



Shearwater Village Revitalisation

Ways to revitalise Shearwater Village was the subject that drew together 18 retailers and property owners with Latrobe Council representatives recently.

Daryl Connelly of Cradle Coast Innovation kindly gave his time to lead the discussions which identified concerns such as signage, parking, a fragmented town centre, vacant shops and the identity of Shearwater Village.

In order to revitalise Shearwater Village, one of the points raised by the retailers was the need for them to research like for like communities to see how issues are tackled elsewhere and organise a committee to devise a strategy to put before Latrobe Council.

There was a general consensus that Shearwater Village needed to be reinvigorated with pop up shops and an open air market identified as potential avenues, while the involvement of local youth and artisans would enhance ownership and provide liveliness to the zone.

Greater promotion of the area with its attractions clearly identified could be supported with improved signage to direct motorists to the Village. Enhanced parking capacity for larger vehicles, such as campervans, would also assist.

Social media would also play an important role to raise awareness of Shearwater Village and attract visitors.

“One of the best outcomes from the meeting was agreement amongst retailers that they needed to work together for the future of Shearwater Village.

It was also said that if it is right for tourists it will be right for locals too, as it would be attracting more money and businesses into the local economy,” said Latrobe Council’s Tourism and Economic Development Officer, Ms Jackie Hardy.

An invitation to the next meeting will be sent to all retailers and landlords in the Village.

Last on the Grapevine

Do you feel like you are the last to know what is happening in your neighbourhood? Council has a multitude of avenues to keep you up to date with local happenings - this newsletter, Tuesday’s Latrobe Coast to Coast page, Mayoral interviews on 7AD each fortnight, our website and direct links to community organisations that circulate information to their members; but it is perhaps Facebook that is our most immediate social media option.

Council does not use Facebook as a conversation avenue. If you would like that, please pick up the phone or drop us an email (details on front page). We use Facebook to advise of happenings as they arise. We even share

appropriate posts from the community to ensure maximum coverage.

To keep informed of matters that may affect you, search LatrobeCouncilTas on Facebook and follow; being sure to turn all notifications on and see first in your news feed.

Community Input Contagious

The public information night to commence the review of the Port Sorell Strategic Plan was held on 23 February and attended by 180 persons.

The session was led by Wendy Morris from Ecologically Sustainable Design Pty Ltd who initially outlined the scope of the review before discussing what has occurred in the area as a result of the adoption of the Strategic Plan in 2008. Members of the community were then invited to voice their view on the following issues which had been brought to Council’s attention:

1. Retail Issues - Town Centre/Shearwater Village/other
2. Traffic and Parking
3. Stormwater, drainage, flooding and sea level rise
4. Sporting facilities
5. Civic Facilities/Banksia Centre/PAC/future needs eg. Library
6. Waste transfer station possible sites, and Council land sales
7. Residential development issues

Comments from the meeting are now available on Council’s website.

The session concluded with an invitation to the public to lodge further submissions in regard to any issue they would like considered in the review. Submissions can be mailed to Latrobe Council at P O Box 63, Latrobe 7307 or emailed to council@latrobe.tas.gov.au. The closing date for submissions is Friday, 24 March.

Any queries should be directed to Council’s Manager of Planning and Building Services, Sharon Holland, on 6426 4444.

Businesses Rise to the Top

Cradle Coast Innovation will once again be conducting the popular *Rising To The Top* workshop in Latrobe on 15 March from 10:00am until 12:30pm.

These workshops are aimed at helping small business owners analyse and respond to their changing business environment, and assess and fine-tune their value proposition and business model using the Business Model Canvas and Value Proposition Canvas made famous by Strategyzer.com and featured in its best-selling books.

Join Daryl Connelly and Martin Brinkman for a snappy but relaxed, small group workshop partially funded by The Australian Government. Participants are limited to 10 so register quickly at <http://bit.ly/2lxdDJ7>.

Celebrating International Women's Day

A free International Women's Day Health and Wellbeing morning tea will be held at the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe on Wednesday, 8 March from 10:00am until 12 noon.

The morning tea was identified by residents as something they would like to do in order to celebrate International Women's Day. It was organised by the residents with support from both Housing Choices Tasmania (HCT) and Latrobe Council.

HCT is more than a social housing provider. They are a not for profit community housing organisation that works with local communities in order to bring about positive change in the lives of their residents.

Initiatives of HCT include the Resident Community Fund Grant Program and the Your Future Scholarships Program.

The Community Fund provides residents and support organisations with the opportunity to develop projects and programs for implementation in their community. To date \$150,000 has been committed to support 15 community projects across the North West of Tasmania. Furthermore 18 Scholarships totalling \$18,000 have been provided to young residents to enable them to pursue educational opportunities.

The International Women's Day Health and Wellbeing morning is an example of the usefulness of HCT programs. There will be a free morning tea with health and wellbeing stands, inspirational cooking, Smith Family, LINC and lucky door prizes.

All (males and females) are most welcome to attend. If you would like to find out more, please contact Kathryn on 1300 312 447.

Council Deliverables to Ensure Liveability¹

Dr Katrena Stephenson, CEO of the Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT), the overarching body representing Local Government in Tasmania, was invited to make a submission to the 2017-18 State Budget consultation process late last year. *"The resulting submission highlighted the important actions councils are undertaking in delivering for their communities."*

As we all know, on any given day, a council is likely to be undertaking an enormous array of activities. These activities are driven by both statutory requirements and others are more discretionary. Together, the broad range of activities undertaken contributes to how communities function and how they provide effective spaces and places for people to visit and live in. The priority commitments sought in the budget submission were:

- *Resourcing the completion and implementation of the Tasmanian Planning Scheme, the development of Tasmanian Planning Policies and reviews of the Regional Land Use Strategies;*
- *Adequate resourcing of the Local Government Division, particularly in relation to implementing recommendations from the review of the Local Government Act, the independent review of councillor*

allowances and the 12-month review of the Code of Conduct legislation and processes;

- *Joint advocacy for federal funding towards addressing major water and sewerage projects which sit outside TasWater's current forward capital works program, as well as the review and amendment of legislation to address the disconnect between price setting requirements and long-term infrastructure and financial planning requirements for TasWater;*
- *Funding for specialist consultancy services to assist councils in the assessment of critical bridge infrastructure and further development of strategic road networks; and*
- *Resourcing for an initial review of the implementation of the new Building Act 2016, along with allocation of sufficient resources towards enforcement and compliance activities.*

Council Comes to You

Council will be holding its next 'Community Information Evening' at Andrews Creek Primary School on Wednesday, 22 March from 7:00pm. It is hoped that residents from the Wesley Vale, Moriarty and surrounding areas will attend to enable Council to provide area specific information while receiving comments, ideas and information from the community.

The evening will also provide an opportunity for discussion on topical issues such as the Statewide Planning Scheme, Council budget priorities and resource sharing.

The forum will conclude with a light supper. If you would like to attend please register by contacting Mrs Candice Winter (6426 4444 on Tuesday or Wednesday) or email candicew@latrobe.tas.gov.au.

Parking is available in the school carpark(s) in addition to the street frontage with attendees requested to then proceed to the rear of the school (via the lane on the right) with the meeting being held in the Grade 5/6 classroom (second door on the right).

