



HAWLEY ESPLANADE PATHWAY RECEIVES PLANNING APPROVAL



At its meeting on 11 December 2023, Latrobe Council, sitting as a Planning Authority, approved the development application for the proposed shared pathway along the Hawley foreshore, subject to a number of conditions.

All such decisions are subject to potential appeals to the Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (TASCAT) but, at the expiry of the statutory 14-day appeals period, no appeals had been lodged.

That is not to say that there are no further procedural approvals to be gained and information to be provided.

For example, before construction can commence, the Crown requires the Council to undertake further investigation concerning Little Penguins, nesting shorebirds, and the Green and Gold Bell Frog.

When the investigation work is completed, consent to undertake construction works on Crown land will be sought from the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania. The drafting of tender documentation for the project has commenced.

Latrobe Council has allocated \$300,000 in the current financial year with the balance of funding to be allocated in the 2024-25 financial year.

It is highly unlikely that ground works will commence in the current financial year and, if that is the case, then the allocated funding will be carried forward.

Mayor Freshney said, "Despite the progress in the planning and application phases, there is still significant work to be undertaken before the commencement of construction.

I would ask the community to continue to be patient as we work through due process to ensure the project delivers on its potential for wide community benefit."

WILL YOU HOST A CHOCOLATE INFUSED EVENT?

Chocolate Winterfest Latrobe is scheduled for 11 August 2024. The event in 2024 attracted over 8,000 people and was a huge success. Now is your chance to get involved.

If you would like the opportunity to promote your business or community group and enhance to the experience of Chocolate Winterfest, email enquiries@chocolatewinterfest.com.au by 22 March 2024 with your chocolate-infused proposed activity.



NOMINATIONS FOR LATROBE COUNCIL'S VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION PROGRAM ARE NOW OPEN

ORGANISATIONS ARE INVITED TO NOMINATE UP TO FIVE (5) INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE ACHIEVED SPECIFIC HOURS OR MILESTONE YEARS OR CUMULATIVE VOLUNTEER SERVICE.



VISIT THE LATROBE COUNCIL WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION
WWW.LATROBE.TAS.GOV.AU

APPLICATIONS CLOSE 1 MAY

COUNCIL'S WORKS REPORT

The following works are scheduled to be undertaken throughout March and April:

CIVIL CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE

- Latrobe's levee flood mitigation project is 95% complete. The pump station near the Mersey River is the largest outstanding component.
- Latrobe recreation ground changeroom redevelopment.
- Port Sorell Caravan Park new caretakers residence and new entry point is in use now optional.
- Consultant is working on the roundabout design for Gilbert and Percival Streets Latrobe with updates for the roundabout at the Port Sorell Main Road / Wilmot Street / Alexander Street / Parkers Ford Road intersection.
- River Road shared path extension and stormwater upgrades at Bells Parade are underway.
- Hamilton Street kerb and channel installation has commenced.
- The large drainage upgrades in Percival Street are under construction.
- The new tip shop at Port Sorell has been redeveloped in consultation with the Port Sorell Lions Club.



TOWN SERVICES

- Scheduled gravel road maintenance grading will be completed.
- Roadside spraying.
- General parks mowing maintenance.
- Sealed road edge break repairs
- Work to commence on the shared pathway from Bells Parade carpark connect with the existing pathway along River Road in March.
- Elderly person unit refurbishments.
- Port Sorell Waste Transfer Station entrance and parking improvements.
- Continuing side entry pit and culvert pipe repairs/replacement.

GREEN SPACES

- Parks, mowing, garden mulching and spraying.
- Recreation ground change overs from cricket to football.

Should you require information on the above, contact Council on 6426 4444.

LOCAL BUILDING UPDATE

Throughout November-December, Council received 47 applications comprising of 10 dwellings; 1 dwellings addition/alteration, 4 outbuildings; 2 commercial/industrial, 4 demolitions, 23 plumbing applications and 3 other applications with a conservative value of \$6,474,953.



HENLEY ON MERSEY SUCCESS



The new Henley on Mersey Committee, led by Mark Laycock, did an incredible job to organise and present a wonderful event at a venue of outstanding natural beauty. Over 4,000 people flocked to the event with entertainment and food options like nothing Henley has seen before. The committee, to their credit, prioritised the return of chopping and ferret racing as key components of the event but added so much more in terms of displays, entertainment and activities. Council expresses its sincere gratitude to all those who worked so diligently over a long period of time to return Henley to its former glory and for continuing a tradition that has withstood the ravages of time and change.

We look forward to working with Henley on Mersey as they review this year's event and start planning for 2025.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE SERVICES

The Justice of the Peace (JP) is a volunteer service available to the community and acts as an independent body for witnessing official documents. There are several locations throughout the Latrobe Council area where a JP can be accessed and assist you with:

- Certification of original documentation
- Verify a person's identity
- Witness an affidavit for court proceedings
- Witness statutory declarations
- Witness the signing of documentation.

Prior to meeting with a JP, ensure you have all your originals and copies of your documentation with you. It is also important to ensure you have photo identification on hand. Please be aware JPs are not a legal advice service and a JP must not accept monetary payment nor any other payment for the service.

A local directory of JPs is available online at <https://www.justice.tas.gov.au/justice-system/justices-of-the-peace-and-commissioners-for-declarations/jp/find> Justice of the Peace North West Devonport Signing Centre is located at 24 Edward Street, Devonport is open Tuesday and Thursday from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Youth, Family and Community Connections (YFCC) coordinates a series of school holiday programs for young people in Northwest Tasmania. Typically catering for secondary school youth, the aim of these is to provide young people with stimulating, no cost activities that cater to their needs. Activities are often done collaboratively with other businesses, organisations and community members and involve day trips, art workshops, movie days and much more. The aim of this program is to offer young Northwest Tasmanians relevant and accessible activities that foster a sense of community engagement.

Bookings are essential for each activity. Check out <https://www.Facebook.com/youthfamilyandcommunityconnections/> for upcoming activities this Easter school holidays.

BRIDGEPRO WORKS

BridgePro Engineering Pty Ltd have successfully completed several projects benefiting the infrastructure of our community and its functions. The flood levee construction and the installation of flood gates with the capability of manual operation has added to the community's protection during extreme weather events. The levee will be receiving further cosmetic enhancements, provided weather conditions are favourable, with the final electrical component scheduled for completion in March, marking the overall project completion.

BridgePro Engineering Pty Ltd continue to work on improving the functionality with general commissioning activities being performed in March to ensure that the flood gates and pumps are functioning according to specifications with the use of testing equipment and water level instruments under Kings Creek.

BridgePro thanks the Latrobe Council and acknowledge the support and cooperation of residents and the community throughout the project's execution.

