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## Fruit Fly Threat to Economy

Fruit Fly is a significant threat to Tasmania but there is a chance to eradicate it NOW, provided everyone remains vigilant. Ignorance of the potential damage by Fruit Fly on Tasmania's economy, by impeding our export trade, can have a significant flow on effect.

Since the discovery of Fruit Fly at Acacia Hills in January, the Control Area has been extended twice.

The Northern Tasmania Control Area currently (at the time of writing) includes the whole of the Latrobe and Devonport Municipalities and extends to the east to Sidmouth, Lefroy, Beechwood and Rowella; to the south to Kimberley and Sheffield and to the west to Sprent and the outskirts of Ulverstone. This is an extremely fluid situation.

When a Control Area is declared, that Control Area will be in effect for a minimum of three (3) months.

While the State Government continues to throw resources at eradicating Fruit Fly from Tasmania, we all need to play our part by becoming better informed on what to look out for and what you can and can't do so that risks are minimized.

Biosecurity advise that you must NOT move Fruit Fly host produce outside the Control Area.

Common Fruit Fly host fruits include, apples, apricots, blackberries, capsicums, cherries, figs, grapefruit, mulberries, nashis, nectarines, oranges, peaches, pears, plums, raspberries, strawberries, tomatoes.

Minor hosts include lemons, limes, quinces, pumpkins and walnuts.

A wide range of other fruits, not commonly grown here or that are only imported from warmer climates are also capable of harbouring fruit fly.

Inside the Control Area, please ensure all rotten or fallen fruit at your property is double bagged prior to placing it in your waste bin as Fruit Fly love fallen fruit for laying their eggs.

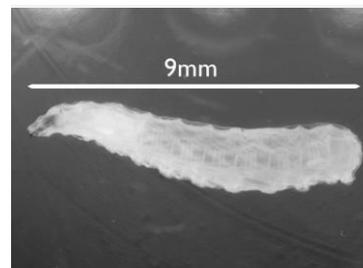
If you live in the Control Area, you can continue to buy produce from retailers however it must be consumed and stay within the Control Area.

Home growers of produce should not allow host product to leave their property in its natural state. If you have a surplus supply of home produce and wish to give it away, you can but only after processing it i.e. bottling, freezing or stewing it. Only then can it be transported beyond the Control Area. This is because the Fruit Fly cannot withstand these processes.

Please obey road signs and use fruit disposal bins provided on key roads when leaving the Control Area. They are the yellow bins just beyond the visual message boards.

The Fruit Fly is extremely adaptable to climatic conditions, as evidenced with the Queensland Fruit Fly now at home in Victoria. We should not be blasé in our vigilance and eradication of Fruit Fly based on the expectation that a Tasmania Winter will be a blessing to us.

Please immediately report all suspect produce to Biosecurity Tasmania on 6165 3774. It is better to be safe than sorry.



The best source of information that is regularly updated is Biosecurity Tasmania's website -

<http://dpipwe.tas.gov.au/biosecurity-tasmania/plant-biosecurity/pests-and-diseases/fruit-fly>.

While many commercial operators have personal counselling services available to their staff, if you are feeling in need of counselling because of this Fruit Fly situation and don't know who to talk to, please contact Council's Recovery Coordinator who will be able to refer you to such an organisation.

It is going to take a while to be rid of Fruit Fly but, provided everyone makes themselves aware of what to look out for and report sightings, whether they are proven or not, it will hopefully return us to a Fruit Fly free State.

## Free Mental Health First Aid Training

Rural Alive and Well (RAW Tas) will be providing free mental health first aid training in the Latrobe Memorial Hall on 28 March and 4 April from 9.00am until 4.00pm.

This training is limited to 20 participants (aged 18 years or over) and teaches participants key strategies to provide initial support to a person experiencing a mental health crisis, until professional help is available.

The most common and disabling mental health problems are depression, anxiety disorders and psychotic disorders.

The training is being delivered by accredited Mental Health First Aid Australia instructors and supported by RAW Tasmania and Latrobe Council.

To register your participation, please contact Kylie at RAW Tas on 6254 1092.

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If you are a regular user of the Port Sorell Caravan Park and would like to provide feedback as part of this review, please register by emailing Matt Williams on [matt@sustainableparksolutions.com.au](mailto:matt@sustainableparksolutions.com.au).

### Outdoor Gym for Latrobe

Late last year, Council was approached to support an application by Latrobe High School for outdoor gym equipment under the Tasmanian Government's Student Health Initiative Grants Program.

While this equipment would be a significant enticer to increase the physical activity of students and improve their health in a fun and safe manner, it also complemented the Latrobe Recreation Development Plan that surrounds Latrobe High School.

As part of that plan, Council has earmarked the development of Bosworth Park, on the corner of Stanley and Cotton Streets, Latrobe as a passive recreation space.

The outdoor gym equipment proposed for Latrobe High School provides an additional link between the public recreation areas, diversifying options for physical activity and improve the health of individuals using the equipment.

Latrobe High School has received advice that their application was successful and are currently awaiting the relevant agreements to proceed.



*Picture shown for illustrative purposes only*

### Hall Bookings Return to Council

After several years utilising the Latrobe Memorial Hall as a performing arts space, the upgrade of like facilities at Latrobe High School has resulted in the management of the Latrobe Memorial Hall and Performing Arts Space being transferred back to Latrobe Council.

If you are interested in booking this facility, please contact Latrobe Council reception on 6426 4444 or call at the Council office where the lovely Wendy or Janelle can answer your queries.

### Arts Centre Redevelopment

Council recently considered a proposal to develop the Banksia Centre in Pitcairn Street, Port Sorell into a state of the art multi-media presentation and performing arts space.

Whilst there is currently a performing arts room located within the Banksia Centre, it has been suggested to Council that this could be redeveloped to offer a more comprehensive facility that will encourage a new cultural hub and economic development opportunity for the area.

The proposed additions include seating, LED stage lighting, full surround sound audio equipment, acoustically designed stage area, orchestra/band music pit, back drops and curtains. This will require building alterations as well as fit out.

To capture the anticipated revenue and expenditure associated with the redevelopment and operation of the Arts Centre, some preliminary financial modelling was undertaken, noting that \$1m is required for this project to come to fruition.

A detailed analysis of the impact that the proposal may have on Council's long term financial plan is yet to be undertaken as is an assessment quantifying the economic benefit to the local economy from increased social and cultural activity.

Council resolved to support the proposal for the development of a Performing Arts Hub at the Banksia Centre by allocating up to \$500,000 in the 2018/19 annual budget contingent upon receiving equivalent grant funding from external sources.

### Celebrating on International Women's Day

A free International Women's Day Health and Wellbeing festival, open to everyone in the community, will be held at the Latrobe Memorial Hall on Wednesday, 8 March between 10.00am and 2.00pm.

This festival has been organised by the wonderful Latrobe residents with support from Housing Choices Tasmania (HCT) and the Latrobe Council.

There will be over 30 health and wellbeing stands, free food tasting, five ingredient cooking, handmade jewellery, crafts, succulents and plants for sale, lucky door prizes and giveaways.

Attendees will also be able to chat with a range of support organisations including the NILS Network, Carers Tasmania, YFCC, EACH, The Smith Family, East Devonport Community House, Men's Resources Tasmania, Advocacy Tasmania, Volunteering Tasmania, the Tasmanian Health Service, My Pathway, Mission Australia, LINC, Red Cross and Housing Connect.

There will be a free bus leaving East Devonport to Latrobe for anyone wishing to attend the festival.

To find out more, please phone 1300 312 447.

### Safeguarding Crowded Places

Crowded places are locations which are easily accessed by large numbers of people on a predictable basis. They may be stadiums, shopping centres, pedestrian malls or major events, and will continue to be attractive targets for terrorists.