Agricultural Landscape Rehabilitation Fund Closes Soon

Nominations for application to the Agricultural Landscape Rehabilitation Scheme, a \$2 million fund to support flood affected landholders and communities, close on 31 March. The scheme assists flood-affected landowners and communities with:

- River and stream resilience larger-scale work, such as revegetation, bank protection, stream alignment, and erosion management; and
- Debris clean-up smaller-scale works for landowners on productive land, such as timber and river cobble removal.

If a landholder is interested in the scheme, the process is that they call the 1300 043 116 number and register. They will then receive a call back and run through Part A of an *Expression of Interest* (EOI) form for technical advice. This information will be sent to them to check, sign and return with photos of the flood damage. This will then be packaged and sent to a consultant for a potential site visit or desk top analysis. Part B of the EOI form will be completed by the consultant and returned to the landholder to assist in completing a Nomination Form before 31 March.

¹ The Pulse e-newsletter - February 2017

Bus Service Review Underway

The Department of State Growth has recently commenced a review of general access bus services across the region - from Port Sorell and Latrobe through to Burnie and Wynyard. This has been initiated as *“existing contracts for public transport bus services (including student only bus services) begin expiring in early 2018.”*²

Key to the success of the review is community engagement in the process, which is being facilitated by Philip Boyle and Associates over the next 12 months.

The community will be asked to provide input into what the bus network should look like, identifying opportunities and issues.

Possible changes to services originating from Port Sorell are already listed for inclusion in the community consultation process; being mindful that any changes to introduce a Sunday Service will need to have potential trade-offs with the weekday service.

It is important that YOU, the community, are involved in the process, understand the possible changes and have been consulted and had every opportunity to provide input as Minister Hidding has advised that *“when final recommendations come to me I want to be sure that these incorporate all input from local communities.”*

Defence Memorial Reveal

The development of the Defence Memorial for the Port Sorell area has been a true community project with the committee of Rod Bramich, Mary Buchanan, Snow Thomas, Brent Armitstead and Peter Freshney to be commended for their inclusiveness.

Not only was the location determined by community feedback, the design of the memorial was based on a competition subsequently won by local Michael Farquharson and refined by Artas. The Port Sorell District Community Bank® Branch have not only been the banking body but also managed financials for the Buy a Brick campaign that resulted in 211 bricks being bought and created by Fingerprint Signs for installation at the memorial. Latrobe Council continues to provide critical financial and in-kind support with numerous community groups such as Port Sorell Lions, Port Sorell Garden Club, Rubicon Club and individuals likewise financially supporting the venture.

Oliver Kelly successfully tendered for the works and commenced construction on 30 January with Jensens Quality Metals creating the centerpiece of the memorial. The official reveal of the Port Sorell Defence Memorial at Pioneer Park, Rice Street, Port Sorell will take place at 11:00am on Saturday, 18 March.

Targa Tasmania Returns to Moriarty

Targa Tasmania returns with racing throughout Tasmania from 24-29 April.

On 26 April, the Moriarty Stage will be held, commencing at the junction of Chapel Road and Valleyfield Road, through to Oppenheims Road, onto Hermitage Lane then Bonneys Lane, concluding just prior to the Moriarty Hall. Consequently, these roads will be closed to motorists from 8:22am until 12:52pm.

For full details about Targa Tasmania, go online to http://targa.com.au/tc/page_standard.asp?asset_id=19237

Laura Street Stormwater Delay

In Council's press release of 28 June 2016, it stated that approval had been given to pipe the open stormwater drain between Laura and Bradshaw Streets, Latrobe.

As a result of the extensiveness of the June 2016 floods and subsequent emergency response by Council staff and local Civil/Bridge Contractors, this project missed the opportunity to be completed this Summer.

The Laura Street/Bradshaw Street project is complex due to the type of drain, the environment and restricted access through private property.

Council wishes to complete this project with the utmost sensitivity to the impact on the affected property owners in regard to design and construction techniques to be adopted, whilst achieving the drainage requirements for this part of town.

Council will be designing the proposed works in consultation with the property owners over coming months, with the project scheduled to be put to tender and construction commencing in January 2018.

Sports Released for Masters Games

The Australian Masters Games (AMG) is coming to Tasmania's North West from 21-28 October this year; an event which is expected to attract more than 5,000 visitors and participants to our region to compete across approx. 50 sports. Entries for the all sports on offer at the 16th Australian Masters Games are now open for registration to participants of all abilities and standards.

There is a minimum age criteria to be a Master. For most sports it is 30 years but there are some variations for swimming (18 years) and gymnastics (25 years).

A "Gold" registration period is currently being offered until 1 May where, for just \$99, entrants will receive a Gold accreditation pass ensuring priority access at the Games accreditation centre and a unique 16th Australian Masters Games souvenir not available in the merchandise range.

So what are you waiting for? Get your crew together and register at

<http://www.australianmastersgames.com/page/Sport-Information-x-7935-35-15777.html>

The Australian Masters Games also provides an opportunity for the wider community to volunteer and businesses to extend their open hours.

Scott Wade, General Manager of the 16th Australian Masters Games, and Ian Waller, Regional Tourism Manager, are conducting an AMG information session at the Latrobe Council Chambers on 29 March from 4:00pm until 5:00pm on 29 March. Places are limited so RSVP to chelsea.bell@unisport.com.au.

There will be the opportunity to ask questions and find out how you, your communities and businesses can get involved.

Event Promotion

Is your event taking advantage of all of the on-line promotional opportunities?

Is it listed with the Australian Tourism Data Warehouse (ATDW)?

If not you may be missing out on having your event promoted on sites such as Australia.com, DiscoverTasmania.com.au and TasmanianNorthwest.com.au.

² http://www.transport.tas.gov.au/passenger/project_2018

To list on ATDW is FREE and it is easy. Simply log into <https://www.atdw-online.com.au>, set up a User account, and then adding your Organisation and create your listing. If you run in to any trouble, the staff at Tourism Tasmania are there to help you. Phone them on 6165 5286.

Port Sorell Canine Walk

Dog lovers are invited to participate in the annual Port Sorell Canine Walk on Sunday, 19 March to support the Delta Therapy Dogs program.



The Delta Therapy Dog Program involves a group of dedicated volunteers and their Accredited Dogs visiting North West Coast Aged Care facility residents, adults with disabilities and children to share the joy of animal companionship.

To support this great program, join in either the 2 km or 4.5 km Canine Community Walk at Port Sorell.

Registration commences at 10:30 am at the Port Sorell Fire Station in Rice Street, Port Sorell with an 11:00 am start. The cost is \$5 per family or \$3 an individual with every registration having a chance to win a prize.

On return to the Fire Station, indulge in a perfectly cooked sausage from the Port Sorell Fire Brigade or chat with Latrobe Council's Animal Control Officer about responsible dog ownership and raise awareness of no-go areas in the Port Sorell area.

For more information, contact Claire (6424 8948) or just turn up on the day.

Freeze Pushes Limits

"If concentration is an artform, Nick Steur from the Netherlands is a master."

