



Wild Mersey Mountain Bike Development

The development of a world-class mountain bike facility at Warrawee, Latrobe and Kentish is a step closer after the official launch of the project on April 4.

Latrobe Mayor Peter Freshney joined Kentish Mayor Don Thwaites, Lyons MHR Eric Hutchison and Lyons MHA Mark Shelton to officially launch the project at Railton.

Mr Hutchison said the Latrobe and Kentish Councils had presented a compelling and highly professional case for the \$4.1 million project, and said it was "an extraordinary opportunity" adding that there was a copy of the project summary on the Prime Minister's desk.

The resulting mountain bike tourism activity is expected to inject about \$6.9 million in revenue into the local economy each year once it is fully developed, plus about \$4.5 million in indirect spending.

Most of that spending will be in the Latrobe and Kentish municipalities.

The mountain bike facility is expected to attract about 22,000 unique visitors, for a total of 138,000 visitations, per year.

The mountain bike park will feature 13km of looped trails throughout the Warrawee Reserve and 52km of looped trails in the

Kimberleys Lookout precinct between Sheffield and Railton.

These trail clusters will be connected by a

9km riverside ride along the Mersey River from Warrawee to Railton, and a 22km return leg across The Badgers Range from Sheffield to Warrawee.

Many of the trails at Warrawee, plus the Warrawee-Railton riverside ride, will be gentle, ambling, scenic rides, providing a safe, off-road cycling experience for local families, youth, and recreational riders.

Some of the Warrawee, and many of the Kentish trails, will be more technical and difficult and of significant appeal to Tasmanian, interstate and international mountain bike tourists.

About 30 people, including local mountain bike enthusiasts, politicians, local government representatives and local business people attended the launch.

Latrobe and Kentish Councils are seeking federal and state government funding assistance to develop the trails.



Council Comes to You

Council will be holding 'Community Information Evenings' at various locations around the municipality over the coming months enabling Council to provide 'area specific' information to the community in addition to receiving comments, ideas and information from community members. The evening will also provide an opportunity for discussion on topical issues such as the statewide Planning Scheme, Council budget priorities and resource sharing.

The first meeting will be held at the Sassafras Community Hall on Wednesday, 11 May then at the Tarleton Fire Station on Wednesday, 18 May. Both meetings will commence at 7.00pm and conclude with a light supper.

If you would like to register your interest in attending please contact Mrs Candice Winter (6426 4444) or email candicew@latrobe.tas.gov.au.

It is proposed that the following Information Evening will be held at Port Sorell with the venue and date to be circulated when confirmed. Council anticipates that these evenings will become a regular feature on the Council calendar.

Smoke-Free Events and Areas

From 26 March 2016, the Director for Public Health extended the smoke-free provisions of the Public Health Act 1997 to require the following public events be smoke-free;

- Carols by Candlelight
- Markets
- Food and Wine Festivals
- Music festivals
- Agricultural Shows
- any mass outdoor public events subject to a Place of Assembly Licence application.

Consequently, all events in these classes are now required to submit a Smoke Free Management Plan to the Department of Health and Human Services for approval. At this point in time, there is no cost applied to this submission.

Currently, there is an opportunity for event organisers to apply to the Director to approve a designated smoking area at a public event that has been declared smoke-free with a view to going fully smoke-free for future events.

The Department of Health and Human Services Tobacco Control Officers are responsible for enforcement of this legislation including

- Approving Smoke Free Management Plans;
- Monitoring compliance wherever possible;

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- Issuing warnings and advice;
- Applying penalties under the Act for smoking in a smoke-free area to patrons, staff or occupiers; and
- Providing advice and assistance to event organisers as required.

Further information is available online at http://www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/publichealth/tobacco_control or call into the Latrobe Council office for a copy of the Smoke Free Management Plan from the Environmental Health Officer, Mrs Glenys Nichols.

Building Update

A total of 42 building applications were submitted to Council for approval at its March and April Council meetings with a conservative construction cost of \$12,837,484. They consisted of 18 dwellings; 1 dwelling extensions; 12 outbuildings; 8 commercial and 3 others.

Port Sorell Defence Memorial

A competition is being held to design a new Defence Memorial for Pioneer Park, Port Sorell that honours *“all those men and women who served their country at home and abroad in all wars, conflicts and peace-keeping endeavours”*.

This competition is open to students, emerging designers or designers of many years' experience.

It is free to enter with the Design Brief available from www.latrobe.tas.gov.au.

The resulting designs will feature in an exhibition of all entries to showcase and acknowledge the work and effort of all competitors. \$500 will be awarded to the design deemed the most visionary in meeting the objectives in the brief. The winning design will progress to the build stage.

Entries close on Wednesday, 18 May and should be forwarded to Mr Rod Bramich, Port Sorell Defence Memorial Committee, P O Box 63, Latrobe, 7307.

Coastal Pathway a Step Closer

Council continues to work on the continuation of the North West Coastal Pathway into the Latrobe Municipality.

At a meeting of North West Coast Councils, it was noted that many of the Councils were at various stages of the planning and development phase but that there was a growing amount of data able to be collated to support the concept in terms of economic and preventative health and well-being along with liveability, connectivity and effective commuting.

For Latrobe, it is proposed to establish a pathway from Ambleside to Bells Parade along River Road as well as continue the coastal pathway along Moorlands Beach to Port Sorell.

Of these two projects, the River Road pathway is the most challenging as it is not one where you can undertake it on a staged basis. With a multi-million dollar cost it would be difficult for Council to allocate all funding in one financial year, therefore the need to spread it over two financial years and still reliant on State and Federal Government funding support.

While the Latrobe projects are not the highest priority for the North West Coast, Council personnel are seeking to raise their priority to a 3-5 year implementation.

A Project Control Group is being established to collate information in relation to the pathway infrastructure which will enable an Advisory Group to develop a bicycle

experience strategy to support funding applications to the State and Federal Governments.

Feral Cat Numbers Decreasing

Cat trapping in the Latrobe Municipality has now been undertaken continuously since 2012 on Council property and reserves with a large proportion of this year's catch on private property in the Sassafras area.

No domestic cats were captured through these trapping operations and all captured cats are scanned with a microchip reader and non-target species are released unharmed. All the captured cats displayed attributes of not having been previously domesticated or had lost all signs that they had ever once been domesticated and therefore had no chance of rehabilitation and re-homing.

The amount of trapping effort undertaken this past year is similar to that of previous years with 82 cats being captured and euthanized. This reflects that ongoing trapping efforts over a long period of time are beginning to be effective, resulting in a positive environmental outcome.

All Your Business Needs in One Place

Got a business idea or thinking of growing or improving your business but not sure where to start?

Business Tasmania and the Government Enterprise Centres may be just what you need.