YOUR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

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The postal address for Councillors is P O Box 63, Latrobe, 7307

AUSTRALIA DAY - CELEBRATING OUR COMMUNITY

This year's Australia Day Awards was a celebration of our community and the importance of recognising the outstanding contributions of the Australia Day Award recipients.

The occasion commenced with a wonderful performance by the Latrobe Federal Band, followed by an address by the Australia Day Ambassador. Amanda French, is the CEO of Dress For Success, a not-for-profit organisation helping close to 1,000 women, since its establishment empowering them to look and feel confident during interviews and saving vast amounts of clothing from landfill. Amanda, has announced her intent to bring the service to the North West region with an ongoing commitment to support women to be career ready and inspire them to contribute positively to the workforce.

Our community's Australia Day recipients contribute to our community in diverse ways to promote safety, health, wellbeing and sporting networks.

Our Citizen of the Year went to Mark Astell, who has invested considerable time in promoting health and wellbeing through 'The Battlescars Foundation Tas Inc' since 2012. The foundation has raised over \$140,000 and supports those dealing with mental health issues by encouraging resilience and building connections through sporting initiatives.

The Young Citizen of the Year was proudly awarded to Jesse Beveridge and his enormous contribution in rescue initiatives within the Port Sorell Surf Life Saving Club and Swift Water Rescue Team. Jesse started as a Nipper with the Port Sorell Surf Life Saving Club in 2005 at the age of 8, continuing through the ranks to Manager and Emergency Rescue Team Leader.

He has selflessly volunteered more than 725 hours in patrols, operational responses and training activities. To add to his busy schedule, Jesse contributes to local events with his public address services. We look forward to seeing Jesse's contribution in the future.

The Reel Keen Fishing Club took out the award for Community Event of the Year for their annual Port Sorell Fishing Competition. The community led event saw 18 boats participate with entries beyond the Port Sorell area. Amazingly three boats



Pictured L To R - Wade, Paul and Glen of Reel Keen Fishing Club, Mayor Peter Freshney, Mark Astell and Jesse Beveridge

caught all five species sought, raising the profile of fishing in the Port Sorell estuary. Membership keeps rising for the club with a continued focus on camaraderie and mateship in the world of sustainable fishing. This event is just the beginning for the club and we know they will continue to enhance connectedness through community events.

Without exceptional initiatives like these our community wouldn't thrive and we are so proud to say they are from the Latrobe Municipality. If you know an individual or group who is contributing to our municipality in a positive way, please take the time to nominate them for the 2025 Australia Day Awards, as it is a fantastic accolade and recognition for community contribution. You can find nomination forms at www.latrobe.tas.gov.au.

FACILITIES NOW BOOKABLE ONLINE

In a bid to enhance community access to its facilities, Latrobe and Kentish Councils have joined forces to adopt an online booking platform, reflecting a forward-thinking approach to community engagement and resource management. The platform went live on 15 January, offering a wide range of community spaces, including the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Hamilton Hub, Bells Parade Bark Hut and Rotunda, Camp Banksia and all Banksia Centre facilities.



This digital initiative aims to streamline the booking process, allowing residents and event managers a user-friendly and

efficient platform to secure their desired spaces, promising to eliminate challenges of traditional booking methods.

The newly launched platform comes equipped with features designed to simplify the booking experience for users. Residents can now access real-time availability for various community facilities, allowing them to conveniently plan and secure their preferred venues for events, meetings, or gatherings.

COUNCIL WATER TESTING

As per the guidelines outlined by the Tasmanian Department of Health, local councils are required to test popular bodies of water between the months of December and March each year. This testing seeks to mitigate the risk to community health issues as a result of water contamination. Swimming pools and spas are subject to ongoing monthly water testing during seasonal operational periods.

Further advice to the public is to:

- Follow the signs.
- Don't enter open water areas after heavy rain and
- Don't swim near stormwater outfalls.

For further information, including the complete Tasmanian Recreational Water Quality Guidelines, please visit www.health.tas.gov.au/healthtopics/environmental-health/recreational-water-quality.

NEW WASTE TRANSFER STATION TECHNOLOGY

Councils are required to adopt new reporting measures for landfill data across the state.

In a significant step towards modernising waste management practices at the Port Sorell Waste Transfer Station, new technology has been installed to allow mandatory reporting to the Environmental Protection Authority.

This new system allows for electronic invoicing, payments and receipting and will be a significant change for staff and the public.

One of the key features of the new system is its ability to capture comprehensive data on the types and volumes of waste being deposited at the transfer station. This data will serve as a valuable resource for the government, enabling better-informed decision-making and the implementation of targeted waste reduction strategies.

IT'S GREEN FOR GO WITH FOGO

About 40% of all the general waste produced by our households is food and garden waste which degrades in landfill and generates environmentally harmful greenhouse gases like methane which is 40 times stronger than carbon dioxide (CO²). The good news is, the new Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) service is expected to reduce the region's landfill by 7,500 tonnes or around 10% of all waste, and contributes to the region's commitment to 60% of materials from kerbside waste being recycled/recovered by 2028. It will also save the region around \$320,000 in state waste levy charges in the first year. Latrobe Council is part of the new FOGO service across the North West.



Commencing in July a third wheelie bin will be delivered to all residents with a recycling service to use for collecting food and garden waste. The fortnightly collection will be delivered to the processing facility, currently under construction at Latrobe, where it will be processed back into compost. Between now and the service commencement there keep an eye on Council's Facebook page- www.facebook.com/latrobecounciltas or visit www.latrobe.tas.gov.au for updates.

CAN'T AFFORD TO DESEX YOUR CAT

The National Desexing Network urges residents to get their cats desexed between 2 and 4 months of age as female cats can become pregnant from just 4 months old and can breed continuously after that. Male cats are also less likely to fight, roam and spray when desexed. Eligible Latrobe Council residents can have their cat desexed and microchipped for free.



The program, managed by the National Desexing Network (an initiative of the Animal Welfare League Queensland), is available to Latrobe Council residents with a valid pension, concession or healthcare card; low income; with too many pets; adopting a stray or taking ownership of an unowned cat. These subsidies are available only while Council funds last. Residents who need support are asked to phone the National Desexing Network on 1300 368 992 and, if eligible, will be issued with a desexing voucher. They then contact the participating vet to make an appointment.

Mayor Peter Freshney encourages residents in need to take advantage of this proactive program.

"This initiative helps the whole community as it reduces unwanted litters and helps reduce cat nuisance issues and predation on native wildlife," he said. "Desexing not only helps to ensure fewer unwanted animals, but research shows that desexed animals can live longer and healthier lives," he said "Deloraine Veterinary Centre and Westbury Veterinary Centre are participating in this program for Latrobe Council residents and the National Desexing Network. Council and the Cradle Coast Authority thank the local veterinary clinics for helping with this community service."

