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BURN BRIGHTER THIS WINTER

Environment Protection Australia (EPA) Tasmania is urging wood heater operators to burn their wood heater brightly this winter to help reduce smoke pollution.

Wood heater smoke tends to linger round our homes and neighbourhoods on still winter days and nights. Wood smoke is a problem for people with heart and lung diseases, as breathing in smoke can aggravate these conditions.

Dr John Innis from EPA Tasmania recommends following the EPAs *Burn Brighter this Winter* steps to reduce smoke: Only burn dry seasoned wood; when reloading turn your heater airflow too high for 20 minutes – especially before going to bed; always burn with a flame; and ensure that the flue is clean. “It’s really important to never let your fire smoulder, as this creates a lot of smoke”, Dr Innis said. “It’s also worth looking at your chimney every so often to see what is coming out.”

By following these steps, your neighbours will breathe easy and you’ll stay toasty warm. You’ll also save money, because smoke going up the chimney is just unburned fuel.

For more information about how to *Burn Brighter this Winter* visit www.epa.tas.gov.au

For Latrobe air quality data visit <https://epa.tas.gov.au/epa/air/monitoring-air-pollution/real-time-air-quality-data-for-tasmania/latrobe>



2019-20 ANNUAL PLAN AND BUDGET PRESENTATION

Developing an Annual Plan and Budget can be challenging for any business but when it comes to the responsibility of ensuring that public works are efficiently managed, community infrastructure is either updated or new assets are installed and projects that are planned or that arise outside the cyclic budget process are appropriately considered, the stakes become higher.

Your Councillors and staff have been diligently working on priorities for the 2019-20 financial year, deciding what competing priorities will be funded, what might be held over and what will not. When it all comes down to the budget,

there are only so many dollars and if that is exceeded, then a rate rise is the only way to fund that increase.

In contemplating what is funded, Council consider the importance of projects, the maintenance costs of existing responsibilities and the overall benefit to the wider community.

This will all come to fruition at a Special Meeting of Council in July when the 2019-20 Annual Plan and Budget will be considered for adoption.

This is a great opportunity for you to attend and hear first-hand what is planned in your community throughout 2019-20.

This Special Meeting is also the time when the rates are set for the 2019-20 financial year.

Rates notices will be issued in late July with the first instalment due at the end of August.

BUILDING UPDATE

A total of 78 building, plumbing, demolition applications and notifications of works were received by Council during the months of April and May.

They comprised of 23 dwellings; 6 dwelling additions/alterations; 7 outbuildings; 2 commercial/industrial, 39 plumbing applications and 1 other with a conservative value of \$7,482,405.

CHOCOLATE WINTERFEST, LATROBE

A wickedly delicious festival celebrating everything chocolate in and around the town of Latrobe

Sunday, 11 August | 10:30am - 3:30pm



Park in Latrobe and catch the free shuttle buses to venues.

Program available from 7 July at www.chocolatewinterfest.com.au and Visitor Information Centres statewide



DOG REGISTRATIONS DUE

The maintenance of a registration system is both a statutory requirement and an essential component of the efficient operation of a dog control service. Under the Dog Control Act 2000, all dogs aged from 6 months must be microchipped and registered.

Registration not only allows Council to keep better control of the dog population but also to provide improved facilities and conditions for responsible dog owners. Some benefits include:

- Positive identification of your dog
- Reuniting lost or injured dogs with their owners
- Investigation and resolution of dog problems
- Funding of educational programs to encourage responsible dog ownership
- Operation and maintenance of Animal Pounds
- Dog patrol services to reduce the number of stray dogs on streets and in public places
- Encouragement of de-sexing of dogs through discounted registration fees
- Reduced registration fees for early registration

Persons with dogs already registered in the Latrobe Municipality should have now received their registration renewal. If you have moved in to the Latrobe Municipality with your dog or you get a dog throughout the year and it is 6-months or older, it must be registered with Latrobe Council.

Registrations will be accepted by Latrobe Council from 1 July with the discount period ending on 31 July. From 1 August, the full fee applies.

LIFE TIME DOG TAGS

From 1 July Latrobe Council will be issuing "life time" tags for your dog's registration. These new tags are a small metal disc with your dog's unique tag number and Council's contact number on one side, with the other side blank for you to engrave your contact details if you choose.

All you need to do is pay the relevant dog registration renewal fee and your dog's new tag will be issued to you. This tag will stay with your dog for life and you will only be required to pay the renewal fee each year, much like registering your car.

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DOG MANAGEMENT POLICY REVIEW

Following on from the article in the May-June 2019 newsletter, Latrobe Council recently resolved to abandon the proposal to change the off-leash area south of the Port Sorell boat ramp from being available 24/7 to prohibited to dogs and keep the status quo of it being an off-leash area for dogs.

Dog owners are reminded however that even though the area is an off-leash space, their dogs must be under their "effective control".

Effective control is defined as -

(a) *it is in close proximity to the person;*
and

(b) *it is in sight of the person; and*

(c) *the person is able to demonstrate to the satisfaction of an authorised person that the dog is immediately responsive to the person's commands.*

The Council did resolve to allow dogs on leads on Pig Island, Latrobe to the right of the footbridge. This is in addition to the "off-leash" area on the island to the left of the footbridge.

Dogs continue to be prohibited on the Eastern side of Bells Parade at all times. Further to this, Council personnel will be undertaking a review of dog signage to ensure that there is no confusion to on and off leash areas and prohibited areas.

BUSHFIRE PRONE AREAS CLARIFIED

Latrobe Council's Strategic Planner recently submitted to Councillors a proposal to initiate an amendment to Council's Interim Planning Scheme 2013 to incorporate the bushfire prone area overly maps prepared by the Tasmania Fire Service.



Up until adopted, the Bushfire Prone Areas Code applied as follows:

- a. *Land that is within the boundary of a bushfire-prone area shown on an overlay on a planning scheme map; and*
 b. i) *Where there is no overlay on a planning scheme map; or*
 ii) *Where the land is outside the boundary of a bushfire prone area shown on an overlay on such a map, land that is within 100m of an area of bushfire-prone vegetation equal to or greater than 1 hectare.*

The Latrobe Interim Planning Scheme 2013 did not identify bushfire prone areas in its maps and application of the Code

was subject to interpretation, potentially resulting in bushfire controls being applied unnecessarily which adds cost and time delays for applicants.

The Tasmania Fire Service (TFS) has been working with councils to produce Bushfire-Prone Areas mapping for each local government areas. This mapping gives a clear and precise mechanism to identify bushfire prone areas, without the need to rely on subjective interpretation. With Council certifying the amendment, it will form part of our interim planning scheme and ultimately be represented in the Tasmanian Planning Scheme through the Bushfire Prone Areas Code found in the State Planning Provisions.

Consequently, an owner, developer or planner will be able to determine, without the need for an accredited bushfire practitioner, whether a site is within a bushfire-prone area and if it requires assessment under the Code, providing certainty with respect to planning, building and regulatory controls.

COUNCIL'S CURRENT WORKS REPORT

The following works are scheduled to be undertaken throughout the Latrobe Municipality during May-June:

CIVIL CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE TEAM



- East Sassafras Road corner realignment - between Chapel Road and Bass Highway
- Northdown Lane intersection sealing
- Taroon Street drainage improvements
- Torquay Road bus turning facility
- Road Seal maintenance
- Rural roadside spraying program
- Rural road shoulder maintenance program
- Rural roadside drain maintenance program

TOWN SERVICES TEAM

- Latrobe Recreation Ground improvements including - main grandstand refurbishment
- Port Sorell foreshore access upgrades
- Park furniture maintenance
- Building maintenance program
- Footpath maintenance program

GREEN SPACES TEAM

- Perkins Park ground upgrades
- Bells Parade footpath and gardens upgrades
- Mowing and lawn care program
- Tree maintenance program
- Weed spraying program
- Garden maintenance program

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

THE RISE AND FALL OF LITTLE VOICE

The Devonport Choral Society is proudly presenting, for the first time, a Port Sorell Pop Up Theatre at the Banksia Centre from 30 August to 14 September.

