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## One in 100-Year Flood

### A reflection by Mayor Peter Freshney

I'm not sure where to start when writing this article but suffice to say the past three weeks have been a "difficult" period for our community, and even now the rain continues to fall and cause angst for many of our residents and businesses. To describe the recent flooding as a catastrophic event would be an understatement and I still struggle to comprehend the volume and speed of the flood waters that inundated Latrobe and surrounding farms and forests on 6 June.

To see the damage and devastation first hand has been overwhelming but equally, I am in awe of this community and those who assisted in the evacuations and rescues during the initial phase of our response. We owe a debt of gratitude to our police officers and their leaders, our local fire brigades, 44<sup>th</sup> Transport Squadron, SES and our own Council workers who, together, risked life and limb in their efforts to rescue and evacuate in excess of 100 residents from their flooded properties. In all, 121 properties in our municipality were impacted by floodwaters and many are still uninhabitable and will be for some time.

The response to this emergency has been incredible and I have been amazed by the resilience, the generosity and the compassion that has been evident through-out this most trying of times. I am personally indebted to Tasmania

Police Divisional Inspector Shane LeFevre, Anthony Dick from the SES, Rob Deverell of the Tasmania Fire Service, Cpl Rob Eddy of the 44<sup>th</sup> Transport Squadron, Tasmanian Health Service/Regional Recovery Co-ordinator Toni Brown and the entire management team and staff from the Latrobe Council for their leadership and support over the past few weeks. The command centre established in the Council Chambers on that Monday morning was a hive of activity for the following few days and we had so many people and organisations offering and providing support in our combined effort to manage the situation as best we

could.

Those who manned and supported the regional Evacuation Centre at the East Devonport Recreation Ground and subsequent Recovery Centre at the Latrobe Memorial Hall combined to provide a level of support and guidance that had to be seen to be believed. Basic necessities were quickly organised while many visitors took advantage of the chance to have a hot drink and a meal while working through their individual needs with the staff from a wide range of support agencies that were present on site.

The generosity and compassion has continued throughout the initial clean-up period and a virtual army of volunteers have worked tirelessly to assist property owners and those affected by the floods. Our local sporting clubs, service organisations, businesses and organisations from further afield have led the way and we are grateful for each and every contribution and donation to the recovery effort. Put simply, there are just too many to thank individually but we intend to host a community thank you at an appropriate time in the not too distant future.

Many have suffered losses and heartache over the past few weeks but none more so than "Tickle" and the Allford family. On behalf of our community I extend our heartfelt sympathy and condolences on the tragic loss of a loving wife and mother. Houses, roads and bridges we can repair but family members are treasured forever.



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## Wickedly Delicious Festival Returns

Chocolate Winterfest is Latrobe's wickedly delicious festival celebrating all things chocolaty, returning this year on Sunday, 14 August from 10.30am until 3.30pm.

Throughout the festival, patrons indulge in events individually or successively as the festival takes place at various locations in and around the town of Latrobe.

"The festival became established in 2004 with the relocation of the House of Anvers Chocolate Factory to Latrobe. The town of Latrobe was looking to reinvigorate its economy during the quieter Winter months and the House of Anvers had just moved into the neighbourhood and were really starting to take off as maker of quality Belgium chocolates. A chance conversation identified a common goal and the resulting festival - Chocolate Winterfest, Latrobe - emerged and continues to go from strength to strength," said Festival Director, Mrs Michelle Dutton.

Sunday, 14 August will be the 13th staging of Chocolate Winterfest, Latrobe with a variety of favourites and new activities indulging, informing, astounding, amusing but above all celebrating chocolate. And what better way to escape the bleakness of Winter!

The release of the full program will take place on World Chocolate Day on 7 July however a sneak peak includes -

- Chocolate Wonders of Wearable Art - a favourite where the talent of transforming a chocolate product into a wearable costume amazes
- Chocolate Mousse Mayhem - teams of two, blindfolded and feeding each other chocolate;
- "In the Raw" Chocolate Cake Competition for men only - unfilled and un-iced - just "au naturale"
- Chocolate High Tea at the House of Anvers and so much more!

There is no gate admission to the majority of activities within the festival program however there are generally participation costs.

For more information, visit [www.chocolatewinterfest.com.au](http://www.chocolatewinterfest.com.au).

