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Long Term Surety of Mersey

The Latrobe Council welcomes the much anticipated announcement by Prime Minister Turnbull on 5 April, of a 10-year funding commitment of \$730 million, quarantined specifically to the operation of the Mersey Community Hospital, and transfer of the facility back to the State Government. The announcement has offered certainty to the 470 staff, clinicians and health system management at the Mersey as well as the community who are dependent on it for the provision of their health services.



Acting Mayor Rick Rockliff (pictured) said “the days of using the Mersey as a political football and plaything for those with self-interest as their priority are over. The bi-annual cycle of angst and community concern has been broken and Council is grateful that the focus will rightfully return to the provision of health care for our community.

Our community needs to be united like never before and to work cohesively with current and future State Governments to ensure the Mersey's integral role in our region is both acknowledged and supported. The Mersey is rightfully back in Tasmanian hands and will again be, in every way, a key component of our State's one health system.

That said, advocacy for and on behalf of the Mersey will remain a priority for Latrobe Council. Our focus will be on working with the government to ensure health care in the region is very much their priority.

Our Council is grateful for the advocacy and support provided by elected representatives of all persuasions, both at Local, State and Federal level and I take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank Minister Michael Ferguson and Senator Jonathan Duniam for their untiring efforts and genuine attempts to bring about an appropriate conclusion to a saga that has, for too long, been about politics and personalities rather than the provision of health care services for the people we are elected to serve.”

Port Sorell Strategic Plan Review

Council’s decision to review the Port Sorell and Environs Strategic Plan 2008 to ensure that it continues to provide an integrated framework for the future growth and development of the Port Sorell and environs relies on those that know the area the best - local residents.

To date, two community consultation opportunities have been provided and were led by Wendy Morris from Ecologically Sustainable Design Pty Ltd. A public information night was held on 23 February and attended by about 200 persons. This was followed by a day long workshop held on 8 April. The latter was broken into separate sessions that discussed the Town Centre/Alexander Street Precinct; Street Tree Planning and Public Realm Beautification; Sporting Facilities; Waste Transfer Station and Waste Management and Shearwater Village Revitalisation.

The next step is to collate all the information received and prepare a report for Council’s consideration. The report will then be placed on public exhibition for a minimum period of 30 days. Submissions will be sought and further considered and the report finalised before being presented to Council for adoption.

If you wish to receive notification of the release of the draft plan, please register your interest with Council by phoning 6426 4444.

Council Recognised Nationally

Latrobe Council was recently announced as the winner of the Best Tasmanian Regional Council Campaigner Award in the national 'Betty Awards', recognising outstanding commitment to the National Asbestos Awareness Month Campaign 2016 by governments, businesses and individuals.

In receiving the award, Council was recognised for utilising a variety of supplied resources across internal and external communication streams and creating a dedicated asbestos education doll house display. This display was an innovative and informative visual tool for creating domestic



John Jarratt, Asbestos Awareness Ambassador with the Award presented to Latrobe Council

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asbestos awareness. Local and regional media utilised it in educating the community about the specific locations asbestos can be found and it appeared in several newspapers and online media outlets as well as being on display at Council throughout November, generating further awareness. A Blue Lamington Morning Tea was also held as an information session for staff, also raising funds for the Asbestos Diseases Research Institute.

Congratulations to Julie Patterson of Council who led the asbestos awareness initiatives.

Switching to the nbn™ Network in Latrobe

An additional 2,000 homes and businesses in Latrobe are now able to connect to the nbn™ network and experience fast and reliable internet services.

The remaining areas of Port Sorell, Shearwater and Hawley Beach, representing around 2,800 premises, are forecast to be connected to the nbn™ network around July 2017.

Residents and businesses in urban areas of Latrobe will be able to access the nbn™ network via Fixed Line technology, specifically nbn™ Fibre to the node.

How does nbn™ Fibre to the node (FTTN) Work?

FTTN is where nbn runs fibre to a newly built cabinet which then connects with the existing copper network (using VDSL2 technology) to make the final part of the nbn™ network connection to your premises.

The cabinets house equipment which transmits the high-speed broadband signals to connect around 350 premises.

Distribution and local cables enter the cabinet from underground.

Nodes (pictured) are powered and need to be sited near other infrastructure and existing telecommunications networks. nbn may also use compact nodes that can connect approx. 48 premises.



The FTTN technology can currently deliver maximum wholesale speeds of up to 100Mbps/40Mbps however the speed available to your premises will depend on a number of factors.

nbn is required to make wholesale download data speeds of at least 25Mbps available to all Australian premises and at least 50Mbps wholesale download speeds to 90% of fixed-line premises.

Factors that can affect your internet experience

- Network congestion
The way a service provider configures their network can have an effect on how you experience the internet - particularly during peak usage times. Ask your service provider how they approach congestion during peak usage times.
- The speed tiers and plans offered by Service Providers
When choosing the speed and plan through your service provider, ensure you take into account your own needs - how many devices you will have online at once and what you will be using the internet for.

- The quality of the Wi-fi unit (modem/router) provided by the Service Provider
The Wi-fi unit provided by your Service Provider will have an effect on the amount of devices that you can connect simultaneously online. It will also have an influence on how far the signal strength extends throughout your premises. Check with your service provider if the Wi-fi unit they provide will meet your expectations
- Wi-fi interference
Other electronics can also affect your Wi-Fi connection. Mobile phones, microwaves and TVs rely on radio signals, so having your modem/router placed as far away from these devices as possible can help.
- Your choice of speed and Service Provider
Switching to the nbn™ network isn't automatic.

To get the best nbn™ network experience, check your address at nbn.com.au and contact your preferred service provider about the options that are available to your premises.

Entries Open for Art and Photographs

The 2nd Annual Latrobe Apex Art and Photographic Exhibition will be held in the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe over the weekend of 27-28 May with entries now open.

“There are some amazing photographers and artists throughout Tasmania.

While many feature their art online, potentially as a hobby, this exhibition provides an entry point to promote their work to the wider community,” said coordinator, Mrs Tammy Jeffrey.

There is no theme, just submit what your passion is. Paintings and photographs are able to be offered for sale on a commission basis.

Full details are available on Facebook; search for Latrobe Apex Art & Photographic Exhibition or contact Mrs Jeffrey on 0417 132 687.

Presentations will be made on Friday, 26 May from 7:00pm with the exhibition open from 9:00am until 3:00pm over the weekend.

Seniors Highlighted in own Week

Council on the Ageing (COTA) Tasmania is this year seeking to expand the focus of Seniors Week (16-22 October) to include the great outdoors.