The Rise and Fall of Little Voice is a tale of mothers and daughters made famous in 1998 with the cult classic film *Little Voice* starring Jane Horrocks.

Blown fuses, real and metaphorical, punctuate the action with flashes of pent up energy in this acclaimed play written by Jim Cartright and presented by arrangement with Origin™ Theatrical on behalf of Samuel French Ltd.

The diminutive heroine frequently plays her dead father's records of 20th century divas at a volume matched only by the soulful power of her vocals.

Little Voice has a hidden talent: she can emulate every chanteuse from Judy Garland to Edith Piaf.

Coming to the attention of her brassy, boozy mother Mari's latest love interest,

she soon finds that he has great plans to cash in on *Little Voice's* talent.

Be transported from the mundane to the extraordinary by this an engaging fairy tale of despair, love and hope as *Little Voice* finds a voice of her own.

Tickets are available now from Camp Banksia, Port Sorell or the Latrobe Council office.

2019 WOMEN'S FORUM

Have you heard your child, nearing the end of their formal education, say "I've got no idea what job I want"?

From a conversation precisely about that but specifically relating to women in Y10-12 and those now in employment, the annual Women's Forum was established.

Their goal - to inspire women on their future employment path. This year it is the North West Coast's turn to host that forum on 15-16 August.

The highlight this year are tours of actual workplaces to see trades in action, factories buzzing with activity, vocational hands on experiences, Master Classes

especially in tourism and a host of other hands on visits for young women.

The aim of the event is to take the next generation to places of work to SEE and HEAR what the roles available look like.

A dinner on the Friday night, just for young women, will conclude the forum.

This dinner will include high achieving female table hosts including Governor Kate Warner, Human Rights Commissioner Kate Jenkins, Professor Lisa Harvey-Smith (Astro Physicist), Dr Anna Cowen (Scientist), Commander Debbie Williams (Police), Simone Loone (Electrician, TAFE Educator) and more who will add *real life experience* through inspirational conversations with the young women.

Simultaneously, White Ribbon have been engaged to present "What it Means to be a Young Man Today" to males in Y9-10. Further information about the 2019 Women's Forum or the White Ribbon event, including how you can book your participation, is available by phoning 0408 773 900.

SHEARWATER 7-DAY MAKEOVER A COMMUNITY BUILDER

In the last newsletter, it was reported that Latrobe Council were considering allocating funds to effect a 7 Day Makeover program of Shearwater Village. Several conversations have resulted seeking further clarification on what the project involves, budget clarity and the benefits to the wider community.

An initiative of Creative Communities International Pty Ltd, the 7 Day Makeover program is used to revitalise and reinvigorate public spaces and aims to take the 'red tape' out of creating a great public space while teaching residents new ways to reinvent their town.

Everyone is invited to be involved in the 7 Day Makeover.

Through improving this public space, it aims to attract more people to the Village, build community spirit, develop strong community relationships and boost the local economy.

Mr David Engwicht, the lead facilitator of this project, has spent over 25 years creating the processes used in the 7 Day Makeover program throughout Australia and New Zealand, stating that "the community participates in the design of the public space and in return they feel a deep sense of pride in what they have created".

Even though it is called a 7 Day Makeover, the total process takes around 12 weeks.

Throughout those 12 weeks, Creative Communities will work with Latrobe Council to agree on ground rules, conduct all preparation activities and hold a community information night.

During the 7 Day Makeover participants choose the makeover space within Shearwater Village, then work together in generating ideas. They then select which ones should be implemented and create an action plan.

Project Teams are formed, and they implement their plans, fully supported by the facilitator and his team. On the last afternoon there is a public party to celebrate the achievements of the volunteers.

The total cost budget for the 7 Day Makeover is \$99,650 represented by a \$74,650 facilitation package and \$25,000 materials budget.

The facilitation package includes:

- 12 weeks of work leading up to the makeover
- Advertising to encourage volunteers from the community to participate
- An information night to inform the community about the process



- Professional facilitation of every aspect of the makeover
- Makeover support team of six people with previous experience to help with implementation and includes all airfares, travel costs and accommodation
- All required systems (OHS, finance management, project development and management, etc)
- Catering for all volunteers for the 7 days - morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea (no matter how many turn up)
- A starter-kit for follow up makeovers (safety vests, project white-boards and all the systems required)
- \$4,000 in grants for follow-up makeovers.

Mr Engwicht asserts that in Westport, NZ, for this amount, his team and the community delivered a project valued at around \$250,000 - \$350,000. Mr Engwicht guarantees to deliver a project worth over \$100,000 or will refund the difference in value.

Community involvement individually or via a group is critical to the success of the makeover. Please register your interest to be involved by emailing either Lyndsey Holmes at muse.shearwater@gmail.com or Jennifer Archer at Latrobe Council jennifer.archer@latrobe.tas.gov.au.

For a short video on what a 7-Day Makeover is, go online to <https://bit.ly/2WFJb2R>

DOES THE RECYCLING SYSTEM STILL WORK?

Recently there have been some stories from the mainland about recycling going to landfill or being ‘dumped’ overseas. In North West Tasmania, councils that are members of the Cradle Coast Waste Management Group - including Latrobe Council - have a joint contract with Veolia Environmental Services Australia for recycling sorting and processing. This contract, and the levy that must be paid for any waste going to landfill in our region, helps ensure that recycling is properly managed and that resources are recovered and reused.

When your kerbside recycling is delivered to Veolia’s recycling sorting centre in Spreyton (also known as a Materials Recovery Facility), it is sorted by hand and by machines into different materials (paper, glass, steel, and different types of plastics etc). Once sorted, the bundled materials are sold for reprocessing into their core ingredients which manufacturers buy to make new products ... and the cycle continues.

About 95% of our region’s recoverable materials are processed locally or on the mainland, the remainder is sold overseas. As more processing facilities are opened in Australia, less recyclables will need to be sent to other countries.

Nationally, Veolia has partnered with a commodities trading company, Oatley Resources, who has a wide network of commodity processors throughout Australia and overseas. Due to Oatley Resources’ extensive knowledge of the industry they can ensure the quality of the product traded and the processors’ environmental outcomes are of a very high standard.

Companies that use recycled materials want the best quality that they can find. That’s why it’s important to carefully sort your recycling and don’t contaminate your bin with food scraps, liquid, soft plastics or green waste.

Recycling is good but rethinking waste and cutting back on the amount we throw out is even better.

Here are some easy ways to avoid, reduce or reuse:

Use a travel mug for your takeaway coffee. Refill your drink bottle. Sell, swap or donate unwanted items rather than throwing them out. Repair rather than replace. Compost your food scraps. Store leftovers in reusable containers. Bring your own shopping bags. Make a shopping list and buy only what you need. Choose products with less packaging. Find new uses for everyday items.

HAMILTON STREET TREE REPLACEMENT

Seven London Plane Trees have been identified for removal and replacement along the eastern side of Hamilton Street, Latrobe between Cotton Street and Reibey Street. These trees are many decades old and have become a significant maintenance issue for the TasNetwork infrastructure.