While we may think that it will never happen here, attacks on crowded places overseas demonstrate how basic weapons - including vehicles, knives, and firearms - can be used by terrorists to devastating effect. Owners and operators of crowded places have the primary responsibility for protecting their sites, including a duty of care to take steps to protect people that work, use or visit their site from a range of foreseeable threats, including terrorism.

An Australian Strategy for Protecting Crowded Places from Terrorism has been developed to make these places more resilient. The Strategy is based on strong, trusted partnerships between all levels of government and those responsible for crowded places. It aims to make crowded places as resilient as possible to terrorist attacks while preserving our use and enjoyment of these places.

Coordinators of large events throughout the Mersey-Leven area will shortly be invited to participate in a crowded places desktop exercise to better understand preparedness and outcomes specific to community events.

If you are an owner or operator of a crowded place or are planning an event, a visit online to <http://bit.ly/2CgALVM> may be of assistance.

## Get Involved

It's a terrible position to have kids wanting to be involved in a club but unable to support them simply due to a lack of adult leaders.

This is the case for the Rubicon Sea Scout Group at Port Sorell who currently have 15 young people as members of the group and are stretched with their current Group Leaders.

Scouts, youth aged 10½ to 15 years, meet on Mondays from 7.00pm until 9.00pm while Cubs, 7½ to 11 years, meet on Wednesdays from 6.30pm until 8.00pm at 22 Kermod Street, Port Sorell.

Rubicon Sea Scouts would dearly love to build on the growing interest in their organisation, provide better support to existing Group Leaders and replace Leaders at retirement age, but that's reliant on more adult volunteers coming on board, someone like you.

If this interests you and you are available at these times and a few weekends during the year, please contact either Ian Ball (0421 011 876) or Shirley Padmore (0400 425 970) for more information.

To apply to be a Leader, you must have a Working with Vulnerable Children card.

## Smoke Taint in Wine Grapes

When vineyards are exposed to smoke, this can result in wines with undesirable characteristics, such as smoky, burnt, ashy or medicinal flavors and aromas, described as 'smoke tainted'.

Volatile phenols produced by fire can enter directly through the grape. This can occur without visible smoke and a considerable distance from the source.

The density of smoke, exposure time and smoke age are critical factors involved.

While there is a low risk of smoke taint occurring from fruitset (December) this increases to a high risk after veraison (February) through to the end of harvest (usually May, but it varies by each season and location).

Consult your local vineyards or contact Wine Tasmania for more information on exact timings.

If you are planning to burn, then please consult with all nearby vineyards that may be affected and include them in the planning process.

If you are a grape grower and suspect that you have been impacted by smoke, please contact Wine Tasmania.

To make this process easier, Wine Tasmania produce TasVine which details the location of every known vineyard and contact details for members. It is recommended all fire users log on to locate the vineyards nearby to planned burns and consult with them.

Information on how smoke taint occurs, factsheets from the Australian Wine Research Institute and access to TasVine can be found at [winetasmania.com.au/tasvine](http://winetasmania.com.au/tasvine). Alternatively call Wine Tasmania on 6223 3770.

## With Dog Ownership Comes Responsibility

Owning a dog involves being responsible and complying with the Dog Control Act 2000 and Latrobe Council's Dog Management Policy. There are some very basic "must do's" within those documents, including -

- there are areas where you are not permitted to take your dog at any time or at restricted times. These are detailed at <http://bit.ly/2BGuFwS>;

- you must clean up after your dog. This is especially applicable in public places and on nature strips. It is also not okay to allow your dog to defecate on someone else's front lawn and walk away and leave it!
- Also, there are a few off leash exercise areas where you can have great fun with your dog however, in using them, you must have effective control of your dog. This means that your dog must respond immediately to your commands.

There are other necessities in owning a dog but the above are generally the ones that Council receives the most complaints about.

## Port Sorell Canine Walk

Dog lovers are invited to participate in the annual Port Sorell Canine Walk on Sunday, 18 March to support the Delta Therapy Dogs program.

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



To support this great program, Delta Therapy Dogs are hosting a Canine Community Walk at Port Sorell on Sunday, 18 March and would love you, with friends and family, and, of course, your dog to join them.

There is a choice of either a 2 km or 4.5 km walk.

Registration commences at 10.30am at Port Sorell Recreation ground, cnr Rice and Meredith Street, Port Sorell, with an 11.00am 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 Recreation ground, indulge in a perfectly cooked sausage from the Port Sorell Fire Brigade or take your dog through the agility course.

Latrobe Council's Animal Control Officer will also be available to speak about responsible dog ownership and raise awareness of no-go areas in the Port Sorell area.

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

## Council Consultation

Council will be holding its next 'Community Information Evening' at Tarleton on 19 April from 7:00pm.

It is hoped that residents from the Tarleton and surrounding area will attend to enable Council to provide area specific information while receiving comments, ideas and information from the community.

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](mailto:candicew@latrobe.tas.gov.au).

Future forums will be held on -

- 21 June for the Wesley Vale/Moriarty area at the Moriarty Hall
- 23 August for the Port Sorell area at the Banksia Centre Meeting Room
- 18 October for Latrobe at the Latrobe Memorial Hall Supper Room



The Latrobe Federal Band will once again be presenting a concert featuring Music from the War Years on Saturday, 21 April from 7.00pm in the Latrobe Memorial Hall.

The Latrobe Federal Band will be joined by guest artists with the Concert compered by Mr Michael Foote.

Admission is \$10 adults or \$5 child with tickets available from the Latrobe Council at the end of March or at the door on the night.

Don't forget to bring your voice to sing along.

### Commemorating ANZAC Day

ANZAC Day will be held on Wednesday, 25 April with Dawn Services commencing at Latrobe with a march along Gilbert Street to the Cenotaph in the Latrobe Post Office Reserve, stepping off from James Street at 5.45am.

The Port Sorell Dawn Service will commence at 6.00am at the Port Sorell Defence Memorial on the corner of Rice and Meredith Streets, Port Sorell. Please note that while there will be no parking alongside the reserve, the surrounding road will be open to through traffic throughout this Service.

Dawn Services do not include any laying of wreaths or books. This opportunity is included at the Latrobe Citizens Commemorative Service.

This Latrobe Citizens Commemorative Service commences with a march along Gilbert Street from James Street, stepping off at 9.45am. Returned veterans wishing to participate in the march but requiring mobility assistance, are asked to contact the Latrobe RSL's Secretary on 6426 1255 by 18 April.

Gilbert Street, between Hamilton Street and the pedestrian crossing, will be closed for the duration of this Service with no parking permitted on either side of Gilbert Street in this space.

Organisations wishing to lay either a wreath or book (the latter for donation to a local organisation) are requested to confirm their intention by registering with Latrobe Council (6426 4444) no later than Wednesday, 18 April. This will ensure your organisation is included in the wreath laying schedule read out at the Service and that the Latrobe Federal Band play for a sufficient period of time.

Fellowship will follow post-Service at the Latrobe RSL within Belly's Bar and Grill, 160 Gilbert Street, Latrobe.

### Museum Commemorations Centenary

The Latrobe Court House Museum will mount a display of World War I memorabilia to commemorate 100 years since the end of the Great War. Several rare and valuable items on loan or given to the Museum from the collection of a Latrobe citizen, will be on display for ANZAC Day.

The Museum will be open for an hour on ANZAC Day, immediately following the mid-morning ceremony in the Post Office Reserve, with free entry.

The exhibition will then be on display for the following month during usual Museum hours - Tuesday to Friday 1.30pm to 3.30pm.

A donation towards the upkeep of the Museum is greatly appreciated.

### RSL Open to All

The Latrobe RSL will hold their Annual General Meeting at 160 Gilbert Street, Latrobe on Wednesday, 21 March 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](mailto:latrobersl@gmail.com).

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

If you are a relative of a Service or Life Member of the RSL or of someone 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.

Anyone can join as a Social Member, however you do not have voting rights nor can you hold any position within the organisation.

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.