Don't forget to check out the Taking Part page as well as the Program page to fully immerse yourself in this experience.

## Latrobe Federal Band Celebrated

On 7 June, Council hosted a Civic Reception to acknowledge and congratulate the Latrobe Federal Band on their recent achievement in winning first place in the C-Grade division at the Yamaha National Band Championships held in Gawler, South Australia in March.

As an integral part of the Latrobe Municipality, Council and the community are quite rightly proud of the Latrobe Federal Band's success and their continued contribution to our community.



## Planning Team Addition

Council is pleased to introduce its new Planning Officer Jasmin Briggs who commenced with Council on 30 May, filling the vacancy of Rhys Male.

Jasmin's background in environment and planning law is bound to strengthen the Planning Department as staff continue to assist residents and developers with their enquiries.

Jasmin relocated to Tasmania from New South Wales with her partner, in search of the good life and believes that that decision is one of her best yet.



## Land Use Review for Tarleton, Coal Hill Road and Spreyton Area

Council's land use strategy for the Latrobe township and its immediate surrounds, the *Latrobe Township and Environs Strategic Plan 2009*, includes a recommendation for a further assessment of the Tarleton and Spreyton area. The review is now complete.

Also including consideration of the Coal Hill Road area, which is adjacent to Tarleton, the resulting report specifies the projected demand for residential, industrial and commercial use and considers that demand in conjunction with the future social, economic and environmental needs of the area.

The resultant report, *Draft Tarleton/Spreyton/Coal Hill Road Land Use Review 2016*, was presented to Council at its meeting held on 14 June where it was resolved to -

- Receive the document Draft Latrobe Township and Environs Land Use and Development Strategy: March 2009, and
- Place the document on public exhibition for a period of 30 days, and
- Review the document at the end of the 30 day exhibition period taking into consideration the content of any public submission received.

The report is available for perusal on Council's website at [www.latrobe.tas.gov.au](http://www.latrobe.tas.gov.au) or at the Latrobe Council Office, 170 Gilbert Street, Latrobe between from 8:00am until 4:30pm Monday to Friday.

Representations must be submitted in writing to The General Manager, Latrobe Council, P O Box 63, Latrobe 7307 or emailed to [council@latrobe.tas.gov.au](mailto:council@latrobe.tas.gov.au) by the close of business on Monday, 18 July.

Should you have any queries please contact Council's Manager Planning and Building Services, Sharon Holland, or Planning Consultant, Ian Newman, on 6426 4444 or email [council@latrobe.tas.gov.au](mailto:council@latrobe.tas.gov.au).

## Rates Notice Via Email Option

To cater for residents that prefer a paperless society, Council is able to email your rates notice as from the first instalment date. This is however an opt in service.

Should you wish to receive your rates notice electronically, please forward your details to [lisas@latrobe.tas.gov.au](mailto:lisas@latrobe.tas.gov.au). These details will not be provided to any third party.

## Discover Your Inner Scientist!

On 7 September, 1936, the last known Thylacine (Tasmanian Tiger) died at the Hobart Zoo.

Eighty years on, two BioBlitzes (at Hobart and Latrobe) will explore the diversity of our local plants and animals, and reflect on this year's theme for the day: 'Extinction Matters'.

The Latrobe BioBlitz will be held on 9-10 September and will explore and celebrate the biodiversity of the Bell's Parade precinct inclusive of Pig Island and Dooleys Hill.

A BioBlitz is a festival of science in nature - an effort by the community, working with scientists and naturalists, to discover and

record as many living things as possible within each site for a set period (30 hours in this case).

Dr Claire Hawkins of the The Bookend Trust said "we'll obtain new information for each site - for the land managers, the museums and public Natural Values Atlas database - while sharing the joy of science in general and the discovery of our local biodiversity in particular.

With the recent floods in Latrobe, its BioBlitz will be an opportunity to investigate how the local flora and fauna are faring; what's changed and have any newcomers been washed in?

Come and join the discovery team as you work collaboratively with leading scientists and develop your own skills in detecting, identifying and recording the incredible diversity of nature in your own backyard.

Activities on Friday will include a range of school-specific options, with interpretive night walks and surveys for families in the evening and plenty more happening the following day.