They will be replaced by a series of 31 Crab Apple trees from 33 Hamilton Street to Calthorpe Street.

Crab Apple trees have been selected by the Latrobe Tree Committee for their more compact height (4m) and their mass of white and reddish-pink floral display in spring.

These works are proposed to be undertaken during the winter months.

Local residents will be contacted, consulted and included in the process. For more information, contact Council’s Green Spaces Team Leader, Mr Sam Blackwood Beattie on 6426 4444.

PORT SORELL ENTRY BEAUTIFICATION

A tree planting plan to beautify the entry to Port Sorell has been developed by the Latrobe Tree Committee.

Council has previously undertaken the planting of Oyster Bay Pines along Port Sorell Main Road between Browns Road and Gumbowie Drive. While this is a State Government road, Council and the Port Sorell Advisory Committee felt strongly about beautifying this key entrance into Port Sorell. The next section from Gumbowie Drive to the roundabout is narrower in the road reservation, requiring the plantings to be set back inside property. Council owns the land on the corner of Port Sorell Main Road and Alexander Street, which is referred to as the “Lillico Land”.

It was agreed that the committee should now concentrate on the Lillico corner with the continuation of the Oyster Bay Pines with the inclusion of interspersed with Banksia Marginata to add colour and

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO BE A GOOD SORT?

Be a good sort with your kerbside recycling and place these items loose in your recycling bin:

- ✓ Cardboard (not waxed)
- ✓ Metal tins, including pet food tins
- ✓ Magazines and catalogues
- ✓ Paint tins (empty)
- ✓ Newspaper and other paper (not shredded)
- ✓ Phone books
- ✓ Glass bottles & jars, lids removed
- ✓ Plastic bottles, lids removed
- ✓ Hard plastic containers such as margarine tubs and shampoo bottles, lids removed
- ✓ Aluminium cans
- ✓ Aerosol cans, empty and lids removed

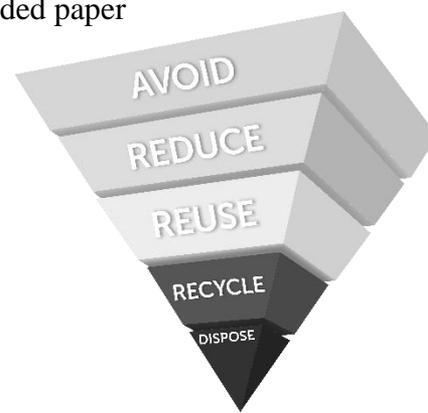
Please don’t include:

- × Plastic bags
- × Recycling packed in boxes or bags or tied with string
- × Paper towel, tissues or shredded paper
- × Rubber
- × Coat hangers
- × Clothing
- × Take away coffee cups
- × Animal waste
- × Crockery
- × Nappies
- × Wire
- × Nylon strapping
- × Polystyrene or foam

Soft plastics such as plastic bags, bread bags, biscuit wrappers, bubble wrap, lolly and chip wrappers etc can be recycled but not in your kerbside bin. Please take them to the special Redcycle collection bins found inside all Woolworths and Coles supermarkets.

RECYCLING AT THE WASTE TRANSFER STATION

Our local Waste Transfer Station also accepts material for recycling. Visit www.rethinkwaste.com.au or contact Council for a full list of items that can be dropped off. Tip shops are also interested in quality, reusable items.



body. With the fence line having been cleaned up over the last month, these plantings will occur over the winter months.

For more information, contact Council’s Green Spaces Team Leader, Mr Sam Blackwood Beattie on 6426 4444.

TREE COMMITTEE VACANCY

Council are inviting Expressions of Interest from persons with an arborist knowledge and interest to fill an extraordinary vacancy on the Latrobe Tree Committee.

This role will assist with guiding Council on vegetation management throughout the Municipality.

If you would like to volunteer to be part of this Sub-Committee, please forward your details and experience in tree management to council@latrobe.tas.gov.au or drop in to 170 Gilbert Street, Latrobe.

You don’t have to have a degree in this field; you may have gained your experience over a lifetime of gardening. Council would value your involvement.

VISITOR CENTRE BREAKS FOR WINTER

The Latrobe Visitor Information Centre (LVIC) is having a winter break until 1 October 2019.

LVIC has been in operation in its 21 George Street location for 18 months now. Over this time there has been fantastic support from the community, Rubicon River Arts with whom the space is shared, and the extremely passionate and dedicated volunteers. Since making the move there has been a drastic decrease in visitor numbers coming through the door, this has dwindled to an average of 3 people per day, with many days at this time of year without any visitors.

The visitor centre break this year, coincides with the normal closure of some of the municipality's key tourism businesses. This will allow time to address some of the challenges that the centre faces and work on some initiatives to grow Latrobe's profile to attract more visitors. Visitor information will still be available around town over the winter period.

In September there will be training courses provided to existing and any new volunteers wishing to join. This will focus on giving the volunteers the tools they need and provide better support for what is hoped to be a successful and busy tourism season for the whole municipality. The Latrobe Visitor Centre will reopen on 1 October 2019.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

The Port Sorell Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) provides local volunteer support for life-threatening medical emergencies in the Port Sorell area. The local community relies upon these committed members being available to assist others in times of need and to provide assistance until an ambulance arrives. The team is staffed by only a very small number of committed volunteers who would greatly welcome some new members to join them to become trained Ambulance Tasmania Volunteer Ambulance Officers. The Port Sorell CERT volunteers are fully supported with regular Ambulance Tasmania training, equipment and uniforms and carry much the same equipment as a regular ambulance, but they respond to cases in a car rather than an ambulance.

The team do not transport patients to medical facilities and are always backed up by a full ambulance crew, from the nearest location, who will take over the patient's ongoing care and provide transport as required.

If you are living in the Port Sorell area and are interested in becoming part of this highly valued community service, please contact the CERT coordinator Sue George on 0438 632 649. Sue will be happy to provide more information and to discuss the process of joining up to assist the community and to gain some valuable first aid knowledge and experience.

PORT SORELL STRATEGIC PLAN COMMUNITY FORUM

Following the development of the *Port Sorell Strategic Plan Review 2017-2018: An Integrated Framework for the Future Growth and Development of Port Sorell, Final Outcomes Report, March 2019*, Council will be facilitating an information meeting to present this document.

The forum will be held at the Banksia Centre, Pitcairn Street, Port Sorell on Monday, 12 August, commencing at 7.00 pm.

RSVP's are not necessary.

FLOOD MITIGATION UPDATE

With the Federal Election now over, it is opportune to reflect on funding commitments made for projects throughout our municipal area and the potential impact for both Council and our residents.

The \$3.4million commitment from both parties for the flood mitigation project in Latrobe was simply confirmation of a commitment announced in June 2018, again by both parties. Since then, Council has been working through the process and complying with the government's due diligence requirements. Council expect that funding to be available soon.

Work continues on the preliminary designs and associated studies through Entura's Hydrologist and Engineers to determine the best and most effective design for this project.

ELDERLY OFFERED AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPTION

Have you noticed four units being built to the west of the Latrobe Senior Citizens Clubrooms in Hamilton Street, Latrobe? These units have been designed by Latrobe Council and funded jointly by Council and the State Government through the affordable housing grants. On completion, the units will be added to Council's existing aged accommodation stock.

Latrobe Council currently own and operate 60 independent living units, a combination of one and two bedrooms, including three social housing units which are all two-bedroom units.

All units are located within complexes comprising of 2-9 units and are an option for low income elderly in our community to maintain their independent living while reducing the time and effort that they spend on home maintenance. Basically, it is the step between your own home and before nursing home accommodation.