The popular annual Seniors Week program is planned to feature an over-arching “outdoors” theme where participants will be encouraged to attend events in Tasmania’s abundant and easily accessible parks and reserves, showcasing outdoor leisure options in Tasmania, plus story-telling, musical entertainment, food stalls, discovery tours and local walks.

Registrations to conduct official Seniors Week events of all descriptions in all areas are welcomed by COTA. Perhaps you know an organisation or business that might like to offer a “come and try” activity to older persons? Inclusion in the Seniors Week program is a great opportunity to get older people actively involved in the community and potentially take up some additional activities.

Online registrations (<http://www.cotatas.org.au/programs-events/sw2017/>) close on 30 June with the official events guide being distributed in early September.

Port Sorell Caravan Park Transition

On 1 July, Latrobe Council will take over the future management of the Port Sorell Caravan Park, located in Meredith Street, Port Sorell.

For all intents and purposes, customers of the caravan park will not notice any difference. The day to day management of the caravan park remains with the current caretakers, Trevor and Faye Eaves, with sites continuing to be booked via the on-site office in Meredith Street, Port Sorell or by phoning 6428 7267.

Council categorically confirms that it has no intention of selling off the Port Sorell Caravan Park.

Council's decision to terminate its management agreement with the Port Sorell Lions Club resulted from the increasing requirement for the caravan park to comply with regulatory matters, existing expertise within Council to ensure compliance and to minimise mixed messaging to users of the caravan park.

Council recognises that this arrangement does reduce an income stream to the Port Sorell Lions Club but believes that supplementary arrangements - ongoing income through the hire of six cabins in the caravan park; paying the club for six working bees per year and the ability to continue the Friday night raffles and Sunday morning pancakes - generously compensates for the transfer of the caravan park back to Council management.

Council will be meeting with the Port Sorell Lions Caravan Park Committee in May to finalise the transition of management.

Forced TasWater Take Over Questioned

According to the recently released Tasmanian Water and Sewerage State of the Industry Report 2014-15, 99.2% of TasWater's 202,478 customers are supplied with water that meets the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines with works progressing on track to provide remaining customers with drinkable water by the time the State Government proposes to forcibly take ownership of TasWater from Local Government.

Additionally, recycled water use is up as is TasWater's environmental performance. Of particular note is that sewage compliance is now at 84.2% with a priority focus on improving the thirteen sewage treatment plants around Tasmania that have the most effect on the highest volume of waste water treated.

Even the Federal Government's National Performance Report of urban water utilities across Australia states that TasWater has the lowest prices charged on a litre-for-litre basis of any comparable utility. That same report also declares that TasWater has the highest investment in capital expenditure per customer of any water utility in Australia.

So what really is the reason behind Treasurer Gutwein's claims that the State's water and sewerage situation has reached "crisis point" and that the Government was "no longer prepared to stand by and let this situation continue"?

Contrary to Treasurer Gutwein's intimation that Local Government are in TasWater to receive dividend payments and insufficiently fund capital works, Councils have continually agreed to reduce their dividends (Latrobe Council receives over \$300,000 less per year than initially agreed to) in an endeavour to ensure sufficient investment in infrastructure and operational activities across the whole network in a financially responsible manner.

TasWater currently has several major capital projects underway which are underpinned by the need to balance the capital program, providing TasWater customers with an affordable and sustainable water and sewerage service.

The Minister claimed initially that the government's 5-year implementation plan could be undertaken without accessing Government funding. On 7 April, this statement was countered by the Minister. At whose expense will this be - health, education, emergency services? So, what really is the motive of the State Government forcibly taking ownership of TasWater?

Will the ongoing reduction of dividends place added pressure on Local Government? Some suggest it will and that it will be the impetus for the State Government's agenda of Local Government reform by amalgamation. Add to this the rhetoric that the setting of Local Government rates will be managed outside Council, what are you left with? Local Government is continually being undermined by its own Minister.

At the time of writing, Local Government continues to await the Government's financial analysis of how it can fix environmental health and compliance concerns faster and make the service cheaper for consumers.

The Minister continues to push for Government ownership of TasWater, planning to introduce the legislation into Parliament in Spring.

Your Rates At Work

Council is currently working on the development of a fiscally responsible Budget for the 2017-18 financial year. This is a challenging process that involves balancing the 10-year Forward Works Program with emerging priorities and resident desires.

Council operates to a very fine line, preferring to invest in the future of the community rather than have an extensive surplus sitting in the bank. Throughout this financial year, our responsible budgeting enable us to become debt free, an accolade that not many organisations can claim.

In the 2016-17 financial year, Council's operating budget projected revenue of \$11.63 million and expenditure of \$11.44 million. This included a \$5.33 million works program.

Council's revenue is made up of 59% rates; 12% Government Grants; 16% user charges, 5% TasWater dividends, 2% interest, 1% amortization of donor fees, 0.6% of profit/(losses) of associates and 6% other revenue.

Rates Notices will be issued in July for payment in August. If you don't receive your rates notice by mid-August, please phone 6426 4444.

Youth Voice to be Heard

For some time now Council has been keen to encourage a greater youth voice in Local Government throughout the Municipality. On 20 March, this idea and possibilities were explored with a small group of young community members, gauging their interest in the concept and understanding what they thought might be the best model.

This forum enthused those in attendance who offered to be involved in the inaugural Latrobe Youth Council. They subsequently identified other young people to balance the gender and age range within the group, specifically with the desirable characteristics of commitment, interest and capacity to engage and represent youth throughout the Municipality.

At Council's 10 April meeting, the Latrobe Youth Council was established as a Special Committee of Council, identifying their role -

- (a) To consult with young people, and determine the needs and issues relating to them in the Latrobe Municipality.
- (b) To represent the identified needs, issues, views of young people to the Latrobe Council.
- (c) To work with the Latrobe Council to identify strategies to respond to the needs, and issues related to young people in the Municipality.
- (d) To work with Latrobe Council to facilitate and develop opportunities for young people in the Municipality to participate in the community and in Council consultation and decision making processes.
- (e) To contribute to the development of a positive profile and image of young people in the community.
- (f) To identify personal development and leadership development opportunities for Latrobe Youth Council members.
- (g) To represent young people in other forums outside Council and outside the Latrobe Municipality.
- (h) To inform and advise Council, and act as a reference and consultation point for Council programs and activities, where appropriate.
- (i) To provide information and advice to other communities developing processes of youth participation.

Membership on the Latrobe Youth Council includes Callum Morse, Erika Crawford, Cate Dutton, Nathan Brain, Amber Scott, Grace Bell, Michael Ackroyd, Hayley Crack, Maggie Freeman, Edward Lancaster, Josh Bass and Rebecca West.

