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## Proud Leaders in Local Government Change

There's a major project underway that will transform the way Council works and boost the quality and value of our local government services. Not since the wave of Council amalgamations in the early 1990's has there been such far-reaching change – and it's happening right here to the benefit of the Latrobe municipality.

We're in the middle of a two-year project with neighbouring Kentish to extend our highly successful resource sharing program and grow the number and type of shared systems, policies, projects and staff in both the outdoor and indoor workforces.

A Cradle Coast Authority Shared Services Project report examining the potential to share services at a regional-scale has also just been released with support of the State Government. It is an extensive document which Council will take time to carefully consider.

While this assessment is underway with the other North-West Tasmanian Councils, Latrobe and Kentish Councils will continue to share resources and deliver service improvements. Our municipalities will be financially stronger and more efficient thanks to our own *Embedding Shared Resources* project.

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## Discover Latrobe's Delights

Businesses throughout the town of Latrobe will again will be bringing their shops to the street on Sunday, 19 November from 9:00am until 2:00pm.

Following the success of the inaugural event last year, local businesses are again working together to develop this event as a showcase of what the town of Latrobe has to offer in the lead up to Christmas.

Mrs Alissa Jeffrey of the Latrobe Business Network said "there will be a wide range of entertainment, music, children's activities, local produce tastings and multiple attractions for the public to enjoy.

The event is a no cost event to the public and the shoppers have the chance to support local business while going in the draw to win a hamper donated by participating businesses.

The event will be taking place in Gilbert Street from roundabout to roundabout and beyond with a focus on patrons being able to park the car and walk the street to take in the full extent of what's on offer."

## Recognising Community Contribution

The search is on to find those individuals who make a valuable contribution to the Latrobe Municipality and recognise them through Council's Annual Australia Day Awards. There are three categories to be awarded - Citizen of the Year; Young Citizen of the Year and Community Event of the Year. Details of past recipients are available on Council's website at [www.latrobe.tas.gov.au](http://www.latrobe.tas.gov.au).

### How to nominate

1. Download a nomination form from Council's website ([www.latrobe.tas.gov.au](http://www.latrobe.tas.gov.au)) or phone 6426 4444 for a form to be posted to you.
2. Ensuring your nominee meets the eligibility criteria, complete the personal information and attach your

submission addressing the criteria relevant to your nomination.

3. Return the nomination to Latrobe Council, "Australia Day Awards", no later than 1 December.

Awards are presented on Australia Day (26 January) at the Municipality's premier Australia Day festival, Henley-on-Mersey. Who will be recognised this year?

## Remembrance Day Recognition Expands



At 11 am on 11 November 1918 the guns of the Western Front fell silent after more than four years continuous warfare. The allied armies had driven the German invaders back, having inflicted heavy defeats upon them over the preceding four months. In November, the Germans called for an armistice (suspension of fighting) in order to secure a peace settlement. They accepted allied terms that amounted to unconditional surrender.

On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, one minute's silence will be observed at Remembrance Day ceremonies conducted simultaneously in towns and cities all over the country.

This year, Remembrance Day ceremonies, commencing at approximately 10:45am, will be held at the Latrobe Cenotaph and the new Port Sorell Defence Memorial.

In conjunction with the Port Sorell Remembrance Day Service, the final memorial bricks will be revealed.

For more information about these Services, please contact Mrs Anne Macleod of the Latrobe RSL on 6426 1255 or Mr Rod Bramich of the Port Sorell Defence Memorial Committee on 6428 6565.

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## Dog Management Policy Up for Review

Legislation can be a hard task to get your head around so, in conjunction with the Dog Control Act 2000, Council developed a Dog Management Policy that simplifies the legislation while also including municipality specific information.

This includes responsible dog ownership as well as information on declared off leash and prohibited areas, cost of service, registration, dangerous dogs, nuisances, kennel licence, microchipping, lost dogs, wildlife and dogs and cleaning up after your dog.

Latrobe Council's policy is reviewed five-yearly with the policy currently open for written comment until 30 November.

A copy of the policy is available on Latrobe Council's website at [www.latrobe.tas.gov.au/animalcontrol](http://www.latrobe.tas.gov.au/animalcontrol).

PLEASE NOTE that with the introduction of Daylight Saving, the times of when dogs are allowed on some reserves and beaches has also changed. As a dog owner, it is your responsibility to make yourself aware of this change to ensure you do not breach these rules. Failure to comply can result in a fine being issued to you.

## Be Renovation Aware

Coming to Tassie throughout November, for the first time, is Betty - the asbestos mobile home.

Some of you may have seen the Betty parked at Station Square, Latrobe on 31 October. Betty is a purpose built, mobile model home designed to demonstrate where asbestos might be found in and around any Australian homes built or renovated before 1987. She is a community engagement and experimental awareness initiative of the Asbestos Education Committee in partnership with the Asbestos Disease Research Institute.

Betty's mission is to educate all Australians about the dangers of asbestos - so we all think smart, think safe, and think 'asbestosawareness.com.au'.



If you missed Betty, there is a miniature asbestos display house and information pamphlets in the foyer of the Latrobe Council office.

Additionally, Council has partnered with Latrobe High School Junior Leadership students to compile free asbestos kits for collection by residents of the Latrobe Municipality from the Latrobe Council office during November – Asbestos Awareness Month.

Additionally, more practical guidance about being safe when working around asbestos is available online at [worksafe.tas.au/asbestos-safety](http://worksafe.tas.au/asbestos-safety).

## HMAS ARMIDALE Commemoration

75 years ago on 1 December, HMAS ARMIDALE came under a fierce aerial attack four times over a two hour period by Japanese aircraft - nine bombers, three fighters and a float plane. Finally, hit by torpedoes and with no chance of survival, the order was given to *Abandon Ship* but the ordeal was not over. The Japanese airmen commenced attacking survivors in the water with cannons and machine guns.

With injuries to his chest and back, 18-year-old Edward "Teddy" Sheean strapped himself to an Oerlikon gun and fired back to give his fellow sailors the best chance of survival. 40 Australian Navy personnel did not survive but 42 did and attribute their survival in no small part to Teddy.

A Commemorative Service will be held at the Latrobe Cenotaph at 2.45pm on Friday, 1 December with a minute's silence to coincide with the time that the ship sunk below the waters of the Timor Sea.

The Service will pay tribute to all that sailed on HMAS ARMIDALE that fateful day in the hope that the conflicts of war and the actions of those involved are never downplayed.



*Informal group portrait of ship's company members onboard HMAS Armidale*

The working group are appreciative of the support received from Navy HQ Tasmania, TS Mersey cadets, Hank Koopman and Chris Stafferton OAM and extend an invitation to you to join this auspicious occasion.

Please note that traffic detours and no parking in Gilbert Street from Hamilton Street to the pedestrian crossing will be in effect for this Service. Parking will continue to be available in Reisz' carpark and behind Station Square.

## Call 000 First

Living in the communities that we do, it is highly probable that you have a direct line to someone within emergency services, be it fire, police or ambulance (including First Response).

While it may be tempting to "phone a friend" when you are experiencing an emergency, all emergency services are activated by phoning 000.