### New Enterprise Incentive Scheme

Are you ready to start your dream business?

Are you tired of making money for someone else?

With the help of the New Enterprise Incentive Scheme (NEIS), you can start your very own business.

NEIS is designed to support people who are passionate about starting and running their own business by providing accredited training and mentoring in small business management at no cost to the participant.

Mission Providence is the sole provider of the NEIS program in Tasmania delivering business mentoring and support for 12 months. They work closely with Enterprise Centres Tasmania and Entrepreneurship Facilitators to ensure you have everything you need to succeed.

Mission Providence has three dedicated consultants in the north of Tasmania - Simon, Hilary and Justin - ready to give their experience and knowledge to develop your business.

For further details on what this exciting program can offer contact Mission Providence on 1300006347 or apply online at <https://www.missionprovidence.com.au/NEIS>. The next course starts on 3 April.

Phone Justin Merriel on 0476 809 148 or email [merrielj@missionprovidence.com.au](mailto:merrielj@missionprovidence.com.au) for more details.

## Port Sorell Water Upgrade

TasWater is catering for increased growth in Port Sorell with a major upgrade of the town's water supply network.

Existing water mains will be replaced with new, larger mains from the end of March at a cost of more than \$1 million.

The larger mains will provide supplementary flows to cater for growth in the town - particularly in the higher elevation areas - while maintaining existing pressures and flows.

Because of the rapid growth of the town, the water supply network is nearing capacity and any long-term future development will be unserviceable without a network upgrade.

This will be the first of a two-stage project which will eventually see a new water reservoir built on Port Sorell Road. The new reservoir is scheduled for construction in 2031 and will ensure adequate storage levels for the town in the longer term.

Project manager Ian Patrick said work on the pipeline upgrade would take approximately four months with a scheduled completion date at the end of July.

Water mains will be upgraded in Fleetwood Drive, Belmont Close, Parkers Ford Road and Arthur Street with residents being advised to expect traffic disruptions while the work is carried out.

Every effort will be made to minimise inconvenience to motorists and residents.

TasWater will be using the same contractor to undertake work in Port Sorell as part of its water main renewals program, targeting those mains considered most at risk of failure.

This program will see new water mains installed in Rice Street, Park Esplanade and South Esplanade.

Mr Patrick said there would be some disruptions to water supply when the old pipes are disconnected and the new pipes installed.

This will be the case for the pipeline upgrade as well as the water main renewals.

Residents and businesses will receive written notice of any planned water outages as part of these works. Every effort will be made to keep these outages to a minimum.

### Fine Dust Nuisance at Port Sorell

Following feedback from residents on issues relating to the use of a chipper at the Port Sorell Waste Transfer Station recently, Council is progressing a solution to this situation.

The shredding of bark at the Port Sorell Waste Transfer Station is being undertaken to minimize the amount of green waste that goes in to landfill and is part of a regional contract.

At Port Sorell, the mulcher does two passes of the green waste material. The first pass has a 100mm screen which the machine operates at a normal level with minimal dust due to larger material size. The material is then run through a second time using a 50mm screen to get the material down to be acceptable/usable product which is then on-sold as garden mulch. This second run is noisier and dustier due to the smaller material size.

Interestingly, Latrobe Council is one of a few Councils that use the 50mm screen. This is because we have clean green waste which can be on-sold. Most others have other waste material mixed up in the product, making it unsaleable.

The option to limit works to 'still, wet days' is impractical as the mulcher continually works its way around the state. There are also ambient wind conditions that will alter the levels of dust.

Council is therefore looking at whether the green waste could be processed in a wetter initial state. This could potentially be achieved with processing in Autumn and Spring, around wet periods.

The operation of the works, from 7.30am until 5.30pm, is within EPA permissible hours for noisy equipment however, Council's Environmental Health Officer has been requested to measure the decibel range on the shredder's next run to ensure that it is within the applicable decibel range when working in a residential area.

In the interim, Council has received an undertaking that the contractor will give a weeks' notice when the shredder is to return to the Port Sorell Waste Transfer Station, enabling Council to inform the Port Sorell community in a timely manner.

### Fun Day Brings Smiles

In celebrating two years of providing dental services at 98 Gilbert Street, Latrobe, Smile Care Latrobe are hosting a free Family Fun Day on Saturday, 7 April in Station Square, Latrobe.

Join them for face painting, roaming characters and a jumping castle from 9.00am until 1.00pm.

Check out the other talents of Dr Ken Auttersson as he cooks up a snag on the barbie. Don't miss this fun family event!

### Noise Angers Neighbours

Nothing can make for unhappy neighbourly relations than, as an example, a noisy power tool operating at 9.00pm at night. Unfortunately, Council regularly receives complaints regarding noise in residential areas.

Legislation currently provides a list of prohibited times to operate certain noisy equipment, as outlined below -

- Chainsaws within 300 metres of residential premises are **prohibited** before 7.00am and after 6.00pm Monday to Friday and before 9.00am and after 6.00pm Saturday and before 10.00am and after 6.00pm Sundays or public holidays;
- Mobile machinery, including the loading of, or use of equipment such as compressors, electrical power tools, cement trucks and mixers are **prohibited** before 7.00am and after 6.00pm Monday to Friday before 9.00am and after 6.00pm Saturday and before 10.00am and after 6.00pm Sundays or public holidays;
- Musical instruments or sound amplifying equipment are **prohibited** before 7.00am and after 10.00pm Monday to Thursday, before 7.00am Friday, before 9.00am Saturday and before 10.00am and after 10.00pm Sunday or public holidays;
- Lawn mowers, whipper snippers and other garden equipment are **prohibited** before 7.00am and after 8.00pm Monday to Friday, before 9.00am and after 8.00pm Saturday and before 10.00am and after 8.00pm Sunday or public holidays.

Please consider your neighbours when operating noisy equipment and start and finish work within the designated times.

For more information please contact Council's Environment Health Officer on 6426 4444.

## Latrobe Business Network

Growing out of Alissa Jeffrey's initiative to gather Latrobe business owners together to create the successful event Businesses on Parade (in November each year), the Latrobe Business Network was formed in 2017.

The Network exists to connect, empower and support local businesses to ensure that the town of Latrobe continues to move towards being the most popular and productive country town in the State.

At the Network's recent general meeting, 30+ local business operators gathered to explore opportunities and initiatives for the coming year. They represented a wide range of enterprises, from cafes to beauty/hair salons, bed and breakfasts to art, photography and graphic design businesses. Everyone was upbeat and expectant as plans were shared and issues addressed.

Several speakers addressed the gathering with short and informative presentations. These included –

Kristy Lockwood who shared her vision for a Food Van event on 23 March entitled "EATS and BEATS". This event will see Kings Park come alive to the sound of music and the aroma of delicious food and enticing drinks.

Programmed as a whole family event, the occasion is designed to attract people to Latrobe and showcase the beautiful village by night.

Greg Donald and Phil Martin from Port Sorell District Community Bank Branch of Bendigo Bank shared their vision for business and community involvement in the Latrobe area. The excitement of the group was obvious, as the men spoke of the substantial contributions the Community Bank has been able to make in similar communities as they have become established.

Jessica Aitken, Coordinator of the Latrobe Information Centre, communicated the many services the Centre offers and the expertise she brings to her position.

Latrobe Police Sargent, Anthea Maingay, addressed the group regarding some vandalism in Gilbert Street and took questions from the floor on how incidents should be handled and reported.

August's Chocolate Winterfest, Latrobe was presented to the group as a great occasion for the town and a chance for the businesses to get involved in chocolate related events and competitions. Businesses were encouraged to think creatively about new, exciting ways to include chocolate in the day's entertainment.

The Latrobe Business Network is an opportunity open to any business operators in or near the town of Latrobe. Details are available from Alissa on 0400128270 or Brian on 0417367128 or by emailing [latrobebusinessnetwork@gmail.com](mailto:latrobebusinessnetwork@gmail.com)

## Parkrun Port Sorell

Parkrun Australia are expanding their Saturday morning parkruns to include Port Sorell thanks to the resourcefulness of Mrs Deb Hicks.