Business.tas.gov.au is an online Tasmanian government resource for all small Tasmanian businesses, designed to help your small business flourish.

Whether you are in the planning stage, starting up or already established, you can quickly access all the information and services you need to help your business grow. To contact them, phone 1800 440 026.

The local Government Enterprise Centre for our area is Cradle Coast Innovation.

Formed in 2011, Cradle Coast Innovation is based in Ulverstone and provides mentoring and other support for aspiring and existing business owners on a volunteer basis.

They are funded by both the Tasmanian Government and Australian Government to deliver a number of events, professional business advice and consultancy to assist you in your business.

As Daryl and his team are always on the move, supporting business, he is best reached by phoning 0488 333 893.

Devil Preservation

The release last year of Tasmanian Devils into the Narawntapu National Park at Bakers Beach was not the resounding success it was hoped to be when a couple of devils were hit by motorists on Bakers Beach Road and even as far away as the Frankford Highway.

Following those incidents, Council has had discussions with representatives of the Save the Tasmanian Devil Program on options that could be effected statewide to reduce the instances of Tasmanian Devil and native wildlife fatalities on Tasmanian roads. One of the more effective mechanisms proposed is a high-tech alarm system triggered by headlights.

At the coming Local Government Association of Tasmania General Meeting, Latrobe Council will be seeking a tri-Government, coordinated and statewide approach with key stakeholders for the informed installation of emergent virtual fencing technology in devil road kill hotspots as well as the establishment of community programs to inspire a change in driver behaviour.

Sharps Disposal Review

Did you know that Latrobe Council accepts sharps containers and reissues containers free of charge to residents?

Generally this has been offered on a “no questions asked” basis however, with some Councils now imposing a fee for this service, some people are trying to deposit their sharps containers outside their municipality.

Consequently, to confirm whether our depositors are in fact local residents, Council reception staff now ask for evidence of residency within the Latrobe Municipality when sharps containers are returned full.

Your patience and understanding is appreciated in order to continue this free service to our ratepayers.

Bells Parade Developments

The Bells Parade Development Committee recently met and endorsed the pouring of coloured concrete and cast shingle/rock to represent a river bed in lieu of the existing bark garden beneath the platypus at the front of the Australian Axemans Hall of Fame.

They also sought the repair of damage to the weir. At the time of writing, these works will be underway with the installation of pre-cast concrete blocks to replace the gabions.

Additional to these works, Council personnel are investigating the construction of a lock at the weir location to enable better control of the water level and potentially become a tourist attraction.

A long term project of the group has been the restoration of bronze plaques at Bells Parade and along Sheean Walk. Mrs Elizabeth Walker, widow of the original sculptor, Stephen Walker, has been engaged to undertake the restoration works.

The toilet block at Bells Parade is also receiving a refurbishment which is mainly focusing on internal items such as painting block walls, new stainless steel pans, petition doors and installation of an ambulant cubicle to male and female toilets. The external works are minimal with alterations to access ramps and replacement of the clear poly carbonate roof cladding.

An allocation of \$35,000 to revitalise the playground has been bolstered by a contribution of \$25,000 from the Henley-on-Mersey Management Committee with a further allocation sought through Braddon's Stronger Communities Fund to make up the shortfall in the design. Unfortunately, playground equipment is not cheap!

The group is also looking to tier the wood chopping spectator area to maximise audience seating and improve their vision of such competitions.

Word of Mouth Marketing

Tourism Tasmania's approach to marketing includes using social media to encourage positive conversations about Tasmania. This can however be used by any business operator or event coordinator.

As you know yourself, word-of-mouth is a great way to promote activities and what better way than using images, videos and words by locals and visitors to tell your story.

Facebook, Instagram and Twitter all offer powerful ways to get a business or event in front of potential customers and audiences and at no cost, apart from a little time and effort.

Tourism Tasmania are happy to share how they use social media and the opportunities it offers. Simply go online to www.tourismtasmania.com.au/marketing/social.

Reliquaire and Shadows Update

A huge impact resulted when Reliquaire was destroyed and Shadows Café severely impacted by one of the biggest fires in Tasmania on Christmas Eve last year.

Since that time, the recovery process has been an anxious and stressful process for those directly affected, with many more lows than highs. Likewise, the clearing of the rubble and re-establishment of the businesses is an ongoing process.

While still not entirely resolved, Shadows Café recently re-opened for business with Prinella Woolley working through initial teething issues as she caters for her many loyal customers and new clients. It is great to see Prinella back doing what she loves and the return of many culinary favourites.

For the Christie family, there remains a very long road ahead. Realistically, it will take a year or two before they are back to some sort of semblance of what they once had at Latrobe but it will never be what it was. It is fortunate for Latrobe that they remain committed to rebuilding their unique establishment here as there were a number of approaches to set up in other towns.

In the meantime, they sought approval to operate from their home at 14 Hamilton Street. A number of objections were received and they continue to be worked through. With a need to generate income to sustain five people, they opened a pop-up shop for Easter on the corner of Gilbert and Hamilton Street. This building was previously operated as the business “Emily's Day”. Such was the interest and support of this initiative that the Christie family has continued to operate from this site.

They are hopeful that the ability to re-open as a bigger business in Hamilton Street will come to fruition in the near future, which will see them through to rebuilding funds for their new beginnings at 139 Gilbert Street.

New Sport for Latrobe

A new sporting club is in the process of being established on what many would know as the former hockey ground adjoining Perkins Park in Gilbert Street, Latrobe, directly opposite the Latrobe Swim Centre. The sport - croquet.

Croquet involves hitting balls made of a plastic composite material with a mallet through hoops embedded in a grass playing court and, although the common perception is that it is a sport only practiced by the elderly, the age of players varies from 13 to 90.

This new club at Latrobe has twenty eight players committed to its formation; two being current members of the State team and four are registered coaches. They also bring with them players that have experience in club administration.

The Latrobe Sport and Recreation Committee, who has management of this area on behalf of Latrobe Council, recommended the lease of the site to the Latrobe Croquet Club after surface testing revealed it suitable for this purpose. As a result, four full size lawns will be established on the site.

A facility of this size raised confidence in the new club that they would be able to attract new membership from around the North and North West coast as well as the local community. It also enabled the possibility of them hosting

intra and interstate competitions of which there are several each year attracting players from all over Australia. Their initial plans however are to secure involvement in the 2017 Australian Masters Games.

Throughout Tasmania, there are currently nine clubs - four in the Hobart area, three in Launceston and one in Devonport.

To contact the Latrobe Croquet Club, please phone Chris (0499 990 239) or Patsy (6424 6152) or email croquetlatrobe@gmail.com.

Keeping Football in the Family

They say that if you wait long, everything comes back in fashion again.