Highly skilled personnel on 000 triage your emergency and activate the relevant agencies and resources which may, on occasions, be multiple.

"Phoning a friend" can actually cause further delays and possibly be detrimental to an effective response.

So remember, dial 000 first in an emergency.

## Proud Leaders in Local Government Change

Latrobe and Kentish Councils are committed to having local representation and improving the bottom line of both Councils.

“Our Council will remain a separate business, operate a separate budget and rating system, and retain local Councillors and our identity,” Mayor Freshney said.

“By sharing we can get the kind of benefits that may come from amalgamating without the cost and disruption of a complete merge. In fact, we believe this project will deliver equal benefits that remove any need for amalgamation.

Behind the scenes, the Councils are moving further to share systems, policies, projects and assets to reduce costs and get the most out of our investments. Staff will continue to be shared between Councils to help attract and keep quality employees, improve cover when people are on leave, and provide extra resources during emergencies and extreme weather events.

Our ability to continuously improve is underpinned by the commitment of our staff and the pride they take in doing the best for their communities.”

There are several projects in the *Embedding Shared Resources* program:

- Outdoor Workforce – sharing staff, equipment, skills and plans in landscaping, building management, roadworks, and engineering;
- Information Technology and Business Systems – sharing software, systems and procedures to support staff to do their work;
- Workforce Development and Succession Planning – sharing staff training tools and plans to cover busy periods; and
- Indoor Workforce – sharing staff, procedures, skills and plans.

When you are in Latrobe you may see Kentish Council vehicles or staff assisting with roadworks. Similarly, when visiting a park or garden in Kentish you may see Latrobe Council staff, equipment or vehicles at work. Each Council pays to use the others’ shared staff and equipment and only pays for work within their own municipality. We expect to save money by using less short-term contractors and consultants.

The Embedding Shared Resources program will help provide both cash savings and better services. Resources will be fully used with less down-time and less double-up.

You can also expect the quality of work to increase as our workforces begin to specialise in important areas such as roadworks, building maintenance and care of our parks/gardens.

Our website has more information on how we share services and resources. You can also contact Council at any time to ask questions or talk with a member of the *Embedding Shared Resources* steering group which comprises managers from both Councils.

## Arrangements for Latrobe High Graduates

On Wednesday, 20 December, from 5.15 pm, Grade 10 graduates of Latrobe High School will begin arriving at the Australian Axemans Hall of Fame for their end of year dinner.

Usually a time of organised chaos as friends, relatives and interested onlookers gather to witness this spectacle, keeping to the following arrangements should ensure continued traffic movement and adequate viewing. The barrier tape is in place for the safety of observers and to maximise the viewing by all. BYO seating if required.

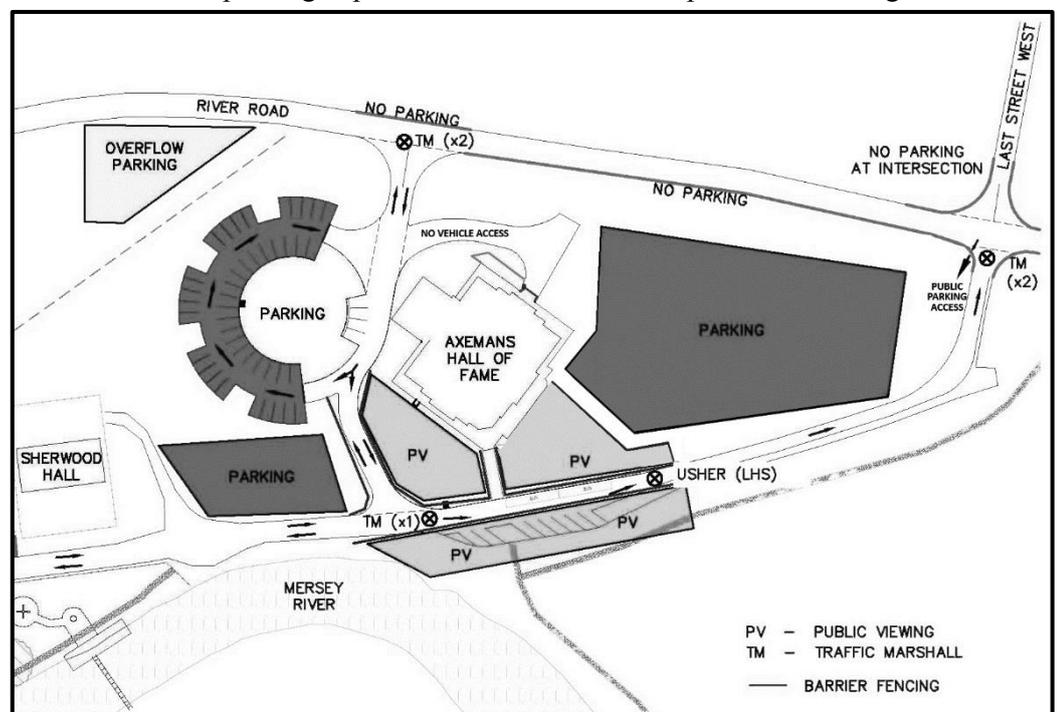
While vehicles with students make their way along River Road, enter into the circular carpark then turn left in front of the Australian Axemans Hall of Fame to drop off the graduate with the usher, public vehicle parking is accessed from the corner of River Road and Last Street West. Additional parking is provided in the circular carpark and on the grassed area nearby however you must exit from these locations back the same way as entered, not past the front entry of the Axemans Hall of Fame.

No parking is permitted along River Road from its junction with Last Street West and the entrance to the circular carpark.

Vehicles transporting students are asked to move onto the verge of River Road, enabling through traffic to get past rather than caught up in the congestion.

All students must be at the main entry to the Australian Axemans Hall of Fame no later than 6.45pm for the group photo before moving into the venue at 7.00 pm sharp.

Mersey SES will be managing the traffic with motorists requested to follow their directions.



## Is Your Block Safe for this Fire Season

For community safety, it is important that we all do our bit to ensure our properties are as safe as possible from fire.

After the very wet winter and spring, vegetation is going to grow quickly. Please ensure your town block, rural property or even your holiday home is well prepared for the upcoming fire season by slashing, mowing or preparing fire breaks in a timely manner. Information from the Tasmanian Fire Service in ensuring your property is fire safe can be found at [www.bushfirereadyneighbourhoods.tas.gov.au/](http://www.bushfirereadyneighbourhoods.tas.gov.au/) Council will be issuing abatements to property owners if/when properties are considered a fire hazard.

Please contact Council's fire abatement officer on 6426 4444 or the Tasmanian Fire Service 1800 000 699 with any concerns.

## Something's Afoot

Music, Mayhem and Murder are all part of Devonport Repertory Society's 70th anniversary production "Something's Afoot".

The musical play is an Agatha Christie style show full of witty dialogue, great music and hilarious situations. Set in a country house with a cast of ten eccentric characters, the show is fast-moving and very entertaining.

Director, Lindy Hingston; Musical Director, Dominique Baker and Choreographer, Julie Scott have been working over the past months together with a talented cast to bring this show to the Memorial Hall.