Parkrun is a 5km run along a track network with participants competing against themselves for a personal best time.

"372 people from the 7307 postcode are currently registered with parkrun Australia making it a sufficient number to establish a parkrun at Port Sorell.

Working with Latrobe Council, the approved route will utilise the foreshore tracks from the Port Sorell Surf Life

Saving Club to the back of the Don Brown Gazebo in East Esplanade, Port Sorell and return," said Mrs Hicks.

Mrs Hicks is currently seeking volunteer support to help get this project off the ground and hopeful of a start date in mid-April.

If you would like to know more about parkrun or volunteer to help Mrs Hicks with this project, please contact her on 0408 598 667.

Further information detailing when parkrun Port Sorell will commence will be provided through Latrobe Council's Facebook page and Tuesday's Latrobe Coast to Coast page in The Advocate.

## Eats and Beats

Keep Friday, 23 March free to attend Latrobe's first food van festival - Eats and Beats 2018.

This event will be held in the beautiful Kings Park, at the foot of Dooleys Hill, behind Reisz' carpark and feature the acoustic sounds of Ella and Billy.

There will be food from What the Fork, Sailors Food Truck, The Flying Calamari Brothers, Rory's Hot spuds, Swirlies Icecream, French Street Crepes and more, all washed down with Spreyton Cider, Ridges Beer Company and La Villa Wines.

Being an all ages event, there will also be a designated play area for children and children's entertainment.

This is a free event for the community to come together and celebrate beautiful Kings Park in Latrobe so grab your rug and pillows and enjoy the evening.

Gates open at 5.00pm with activities continuing through to 9.00pm. Food and drink costs apply.

## EOI's for Shearwater Mulled Wine in May

The Shearwater Village Business Group have joined forces with the Lions Club of Port Sorell to establish a new event - Shearwater Mulled Wine in May.

This Winter festival will celebrate and highlight wine and winemakers along with other artisan products within our region and beyond on the evening of Saturday, 26 May from 5.30pm until 9.30pm.

While mulled wine is the basis of the festival, there will be a variety of activities to suit all age groups.

The coordinators will be applying to Council to close Club Drive, between Shearwater Boulevard and Quinlan Crescent/Fairway Crescent with traffic detoured via the side lanes of the Shearwater Village CBD. This will enable the festival to spill over safely onto Club Drive and provide a variety of options for the festival.

If you are interested in being a stallholder at this festival, with priority given to wine makers, please contact either Matt at George and Dave's on 0422 289 781 or Mary on 0407 045 458. Stallholder applications close on Monday, 26 March.

## Overgrown Paths

Residents are reminded that footpaths are for walking on, not growing plants over.

Plants that encroach over footpaths can be a trip hazard to pedestrians. Likewise, branches of trees that are so low or extend over a footpath making it unusable can result in pedestrians using roadways, where the mix with traffic is not ideal.

If your plants extend outside your property boundary or your tree branches prevent the use of the footpath, please trim them back.

## Bus Service Review

For the past year, the Department of State Growth has undertaken a review of general access bus services across the region - from Port Sorell and Latrobe through to Burnie and Wynyard. This was initiated as existing contracts for public transport bus services expire this year.

Key to the review has been the community engagement process, facilitated by Philip Boyle and Associates. This input provided a clearer picture on what the bus network should look like, identifying opportunities and issues.

While the recommendations are yet to be adopted, it is proposed that the urban services for Latrobe and Port Sorell be extended to operate 7 days a week and for longer hours. There will however be some timing adjustments to ensure that the flow fits within the overall service provision.

Stay tuned as more information is released.

## Switched on Innovation

The team at Switch Tasmania would like to take the opportunity to remind you how they came about and what services are available for the residents of Latrobe.

Switch Tasmania Inc. was formed in 2011, when a group of community and business leaders decided to do something about fostering a culture of innovation in our region. This was in response to the "doom and gloom" that was perpetrated through the media at that time.

Their initial intent was to provide mentoring and other support for aspiring and existing business owners on a volunteer basis. Their vision is an innovative and entrepreneurial community. The Latrobe Municipality already does a lot of this well and Switch Tasmania want to continue to support the business community in their collaboration and just get stuff done!

They can do this by -

- Providing free and low-cost business advice, coaching and related assistance to those with a business or business idea, including social enterprise;
- Being flexible, adaptable and mobile - providing support for people, when, where and how they need it - they will come to you!
- Integrating with and complementing other effective forms of support provided by governments and other service providers, and helping people navigate and connect to such services;
- Providing networking forums and professional development events that support innovation and entrepreneurship;
- Working with schools and other stakeholders to identify and support the next generation of innovators and entrepreneurs; and
- Establishing a supporting a network of volunteers to help with that mission.

This is largely done through business advisor Daryl Connelly, which many of you may have already met.

Switch has also recently relocated to new premises and established the first co-working space in the North-West coast of Tasmania.

To access these services and checkout what events they have coming up, head to [switchtasmania.com.au/events](http://switchtasmania.com.au/events). Or, if you would like to contact Daryl directly, you can email [daryl@switchtasmania.com.au](mailto:daryl@switchtasmania.com.au) or phone 0488 333 893.

## Targa Tasmania Returns to Moriarty

Targa Tasmania returns with racing throughout Tasmania from 16-21 April.

On 17 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 10.25am until 2:55pm.

A lunch break is scheduled to be held in Latrobe. Details to come.

For more information about Targa Tasmania, go online to [http://targa.com.au/tc/page\\_standard.asp?asset\\_id=19237](http://targa.com.au/tc/page_standard.asp?asset_id=19237)

## Healthy Tasmania Community Challenge

Healthy Tasmania invites you to participate in Australia's annual Neighbour Day, celebrated on the last Sunday in March each year or on any day within a couple of weeks of 25 March 2018.

Neighbour Day encourages connections amongst residents with events as simple or as wide-reaching as you like!

The Healthy Tasmania Challenge promotes everyday activities and provides programs and incentives to encourage participation.

By registering for the Healthy Tasmania Community Challenge, you could win \$5,000 for your community group or charity of choice.

Just email [ahealthytasmania@dhhs.tas.gov.au](mailto:ahealthytasmania@dhhs.tas.gov.au) by 13 April and tell them -

- about your group and your Neighbour Day event (500 word max). Attach pictures to show how you've added healthy foods and/or incorporated physical activity into your event; and
- how you would spend the \$5,000 in your town or to which charitable organisation you would donate it.

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## Melbourne Cup Tour

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If you are interested and have any queries about the process or how your submission could work best, please contact Dave Kennedy on (03) 8378 0647; 0402 586 080 or [d.kennedy@vrc.net.au](mailto:d.kennedy@vrc.net.au).

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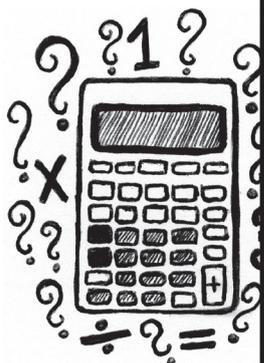
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If you run in to any trouble, the staff at Tourism Tasmania are there to help you. Phone them on 6165 5286.

### Coffee Shop Comes Alive with Creative Art

June Wilson's Studio and Gallery, housed within The Crowded Lounge, Latrobe, has come alive for 2018 with classes, workshops and gatherings.

The year began with two weekend workshops for Pastelists in January, covering pastel techniques and tips for under painting. June's weekly classes on Wednesdays and her monthly Saturday Workshops are proving popular. In January, she also launched her first solo Exhibition in Smithton at Time Out on Emmett.

The beginning of March will see the start of Watercolour classes with Sandy Michell, Coloured Pencil drawing classes with Red Elephant Creative and Botanical Art with Brenda Haas.