The units are located relatively close to community and health services, public transport and retail outlets.

The difference between the two types of housing is that the social housing criteria requires the applicant to -

- live in Tasmania,
- be an Australian citizen or permanent resident
- be a low-income earner who is eligible for a Commonwealth Health Care Card
- be an aged pensioner
- not own your own home and
- not have combined financial assets worth more than \$35,000.



While having the same age criteria, the community housing option doesn't have the same asset limit.

Applications are not accepted until the applicant/s is within 18 months of meeting the pension eligibility, noting that this is a sliding scale and based on Centrelink's determination.

Once the application is received, applicants are placed on a waiting list which is allocated on a "first in" basis. Currently there are 25 on the one bedroom waiting list and over 70 on the two-bedroom list.

Priority accommodation is given to couples for two-bedroom units.

Application forms are available from the Latrobe Council office or, if you wish to know more, contact Council's Community Development Officer by phoning 6426 4444.

FORESHORE PROTECTION

Climate change is at the forefront of many discussions and debate but no matter what your view, there are very clearly some priorities for Council and residents alike to address.

Protecting our foreshore and particularly the natural vegetation that provides such an important component of the defence against potential inundation is very much an issue for us all.

Council is, and continues to be, aware of its responsibilities but it is particularly concerning when acts of vandalism undermine defence mechanisms that are there to protect the safety and wellbeing of residents who chose to live in and enjoy the coastal lifestyle our beautiful beaches afford. Specifically referred to is the environmental vandalism that has taken place on the Shearwater foreshore, adjacent to the fitness equipment in Shearwater Park.

In recent months vegetation in the area has been poisoned and most recently set alight by persons unknown. This recent damage follows previous attacks on vegetation and defacing of signage that Council placed in the area.

Council had installed security cameras to gather evidence to initiate prosecution of the perpetrators but unfortunately, the cameras have been stolen and presumably destroyed.

Tasmania Police are investigating all instances and circumstances regarding the damage and vandalism and are actively seeking information from the community that may assist with their investigations.

Council wish to make it clear that foreshore vegetation plays an integral role in the environmental welfare of our foreshore and protection of the land and infrastructure that lies behind the dunes. This type of activity cannot be ignored nor condoned, and we encourage community members and visitors alike to be vigilant and report any such activity to our law enforcement officers on the Crime Stoppers number 1800 333 000.

FUNDING TO ERADICATE INVASIVE ESTUARY SPECIES

The coalition government's commitment of \$260,000 towards a management plan for the Rubicon Estuary and the control/eradication of Rice Grass has been welcomed by estuarine users and the wider community of Port Sorell.

The funding commitment acknowledged that there will be a need for aerial spraying and significant effort will need to be made to ensure that there are no unintended consequences for our environment, community and recreational users of the river alike.

Council is encouraged by the depth and breadth of knowledge that exists in our community in relation to estuarine management and are determined to use that knowledge and experience to bring about the desired outcome.

Council recognise there will be a need for ongoing financial commitment over at least a 10-year period to maintain and manage invasive species in the river system.

NEW DOCTORS WELCOMED

The Latrobe Family Medical Practice has welcomed new doctors to their practice. Dr Maha Sakran, along with her husband, who is a pharmacist at Coventry's, and their children have moved from Egypt. Her interests are dermatology and family medicine.

Dr Renu Lakra has come from the mainland and is originally from India. Her interests are Gynaecology and mental health.

Dr Lucy Ioussov, originally from Russia, has settled in Tasmania and relocated to Latrobe from Westbury and is interested in family medicine.

Dr Ashwin Koshy, originally from India, has relocated from Victoria with his interests being in dermatology and pain management.

Dr Sana Mahmud, originally from Pakistan, is a registrar at Latrobe until the end of 2019 and her interests are in women's health and family medicine.

New patients continue to be welcomed to the practice. For an appointment, phone 6426 1141.

SURF CLUB DEVELOPMENT ABOUT COMMUNITY

The financial commitment to support further development of the Port Sorell Surf Club is greatly appreciated and will benefit the community in several ways. The lifesaving work by club members is a wonderful community service but likewise their role in developing and assisting young people in our community is invaluable.

The Federal Government's commitment, along with financial support from the State Government and Latrobe Council, will allow for the construction of the next phase of the Surf Club in what is a multi-staged project over the short to medium term.

The club is certainly to be congratulated on the efforts they make to obtain funding from all levels of government which will again result in a great community outcome.

SEAT DEDICATION

Council has coordinated a 'Seat Dedication' program over many years as an initiative for individuals, families, clubs, businesses and service groups to recognise those who have contributed greatly to our community or to commemorate a loved one.

The seats, made of stainless steel and modwood, can be purchased and engraved with 'sponsored by', 'donated by', 'in memory of' or any other lead in as considered appropriate by Council. After consultation with the 'seat donor' the seat is then placed at a mutually acceptable location in the municipality. A register of the seats, including a picture, location and details of the inscription are provided on Council's website.

A comprehensive set of guidelines and application forms are available from Council's website or from the Council Office.

JULY

Throughout July-August: Rubicon River Arts (RRA) annual exhibition 'Uplifting', an intuitive interpretation rendered in various mediums at the Latrobe Arts Hub, 21 George Street, Latrobe.

20 Winter Concert from 2.00pm featuring easy listening music from the 30's to 70's with the singing group "In the Groove" and others at the Sassafras Community Hall, 76 Chapel Road, Sassafras. \$10 pp which includes afternoon tea. BYO refreshments and glasses. RSVP 13 July to Dianne 0409 907 281 or Annabel 0439 314 989

27 Spinning Workshop with Rasa Dunlop at the Latrobe Arts Hub, 21 George Street, Latrobe from 10:00am until 1:00pm. \$50 Members, \$60 Non-members. Bookings to rasa.dunlop@gmail.com

AUGUST

3 A Winter Spectacular Concert with the Latrobe Federal Band and special guests from 7:00pm at the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe. Come along and get involved in this interactive concert for all ages. \$10 Adult; \$5 child. Doors sales only.

11 Chocolate Winterfest, Latrobe at various venues in and around Latrobe. Details at www.chocolatewinterfest.com.au or Facebook Chocolate Winterfest.

25 Latrobe Cemetery Working Bee at the Latrobe Cemetery, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 10.00am until 11.15am. BYO gardening implements and wear appropriate clothing. Free sausage sizzle and drink at conclusion. ☎ 0417 598 116

30-31 The Rise and Fall of Little Voice, a pop up theatre production by the Devonport Choral Society at the Banksia Centre, Port Sorell. Tickets available from Camp Banksia or the Latrobe Council office.

POPULATION ROUNDTABLE

Regional Australia has population challenges as the population ages and the working age population shrinks. Regional Tasmania has recognised these changing demographics and a clear need to proactively support population growth, particularly targeting the working age cohort (18yo - 50yo).

A recent symposium in Launceston provided an opportunity to look at Tasmania's population challenges, how this will fit with the broader national environment, and share some insights as to what initiatives may be beneficial in our regions.

Attracting new people to regional Tasmania has been identified as one of the actions that needs to be addressed. Other actions identified to address the labour supply challenges are retaining local talent or encouraging those who leave to return - particularly young people, better utilisation of qualified migrants, reducing barriers to those not participating in work or training, promoting employment opportunities to migrants before they move and more assistance for the unemployed to find work

In Tasmania, there has been a shift from natural increases as the predominant population driver to migration being the most significant driver. Migration growth is however much harder to predict and plan for and currently tends to be in the major urban areas with rural and regional municipalities seeing a population decline. This has significant implications for key decision makers at all levels of Government.