Census Data Release

The ABS will be releasing Census data in three stages throughout 2017.

On 11 April, the high level profile of the 'typical' Australian based on 2016 Census information, at the national and State/Territory level, was made public. This data did not contain population estimates or counts.

The official Census data release will take place on 27 June, providing a comprehensive dataset, including national, State/Territory and capital city data for selected key person, family and dwelling characteristics, including age, sex, religion, language and income. This data will be available alongside community level Census data, including information on small population groups and geographic areas such as suburbs and Local Government areas.

Detailed Census data on employment, qualifications and population mobility (journey to work and previous address) will be released in October 2017.

To keep up to date with release information, go to www.abs.gov.au/census.

Shearwater Village Revitalisation

Shearwater retailers and landlords have joined together as a group to investigate ways of increasing the profile of the area and encouraging residents and tourists to visit and shop in the area.

One of their first steps has been to set up a closed group Facebook page to share information with each other.

Nikki Tilling-Shakoff, the Facebook page administrator, said "any Shearwater retail business operator or retail premises landlord is welcome to join. Go to www.facebook.com/groups/456077074728250/ or search

Shearwater Business Group and select the one with Nikki as a member."

Accommodation for Masters

Rumours of accommodation not being available during the Australian Masters Games are simply not true and damage the full potential of the Games for the region, which is open for business.

If you receive a booking inquiry about the Games that you cannot accommodate, please direct them to the Australian Masters Games Tourism and Information Hotline - 1800 649 514. The Devonport Visitor Information Centre is providing this service and will assist in connecting visitors to the many accommodation options available.

Help Shape Bus Services

Due to existing bus contracts expiring statewide in 2018, the Department of State Growth is undertaking a review of all general access bus services across Tasmania to develop a new public transport network that meets future transport needs while providing a fair and equitable level of service within the budget constraints of the State Government.

As part of the review process, the Department has engaged consultants Phillip Boyle and Associates to undertake a detailed review of Devonport urban bus networks, which includes Latrobe. This bus network has not had a significant review over the last 10 years.

The first round of community workshops were held in April which enabled the community to raise what works well and what does not in respect of the current bus network. A second round of workshops, where possible changes to the new network will be discussed, will be held on 23 May.

For more information about the review of bus services or to register your interest in attending the May workshop please visit www.transport.tas.gov.au/passenger/project2018, ring 6166 4473 or email project2018@stategrowth.tas.gov.au.

One Stop Event and Attraction Promotion

In conversing with an event organiser recently, they reflected on how time consuming and frustrating it was to have to go to so many websites to update their event information. There is however a solution!

By listing your tourism focused event or attraction on the Australian Tourism Data Warehouse (ATDW) they are automatically promoted on such sites as Australia.com, DiscoverTasmania.com.au and Tasmaniasnorthwest.com.au

The Australian Tourism Data Warehouse (ATDW) is an organisation established by the states and territories in partnership with Tourism Australia. ATDW is a central repository designed to capture and publish tourism industry business information, including events that would be of interest to leisure tourists. Best of all, it is totally free and easy to list your event and/or tourist related business.

Simply go to <https://www.atdw-online.com.au>, create your account and start listing your information.

If you have any difficulties, contact Tourism Tasmania on 6165 5286 or online@tourismtasmania.com.au.

Horses on Beaches

There has been an increase in enquiries regarding horses on beaches in the Municipality. Horses are prohibited on all beaches except Moorlands Beach which is accessed off Mill Road, Wesley Vale.

For further information regarding horses in National Park areas please contact Narawntapu National Park (6428 6277).

Tourism Ambassadors Sought

Do you like to meet new people and help them discover the delights of the Latrobe Municipality and Tasmania as a whole? Do you have a few hours a week to spare? If so, volunteering at the Latrobe Visitor Information Centre as a Tourism Ambassador may be just the thing for you.

Call in to the information centre at The Cherry Shed, 243 Gilbert Street, Latrobe anytime between 9:00am and 4:30pm each day and chat to one of the dedicated volunteers to find out what it's all about. You can volunteer to help out on any day that suits you and it doesn't have to be every week.

If you already know you want to be a part of the team, contact Jackie Hardy at Council on 6426 4444 to register.

Warrawee Mountain Bike Master Plan

In March last year, Council endorsed a proposal for the Warrawee Mountain Bike Master Plan to be effected over three financial years.

The Warrawee Mountain Bike Master Plan is part of an overall world-class \$4.1 million Wild Mersey Mountain Bike Development that will enable mountain bike riders to traverse between Latrobe and Sheffield in relative safety; without the impact of the motoring public.

Negotiations continue to be undertaken with the State Government land managers (Parks and Wildlife Service and Forestry Tasmania) to secure a lease agreement over the proposed bike routes.

Meanwhile, local company BridgePro was engaged to undertake the survey and design of the proposed Latrobe Mountain Bike Trail Flying Fox component of the trail, a feature that will make the experience truly unique.

With the Warrawee trail cluster alone having been costed at \$1.1m and Latrobe Council already investing significant funds into the development, the project is reliant on external funding, which is being sought from the State and Federal Government.

Donation Policy Reviewed

Prior to 2015 Council's support to individual permanent residents of the municipality who had been chosen in representative teams was limited to in kind support and promotion of their fund raising events. A request for assistance from two individuals who gained international selection in their chosen sports prompted Councillors to reconsider its donation policy.

Consequently, a policy was adopted but with subsequent requests for further assistance in circumstances where an applicant has been selected repeatedly in a representative team, Council's Donations Policy has now been reviewed and provides -

- (a) Funding for National \$100, International \$200 and \$500 for Commonwealth, World or Olympic representation.
- (b) Inclusion of a team contribution of \$200 per team
- (c) A limit of funding being once per year per sport
- (d) No age restriction
- (e) An acquittal process of two participant photos and a report dependent upon level of support.
- (f) Delegation to Council's General Manager and Corporate Services Manager to enable automatic approval provided all information is supplied.

For more information, please contact Council's Manager Corporate Services.

Permit for Working in a Road Reserve

With changes to the Building Act that came into effect earlier this year, construction works such as driveways or plumbing connections into a private property from the road reserve is controlled by Council through the Local Government (Highways) Act 1982. As such, an application needs to be made and permit from Council obtained prior to undertaking any works within a road reserve other than maintaining a nature strip area. Currently there is no charge to make this application.

Under the legislation, Council's Engineering Services Department will assess any proposed work in the road reserve for legal access, sight distance, drainage, infrastructure and to inspect the site for any damage prior to issuing a permit and potentially requiring a bond to ensure works are completed satisfactorily.