The cast are from all along the coast - from Burnie, Ulverstone, Turners Beach, Railton, Forth and Devonport, including -

- Flint the caretaker - Michael Foote
- Lettie the maid - Victoria Barker
- Clive the butler- Phil Lakeland
- Hope Langdon - Elizabeth Jolly
- Dr Grayburn - Thom Goodwin
- Lady Manley-Prowe - Michelle Best
- Colonel Gillweather - Bruce Tivendale
- Nigel Rancour- Tim Cooper
- Miss Tweed - Julie-Anne Jolly
- Geoffrey - Ross Hay

Set construction is well under way that will transport the audience to the 1930s country estate of Lord Dudley Rancour.

Come along and enjoy the fun on November 17, 18, 24 and 25 at 8:00pm with matinee shows on November 19 and 25 at 2:00pm.

Tickets can be purchased from Spice Gifts and Homewares, 164 Gilbert Street, Latrobe or phone Sue on 6426 3112.

## Cricket for 5-12 Year Olds

Summer cricket has returned with Milo's In2CRICKET and T20 Blast programs commencing at the Latrobe Recreation Ground on 27 October but it's not too late to get involved.

Hosted by the Latrobe Cricket Club, In2CRICKET introduces boys and girls aged 5-8 and of all abilities, to Australia's favourite sport. These hourly sessions start at 4:30pm and cost \$75 for eight weeks.

The T20 Blast for participants aged 7-12 gives them their first experience playing modified games of cricket in under 90 minutes. Commencing at 6:00pm, these sessions cost \$99 for eight weeks.

Registration is essential via [www.playcricket.com.au](http://www.playcricket.com.au); search for 7307 with all participants receiving a bonus player pack when they register.

For more information, contact Cal Morse on 0407 910 383.

## Santa Stands by for Letters



Christmas is an exciting time of the year and with many decorations starting to appear in shop windows, it's just a hint that you need to start thinking about writing that all important letter to Santa. Of course, you will tell him about your year and maybe drop a hint or two on what you might like for Christmas. The Latrobe Post Office has taken delivery of a very special Santa Post Box that will get your letter to "the big guy".

They are also an adoption centre for the Elf on the Shelf, a magical helper that helps Santa manage his naughty and nice lists by reporting back to him at the North Pole nightly.

## Moorland Beach Improvements

The Parks and Wildlife Service (PWS) manage Moorland Beach as part of the Pardoe Northdown Conservation Area. Moorland Beach experiences high visitation rates, particularly through the summer months. Visitors to the beach come for various recreational activities. Currently PWS allows the following activities.

- Dogs on the beach - Council regulations allow for dogs off lead while under effective control.
- Recreational riding of horses.
- Fishing from beach - no vehicles allowed on beach.
- Launching of boats from the beach - 50m from beach access.

Other activities that occur on Moorland Beach are illegal because they are either destructive to the environment or a safety risk to other visitors. The following illegal activities are the most common.

- Dumping and burning of stolen cars.
- Dumping of general rubbish.
- Off-roading (cars and motor bikes) - both on the beach and through the dunes.
- Camping.

Improvements to the Moorland Beach area includes the following.

- Placement of vehicle barriers around the car park to restrict vehicles from the dunes and foreshore. Note: Beach access is proposed to continue to allow boats to be launched from the beach.
- Vehicle barriers at different points along the dune face to restrict access.
- A boom gate across the start of the disused heritage walking track.
- Signage to inform and direct visitors.

The aim of the project is to provide a better visitor experience while protecting the environment. Signage will inform visitors what is safe and direct them, while

restricting vehicles from the beach and dunes will have many benefits, including -

- Improved safety as visitors walking along the beach are not at risk from speeding or out of control vehicles.
- Shore birds nesting on the beach are not at risk of having their eggs or chicks run over.
- The dune system is not prone to wind blowouts.
- Compaction of the sand killing organisms in the substrate.
- Rubbish and smoke from camping will not interfere with the safety of airplanes using the airport.

Want to know more? Contact Ranger in Charge at the Mersey Field Centre, Tasmanian Parks and Wildlife Services on 1300 827 727.

### Fuel Reduction Burn - Squeaking Point

The Parks and Wildlife Service are currently working through planning a fuel reduction burn within the Port Sorell Conservation Area, as part of the state-wide Fuel Reduction Program which is aimed at reducing the bushfire risk to help protect lives and communities. Refer to map below for the location of the proposed burn block.



The total area of this burn will be approximately 9.5 hectares, and is likely to take 1-2 days to complete. Smoke may persist some days afterwards depending on wind conditions.

During burning operations **public access to this area will be restricted**. The public will be asked to remain well out of the burn site while the burn is taking place and for the following days until safety checks have been made along tracks and trails. Please comply with directions from staff or any signs if you are in the area.

This burn will occur at short notice under suitable weather conditions and will generate smoke, flames and ash. Residents near this burn are requested to assist to minimise impacts from this planned burn to themselves and their property by taking some important steps including keeping doors and windows closed; putting outdoor furniture under cover to protect from embers; keep roof and gutters cleared from debris; remove other potential fuel sources ie rubbish heaps, wood piles; ensure pets have protected area and don't go sightseeing.

If you have any queries in relation to this planned burn, please contact Natalie Brown, Fire Operations Officer on 0409 868 467 or Prospect Office on 6777 2179.

### Making over Shearwater Village

Internationally renowned inventive thinker on creating vibrant public spaces, David Engwicht is coming to Shearwater to explore the possibilities for revitalising the Shearwater Village area.

A workshop that includes a walk through of the village will be held with the results assisting Council to determine if it will progress with a '7 Day Makeover' for the village.

David has worked with communities in Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the USA to improve their public spaces in a process described as 'empowering communities to create extraordinary places ... in just 7 days ... without endless talk ... and on a shoestring budget'.

More information and some of the results from David's 7 Day Makeovers can be found on his website [www.creative-communities.com](http://www.creative-communities.com).

The workshop will be held from 9:30am-12:30pm on Thursday, November 16 at the Port Sorell Golf Club, Shearwater Boulevard, Shearwater.

Residents, property owners and business operators in Shearwater, Hawley Beach and Port Sorell are invited and asked to register their interest by contacting Council's Tourism and Economic Development Officer, Jackie Hardy, by email to [jackie.hardy@kentish.tas.gov.au](mailto:jackie.hardy@kentish.tas.gov.au) or telephone 6426 4444.

### \$1,000 Bursary Supports Youth

A Latrobe Council Education Scholarship support residents aged between 17 and 20 years and in receipt of a Health Care Card, who wish to further their education to Year 11 and 12.

The scholarship can be used for out of pocket expenses incurred to complete studies including excursions, travel, fees, books, supplies and tutoring with funding provided to the college/educational institution or relevant business.

The successful applicant must retain an attendance record of at least 90% for the duration of the scholarship.

This scholarship is offered under the condition of remaining in Year 11 or 12 for the term of the school year that the scholarship applies. A maximum of \$1,000 will be paid with one (1) scholarship offered annually.