What became clear are the factors that attract growth are the availability of jobs, amenity and relative cost of living. Understanding demographic change is important in relation to understanding modern communities of interest, service and infrastructure needs into the future, likely land use pressures and how we respond to changes in those areas.

Daryl Connelly, CEO of the Cradle Coast Authority (CCA) presented our regions plan to address some of these challenges at the symposium. With financial support from the Australian Government through the Building Better Regions Fund, the CCA has developed a regional economic development plan for our region - the Cradle Coast Regional Futures Plan. The Cradle Coast Regional Futures Plan will provide the regional leadership to unlock opportunities for local and regional economic growth. The Plan will be a 'roadmap for the region' with stakeholders, such as the region's nine local councils, government, business, education and community leaders, providing input.

Latrobe Council's Tourism and Economic Development Officer, Jennifer Archer, attended this forum and is driving the development of Council's Economic Development Plan so it continues to meet developing trends going forward, making the Latrobe Municipality an attractive place to live, work and play.

Jennifer works part time Wednesday to Friday and can be contacted on 6426 4444 in relation to tourism and economic development matters.

SIGNIFICANT TREES

Latrobe's Tree Committee is preparing a register of significant trees in our community.

Significant trees may be remnants of the bush, plantings by the early settlers, commemorative plantings dedicated to important people, or marking significant events in history. Many of the early plantings have reached a considerable size and outstanding form, and some are now rare in cultivation.

Trees can be significant for several reasons including scientific, social, historic or aesthetic characteristics of significance.

The best way to pursue recognition for a significant tree in Australia is to make a nomination to the National Trust for

inclusion in the National Register of Significant Trees.

It should be noted that inclusion of trees on the Trust's Register does not impose any legal restrictions or obligations on the owners or responsible authorities, nor does it provide significant trees with protection through any statutory mechanism. Protection for trees included on the Register of Significant Trees can only be achieved through local government planning controls i.e. by listing them under the Local Heritage Code in Council's planning scheme, along with appropriate controls.

Tree protection controls usually include measures such as restrictions regarding the lopping or removal of the tree itself and assessment of development near the tree that may have the potential to impact the health of that tree e.g. interfering with the root system.

New trees may be nominated by any individual or group. Latrobe's Tree Committee is seeking nominations for suitable trees.

Data to satisfy the assessment process includes:

- species identification, if possible
- tree height
- tree canopy spread
- tree trunk circumference
- tree age estimate
- photos:
- whole tree,
- bark,
- foliage,
- nuts/fruits/flowers if any
- location details
- any historical information about the tree, if known.

A sample nomination form can be sourced from Council or from the National Trust website at <https://trusttrees.org.au/nominate>.

If you have suggestions for nomination, please contact Sally Stubbs on 6426 4444 or via email to council@latrobe.tas.gov.au.

AUGUST

31 Stencil Print on Card and Fabric Workshop with Kim O'Brien at the Latrobe Arts Hub, 21 George Street, Latrobe from 10:00am until 3:00pm. \$50 Members, \$60 Non-members Bookings to kim.obrien@vacet.com.au

SEPTEMBER

1 Northern Tasmania Cavy (Guinea Pig) Show at the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe. Enquiries: 0407 335 487

1 Trev Weaver performs on Father's Day from 12 noon until 3:30pm at Shearwater Resort, Shearwater Bvd, Shearwater from 6:30pm until 10:00pm. Free event. Bookings not essential. Enquiries: 6428 6205.

6-7 The Rise and Fall of Little Voice, a pop up theatre production by the Devonport Choral Society at the

Banksia Centre, Port Sorell. Tickets available from Camp Banksia or the Latrobe Council office.

7 Apex Australia Teenage Fashion Awards at the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe. Enquiries: 0417 132 687

13-14 The Rise and Fall of Little Voice, a pop up theatre production by the Devonport Choral Society at the Banksia Centre, Port Sorell. Tickets available from Camp Banksia or the Latrobe Council office.

21 Rotary 100km Cycling Challenge throughout the Latrobe, Kentish and Devonport Municipalities. Enquiries: jamesrt57@gmail.com

21 AFL Trivia Night at the Port Sorell Surf Life Saving Clubroom, Dumbleton Street, Hawley. Tables of 6-8, \$10 per head includes light supper. Bar opens at 6pm for a 6.30pm start. Further information closer to the event on the club Facebook page Port Sorell Surf Lifesaving Club. Bookings to Haydon 0499 054 757

PORT SORELL LANDFILL REHABILITATION UPDATE

A draft report has been prepared by the environmental scientists summarising progress of the old landfill site investigations after the first three months of activity. As required by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) Tasmania, this report contained a risk assessment into the movement of landfill gases around the site; surveys of groundwater from local bore water sources; and results of surface soil analysis at the Port Sorell Golf Club (as reported in the last newsletter).

In response to this report, upcoming rehabilitation actions may include digging trenches at the edge of the old landfill to allow the safe venting of landfill gases and the diversion of leachate from waterways via pipe systems. All actions are based on expert advice from the landfill engineers, environmental scientists, EPA Tasmania and the Tasmanian Department of Health. With the arrival of winter and increasing rainfall, fencing around the perimeter of the old landfill site will be improved to prevent pedestrian access to the stormwater drains. These drains may contain leachate, which is the liquid runoff from decomposing waste buried in the old landfill.

When using the Waste Transfer Station or Tip Shop, please stay within the designated areas for these services. Please do not enter the site outside of signed opening hours or for other purposes as contaminants may be exposed during the rehabilitation process. At the Waste Transfer Station, please observe:

- No smoking, naked flames or other ignition sources
- Beware of all equipment and vehicles
- Access only during Waste Transfer Station opening hours by main entry in Hawk Hill Road.

As a precaution:

- Avoid drinking creek or bore water around the old landfill site.
- Avoid activities in the creek or downstream dams to prevent accidental ingestion of water.
- Do not eat any fish or shellfish caught in the creek.
- Do not use creek or bore water on vegetables or fruit trees. Do not use creek water on lawns.

The Council appreciates the community's understanding and cooperation with the instructions displayed around the site and any advice provided by staff.

If you have any questions regarding the old landfill rehabilitation project, please call Council on 6426 4444.

REDUCING ROADKILL AND AVOIDING VEHICLE DAMAGE

Every year it is estimated that more than 500,000 marsupials, birds and reptiles are killed on Tasmania's roads. The rate of roadkill in Tasmania is the highest in Australia. The reason why is speculative with some believing it to be because Tasmania has larger populations of wild animals and a lush environment. Native animals find roads very attractive for several reasons -

- Our roads can cross through the habitat and territories of native animals.
- Some species like the roads because they are warm.
- Other species graze on roadside verges.
- Predatory animals such as the Tasmanian Devil scout along roads for fresh roadkill to eat. Even insect eating wildlife find a feast on roads.
- Others use roads for long distance travel as they provide an easier travelling surface than travelling through the bush.
- Animals are also killed crossing the road to drink at creeks, rivers or dams; especially in the drier months and during extended drought periods.

Marsupials are mainly killed between dusk and 11:00pm, or around dawn when there are increased traffic movements. Birds (other than owls) and reptiles are mostly killed during daylight hours. At this time of the year, marsupials may have young in their pouches.

If you come across injured wildlife or deceased wildlife, check whether they have young in their pouches and call the Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Management - Wildlife Incidents Hotline on 1300 827 727. They will be able to activate a volunteer carer nearest the incident to advise you further. Signage is erected in many roadkill blackspots throughout Tasmania.