While girl's football has been reinvigorated through high schools over the last few years, this year a partnership between Latrobe, East Devonport, Devonport and Ulverstone has resulted in a women's football team entering into the statewide competition, under Devonport's AFL licence, as *Mersey Leven Power*.

Back in the 1950's, Latrobe fielded a female football team (pictured).



Back Row
L to R Scarlet Mason, Beryl Aherne, Maureen Sheehan, Betty Brown, Molly Fidler, Val Moles, Joan Sheehan, Ruth Sheehan.
Front Row
- Betty Cole, Lois Lee, Mona Rawson, Mary Coventry, Jacki Burt, Val Peebles

In this year's youth and women's competition, a number of players are the great granddaughters of some of these ladies including Georgia Smith (Maureen Sheehan and Betty Brown), Kayla Sheehan and Shannon McLennan (Ruth Sheehan) and Nakiah Sheehan (Joan Sheehan).

Mr John Perkins of the Latrobe Football Club said "a key priority of the AFL and the biggest growing sport at the moment is female football."

In a male dominated environment, the acceptance of women playing football can be quite confronting for traditionalists. The enthusiasm of the women however is clearly apparent with the Latrobe Football Club boasting 25-30 female footballers with five of them - Grace Huxtable, Lauren Stevenson, Isabella Hardy, Sarah Skinner and Zoe Knight - already selected to play in the state squad. Collectively, the four clubs had 50 players turn up for training recently at Latrobe.

The Mersey Leven Power will commence playing in the state league on 7 May, alongside the TFL's U18's, Reserves and Senior Mens as either the second or fourth game on the day, depending on the location of the game. The seven Devonport home games will alternate amongst the four home grounds of the collaborating clubs that make up the Mersey Leven Power.

The youth (13-17 years) and junior (12 and under) girls teams are proposed to follow the NWFL roster but play on

a Sunday. Consequently, their first game on 8 May will be played at Devonport against Burnie, the reverse of the 7 May NWFL game between Devonport and Burnie. This will assist with maintaining the integrity of playing surfaces."

Want to know more about the female football initiatives? Contact General Manager Ann-Maree Brown (0419 548 282) or Rod Walker (0409 461 160).

Factor the Tractor

No doubt readers have heard the Community Road Safety Committee's "Factor the Tractor" advertisement on the radio. This message encourages motorists to be aware that they are travelling through our predominantly rural community where they may encounter slower vehicles such as tractors and to slow down accordingly.

The role of the Municipality's Community Road Safety Committee is to contribute to reducing the incidence and severity of road crashes in the Latrobe and Kentish municipalities by promoting greater road safety awareness and responsible road use by all road users and provide feedback on all road safety matters to Council where relevant.

The current campaign is being followed up with advertising brochures/pamphlets designed and distributed to supporting outlets to raise awareness about the projects and encourage safer driving behaviours. The Committee has also utilised variable message signage in association with cycle and horse events to encourage motorists to drive safely throughout their staging.

Should you have any suggested road safety initiatives or wish to join this committee, please contact Councillor Lesley Young (6426 7235) or Council's Manager Engineering Services, Jonathan Magor (6426 4444).

Dogs and Signs

An advisory group to Council on matters relative to the good management of Port Sorell continues to meet monthly at the Port Sorell Memorial Hall Supper Room. This group includes representation from a wide cross section of the community and business and considers a variety of issues, making recommendations to Council for consideration.

One of the continuing issues for the group has been signage throughout the Port Sorell area. A sub-committee was recently appointed to work with Council personnel to review signage throughout the Port Sorell area.

Dog management issues remain contentious throughout the Port Sorell community resulting in the group recommending that Council implement a zero tolerance for dogs in no-go areas. Council consequently endorsed the recommendation and encourages dog owners to make themselves aware of the off-leash exercise areas. When walking a dog, it should be on a leash and under effective control. Ignorance of no-go locations is no longer accepted as an excuse. Details of dog exercise areas are available on Council's website at www.latrobe.tas.gov.au.

Port Sorell History to be Displayed

The Port Sorell History Group has been quite creative in developing pictorial compilations of the history of the Port Sorell area throughout its years of operation. Unfortunately, they have been less successful in obtaining a "home" for the display, that was, until now. The Port Sorell Memorial Hall Management Committee recently agreed to permanently hang the displays within the Hall.

Food Safety Training

Getting the basics of handling food correctly is important for workers starting out in the food industry or even those who have been around for years!

To support better food management throughout the Latrobe Municipality, Council's annual Food Safety training will be conducted in May.

This user-friendly course will teach food service workers all the skills and knowledge that they need to prepare and handle food safely including useful information, hints and tips, providing a good grounding on your legal responsibility in this line of work.

Whether you have been involved in food service for years and just need an update (should be renewed at least every five years) or you are just starting in food service, this training course will be useful and relevant for you.

Sessions will be held -

- Tuesday, 17 May at The Trend Shed, corner Wilmot and Rice Street, Port Sorell from 6.00pm until 8.00pm
- Wednesday, 18 May at Shearwater Resort, 17 Shearwater Boulevard, Shearwater from 11.00am until 1.00pm
- Thursday, 19 May at the House of Anvers, 9025 Bass Highway, Latrobe from 7.00pm until 9.00pm.

The cost is \$50 per person (where three or more people from one food business attend, a 10 % discount is offered). Charities and community organisations are **free**.

To register, please complete the online registration form at www.latrobe.tas.gov.au/page.aspx?u=342&c=9448.

If you wish to know more, please telephone Mrs Glenys Nichols on 6426 4444.

Growing Old, Living Adventurously

Just because you are getting on in years, doesn't mean that you need to buy into the stereotype and sit back and let life pass you by. One of the finest examples of community involvement by the older set has been the successful Port Sorell U3A, which offers a variety of short courses throughout the year.

Seniors Week is a bit like that initiative but more of a 'come and try' session over a week long period that has proven beneficial in establishing a number of long term programs throughout the state.

The Council of the Ageing Tasmania (COTA) coordinates Seniors Week, which is this year scheduled for 10-16 October. Last year, over 30 activities were offered throughout the Latrobe Municipality. Let's see if that can be increased.

There is no cost to you to registering to host an activity during Seniors Week and your activity is included in an extensive program distributed statewide. There is also no requirement that you have to make the activity free. Sometimes that is not beneficial anyway as potential clients can devalue an experience if there is not some sort of remuneration, no matter how small.

So, if you are an older person and aware of some activity that you would like to have a go at, why not approach a provider to register to run a session during Seniors Week. If you don't know who could provide that experience, contact Council's Community Development Officer on 6426 4444 as she may have a link to get it off the ground. Who knows, there are probably other people in the community that are looking for the same experience!

If you run a business or provide a service for older people or plan to do so, why not consider running a session during Seniors Week to gauge the potential take up.