You can download the application form from Council's website at [www.latrobe.tas.gov.au](http://www.latrobe.tas.gov.au) (search for Bursary) or phone 6426 4444.

Applications close soon so don't delay.

### Renowned Wildlife Photographer to Visit Narawntapu

World renowned wildlife photographer Dave Watts will be visiting Narawntapu National Park during the weekend of 18-19 November, and will be available at the Visitor Centre to answer all your vexing wildlife photography questions.

Mr Watts is the author of many of Tasmania's best-selling wildlife reference books such as: *Field Guide to Tasmanian Birds* and *Tasmanian Mammals: A Field Guide* as well as numerous children's books, playing cards and general wildlife photography publications.

He will also be available for book signings, so if you already have a copy of one of Dave's numerous reference books, now is the opportunity to have it personalised. All his publications will be available for purchase on the day.

Remember to display your Parks Pass, and please, leave your dogs at home.

## Latrobe Christmas Parade and Carols

Are you planning your Christmas float for the Latrobe Lions Christmas Parade being held the evening of Saturday, 16 December? This year's theme is "Magic Pudding".

If you haven't already picked up your registration form, you can collect from Morse's Butchery, the Latrobe Council office or by phoning their Secretary on 6426 1442.

The parade steps off at 6:30pm and travels along Gilbert Street to Victor Street, turning in the Bowls Club carpark and returning up Gilbert Street. Road detours via Cotton Street will be in place during this time.

Carols in Kings Park gets underway on conclusion of the Parade with many popular performers leading favourite Christmas Carols. Christmas Parade float winners will be announced throughout that event.

Simultaneously with the Carols, there will be fairy floss, BBQ food, drinks and a hurdy gurdy in Kings Park. Come along and join the fun.

## Promoting Your Activities

Along with this newsletter and Tuesday's page in The Advocate, both coordinated by Latrobe Council, 7AD/SeaFM provide a low or no cost opportunity to not-for-profit organisations and groups to support the promotion of local news and community events.

Did you know that over 74% of those living in regional areas agree that radio is important to keep up-to-date with local happenings?

The Community Partnership Program (CPP) is tailored at a level that suits your needs with more information available by contacting Karen Smith on 6424 1919.

## Disaster Resilient Schools Project

The Disaster Resilient Schools Project within the Tasmania Fire Service aims to improve the bushfire safety and resilience of Tasmanian school communities. The project is working with several schools statewide to address bushfire risk in the lead up to the bushfire season. Port Sorell Primary School is one of these at-risk schools.

A number of actions were identified at the school including flammable plantings in school gardens near the school and the proximity of a bushfire hazard from the Pitcairn Street Bushland Reserve. This poses a significant risk to the survivability of school buildings and safety of students in the event of a bushfire.

In response to this risk, the Tasmanian Fire Service are working with the Education Department and Latrobe Council to manage the bushfire fuels potentially affecting the school. Vegetation management out to a distance of 50 metres from the school buildings is required however, wherever possible, established vegetation will be retained and only those fuels necessary to improve bushfire safety will be modified or removed.

The TFS Fuel Reduction program also has fuel reduction burns scheduled for the Pitcairn Street Bushland Reserve and will be working collaboratively to coordinate this work prior to the bushfire season. Dates for the work to be undertaken are yet to be finalised but will be updated through Tuesday's Mayor's Message in The Advocate when available.

If you have any questions about the Disaster Resilient Schools Project please contact Petrina Nettlefold (Project Manager) on 0407 890 465 or [petrina.nettlefold@dpfem.tas.gov.au](mailto:petrina.nettlefold@dpfem.tas.gov.au).

For more information about the Bushfire-Ready Schools initiative or the Fuel Reduction Program and planned burns scheduled around the state please go to [www.fire.tas.gov.au](http://www.fire.tas.gov.au).

## Experience Enhances Tourism Delivery

Jessica Aitken has recently been appointed as the Latrobe Visitor Information Centre's new Coordinator.

Jessica recently relocated to Tasmania from Western Australia with her work experience including four years as a travel agent and three years specialising in small business tourism.

"I'm really looking forward to exploring the area, meeting the people within it and promoting such a beautiful part of Tasmania," Jessica said.

The Visitor Information Centre Coordinator's position is a resource shared position with the Kentish Council. Jessica will be primarily located at the Kentish Visitor Information Centre but will work one day a week at the Latrobe Visitor Information Centre which is co-located at The Cherry Shed, Latrobe.

If you wish to volunteer to spend some time informing visitors to the Latrobe area of the many delights, sights and opportunities the municipality offers, please contact Jessica on 6491 1179 or email her at [kvic@kentish.tas.gov.au](mailto:kvic@kentish.tas.gov.au).

## Research Reveals Inhibitors in Rural Environment

The Menzies Institute for Medical Research recently conducted a survey to better understand the rural physical activity environment for better health outcomes.

"In urban areas, we know that people who live in environments that support physical activity have more active lifestyles. In rural adults, the link is unclear," said Dr Verity Cleland.

The data collated from 2016 involved 447 people from rural areas of Tasmania, Victoria and South Australia participating in an online survey.

It revealed that there are ample opportunities for outdoor activities with parks, beaches, lakes, rivers, creeks and walking/cycle pathways, all accessible within a 20-minute walk by most participants although some walkways lacked accessibility for mobility impaired or adequate seating along them.

It acknowledged that there is limited public transport with traffic safety raised by 67% who considering street lighting inadequate and 56% felt that many trucks drove through their local area.

Most (79%) considered their local area attractive but only 47% felt that their area offered interesting things to do.

Crime was not considered a major problem but natural hazards such as snakes, falling branches, swooping plovers etc were.

In summary, the survey identified many possible factors that may act as barriers to engaging in physical activity, some of which appear unique to rural settings.

Now that the Menzies Institute for Medical Research knows how to better measure the physical activity environment in the rural setting, they will undertake further work aimed at understanding which features of this environment hinder or support physical activity, and what they can do to create environments that support active living.

## Secure Your Load

So you've decided to de-clutter or finish that project that's been waiting for finer weather. Soon there is a trailer or ute load of rubbish to take to the tip or goods to recycle at the Tip Shop.

When transporting any items, it is essential that you cover and secure your load to prevent it from shifting forward, rearward, sideways and upwards.

Over the past couple of years, deaths have occurred from inadequately secured loads and overloading; one in Latrobe when a chair fell from a ute. Please, secure your load.

## Building Update

A total of 49 building, plumbing, demolition applications and notifications of works were received by Council during the months of August and September 2017.

They comprised of 13 dwellings; 4 dwelling additions/alterations; 6 outbuildings; 2 commercial/industrial, 23 plumbing applications and 1 demolition application with a conservative value of \$7,895,710.