The National Desexing Network manages year-round Cooperative Desexing Programs free of charge for a growing number of Councils around Australia. Ongoing desexing programs helped achieve zero euthanasia of all healthy and treatable stray and surrendered cats and dogs.

ARTISTS OPPORTUNITY

Launceston General Hospital - Helipad

In all State Government major projects, there is an allocation for art creation. Applications are currently open for Tasmanian artists to create artwork on the site of the old helipad area in Ockerby Gardens. The artwork seeks to create a space for reflection, healing and recovery that is restful and positive to be in. Applications close Monday, 11 March 2024 with further information available at www.arts.tas.gov.au

YOUR OBLIGATIONS AS A CHILD AND YOUTH SAFE ORGANISATION?

In our community, the safety and well-being of children is young people are paramount. It's not just a responsibility; it's a commitment we all share to create environments where our youth can thrive without fear or harm. That's why the implementation of 'Child and Youth Safe Organisations Framework' is crucial for the protection of our most vulnerable members.

WHAT ARE CHILD AND YOUTH SAFE ORGANISATIONS?

These are institutions and entities that interact with children and young people, ensuring their safety is prioritised and upheld. From schools to sports clubs, hospitals to dance groups, a wide array of organisations fall under this umbrella. You can find out more as an organisation or parent or carer at the Office of the Independent Regulator (oir.tas.gov.au)

THE FRAMEWORK FOR SAFETY

The Tasmanian Government has developed a comprehensive Framework for Child and Youth Safe Organisations, which is now in effect. This Framework is the result of collaboration among individuals with lived experience of child sexual abuse, community service providers, clubs, local governments, non-government schools, and education sector regulators. Visit the website more information about the Tasmanian Government initiative - <https://www.justice.tas.gov.au/carcru/child-and-youth-safe-organisations-framework>



KEY EXPECTATIONS AND GUIDELINES

The Framework outlines clear expectations for organisations regarding the safety and well-being of children and young people. It delineates how these entities should prioritise and promote safety and respond to concerns regarding a worker's behaviour towards children. Moreover, it emphasises the importance of independent oversight to ensure organisations fulfill their obligations under the Framework.

ENHANCING AWARENESS AND OVERSIGHT

The implementation of this Framework seeks to strengthen independent oversight mechanisms for investigating reports concerning workers' behaviour. It also aims to enhance awareness and knowledge regarding factors contributing to children and young people's safety, as well as the risks they may face.

ACCESSING INFORMATION

For organisations wondering whether they fall under the scope of the Framework, a comprehensive list is available on the Child and Youth Safe Organisations Framework website.

The implementation of the Child and Youth Safe Organisations Framework signifies a significant step forward in safeguarding our youth. Let's continue working together to ensure that every child and young person in Tasmania can grow and thrive in environments that prioritise their safety and well-being.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE AT BANKSIA

The Latrobe Council invites passionate, non-user group aligned individuals from the Port Sorell community to step up and contribute as a community representative on the Banksia Facilities Management Committee.

This is a unique opportunity to strategically shape the future of Camp Banksia and the Banksia Centre, ensuring it continues to meet the evolving sport and recreation needs of our vibrant community.

WHY NOMINATE?

- **Influence the Future:**
Be at the forefront of decision-making to shape the strategic direction of Camp Banksia and the Banksia Centre.
- **Community Advocacy:**
Act as a voice for the Port Sorell community, ensuring their needs and aspirations are reflected in the facilities development.

VOLUNTEER MILESTONE RECOGNITION

We celebrate volunteers of all ages and backgrounds who give their time, talents, gifts and hearts to improve the quality of community life and build a stronger, more cohesive community through volunteering. Nominations for this years Volunteer Recognition Program are now open, closing 1 May 2024. If you know someone that you think has achieved one of the following milestones, please complete the ‘Volunteer Recognition Program Form’ on the Council website. Each organisation is invited to nominate up to five (5) individuals who have achieved specific hours or milestone years of cumulative volunteer service each year. Categories include:

- 500 hours of service;
- 1,000 hours of service;
- 2,000 hours of service; or
- Special service of
 - 10 years of continuous service
 - 20 years of continuous service
 - 30 years of continuous service
 - 40+ years of continuous service

Visit the Latrobe Council website for more information (www.latrobe.tas.gov.au).

NATIONAL NEIGHBOUR DAY

On 31 March it’s National Neighbour Day. “Neighbours Every Day” has operated for over twenty years, highlighting the importance of knowing and connecting with your neighbours. The theme for Neighbours Every Day in 2024 is “Create Belonging - Share Belonging” and is a call to action for everyone to create social connection with neighbours and friends. Around 65% of those who get involved in Neighbours Every Day report an improvement to their mental health. Research supports that when we connect with each other in our community we have a greater sense of belonging leading to improved mental health and reduction in loneliness. When we have the support of others it also strengthens our resilience to outside pressures.

There are many ways you can get involved in Neighbours Every Day, through neighbourhood events as a way of building respectful relationships and create a sense of belonging within your community. You can register your event such as a BBQ, morning tea, friendly game of sport on the website at <https://neighbourseveryday.org/about/>

SMALL GRANT OPPORTUNITY

Round 1 of Latrobe Council’s 2024-25 small grants open for application from 1 March for projects starting 1 July.

There are two opportunities for funding -

- **EMERGING NEEDS** encourage community partnerships that address an unmet need within the Latrobe Municipality in the fields of minor capital works, health and community welfare, environment as well as sport and recreation.
- **ARTS, CULTURE, AND FESTIVAL SPONSORSHIP** nurtures new or established events and major festivals, builds our cultural identity, supports accessibility, and delivers a diverse range of community arts and cultural activities within the Latrobe Council area, assisting them towards self-sustainability.

Grant guidelines and application forms are online at www.latrobe.tas.gov.au/community/grants or phone 6426 4444. Applications close at 12 noon on 1 May. All projects must be finalised by 30 June 2025.

GRANT WRITING FOR SUCCESS

Grant writing is no easy feat but before you abandon your next grant application, consider these handy tips on how to write a grant application. They’ll not only prepare you for what’s expected but may also help you craft a high-quality grant submission.

1. Determine why you require funding
2. Ensure eligibility
3. Rally community and legitimate support

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

- Share your enthusiasm for community growth and well-being.
- Showcase your active involvement in the Port Sorell community.
- Tell us about the unique skills and experiences you bring to the table.
- Demonstrate your availability and commitment to attend committee meetings.