To register your Seniors Week activity, go to www.cotatas.org.au/programs-events/sw2016/. Registrations close 1 July.

Permits Required for AirBnB

In these days of unregulated services competing with services that comply with regulations i.e. Uber vs taxi's, AirBnB vs commercial accommodation - there is going to be a level of concern expressed by those that comply with the licensing.

Council recently received correspondence from Devonport and Cradle Country Tourism Inc expressing concern about the growth of AirBnB and the inherent problems being created for legal and registered accommodation providers. In the correspondence, they sought clarification from Council as to what actions Council will be taking to ensure the owners of AirBnB premises comply with existing laws and regulations.

Under the Latrobe Interim Planning Scheme 2013, *Visitor Accommodation* has permitted status in the General Residential zone provided it is for 16 persons or less. A permit is required from Council for any proposed *Visitor Accommodation*. Please note, *Visitor Accommodation* can have permitted, discretionary or prohibited status, dependent on the zone in which it is proposed and it is best to contact Council's Planning Officers if you are considering a proposal of this nature.

Within the draft State Planning Provisions (SPP) it is proposed that "*use is exempt from need for a permit if the use of a dwelling for visitor accommodation is for no more than 42 nights in any calendar year.*"

The draft SPP is currently open for public community until 18 May.

To download the draft SPPs, Explanatory Document, incorporated documents and Terms of Reference, go to www.planning.tas.gov.au. Once adopted, the SPP will become the prevailing law throughout Tasmania and any variation must deliver a "*significant social, economic or environmental benefit to the State, a region or a municipal area*" so **now** is the time to have input.

New Street Named

When a new development is undertaken that involves the establishment of new streets, lanes, courts, ways, crescents and places, the developer is offered the opportunity to recommend names to Council for these locations. The preferred name is then considered by the State Nomenclature Board for approval.

When considered this process, the name should be in keeping with the character and tradition of the area; with historical or local significance; being suggestive of any peculiarity or a topographical feature; or being of aboriginal derivation, and having an appropriate meaning. It is also highly desirable that the name not be already in use elsewhere, unlike times of settlement where nearly every town has a William or James Street.

The new cul-de-sac at the eastern end of Last Street, Latrobe was recently named in recognition of the original grantees of the property with Phillips Court forwarded to the Nomenclature Board for endorsement.

Prior to that, the cul-de-sac off Calthorpe Street was named Mackenzie Crescent, again after a former property owner.



Event and Tourism Promotion

ATDW-Online, Australia's national tourism database of tourism products and events, is now live and accessible to event coordinators and tourism operators to add or update their listing.

The database replaces the previous Tasmanian TigerTOUR database while retaining all the previous listings found in TigerTOUR.

Differences between TigerTOUR and the new ATDW-Online include an emphasis on larger, high-quality images, a new category called Food and Drink with wineries, breweries and cooking schools moved from the previous Attractions category, and the option to include restaurants for the first time.

For more information, including the new image requirements and user guides for each product category go to www.tourismtasmania.com.au/marketing/online/atdw

Trees and Neighbourhood Disputes

Trees are a common source of dispute between neighbours. Overhanging branches and encroaching roots have the potential to cause property damage and personal injury, and they can also affect the way you enjoy your property.

Encroaching trees can constitute a private nuisance in that they may interfere with the enjoyment and use of your land. For example, an overhanging branch may regularly drop leaves into your swimming pool or protrude over your house or children's play areas.

Before considering any action, you should talk to your neighbour about the problem and ask them politely to prune the tree, dig up the roots or assist you in the operation.

It is possible to take legal action ordering the neighbour to arrange for the tree to be pruned however the tree must be causing a substantial and unreasonable interference with your use and enjoyment of the land for it to be considered a nuisance at court. Taking your neighbour to court though can be an expensive and time consuming process with uncertain outcomes. Additionally, Court action is likely to adversely affect the relationship between you and your neighbour and should only be considered as a last resort.

Compensation for any actual damage to your property from a nuisance tree, such as a cracked driveway from tree roots, may be available; however, it may be difficult to prove that the nuisance tree caused the damage.

Self-help is the most common remedy in this situation.

You are legally entitled to cut back any branches or roots from a tree which protrude onto your land up to the fence line. You do not have to give any warning that you are going to do this, although it is recommended that you discuss it with your neighbour first. The law calls this do-it-yourself action.

You are not allowed to enter your neighbours land in order to carry out the work, unless you have their permission. Also, anything you cut off your neighbours tree belongs to your neighbour and should be returned, preferably in a neat and tidy manner.

Self-help is not always a practical option and the services of a tree lopper or other professional may be required in dealing with a nuisance tree. It is important to be aware that unless your neighbour agrees to contribute to the cost

beforehand, you may be unable to recover the costs of having this work done.

Getting a quote for repair and discussing the matter with your neighbour beforehand is preferable.

More information from the following link - www.lawhandbook.org.au/06_04_02_nuisance/

Controlling Authority Wound Up

The Camp Banksia Controlling Authority, consisting of three independent members, has worked hard over the last ten year period and greatly improved both the appearance and operation of Camp Banksia.

Following recent discussions between Controlling Authority members and Council representatives, it became clear that substantial capital funds are required to upgrade Camp Banksia to meet current customer needs with no guarantee that the Camp will operate without significant operating losses into the future. Consequently, there was general agreement that the Controlling Authority had done all that it could within the existing budget constraints and that it may be best for Council to take over management of Camp Banksia and work with the Port Sorell community on the future use of the site.

To effect this transition, the Camp Banksia Controlling Authority has to be formally wound up and a Special Committee of Council established.

This will be effected at the end of this financial year where two (2) elected Councillors; Latrobe Council's Manager Corporate Services and Building and Facilities Officer as well as community member, Mr Robert Atkinson (until 30th June, 2017), will form the new committee.

Mersey Building Improvements

The Mersey Community Hospital is currently making some upgrades to the Old Nurses Home building (building adjacent to Torquay Road) in order to better meet the needs of patients and staff.

Building works commenced in April and will continue until September.

The project includes upgrades to internal and external ramps which lead into the pre-admissions clinic as well as some outpatient clinics; building a new disabled toilet in the pre-admissions clinic and the installation of a lift into the building.

During the works, the entry points for both the pre-admissions clinic, and the vehicle and pedestrian access to the Emergency Department, will change. Patients and visitors should follow signage that will point them in the right direction.

For more information on the project you can contact the hospital on 6426 5111 and speak with Business and Facilities Manager, Mrs Lyn Jackson.

Proposed Removal from Heritage Register

Every so often, the Tasmanian Heritage Council (THC) reviews properties on the state register to determine whether they still meet the criteria of registration under Section 16.