The Cancer Council are again running their monthly Art Therapy classes for persons diagnosed with cancer and their families.

The North West Art Circle also gather in the Lounge for their monthly meetings.

On occasion you will also find "the Sketchers" seated around the large dining table, drinking coffee, tea or chai, whilst drawing each other, a set exercise or anything that doesn't move.

Details are available from [thecrowdedlounge.com](http://thecrowdedlounge.com) or by calling 0417367128.

### Squeaking Point Phone Tree Update

Have you been door knocked, heard about the Phone Tree for Squeaking Point and curious about where things are up to?

The volunteers developing your area's early warning Phone Tree system have been working hard at pulling together the draft. The door knocking has happened and the information developed into a structure where people can be notified of a bushfire incident in their area. This part of the development is no small task and has taken the volunteers a significant time to collect and collate.

As the draft nears completion, the group is working toward conducting a trial of the Phone Tree system. This will involve calling or messaging over 100 properties in the area. The trial date is Sunday, 25 March between 11.00am and 1.00pm.

Between now and then, the volunteers will finalise the draft, organise the information to be shared and post out instructions to all involved.

For people who are going to be calling forward, your instructions will be quite specific and included in your mail out.

If you have any questions when you receive your information or if you have not received your information a

week before the trial, please call Tasmania Fire Service Community Development Officer Suzette Harrison on 0418451954 or email; [suzette.harrison@fire.tas.gov.au](mailto:suzette.harrison@fire.tas.gov.au).

Once the trial has been completed the edits will be made and the final Phone Tree launched.

If you haven't heard about the Phone Tree and want to be included in it, you can call any of these volunteers; Dave Wallace 0409 558 294, Jools Stones 0455 534 550 or Linda Cornford 0409 631 418.

You are also welcome to contact Suzette Harrison to discuss what a Phone Tree is all about and any questions you might have.

Equally, have a look at the information on Bushfire-Ready Neighbourhoods website [www.fire.tas.gov.au](http://www.fire.tas.gov.au) or at Golden Valleys website [www.ourphonetree.com](http://www.ourphonetree.com)

Thank you for your patience as the group of volunteers from your area work hard at pulling together your community's Phone Tree.

### 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 many 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 with Council's contracted Animal Control Officer issuing on the spot infringement notices.

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

### Council's Current Works Report

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

Roads:

- Shale Road Reconstruction into Warrawee Reserve
- Kerb & Channel and Stormwater improvements in Joyce Street between Taroona Street and Sankey Street
- Latrobe Memorial Hall/Council carpark extension
- Shearwater stormwater improvements in various areas
- Piping open drain from Laura Street to Bradshaw Street
- Kings Creek blockwork wall between Kings Park and Sheean Walk
- Roadside drainage, spraying and verge works

Town Services:

- Perkins Park footpath link to Gilbert Street
- Footpath maintenance at various locations
- Improvement to ventilation in Squash/Raquetball courts at Latrobe Youth Centre
- Building maintenance priorities at various sites

Green Spaces:

- Town open drain cleaning and vegetation maintenance
- Significant tree maintenance
- Spraying of parks and reserves
- General parks and reserves maintenance

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Council's Operations Manager on 0437 179 057.



## Farm Women Gather to *Live, Laugh and Farm*

Best-selling Author and award-winning Director and Producer, Posie Graeme Evans, will be the keynote speaker at the 13th Biennial Women on Farm Gathering, in May this year.

Best known as the creator of the highly acclaimed McLeod's Daughters which, during its run on Australian television, won no less than eight Logies, Ms Graeme-Evans is also the author of five historical novels and spent three years as Director of Drama for the Nine Network. She now lives in southern Tasmania with her husband running a beef cattle farm.

Organised by the Rubicon Group of Tasmanian Women in Agriculture, the 13th Women on Farms Gathering will be held in the Latrobe area from the 18-20 May, 2018.

The theme for the weekend is "*Live, Laugh, Farm*" with the committee working hard to ensure a fun filled weekend comprising a variety of interesting activities.

The gathering begins with a Friday night reception at Ghost Rock Vineyard and offers farm tours, great food and good company. A wonderful opportunity to make new friends and enjoy a weekend away with other like-minded rural women.

Founded in 1994, Tasmanian Women in Agriculture connects, celebrates and supports rural women for the contribution they make to the viability and sustainability of agriculture and rural communities. Women on Farms Gatherings are rotated to different locations throughout the State and are held every second year.

The full program can be viewed and registrations made through [www.trybooking.com/TWRJ](http://www.trybooking.com/TWRJ). There is limited sponsored positions available. For a scholarship application contact Rural Business Tasmania on 1300 883 276.

An Early Bird special is available until 31st March.

For further information contact Janine Richardson at [njrich5@bigpond.com](mailto:njrich5@bigpond.com) or phone 0438 347 043.

### Fun and Food at the Parish Fair

Gardeners, foodies, bargain hunters, book lovers and people looking for something delicious to eat or take home will all be catered for at the upcoming Parish Fair on 17 March.

Preparation is underway to supply the stalls with plants, cakes, Farmer's Market/homegrown/handmade goods, bric-a-brac, Devonshire teas, pancakes, sausage sizzle, kid's activities, lucky dip and lots more.

This community event will be held at the Bridge of Hope Anglican Church, 17-19 Rice Street, Port Sorell from 9.00am to 1.00pm.

This year more of the stalls will be located inside the church and hall buildings to allow for more undercover area out of the weather conditions, making it more pleasant for patrons and stall holders alike.

Children will be catered for with a special kid's zone with jumping castle, toys and other things to do.

The Farmer's Market will feature home grown herbs and produce such as jams, jellies, relish, sauces etc.

The cake stall will offer lots of delicious baked goods and there will be morning teas of Devonshire teas, or freshly made pancakes with berries, etc.

The plant stall is the place to pick up some cheap plants for the garden along with information about what grows well in our area from some dedicated gardeners.

All proceeds from the fair will be used to support the work of the Parish churches in the Port Sorell, Latrobe, Northdown and New Ground communities as well as in the wider area. The fair is the Parish's major fundraising event in the community and your support would be greatly appreciated.

For more information, to offer help or to contribute goods for sale please contact Grant Atkins 6428 7810.

### Drug and Alcohol Counselling Services



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Their counsellors are fully qualified in a variety of fields and can offer a range of services and referral pathways as well as community education sessions for small or large groups.

There is no cost to access their services and they can either come to you or you to them; their offices are in Devonport at 81 Oldaker Street or 64 Stewart Street.

If you would like more information or to talk to a qualified counsellor, give them a call 6423 6635, email [damian@yfcc.com.au](mailto:damian@yfcc.com.au), go to [www.yfcc.com.au](http://www.yfcc.com.au) or find them on Facebook.

### Easter Colour Competition at Library

In March, the Latrobe Library will be hosting a coloring in competition for children to celebrate Easter with three age groups up to twelve years of age.

You can collect an entry form from either the Latrobe Library or the Latrobe Online Access Centre with fun prizes to be won.

With cooler weather approaching, it's time to start thinking of indoor pursuits. The Latrobe Library is just the place to find books, magazines, dvds and more.

They also have a range of regular programs for adults and children throughout the year including -

- **Yarn In with Selby** - a knitting/crochet club that runs on the 4th Thursday of each month from 1.30pm to 3.30pm. No experience is required, just bring along some yarn and needles/hook and there will be someone to help you start that project. The next Yarn In is on 22 March.
- **Latrobe Book Club** - an opportunity to get together on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month to discuss books and movies that you have seen/read over the past month. There is no set book list with the next gathering on 13 March.

For the children the Latrobe Library offer Rock & Rhyme every Monday morning from 10.00am, apart from public holidays. These sessions involve having fun with singing, dancing and making music to songs and rhymes. There is also story book reading and craft activities. There is no need to book, just turn up and sing!