With his hands, will, focus and skill, Nick achieves the improbable by balancing odd shaped rocks on top of one another ... pushing the limitations of possibility.

Steur uses the location to underscore his work and will demonstrate his skill at Narawntapu National Park as part of 10 Days on the Island at 4pm on Sunday, 19 March, and you can join him.

To register to join this event, go online to <http://tendays.org.au/event/freeze/>. Places are filling fast.

The Hazards of Leftover Takeaway

Consumer research has shown that persons aged between 18 and 30 years old are likely to have poorer knowledge of food safety basics such as washing hands, correct cooking temperatures, riskier foods and fridge safety and therefore at a greater risk of getting food poisoning. By following these five simple tips, you can help ensure that you, and people you cook for, are safe from food poisoning:

1. **CLEAN** - wash hands with soap and running water before handling food, wash the dishes regularly and keep the kitchen clean
2. **CHILL** - keep the fridge at 5°C or below and clean it out regularly, refrigerate any leftovers as soon as they've stopped steaming and use or freeze them within 3 days
3. **COOK** - cook poultry or minced products to 75°C in the centre, be aware of the risk of raw or minimally cooked egg dishes.

4. **SEPARATE** - prevent cross contamination especially between raw meat or poultry and other foods that won't be cooked like salads
5. **DON'T COOK FOR OTHERS IF YOU HAVE GASTRO** - you could make them sick too so ask someone else to cook or get a takeaway.

Latrobe High Redevelopment Update

At the start of this school year, students and staff at Latrobe High had the new change rooms, drama area, music, library, gymnasium, maths rooms, teaching kitchens, canteen and cafeteria spaces handed to them for use. Work is progressing well on the main building, B Block, with these general classroom spaces and art rooms to be completed mid-year.

As part of all State Government building projects, it is policy that a small percentage of the capital budget is spent on commissioning an artist to create a major artwork. The commission was advertised and applications assessed by a panel of teachers and students, who selected Tasmanian artist Loz Abberton as the successful applicant.

Loz's proposal of incorporating genetics and colours to create a narrative is an ambitious and exciting concept that intrigued the selection panel. In her application, Loz said "my concept is to create an installation that intrinsically represents the graduating Latrobe High School family ... a DNA Wall that displays the school's distinctive characteristics and qualities."

The DNA Wall will be an evolving artwork over a 15 year timeframe, where each Year 10 graduating student will scan themselves to create a 'mini-me' figurine or scan an object that best represents their character to be installed in the DNA Wall.

Over 3,500 coloured Perspex dots will cover the old music building, with each dot contributing to a bigger picture - an image to be developed by Loz in consultation with staff and students. Over the project timespan, a clear pod holding the 3D printed mini-me or assemblage will be fixed to a Perspex dot, becoming a record of their time at Latrobe High School. These additional pods populating the wall will add a 3D layer to the installation.

As part of the project, a 3D scanner and 3D printer are being supplied to the school.

Small Businesses Loan Guarantee³

Recently Daryl Connelly of Cradle Coast Innovation met with John Rylah, Liberal Member for Braddon to announce the implementation of a loan guarantee scheme which will provide further support to businesses in the North West and West Coast of Tasmania.

The scheme could help realise up to \$2.5 million in local economic activity.

The State Government will provide guarantees of between \$30,000 and \$50,000 for up to five years for Tasmanian-owned businesses to help access lower interest rate mainstream finance to grow and diversify.

Under the scheme, the Government will provide a guarantee to successful applications of up to 20% of the total principal required for the purchase of freehold property or plant and equipment. A total of \$500,000 in guarantees is available under the scheme and applications will be open until the 31 October or when the total guarantee limit is met.

³ Cradle Coast Innovation – Update – 20 January

Before applying, interested businesses should first contact the Department of State Growth's finance managers through Business Tasmania on 1800 440 026. Daryl is also available to provide any general guidance in relation to grant applications, his number is 0488 333 893.

Bushfire Ready at Squeaking Point

Since the Bushfire Safety Community Forum held at the Thirlstane Golf Club last year, a group of Squeaking Point residents have been meeting to look at risk mitigation strategies for the broader Squeaking Point area.

One of the proactive measures discussed is the potential of a Phone Tree early warning system. A Phone Tree enables a community to identify and inform their neighbours about a potential fire risk. It is not predominantly used for emergency situations or to detract from the Tasmania Fire Service Alert level warnings system but designed to be a community owned and operated communication strategy to assist people in being informed about what could be happening in their area.

In implementation such a system, it would allow people time to consider their Bushfire Survival Plans and implement strategies for making their homes defensible and leaving early. If you are curious about how they work you can have a look at the comprehensive work done in the Golden Valley area (www.ourphonetree.com).

Alternatively, go to the Tasmanian Fire Service website (www.fire.tas.gov.au) and follow the link to the Bushfire-Ready Neighbourhoods page.

From the beginning to mid-March, a group of TFS authorised volunteers (Mike Connell, Marcel Brown, Marianne Hawke, Steve Christiansen, Jon Paice, Nigel Pitchford, Dave and Ros Wallace and Kevin and Jools Stones) will be conducting a door knock throughout the Squeaking Point area to advise what is happening in your area and seeking your participation in the Phone Tree. Involvement is voluntary and your information will be treated with the utmost confidentiality.

The safety of the volunteers is paramount. It would therefore be appreciated if you could place signage out if you have dogs on your property that might not appreciate visitors. If you are not home the volunteers will leave the supporting letter in your letter box with options for you to contact if you are keen to be involved.

TFS Bushfire-Ready Neighbourhoods program Community Development Officer, Suzette Harrison is happy to respond to any questions you might have and can be contacted at suzette.harrison@fire.tas.gov.au or 0418 451 954.

Opportunity for Future Industry Leaders

The Tasmanian Farmers and Graziers' Association (TFGA) has launched an exciting new program for Tasmania's primary industries; Future Industry Leaders - growing people.

The program has been developed to build the people management and communication capability within Tasmania's agricultural, forestry and seafood sectors.

TFGA's Agriskills Project Officer, Sally Murfet said that the overall goal of the program was to increase the leadership capacity within primary industries personnel.

"Building capacity in this area will assist in the attraction (and retention) of skilled and motivated talent to our sector," she said.

The Future Industry Leaders Program is funded through the State Government's Cultivating Prosperity in Agriculture

initiatives and coordinated by the TFGA, through the Agriskills Project.

The Program will run between May and August 2017 and is open to people in agriculture, forestry or aquaculture in Tasmania who are, or aspire to be, in roles with influence, either in their own business or in the broader industry. This includes producers, processors and service providers.

Further information about the program can be found here: <http://bit.ly/2kUeILW>.

Applications close with the TFGA on Tuesday, 14 March.

Make the Grade with Kerbside Recycling⁴

Kerbside recycling bin assessments are currently underway with random bins selected for assessment until 13 April.

Since the kerbside recycling bin assessments began in 2014, there has been a 37% improvement in the number of pass grades achieved when checked for general waste, green waste or other non-recyclable materials. Well done everyone!

Recycling bins containing more than 10% of non-recyclable materials, known as contamination, classify as a fail in the bin assessment program, which is coordinated across seven local councils as part of the Cradle Coast Waste Management Group's waste minimisation work.