The THC recently advertised its intention to remove a number of properties from the Register within the Latrobe Municipality, specifically -

- 40 Gilbert St, Latrobe
- 145 Gilbert St, Latrobe
- 8 Hamilton St, Latrobe
- 35 Hamilton St, Latrobe
- 57 Hamilton St, Latrobe
- 11 Weld St, Latrobe

- 27 Hamilton St, Latrobe

Ms Brett Torossi of the THC advises that all of the above properties are also recognised as places of local historic heritage significance in Council's Planning Scheme with their removal from the Heritage Register not affecting this status.

The THC further advises that it has consulted with the property owners in relation to the removal of the properties from the Heritage Register however, under S24 of the Act, the public are invited to provide a written submission relating to that intention which may or may not include an objection to the removal from the register.

Submissions must be forwarded to the Chair, Tasmanian Heritage Council, GPO Box 618, Hobart, 7001 or emailed to enquiries@heritage.tas.gov.au no later than 12 June (60 days from the date of advertising).

A Unique Club for Girls

Empowering girls and young women has been Girl Guides mission since it was founded over 100 years ago and they continue to achieve this by helping girls reach their potential and be their best whatever their ability or background.

Guides have fun, adventures, achieve goals, make new friends and develop community values, whilst learning many valuable life skills along the way.

Girl Guides Tasmania is a unique girls' only space that:

- Promotes diversity and equality;
- Gives girls a voice;
- Is relevant to today's girls;
- Fosters self-confidence;
- Develops leadership, teamwork and life skills;
- Offers fun and friendship;
- Is part of a global movement.

Latrobe Guides is located on the corner of Hamilton and George Streets, Latrobe and runs every Wednesday afternoon from 3.30 pm during school terms.

For more information, contact the new Guide Leader Alanna Hartog (taking over from Carolyn McLennan), on 0447 954 624 or visit the Guide Hall. Come and try sessions are available before committing as a member.

Council's Current Works Report

The following works are scheduled to be undertaken throughout the Latrobe Municipality during May and June;

Roads:

- kerb and channel construction and associated stormwater works in Pitcairn Street (along the Camp Banksia frontage)
- Footpath construction along western side of Alexander Street between Freer Street and Hawk Hill Road
- Footpath reconstruction in William Street between Gilbert Street to Kings Lane
- Quinlan Crescent stormwater drainage maintenance
- Reibey Street - continue piping drain to Joseph Street
- Latrobe Recreation Ground carpark seal resurfacing
- Roadside verge spraying, road drainage clearing in preparation for winter and general maintenance of the sealed and unsealed road surfaces

Buildings:

- Construct beach entry access structures and seating, picnic tables and BBQ at Shearwater Park

- Refurbish toilets at Bells Parade
- Reclad the northern external wall of the Latrobe and Districts Youth Centre
- General building maintenance
- Upgrade of Elderly Persons Units as required

Parks and Reserves:

- Prepare Latrobe Recreation Ground and environs for sporting and community events
- Maintain street cleanliness and regular rubbish removal
- Ground maintenance of Council's Elderly Persons Unit complexes
- General parks and reserves maintenance including pruning, mowing and weed spraying

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

“A day in the life of an Ambulance Tasmania Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Volunteer Ambulance Officer”

CERTs manned by Volunteer Ambulance Officers who are members of their local community. They all come from different backgrounds, and attend medical emergencies to provide immediate life-saving medical care prior to the arrival of an emergency ambulance. The call can range from cardiac arrests to snake bites and everything in between.

CERT teams operate 24 hours, 365 days of the year. When a CERT Volunteer Ambulance Officer is “on-duty” they are free to remain at home, at work or enjoy their leisure time within the CERT response area, but if the pager is activated they must be able to respond immediately. It’s challenging work with no pay, but has total respect.

Knowledge of first aid is not essential to join, as all training is provided through Ambulance Tasmania, all you need is just a passion to help and a willingness to learn.

If you would like to make a very real contribution to your community, and gain valuable skills that will stay with you for life, the Port Sorell CERT is desperately looking for interested members of the community that would like to become a Volunteer Ambulance Officer with Ambulance Tasmania, so please apply today. Phone 1300 303 196 or Email: volunteer@ambulance.tas.gov.au

Laughter the Best Medicine

Research shows that laughter is an effective form of preventive medicine and complementary therapy. It enables you to tap into your own inner cellular pharmacy and create real biochemical and physiological changes.

Laughter and deep breathing exercises lower cortisol ‘stress hormone’ levels in the body and activate the body’s relaxation response. Laughter also releases endorphins and

boosts feelings of positivity and optimism. When you feel good, you have clearer thoughts and this has a positive impact on all aspects of your life.

Laughter for Life, is a group that uses laughter yoga techniques and so helps you to laugh, even if you don't feel like it. It involves laughter exercises and deep breathing techniques.

Laughter yoga is empowering. It teaches you that you can choose to laugh, when you want to, for no reason, because you can. Laughter is too important to leave to chance.

The Laughter for Life group meets at the Bridge of Hope Anglican Church Hall in Rice Street, Port Sorell on Tuesday afternoons from 3.30pm until 4.30pm with everyone welcome. For more information, please phone Karen on 0408 811 167.

Winter Closure for Museum

The Court House Museum will be closed throughout June, July and August however community groups and schools wishing to view the museum during these months can be accommodated by booking with Michael McLaren on 6426 2777.

Community Bank Partnership with Sheddars

The past few months have seen some great results from the community partnerships formed by the Port Sorell Community Bank and the Port Sorell and surrounding community.

Congratulations are extended to the Latrobe Federal Band for their recent success in the National Band Championships where they achieved 1st place in the C-Grade division. The community bank is extremely proud to have been associated with your success through their sponsorship.

The bank was involved in a collaboration between the Lions Club of Port Sorell Inc, the Port Sorell Men's Shed and Latrobe Council that saw the completion of the Men's Shed new premises at 14 Burgess Drive.



Pictured - Phillip Spratt, Keith Haines, Les Tomic, Jack Van Tatenhove, Helen Palmer, Chris Smith and Grenville Bellchambers.

Their facility has been further enhanced with the donation of a defibrillator to benefit members and the wider community.

Branch Manager, Phil Martin, recently host a Rural Luncheon at the Thirlstone Golf Club where farmers gained an insight into the rural operations of the bank.

It is with regret that the passing of Tracy Wilson, who played a pivotal role in the Port Sorell Community Bank commencing business in the district, is acknowledged. Tracy worked tirelessly to get the bank over the line and his interest in the community was greatly appreciated, winning the hearts of all who came into contact with him.

The Port Sorell community is fortunate to have a community bank in the district however your support is

needed to enable more community events and organisations to be supported, which will in turn raise morale and make our community an even better place to reside in. You can do this by simply calling into the Port Sorell District Community Bank branch in Club Drive, Shearwater where their friendly staff, led by manager Phil Martin, can assist with all your banking enquiries. Together you can make a difference.

mainly music flourishes at Port Sorell

A music group for pre-school children and their parents is proving popular with families at Port Sorell.



mainly music is a fun, interactive music programme which assists in developing children's musical ability, social and motor skills and the parent-child bond.