The Latrobe Online Access Centre is staffed by volunteers who are ready to assist you with printing, photocopying and scanning. They are also able to help with computer basics and refresher skills. Just ask at the front desk.

The Latrobe Library is open from 1.00pm until 5.00pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

The Latrobe Online Access Centre is open every day from 10.00am until 5.00pm.

They publish a regular "What's On" so let them know if you'd like a copy.



Port Sorell U3A has commenced its fourth year of providing activities, at a very low cost, that socially engage members aged 50+ in their community. Critical to this success has been the dedicated group of people willing to volunteer their time and energy to coordinate activities.

It is fantastic to see the extent of talent residing in our local community and to experience the enthusiasm and depth of knowledge of participants, either in the capacity of tutor or attendee.

A training course for interested current and future tutors who would like to finesse their techniques on imparting their knowledge on their chosen subject is being offered. Please contact Port Sorell U3A for details.

With record participation and exciting new programs, class sizes have exceeded expectations but Port Sorell U3A have adapted, reorganising groups and adding more classes.

One new activity on the program this year will be the sport of Petanque.

Thanks to the foresight of Sandra Jones, Ros Blake and Virginia Smith, a permanent court for this fledgling game, alongside the Banksia Centre, will provide the community with an opportunity to grow Petanque.

The construction of the Piste has been supported by a collaboration of Latrobe Council, Port Sorell Community Bank Branch of Bendigo Bank, the Port Sorell Men's Shed and Beck's Home Hardware.

Finally, congratulations to member Diane Kelly OAM for participating in the Commonwealth Games Baton Relay. 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](mailto:portsorellu3a@gmail.com), or you can phone 0499 162 539 or forward your correspondence to PO Box 297, Port Sorell, 7307.

### Touring Through History

Two tours were recently facilitated by the Port Sorell History Group, the first was a motorcade tour of the historic Northdown property led by local historian, Mr "Snow" Thomas.

Northdown, which has been owned by the Thomas family since 1828, was one of the first settlements on the North West coast. There are many stories to tell and sites of interest on the property, from convicts, tenant farmers and burials to today's modern farming methods. All tour participants appreciated the opportunity to visit this very interesting part of the district.

The second trip was to Wilmot to explore the long-standing connection between residents of "the Port" and Wilmot.

In the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century, George Williams of Port Sorell, established a cheese factory at Narrawa, near Wilmot. A member of the well-known Griffiths family worked with him as his cheese maker. Descendants of both the Williams and Griffiths families still reside in Port Sorell and Wilmot. With this connection, a tour to Wilmot was most interesting. All who took part enjoyed a visit to the Wilmot Museum and were impressed with the exhibits on show.

If you would like to know more about upcoming tours or the Port Sorell History Group generally, please contact either Russell (0409 653 315) or Betty (0400 615 374).

### Lions Celebrate 47 Years' Service



The Lions Club of Latrobe will be celebrating 47 years of service to the local community in March. Throughout that time, many activities have been undertaken and supported.

If you would like to be involved in this vibrant organisation with a genuine care for their community, please contact Peter Burk at Morse's butchery, email [latrobe@lionstasmania.org](mailto:latrobe@lionstasmania.org) or talk to any Lions member.

One new member to the club is Mrs Julie Holloway, who was inducted at the last meeting.

During the next few weeks members will participate in Relay for Life; continue their involvement with the Latrobe Speedway Canteen and look forward to assisting the Latrobe Football Club by manning the gates at home games. The latter will go some way to reciprocating for their outstanding support of Lions over the last few months.

The club sponsored shade sails at the Children's Respite Centre will also be installed soon.

Please don't throw away your used stamps. Donating them to Lions enables funds to be raised to provide a child with cerebral palsy with a walker. As for those old eye glasses, the club will put them to good use too.

### Additional Beds for Aged

Rubicon Grove Auxiliary has held its well-attended first meeting for 2018 and are again looking forward to a year of successful fundraising to support the needs of the aged care residents of Rubicon Grove.

The new extensions are currently under construction at Rubicon Grove and include a 20-bed residential wing, community events room and a tea house. It is expected that these extensions will be completed by May 2018.

The Auxiliary's next meeting, the Annual General Meeting, will be held on 21 March commencing at 1.30 pm at Rubicon Grove, Club Drive Shearwater. Ms Judy Radford, who is a OneCare Client Relations Officer, will be talking about what is involved in the process of applying to move into residential aged care and the costs. It can be quite complex, and the costs vary depending upon personal financial circumstances.

New members are always welcome to join the Auxiliary with meetings held bi-monthly, on a Wednesday, from 1.30pm at the Rubicon Grove Aged Care facility and interspersed with fundraising activities. Diarise 16 May, 18 July, 19 September and 21 November so you don't forget to join this great group.

If you have any other enquiries in relation to the Rubicon Grove Auxiliary, please phone Noelle on 0409 195 178.

## Workshop Opportunities at Arts Hub



Rubicon River Arts

The official opening of the Latrobe Arts Hub, on a date to be announced, will feature "Thinking Outside the Chair", a collection of members' decorated chairs.

Upcoming workshops at the Hub include:

- Cheryl Sims' Hebel (aerated concrete) carving on April 14 from 10.00am. \$50 for members, \$60 for non-members, extra for materials.
- Kim O'Brien will follow up with Talc stone carving on April 28 from 10.00am. Learn how to carve with hand tools and materials supplied at a cost of \$35 for members, \$45 for non-members.
- On the weekend of 5-6 May, ceramicist Eve Howard will return with her popular clay modelling techniques to create small bird sculptures. As different types of birds will be offered each day, participants may do either one or both days. \$100 per day for members or \$110 per day for non-members.
- As the weather cools into the winter months, Bev Murdoch will tutor knitting of warm woolly socks on 26 May. Cost is \$15 for members or \$25 for non-members, plus materials.

Rubicon River Arts members' work is now showing at the Latrobe Visitor Information Centre and Arts Hub on the corner of James and George Streets, Latrobe. The Arts Hub is open from 10:00am until 4:00pm.

For details of future workshops, check out Rubicon River Arts Inc. Events on Facebook, email [rubiconriverarts@outlook.com.au](mailto:rubiconriverarts@outlook.com.au) or call Angela on 0498 243 460.

## Mock Interviews Develop Confidence



The Rotary Club of Latrobe has once again co-hosted another successful Henley-on-Mersey and express their gratitude to their spouses and Friends of Rotary who helped with the barbecue stall and manning other activities.

Once again, Rotary's calendar sales have been a good earner for the club, enabling those funds to be spent throughout the community.

On 5 March, members and friends took part in the Latrobe High School Mock Job Interviews for Year 10 leavers.

As an advanced notice, the club's annual Awards night will be held in May.

Unfortunately, the club has had to cancel the annual North West Wedding Expo, traditionally held in April, due to unforeseen circumstances. They truly hope that these issues will be resolved to enable this event to continue in 2019. If you are involved in the wedding circuit and would like to commit to participate in April 2019, please contact John on 0467 672 700.

If you have ever considered joining a service club but perhaps feel you cannot commit your time on a regular basis, 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.

## Rural Connection Fostered

The Port Sorell Bendigo Community Bank is down one staff members as Josh Tome has resigned and enrolled in UTAS to commence a career in teaching.

Josh has been a valued member of the staff, very passionate about his banking career and always conscious of the importance of providing the best service to his customers and the community. The Branch wishes Josh every success in his new career.

As part of the bank's sponsorship program, Port Sorell and Latrobe Community Enterprises Limited (PSLCE) has formed a partnership with the recently held Sassafras Heritage Farming Weekend and are proud to be associated with an event that showcases our farming heritage!

The trophy cabinet is now pride of place in the Port Sorell Primary School foyer. This was a joint project with the Port Sorell Men's' Shed, Lions Club of Port Sorell and the PSLCE. It is very heartening to see these projects come to fruition, making a difference in our community.