An Engineering Works within Road Reserve Permit is required for works such as:

- New vehicle crossings or alterations to existing access from the street.
- Private plumbing works in the road reserve.
- Obstructing or planting out a nature strip.

A direct enquiry will need to be made to Council to provide a plan that shows stormwater infrastructure in the vicinity of any building, or development work particularly within the road reserve.

For further information, please contact Council's Engineering Department on 6426 4444.

Regulatory Changes to Private Home Rental

The Tasmanian Government recently announced regulatory changes to support the sharing economy.

If you plan to rent your home, shack or investment property, such as through Airbnb, new arrangements and exemptions supported by simpler processes will come into effect on 1 July 2017. The arrangements apply if you charge a fee for the use of your property.

Planning and building requirements will vary, depending on which of the following categories the property you are renting falls in to:

1. Your own home with up to four bookable rooms
2. Your own home with more than four bookable rooms AND investment properties or shacks up to 300 square metres
3. Investment properties or shacks greater than 300 square metres.

For more information, including an Accommodation Sharing Policy Statement visit the Department of Justice website at <http://bit.ly/2nJtwd3>.

Signage Highlights Vandalised Foreshore

Following what appears to be deliberate acts of extensive vegetation removal from the foreshore in the vicinity of Anstey Street, Squeaking Point, a 2.4m x 1.2m sign has been installed condemning the unauthorised removal of vegetation. The extent of damage has been quite significant, traversing both the road reserve and foreshore reserve.

Council is supportive of Crown Land Services' response to this malicious act of clearing this land with the signage remaining in place until the native vegetation has regenerated.

The unauthorised clearing of land can destroy important vegetation communities, impact wildlife habitat, place threatened species at risk and lead to foreshore erosion.

If you observe someone clearing foreshore land, please contact Crown Land Services on 6233 6413 to help ensure the values we enjoy exist for future generations.

Local Delegate Attends National Convention

Don College student Rebecca West, from Port Sorell, has won a statewide essay writing competition which resulted in her participation in the Australian Schools Constitutional Convention, which took place in Canberra in March, 2017.

The National Schools Constitutional Convention provides senior students with an opportunity to become better informed about how Australia's Constitution provides a democratic framework and encourages them to take an active interest in the operation of government.

Rebecca wrote on the merit and significance of the inclusion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the Australian Constitution. The whole delegation from Tasmania was five representatives, with Rebecca one of three Don College students chosen to take part in the mock referendum. Rebecca was also a guest at a reception hosted by the Governor General at Government House and by the Prime Minister at Parliament House. Rebecca had dinner at the High Court and visited the National Museum.

Congratulations to Rebecca on her interest in current legal and political issues and on her excellent essay writing skills. In becoming a national delegate, Rebecca, together with Jamie Pattison and Jasmine Peterson, from Don College, were selected from around 4,000 students from government, independent and Catholic schools.

Thanks to teacher, Bron Sidebottom, for your encouragement and support for students.

A Star is Born

From little things big things grow ... and from last year's inaugural Latrobe Businesses on Parade event a new group has been born that will look to maximise opportunities for businesses and business growth in Latrobe. The Latrobe Business Network is open to all businesses in and immediately surrounding the town of Latrobe and has a Facebook group to keep members up to date with new, and ever changing, business related happenings in the North West.

The initial meeting of the group in December last year was held to debrief around the successes, and otherwise, of Latrobe Businesses on Parade and discuss other business opportunities. At that meeting it was unanimously agreed to hold a Latrobe Businesses on Parade event again in 2017 and also to be more actively involved in the highly successful Chocolate Winterfest, Latrobe festival.

Organiser of the first Latrobe Businesses on Parade event and member of the Latrobe Business Network, Alissa Jeffrey of Ritchie's IGA said the group wanted to stay informal at this stage but were keen to gain an increased understanding of each other's activities and capacities, what business development opportunities may be beneficial and opportunities for collaborative promotion.

Local businesses in and immediately surrounding the town of Latrobe that wish to join the Latrobe Business Network's Facebook group should contact Kate Dawkins at Latrobe Post Office on 6426 1211 or Brian Wilson at The Crowded Lounge on 0417 367 128.

Port Sorell Landfill Development Site

In July 2015, Council submitted a development plan to the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) for the decommissioning and rehabilitation of the Port Sorell Landfill Site and development of the land, through a staged process, as a regional park.

Due to sensitivities and technical facets of this project, Council appointed IPD Consulting to progress this matter with the EPA.

This has now progressed to a risk assessment phase prior to a further recommendation to Council.

Make Your Dollar Go Further

In this day and age, it can be difficult to balance the household budget but help is at hand with the Smith Family Saver Plus program.

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The program is provided locally. If you would like more information, please phone Peri Kauwhata on 6326 7716.

Avoid Dog/Cat Renewal Angst

With dog and cat renewals scheduled to be posted before the next newsletter, it is timely to remind residents that it is your responsibility as the owner of a dog and/or cat to advise Council of any change of ownership and/or any change of address where the animal is to be located in excess of 60 days. Under legislation, failure to advise these details to Council can result in a penalty being issued to you.

Likewise, if your registered dog or cat has passed away, please let Council know so they can be removed from the database and you are not caused undue distress in receiving the registration renewal.

Dogs and cats are able to be registered any time throughout the year with registrations applying for the financial year. Discount registrations apply for the month of July only.

Skilling Up Volunteers for Masters Games

A unique, fully accredited volunteer training course will be developed as part of a new partnership to build a 1,000-strong volunteer workforce for the 16th Australian Masters Games.

The Australian Masters Games and the University of Tasmania recently launched its Community Volunteer Program, a joint initiative to recruit, train and accredit volunteers ahead of the Games, which will attract 5,000-6,000 persons from all over the country to the North West Coast in October.

Games General Manager Scott Wade aims to do more than just train volunteers for a one-off event.

"Rather than train up a volunteer workforce just for the games, we wanted to contribute to the ongoing development of sporting clubs and the community in Tasmania through volunteerism.

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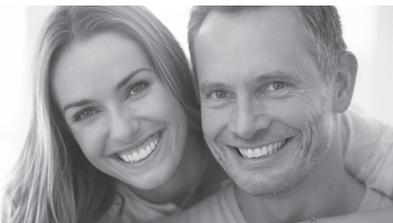
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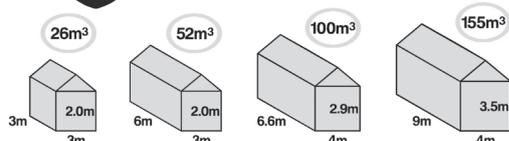
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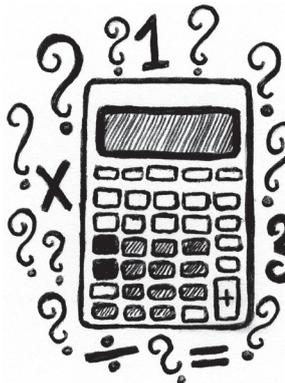
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Extensive Range of Lilliums on Offer

The annual Lillium Bulb Sale will be held at the Latrobe Memorial Hall from 11:00am until 1:00pm on 4 June; offering a broad range of Lillium bulbs along with some select companion bulbs and plants.