How to Nominate:

Submit a one-page summary to council@latrobe.tas.gov.au or mail it to Latrobe Council, PO Box 63, Latrobe Tas 7307. Your summary should include why you want to be a committee member, details of your community involvement, skills and experience you can offer and your availability to attend meetings. Nominations close at 4:30 pm on 8 April.

4. Research the funding body and previous grant recipients
5. Be proactive about grants
6. Set some realistic goals and ideas for your application
7. A good budget always helps
8. Write the proposal with life and passion
9. Revise, revise, revise
10. Submit ahead of time

By following these tips on how to write a grant application you’ll be ready for your next grant submission.

To be alerted to new grant opportunities email csrgrants@communities.tas.gov.au and/or to subscribe to the Cradle Coast Funding Finder at <https://grantguru.com/au/cradlecoast/register>.

ROPES GUIDE SWIMMERS

The Latrobe Swimming Club were recently presented with a Latrobe Council community grant to assist with the purchasing of new lane ropes for the pool in George Street, Latrobe.

We wish the club all the best with upcoming training and carnivals. For club updates and events follow the Latrobe Swim Club Facebook page.



BUSINESS INFORMATION AND HAPPENINGS

MORSE'S LEGACY REMAINS IN GOOD HANDS



Pictured (L-R): Brenton and Sarah Marsh alongside Trudy and Peter Burke

START UP BUSINESS SUPPORT

Starting a business can be overwhelming. There are services that can support you with your idea with advice ranging from business planning through to licences and permits. Business Tasmania offer the tools to get you up and running whilst feeling confident in the process. There are many grants available like the general support grant offering successful applicants grants up to \$1,500 to utilise financial and business guidance. Applications close 30 May at 2:00 pm. For other business support tools and grant options visit www.business.tas.gov.au or phone 1800 440 026 or email ask@businesstas.gov.au

KALIBA UNVEILS MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS PROGRAM

Did you know that the Kentish and Latrobe Independent Business Association (KaLIBA) has launched a range of membership offers with tiers catering to the unique needs of

businesses in the Kentish and Latrobe areas. From free memberships providing essential listings to Leading Business Memberships offering premier visibility, there's a tier for every business. Elevate your business profile to KaLIBA's audience of nearly 3,000 other local businesses and stakeholders. Paid membership offers exclusive benefits, including feature articles, premium online business directory listings, and advertising space at the digital billboard adjacent to Launceston Airport.

For Free Members seeking ad hoc advertising or Paid Members desiring additional exposure, flexible advertising opportunities are available. Discover cost-effective ways to showcase your business to a broader audience. Explore the extended membership benefits and unlock the full potential of your business. For more detailed information contact Nicole Schultz on 0437 830 094 or email nicole.schultz@kaliba.org.au



KALIBA EVENTS FOR 2024

KaLIBA have many events throughout the year to support local businesses thrive in our local areas of Kentish and Latrobe. These events encourage business leaders to come along to network with like-minded people with a common purpose and to stay informed on topics that affect your business. Upcoming opportunistic events are:

- Telstra Q & A-3G network closure on 20 March, starting 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Venue TBC.
- Managing Cash Flow-Understanding Your Options on 17 April, 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Venue TBC.

To register contact Nicole on 0437 830 094 or email nicole.schultz@kaliba.org.au.

CETHANA PUMPED HYDRO

Australia's electricity market is relying more on wind and solar generation. The variability of wind and solar means there is a growing need for energy in storage to maintain grid reliability. Pumped hydro is one of those storage technologies. To respond to this need, Hydro Tasmania is progressing work on the Cethana pumped hydro project.

Hydro Tasmania is completing a range of specialist studies to understand potential project impacts and benefits. The studies cover a variety of topics including traffic and transport, noise and vibration, visual amenity, economic and social (including workforce accommodation). These studies will support applications to local, state and federal government for project approval and are an important part of the work to reach a final investment decision.

If you're keen to know more, the Hydro Tasmania team will be at SteamFest in Sheffield from 9-11 March. Drop by for a chat, find out the latest updates and ask your questions about the pumped hydro project.

For more information on the project and to learn about pumped hydro, visit <https://connect.hydro.com.au/cethana-pumpedhydro>.

NEW WELLNESS CENTRE

Latrobe welcomes new business owner Jodhi Gough at Collective Therapy HUB at 187 Gilbert St, Latrobe.

It offers a safe space for our community with counselling services, drum therapy, yin yoga and mental health training.



For more information contact Jodhi on 0409 245 555 or email hello@collectivetherapyhub.com.au

MY MAT PILATES

Pilates is a fabulous way to build core strength and keep those body aches and pains at bay. It's never too late to start! Join Cheri an experienced instructor to guide you through the class.

- Shearwater Resort, 17-23 Shearwater Bvd, Shearwater on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm.
 - Latrobe Boxing Club within the Latrobe and Districts Youth Centre, Cotton Street, Latrobe on Wednesdays at 9:30 am.
 - Empower Exercise Studio, 32 Shearwater Bvd, Shearwater on Friday at 7:00 am
 - Shearwater Resort, 17-23 Shearwater Bvd, Shearwater on Friday at 8:30 am
- Phone or text Cheri on 0455 154 038, email cheriparsons@hotmail.com or Messenger @My Mat Pilates.

CELEBRATING MUSICAL EXCELLENCE

The Latrobe Federal Band, a cherished pillar of the community, continues to weave its melodic magic, delighting audiences at events on Australia Day, at Henley on Mersey, on ANZAC Day and at the Lions Christmas Carols. With each performance, the band members showcase not only their musical talent but also their dedication to enriching the lives of those around them through music.

In this edition of the newsletter, readers are introduced to one of the band's most esteemed members, Peter Walsh. Peter's musical journey began in 1977 during his high school years when he first discovered his passion for brass instruments. His talent and dedication quickly became evident, leading him to join the Ulverstone Municipal Brass Band as a junior member. Over the years, Peter's musical prowess flourished, and he became proficient in playing various instruments, including

the euphonium, trombone, baritone, and EB bass.

In 1992, Peter's musical journey saw him join the Latrobe Federal Band and participate in the National Band Championships in Sydney. Little did he know that this would mark the beginning of a 32-year tenure with the band. For Peter, the joy of playing music extends far beyond the notes on a page. It's about the camaraderie and sense of belonging that comes from being part of a tight-knit musical family. Whether it's winning national championships, embarking on international tours, or simply sharing the stage with fellow band members, Peter cherishes every moment he spends making music with the Latrobe Federal Band.

As the band approaches its historic 150th year of continuous service to the Latrobe community, Peter stands as a testament to the enduring legacy of musical excellence and community spirit that defines the band. His commitment to enriching the lives of others through music serves as an inspiration to us all, and we look forward to celebrating many more years of his contribution to the band and the community.



CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

Can you imagine the positive impact we could make if all of Australia came together on one day and took practical action to improve the environment? What a difference we could make! Let's see how many people we can bring together on Sunday 3 March and make a real impact to the widescale issue of waste.

Clean Up Australia Day is one of the country's most recognised and trusted environmental initiatives, facilitating practical environmental action for over 30 years.

Australia has a plastics problem, producing 2.5 million tonnes of plastic waste yearly, with only 13% recovered. Additionally, approximately 130,000 tonnes of plastic leak into the marine environment annually. It's crucial to step up now to support solutions leading to a circular economy, minimising waste and environmental impact.

There are so many ways to step up. Remember, you don't have to be perfect to be amazing! Thousands of small steps make a big difference - together we can all be part of the solution.

Will you join by saying no to straws, using a reusable water bottle, composting, buying recycled, and reducing single-use plastics?

Let's make a positive impact together! Sign up at <https://www.cleanup.org.au/>



EASTER BUNNY RETURNS



The Port Sorell Fire Brigade will be hosting the 3rd Annual Easter Picnic, on Saturday 30 March at the Port Sorell Fire Station in Rice Street, Port Sorell, starting from 10:00 am.

Come along for Easter Egg Hunts, raffles, facepainting, family games, information table and a BBQ.

Entry is \$5 per person (children under 3 are free). Please note this is a dog / smoke / vape free event. The Port Sorell Fire Brigade hope to see you all there.

LATROBE COURTHOUSE MUSEUM EXHIBITION

Nestled between the Post Office and the Library, the Latrobe Courthouse Museum is a treasure trove of historic photographs and artefacts which provide a glimpse of the town's development since the 1870s. In conjunction with the Port Sorell U3A photography class the museum has mounted a "Now and Then" display that provides side by side comparisons of the changes to the buildings in Latrobe's earliest thoroughfare on Gilbert and Hamilton Streets.

Once Tasmania's third largest town, Latrobe has survived numerous floods, fires and economic downturns. "Now and

Then" invites visitors to explore the town's rich history and observe firsthand how the town has evolved or in some cases has been preserved without change over the years.

The museum is open from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Arrangements can be made for school and group tours outside of these hours by emailing Latrobe.courthouse@nationaltrusttas.org.au

NEW SEAT DEDICATED

The Sassafras-Wesley Vale Country Women's Association (CWA) representatives and Mayor Freshney were at the unveiling of the new seat, donated by the CWA which is now located at Bosworth Park, Latrobe. If you are an individual, a family, business or service group looking to purchase and dedicate a seat in acknowledgement or commemorative memory of someone, please visit www.latrobe.tas.gov.au for more information and application forms.



(Photo L-R) Members of CWA Lyn Emmett, Lesley Young, Mayor Peter Freshney and Audrey Campbell

LIBRARY SUPPORTS LITERACY

Book in a free one-to-one digital help session at the Latrobe Library. Our Library volunteers can assist people of all ages and skill levels with various device and technology needs. Bookings are required in person at 113 Gilbert St, Latrobe or call 6478 4220.

Celebrate the joy of reading during Tasmania Reads Week, the week of 17-23 March. Try something new, maybe borrow a book from an author you've never read or give an eAudiobook a go. Latrobe Library staff look forward to helping you discover something new to open your world to knowledge and adventure.

HISTORY REVEALED

Discovering and celebrating our town's rich history is a cherished tradition in Latrobe. As we embark on another year, one of the Tasmanian Family History Society's (TFHS) exciting projects involves delving into the fascinating history of Latrobe's Oddfellows' Hall, 54 Gilbert St, Latrobe, a cornerstone of our community since its establishment in 1881. This historic venue has seen it all, from pivotal meetings of the Mt Claude Silver Lead Mining Co to lively fundraisers for our Fire Brigade and free Library. But the hall wasn't just a place for business, it was a hub of entertainment and enlightenment, hosting everything from bell-ringing events and minstrel shows to the intriguingly named Electric Sparkes Party. Let's not forget the enlightening lecture aimed at women: 'How to Read Men'. It is clear that Oddfellows' Hall played a vital role in shaping our town's social fabric, making this project to collate the information of its history all the more captivating.

In addition to their exploration of Oddfellows' Hall, TFHS members also diving into the F.E. Watts funeral director's index, a valuable resource for understanding our community's past. Keep an eye out for updates on this project in the near future.

On 24 March the TFHS will offer a hands-on workshop where they will guide you through the ins and outs of popular family tree sites like Legacy, Family Tree Maker, and Ancestry. Cost is \$10 and includes refreshments. Don't forget to bring your own lunch.

Mark your calendars for 20 April as they gather for the Mersey Branch's AGM at 1:00 pm. It's a wonderful opportunity to reflect on TFHS's achievements from the past year, mingle with fellow history enthusiasts, and indulge in some delicious afternoon tea. They hope to make presentations a regular fixture on the fourth Saturday of every month, with upcoming topics ranging from the

courageous nurses of WW1 to unlocking the secrets of birth, death and marriage records on film.

For more details reach out to Secretary Gay at secretary@tfhsdev.com or 0408 059 990, or Ros on 0476 008 531.

SUPPORTING RETURNED VETERANS AND FAMILIES

The Latrobe RSL Sub-Branch has bid farewell to 2023 with a sense of accomplishment and reflection, recalling the events and milestones that marked the year.

2024 will be no different with Friday night gatherings at the Teddy Sheean VC Bar, nestled within Belly's Bar & Grill. It continues to be a focal point for social gatherings, with a minute's silence observed at 6:00 pm, accompanied by the timeless Ode and meat tray raffles from which the proceeds benefit veterans in need. They also have a Members Draw. To win the Members Draw you must be present when it is drawn or it jackpots by \$25 for the following week.

As ANZAC Day approaches on 25 April plans for the community to come together in remembrance and gratitude are progressing.

In other news, the Sub Branch thanks those who attended their Annual Luncheon, indulging in a superb meal and being entertained by vocal group Lyn and Terry.

Unfortunately, members said goodbye to an old mate and past Sub-Branch President Hans Gramberg who passed away in 2023. A new plaque was installed on the Cenotaph commemorating the R&SLA Women's Auxiliary and Land Army. The Sub-Branch continues to welcome new members; service, affiliate and social members. Please come along and have a look at what the RSL can provide in support of veterans by contacting Secretary Jason on 0417 806 129 or email latrobersl2@gmail.com.

LIFELONG LEARNING

Port Sorell U3A are welcoming new members following the recent open day. Established by a dedicated volunteer committee in 2014, Port Sorell U3A boasts a vibrant community of 375 members, offering a diverse array of over 30 programs annually.