The Latrobe agency, housed in the Latrobe Newsagency, is open daily. Call in and see Janice who can carry out your daily banking transactions. Janice works closely with Phil Martin, the Branch Manager and can arrange an appointment with Phil to discuss your financial needs.

## Port Sorell Men's Shed

A vigorous meeting of the Port Sorell Men's Shed Inc in February, with 36 members in attendance, saw the existing Board members returned.

Last year was a very successful year for the shedders, placing the club on a very solid footing and enabling donations to be made to various bodies within the area including \$1,000 towards a seat at the Port Sorell Defence Memorial.

Members are reminded that fees for 2018 are due and have been held at \$45. New members are always welcome with the shed open Mon/Thur from 9.30am to 3.00pm, with an early knock off on Friday for the weekly barbecue lunch. Want to know more, please contact Chairman Keith Haines 6428 7950 or Secretary D Sutton 6428 7904.

## Hard Work Pays Off



The holiday period and continuing into February has been a very busy time for the Port Sorell Lions Club. Australia Day was a huge success at the Port Sorell Caravan Park and, thanks to some brilliant organisation and hard work on the part of Lions Club members, the day was a huge community success. Proceeds from pancake baking, raffles, sausage sizzles and the donation of a mini-bike which was also raffled, all contributed to a healthy sum being donated to Relay for Life.

The club's next major community project will be the ANZAC Day Dawn Service to be held in Pioneer Park on the corner of Rice and Meredith Streets at Port Sorell on ANZAC Day. The service will be followed by a hot breakfast in the Port Sorell Memorial Hall, free of charge.

On a personal note, the club wishes President Steve O'Connor a speedy recovery to his health problems.

Any community minded member of the public who would like to give something back to their community is invited to join Lions by contacting Lion Josh Tome on 0488 667 779 or Secretary Lion Reuben Newman on 0419 162 691.

## Improvements to Port Sorell Tennis

It was with much excitement that the Port Sorell Tennis Club started its 2018 quadrant roster, with a new “sea blue” playing surface and beautiful new court fences. The new white club seats and nearly new nets, are now making the local facility ‘courts to be played on’! The club takes this opportunity to thank Latrobe Council for their support and making these improvements possible.

Working in conjunction with Tennis Tasmania, the club will be moving away from a lock and key system, to a key pad entry. This will ensure that the courts remain pristine for as long as possible.

The Clubs Youth Fast 4 Tennis has restarted for Juniors, Grade 5 -9, and provides an opportunity for young people that may have had some tennis experience and coaching but are not confident yet to move into an adult game situation, to play fun but competitive doubles tennis and put their skills into practice. For more information, contact Mike Thomson on 0488 983 498.

The club always welcomes new players of any age so, if you have a racquet collecting dust, don't throw it out, come and make it happy again. With rosters from Monday to Wednesday nights from 6.00pm, the club would love you to join them. Contact [portsorelltennisclub@hotmail.com](mailto:portsorelltennisclub@hotmail.com) for more information.

And don't forget, Mr Peter Georgiades offers tennis coaching with for school aged children after school on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Contact Mr G on 0439 637 301 for more information.

## Carnival Success for Club

It has been a busy start to the 2018 surf lifesaving year, with the club hosting the 5<sup>th</sup> Tasmanian Ocean Swim series - “Penguin Island” Swim - in January. 95 people from around the state swam on a near perfect day.

The club's nippers and seniors have competed around the state in the Junior and Senior Carnivals, honing their life saving skills for our future safety. The club itself recently hosted a statewide carnival with 310 nippers aged 8-14 competing on the lovely North Freers Beach.

The club also had the pleasure of hosting Roger Jaensch MP for a tour of the facility and a “thank you” coffee at the “Club Coffee” stall which is now open to all on Sundays at the Surf Club from 8.00am until 12 noon. Mr Jaensch was representing the State Government who granted the club money for new nipper boards.

The club has also been represented at Carnivals at Bridport and Carlton Park with the State titles taking place in Hobart in mid-March. Feel free to have a drive and cheer them on!

If you or your child are interested in coming to see what happens at the Port Sorell Surf Life Saving Club, contact our club Secretary, Jo Coates on [portsorellslc@gmail.com](mailto:portsorellslc@gmail.com).

## Ladies Beat Loneliness

Probus is a fun club to belong to. Members are friendly and welcoming and club business is kept down to the minimum, giving time for a chat to get to know fellow members.

Mersey Valley is a ladies only club and, at present, there are 48 members. They meet the 4th Monday at 10.00am to 12 noon in the Latrobe Senior Citizens' Hall, Hamilton Street, Latrobe.

During the meeting they have speakers talk on a variety of subjects. Refreshments are available during social time.

There is a swap table for books and the opportunity to go to lunch after the meeting; usually enjoyed by about a dozen members going to one of the excellent local restaurants.

Outside activities are planned three or four times a year, usually with carpooling or a coach.

In today's busy world, many people are lonely and need the comfort of friends however making friends is not always easy. Probus members can become those friends and everyone meets in a pleasant and safe atmosphere.

For more information please contact the club Secretary on 6428 8831.

## Avoid Native Animal Road Kill



Summer is a particularly dangerous time for inexperienced, young Tasmanian Devils that are on the move, setting up new home ranges.

Since 1985 the overall number of Devils in the wild has decreased by about 80% because of Devil Facial Tumor Disease. The Save the Tasmanian Devil Program ([www.tassiedevil.com.au](http://www.tassiedevil.com.au)) breeds young, disease-free Devils and releases them into the wild. These captive born devils are very vulnerable to being killed on roads.

The RACT has worked with wildlife organisations to draw up the following guidelines to reduce the risk to drivers and native animals on Tasmanian roads:

- Look out for road signs and roadkill - they indicate wildlife hotspots;
- Take extra care driving between dusk and dawn;
- Don't throw food out of your car;
- Never swerve to avoid animals - slow down instead; and
- Roadkill attracts scavengers. If safe, move it off the road.

Rubicon Coast and Landcare Inc is a community group that cares for the plants and animals in coastal reserves and along the Rubicon estuary. If you would like to join the group, contact the secretary at [rubicon\\_inc@hotmail.com](mailto:rubicon_inc@hotmail.com)

## Funding Opportunities

### Tasmanian Community Fund

To provide grants to community organisations that make a difference by improving the social, environmental and economic wellbeing of the Tasmanian community. Organisations considering applying are encouraged to discuss their project idea with Tasmanian Community Fund staff prior to or early in the grant round.

Applications for small grants (up to \$20,000) close at 5.00pm on 14 March 2018.

Applications for medium grants (between \$20,001 and \$90,000) close at 5.00pm on 4 April 2018.

Late applications will not be accepted.

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

### Regional Arts Fund

The RAF Community Grants are part of a Federal funding program for Australian regional and remote artists. Organisations and individuals across Tasmania are eligible to apply for projects or activities that encourage creative engagement and arts practice in the state.

The program has two categories available:

- **Small Community Grants** (for request up to \$5 000) and
- **Major Community Grants** (for requests up to \$10 000).

The program is currently open for applications for projects starting after 1 August 2018.

Applications close 15 March 2018.

If you have any questions, please phone 6165 6666 or email [grants@arts.tas.gov.au](mailto:grants@arts.tas.gov.au)

### Holden Home Ground Advantage

This fund is open to any sport club or community organisation that runs or supports sports activities and can support facility upgrades, new uniforms, equipment and even develop exceptional talent.

Amount: Up to \$2,500 however major grants of \$250,000 are available.

Closes: 31 March, 2018.

For more information, <https://www.holden.com.au/discover-holden/home-ground-advantage#WhatIsHGA>

### Emerging Needs Funding 2018-19

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 2018-19 financial year.

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

Closes - 7 May, 2018.