Sessions consist of a half hour of music, rhymes and actions followed by a snack, free play, craft and other activities. Children from birth to school age participate along with a parent or carer.

It provides an opportunity for parents or carers to enjoy a social outing, create new friendships in the community and nurture their children's development. It has been particularly helpful for families who are new to the area to connect with others.

The group which started three years ago, is led by a team of volunteers from the Bridge of Hope Anglican Church under the leadership of Mrs Wendy Thiele. Team members undertake training and are accredited to meet both church and government requirements for working safely with children. The programme is currently fully booked with twenty families registered and a waiting list is in place for new enquiries.

mainly music began in New Zealand twenty five years ago and is embraced by educators and parents as well as many different church denominations around the world, who conduct sessions as part of their community outreach.

For more information or to register for the waiting list, please contact Mrs Thiele on 6428 8648.

Macular Degeneration Awareness Week

Macular degeneration (MD) is the name given to a group of degenerative diseases of the retina that cause progressive, painless loss of central vision, affecting the ability to see fine detail, drive, read and recognise faces.

Although there is no cure for MD, treatment can slow its progression, depending on the stage and type of the disease (wet, dry, and other forms).

With one in seven Australians over 50 showing some evidence of the disease, the earlier the disease is detected, the more vision you are likely to retain.

In the early stages of MD, when drusen first appear, you may not realise anything is wrong and you may still have normal vision. That is the best time to detect the disease.

Macular Degeneration Awareness Week from 22-28 May is an annual campaign by the Macular Disease Foundation Australia to raise awareness of MD and to encourage all people in Australia at risk of the disease to have an eye test and macula check.

During Macular Degeneration Awareness Week, Exsighting Vision, 35 Gilbert Street, Latrobe is offering a free retinal photo to people who book a comprehensive eye test. Bookings can be made by phoning 6426 1420 from Wednesday to Friday.



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Following the AGM in March, the Warren Lockett was re-elected President; Diane Kelly Vice President; Mike McHugo as Treasurer and Wendy Sinfield as Secretary. Other members of the Committee include Jenny Connors, Ann Lewis, John Sumpton, and John Kun.

In his report to members the President, Warren Lockett, thanked all the tutors, office staff and the outgoing members of the committee for their huge voluntary effort without which U3A would not exist. Similarly, he thanked the 12 venues that made their premises available for running classes at no cost to U3A.

He paid particular tribute to two retiring committee members, Anne Lockett and Judith Chamberlain, for their commitment and hard work over nearly three years in getting U3A off the ground initially and their contribution to building U3A to what it is today. Both continue to be involved in U3A.

Planning for the program for Term 2 is well under way, including some new offerings. **Term 2 programs will be released on 23 May** with enrolments closing a week later and classes commencing in the week of 13 June (although some classes may start later).

On **Thursday, 9 June**, U3A has organised a guided tour and briefing on the facilities at the Devonport Library and Online Access Centre (LINC). Non-members also welcome to this free one-off event. Meet in the Library car park at 9.50am.

The U3A office in Burgess Way, Port Sorell is open Monday-Thursday (10.00 am to 12 noon) and contactable via portsorellu3a@gmail.com, phone 0499 162 539 or forward your correspondence to PO Box 297, Port Sorell, 7307.

Time to Take A Breath for Port Sorell Lions



The current executive of the Lions Club of Port Sorell Inc is winding down in time for the new Board who commence on 1 July.

Club members recently attended the opening of the "Lion Ian Goss" Memorial at

Rubicon Grove which was erected by the club for the benefit of the residents.

The Zone final of the Youth of the Year Quest was hosted by the club at the Banksia Centre. This was won by Rowena McPhee who represented the City of Devonport Lions Club. Chelsey Oates from the Port Sorell area was the local representative with participants also from Latrobe, Kentish and Emu Bay Lions Clubs.

The Club has purchased a second defibrillator which has been placed with Mike and Karen Baxter in the IGA at Shearwater. The other defibrillator is at the Port Sorell Lions Caravan Park at Port Sorell. The club intends to purchase a further defibrillator for placement in the Port Sorell area.

On 27 May, the club will again be rattling the tins in Club Drive to raise funds for the annual 65 Roses Day, raising awareness of Cystic Fibrosis. Please come by and support this worthy cause.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Lions, please contact a local member or email lionsportsorell@gmail.com or write to P.O. Box 27, Port Sorell, 7307.

Gardening with local plants



For people establishing or rejuvenating gardens in the Latrobe and Port Sorell area, native plants are an excellent choice. While it is tempting to buy large showy native plants from the mainland or horticultural hybrids, these are apt to attract the larger honeyeaters, such as wattlebirds, that bully the smaller birds and drive them from the garden.

It is worth searching out the indigenous plant species that grow naturally in the central north of Tasmania. Not only are local plants well adapted to local conditions, not needing watering in summer, but they also help to support populations of indigenous birds, animals and insects, such as butterflies and moths.

Native plant nurseries, the North West Group of the Australian Plants Society and Rubicon Coast and Landcare members will all give helpful advice about which species to grow in which location throughout the Latrobe Municipality.

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



Great news at the Port Sorell Men's Shed with the donation of a defibrillator and training for ten operators courtesy of a donation by the Port Sorell Bendigo Bank. This is a valuable piece of life saving equipment that will be available to others in the area should the need arise.

The Shed is back in full swing with a number of projects now completed and a steady influx of new members who are always welcome.

A few members had a day trip to Waratah with commentary provided by Derek who has a wealth of knowledge of that area. Other trips are in the pipeline as well as a visit to the Ulverstone Shed with the intention of regaining the "Ashes".

Friday BBQ's are well patronised and a great chance to catch up with mates and talk football unless you are a Collingwood supporter.

At long last the Shedders are "on the phone" at 6428 7904 as well as social media (Facebook) and are in the process of updating their website. You can also email (mensshedportsorell@gmail.com) or snail mail to PO Box 331, Shearwater. For the personal contact, call in at 14 Burgess Way Shearwater, the kettle is always on.

Annual Exhibition Adopts Jazz Theme



Rubicon River Arts

Members of Rubicon River Arts are busy finalising works for this year's Annual Exhibition showing at Ghost Rock Vineyard throughout June and July.

Titled 'Art and All That Jazz', the exhibition promises to be an artful lead-up to the annual Devonport Jazz Festival in July.

The exhibition is open from Wednesday, 1 June until Friday, 29 July with the launch at 2.00pm on Saturday, 4 June. Open hours are from 11.00am until 5.00pm seven days a week.