## Council's Current Works Report

The following works are scheduled to be undertaken throughout the Latrobe Municipality during November-December;

### Roads, Construction and Maintenance:

- Sealed road preparation work for the annual resealing program.
- Reconstruct Victor Street kerb and channel and footpath outside Medical Centre and carpark.
- Twiss Lane road reconstruction works due to 2016 flood.
- Commence construction of the Council Chambers carpark extension, Stage 1.
- Construct a footpath from Station Square to Cotton Street.
- General road maintenance



### Town Services:

- Footpath general maintenance.
- Poyston Drive drainage improvements.
- Former TRA building upgrade.
- Ventilation upgrade in squash courts at Latrobe Youth Centre.
- Faulkner Drive building improvements.
- Stormwater drainage maintenance.
- Christmas decoration installation.
- General building maintenance.
- General maintenance of elderly person's units as required.
- Maintain street cleanliness and regular rubbish removal.

### Green Spaces:

- Commence annual road verge mowing and herbicide spraying program.
- Prepare Latrobe Recreation Ground and environs for sporting and community events.
- Prepare townships for Christmas period
- General parks and reserves maintenance including pruning, mowing and weed spraying.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Council's Works Department on 6426 4430.

## Kids Helping Kids

Early in Term 3 Latrobe High School had a visit from Tim Blair, a Kids Cancer Project champion, who told them about the work he is doing with for this national charity dedicated to supporting childhood cancer research and supporting survivors. He explained how September was their predominant fund-raising month.

The school, led by the leadership team, decided to support this great cause. They sold ribbons throughout the school community but wanted to do more.

A local company, VIP Packaging, supported them by providing donation tins which were then placed throughout Latrobe and Port Sorell during September.

Weekly basketball games between each grade were also held, with the winner of the grades versing the staff in the grand final.

A GOLD clothes day in which students were encouraged to dress in as much gold as possible was also held.

In total, Latrobe High School, with support from the wider community, managed to raise \$1,370 and are pleased to have supported the Kids Cancer Project.

Most important to them was that they raised awareness of the Kids Cancer Project which will hopefully encourage other groups to fundraise for this cause come next September.

### Changes to Mersey Electorate Boundaries

Because of the gazetted redistribution of several Legislative Council Electoral Boundaries in August, the boundaries of the Mersey Electorate (represented by the Hon. Mike Gaffney MLC) have changed.

The Mersey Electorate now encompasses the City of Devonport and Latrobe Municipality, including Port Sorell and Shearwater which were previously part of the former 'Western Tiers' electorate.

Electoral divisions are determined by many factors including population of electors; communities of interest; means of communication and travel within the divisions; physical features and areas, and existing and distinct natural boundaries.

Redistribution is done so that enrolment figures:

- are within 10 per cent of the division average (this is known as the quota) at the time of the redistribution; and
- remain within 10 per cent of the average division figure 4.5 years after the boundaries have been set.

As former Mayor of Latrobe, Mike looks forward to reconnecting with the Port Sorell and Latrobe areas, in his role as Member of the Legislative Council. Mike's office is located at Shop 1, 3 Lauriston Arcade, 126 Best Street, Devonport with appointments able to be made by calling in or phoning him on 6422 3000.

The next election for the seat of Mersey is expected to take place in May 2021.

For more information about the electoral boundary redistribution, go to [www.tec.tas.gov.au](http://www.tec.tas.gov.au)

### Latrobe Booms as Market Town

With the establishment of a fourth market venue in Latrobe, the town has become a mecca for those that love the Sunday market adventure.

"When setting up the market in our carpark at 140 Gilbert Street, Latrobe, we were looking to expand the critical mass of stallholders to enhance the Sunday experience in Latrobe.

We are working collaboratively with the other markets, from the Axemans to Rusty's, to encourage patrons to visit each venue and discover what each offer," said Legsgear Printing owner, Mrs Mandy Traill.

### Living in Cuckoo Land!

Four different kinds of native cuckoos spend their summers in the bushland around Latrobe and Port Sorell. The pallid cuckoo and the fan-tailed cuckoo are about the size of a blackbird. Both have loud repetitive calls: the pallid cuckoo sings ascending musical notes while the song of the fan-tailed cuckoo runs down the scale.

There are also two smaller kinds of cuckoos with greenish backs and dark lines across their pale breasts: the horsefield bronze-cuckoo and the shining bronze-cuckoo.

All these cuckoo's lay their eggs in other birds' nests. After hatching, the cuckoo chick nudges out the resident chicks and takes over the nest for itself. The adopted parent birds feed the cuckoo chick instead of their own offspring. When the young cuckoos leave the nest, their begging calls are sometimes so insistent that other parent birds as well as their adopted parents come to feed them.

Our cuckoos feed on insects, especially hairy caterpillars that other birds avoid.

Rubicon Coast and Landcare is a community group that cares for the bushland in coastal reserves and along the Rubicon estuary, the habitat for cuckoos and other birds. If you would like to join or learn more about the group, contact the secretary at [rubicon\\_inc@hotmail.com](mailto:rubicon_inc@hotmail.com)

### Clock Reinstalled at Shearwater

Cast your eyes upwards above the Port Sorell District Community Enterprise Limited (PSDCE) and you will notice a new town clock! The clock was instigated out of the community forums held earlier this year. It's just one project on the PSDCE agenda to achieve in the upcoming months.

Other sponsorships have been received by the Sassafras Fire Brigade, Latrobe Croquet Club, Port Sorell Primary School, CORES (Kentish) and ongoing support to the Port Sorell Bowls Club.

Congratulations to the Deloraine Community Bank in reaching \$1m in sponsorship for the Deloraine area. Can you imagine what that amount of money can do for our community? By transferring your banking business to PSDCE bank you can enable this to happen!

The recent Bendigo Bank television advertisements are highlighting the difference the bank is making in all areas of the community. Have you noticed them yet?

The Latrobe agency is growing from strength to strength so call in to the Latrobe Newsagency to enquire how they can assist you.

Is your insurance due for renewal; are you in the market for a home loan, a personal loan or business loan? Please call



*Pallid cuckoo female by Sarah Lloyd*

into the branch for a quote from Phil or any of the friendly staff.

### Relocation Welcomed by Church

An exciting change will be taking place at Port Sorell's Bridge of Hope Anglican Church in the next 12 months. The church recently announced its plan to move from the current buildings in Rice Street, Port Sorell to the new Multi-Purpose Hall and café to be built at Rubicon Grove, Port Sorell.

A lease with OneCare will enable the church to utilise the new hall for Sunday services, Wednesday's Mainly Music and other church events.

The new building will provide a modern, comfortable and flexible space for the church to conduct its activities. There will be easy parking and the adjoining café will also be of benefit. The church will transfer all its events to the new facility when it is completed.

It is hoped that the new location will encourage and foster further growth for the church and assist in continuing and developing active ministry in the community. An increase in church members would enable more programs and activities to be implemented to help meet the needs of the growing population in the area.

OneCare CEO Norm McIlpatrick welcomed the church and other community members at the official launch of the construction phase held at Rubicon Grove recently. He acknowledged the local community for the way in which it had embraced the nursing home and supported it in many ways.

Bridge of Hope Port Sorell representative, Mr Grant Atkins, said "the church has been planning for several years for this change of location and is looking forward to the completion of the multi-purpose hall and café during 2018. It is very grateful to OneCare for this opportunity to be use the new facilities.

Whilst it will be a sad time to say farewell to the buildings which have served the church over the past years, it is with hope, faith and optimism that the church is embarking on a new journey.