Many of these bulbs are unavailable elsewhere and are often in short supply. With the best bulbs always selling quickly, customers are encouraged to be early!

The emphasis of the sale is on easily-grown, garden lilies although there are also rare species lilliums for the collector and many different Lillium Hybrids. This includes many of the great new Tasmanian-bred hybrids. - Asiatics, Martagons, Trumpet/Aurelians, Orientals, OTs and more - all at reasonable prices.

Stallholders are experienced and passionate about Lilliums and available to give advice to ensure the successful growth of the lilliums.

Cemetery Committee Appointed

For many years, the Latrobe Cemetery Committee has been instrumental in arranging volunteer working bees to assist with the maintenance of the Latrobe Cemetery in Gilbert Street, Latrobe.

Additionally, they have suggested improvements to the cemetery, including the establishment of a Columbarium for the ashes of those departed.

The current committee consists of Councillor Graeme Brown, Councillor Gerrad Wicks, Mr Shaun Tuthill, Mrs Roz Donald, Mr John Guest and Mr Les McCarthy.

The next community cemetery working bee is scheduled for Sunday, 7 May from 10:00am until 11:15am, just prior to Mother's Day. All are most welcome, just turn up.

Volunteers Critical in Support of Independent Aged Living

Mersey Community Care Association (MCCA), is experiencing a steady increase in the number of older Tasmanians requesting support and assistance to remain living in their own homes for as long as possible.

Providing transport, home maintenance, spring cleaning and social support services to frail, older people and younger disabled persons, for over 45 years, MCCA has established a reputation for providing top quality client services.

The organisation provides services for client's and carers living within the Latrobe, Kentish, Devonport and Central Coast municipalities.

MCCA is reliant on the good will of a wonderful team of volunteers, who work at the coal face to provide much needed services. However, to ensure that the organisation can continue to meet the current demand for services, they are always seeking new volunteers to join their team.

If you are interested in supporting others in the community and you like driving, home maintenance, gardening work, helping out on the bus, visiting a client at home or assisting a client to do their shopping, then MCCA is for you. If you can provide just four hours each month, you will be helping MCA to make a difference in someone's life.

For more information, please phone 6424 8883.

Scavenging Waste is a No-No

Residents are reminded that scavenging at waste facilities is illegal. This includes entering the general waste bins and digging through piled waste to look for or retrieve items of waste. Individuals scavenging could be injured by hazardous materials such as broken glass or dangerous animals such as snakes.

Also it is very important to be aware of the requirements for the correct disposal of asbestos or other building waste. The dumping of asbestos is not only illegal and costs time and money to clean up; it is also a health risk to all concerned. The closest location that asbestos can be accepted for disposal is the Spreyton Waste Transfer Station.

All asbestos waste must be appropriately wrapped or bagged. Anyone caught doing the wrong thing may be liable for fines and/or clean-up costs. For more information about identification and appropriate handling of asbestos visit www.worksafe.tas.gov.au.

How is your Digital Presence?

Switch Tasmania, previously Cradle Coast Innovation, are encouraging tourism owners and operators to take advantage of the off-season and increase their knowledge and skills to get your social media presence humming with a free two hour coaching session.

Current, credible and relevant information is crucial for success. Professional and well-written descriptions, photos and videos can have a major impact.

If you would like to spend some time working on your digital media strategy, book an appointment with Digital Ready Coach, Daryl Connelly on 0488 333 893 to work through the specifics for your tourism business.

No Interest Loans Scheme (NILS)

Are you on a low income with a need for an essential item or service?

Rather than send you in to further financial stress, NILS is a not for profit organisation that provides safe, fair and affordable loans for low income Tasmanians.

They have the capacity to lend up to \$1,200 to buy new items and services, including:

- Household essentials like fridges, washers and some furniture
- Education essentials like computers, school trips and text books
- Medical and dental equipment and services
- Car care essentials like registration, tyres and repairs.

They do not however lend money for food, bills, rent or bond; give you cash or lend money for second hand goods.

There are no credit checks, interest, fees or penalties.

The key word here however is LEND. You do need to have capacity to pay back the loan provided to you.

For more information, go online to www.nilstasmania.org.au or phone 1300 301 650.

Tasmanian Online Service Finder

Have you ever needed information about programs and services in your area?

An online database - findhelptas.com.au - lists services in a variety of categories such as addiction support, crisis and emergency support, resources for children, young people and older Tasmanians, relationship support, health and housing services.

If you have a program or service that isn't online at this site, you can include it by submitting the details via the online form at findhelptas.com.au.

Findhelptas is funded by a collective, initially lead by Anglicare, which includes Bapcare, CatholicCare, Colony47, Hobart City Mission, Mission Australia, Red Cross, Relationships Australia Tasmania, The Salvation Army, TasCOSS and UnitingCare Tasmania.

Council's Current Works Report

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



Roads:

- Merseylea Road delineation alterations following flood repairs.
- Roadside verge spraying.
- Road drainage clearing and general maintenance of the sealed and unsealed road surfaces.

Buildings:

- Flood repairs to Bells Parade carpark including the replacement of underground stormwater drainage.
- Poyston Drive drainage improvements to reduce adjacent land water inundation.
- Footpath general maintenance.
- Camp Banksia access bollards.
- Concrete at base at the platypus sculpture at Bells Parade.
- General building maintenance.
- General maintenance of Elderly Persons Units as required.

Parks and Reserves:

- Continue footpath widening at Shearwater Park.
- Prepare Latrobe Recreation Ground and environs for sporting and community events.
- 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.

Latrobe Welcomes Community Bank

The Latrobe community is now able to access the full range of banking products, both deposits and lending, with the Port Sorell Bendigo Community Bank through the Latrobe Newsagency. Both the Port Sorell Community Bank, via its partners, Bendigo Bank and the Latrobe Newsagency have demonstrated their long-term commitment with the Agency employing an additional staff member to handle all banking matters.

Newsagency staff have been extensively trained to deal with your banking enquiries. Referrals are made to the Branch Manager, Phil Martin, to deal with more complex banking details, and he is also available at the agency on Wednesdays.