Stalls with information on plant and animal species from the area will be of interest as you help find as many species as you can.

Join experts for a dawn bird survey; see what you can spot during surveys for species such as orchids, fungi, beetles, crickets and snails through the day; help set camera traps to be checked the following morning and choose various bat, owl, moth and platypus activities through the night.

Whether you're a scientist, a naturalist, a teacher or simply a curious member of the public - come and join in. Spare an hour, or jump in boots and all for the entire event!

Volunteers to help with the event organisation are also extremely welcome. A partnership between Latrobe Council, the Bookend Trust and the City of Hobart is developing this initiative, but we need support from as many individuals and organisations as possible to make it a success!"

To stay up to date as plans unfold, like the Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/extinctionmatters/> or register your interest on EventBrite at [www.eventbrite.com.au/e/extinction-matters-bioblitz-latrobe-tickets-25965399208](http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/extinction-matters-bioblitz-latrobe-tickets-25965399208) (the link is also on the Facebook page). Opportunities to book for specific surveys will be coming shortly.

You can also get in touch directly with the Bookend Trust's BioBlitz coordinator [clare.hawkins@utas.edu.au](mailto:clare.hawkins@utas.edu.au).

## Free Standing Signs Policy

Council recently adopted to reinstate a Free Standing Signs Policy in preparation for the transition to the Tasmanian Planning Scheme.

The purpose of the Free Standing Policy is to ensure that free standing signs which are often referred to as sandwich boards, are not a risk to foot or vehicular traffic and are aesthetically pleasing yet meet the advertising needs of the commercial establishment.

A copy of the Free Standing Signs Policy is available from Council.

## Dogs and Cat Registrations Due

Under the Dog Control Act 2000, ALL dogs over the age of six months must be microchipped and registered in the Municipality in which they are kept.

Owners of registered dogs and cats with Latrobe Council should have now received a renewal for the 2016-17 financial year, provided your address details have not changed.

Latrobe Council will be offering a discounted period of registration until 31 July inclusive. The full fee applies from 1 August.

If there are more than two dogs kept at a property, an annual kennel licence is required.

Council's Animal Control contractors undertake house-to-house inspections on an ad hoc basis. If a dog is found not to be registered or micro chipped, the owner can be fined.

Whilst legislation on cat ownership has tightened in recent years, cat registration is still voluntary. Registering your cat is a safeguard if it becomes lost or caught in any of the cages that are out in the community to catch feral/stray animals.

If you no longer have your pet, please advise Council.

## Support for Community Groups

Council's annual Community Grants, where eligible organisations can apply for financial assistance from Council to either -

- fund an Emerging Need in the areas of environment; sport and recreation; health and community welfare; or
  - receive Arts, Culture and Festivals Sponsorship
- were recently awarded for the 2016-17 financial year as follows -
- \$271.82 to the Devonport 4WD Club Inc to purchase an EPIRB
  - \$490.91 to the Devonport 4WD Club Inc to purchase x2 UHF handheld radios
  - \$1,500 to the Fossil Bank Gun Club to purchase new clay target traps
  - \$1,500 to the Latrobe Districts Softball Assoc. to purchase replacement softball equipment
  - \$1,500 to the Latrobe Baptist Church Men's Shed to offset the cost of purchasing a defibrillator
  - \$588.02 to the Latrobe Basketball Assoc. to purchase two ball trolleys
  - \$1,500 to the Latrobe Croquet Club Inc. as a contribution towards the purchase of croquet equipment



- \$1,500 to the North Western Pistol Club of Tasmania Inc. to partially fund the erection of a toilet facility and painting of shipping containers
- \$1,500 to assist the Port Sorell Golf Club to relocate tee beds on the 8<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> hole
- \$1,500 to the Rubicon Grove Auxiliary to support the development of a sensory garden at Rubicon Grove for dementia clients (internally and externally)
- \$757.26 to the Rubicon Sea Scout Group to upgrade camping and safety equipment
- \$1,000 to the Tasmanian Family History Society Inc. towards the supply and installation of a reverse cycle air conditioning unit
- \$1,000 to the Wesley Vale Football Club Inc. for the purchase of replacement chairs
- \$750 to the Latrobe High School Assoc. for the purchase new equipment to support their bi-annual production and make available to the wider community for events
- \$750 to The Bookend Trust to cover marquee hire and miscellaneous items for September's BioBlitz within the Bells Parade precinct.