Adjusting your driving when passing through these areas, and especially when wildlife is most active, can help to reduce roadkill.

Adopting these safe driving techniques will save many non-human lives, and you never know, they may save human ones too! Insurance companies pay out millions of dollars every year for accidents involving collisions with wildlife. The roads will be safer for all road users - human and non-human alike.

Source: www.wildlifematters.org.au/Roadkill.htm



RELEASE THE SLOTH WITHIN

Exercise and winter do not normally go hand in hand for many people, with that attitude regretted when the warmer weather arrives. Fortunately, there are many options available throughout the Latrobe Municipality for you to keep fit over winter, including some non-traditional activities that you may not have considered.

Details are available on Latrobe Council's website

(www.latrobe.tas.gov.au) by searching for "Community Physical Activity Program".

Do yourself a favour this winter and become physically active and reduce your social isolation during a typically indoors time of the year.

HORSES ARE CARS ON RURAL ROADS

Under Tasmanian law, horse riders have as much right to use Tasmania's roads as any other vehicle and must comply with the same legislation.

To ensure the safety of riders and drivers, please keep to the following -

For riders,

- Ride on the road, not the nature strips or footpaths.
- Wear high visibility, bright coloured clothing and a helmet that meets Australian Standards.
- When on the road, horses are a vehicle and need to obey the road rules.
- Use hand signals to notify motorists of your intention to turn.
- Ride on the left-hand side of the road in the same direction of the traffic.
- Ride straight and prevent the horse from swinging its quarters in to traffic.
- Ensure your horse's right eye can see behind you
- Pick up your horse droppings to stop the spread of weeds.
- Acknowledge courteous drivers.

When encountering horse riders, drivers should -

- Slow down to a safe speed. Stop if in doubt.
- Pass only when safe to do so and as wide as possible.
- Be mindful that horses can spook easily and may step in front of passing traffic.
- Do not attempt to scare the horse by revving engines or beeping horns.
- Use extra caution for young riders.
- Be aware of the rider's body language.

Remember, road safety is everyone's business.

Horses are NOT permitted on beaches throughout Port Sorell.

FREE BUSINESS PROMOTION

The Australian Tourism Data Warehouse (ATDW-Online) is a national tourism database used by travel distributors to source product information for their websites. Tourism Tasmania's Discover Tasmania website automatically lists Tasmanian tourism businesses that are registered with ATDW-Online. Discover Tasmania receives over two million visits a year and provides extensive information on Tasmanian tourism businesses including accommodation, attractions, food and drink, events, tours and hire services. Tourism Tasmania is unable to display business listings that are not active in ATDW-Online, so please ensure your listing is kept up to date. If you need any assistance with ATDW, please email online@tourism.tas.gov.au or phone 6165 5286.

SLIPPERY WHEN ICY

Tasmania is a great place to explore with beautiful scenery changing landscapes and roads that make for a great journey, but conditions can take you by surprise. Dealing with low visibility in rainy and foggy weather, battling icy roads, snow, and even just starting the car on cold mornings, the list of winter road hazards can be extensive. Luckily, we have a few tips for winter driving.

Slow down - Wet, icy roads can greatly impact your car's ability to slow down. Reducing your speed is the number-one way you can counteract any close-calls.

Use your headlights - In areas of low visibility, drive with your lights on low beam, and if you are forced to stop for any reason, use your hazard lights

Following distance - Keep an appropriate following distance between yourself and the vehicle in front of you.

Avoid sudden braking and turning -

Take it easy on your brakes. Avoid hazards by braking gradually before you reach corners and remember to leave early so you will not be inclined to rush.

Check your vehicle before departing - Check your car and make sure everything is working. Check the tread in your tyres and add extra pressure if required. The older the tyres the more likely they will be to struggle on slippery roads.

Clear your windscreen - Your car windscreen is more likely to fog over in cold weather, to avoid this turn on your heater and allow the ice to melt before you depart. A towel or blanket can also be left over the windscreen at night. Remember to drive to the conditions this winter season and pay attention to the warning signs about hazardous conditions to ensure you enjoy a safe journey on our roads.

Source: *Vroom and ARSF*

COMMUNITY GRANTS AND EVENTS SPONSORSHIP

Latrobe Council recently allocated its 2019-20 Emerging Needs and Arts, Culture and Festivals Sponsorship as follows:

- The North West Dressage Association will receive \$2,000 to offset costs for the construction of an additional eight (8) horse yards on their leased site, adjacent to the Thirlstane Golf Club site, in readiness for their hosting of the 2020 State Dressage Championships;
- The Devonport 4WD Club at Sassafras will receive \$788.74 for the purchase of 4 x recovery tracks and mounts which further supports their emergency response activities associated with Tasmania Police and the SES;
- The Port Sorell Cricket Club is to receive \$1,157.97 for the purchase of training equipment and aids to enhance the skills of existing members, attract new members to their organisation and support junior development
- The Latrobe Boxing Club is funded \$1,050 for the purchase of two crossfit stationary bicycles for low impact fitness training indoors, and
- The Apex Club of Latrobe will receive \$1,500 to support the staging of the Apex Australia Teenage Fashion Awards in Latrobe on 7 September, specifically with venue hire, trophies, advertising, sound and lighting and photography.

This funding by Council supports community projects valued at \$22,421.88.

As the allocated budget was not fully expended, a further round is currently open for application, closing on 19 August.

Applications are invited from eligible organisations for up to 50% of the value of their project with capping applicable. The project must be deliverable by 30 June, 2020 with successful applicants advised this September.

For more information, contact Council's Community Development Officer on 6426 4444.

HEALTHY TASMANIA FUND

The Tasmanian Government is launching a new grant fund, the Healthy Tasmania Fund, in 2019 to provide funding to community organisations to improve the health and wellbeing of their communities. This grants program will focus on:

- reducing smoking
- reducing obesity and the levels of overweight Tasmanians

- improving healthy eating and/or physical activity.

Grants up to \$200,000 will be available for projects or initiatives up to two years in duration. Applications are now open, closing in late August. Eligibility criteria apply.

For these and more details go online to www.health.tas.gov.au/healthytasmaniafund or email ahealthytasmania@health.tas.gov.au.

TASMANIAN COMMUNITY FUND

Round 39 of the Tasmanian Community Fund (TCF) opens on 13 July 2019.

The round will include three streams - small general grants from \$1,000 to \$20,000; medium general grants from \$20,001 to \$70,000; and large grants focused on infrastructure, equipment and assets from \$100,000 to \$300,000.

If you have a project idea that you would like to seek funding for, you are encouraged to talk to TCF staff (6232 7395) as soon as possible.

Application forms and guidelines will be available on the TCF website - www.tascomfund.org/home

WHAT IS TASALERT?

TasALERT is an online emergency warning and information system providing a single source of clear and consistent emergency and resilience information.

Outside emergency response periods the website provides general information on topics such as volunteering, disaster preparedness and resilience-focused campaigns.

The homepage of the website will change to highlight any current incident within Tasmania. Each incident will have a dedicated page displaying all available information (geo-spatial, social media, developed content, etc.) specific to that incident.

The website also aggregates social media feeds from emergency services and Government departments, as well as appropriate and authoritative emergency information through maps.

TasALERT is administered by the Tasmanian Government Department of Premier and Cabinet.

For more information on the TasALERT project see <http://alert.tas.gov.au>, or contact: info@alert.tas.gov.au.