The Port Sorell Bendigo Community Bank is extremely proud to have been a significant partner in the building of the recently opened Port Sorell Defence Memorial. A \$5,000 donation towards this project was made by the branch through its sponsorship program.

The sponsorship and marketing program is available to all people and community organisations throughout the Latrobe Municipality who are seeking funding for projects

that benefit and/or strengthen this community. Since establishing at Port Sorell, the bank has distributed more than \$40,000 to community organisations, sports clubs and individuals. Sponsorships application forms and the terms and conditions are available at both the Latrobe and Port Sorell branches.

ANZAC Day Inclusiveness



The Latrobe RSL held a very successful ANZAC Day Dawn Service in Latrobe and supported Latrobe Council's staging of the mid-morning Citizens Commemorative Service.

The day prior, the club hosted representatives from HMAS SHEEAN, Latrobe's adopted Collins Class submarine from Fremantle, WA. These personnel were involved in Services at Strathdevon and Rubicon Grove, delighting the residents and enjoying the opportunity to catch up with former service personnel. Due to HMAS SHEEAN's association with Latrobe, Captain Steve Hussey represented the Chief of Navy this year. It is great to have this association fostered to this level annually and all three Services attended by these representatives.

It is a sad fact of life that attendance by returned veterans at the ANZAC Day Services continues to reduce each year. Fortunately, the involvement of cadet units grows and is fostered by the club.

The Latrobe RSL welcomes all members, past and intending, to participate in Friday and Saturday evening fellowship. Friday sees the Meat Tray Raffle and membership draws.

Further information on the Latrobe RSL is available from Secretary Anne on 6426 1255 or latrobersl@gmail.com.

Rocking Good Time at Library

Rock and Rhyme, a free 30 minute session for parents, carers and their babies that includes songs, nursery rhymes, stories and lots of action for children from birth to 2 years, will start at the Latrobe Library, Gilbert Street, Latrobe on 8 May at 10:00am.

Storytime for pre-schoolers aged from 2 - 5 years starts immediately after, at 10.30am, and is a free 30 minute session of stories, rhymes and action songs, concluding with a craft.

The Latrobe Library Book Club has been going well and the sessions for 9 May and 13 June from 1.30pm continue to discuss books, movies, authors participants like and anything to do with books. Come and have a cuppa with like-minded people.

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

Free Tooth Whitening

Smile Care Latrobe in Station Square, Latrobe has just turned one and would like to thank their amazing patients for making their first year an incredible one.

Along with thanking their wonderful dentists and team, Dr Melissa Sunarso and Dr Laura Avery have enjoyed the start to 2017 in Latrobe and kindly welcome new patients, stating "we have found Latrobe to be such a great community who support each other. 2016 was a hard year for Latrobe, but everyone stood by each other as a strong community."

To celebrate our birthday with you, Smile Care Latrobe is offering FREE tooth whitening, to all our existing and future patients, after you book and attend a complete dental check-up."

Terms and conditions apply so please phone 6426 1188 for all details.

New Lino Cut Workshop Caters for Demand



Rubicon River Arts

Rubicon River Arts member Cheryl Sims' popular April lino cut workshop filled so quickly she has decided to hold another on 6 May from 10:00am until 4:00pm at 49 Bucks Rd, Tarleton. The workshop fee is \$50 plus materials including morning and

afternoon tea. To secure your booking with payment, please contact Cheryl on 0418 517 577.

Workshops continue in July, August and September with Vines @ the Rock which involves sculpting with grape vine prunings at Ghost Rock Vineyard, Northdown. Ghost Rock Hundred Acres Cellar will provide undercover workshop to use grapevine prunings and New Zealand flax to make a ball sculpture for indoor/outdoor lighting. This event will take the form of a series of three monthly workshops, Saturday or Sunday, depending on demand, led by Mr Kim O'Brien with other members of Rubicon River Arts. As yet, the dates are not set as the grape season has been affected by unusual weather patterns and pruning may be later than usual. Cost is \$20. To secure a place, email kim.obrien@vacet.com.au

The group's Annual Exhibition "Rhythm of Life" opens in early June at Ghost Rock Vineyard. Come along and share in celebrating 10 years of Rubicon River Arts.



Following the Annual General Meeting of Port Sorell U3A in March where Mike McHugo, John Sumpton and Warren Lockett did not seek re-election; Barrie Porch was elected President, Lesley Young as Vice President, Wendy Sinfield as Secretary. Cheryl Williams is holding the purse strings while Gerry Chivers is letting you know all about happenings in the role of Public Officer. This team is ably supported by Jenny Connors, Diane Kelly and Ann Lewis.

Programs for Term 2, which run from 29 May to 11 August, will be announced on 8 May. Enrolments close on 19 May.

The morning tea and information session will be at the Banksia Centre, Port Sorell at 10:00am on 12 May.

On 15 July another Astronomy Day will be held following the overwhelming success of last year's event. Alan Wright, formerly Chief Astronomer at the Parkes Radio Telescope will present a brand new program. Details will be available on the website from early June. Bookings will be required.

This event will also be open to non-members so if you have always wondered what sort of things happen at U3A you can come along and find out for yourself. Put the date in your diary.

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.

New "Panatana" Private Reserve



Rubicon Coast and Landcare members care for the native vegetation along the west side of the Rubicon Estuary from Point Sorell to Squeaking Point. Hard working volunteers remove exotic weeds and plant indigenous trees, shrubs and grasses to stabilise the soil and provide habitat for native animals and birds. To join Rubicon Coast and Landcare, contact the Secretary, Eugene Holloway, on 0428 135 507 or by email at rubicon_inc@hotmail.com

Members are pleased that a stretch of bushland on the east side of the Rubicon Estuary, across from the Port Sorell boat ramp, is now also in safe hands.

The Tasmanian Land Conservancy and the Indigenous Land Corporation have formed a partnership to buy a property called "Panatana", which stretches from the edge of the Rubicon Estuary through to Bakers Beach Road, just south of Marana Drive. They will manage "Panatana" for its natural and cultural values. This private reserve will secure the future of endangered swamp paperbark forest, black peppermint woodlands and fine grass trees, and retain a natural bushland vista for the residents of Port Sorell.

For more information about "Panatana", see tasland.org.au/reserves/panatana/

Leadership Nominations Sought



The Rotary Club of Latrobe has been extremely busy in past weeks, celebrating the Club's 60th anniversary, running a very successful North West Wedding Expo and hosting second-year medical students who are undertaking their rural placement in the Latrobe area.

Over the next few months Rotary will be involved in a number of events, including their annual Vocational Awards night which gives recognition and thanks to individuals of the local area for their outstanding contributions.