The church sees this as a new opportunity that will help it achieve its mission and goals for the future."

### Phone App Rates Air Quality

Do you have asthma, hay fever or other lung condition? Would you like to know more about your symptoms and be able to manage them better?

Want to know the daily air quality and pollen count in your area?

Get the free AirRater app by visiting [www.airrater.org](http://www.airrater.org) or call 1800 322 102.



Funded by the Australian Government, the free AirRater smartphone app is able to do all of the above and will also send you alerts for those environmental triggers when they are high. AirRater only works in Tasmania.

AirRater does not provide medical advice. You should see your GP or usual health provider for help about any health concerns you might have.

## Kerbside Recycling Assessments Continue

The Cradle Coast Waste Management Group (CCWMG) continue to conduct random bin assessments to determine how much general waste is being incorrectly placed into yellow lidded recycling bins in northern Tasmania.

The assessment is coupled with an education program to show residents what can and what cannot be placed in their recycling bins.

Each recycling bin is checked a number of times to assess the level of contamination with stickers placed on each bin depending on the amount of contamination found.

So, what CAN go into your kerbside recycling bin?

- Paper and cardboard including office paper, cardboard, letters and envelopes, junk mail, telephone books, pizza boxes (clean), newspaper, magazines, pamphlets and paper bags.
- Metal cans - aluminum, steel and tin-plated cans, aluminum foil (clean), paint tins (empty) and aerosol cans.
- Glass bottles and jars (remove lids).
- Hard plastic containers - please empty and remove caps.

Plastic that is flexible, for example bread bags, bubble wrap and plastic bags, CANNOT be recycled in any Tasmanian kerbside recycling collection.

If unsure, go to <http://rethinkwaste.com.au/kerbside-recycling-bin-assessments-now-theres-a-good-sort/>

## Rubicon River Arts on the Move



Rubicon River Arts members are thrilled to be moving into a home base, the newly renovated ex-TRA building on the corner of James and George Streets, behind the Latrobe Memorial Hall.

To be shared with the Latrobe Visitor Information Centre, the premises provides a pleasant venue for meetings, workshops and exhibitions adjacent to the tourist information centre.

Rubicon River Arts Secretary, Ms Angela McDermott acknowledged "the generosity and foresight of the Latrobe Council in blessing this creative community group with a central scene for salubrious arts activities and a growing membership."

Before the big move, Rubicon River Arts' members are holding Open Studios on 19 November at the -

- Shearwater "Pop-Up Studio" at the former doctor's surgery in Pitcairn Street, Shearwater from 11:00am until 4:00pm will feature Kim O'Brien, Bev Murdoch, Wendy Thiele, Amanda McKenna and Katherine Tyson
- Cheryl Sims at Asimatree, 49 Bucks Rd, Tarleton open from 10:00am until 4:00pm
- Gina Fynearts at 1 Murray St, East Devonport from 10:00am until 6:00pm
- Jacki and Garth at Murphy Art Studio, 14 Don Vista Drive, Don, open 10:00am until 4:00pm; and
- Annie Thurlow at 8 Victor Court, Devonport, open from 10:00am until 4:00pm.

Why not visit any or all the open studios and see what Rubicon River Artists are creating.

You can find Rubicon River Arts Inc on Facebook or call Secretary Angela on the new number 0498 243 460.

## Surf Season Starts



The season ahead is bringing much excitement to the Port Sorell Surf Life Saving Club and its members.

Registration day was held in October but new members are welcome at any time throughout the season.

Surf Club can bring many opportunities for you and your child. Any age can join surf club but keep in mind that your child must be quite confident in the water.

The flippers age group (U/8 and below) requires a parent to be with their child always. Arrangements can be made if your child does not have much ability in swimming as the club tries to promote fun for everyone.

The club is always appreciative of its sponsors. If you think that this could be you, please contact Dave on 0457 999 575.

PSSLSC is an entirely voluntary organisation with many hands making light work! The club not only offers many opportunities for children, but also adults wishing to volunteer as a lifesaver or just be involved at the club.

There are now opportunities to assist on patrols without a bronze medallion, contact the club for further information on this.

Stay in touch with club events and services over summer by liking their Facebook page. Enquiries can be made to [portsorellslc@gmail.com](mailto:portsorellslc@gmail.com).

## Library Provides Alternative Services

If you love books and movies then come along to the Latrobe Library Book club and chat with likeminded people. Held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month from 1.30pm -2.30pm, the group talks about the books they have read over the past month, what has just been published, movies they have seen and what the library has recently purchased.

Yarn In with Selby is the Crochet/Knitting club which is held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month with patrons going fantastically well with complete novices having been able to make rugs, tunics and loads of accessories.

They all have a good natter along with tea and cake whilst mastering the art of either knitting or crochet. They will be having their December session on 21 December due to Christmas Week Activities closing the library. These sessions are free but please bring along your own yarn and needles.



Kids can collect their Summer Reading Club Pack from 4 December. This will contain registration forms for the Reading Club and also have information on what will be happening at the Library over the Christmas School Holidays.

Rock and Rhyme Storytime happens every Monday morning at 10am. These sessions involve singing, dancing and making music to songs and rhymes, reading books and then make a craft. There is no need to book just turn up and enjoy the fun.

The Latrobe Library is located at 111 Gilbert Street, Latrobe. For more information on the above, please contact Rachel on 6426 1697.

## Key Activities for Rotary



Rotary plays an important role in the coordination of the Municipality's Annual Australia Day Celebration at Bells Parade, Latrobe - Henley-on-Mersey - as a member of a partnership with the Lions Club of Latrobe and Latrobe Council.

Collectively, the group's representatives develop a program of activities that are based on the culture and lifestyle of Australia as a nation, the quirrier the better.

The community are encouraged to get involved on the day with some fantastic opportunities to win being offered, as well as bragging rights.

Proceeds from the years have been reinvested back in to the development of this picturesque reserve with the Under 7's playground installed earlier this year proving to be extremely popular.

The club also hosts the North-West Tasmania Wedding Expo each April in the Latrobe Memorial Hall. In 2018, the Wedding Expo will be held on Sunday, 8 April from 10:30am until 3:00pm.

A regular and popular fixture on the event calendar, stallholder enquiries are now invited from businesses and individuals that provide wedding services.

Further details are available online at <http://www.rcol.org.au/club-projects> or by phoning Jan on 0400 838 932.

## New Queen of Country Music

Tasmania has a new Queen of Country Music after Gina Timms of Shearwater was awarded a lifetime achievement award for services to country music at the Tasmanian Independent Country Music Awards recently.

Gina was awarded the TICMA Tasmanian Female Legend Award 2017.

Gina's very moving speech was centered around her parents, thanking them both for keeping her grounded whilst she was growing up and supporting her career from the tender age of 9.

Gina's dad Roger passed away in June last year and Gina wrote the title track of her new album, Thank You (Just Doesn't Seem Enough) for her mum to thank her for taking good care of her beautiful dad.

After a few tears, Gina thanked her mum and lent forward and handed her mum, who was sitting in the front row, the award and said, "This is yours mum, I love you".