There are no formal qualifications or age limits to join just a shared enthusiasm for lifelong learning. Join them on this enriching journey where curiosity knows no bounds!

Their association is dedicated to empowering individuals through education and promoting UNESCO's Four Pillars of Learning. They offer classes and activities tailored for mature-aged persons eager to develop new knowledge and skills.

Through their programs, conducted

locally, members engage in enriching experiences while contributing to the community. They encourage active participation, inviting members to share their talents by volunteering as tutors or leaders. Operating as a learning cooperative, they foster lifelong learning opportunities and advocate for positive aging in a welcoming environment. The office is located in Banksia Centre, Pitcairn St, Port Sorell operating Monday to Friday 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. For more information phone 0499 162 539 or visit www.portsorellu3a.org.au.

ABUNDANT ARTS

In January, Rubicon River Arts (RRA) showcased members' works at Market by the Beach in Shearwater. These events were perfect opportunities to connect with the public and highlight the diverse talents of local artists.

Monthly workshops will be hosted at The Latrobe Arts Hub in James Street, Latrobe. RRA's membership spans various artistic disciplines, including painters, textile workers, ceramicists, jewellers, and sculptors. They are dedicated to sharing ideas, skills, and fostering creative growth. Members have the opportunity to display and sell their work in their gallery, open Thursday to Sunday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Volunteering is integral, with each member committing to at least one day per month.

Monthly meetings are held on the first Saturday of each month at 10:00 am where local creatives come along and collaborate with like-minded artists.

Interested in joining Rubicon River Arts? Email rubicon-river-arts@googlegroups.



SPINNING FOR BEGINNERS

Ever wondered how wool is spun or the various types of fibres you can create with? A Spinning for Beginners workshop will be held over three consecutive weeks from 13 April 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Latrobe Arts Hub, James Street Latrobe. The classes will explore various fibres like alpaca, merino and possum fur, and you will learn how to turn them into a yarn for knitting, crocheting or turning into a work of art. The cost is \$50 (\$40 to RRA members) and provides you with a starter kit, and wheels for spinning. BYO apron. Phone 0419 925 015 or email wendythiele3@gmail.com to book your place.

PATH WIDENING TO IMPROVE BELLS PARADE PARKRUN COURSE

The footpath at Bells Parade, from the carpark to the coastal pathway, will be receiving a realignment, widening and surface upgrade during March.

At the conclusion of these works by Latrobe Council, the picturesque Bells Parade parkrun will be held along a completely sealed surface.



WHAT IS PARKRUN?

parkrun offers a 5km course for physical activity whether it is walking, jogging or running, at your own pace. It is not a race against anyone other than yourself but you will find that as your fitness improves, so will your time.

Volunteering positions that enable parkrun to go ahead each week develop social connectedness, skill enhancement, confidence building and a sense of purpose.

parkrun is held globally at 9:00 am each Saturday and this year is celebrating its 20th anniversary.

Due to these works, the importance of arriving on time for the 8:50 am briefing will enable participants to reach the alternate start point, if required, and step off at 9:00 am.

Park runners are reminded that dogs are prohibited on the eastern side of Bells Parade, even on leash, other than to access the coastal pathway between the poplar trees.

For more information or to register (optional) for Bells Parade parkrun, go to <https://www.parkrun.com.au/bellsparade/> or engage with them via <https://www.facebook.com/BellsParadeParkrun>.

SURF PATROLS CONTINUE

The stunning summer weather has seen visitor numbers swell in the local community and beaches. The Port Sorell Surf Life Saving Club beach patrols are based at North Freers Beach at Shearwater with regular visits to other beaches on foot, in their Can-am and on the water in their IRB. They will continue to patrol until the end of March on Public Holidays and weekends. A reminder, if there is an emergency, please call 000.

The club are grateful for the support shown by the community and visitors for their three very successful Markets by the Beach. While they have concluded for summer, the club will have music and food at the Surf Club on Friday evenings. Check their noticeboards for more details or Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/portsorellslsc> or website www.portsorellslsc.org.au

PICKLEBALL EXPANSION

Good news for Pickleball enthusiasts. Upon completion of the new courts at the corner of Gilbert and Noone Streets, Latrobe the Pickleball Club will be adding a session to the schedule with two sessions per week held Wednesday and Thursday nights, both starting at 5.30 pm until 7.30 pm at Latrobe High School. It's always a good time on the courts and even better with a beverage and bbq afterwards. Follow Latrobe Pickleball on Facebook for updates.



NEW CONCUSSION GUIDELINES

With growing concern around the effects of concussion in sport, the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) have released the Australian Concussion Guidelines for Youth and Community Sport. The report provides information on detecting concussion and ensuring a safe return to post game activities.

To access this document go to <https://www.concussioninsport.gov.au/>

FISHING - A LIFE SKILL

The Reel Keen Fishing Club is a group of keen fishermen and women with enthusiasm for fishing in the Port Sorell area and its surrounds. The ethos of the club is to promote fishing not just for the individual but the entire family and as a way of bringing people together. The club works hard behind the scenes to provide monthly events and the renowned Annual Fishing Competition in Port Sorell. This isn't just a club, it's a community activity where people can gain their life back and feel a part of something great.



Annual membership is available for Adults \$35, Juniors (10-15 years of age) \$20, children under 10 years - free, social members \$20. Everyone is welcome to come along and see what the club offers, meet like-minded people and perhaps even learn new tips and techniques. See more at www.facebook.com/reelkeenfishingclubportsorell.

FOOTBALL SEASON LAUNCH



The Old Diehards invite you to this year's Season Launch on 16 March from 6:00 pm at the Latrobe Football Club, Last Street, Latrobe. The night will include a BBQ, live music

and 200 club draw. Tickets are available for \$25 per ticket by contacting the club on 03 6426 1440 or email

latrorefootballclub@bigpond.com. This season, the Latrobe Football Club will see four teams; three men and one women's team, compete in the NWTL roster. There will also be a new generation of five junior teams and 120 Aus Kickers signed up to the Latrobe Club this season. A copy of the roster, detailing home and away games is available at nwfl.com.au.

GRAB YOUR Mallet AND BALL

Are you looking for a new sport to try in 2024? Look no further than the Latrobe Croquet Club. Located within the Latrobe Recreational Precinct, the club in George Street, Latrobe features four lawns. The Club is open five days a week and hosts social and competition games. Friday and Sunday are available through booking arrangements.

Annual subscriptions range from full membership of \$175, novice \$50 and junior \$25 with complementary introductory sessions for trialling the sport. Flat shoes must be worn at all times.

Email mail@latrobecroquet.club or phone 0407 556 481 for more information and to start your new hobby.