To brush up your knowledge of what can and can't be recycled, take the quiz at <http://rethinkwaste.com.au/rethink-games/>.

Prohibited Areas for Dogs

If you are planning to walk your dog on our beautiful beaches or in reserves, please ensure you are in the correct area to avoid a fine.

There are a number of areas throughout the Latrobe Municipality that are prohibited to dogs and some beaches are regulated with times appropriate to allow dogs.

Council has implemented a zero tolerance policy following a recommendation from the Port Sorell Advisory Committee. As a result, Council's contracted Animal Control Officer is issuing on the spot infringement notices.

Maps detailing prohibited locations and timings are available online at www.latrobe.tas.gov.au/animalcontrol or by picking up a brochure from Council's office in Latrobe.

Connect with your Neighbour

In 2017, Neighbour Day's annual theme is: *'The Importance of Social Connection for the Elderly.'* The 2017 theme aims to encourage all Australians to reach out to older people in their neighbourhoods, particularly those who live alone.

The theme is strongly connected to Neighbour Day's beginnings. In 2003, Andrew Heslop founded Neighbour Day after the remains of an elderly woman were found inside her suburban home, more than two years after her death.

We know from a range of studies that social exclusion

and loneliness are detrimental to mental and physical health, while social participation is positively associated with improved wellbeing for individuals, families and



neighbour day
Last Sunday in March

www.neighbourday.org

⁴ <http://rethinkwaste.com.au/make-the-grade-with-kerbside-recycling-assessments/>

communities. Unfortunately, as we get older our social networks often diminish and the risk of feeling lonely increases.

That's why this year, Neighbour Day is inviting all Australians to help highlight the importance of reaching out to older people in their communities who may be feeling socially isolated.

To get involved, register at <http://www.neighbourday.org/get-involved/event-registration/>

Free After Hours Psychology Services

Primary Health Tasmania has allocated funding to provide free after hours psychology services to vulnerable persons throughout Tasmania.

Being delivered by local healthcare provider, GP2U, callers to the service on **1800 866 722** will be able to access real time clinical consultations by general practitioners and clinical psychologists after hours and on weekends.

The service can be instigated by patients directly, concerned family members or carers from community care organisations.

To learn more about the service go online to www.gp2uafterhours.com.au

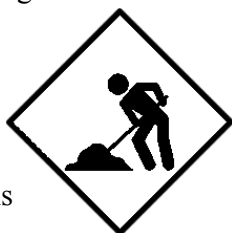
Funding for the program exists until 30 June with the possibility for ongoing funding if there is demonstrated demand and proven, positive health outcomes.

Council's Current Works Report

The following works are scheduled to be undertaken throughout the Latrobe Municipality during March and April;

Roads:

- Finalising construction works for Chapel Road widening Stages 4 and 5.
- Merseylea Road delineation alterations following flood repairs.
- Native Plains Road sealing following flood repairs.
- Roadside vegetation mowing.
- Road drainage clearing and general maintenance of the sealed and unsealed road surfaces.



Buildings:

- Flood repairs to Bells Parade carpark - replace underground stormwater drainage.
- Footpath level alterations in Alexander Street.
- Poyston Drive drainage improvements to reduce adjacent land water inundation.
- Completing Gilbert Street tactile tile placement.
- Gilbert Street drainage improvements in the footpath outside the Top Shop.
- Footpath general maintenance.
- Latrobe and District Youth Centre bar area building alterations.
- Concrete at base of Platypus Sculpture at Bells Parade.
- General building maintenance.
- Upgrade of Elderly Persons Units as required.

Parks and Reserves:

- Continue footpath widening at Shearwater Park
- Footpath construction in Wilmot Street, opposite Felina Way to Breteeca Close.

- Prepare Latrobe Recreation Ground and environs for sporting and community events.
- Place new goalposts at Latrobe Recreation Ground.
- Maintain street cleanliness and regular rubbish removal.
- 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 Manager on 0418 104 330.

A New Take on the Book Club

The Latrobe Library in Gilbert Street, Latrobe is starting up a book club but it is not your traditional book club where you all read the same book and talk about it, this book club encourages you to come and talk about books or movies in general over a cuppa.

You can talk about a favourite author, a great cookbook, children's author or the latest blockbuster movie.

The book club will meet at the Library from 1:30pm until 2:30pm on the second Tuesday of each month, commencing on 14 March. Bookings are not essential, just turn up.

If you would like further information, please call Rachel on 6426 1697.

Port Sorell Autumn Fair

An Autumn Fair will be held on 25 March from 9:00am until 1:00pm at the Bridge of Hope, Rice Street, Port Sorell.

Along with a Farmer's Market there will be a plant stall, cake stall, bric-a-brac and homewares as well as books for sale. Devonshire teas, pancakes and a sausage sizzle will also be available as well as a Children's FunZone including face painting. There will also be an auction of a framed watercolour of Mary's Creek donated by artist Peg Smith. Check it out on the Bridge of Hope's Facebook page.

The fair is a major fund-raiser for the Parish of Bridge of Hope and will help support its work in the local community. Your support is greatly appreciated.

The church meets weekly at 9:00am at Port Sorell and 11:00am at Latrobe with visitors or prospective members most welcome.

Enquiries or offers of assistance are invited to contact Grant Atkins on 6428 7810.

Rubicon Sea Scouts Need a Hand

In order to maintain the growth of the Rubicon Sea Scout Group at Port Sorell, they are urgently seeking volunteer Leaders for their Joey and Cub groups.

Leaders are adults from diverse backgrounds. Training is provided for leadership roles and, as a Registered Training Organisation, will provide you with a Certificate III in Business, a Certificate of Leadership and a Certificate III in Leadership (with current First Aid certification) on completion of basic training.

As a Sea Scout group, activities are not simply contained to the land, they extend to the water as well which is ideal given the close proximity to the Port Sorell Estuary.

A Joey Scout Leader is urgently sought due to its current vacancy. This position involves working with boys and girls aged 6-8 years for an hour each work on a number of activities including games, handcrafts, stories, 'pretend' adventures, cooking, growing things and songs. These 'mob' meetings (as they are called) usually follow a theme, and while having plenty of fun, Joey Scouts learn about themselves, nature, and the world around them.



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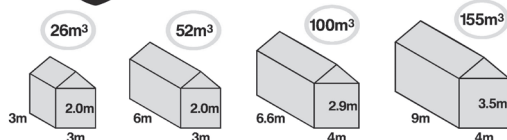
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A Cub Leader is sought to fill a vacancy coming up at the end of this term. They will work with boys and girls aged between 7½ to 11 years and provide a similar but slightly longer program of inclusion, excitement, independence and some serious fun! Again, this is a once a week commitment and occasional weekends for special occasions such as camps.

Scouting provides a great outlook of learning about life, working as a team and resilience. Rubicon Sea Scout Cubs meet from 6:30pm until 8:00pm each Wednesday at 22 Kermode Street, Port Sorell. The Joey's used to meet from 4:30pm until 5:30pm on a Tuesday however this is able to be varied to suit the incoming leader.

