey Trail Supporter Program, has launched co-branded merchandise available exclusively at their Cidery.

The MTB tops were created for the cider loving mountain biking crowd that has been quenching their thirst at the Cidery after a day’s ride. The tops feature either the Devil’s Run or Laughing Gear trail logos, which are part of the Latrobe Trailhead network. These trail logos stood out to Spreyton Cider Co. because of their iconic Australian animal imagery, the Tasmania Devil and the Australian kookaburra.

In early 2021 Spreyton Cider Co. identified a link between their patrons and the new mountain bike trails when they noticed an increase in bikes on cars in their carpark. The Cidery’s convenient location, between Latrobe and Sheffield, means riders who are exploring Wild Mersey trails can refuel with cider and a meal.

“We see the MTB community, especially coming from interstate and overseas, as an important demographic of visitors to Tasmania and want to capitalise on this group spending more time

in regional areas,” said Damien Viney, Cidermaker, Spreyton Cider Co.

“We are a local, Tasmanian owned business, and we have also had a long-standing association with supporting local community clubs and events and see a partnership with Wild Mersey as strengthening those community ties.”

It is that sense of community that inspired the Wild Mersey Trail Supporter Program.

The Wild Mersey MTB Trails Network launched five new trails over Easter weekend between the Railton and Sheffield trailheads. Wild Mersey currently has 90 km of trails available amongst the three trailheads in Latrobe, Railton, and Sheffield: more than enough for multi-day adventures.

Riders and cider enthusiasts alike can visit Spreyton Cider Co. 7 days a week to purchase the merchandise or enjoy a meal at the café (serving Wednesday – Sunday).

Local businesses interested in the Trail Supporter Program can contact Latrobe Council (6424 4444) or Kentish Council (6491 0200) for more information.

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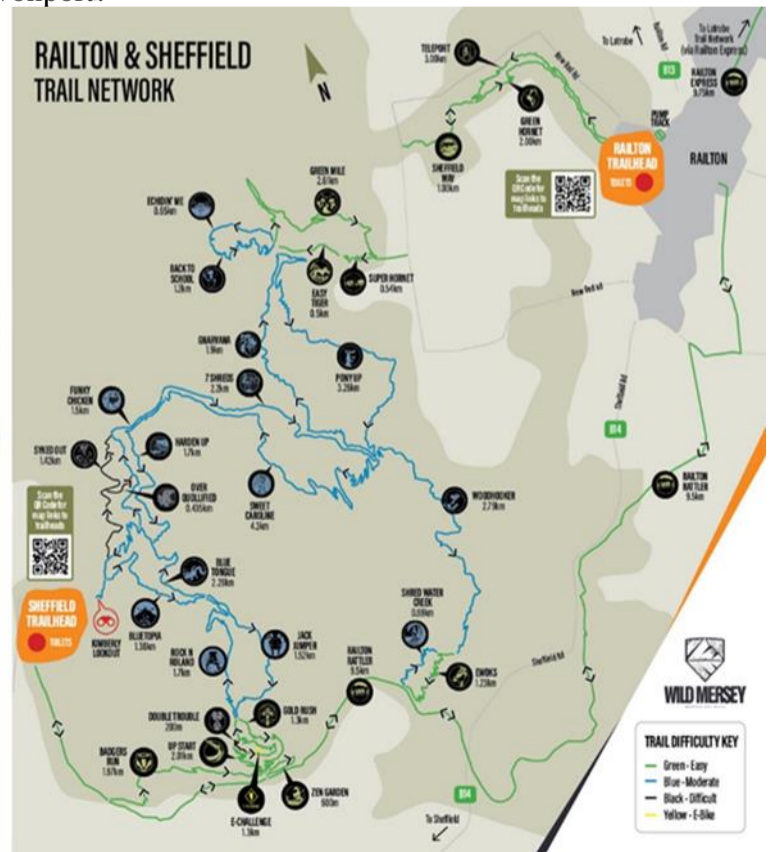
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## WILD MERSEY MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL MAPS

Wild Mersey MTB Trail Maps are now available. Find paper versions in select businesses in Latrobe and Devonport.



**WILD MERSEY**

**TRAIL DIFFICULTY KEY**

- Green - Easy
- Blue - Moderate
- Black - Difficult
- Yellow - E-Bike