Gina who is currently touring Tasmania with Australia's King of Country Rock, Jade Hurley, "cleaned up" after being crowned National Songwriter of the Year and Gina also picked up the national award for Most Popular Song of the Year with her self-penned song - New Life.

Mark Eckel from OzCMR also announced to the packed room that Gina has been invited to perform in Branson, Missouri USA in March 2018 at the Spring Steel Guitar Convention.

When asked about how she was feeling, Gina said "Oh wow I am so incredibly humbled to just be nominated but to win is so exciting".

"To have my mum sitting right there and to be recognised with these prestigious awards, I am pinching myself".

Timms next project is to record a single in Sydney which will be released on Gina's 50th Birthday, the first day of the 2018 Tamworth Country Music Festival.

## Probus Ladies Celebrate 30<sup>th</sup>



For the past 30 years, the Mersey Valley Ladies Probus Club has met monthly. This is quite a significant achievement with the club recently celebrating this milestone with other Probus clubs in the area joining the occasion.

The Mersey Valley Ladies Probus Club is a caring group of ladies. They have speakers from amongst themselves talking on many subjects.

Secretary, Mrs Louisa Dawson said "I love it when these ladies tell us about their childhood and life in Tasmania - social history in the making. We also have speakers come and tell us of their interests and we learn so much from their funny, sad, informative talks.

There are ample opportunities to meet members during the morning tea break and to enjoy the social outings we undertake."

The Club will be present at the Home Hill Day on 19 November and Henley-on-Mersey on 26 January so why not come along and see for yourselves what a friendly group they are.

Alternatively, their monthly gatherings are held from 10:00am until 12 noon on the 4th Monday of each month at the Latrobe Senior Citizens Clubrooms in Hamilton Street, Latrobe.

For more information, please contact Louisa on 6428 8831.

## Challenged by Public Speaking?



Self-confidence is a wonderful thing if you have it in abundance. It means you can stand up in any situation and talk easily: no fidgeting, no shyness, no "ums" and "ahs". But what about the

rest of us?

Interviews, public speaking and presentations are often the things of nightmare. When you are young and going for that important job or having got the job, giving a demonstration of your progress to colleagues. These are daunting things to cope with without help.

Help is at hand and believe it or not it is fun. Toastmasters International is a group of friendly adults who meet twice a month for two hours. During those two hours, they enjoy various activities that help them gain confidence speaking to each other, either off the top of their head or through prepared and memorised words.

There is a progressive learning programme that can be followed but this is not the most important reason for being there. It depends on your reasons for joining. Gaining the confidence to speak clearly using good body movements is the most important factor of the meetings ... and it works.

The group have several success stories where members, within a short time, have improved to the point where promotion and new horizons became possible. Nobody criticises, nobody frowns, and they all applaud and encourage.

The nearest group meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month, from 6:45pm for a 7:00pm start at the Melaleuca Hall, 73 Mary Street, East Devonport. There is plenty of parking.

If you would like to know more, telephone Louisa on 6428 8831.

## Recycling Conserves Natural Resources

National Recycling Week (13-19 November) is a timely opportunity to remind you about recycling your mobile phones and accessories.

By disposing of your old products in the Mobile Muster collection bin at the Latrobe Council office, you are starting an extensive program of environmentally responsible recycling.

Through this recycling process, over 96% of the materials in a mobile phone are recovered. None of the phones are resold with any data left of the device destroyed through the recycling process. Batteries are shredded, granulated and sorted into materials; metals in circuit boards are hydro-metallurgically sorted; metals are shredded and baled; plastics, glass and paper packaging are shredded/granulated to make new products while accessories are de-manufactured.

This recycling process reduces the need to extract raw materials from the earth which saves energy, conserves scarce natural resources and protects our environment.

Reducing the impact of mobile phones on the environment minimises the resources that are thrown away and promotes the development of a circular economy.

Be a part of it and drop your old phones and accessories in to the Latrobe Council office when you are passing next.

### Calling all Athletes

Entries to participate in athletics at the Latrobe Carnival on 27 December are now open for registration through the Tasmanian Athletics League Inc at <http://bit.ly/2i7Qcmx>. Registrations close on 2 December.

For more information about the Latrobe or other athletic carnivals this season involving running, cycling or wood chopping, go to [www.facebook.com/Tascarnivals/](http://www.facebook.com/Tascarnivals/)

### Funding Opportunities

#### The Ian Potter Cultural Trust Grants

Supports and nurtures a vibrant, diverse arts sector in Australia, and encourages the pursuit of excellence. As individual artists are the essential 'building blocks' of the sector, the Trust's grants work to reward commitment and passion, and support our most talented artists to develop their skills and achieve their potential.

**Amount:** Up to \$10,000

**Closes:** 16 January 2018

**Contact:** [www.ianpotterculturaltrust.org.au/home](http://www.ianpotterculturaltrust.org.au/home) or (03)9650 3188

#### Flying Start Program

An initiative of Jetstar to enrich the lives of people in their local community in the fields of charity, education, health, sport and arts

**Amount:** \$30,000

**Closes:** 31 March 2018

**Contact:** [www.jetstar.com/au/en/flyingstart](http://www.jetstar.com/au/en/flyingstart) or (03) 9645 5999

#### Touring Grant

An incentive program to organisers of motor vehicle, motorcycle, and cycle tours that come to tour around Tasmania.

**Amount:** up to \$15,000 based on attendance and duration

**Closes:** 31 March 2018

**Contact:** [www.eventstasmania.com/funding/grants/touring](http://www.eventstasmania.com/funding/grants/touring) or 1300 880 634

#### Managing Farm Risk Programme

Allows eligible farm businesses to access a one-off rebate for costs incurred obtaining independent and professional advice to apply for a new insurance policy that assists with the management of drought and other production and market risks.

**Amount:** Up to \$2,500

**Closes:** 15 May 2019

**Further information:** [www.agriculture.gov.au/ag-farm-food/drought/assistance/mfrp](http://www.agriculture.gov.au/ag-farm-food/drought/assistance/mfrp) or 1800 837 857

#### What's On

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

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- 10 Latrobe High School Twilight Fair** from 4.00pm until 8.00pm to celebrate the completion of the school redevelopment. ☎ 6426 1061
- 11 Carpark Sale** in the Port Sorell Golf Club Carpark, Shearwater Boulevard, Shearwater from 8:00am until 2:00pm. Plants, produce, books, bric-a-brac, sausage sizzle, raffle and much more. ☎ 6428 7993
- 11 Remembrance Day Services** from 10.45am at - **Latrobe** Cenotaph, Post Office Reserve, Gilbert Street, Latrobe. ☎ 6426 1255  
**Port Sorell** Defence Memorial, cnr Rice and Meredith Streets, Port Sorell. ☎ 6428 6565
- 12 Pete Cornelius** performs at Ghost Rock Vineyard, 1055 Port Sorell Main Road, Northdown from 1.00pm until 4pm. Bookings essential - ☎ 6428 4005. No cost for entry.
- 13-19 National Recycling Week**
- 17-25 Something's Afoot** performances by the Devonport Repertory Society in the Latrobe Memorial Hall. Refer to separate article.
- 17 St Brendan Shaw College Grade 10 Leavers** at Australian Axemans Hall of Fame, River Rd, Latrobe from 6.00pm
- 26 Viv Brown Memorial Shoot** at the Fossil Bank Gun Club, 435 Native Plains Road, Sassafras commencing at 10:00am. ☎ 0457 429 923