If your organisation didn't apply this time around and have a community project or event in mind for the 2017-18 financial year, why not consider applying next March? To discuss your possible application, please contact Michelle Dutton on 6426 4444.

### Council's Current Works Report

The following works are scheduled to be undertaken throughout the Latrobe Municipality during July and August;

#### Roads:

- Works as part of flood recovery.
- Pavement preparation works for the annual bituminous resurfacing program.
- General sealed road maintenance.
- Annual shoulder and verge grading program.
- Road drainage clearing.
- Placing armour rock in roadside drains to reduce drain invert erosion.
- Unsealed gravel road surface maintenance.
- Regular pothole maintenance.
- Night time delineation and signs inspections.

#### Buildings:

- Works as part of flood recovery.
- General building maintenance.
- Urban stormwater maintenance.
- Upgrade of Elderly Persons Units as required.

#### Parks and Reserves:

- Prepare Latrobe Recreation Ground and environs for sporting and community events.
- Maintain street cleanliness and regular rubbish removal.
- Ground maintenance of Council's Elderly Persons Unit complexes.
- General parks and reserves maintenance including pruning, mowing and weed spraying.

Should you have any queries in relation to same, please do not hesitate to contact Council's Works Manager on 0418 104 330.



### Our Future Your Hands

The 2016 Cradle Coast Qantaslink Tourism Forum - the biggest tourism industry event in Tasmania's North West - invites tourism industry leaders, tourism operators and employees to indulge in two days of inspiration at Ulverstone on 27-28 July.

This year the Forum is asking the big questions: What is the future of the Tourism Industry in the Cradle Coast Region and the State of Tasmania - and in whose hands is this future?

These are questions that everyone within the tourism industry should be seeking answers to. If operators don't have some idea of where the future is going and who is controlling it, how can you as an industry be confident that you are ready for what is ahead?

For further information on the forum or for ticket details go to [http://www.cradlecoast.com/tourism\\_forum.html](http://www.cradlecoast.com/tourism_forum.html).

### Improving Wood Heater Efficiency

The cold winter weather is well and truly upon us so please remember some simple tips when using your wood heater to ensure you get the best from your wood heater and that your neighbours are not adversely affected by its smoke.

- Only burn dry, seasoned, untreated wood;
- When starting the fire use small dry kindling and burn on high air flow for 30 minutes after lighting;
- Once the fire is burning well, reload regularly but do not over fill the heater, and keep the fire burning brightly so it doesn't smoulder;
- Go outside and check the chimney for smoke emissions, if you can see smoke adjust the fire for better burning;
- At least ½ hour before you go to bed reload the heater with good quality wood and run it on high for 25 minutes - never shut the air flow right down (*Turning the air supply right down does not gain you any advantage, because the wood will only smoulder, creating little heat and a large amount of wood smoke*);
- Next morning, light a fresh fire in the warm firebox;
- Have the flu on your heater cleaned regularly; and
- Ensure when buying a new heater that it is suitable for your size home and meets the current Australian Standards (*There should be a compliance plate on the back of the heater*).

For further advice, contact Council's Environmental Health Officer, Glenys Nicholls on 6426 4444.

### School Safety Reminder



The community is reminded that when driving near schools, cars **must stop at all times** for people crossing at flagged school crossings.

While not every flagged crossing has a crossing guard, motorists are legally required to stop and allow people to cross at this zone when the bright orange flags are installed.

Persons crossing are generally students and may be walking or on their bikes.

Students are regularly reminded to cross safely and sensibly; waiting on the curb for the cars to stop in both directions before crossing. Due to the sensible actions of students, some accidents have been avoided.

Your assistance in helping to spread the word on this and look after the safety of our children is appreciated.

## Will You Drive Tasmania's Economic Development?

Community volunteers are being sought to join the Regional Development Australia (RDA) Tasmania Committee to fill general Committee positions.

Made up of local people volunteering their time and energy to develop local solutions to local issues, RDA are seeking leaders with the skills, experience and knowledge to build networks within the business community, industry, education and all levels of government to facilitate wide consultation and develop local solutions for regional economic development.