MORE THAN JUST A MEAL

Meals on Wheels is a name familiar to Australians and is at the heart of many communities, representing helping hands, teamwork and looking out for each other. While age and disability may reduce some people's capacity to get out and about, Meals on Wheels helps make it possible to stay in their homes, where

most are happiest, and maintain some independence.

Meals on Wheels wish to thank the generosity of its volunteers, past and present, that enable their service to continue.

Meals and Wheels to persons living in the Latrobe Municipality is managed from their office in Devonport. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer with Meals on Wheels, please give them a call on 1800 696 325 or drop in to 113 Don Road, Devonport.

To find out if you or a relative is eligible to receive Meals on Wheels, contact them on the above number.

Source: mowras.org.au

MYRA GOSS'S AMAZING COLLECTION

National Trust Latrobe thanks its many donors of artefacts to the permanent collection of the Latrobe Court House Museum. Over the years they have acquired many interesting and valuable items for display. Mrs Myra Goss, who generously donated a set of reproductions of Famous Paintings of the World, sadly passed away recently after a long illness. The National Trust members send condolences to all who knew and loved her. Her set of pictures will be added to the Collection in perpetuity and will be shown to the public after restoration is complete.

The Latrobe Court House Museum will be closed for Winter recess during July and August. All enquiries during this time should be directed to info@nationaltrusttas.org.au

FAMILY HISTORY MONTHS

With the cooler weather setting in, why not pop into the Latrobe Library and grab a book to read, curl up in a chair and enter a new world.

August is Family History Month with the Latrobe Library holding an Introduction to Family History session on 15 August from 1:30pm until 3:30pm. This event will provide you with information on how to get started with your family history research, how to access family history resources and how to keep track of your research. Bookings are essential via www.eventbrite.com.au, or by calling Rachel on 6478 4220 and a gold coin donation would be appreciated.

Libraries Tasmania has featured on television recently with a new initiative called 26TEN Chat. This free new resource can help you have a chat with a friend, family member, work-mate or client you've noticed struggling with reading, writing or maths. The 26TEN Chat is a five-step guide to letting someone know, in a sensitive and kind way, where they can go for help with literacy. It is available at

www.26tenchat.tas.gov.au. The Reading Writing Hotline phone number is 1300 002 610.

Do you need help with using your mobile phone or other digital device? The Latrobe Library offers individual technical assistance to help you get more out of your digital equipment. Bring in your phone, laptop, iPad or tablet and the friendly volunteers will help you navigate modern technology. Bookings are required, please call 6478 4220 to make a reservation.

The Latrobe Library publish a regular "What's On", detailing information about their other regular activities including Twisted Stitches, the Latrobe Library Book Club and Rock and Rhyme.

The Latrobe Library Computer Hub, next door to the library, is staffed by volunteers who can assist with printing, photocopying and scanning. They are also able to help with computer basics and refresher skills.

The Latrobe Library is open from 1:00pm until 5:00pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday with the Latrobe Library computer Hub open every day except Wednesdays, from 10:00am until 5:00pm.

AND THE BAND PLAYS ON

The Latrobe Federal Band have several events coming up over winter including the State Solo & Party.

They will be performing in the Burnie Eisteddfod in late July and the Junior Band will be playing at the Jazz Festival, in the New Talent Showcase at Molly Malone's on 28 July from 2:00pm.

On 3 August the Band will be presenting a "Winter Spectacular" concert, with the Senior Band, Junior Band and guest artists performing a night of fun, popular, movie themes and more music. Starting at 7:00pm in the Memorial Hall, tickets will be available at the door. Cost is \$10 adults \$5 children.

Chocolate Winterfest, Latrobe follows on 11 August, where the band fundraises with Chocolate Fountains at the Chocolate Corner in the Latrobe Memorial Hall.

On 14-15 September, the Tasmanian State Band Championships will be held in Launceston. This is a weekend full of bands from all around the State doing what they love - music! Latrobe will be competing in the Senior 'B Grade' section.

If you love playing brass music, new players, old players and beginners are welcome to come along to the L J Coventry band rooms within the Latrobe Recreation Ground, Gilbert Street, Latrobe on Monday nights - 6:00pm for Juniors and beginners. 7:30pm for Seniors.



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

The University of the Third Age (U3A) Port Sorell provides a diverse range of educational, creative and leisure programs to engage retired or semi-retired people over the age of 50 years. These stimulating programs support members' physical and mental health while also providing an opportunity for social interaction and networking within the local community.

Term 2 is well under way with 35 courses offered.

Returning to again take you on a trip around the culture, sights to see and things to do in Japan is a presentation by Murray Giles at the Banksia Centre on 19 July from 2:00pm, followed by a chat, with wine and cheese. Cost is \$5 with bookings essential through the U3A Port Sorell office.

U3A Port Sorell's office is located at the front of the Banksia Centre, Pitcairn Street, Port Sorell. Office hours are 10:00am to 12noon Monday to Friday, phone 0499 162 539, or visit their website at portsorellu3anet.org.au.

ANNUAL EXHIBITION NOW ON



Rubicon River Arts Inc.

The Rubicon River Arts Inc next meeting at 10:00am on 6 July will include the Annual General Meeting.

Future, regular meetings

will be held at the same time on 3 August and 7 September.

Rasa Dunlop will be hosting a spinning workshop on 27 July. Learn this ancient yarn-making art that had its origins in the paleolithic period and developed through all continents. This led to the development of the spinning wheel in the Indian region and arrived in Europe in the 1500s. Rasa is an acclaimed weaver and Burnie Makers workshop artist who will provide expert guidance to participants. On 31 August, Kim O'Brien is offering a workshop on stencil printing on cards and fabric - an ancient art practiced in Japan, China, Inuit, Africa and many Polynesian islands, to its modern interpreters such as Roy Lichtenstein and 21st century 'Banksie'.

In September you can Learn to Crochet Tasmanian flowers.

Rubicon River Arts' Annual Exhibition 'Uplifting' is currently on display at the Arts Hub at 21 George Street, Latrobe during July and August. Members have explored their own interpretation of this cheerful and inspiring theme through various mediums. Artworks are for sale. A limited number of chocolate platypus will be for sale at the Hub during Chocolate Winterfest, Latrobe on 11 August.

For more information, contact Rubicon River Arts Inc. Events on Facebook or email rubiconriverarts@outlook.com.au, call Angela on 0498 243 460 or call in to Latrobe Arts Hub, 21 George Street, Latrobe.

PROBUS GROWTH EXPANDS OPPORTUNITIES



A very successful trip to Hobart to see "Senior Moments" at the Theatre Royal is just one of the activities enjoyed by Mersey Valley Ladies Probud members and friends. Other events planned are their luncheon at Drysdale Restaurant, a mystery bus trip and a tour and lunch at the Truffle Farm. Monthly meetings are followed by lunch for those who wish to go, and they also have a regular monthly dining out group. With regular, interesting guest speakers at their meetings, they have welcomed 12 new members in recent months. Probud is about Friendship, Fun and Food so if you would like to join a warm, happy group of ladies you would be made very welcome. They meet on the fourth Monday of each month at 10:00am to 12 noon in the Latrobe Senior Citizens Club, 18 Hamilton Street, Latrobe. If you would like to know more, give Alida a call on 6424 7536.

PLANNING FOR 2020 EVENT



Despite the dismal weather forecast, when people almost certainly had made other plans, a wonderful crowd turned up to patronise the many mulled wine and food stalls at the Shearwater Mulled Wine in May event. The crowd certainly supported local businesses and it was to this end that the Shearwater Village Business Group partnered with the Lions Club of Port Sorell to organise this event initially. Plans are already on the drawing board for next year.