The "Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment" (RYPEN) is Rotary's residential leadership camp for students who have already demonstrated some leadership in their personal, school or community lives. Nominations are sought from Grade 10 students living in the Latrobe municipality. RYPEN will be held 19-21 May. Please apply to the Year Coordinator of your school for further information or contact Peter (0407 871 137) or Robyn (0419 253 991).

The Rotary Club of Latrobe would like to extend a huge thank you to all the Friends of Rotary (and others) who volunteered their assistance to set up and run the annual North West Wedding Expo.

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. There is no cost involved in becoming a Friend of Rotary. If this sounds like you, then please contact David (6426 2827) or John (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.

Tours Reveals Past Activities

In March, members and friends of the Port Sorell History Group toured several historic sites. Near Green's Creek, Harford, they visited the site of a hut used by swan-hunters in the 1820s and of a water-powered flour mill.

By courtesy of local landholders, the group explored the vicinity of the Bream Hole, observing the ford used by travellers before the bridge was built [1900], and a massive stone wall. At Finger Point they saw an 1830s land reclamation project involving a substantial hand-dug sea wall and wooden sluice-pipes, and an ancient wood-lined sheep-dip. At nearby Chalk Bluff, noted for its fossils, they found heaps of ballast which had been unloaded from vessels loading wattle bark, a trade which commenced in the 1820s.

In 1870, Thomas Cutts is said to have unloaded a steam engine at nearby Greens Creek Wharf. Tour members were in awe of the enterprise shown by early settlers.

The Port Sorell History Group meets at 4:00pm on the third Monday at the Port Sorell Memorial Hall. New members and interested persons are always welcome.

For more information, contact Russ (6428 6184) or Betty (6428 6199).

Scrapbooking Genealogy

The Tasmanian Family History Society Inc. Mersey Branch has embraced the art of scrapbooking. With a number of experienced 'scrapbookers' as members, the society is using their skills to display their family histories. The albums that are produced are special today and 'keepsakes' for the future. Due to the interest shown, the Mersey Branch will be holding a scrapbook display, including soup and sandwich lunch at 12 noon on 24 June.

RSVP's are essential to the Secretary (6428 6328) or the history room (6426 2257 from 11:00am until 3:00pm on a Tuesday and Friday) as the history room, located behind the Latrobe Library in Gilbert Street, Latrobe, has limited capacity.

Surf Club Season Over for Another Year

Another summer is over and the Port Sorell Surf Life Saving Club is celebrating their members' achievements.

Publicity Officer, Gina Harvey said "our Nippers and Cadets have excelled this season in training and competitions and we are grateful for their commitment and dedication to surf lifesaving sports. We had 50 Surf Life Saving Patrollers keeping an eye on Freers Beach from the beginning of summer until the end of March, every weekend and public holiday. This resulted in 1,095 volunteer hours and while there were no serious incidents, we continue to see people using kayaks without lifejackets and we are providing assistance to people who get blown away from shore in various flotation toys. Please remember to wear your life jacket when using a kayak - it is a MAST requirement.

Over winter and spring, our surf lifesaving patrollers will be maintaining their skills by continuing to swim and refresh their CPR, first aid and advanced resuscitation skills in readiness for next summer. This is all achieved by a very talented and amazing team of volunteers who give their time to keep our beaches safe.

Please keep supporting Market by the Beach and any other fund raising initiative of our surf club. Keep up to date with our activities by liking us on Facebook."

Latrobe Success at State Titles

The Latrobe Croquet Club continues their celebrations after the State Association Croquet Divisional Singles Championships held at the Northern Tasmania Croquet Centre in March; when members took two of the three State Titles being contested.

In the 5-20 Division, there was a three-way tie on games won but with a superior hoop difference Latrobe member Steff Anderson won the title.

In the 9-20 Division another Latrobe member, Joan Gill, tied on games but was beaten on hoop difference with Chris West a game away in third place.

In the 16-20 Division Roberta Campbell remained undefeated for the competition thus winning the Division Championship.

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

Birthday Celebration Success

At the 130th Anniversary of the Latrobe Baptist Church (26 March) two descendants from the Johnson and Townsend families (who were present as founding members in 1887) gave some very interesting stories regarding their background.

The large congregation was enthralled to hear some details from past records, as well as hearing David Rockliff (the Singing Farmer) perform.

Hilton and Shirley Cairns also presented a delicately carved piece of woodwork to the church to mark the 130 years.

A 130th Anniversary cake was enjoyed by all, along with a sumptuous morning tea. The inspection of a table of memorabilia provided a fitting climax to a wonderful morning.

The Latrobe Baptist Church expressed their thanks to all who contributed towards the occasion.

Creativity Abounds in Events



There is a lot happening with the Latrobe Apex Club and it all seems to revolve around creativity.

The Club is again hosting the Latrobe Apex Art & Photographic Exhibition on the weekend of 27-28 May in the Memorial Hall. Refer to separate article.

On 2 September, the Tasmanian Apex Australia Teenage Fashion and Arts State Final will be held in Latrobe. Mrs Tammy Jeffrey said "I was lucky enough to go the National Final last year in Melbourne as a chaperone for the State Finalists and was blown away of the talent of the students. If you are interested in having a look at some of the costumes or would like to help with sponsorship, please go online to the Tasmania Apex Australia Teenage Fashion and Arts Festival. In the last two years we have displayed some of the costumes at the Truly Tasmanian Craft Exhibition & Sale."

Speaking of which, stallholder applications have now closed for the 2017 Truly Tasmanian Craft Exhibition and Sale being held the first long weekend in November. If you would like to register your interest for 2018, please phone Mrs Jeffrey on 0417 132 687 or jump onto Facebook - Truly Tasmanian Craft Exhibition & Sale. In order to participate, your products must be Truly Tasmanian - made in Tasmania by Tasmanians. There is some conjecture that

the club may run an “over flow” event as a result of the interest.

If you are aged 18-45 and would like to get involved in your community through the Apex Club of Latrobe, phone Mrs Jeffrey on the number above or email latrobe@apex.org.au for more information.

Planning for the Year Ahead



The Lions Club of Latrobe club elections were held recently with Phil Jeffrey returned as President, Harold Deverell as 1st Vice President, Heather Warner as 2nd VP, Kae Campbell as Secretary and Stuart Ritchie as Treasurer.

The club is continuing with plans for an Antiques and Collectibles Fair in October, the Latrobe Christmas Parade in December as well as other regular activities.

Additionally, the club undertakes a variety of projects that benefit the community.

Club representatives, in conjunction with members from the Rotary Club of Latrobe, are again planning for Henley-on-Mersey on Australia Day 2018. Over \$27,000 of funds from previous Henley events have off-set the \$80,000 project cost for the new U7's playground equipment at Bells Parade. Each year funds are allocated to a project that enhances the Bells Parade area.