If you are able to support Rubicon Sea Scouts in either of the above positions, please contact either Ian (0421 011 876) or Shirley (0400 425 970).

It was through lack of support for the Latrobe Scout Group that that organisation wound up nearly three years ago. Please don't let this happen at Port Sorell.

Latrobe Sacred Circle Dancing

Sacred Circle Dancing at Bells Parade, Latrobe will shortly wind up its summer activities and move indoors to Melalueca.

Coordinator, Ms Emma Creeley said "this has been the third Summer that Sacred Circle Dancing has been held at Bells Parade and it now has a strong core group of attendees enhanced by new faces each week."

Sacred Circle Dance Day is a free event for all ages, held from 7:00pm until 8:00pm on the second and fourth Monday of each month, concluding at the end of March.

Spun Fibres Only Limited by Imagination

Fibre from many sources can be used for spinning however Shearwater resident, Mrs Rasa Dunlop, prefers the softness of Alpaca.

"Silk achieves the most luxurious product (in my opinion) but it is expensive. Spinners use all kinds of fibres including wool, cotton and the fleece from alpacas and llamas. There are also some who use rabbit fur, goat and camel hair, even cat and dog hair as well as entrepreneurs pushing the boundaries with spinning fibres such as Seacell, made from seaweed, and even stainless steel!", said Mrs Dunlop.

Spinning, it appears, is only limited by your imagination.

While not professing to be an expert in spinning, weaving or knitting, Mrs Dunlop is a "besotted lover of all things fibre".

A member of the Handweavers, Spinners and Dyers Guild of Tasmania (www.hwsdguilddtasmania.org), Mrs Dunlop is looking to share this craft and get a group going in the Port Sorell area.

"To make this experience accessible to people of all ages, I will be holding "come and try" sessions in the Apple Patch Quilting & Craft Shop at 7 Club Drive, Shearwater from 12:30pm on the first Saturday of the month; commencing on 1 April.

You don't need to bring anything initially. We can even start basic spinning - I have a spare wheel. I will have yarns you can play with and lots of gadgets you can try such as a drop spindle, spinning wheel, loom, mechanical French knitting machine, a circular knitting machine and I am also able to demonstrate finger and arm knitting.

These skills are beneficial for people with developing arthritis as well as alleviating the onset of

dementia. Spinning is also quite meditative," enthused Mrs Dunlop.

Mrs Dunlop will also be at the Loco Shed at Steamfest from 11-13 March and is contactable on rasa.dunlop@gmail.com.

Look Up Look Out!

After a recent spate of plant and vehicle contacts with overhead powerlines, TasNetworks is issuing a "Look Up, Look Out" alert in the interest of community safety.

Often these contacts were the result of unauthorised entry to powerline "No Go Zones", endangering the lives of machinery operators, members of the general public and causing inconvenience to the community through unnecessary power interruptions.

If your vehicle or plant equipment comes into contact with overhead powerlines, you must contact emergency services or TasNetworks immediately. Remain in the vehicle and ensure those in the vicinity remain at least eight metres from the lines and anything they are in contact with.

Employers must make sure all workers and contractors are alert to surrounding powerlines and understand the importance of the "No Go Zone" as part of their induction to the site. Use of safety observers or spotters will assist to avoid vehicle and plant equipment crossing into the "No Go Zone". No one may work within the 3 metre "No Go Zone" of powerlines unless they have advised TasNetworks and received authorisation for the work.

Some important safety tips:

- Check the location of all overhead powerlines before you start work. Dial before you dig on 1100 to identify any underground infrastructure.
- Know the exact height of your vehicle/equipment and load, especially when your tray or excavator is fully raised or extended.
- Always use an observer to monitor your clearances.
- Never allow anyone to ride on a high load when travelling underneath powerlines.
- Metal irrigation pipes being moved near powerlines should be kept below head level to avoid any possible contact with overhead powerlines.
- Jets of water from travelling irrigators should be kept clear of overhead powerlines as they may cause the conductors to touch and could result in a loss of power supply, system disturbances or even a fire.

In any life threatening emergency contact 000 or for further information and or reporting faults involving electricity infrastructure, call TasNetworks on 132 004.

RSL Open to All

DID YOU KNOW that membership criteria has relaxed for RSL Clubs? While there remains the opportunity to join as a Service Member, there are options to join as an Affiliate Member.

If you are a relative of a Service or Life Member of the RSL or a relative of a person at the time of his/her death eligible to be a Service Member of a league, and you are aged 18+, you can be an Affiliate Member.

As an Affiliate Member, you have voting rights and can hold any position in the organisation other than that of President.



The Latrobe RSL would like to invite all present and past members and those interested in the work of the Latrobe RSL, to meet with them for comradeship, raffles, membership draw and so on each Friday evening in the Teddy Sheean Memorial Bar, located at the rear of Belly's Bar and Grill, 160 Gilbert Street, Latrobe.

On 15 March the Latrobe RSL will hold their Annual General Meeting at 160 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 7:00pm. The positions of President, Secretary, Treasurer and Committee Members will be open for nomination with further information available from Secretary Anne by phoning 6426 1255 or email latrobersl@gmail.com.

Members continue to hold barbecues to raise funds and it was through this sort of activity that the organisation was able to support some of the flood affected from last June's floods.

On 1 December, the branch will mark the 75th Anniversary of the death of Teddy Sheean and remember the associated loss of other sailors from HMAS Armidale.

Sassafras Students on the National Science Stage

Twelve students from Sassafras Primary School celebrated their science success as part of a National Kids Teaching Kids event in Melbourne late last year.

The students were the only class from the North West Coast to attend, with one other class from Southern Tasmania. The National event attracted 600 students and teachers from all states of Australia.

Cradle Coast NRM sponsored the students following their outstanding effort in delivering their two activities, Water Warriors and Burrowing Crayfish, at the regional Kids Teaching Kids event last September, under the guidance of teacher Karen Kleinman. Cradle Coast NRM's Youth Education Program aims to inspire and upskill our next generation of environmental leaders.⁵

Tai Chi Classes Still Open

If you have always wanted to try Tai Chi or if a medical professional has recommended you try Tai Chi or if you just feel the need to move, exercise and energise, the Tai Chi Group at Port Sorell may be what you are looking for.

The group meets at the Banksia Centre, Pitcairn Street, Port Sorell at 9:15am every Thursday morning for an hour, operating in the grounds outside when the weather is fine or indoors in the Performing Arts Room.

Tai Chi introduces concepts of breathing, balance and relaxation, explored slowly and in a non-competitive environment. It is suitable for men and women and is performed standing up. Loose comfortable clothing with flat soled shoes are recommended and no equipment is used.

If you are interested please phone Barbara on 6425 5275 or email barb3taichi@gmail.com

Meditate to Reduce Stress

Over the last ten years' meditation has again reached popularity through its proven efficacy to reduce stress. The advantage of meditation is that it is non-invasive, relaxing, requires no experience - just willingness, and most of all it is suitable for all ages. In fact a research review published in 2016 by the Neuroscience Research Institute at UCLA (University of California, LA) suggests

that '*mind-body practices can target different brain systems that are involved in the regulation of attention, emotional control, mood, and executive cognition that can be used to treat or prevent mood and cognitive disorders of aging, such as depression and caregiver stress, or serve as "brain fitness" exercise.*'

Half an hour of guided meditation followed by half an hour of sound relaxation at The Quiet Cone (298 Coal Hill Road, Latrobe) is all you will need to reset your mind and body. These sessions are held each Tuesday from 10:30am until 11:30am and cost \$35 per person. Book by phoning 6426 2797.