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- 1 HMAS ARMIDALE Commemorative Service** at the Latrobe Cenotaph, Post Office Reserve, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 2.45pm. Full details in separate article.
- 2 Guinea Pig Show** at Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 9.30am until 4.00pm. Pet Classes at 12.30pm. Enter on the day ☎ 6396 6167
- 2 Latrobe Speedway** Fireworks Spectacular featuring Super Sedans, Sprintcars, Street Stocks, Formula 500, Wingless Sprints, Junior Sedans, Tassie Sixes - King of Latrobe, Karts. Check <http://bit.ly/2xrUcoI> for more details.
- 3 Port Sorell Community Carols**, Port Sorell Primary School, Pitcairn Street, Port Sorell commencing with a performance by the Latrobe Federal Band at 6.00pm, community BBQ then Carols from 7.00pm. ☎ 0407 230 089 or ☎ 0419 162 691
- 5-7 Festival of Ideas - Design Thinking for Future Action** for mental health issues at Camp Banksia, Anderson Street, Port Sorell. Facilitated by Helen Glover, Director of Enlightened Consultants and Stephan Hitchins, Lecturer in Design Thinking at

Deakin University, Melbourne. Visit <http://tinyurl.com/ffoi17> to register

- 7 **Party Plan Christmas Shopping** at the Port Sorell Memorial Hall, Meredith Street, Port Sorell from 6:00pm until 8:00pm. Over 18 stallholders including Lorraine Lee, Body Shop, Norwex, Envy Jewelry, Scentsy, Avon, Jamberry, SeneGence, The Chef's Toolbox, 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Jewelry and more. Free entry. ☎ 0409 199 386
- 10 **Simon Astley** performs at Ghost Rock Vineyard, 1055 Port Sorell Main Road, Northdown from 1.00pm until 4pm. Bookings essential - ☎ 6428 4005. No cost for entry.
- 10 **Concert at the Vale** (Wesley Vale Community Church), Port Sorell Main Road, Wesley Vale from 11:30am followed by Pot Luck Lunch. RSVP to 6426 9369
- 11 **Latrobe Council Annual General Meeting** at the Latrobe Council Chambers, 170 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 7:00pm. Come along and hear what Council achieved during 2016-17 financial year.
- 13 **Latrobe High School Annual Presentations** at the Latrobe High School Gymnasium from 7.00 pm. ☎ 6426 1061
- 16 **Latrobe Lions Club Christmas Parade**, Gilbert Street, Latrobe commencing at 6.30pm. ☎ 6426 1442
- 16 **Carols on King**, Kings Park (rear of Reisz' carpark), Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 7:15pm. ☎ 6426 4444 (Michelle)
- 20 **Latrobe High School Grade 10 Leavers Dinner** at Australian Axemans Hall of Fame, River Rd, Latrobe from 5:15pm.
- 21 **Latrobe High School Final Assembly** from 9.30am at the Latrobe High School Gymnasium. ☎ 6426 1061
- 24 **Carols @ the Vale**, Wesley Vale Community Church, Port Sorell Main Road, Wesley Vale from 7.00pm followed by a light supper. Please bring a plate of food to share.
- 27 **Latrobe Carnival** featuring wood chopping, athletics and cycling at the Latrobe Recreation Ground, Gilbert Street, Latrobe. ☎ 0419 875 050
- 29 **Market by the Beach** on the foreshore near the Port Sorell Surf Life Saving Club, Dumbleton Street, Hawley from 4.30pm until 8.30pm. Contact [Marketbythebeach1617@yahoo.com](mailto:Marketbythebeach1617@yahoo.com)
- 30 **Latrobe Speedway** featuring Sprintcars, Late Models, Street Stocks, Formula 500, Speed Cars, Junior Sedans, Modifieds, Karts, Demo Derby. Check <http://bit.ly/2xrUcoI> for more details.
- 31 **The Vale New Year's Eve Service** from 5:00pm at the Wesley Vale Community Church, Port Sorell Main Road, Wesley Vale followed by a finger food tea. Please bring a plate of food to share.
- 31 **Neil Gibson** performs blues, folk and roots music from 5:30pm until 9:00pm with soulful duo **Halfway to Forth** kicking on from 9:30pm to 1:00am at Shearwater Resort, Shearwater. ☎ 6428 6205

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- 5 **Market by the Beach** at the Port Sorell Surf Life Saving Club, Dumbleton Street, Hawley Beach from 4:30pm. Contact [marketbythebeach1617@yahoo.com](mailto:marketbythebeach1617@yahoo.com)

- 7 **Penguin Island Swim**, a statewide open water swim at North Freers Beach, Shearwater. Registration from 9:00am, 2km Penguin Island Swim starts at 11:00am. Cost: \$25. 500m novice swim at 12 noon with cost being \$10. Enquiries to [portsorellslc@gmail.com](mailto:portsorellslc@gmail.com)
- 12 **Market by the Beach** at the Port Sorell Surf Life Saving Club, Dumbleton Street, Hawley Beach from 4:30pm. Contact [marketbythebeach1617@yahoo.com](mailto:marketbythebeach1617@yahoo.com)
- 14 **Combined Church Service** at the Merseylink Bus Shed, 283 Port Sorell Rd, Wesley Vale from 11:00am followed by a light lunch. RSVP's to 6426 9369.
- 19 **Market by the Beach** at the Port Sorell Surf Life Saving Club, Dumbleton Street, Hawley Beach from 4:30pm. Contact [marketbythebeach1617@yahoo.com](mailto:marketbythebeach1617@yahoo.com)
- 19-20 **Latrobe Speedway Grand Prix**. Check <http://bit.ly/2xrUcoI> for more details.
- 20-21 **Latrobe Lilium Show** at the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 1.00pm-4.00pm Saturday and 10.00am-4.00pm Sunday. ☎ 6435 1298
- 26 **Henley-on-Mersey** at Bells Parade, Latrobe from 9:00am until 4:00pm. For further details go to [www.henleyonmersey.com.au](http://www.henleyonmersey.com.au)
- 26 **Port Sorell Lions Australia Day Waterslide** on the side of the Port Sorell Bowls Club Hill, Meredith Street, Port Sorell from 9.30am until 11.30am. ☎ 0407 045 458
- 26 **Gypsy Rose** perform at Shearwater Resort, Shearwater from 6.00pm until 10:00pm. ☎ 6428 6205

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- 24 **Concert in the Vines** featuring **Jon Stevens and 4 Big Bands** from 1.00pm-6.00pm at Ghost Rock Vineyard, 1055 Port Sorell Main Road, Northdown. Tickets are \$78pp (lawn/general admission) or \$160pp (premium) and available through [www.ghostrockvineyard.com.au](http://www.ghostrockvineyard.com.au), the cellar door or by phoning 6428 4005.

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