In addition, Rubicon River Arts are looking forward to visiting a member's property to observe the construction of ephemeral bush sculptures from natural materials found on the Rubicon Estuary. These natural assemblages are inspired by the many visiting birds, their nests and habits and will form part of an exhibition to be held in Spring.

Upcoming workshops later in the year include Japanese dyeing techniques, book binding, felt making and rag tassels with the possibility of linocut printmaking.

Workshops are a creative way to fill a cold Winter's day, gain new skills or refresh old ones. Details and costs will be available in subsequent issues of this newsletter and also on Rubicon River Arts Facebook page.

Playful Penguins Playgroup



The Port Sorell Community Playgroup extends a warm welcome to parents, grandparents and carers of pre-school children to join them on a Tuesday, from 10am until 12 noon during school terms, at the Supper Room of the Port Sorell Memorial Hall on the corner of Meredith and Darling Streets, Latrobe (entry from Playground end).

Affiliated with Playgroup Tasmania, the playgroup is aimed at pre-schoolers and their parents or caregivers, in a relaxed environment where children learn through play. A variety of activities such as painting, drawing, craft, puzzles, books and imaginative play indoors are available as is a great time outdoors in warmer weather with bikes, sports equipment and in the playground and sandpit, finishing the day with a story and songs.

The cost is \$3 per family per week which includes tea and coffee.

Playgroup is run by a team of volunteers with new members and ideas warmly welcomed. For more information, please contact Anna (0439 111 334) or Kate (0408 325 429).

Apex Art and Craft Opportunities



Latrobe Apex have been busy organising the 2016 Latrobe Apex Art and Photographic Exhibition and Sale which will be held from 20-22 May in the Latrobe Memorial Hall,

Gilbert Street, Latrobe.

This is the first time for many years that the club has coordinated an arts competition/exhibition with members excited at the prospect.

Along with framed paper or canvas based entries, a photography section is again being offered.

The lodgment of entry forms close on 6 May with artworks to be delivered to the venue on 20 May. Entry forms are available online at www.facebook.com/groups/139011633156450/ or by phoning Tammy Jeffrey (0417 132 687).

A formal presentation of Awards will be held on the Friday evening with the exhibition open to the public from 10am until 3pm on Saturday and Sunday. Admission for Saturday and Sunday is \$2 per person with U16's free.

The club is also well on the way to organising this year's Truly Tasmanian Craft Exhibition and Sale in November.

Early stallholder entries indicate that there will again be a great variety for patrons to marvel at and purchase.

There is still room for stallholders. If interested, please phone Tammy on 0417 132 687.

Planning Underway for Antiques and Collectibles Fair



The Latrobe Lions Antiques and Collectibles Fair will be held from 22-24 July in the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe. A number of stallholders have already booked their sites indicating the event will be very successful.

The club is preparing for the annual Changeover of office bearers for the 2016-17 Lions Year. Incoming President Phil Jeffrey is looking forward to an exciting year with the club hosting the 2016 District Convention in November.

With the Speedway Season ending, members are now busy providing manpower at the gates of Latrobe Football Club home games.

As usual, don't forget to recycle your used stamps and eyeglasses to assist with Lions projects.

Eyeglasses are recycled and distributed to people in need in developing countries where they will have the greatest benefit. You can drop your unused eyeglasses into the Latrobe Medical Practice or Coventry's Pharmacy.

Likewise with the stamps, they are sorted, trimmed and sold at auction. All funds raised are donated to the Australian Lions Children's Mobility Foundation, which then purchases walkers for children with cerebral palsy or similar disabilities. Envelopes with stamps intact may be left at Ritchie's Supermarket; Morse's Butchery or passed on to any Lions Member.

Are you interested in service to your local community? Being part of a worldwide Service Club? Do you want to know more about the Lions Club of Latrobe? For more information, please contact Peter at Morse's Butchery, Kae on 6426 1442 or any other Lions Member.

Sudden Loss Hits Club Members



The Rotary Club of Latrobe was saddened by the loss of Paul Harris Fellow and Past President Margaret Birchenough.

Margaret was a dedicated Rotarian and gracious lady and will be greatly missed by the club and wider community in which she was involved.

The Rotary Club of Latrobe's Vocational Awards Night, where local citizen's achievements and dedication, business development and courtesy to the public are recognised, will be held on 11 May at the Lucas Hotel.

This event will be followed on 28 May with the International Night at the Latrobe Bowls Club commencing at 6.00pm. The Club invites you to join them at a cost of \$20 per person in celebrating their Global family. RSVP's to Rotarian Geoff (0408 932 469) or Rotarian Evelyn (0418 593 527) is essential to book your seat. Dressing in costumes from different countries of origin on the night will certainly make it a truly international night.

Rotary, a non-profit organisation serving the local, Tasmanian and world community meets each Wednesday at the Axeman's Hall of Fame from 6.00pm. Come along and hear wonderful guest speakers and have fun and fellowship with friends who put service before self. For more information, please contact President Colin (6428 6146) or Secretary Richard (6426 9201) or visit our web site (<http://www.rotarycluboflatrobe.org.au>).

Funding Opportunities

Applying for grants can be a challenging process. The following tips from the Tasmanian Community fund can apply to all grants -

1. Read and follow the guidelines and application questions carefully - they will help you put your best case forward;
2. Discuss your project with the funding body;
3. Aim to complete the application at least a few days before the closing date to address any last-minute issues. Late applications are generally not accepted;
4. Check and double-check your budget and GST status;
5. Make your application is easy to read - short, sharp and succinct and avoid using industry jargon;
6. Be realistic - with project benefits, timeframes and the budget;
7. Be prepared to provide evidence to support your proposal;
8. Ask a person unfamiliar with the project to read the application with a critical eye;
9. Provide the requested information only; and
10. Aim for your application's full approval, but plan for other results.



Emerging Needs Funding 2016-17

Offers funding to eligible organisations that have identified and seek to address a need within the Latrobe Municipality in the fields of environment, health and community welfare, sport and recreation. Projects may include equipment purchases, simple facility infrastructure improvements, research or planning projects and projects to develop and empower the community.

This is the only round of funding for the 2016-17 financial year.

Funding Amount - up to \$1,500 per application

Closes - 9 May 2016

For more information, contact Michelle Dutton on 6426 4444 or email michelled@latrobe.tas.gov.au

Arts, Culture and Festivals Sponsorship 2016-17

Funding new and established arts, culture and events staged throughout the Latrobe Municipality which result in a social, cultural and economic benefit for the municipality. This is the only round of funding for the 2016-17 financial year.

Funding Amount - up to \$750 per application

Closes - 9 May 2016

For more information, contact Michelle Dutton on 6426 4444 or email michelled@latrobe.tas.gov.au

Heywire Innovation Grants

Each year, the Heywire Competition winners attend the Heywire Regional Youth Summit to develop eight ideas to improve regional Australia for young people. Community organisations are invited to apply for grants in these categories to make their ideas a reality.