WHAT'S ON AT A VENUE NEAR YOU

MARCH

- 2 Backyard Bash** featuring the Australian Motley Crue Show, Poizon'Us (Australian Poison Tribute Show), Riot Act (Tribute to Sebastian Bach era of Skid Row), Ratt 'n' Roll (The Australian Ratt Show), Slip of the Tongue (Australian Whitesnake Show) from 2:00 pm until 11:00 pm. Tickets \$45 at <https://bit.ly/BackyardBashatShearwater>
- 2 Latrobe Speedway** at the Gulf Western and Independent Oils Speedway, Speedway Dr, Latrobe featuring Sprintcars, AMCA, Modifieds, Street Stocks, Junior Sedans, Wingless Sprints, Late Models from 4:00 pm. Admission fees apply. Visit www.latrobespeedway.com.au for full details.
- 3 Clean Up Australia Day:** www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au/
- 3 Latrobe Cemetery Working Bee** at the Latrobe Cemetery, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 10:00 am until 11:15am. BYO gardening implements and wear appropriate clothing. Food and drink at conclusion. ☎ 6426 4444
- 8 Free Diabetes Education Program** at Hamilton Hub, 18 Hamilton Street, Latrobe. 9:30 am to 12:00 pm. Register with NDSS at events.ndss.com.au or call 1800 637 700.
- 10 Mistique Market**, Latrobe Memorial Hall, 168 Gilbert St, Latrobe 9am to 2:00 pm. Contact for more info 0456 007 421.
- 12 Latrobe Council Meeting** at 170 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 5:00pm. Attendance registration essential to 6426 4444. Alternatively, join online by following the link at <https://bit.ly/LivestreamLatrobeCouncilMeetings>
- 15 Farmers Day** at the Port Sorell Bowls Club, Meredith Street, Port Sorell. Teams of four only including one Premier League player per team. Cost \$20 pp includes dinner. Phone Julie 0428 268 464 or Carl 0409 997 308
- 16 Latrobe Football Club Season Launch**, Latrobe Recreation Ground, Gilbert Street, Latrobe including 200 club draw, bbq and live music. Tickets \$25 per 200 Club ticket. Phone 03 6426 1440 or email latrobeatfootballclub@bigpond.com
- 17 Devonport Anglers Club Junior Fishout Day** at Taylor's Dam, opposite the House of Anvers Chocolate Factory, Bass Hwy, Latrobe from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm. For more information, go to www.facebook.com/juniorfishingtasmania
- 17 Wendy Matthews in Concert** at Shearwater Resort (Tavern), Shearwater Bvd, Shearwater. Doors open 2:00 pm. Tickets available at www.moshtix.com.au/v2/event/wendy-matthews/160123. \$55 pp.
- 20 KaLIBA Telstra Q&A- 3G Network closure.** Venue (TBC) starts at 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Register by contacting Nicole 0437 830 094 or email nicole.schultz@kaliba.org.au
- 22 Bridge of Hope Parish Induction of the new incumbent**, Darren Duncanson, at St Luke's Anglican Church, Hamilton Street, Latrobe.
- 23 Market on Gilbert**, Memorial Hall, 168 Gilbert St, Latrobe 9am to 1:30pm. Contact 0417 732 934 for more information.
- 23 Latrobe Speedway** at the Gulf Western and Independent Oils Speedway, Speedway Dr, Latrobe featuring Super Sedans, AMCA, Modifieds (Tasmanian Title), Tassie Sixes (Tasmanian Title), Junior Sedans, Formula 500's, Wingless Sprints, Go-Karts from 4:00 pm. Admission fees apply. For full details visit <https://www.latrobespeedway.com.au/>.
- 25 Tourism Tasmania Industry Roadshow** at venue to be advised from 4:30 pm until 6:30 pm For more info visit www.wxnw.com.au
- 30 Port Sorell Easter Picnic** at the Port Sorell Fire Station, Rice Street, Port Sorell from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm Details on Facebook Port Sorell Fire Brigade page.
- 29 Good Friday Church Services**
- **Sassafras Baptist Church Cafe**, 14 Chapel Road, Sassafras. 9:30 am.
 - **Latrobe Baptist Church**, 125 Gilber St, Latrobe 10:00am
 - **Stations of the Cross** at St Joseph's Mass Centre, Wilson Street, Port Sorell 10:00 am
 - **Stations of the Cross** at St Patrick's Church, 195 Gilbert St, Latrobe 11:00 am
- 30 Gypsy Rose** perform at Shearwater Resort (Tavern), Shearwater Bvd, Shearwater. Doors open 6:00 pm. Tickets \$25 on www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1142011
- 31 Easter Sunday Church Services**
- **Stations of the Cross** at St Joseph's Mass Centre, Wilson Street, Port Sorell 8:00 am
 - **Latrobe Baptist Church**, 125 Gilbert St, Latrobe 10:00am
 - **Wesley Vale Community Church** at Port Sorell Main Road, Wesley Vale from 10:00 am and led by John Phelps.
- **Lighthouse Christian Fellowship** at 16 Meredith Street, Port Sorell 10:30 am
 - **Sassafras Baptist Church**, 14 Chapel Road, Sassafras 10:30 am
 - **Stations of the Cross** at St Patrick's Church, 195 Gilbert St, Latrobe 5:00 pm
- 31 National Neighbour Day.** Register your neighbourhood event at <https://neighbourseveryday.org/belonging/-find-an-event>

APRIL

- 5 Dragon Concert** at Shearwater Resort (Tavern), Shearwater Bvd, Shearwater. Doors open from 6:00 pm. Tickets available from www.moshtix.com.au/v2/event/dragon-50th-anniversary/154525 for \$50 pp
- 14 Devonport Anglers Club Junior Fishout Day** at Taylor's Dam, opposite the House of Anvers Chocolate Factory, Bass Hwy, Latrobe from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm. For more information, go to www.facebook.com/juniorfishingtasmania.
- 15 Latrobe Council Meeting** at 170 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 5:00 pm. Attendance registration is essential to 6426 4444. Alternatively, join online by following the link at <https://bit.ly/LivestreamLatrobeCouncilMeetings>
- 17 KaLIBA Managing Cash Flow Understanding Your Options.** Venue (TBC) starts from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm. To register contact Nicole on 0437 830 094 or email nicole.schultz@kaliba.org.au.
- 21 Music from the War Years Concert** by the Latrobe Federal Band in the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe. Adults - \$12, Ages 10-18 - \$6, Under 10 - Free. Tickets at the door.