Are you interested in being a part of a worldwide service club, making new friends, exploring new horizons? For more information contact Peter at Morse's Butchery, Kae on 6426 1442, Stuart at Ritchie's Supermarket, Heather Warner or any Lions Member

Please don't throw away your used stamps, through sales via the Lions Stamp Collectors they help provide a child with cerebral palsy with a walker. And as for those old spectacles they'll put them to good use too.

Funding Opportunities

Touring Grants

Available to eligible organisers of auto, motorbike, cycle or walking tours in Tasmania during the winter and shoulder season. Funding is based on the number of interstate or international participants staying in paid commercial accommodation for five nights or more, with 40 percent or more of the tour being held in regional areas..

Funding Amount - up to \$15,000

Closes – 3 months prior to commencement of your tour

For more information,

<http://www.eventstasmania.com/funding/grants/touring> or info@eventstasmania.com



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

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

Heywire Youth Innovation Grants

Invites communities who are interested in issues including youth justice, substance abuse, careers in farming and multiculturalism to apply to implement ideas developed at the Heywire Regional Youth Summit by applying for seed-funding through the Foundation for Regional and Rural Renewal (FRRR).

Funding Amount - \$10,000.

Closes - 15 May.

For more information, www.abc.net.au/heywire/grants/

AMP's Tomorrow Fund

Gives amazing Australians doing great things the chance to share in \$1 million in grants. Individuals of all ages, walks of life, interests and abilities who are working towards a goal that will have a positive impact on the community can apply.

Funding Amount - between \$10,000 to \$100,000. Total pool of \$1m nationally.

Closes - 16 May

For more information, ampstomorrowfund.com.au.

Screen Tasmania

Providing grants and equity investments in the development, production and marketing of Tasmanian screen projects, including drama, documentaries, feature films, TV series and digital media. Most funds are only open to 'emerging' or 'experienced' practitioners, that is, those with at least one recognised credit.

Funding Amount - Various

For more information, go to

http://www.screen.tas.gov.au/funding_and_support or email screenapplications@screen.tas.gov.au

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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1-31 Heritage Festival - "Having a Voice" - at various venues. Details at <https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf>

6 Walk for Kodi around Thompsons Park and Pig Island, Latrobe. Gold coin donation. Registrations from 10:30am, walk starts at 11:00am. Funds raise will support legal expenses in the fight to lift the Dangerous Dog Title that has been placed on Kodi for

defending himself in his yard. Details at
www.facebook.com/events/1457498710989429/

- 7 **Latrobe Cemetery Working Bee**, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 10:00am until 11:15am.
☎ 0417 598 116

8-14 National Volunteer Week

14 Mother's Day

- 14 **Jacob and Laura** perform at Ghost Rock Vineyard, 1055 Port Sorell Main Road, Northdown from 1pm until 4pm. Bookings through Cellar Door essential - 6428 4005. No cost for entry.

- 26 **Awards Presentation for Latrobe Apex Art & Photographic Exhibition** at the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 7:00 pm. Admission cost applies. ☎ 0417 132 687

- 27-28 **Latrobe Apex Art & Photographic Exhibition** at the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe. There is no theme. Full details are available at www.facebook.com/groups/139011633156450/ or by phoning Tammy on 0417 132 687.

- 27 **Sassafras Fire Brigade Open Day** at 7723 Bass Highway, Sassafras from 10:00am until 2:00pm. All welcome. Come and view the new fire station and chat with volunteer fireies and other emergency support organisations.

- 28 **2B Build Shoot** at the Fossil Bank Gun Club, 435 Native Plains Road, Sassafras commencing at 10:00am. ☎ 0457 429 923

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- 4 **Lilium Bulb Sale** at the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 11:00am until 1:00pm.
☎ 6435 1298

- 7 **Soup and Sandwich Luncheon** at the Port Sorell Bowls Club from 12 noon. A fundraiser by the Rubicon Grove Auxiliary. Costs apply. Bookings to ☎ 0408 637 019 or 0409 195 178

- 8 **Estate Planning and Will Writing** with the Public Trustee at the Latrobe Council office, 170 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 9:30am until 4:00pm. To make an appointment, phone 1800 068 784 or 6430 3600 and ask for Lynette

- 11 **The Speakeasy's** perform at Ghost Rock Vineyard, 1055 Port Sorell Main Road, Northdown from 1pm until 4pm. Bookings through Cellar Door essential - 6428 4005. No cost for entry.

- 24 **Genealogy Scrapbooking Workshop** at the Tasmanian Family History Scrapbook Workshop behind the Latrobe Library in Gilbert Street, Latrobe ☎ 6428 6328 or 6426 2257 for more details.

- 25 **Roy Holden Memorial Shoot** at the Fossil Bank Gun Club, 435 Native Plains Road, Sassafras commencing at 10:00am. ☎ 0457 429 923

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- 2 **State Motorkhana Series Ride 5 MGCCT** at Gulf Western and Independent Oils Raceway, Speedway Drive, Latrobe. ☎ 0418 378 214

- 2 **Guinea Pig Show** at the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert 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

- 7 **World Chocolate Day** and release of Chocolate Winterfest, Latrobe program of events

- 15 **Latrobe Football Club Hall of Fame Awards** in the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe.

☎ 0418 579 530

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

- 28 **Schools Tree Day** - register at
http://treeday.planetark.org/schools/

- 30 **National Tree Day** - http://treeday.planetark.org/

- 31 **Telstra nbn Information Kiosk** in Fairway Crescent, Shearwater Village until 5 August. 9:00am until 5:00pm Monday-Friday and 9:00am to 3:00pm Saturday

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- 13 **Chocolate Winterfest, Latrobe** - a wickedly delicious festival celebrating all things chocolate at venues in and around the town of Latrobe from 10:30am until 3:30pm. www.chocolatewinterfest.com.au

- 13 **State Motorkhana Series Ride 6 MGCCT** at Gulf Western and Independent Oils Raceway, Speedway Drive, Latrobe. ☎ 0418 378 214

- 27 **Sports Hut Shoot** at 435 Native Plains Road, Sassafras at 10:00am. ☎ 0457 429 923

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- 2 **Tasmanian Apex Australia Teenage Fashion and Arts State Final** in the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe. ☎ 0417 132 687

- 9-10 **Tasmanian Band Championships** at the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe and a street march in Gilbert Street, Latrobe. ☎ 0413 126 292

- 24 **Barry Hill Trusses Shoot** at 435 Native Plains Road, Sassafras commencing at 10:00am. ☎ 0457 429 923

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