Vacancies in Mainly Music



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There are still some vacancies this term for new families to join Mainly Music sessions at Port Sorell.

The group is a weekly music and play time for pre-schoolers and is held on Wednesdays from 9:30am until 11:00am during school terms at the Bridge of Hope hall, 17 Rice Street, Port Sorell.

Sessions are followed by a snack, free play, craft and other activities. Children from birth to school age participate along with a parent or carer. The cost is \$3 per session for a family and this includes a delicious morning tea for everyone.

For more information please contact Wendy Thiele on 6428 8648.

You Can't Buy Spare Eyes at the Store!

Did you know that men are five times more likely to need a foreign object removed from their eye than women?

With the windy conditions that we've been experiencing there have been a number of cases of people with a foreign object in their eye causing pain, watery eyes, redness and a constant gritty sensation. Depending on where the object has lodged, vision can become blurry or light sensitive. If left untreated this can be serious.

Minor things like dust, grit, or an eyelash can be flushed out with a generous amount of eyewash solution or saline. If you can still feel the object in your eye, manual removal by an optometrist maybe required.

Everyone needs to pay more attention to eye protection! Optometry Australia recommends wearing Australian standard safety glasses for all tasks generating debris. Safety glasses are available in clear, sunglass and prescription options. Exsighting Vision at 35 Gilbert Street, Latrobe will be able to assist you. They are open Wednesday-Friday from 9:00am until 5:00pm and by phoning 6426 1420.

One Stop Shop for Geneology

The Tasmanian Family History Society Inc. Mersey Branch is a not for profit organisation located in the 'old' Police residence, Gilbert Street, Latrobe behind the LINC (State Library).

Latrobe has an interesting history and, over the years, a great deal of information has been gathered about local identities and places. Whether you are just starting research or need advice on 'where to next' or have 'hit a brick wall' knowledgeable members are ready, willing and able to help you with your family research not only on Latrobe but throughout Tasmania, Australia and overseas.

⁵ Cradle to Coastlines • Edition 4, 2016

The centre is open on Tuesday and Friday from 11:00am until 3:00pm or on other days by appointment (phone 6428 6328 or 6426 2257).

Service Marks 130th Milestone

The Latrobe Baptist Church will celebrate its 130th Anniversary on Sunday, 26 March with a special service and morning tea commencing at 10:00am. Special guest on the day will be the Singing Farmer, David Rockliff.

The church is also attempting to contact any descendants of the first members who met at Oddfellows Hall in 1887 with the surnames of Farmilo, Hickman, Innes, Innis, 3 Johnson families, Kemer, Sherrieff, Schweichler, Townsend, Ricket and Walkley. If you can help with any of these descendants, please contact either Pastor Ralph on 64270006 or Secretary Glenis Smith on 6426 1220.

The annual Harvest Thanksgiving Service will be held on Sunday, 19 March with guest soloist Shirley Gillam from Ulverstone.

Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday Services will be held at 10:00am on the weekends of 9 and 16 April, with a 9:30am service on Good Friday.



Term 1 of the new program year is already in full swing and Programs Leader, Di Kelly, says enrolments are at a record level with a number of programs over-subscribed. "We had more than 550 applications for the 34 programs on offer" she said.

U3A's Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 22 March at 3:45pm at the Banksia Centre, Pitcairn Street, Port Sorell.

In March and April, U3A will be presenting two special seminars, both of which are open to non-members

A sub-Antarctic Adventure with Tony Harris will be held on 27 March (details in What's On calendar). Tony is the leader of the Port Sorell U3A photography Group and will share his experience on a 13-day photographic adventure starting in Dunedin, New Zealand. This fascinating story, beautifully illustrated with Tony's magnificent photographs is open to non-members.

The other presentation is "TITANIC - How different could it have been?" with David Jones on 24 April (details in What's On calendar).

Last year attendees were fascinated by David Jones' presentation on the sinking of the Titanic from the perspective of a maritime engineer. David is following up that talk with a further presentation on the Titanic from an entirely different perspective - the attempts at rescue.

The U3A office in the Banksia Centre, Pitcairn Street, Port Sorell is open Monday - Friday (10.00 am until 12 noon). Their email is portsorellu3a@gmail.com, or you can phone 0499 162 539 or forward your correspondence to PO Box 297, Port Sorell, 7307.

101 Community Projects

The Latrobe Men's Shed will find out in March if a grant from the Tasmanian Men's Shed Association to extend its building in Kings Lane has been approved.

With large attendances each week the awning extension will provide extra room for men to work on community projects.

2017 sees the commencement of the Latrobe Men's Shed 101st community project since starting in February 2014. With many gifted men attending, 'shedders' are able to undertake many different types of projects - so if you have something that needs doing, call down to King's Lane any Friday morning, or call Ralph (6427 0006) or Peter (0409 978 514).

Croquet Expands to Golf Version

The Latrobe Croquet Club held its first Golf Croquet Championships in January.



Junior member Curtis Mead performs a jump shot.

Eight players contested the Open Event which was won by Steff Anderson, defeating Joan Gill in the best of three final two games to one.

The competition for players with handicap 9-12 attracted 11 players with seasoned veteran Ivan McLeod victorious over newcomer Robyn Lamprey.

Work has commenced on the fourth lawn with everything on track to be ready for the Australian Masters Games Croquet competition to be held at the venue this October.

Anyone interested in trying croquet, which is suitable for all ages, is invited to contact President Chris on 0499 990 239.

Latrobe Rotary Celebrates 60th

Sixty years serving the Latrobe and surrounding community - that is definitely something to be proud of.



To mark the occasion, the Rotary Club of Latrobe is holding a celebration dinner at the Latrobe Bowls Club on 18 March from 6:00pm and invite interested members of the community to attend.

The cost is \$35 per head and includes a 2-course meal. Drinks are additional. RSVP's are essential to Secretary Richard on 0417 144 202 or President Frans on 6426-2533 by 10 March.

The Latrobe Federal Band will be providing entertainment with guest speaker - Kem Perkins OAM and the club's longest serving member - providing some interesting historical facts.

The ever-popular North West Tasmanian Wedding Expo is being held at the Latrobe Memorial Hall on Sunday, 9 April from 10:30am until 3:00pm.

Flight Centre, Devonport returns as the major sponsor and there are raffle prizes to be won, as well. Fashion parades are scheduled for 11:30am and 2:00pm. Admission is \$6.

A limited number of stallholder space remains. For more information, please contact John on 0457 883 006 or email weddingexpo@rcol.org.au for further details and to obtain an application form.

The Rotary Club of Latrobe extends a huge **thank you** to all the Friends of Rotary (and others) who volunteered to ensure Henley-on-Mersey was, once again, a successful community event.