Funding Amount - Up to \$10,000

Closes - 1 June 2016

For more information, go

<http://www.abc.net.au/heywire/grants/>

Nuffield Australia Farming Scholarships

30 scholarships to encourage Australian Primary Producers to adopt local and international best practice so that excellence in all aspects of Australian agricultural production, distribution and management is achieved.

Funding Amount - up to \$30,000

Closes - 30 June 2016

For more information, go to <http://nuffield.com.au/2017-round-of-scholarships-now-open/> or phone (03) 5480 0755 or email enquiries@nuffield.com.au

Playing Australia: Regional Performing Arts Touring Fund

Supporting performing arts to reach regional and remote communities across Australia. Grants are available to support the net touring costs associated with a national tour.

Funding Amount - There is no limit on the amount that can be requested

Closes - 7 June for projects starting after 1 September AND 4 October for projects starting after 1 January

For more information, go to

<http://australiacouncil.gov.au/funding/new-grants-model/playing-australia-regional-performing-arts-touring-fund/>

The Ian Potter Cultural Trust Grants

Encouraging and supporting the diversity and excellence of emerging and early career Australian artists to undertake professional development, usually overseas.

Funding Amount - up to \$7,000

Closes - 24 May 2016 with a further round opening 11 June 2016 and closing 13 September 2016

For more information, go online to <http://www.ianpotterculturaltrust.org.au/>

Community 100 Program

To celebrate the Lions Clubs International centennial, Lions Clubs throughout Australia are donating more than \$100,000 to over 100 local projects nationally. Whether it's a community garden, kids' playground, or just someone who needs a hand, all projects are welcome. Each winner will receive a \$1,000 grants to help fund their community project.

Funding Amount - \$1,000

Closes - 30 June 2016

For more information, go to

<http://lionsclubs.org.au/activities/community100>

Rehabilitation Appliance Program

Administered by the Department of Veterans' Affairs to provide entitled veterans, war widow/ers and dependants with aids and appliances to minimise the impact of disabilities, enhance quality of life and maximise independence when undertaking daily living activities.

Funding Amount - Undisclosed

Closes - Ongoing

For more information, go online to

<http://www.dva.gov.au/providers/provider-programmes/rehabilitation-appliances-program-rap>

Handcraft and Home Industries Exhibition

This year The Country Womens Association in Tasmania is celebrating its 80th birthday and is holding its annual Handcraft and Home Industries Exhibition at the Latrobe Memorial Hall and Performing Arts Centre on 28-29 May.

The exhibition showcases all types of craft old and new, this year including a section for those who are passionate about colouring in and zentangles. There are also sections for those interested in cooking, jams, preserves and floral art.

There will be the opportunity to try some crafts with workshops taking place during both days. Members will also be able to talk with you about the work that the CWA does and achievements over the past 80 years.

Food will be available including Devonshire teas, a well stocked stall and a raffle with many great prizes donated by businesses around the state.

This exhibition will attract entries from around the state and is open to members and non-members alike. For further information, contact Mrs Lesley Young on 6426 7235.

What's On

Information on regular, weekly activities is detailed on Council's website at www.latrobe.tas.gov.au (under tourism).

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- 6 Closing date for registrations in Latrobe Apex Art and Photographic Exhibition and Sale.**
- 8 Cavy Club Exhibition** in the Latrobe Memorial Hall.
- 17-20 Food Training** at various locations. Refer to separate article.
- 20 Walk Safely to School Day**
- 20-22 Latrobe Apex Art and Photographic Exhibition and Sale** at the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe. Awards presentation Friday evening and open from 10am until 3pm on Saturday and Sunday. Admission for Saturday and Sunday is \$2 per person with U16's free. ☎ 0417 132 687
- 23 Port Sorell U3A Term 2 Program released**
- 25 Community Singalong with David Rockliff**, "The Singing Farmer", at Rubicon Grove, 89 Club Drive, Port Sorell from 2.30 pm until 4.00 pm. Gold coin donation includes afternoon tea. ☎ 0428 852 160
- 28-29 CWA Tasmania's Handcraft and Home Industries Exhibition** at the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 9am until 5pm Saturday and 9am until 3.30 pm Sunday. Admission is \$5 per adult, children free. ☎ 6426 7235
- 28 Rotary International Night** at the Latrobe Bowls Club commencing at 6.00pm. Cost: \$20 per person. Bookings essential to Rotarian Geoff (0408 932 469) or Rotarian Evelyn (0418 593 527)
- 29 Body Corporate Seminar.** Bev Sienesi will give an update on Body Corporate matters at the Banksia Centre, Pitcairn Street, Port Sorell from 10 am until 12 noon. Cost: \$2 ☎ 0499 162 539

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- 1 All that Jazz Exhibition** at Ghost Rock Vineyard, 1055 Port Sorell Main Road, Northdown from 11am until 5pm. On display until 29 July.
- 2 Free Hearing Tests** on the Australian Hearing Bus located at the Latrobe Village Market site, 169-171

Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 10am until 2pm. Bookings not essential. ☎ 6432 6500

- 4 Launch of Art and All that Jazz Exhibition** at Ghost Rock Vineyard, 1055 Port Sorell Main Road, Northdown at 2.00 pm. ☎ 0419 490 042
- 12 Lilium Bulb Sale** at the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 11.00 am until 1.00 pm featuring a broad range of very growable garden lilies and many species not available elsewhere. Some select companion plants. ☎ 6435 1298

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- 15 East and Greet with Hill Street** at Station Square, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 5.00 pm until 9.00 pm (times to be confirmed). An opportunity to meet and speak with the producers of products created locally and sold through the Hill Street Grocer. For more information, phone 0488 333 893 or email daryl@cradlecoastinnovation.com.au
- 22-24 Latrobe Lions Antiques and Collectables Fair** at the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 4pm until 9pm Friday, admission \$8 including supper and drinks and from 10am until 5pm Saturday and 10am until 4pm Sunday, admission \$5 these days. U12's admitted free but must be accompanied by an adult. ☎ 0438 195 117

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- 14 Chocolate Winterfest, Latrobe** from 10.30 am until 3.30 pm at various venues in and around the town of Latrobe. Official program launch - 7 June. Go to www.chocolatewinterfest.com.au

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- 16 Port Sorell Spring Fair** at Port Sorell Primary School, Pitcairn Street, Port Sorell from 10 am until 2.30 pm. Free entry. ☎ 0408 947 808

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Plan Your Promotion

Article deadlines and distribution dates to assist contributors with their forward promotional planning are -

Deadline.....Distribution Date

14 April	2 May
16 June	4 July

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

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