This is a great opportunity for people within the community, who care about Tasmania, to step forward and commit to making big decisions about our future.

RDA Tasmania's priorities for our State are:

- Expand and grow economic activity in Tasmania;
- Increase collaboration and efficiencies between federal, state and local government;
- Improve literacy, numeracy and education levels within the Tasmanian community;
- Address the needs of Tasmania's changing demographic profile.

For further information, including an EOI form and information booklet, go to <https://rda.gov.au/join-your-rda>, phone 1800 505 938 (Mon-Fri 9.00am-5.00pm) or email [rdaeo@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:rdaeo@infrastructure.gov.au).

## Annoying Neighbours with Noise

Noise pollution is sound at a level that is annoying, distracting or physically harmful. This can mean different things to different people. In residential areas, an acceptable level of noise for one person may be unacceptable to another. A person's reaction to noise may also depend on the time of the day and the nature of the noise.

The general approach to residential noise management in Tasmania is that a person's use of noise-making equipment, as well as their recreational activities, must not unreasonably interfere with their neighbour's wellbeing. This includes the neighbour's ability to use both indoor and outdoor spaces on their property.

To assist in protecting the community from unwanted noise, 'Permissible Hours of Use' have been legislated - <http://epa.tas.gov.au/epa/residential-noise-and-hours-of-use>.

### Any noise may be unreasonable

Noise occurring at any time, including within the Permissible Hours of Use, can still be determined as unreasonable, as can noise from equipment not listed in the Noise Regulations. Section 53 of the Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994 allows for the following factors to be considered when assessing whether a residential noise is unreasonable:

- Its volume, intensity or duration;
- The time, place and other circumstances in which it is emitted; and
- Whether it is, or is likely to be, audible in a habitable room in any other residential premises.

For complaints about excessive noise, please contact -

- Latrobe Council's Environmental Health Officer from Monday to Friday between the hours of 8:00am until 4:30pm;

- Tasmania Police on 131 444 outside these hours or
- the Department of Environment Noise Specialist - 6165 4599 or email [EnvironmentEnquiries@environment.tas.gov.au](mailto:EnvironmentEnquiries@environment.tas.gov.au)

## Are You The Next MasterChef?



What's been missing from MasterChef Australia? A Tasmanian contestant.

To attempt to remedy this, MasterChef Australia is urging all Tasmanians interested in taking a step towards their food dream to apply to be a contestant in the next series.

With applications closing on Friday, 5 August, further information is available at [masterchef9.castasugar.com](http://masterchef9.castasugar.com).

## Latest Visitor Numbers

The latest results from the Tasmanian Visitor Survey reflect that for the year ending March 2016 there were 1.18 million visitors to Tasmania; up 7% over the same period last year.

The survey also showed that visitors spent \$2.01 billion, also up 7% last year and the first time an annual \$2 billion visitor spend has been achieved which is really good news for Tasmania's tourism industry.

## Reduce the Number of Unwanted Litters

Cats and dogs are loving pets that provide companionship and affection to many people across Australia. Tragically however, each year, RSPCA shelters take in around 160,000 animals nationally, many of which are the result of unplanned breeding. Desexing is an effective strategy to prevent these unwanted pregnancies.

The month of July is National Desexing Month, a campaign to help reduce the number of unwanted kittens and puppies. This year's theme is *Don't like Surprises? Desex your pet.*

Aside from preventing accidental litters, there are many health and behavioural benefits to desexing. Did you know?

- Desexed animals live longer and healthier lives;
- Desexed pets are less likely to fight or get lost;
- Desexed pets are more affectionate and become better companions.

For more information, access the NDN (National Desexing Network) website at <http://ndn.org.au/national-desexing-month.html>. This website also provides a list of participating veterinary clinics that are offering discounts for desexing during the month of July.

## Building Update

A total of 48 building applications were submitted to Council for approval at its May and June Council meetings with a conservative construction cost of \$7,442,500. They consisted of 25 dwellings; 2 dwelling additions/alterations; 14 outbuildings; 3 commercial and 2 others.

## Community Consultation

Council recently held consultative evenings at Sassafras and Tarleton with local residents. These informal gatherings were well attended with robust conversations on a variety of topics with relevance specifically to those areas in the Municipality, including the Statewide Planning Initiative, resource sharing, local government reform, Council's budget and 10 year works plan.