If you have ever considered joining a service club but perhaps feel you cannot commit your time on a regular basis, perhaps you might like to consider becoming a "Friend of Rotary", volunteering your services to your local community when your busy schedule allows. If this sounds like you, then please contact David on 6424 7822 or John on 0467 672 700 for more information.

Meetings of Rotary are held each Wednesday evening commencing at 6:15pm at the Lucas Hotel, Gilbert Street, Latrobe.

10 Years Celebrated with Exhibition



Rubicon River Arts

Rubicon River Arts' annual exhibition in June/July at Ghost Rock Vineyard is titled *Rhythm of Life*, themed to embrace the celebration of 10 years for Rubicon River Arts.

In the meantime, Jacki Murphy will conduct a *Paint Like Turner* workshop at the Bridge of Hope church hall, Rice Street, Port Sorell on Saturday, 11 March. Participants will learn to paint in the pensive, atmospheric manner of William Turner. The cost is \$50 and you must provide your own materials and tools. Places are limited.

On 8 April, Cheryl Sims' Lino Cut workshop will be held at 49 Bucks Rd. Tarleton from 10:00am until 4:00pm. Learn to cut an image into lino and print your own distinctive designs. This workshop costs \$50 plus materials. Tools will be provided.

Your placement in a workshop will be secured by payment. Contact Angela for further details on 0419 490 042 or email: rubiconriverarts@outlook.com.au.

Watch this space for more workshops later in the year. New members are always welcome.

Lions Youth of the Year

Lions Youth of the Year is designed to encourage, foster and develop leadership in conjunction with other citizenship qualities in youth and provides students with the incentive to pay greater attention to the general qualities, so vital in developing our youth into first class citizens.

The Lions Club of Latrobe YOTY club final will be held on Monday, 6 March with entrants (aged 15-19 years) being exceptional in the active and constructive role they play in their community.

As the end of the fiscal year approaches, the club will be electing incoming office bearers and considering projects to be undertaken in the community for the next Lions year.

For information about the Lions Club of Latrobe, please contact Peter Burk at Morse's butchery, email latrobe@lionstasmania.org or talk to any Lions member.

Funds Boost Community



The Lions Club of Port Sorell is proud to be a partner and contributor to the establishment of the Port Sorell Defence Memorial on the corner of Rice and Meredith Streets, Port Sorell.

The Cancer Council will be the recipient of a donation of over \$9,000; this being the result of money raised by the club at book and garage sales and very the popular Relay For Life Friday raffles and Sunday pancakes held at the Port Sorell Caravan Park over the summer period. A presentation to the Cancer Council will be made during Relay For Life activities at Penguin on 1 April.

Friday night raffles at Shearwater Resort are continuing with funds being donated to the Australian Lions Children's Mobility Foundation.

If you would like more information on the Lions Club of Port Sorell please contact Keith Moylan, Membership Chairman, on 6428 7580.

The Value of Playgroup

An invitation is extended to you to join in the celebration of National Playgroup Week from 26 March until 2 April.

This annual celebration raised awareness about the significant value of play for young children and recognises the important role of playgroups in providing opportunity for child-led play, parent and family engagement and strong peer support networks.



This year, Port Sorell Playful Penguins Playgroup will host a 'PlayBox' event at the Port Sorell Memorial Hall on Tuesday, 28 March from 10:00am until 12 noon to celebrate the children and families who play there together.

Playgroup children and parents will be sharing their stories about their Playgroup memories and experiences in a creative activity. Come and share your stories - as a parent, as a child at playgroup, or how Playgroup is important to you in your community.

Want to know more about Port Sorell Playgroup, please contact Kate on 0408 325 429.

Auxiliary Grateful for Support

Auxiliary members were welcomed to the first meeting of 2017 at Rubicon Grove, Shearwater by President, Noelle Geeves, last month.

The main fundraiser for the year, a Soup and Sandwich Luncheon, has been scheduled for 7 June at the Port Sorell Bowls Club.

The Auxiliary is very appreciative of donations for their raffles throughout the year and acknowledge the wonderful support of Hill Street Grocers and Banjo's Latrobe for the 2016 Christmas raffle. Additionally, Cate and Colin Arnold of Ghost Rock Winery donated two tickets to the Leo Sayer Concert held recently and a \$25 refreshment voucher.

The Auxiliary now has 27 members but can always do with more. If you would like to be involved, the auxiliary meeting on 15 March (AGM), 17 March, 19 July, 20 September and 15 November this year. All meetings are held at the Rubicon Grove Aged Care Facility, 89 Club Drive, Shearwater and commence at 1:30pm.

For further information, please contact Noelle on 0409 195 178.

Caring for Port Sorell's Bushland



The bushland surrounds of Port Sorell are attractive to residents and visitors alike.

The Port Sorell and Environs Strategic Plan 2008 states: "The town frame is designed to provide a permanent green

edge to the urban area, to give the town a green backdrop when viewed from the water and the foreshore".

Members of Rubicon Coast and Landcare contribute to the green edge by maintaining healthy indigenous vegetation along the edge of the Rubicon Estuary and in the Rubicon, Aubrey Luck, Larooma Park and Parkers Ford Road Reserves. Members of the group remove priority weeds

such as sea spurge, gorse, Spanish heath, agapanthus, blackberries and boneseed and replant them with attractive local trees and shrubs such as white correa, teatree, scented paperbark and banksia that provide food and shelter for local birds and animals.

Residents who would like to learn more about the local environment and/or contribute to this community effort are very welcome. To join Rubicon Coast and Landcare contact the Secretary, Eugene on 0428 135 507 or email rubicon_inc@hotmail.com

Funding Opportunities

Sport and Recreation Minor Grants Program

The Sport and Recreation Minor Grants Program offers financial assistance towards equipment purchases and/or the development/improvement of facilities or playing surfaces that directly benefit sport and recreation clubs and improve opportunities for Tasmanian's participate in sport and active recreation.



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Funding Amount – between \$500 and \$10,000.

Limitation - Applicants must contribute at least half of the project funding.

Opens on 1 February. **Closes** at noon on 15 March.

For more information, go to

http://www.dpac.tas.gov.au/divisions/csr/sportrec/funding_opportunities/minor_grants, phone 1800 252 476 or email at sportrec@dpac.tas.gov.au

Tasmanian Community Fund

Guidelines and application forms for Round 34 of the Tasmanian Community Fund's General Grant Program are available on the website.

Organisations considering applying are encouraged to discuss their project idea with Tasmanian Community Fund staff prior to or early in the grant round.

Funding Amount - Applications for small grants (up to \$20,000) close at 5.00pm on 15 March 2017.

Applications for medium grants (between \$20,001 and \$90,000) close at 5.00pm on 5 April 2017.

Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application in mid-June 2016.

For more information, <http://www.tascomfund.org/>

Organisations Investment Program

The Organisations Investment Program supports arts organisations to deliver a range of high quality activities across the state. Investment support is provided for projects and programs to be delivered by arts organisations in 2018. Organisations can also apply for multi-year investment (up to four years).

Closes: 24 March 2017

First stage notification: May 2017

Second stage notification: August 2017

For more information, go to <http://bit.ly/2lQwDDh>

Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal

The Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal (FRRR) Small Grants for Rural Communities (SGRC) program funds projects and activities that offer clear public benefit

in rural, regional and remote communities across Australia, with priority given to communities of 10,000 people or fewer.