More information is available by phoning 6426 4444 or emailing [michelled@latrobe.tas.gov.au](mailto:michelled@latrobe.tas.gov.au)

### Arts, Culture and Festival Assistance 2018-19

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 - 7 May, 2018.

More information is available by phoning 6426 4444 or emailing [michelled@latrobe.tas.gov.au](mailto:michelled@latrobe.tas.gov.au)

### National/International Sport Championships Grant

Funding to eligible organisations to assist in meeting costs associated with hosting a national or international sport championship event within Tasmania.

Funding Amount - up to \$3,000.

Closes - 31 March, 2018 (or when funds are expended).

More information is available at [http://www.dpac.tas.gov.au/divisions/csr/sportrec/funding\\_opportunities/national\\_international](http://www.dpac.tas.gov.au/divisions/csr/sportrec/funding_opportunities/national_international) or by phoning on 1800 252 476.

### National Representatives Fund (Ongoing)

A sports assistance scheme provided by the Government of Tasmania to cover the additional cost to Tasmanian Athletes and Coaches competing at a Junior or Open Competition level to travel with an international team competing overseas.

Funding Amount - up to \$500.

Closes - ongoing.

More information is available at

[http://www.tis.tas.gov.au/about\\_us/national\\_representative\\_fund](http://www.tis.tas.gov.au/about_us/national_representative_fund) or by contacting Ellie Poynton at [Ellie.Poynton@tis.gov.au](mailto:Ellie.Poynton@tis.gov.au).

### What's On

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

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- 8 International Women's Day Health and Wellbeing Morning Tea** at the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 10:00am until 2.00pm. Free entry. Refer to separate article. ☎ 1300 312 447
- 11 Pete Cornelius** performs at Shearwater Resort, Shearwater from 5.00pm until 9:00pm. ☎ 6428 6205
- 16 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
- 16 Trev Weaver** performs at Shearwater Resort, Shearwater from 6.00pm until 9:30pm. ☎ 6428 6205
- 17 Speedway Racing** at Gulf Western and Independent Oils Raceway, Speedway Drive, Latrobe featuring Sprintcars, Street Stocks Iron Man, AMCA, Bombers, Wingless Sprints, Tassie Sixes (State Title) and Karts. Gates open from 3:00pm. Admission fees apply.
- 18-25 National Playgroup Week**
- 18 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
- 23 Eats and Beats** in Kings Park at the foot of Dooleys Hill, Latrobe from 5.00pm until 9.00pm. Refer to separate article. ☎ 0400 262 187
- 22 Woodwind Serenade by the Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra** from 7.30pm in the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe. Featuring the best loved music by Mozart and Richard Strauss. Tickets \$30. Bookings to 1800 001 190
- 25 Neighbour Day** - refer to separate article or go to <http://www.neighbourday.org>
- 13-22 National Youth Week**
- 30 GOOD FRIDAY CHURCH SERVICES**
- 9.00am Bridge of Hope, 17 Rice Street, Port Sorell
- 10.00am St Joseph's Mass Centre, Wilson Street, Port Sorell - Stations of the Cross
- 10.00am Latrobe Baptist Church, 125 Gilbert Street, Latrobe
- 10.00am Wesley Vale Community Church, Wesley Vale Road, Port Sorell
- 11.00am St Patricks Church, 195 Gilbert Street, Latrobe - Stations of the Cross
- 11.00am Bridge of Hope, Hamilton Street, Latrobe



**apr****1 EASTER SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES**

- 6.15am Hawley Beach Sunrise Service  
 8.00am St Patricks Church, 195 Gilbert Street, Latrobe  
 8.00am St Joseph's Mass Centre, Wilson Street, Port Sorell  
 9.00am Bridge of Hope, 17 Rice Street, Port Sorell  
 9.00am Bridge of Hope, Port Sorell Main Road, Northdown  
 10.00am Latrobe Baptist Church – 125 Gilbert Street, Latrobe  
 10.00am Wesley Vale Community Church, Wesley Vale Road, Port Sorell  
 11.00am Bridge of Hope, Hamilton Street, Latrobe  
 11.00am Bridge of Hope, Hermitage Lane, New Ground

**1 National MG Car Club** morning tea stop in Latrobe from 10.00am. No formal display.

**1 Gypsy Rose** performs at Shearwater Resort, Shearwater from 4.00pm until 8.00pm. ☎ 6428 6205

**7 Free Family Fun Day** hosted by Smile Care, Latrobe in Station Square, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 9.00am until 1.00pm. ☎ 6426 1188

**12 Jukebox Hits from Heaven by Rod Toovey** at the Australian Axemans Hall of Fame, Bells Parade, Latrobe.

12.30pm show - \$7.50

12.30pm show and 2-course lunch - \$25.00

7.00pm - \$15.00. Dinner available beforehand (additional cost).

Bookings essential to 6426 2099.

**13 Neil Gibson** performs at Shearwater Resort, Shearwater from 6.00pm until 9:30pm. ☎ 6428 6205

**14 Speedway Racing** at Gulf Western and Independent Oils Raceway, Speedway Drive, Latrobe featuring Sprintcars, Street Stocks, AMCA, Formula 500, Wingless Sprints, Modifieds, Karts, Demo Derby . Gates open from 3:00pm. Admission fees apply.

**17 Targa Tasmania Moriarty Stage** involving road closures from 10.25am until 2:55pm with a lunch stop in Latrobe. Refer to separate article.

**19 Tarleton Community Information Evening** detailing location specific Council activities at the Tarleton Fire Brigade from 7:00pm. Refer to separate article. Attendee registrations required.

**21 Music from the War Years Concert** by the Latrobe Federal Band and friends, in the Latrobe Memorial Hall from 7.00pm. Admission costs apply. Refer to separate article. ☎ 0408 262 187

**24 WW1 and ANZAC Day special presentation** by David Jones. Full details at 0499 162 539

**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 by 18 April**

**25 The End of the Great War Exhibition** at the Latrobe Courthouse Museum for one hour immediately following the Latrobe Citizens Commemorative Service. Free admission. Refer to separate article.

**25 The Ringmasters** performs at Shearwater Resort, Shearwater from 1.00pm until 5.00pm. ☎ 6428 6205

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**6 Guinea Pig Show** at the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 9:30am until 4:00pm. Free admission with participant guinea pigs \$5 entry; enter on the day. ☎ 0474 453 312

**6 Latrobe Cemetery Working Bee**, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 10.00am until 11.15am. BYO gardening equipment and safety gear. BBQ snag and drink provided. ☎ 0417 598 116

**26-27 Latrobe Apex Art & Photographic Exhibition** at the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe. Entries close 11 May. Details are available at [www.facebook.com/groups/139011633156450/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/139011633156450/) or by phoning Tammy on 0417 132 687.

**26 Shearwater Mulled Wine in May** in Shearwater Village CBD, Club Drive, Shearwater from 5.30pm until 9.30pm. ☎ 0422 289 781 or 0407 045 458

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# ANZAC DAY 2018

## 5.45am Latrobe Dawn Service

Latrobe Cenotaph, Gilbert Street, Latrobe

March steps off from James Street, Latrobe at 5.45am

Breakfast follows at Bellys Bar and Grill

Coordinated by Latrobe RSL - 6426 1255 or 6427 7886

## 6.00am Port Sorell Dawn Service

Port Sorell Defence Memorial

Cnr Rice and Meredith Sts, Port Sorell

Breakfast follows at Port Sorell Memorial Hall

Coordinated by Port Sorell Lions Club - 6428 6565

## 9.50am\* Citizens Commemorative Service

Latrobe Cenotaph, Gilbert St, Latrobe

March steps off from James Street, Latrobe at 9.50am

Coordinated by Latrobe Council - 6426 4444

\* Wreath laying is only offered at the 9.45 am Citizens Commemorative Service in Latrobe.  
To be included in the Wreath/Book Laying Schedule, register with Latrobe Council by 18 April.

Road closures apply to both Services in Latrobe.