25 ANZAC Day Services

- **Latrobe Dawn Service** at the Latrobe Cenotaph, 113 Gilbert Street, Latrobe. March steps off from Barclay Street, Latrobe at 5:45 am. Marchers to register at 0417 806 129. Breakfast follows at Belly's Bar and Grill, 160 Gilbert Street, Latrobe - bookings essential 6426 3086.
- **Port Sorell Dawn Service** at the Port Sorell Defence Memorial, Pioneer Park, cnr Rice and Meredith Streets, Port Sorell,

commencing at 6:00 am. Phone 0407 852 946. Breakfast follows at Port Sorell Hall, Meredith Street, Port Sorell.

- **Latrobe Citizens Commemorative Service** at the Latrobe Cenotaph, 113 Gilbert Street, Latrobe. March steps off from Barclay Street, Latrobe at 9:40 am. Marchers to register at 0417 806 129 or email latrobersl2

@gmail.com. Wreath/book layers to register with Latrobe Council on 6426 4444 or email council@latrobe.tas.gov.au

- **26 Breastscreen Bus** at Banksia Centre carpark, Pitcairn St, Port Sorell. Call 13 20 50 to register or visit the website <https://www.health.tas.gov.au/health-topics/cancer-screening/breast-screening/make-breast-screening-appointment>

28 Latrobe Cemetery Working Bee at the Latrobe Cemetery, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 10:00 am until 11:15 am. BYO gardening implements and wear appropriate clothing. Food and drink at conclusion. ☎ 6426 4444

26 The Foreigner Show - Cold As Ice Tour at Shearwater Resort (Tavern), Shearwater Bvd, Shearwater from 6:00 pm. Tickets \$39.80 on <https://whatslively.com/gig-guide>

COMMEMORATING ANZAC DAY

A day of national remembrance, ANZAC Day is held on 25 April and marks the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War.

When war broke out in 1914 Australia had been a federated nation for only 13 years, and its government was eager to establish a reputation among the nations of the world. When Britain declared war in August 1914 Australia was automatically placed on the side of the Commonwealth.

In 1915 Australian and New Zealand soldiers formed part of the expedition that set out to capture the Gallipoli Peninsula to open the Dardanelles to the allied navies. It did not go as planned with Gallipoli having a profound impact on Australians at home and 25 April became the day on which Australians remember the sacrifice of those who died in the war.

There are three ANZAC Day Commemorative Services in the Latrobe Council area - Latrobe Dawn Service, Port Sorell Dawn Service and the Latrobe Citizens Commemorative Service. Details and timings are included on the Events page.

Returned and serving veterans, cadets, schools and community organisations are invited to march as a collective to the Latrobe Dawn Service and/or the Latrobe Citizens Commemorative Service, this year stepping off from Barclay Street and saluting at the Sheean VC Memorial.

This year also marks 10 years since the first Port Sorell ANZAC Day event. Please note, there is no march for the Port Sorell Dawn Service.

Registration of your organisation and how many will be participating is essential for **both marches** and should be made directly with the Latrobe RSL via email to latrobersl2@gmail.com no later than 18 April. This enables a plan to be developed to place participants in the appropriate order.

The only Service with **wreath-laying** is the Latrobe Citizens Commemorative Service. A unique aspect of this is that many organisations lay a book in lieu of a wreath which is then passed on to their nominated aged care facility or school within the Latrobe Council area. If you are wishing to lay a wreath or book, please register your organisation's name via email to council@latrobe.tas.gov.au or phone 64264444 by 18 April. The Latrobe marches will step out from Barclay Street to the Cenotaph. Please note that road closures in Latrobe will affect Gilbert Street (from Victor Street Hamilton Street and Barclay Street). Motorists are asked to detour via Cotton/Victor Street. With limited street parking around Pioneer Park, Port Sorell, there will be a drop-off area for mobility impaired persons. Please



follow the direction of traffic marshalls and the temporary signage.

The traffic management plans will be in effect half an hour prior to and during the Services.

In the event of a torrential downpour, the Latrobe ANZAC Day Services will be held in the Latrobe Memorial Hall. Wearing your wet weather apparel is recommended if the Port Sorell Service is affected.

MUSIC FROM THE WAR YEARS CONCERT

The Latrobe Federal Band will present their annual concert - Music from the War Years - on Sunday, 21 April.

The concert will feature key tunes from the war years - some old favourites, but also a couple of pieces that are new to the band's repertoire.

The performance will be held at the Latrobe Memorial Hall commencing at 2:00 pm with tickets available at the door for just \$12 per adult. Cash or card accepted.

For more information, contact Melissa on 0448 564 561.

ANZAC DAY TRADING RULES

Under the *ANZAC Day Observance Act 1929*, it is an offence to open a shop before 12:30 pm on ANZAC Day. If a non-exempt shop is open before 12:30 pm, the occupier may be fined under section 5A of the Act.

The ANZAC Day trading restrictions do not apply to shops that the Minister approves opening before 12:30 pm including pharmacies; newsagents; bottle shops; cafes and restaurants; service stations; car yards; real estate agents to the extent that they are conducting an auction at the premises; and shops that are part of a large shopping complex with many shops and the number of employees in that shop on any day in the most recent month of March is not more than 10 people.



WILD MERSEY MTB - WHEN YOU JUST FEEL THAT YOU HAVE TO GET YOUR FEET ON THE PEDALS



The first section of the Wild Mersey Mountain Bike Trail network is located at Warrawee Reserve, only a few minutes ride from the heart of Latrobe. The trails here are tightly packed and feature fantastic trailhead facilities including toilets, showers, water, and even a bike wash! The trailhead is also right next to the Mersey River, the perfect spot for a post-ride dip!

Warrawee has multiple green options as an introduction, but trails like High Voltage and No Mersey offer something for more experienced riders in terms of groomed jump trails and technical singletrack.

From Warrawee Reserve it is now possible to ride to Railton via the 11km Railton Express. This is a great option to get to Railton, which is an ideal base to ride the entire Wild Mersey network.

WARRAWEE SUSPENSION BRIDGE

In 2022, BridgePro Engineering were the successful contractors to deliver a new, two metre wide shared 'high-level' pedestrian and cyclist bridge over the Mersey River, for The Latrobe Council. Previous flooding events resulted in the bridge failing infrastructure. The current design focused on encapsulating environmental preservation and functionality. This design won BridgePro the 2023 Civil Contractors Federation Earth Award - Excellence in Construction at a local and national level. Construction activities on the northern side of the river recommenced in February, after an interruption due to an active eagle's nest nearby. On completion, the trail network will link the entire 100km bike trails for mountain bike enthusiasts to enjoy. Please follow <https://www.facebook.com/wildmerseymountainbiketrails> and the Council website for announcements regarding the completion of works.

FUTURE EDITIONS

Article and event deadlines and distribution dates are provided to assist contributors with you with your promotional planning:

Deadline	Edition
4 Apr	May-June
30 May	July-August
1 Aug	September-October

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