Funding Amount: up to \$5,000

Closes: 31 March

For more information: call Mandy Grinblat or Hannah Jakab on 1800 170 020

Hydro Tasmania's Community Grant Program

Funding projects that add value to communities in Tasmania and provide a benefit to the people who live there. These grants will showcase grassroots organisations and volunteers working hard in their community and support them to achieve great outcomes.

Eligibility: must be Tasmanian based not-for-profit (NFP) community organisations

Funding amount: total pool of \$30,000 allocated as six \$5,000 grants

Closes: 31 March

For more information: go to

<https://www.hydro.com.au/community/community-program/community-grant-program> or email kate.hickey@hydro.com.au

Emerging Needs Funding 2016-17

Council is offering funding to eligible organisations that have identified and seek to address a need within the Latrobe Municipality in the fields of environment, health and community welfare; sport and recreation.

Projects may include equipment purchases, simple facility or infrastructure improvements (with the exclusion of Council owned facilities), research or planning projects, and projects to develop and empower the community.

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

Funding Amount - up to \$2,000 per application

Closes - 8 May

More information is available by phoning 6426 4444 or emailing michelled@latrobe.tas.gov.au

Arts, Culture and Festival Assistance 2016-17

Council is offering one off arts, culture, sporting and festivals sponsorship for events that result in social, cultural and economic benefits for the Latrobe Municipality. Key to this funding is the ability to demonstrate self-sustainability, growth and a permanent presence on the Municipality's event calendar.

Funding Amount - up to \$1,000 per application

Closes - 8 May

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What's On

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

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- 8 **International Women's Day Health and Wellbeing Morning Tea** at the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 10:00am until 12noon. Free entry and open to all (males and females). ☎ 6422 3709
- 17 **St Patrick's School Twilight Fair** at St Patrick's Catholic School, Bradshaw Street, Latrobe from 4:00pm until 8:00pm. Join the school community at this green themed St Patrick's Day fair with fun for all

the family including food, craft, entertainment, fun activities and sideshow. ☎ 6426 1626

- 18 Official Reveal of the Port Sorell Defence Memorial** at the corner of Rice and Meredith Streets, Port Sorell from 11:00am. All welcome.

- 18 Speedway Racing** at Gulf Western and Independent Oils Raceway, Speedway Drive, Latrobe featuring Sprintcars, Street Stocks (State Title), AMCA, Speeders, Modifieds, Karts and Tassie Six. Gates open from 3:00pm. Admission fees apply.

- 18 Rotary Club of Latrobe's 60th Birthday Dinner** at the Latrobe Bowls Club, Victor St, Latrobe from 6:00pm. Cost: \$35. RSVP by 10 March to 0417 144 202

- 19 Latrobe Baptist Church's Harvest Thanksgiving Service** from 10:00am. ☎ 6426 1220.

- 19 Port Sorell Community Dog Walk** from Pioneer Park, cnr Rice and Meredith Streets, Port Sorell. Registration from 10:30am; depart at 11:00am. Refer to separate article. ☎ 6424 8948

- 19 Freeze** at Narawntapu National Park, Bakers Beach from 4:00pm. Refer to separate article.

- 22 Community Information Evening** detailing location specific Council activities at Andrews Creek Primary School, Westwind Drive, Wesley Vale from 7:00pm. Refer to separate article. Attendee registrations required.

- 25 Port Sorell Autumn Fair** from 9:00am until 1:00pm at the Bridge of Hope, Rice Street, Port Sorell. Refer to separate article. ☎ 6428 7810

- 26 Neighbour Day** - refer to separate article or go to <http://www.neighbourday.org>

- 26 Latrobe Baptist Church's 130th Anniversary Service** at 10:00am followed by morning tea. ☎ 6426 1220

- 26 Bob Blake and Peter Spinks Memorial Shoot** at the Fossil Bank Gun Club, 435 Native Plains Road, Sassafras commencing at 10:00am. ☎ 0457 429 923

- 27 A Sub-Antarctic Adventure** presentation with Tony Harris at the Banksia Centre, Pitcairn Street, Port Sorell from 1:30pm until 3:30pm. Open to all. Cost: \$2. Refer to separate article.

- 29 Vintage Bike Display** at the Port Sorell Memorial Hall, Meredith Street, Port Sorell from 11:00am.

- 30 Jukebox Hits from Heaven by Rod Toovey** at the Australian Axemans Hall of Fame, Bells Parade, Latrobe. Featuring the hits of Elvis, Roy Orbison, Dean Martin, Johnny Cash and Buddy Holly. Lunch and show from 11:30am. Cost: \$27.50. Show only at 12:30pm. Cost: \$12.50. Bookings essential to 6426 2099.

- 31 Jukebox Hits from Heaven by Rod Toovey** at the Australian Axemans Hall of Fame, Bells Parade, Latrobe. Show only from 7:30pm. Cost: \$17.50. Dinner available beforehand. Bookings essential for both to 6426 2099.

- 31 Mar-9 Apr National Youth Week** for 12-25 year olds. Details at <http://bit.ly/2kSL3Dj>

- 9 North West Wedding Expo** at the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 10:30am until 3:00pm. Admission: \$6. ☎ 0457 883 006 or email weddingexpo@rcol.org.au

- 8 Speedway Racing** at Gulf Western and Independent Oils Raceway, Speedway Drive, Latrobe featuring Sprintcars, Street Stocks, AMCA, Wingless, Juniors, Tassie Six and Demo Derby. Gates open from 3:00pm. Admission fees apply.

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- 23 Shane Yates Shoot** at the Fossil Bank Gun Club, 435 Native Plains Road, Sassafras commencing at 10:00am. ☎ 0457 429 923

- 24 Titanic - How Different Could It Have Been?** A presentation by David Jones in Room A at the Banksia Centre, Pitcairn Street, Port Sorell from 2:00pm until 3:30pm. Open to all. Cost: \$2 pp. Refer to separate article.

- 25 ANZAC Day Dawn Service** at the Latrobe Cenotaph, Gilbert Street, Latrobe. March commences at 5:45am; Service commences at 6:00am. Road closures apply. Coordinated by the Latrobe RSL - 6426 1255

- 25 ANZAC Day Dawn Service** at the Port Sorell Defence Memorial, cnr Rice and Meredith Streets, Port Sorell from 6:00am. ☎ 0407 852 946

- 25 ANZAC Day Citizens Commemorative Service** at the Latrobe Cenotaph, Gilbert Street, Latrobe. March commences at 9:45am; Service commences at 10:00am. Road closures apply. Coordinated by Latrobe Council - 6426 4444.

If you are intending to lay a wreath at this Service, please register your organisation with 6426 4444

- 26 Targa Tasmania Moriarty Stage** involving road closures from 8:22am until 12:52pm. Refer to separate article.

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- 2 Guinea Pig Show** at the Latrobe Guide Hall, Hamilton Street, Latrobe from 9:30am until 4:00pm. Pet classes at 12:30pm. Free admission with participant guinea pigs \$5 entry; enter on the day. ☎ 6396 6167