The Port Sorell Lions Club will announce its Citizen of the Year at the Annual Changeover Dinner to be held in conjunction with the Lions Club of Latrobe.

Incoming President, Lion Geoffrey Richardson, brings a world of experience to the Club with great anticipation of an exciting year under Lion Geoff's leadership.

Congratulations to Lion Dudley Parker, the incoming President of the Lions Club of Latrobe. Port Sorell Lions look forward to continuing their assistance to the Lions Club of Latrobe with the operation of the Latrobe Speedway kiosk. Anyone wishing to enjoy the fellowship Lions has to offer as well as gain a sense of satisfaction from volunteering in the

community, please telephone our Membership Chairman, Denzil King on 6428 6234 or 0467 286 234 with a view to becoming a member.

PORT SORELL TENNIS THRIVES

The Port Sorell Tennis Club is welcoming in a new committee who are keen to remind the community that they provide first class tennis facilities and opportunities to play social and competitive tennis. The three hard courts were resurfaced last year by the club and make for an enjoyable game. Social tennis is played on Tuesday mornings at 10:00am with new players very welcome.

New Winter Doubles Quadrants are starting as follows:

Monday, 22 July (Mixed)

Tuesday, 23 July (Ladies)

Wednesday, 24 July (Mixed)

Thursday, 25 July (Mixed)

All start at 6:00pm.

For more information or to sign up, contact the club via email at portsorelltennisclub@hotmail.com or Facebook: Port Sorell Tennis Club.

DINING FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION

The Rotary Club of Latrobe enjoyed a very successful Annual Awards Night recently where the following awards were presented -

- Citizenship Award: Life Line - represented by the Latrobe Supervisor Ms Judy Millar.
- Courtesy Award: Mrs. Penny Lane of the Latrobe Post Office
- Industry Achievement Award: Andrew Langmaid on behalf of Cherry Hill Coolstores.
- Pride of Workmanship Award: Clarke's Painting Services - Wayne and Julie Clarke.
- M.G. Elliston Award: Jack Dance
- Charles Radford Sports Award: Jack Menzie

Rotary Club of Latrobe members  have spent many hours considering the best way to assist in raising money for suicide prevention in the community and have decided to host a Charity Dinner at 7:00pm on 26 October at the Waterfront Function Centre, Devonport. The theme for the night is "*Changing Someone's Tomorrow*".

There will be delicious local Paddock to Plate produce on the menu, "Cocktail Lotto" and Brad Von Rock's "Abba Super Trouper" as the entertainment. Tickets are available now from the paranapple Arts Centre, Devonport so grab some mates and join an entertaining night for a worthwhile cause.

OVER \$80,000 INVESTED

At this time of the year, it is good to reflect on how far the Bendigo Bank has come in the past year, notably that the branch has returned over \$80,000 in sponsorships to the community. The Community Bank model is that 80% of the profit must be returned to the community to enable "Be the Change" and make a difference. For this concept to progress it needs the community to bank locally and enquire about the products available. Are you in the market for a motor vehicle loan, housing loan, insurance, long term deposit? Why not give the branch or agency a visit, you may be surprised at the competitive rates? The board recently welcomed a new member Gina Timms, who brings extensive IT and Governance skills to the table. The board continue to seek community minded persons with skills to enhance the board to nominate, just call in to the branch for more details.



A warm welcome is also extended to new staff member Gaby Christoffersen. Gaby is very experienced in banking and will complement the already exceptional team. Jeanice Hinds has returned to the Latrobe agency and is available to assist with your banking needs.

BAPTIST CHURCH DIVERSITY

The Latrobe Baptist Church is more than just a Sunday Service type of venue. While church services are held every Sunday at 10:00am, followed by morning tea, Chat 'n Choose utilises the church hall each Wednesday from 10:00am until 12 noon during school terms. The many participants are currently engaged in 12 craft activities includes a wood turning class.

The Men's Shed opens from 9:00am, with a BBQ at 12 noon every Friday.

Members recently completing their 260th community project over their five years of operation.

The Choir of High Hopes will perform at the Church as part of Chocolate Winterfest, Latrobe on 11 August at 2:00pm followed by a chocolatey afternoon tea.

All are welcome to attend any of these functions with more details available from Glenis on 6426 1220 or Pastor Ralph on 0405 464 023.

CAMP BANKSIA MASTERPLAN REVEALED



In late 2018 and following on from community consultation, the Banksia Facilities Management Committee engaged landscape architect Don Thomson from Co-Design Lab to look at options for Camp Banksia with a more holistic use of the site, to better engage the asset with the local community.

The subsequent Co-Design Lab proposes to undertake a substantial multi-million-dollar redevelopment of the Camp Banksia site.

This proposal focuses on retaining the Camp as a sport and recreation accommodation and activity hub, increasing both the activities provided and standard of accommodation, along with opening the site up for community use by integrating several passive and active recreation areas.

The proposal is split into a staged approach. Stage 1 incorporates sites works, development of playground and recreation areas and a partial accommodation upgrade. Stage 2 sees the refurbishment of the remaining units, relocation of the camp kitchen and removal of two cabin clusters for the construction of the 2-bedroom units and high ropes course.

The final stage is the construction of the performing arts centre and additional carparking.

The master plan, providing a pictorial description of the proposals, was presented to the community on 25 June and comment noted.

While former Senator Steve Martin was able to secure a \$4 million funding commitment for this project, it did come with conditions that have not yet been able to be met.

Financial modelling due diligence is yet to be undertaken to ensure that the future plans do not become a significant impost on ratepayers.

BOSWORTH PARK WORKS

Following the community consultation on the multi-year Master Plan for the Bosworth Park site, it was raised that a pump track, like the one recently unveiled at Railton, may be better suited to the site than the relocated skatepark. The skatepark located at Perkins Park has been identified in an insurance audit as posing significant risk when sport is played on Perkins Park. Rather than the primary use of Perkins Park cease, it is proposed to relocate the skatepark. Further consultation on this proposition will be undertaken with skatepark users. The Bosworth Park site was recently ploughed, levelled and reseeded as preliminary work for the overall site development.

Construction of the toilet block, adjacent to the current playground has commenced. This was slightly delayed due to service connection issues. The Rotary Club of Latrobe have provided 17 London Planes trees which will be installed along the Cotton Street boundary of Bosworth Park. While 17 seems a unique number to provide, it represents the Club's current membership.

A detailed site survey will be undertaken in coming months with the installation of a dog park being progressed in the 2019-20 financial year as part of this staged, multi-year development.

PERKINS PARK DELAY

After a two-week delay, the light post footings have been poured and left to cure.

Both western towers were scheduled to be erected in late May however, during installation, a manufacturing fault was identified making them unsuitable to erect.

While a solution for the defective poles is being pursued with the manufacturer, the second set of poles ordered through an Australian Sports Commission grant are being checked on the wharf in Melbourne to ensure that they have been manufactured correctly. Should the new towers be confirmed suitable, they will be shipped immediately, with plans to erect them on the Eastern side of Perkins Park, using a crane off Percival Street. The recent weather has now made it unsuitable to bring a crane onto the playing surface to erect them on the western side.

A development application has been lodged for the 3m high fencing on the Gilbert Street and part of the Percival Street boundaries. Once approved, works will commence. This is subject to contractor availability but expected to occur in July/August.

The drainage and irrigation works are scheduled to commence at the end of this football season.

Senior standard goal posts have arrived and will be installed after the irrigation

and drainage works are undertaken. A new concrete wicket and artificial turf pitch will be installed on completion of the subsurface works and the ground reseeded.

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