Noting that there are pockets of our Municipality that tend not to readily engage with Council throughout existing opportunities, it is proposed to expand this engagement in those areas.

## Auxiliary Funds Liver Testing Equipment

A Mersey Community Hospital (MCH) Auxiliary donation of a new 'extra-large' sized probe to be used with the hospital's fibroscan unit mean all patients - regardless of weight - can now undergo this non-invasive liver test. The \$36,300 probe is specifically designed to test the liver function (assessing fibrosis) of patients with a Body Mass Index (BMI) above 25.



*Pictured: MCH Auxiliary members Ros Scott, Kay Hull, Maureen Clark and MCH Clinical Nurse Specialist in Hepatology Karen Moore*

MCH Clinical Nurse Specialist in Hepatology Karen Moore said the donation had made a big difference to both patient comfort levels. "When the MCH-based fibroscan unit was purchased a few years ago, it significantly reduced the need for invasive liver

biopsy (to test for fibrosis) for many patients," Ms Moore said.

"However, the existing 'medium' sized probe had some limitations, as it was only able to scan patients with a BMI below 25.

"Now that we have the new scanner, we can now immediately assess fibrosis on all our patients, which is absolutely fantastic."

MCH General Manager Eric Daniels has again thanked the Auxiliary for their latest donation.

"We are talking about a piece of equipment which is worth almost \$40,000 - it is simply incredible to think that the funds for this have been entirely raised by our hard working auxiliary," Mr Daniels said.

"We are so very grateful to our Auxiliary, and look forward to continue working with them on upcoming projects in 2016 and beyond!"

MCH Auxiliary President Maureen Clark said the auxiliary felt very special to be able to help people from their donations.

"Thank you to all the members who work hard in our kiosk," Mrs Clark said.

### Launch into Learning

Launch into Learning continues at Latrobe Primary School or children from birth to four years of age from Term 3 (18 July). Accompanied by a parent/carer, these "stay and play" sessions include -

- Rhythm and Rhyme on a Monday (9.00am-10.15am) in the Music room on the corner of Lewis and Cotton Streets;
- Art Play on a Thursday (9.00am-10.15am) at the Eastern Kindergarten; and
- Little People Play on a Friday (9.00am-12noon) at the Eastern Kindergarten.

All sessions are free of charge with further details available from the Latrobe Primary School (6426 1203) or their Skoolbag app.



LIFT means Learning in Families Together and it is a Government initiative in Tasmania across 80 schools, designed to increase a culture of family, school and community engagement in children's learning to improve literacy and numeracy outcomes.

Latrobe Primary School staff are exploring barriers to family engagement and ways in which they can build stronger learning partnerships with families and community organisations.

Prep held the first LIFT LAUNCH for families during term 2 and a sense of energy and motivation is growing about the ways in which families can help their children with literacy and numeracy at home and in the community. Families are getting involved in collecting recycled, natural and other useful materials to create literacy and numeracy activity boxes that children can borrow each week.

As the family engagement deepens, LIFT will be weaving its magic more broadly so stay tuned for more information to come.

### Engage in National Tree Day



Planet Ark is celebrating 20 years of National Tree Day and Schools Tree Day - Australia's largest community tree-planting and nature care event. Tree Day is an opportunity to do something positive for your local

environment and community and to reconnect with nature. Commencing in 1996, more than 3.8 million people have planted 22.3 million trees and plants and it's still growing. National Tree Day will be held on **Sunday, 31 July** with Schools Tree Day on **Friday, 29 July**. To register for Tree Day 2016 simply go online at [treeday.planetark.org](http://treeday.planetark.org).

There are amazing social, financial, environmental, health and well-being values associated with time in nature so get outside and enjoy it. Take the kids, grand-kids, nieces and nephews camping or to the park. Have lunch outside or go for an afternoon walk. It'll do you good.

### Luncheon a Roaring Success

Rubicon Grove Auxiliary's annual Soup and Sandwich luncheon held on 15 June was once again a huge success. Between 120 and 130 people attended, all of whom enjoyed a meal of soup, sandwiches and sweets. A well-stocked trade table was provided from generous donations.

The entertainment provided on the day was by three wonderful ladies who call themselves "Trifle". These three ladies - Sue, Denise and Trudy - fully engaged attendees as they sang and clapped along with the show.

The Rubicon Grove Auxiliary has increased its membership this year with a further seven new members joining the group.

Funds raised by the Auxiliary go towards assisting the residents of Rubicon Grove. The Auxiliary has a new Secretary, Elaine Bramich and also a new Treasurer, Deidre

Merrick. Both ladies have settled in well to the new positions.

Rubicon Grove Auxiliary meets on the 3rd Wednesday bi-monthly at Rubicon Grove in Club Drive, Shearwater at 1.30pm with new members most welcome. For more information please contact Noelle on 0409 195 178.

### RSL All Inclusive

While RSL membership is perceived as solely for former and serving members of the Australian Defence Force and their dependents, there is also an opportunity for you to join as a social member of the Latrobe RSL Sub-Branch Inc.

While full members have voting rights and are invited to attend Sub-Branch meetings on the third Wednesday of each month, all members are invited to join in camaraderie, fellowship and mateship at the Club's "Teddy Sheehan" Bar co-located in Belly's Bar and Grill, 160 Gilbert Street, Latrobe each Friday night from 5.00pm.

The Club also hosts an Annual Dinner which is this year scheduled for 22 October with Hank Koopman booked as the entertainment.

Further information on the Latrobe RSL Sub-Branch Inc is available from Secretary, Anne Macleod by phoning 6426 1255.

### Support Through Community Banking

Have you noticed signs around the community stating that "the customers of the Port Sorell Community Bank have supported" a particular project, individual or an organisation? These are a reminder of the bank's commitment to the local area. Recent months are no exception with more donations being presented for various initiatives and yes, more signs reflect this.



Among the recipients over the past few months is -

- the Port Sorell Playgroup who sought assistance for their dance and music program.
- the Port Sorell Garden Club received a donation to assist with the running of the Spring Fair to be held in October 2016.
- Asher Beveridge is representing Tasmania in the National Futsal Schools Championships in Brisbane and will receive assistance for her expenses. Congratulations to Asher for her selection in this team and may she enjoy a successful tournament.
- The Board has again entered into a joint venture, partnering with the Port Sorell Lions Club and Latrobe Council by committing a substantial amount of funding to assist with the completion of the Port Sorell Defence Memorial.
- In conjunction with the other Bendigo Community Banks in Tasmania, a substantial donation has been made to the Tasmanian Flood Appeal. This is being coordinated through their national funding body.

So what does it mean to you to have a bank in your community? Are you banking with the Port Sorell Community Bank? Have you checked out all the products available to customers - home loans, insurance, rural loans,

personal loans - all at competitive rates? Your business will help the local branch realise profit in record time.

### Croquet Returns to Latrobe

In December 1918 a Miss Beatrice M Reed and Mr A C Reed generously donated a piece of land adjoining the Bowling Green for the purpose of preparing a croquet lawn with media at that time stating that "when this is an established fact it will without doubt be a valued asset to the town."<sup>1</sup>

Research is ongoing to find out what happened over the last 98 years but with the help of the Latrobe Council a newly formed Latrobe Croquet Club has taken up residence in George Street (on what was once the Women's Hockey Ground).

In days gone by, bowls was played by the gentlemen and croquet was played by the ladies. Now both are enjoyed by both genders and members with the Latrobe Croquet Club welcoming anyone wishing to try out this low impact sport. For further information, please contact Chris West 6426 2717 or Patsy Paine 6424 6142.

The Club would also like to hear from anyone who played or had a relative who played croquet in Latrobe. Some of the names found from old newspaper reports include Mesdames



V Rockliff, VT Bondie, FD Boadle, JT d'Oliveyra, H Coventry, ? Wauchope, D Constable, JC Chaplain, OA Barker, G Johnstone, A Wells, JD Johnstone, PK Jessup, Misses E Anderson & V Smith and Major Broun.

### Latrobe History To Be Recorded

Six people with an interest in collating the history of Latrobe met at the Latrobe Court House Museum in April and formed the Latrobe History Group.

Those present resolved to record the oral histories of Latrobe from local residents and will meet every two months to implement processes to achieve this.

If this project is of interest to you, you are most welcome to join this enthusiastic group of individuals by phoning or texting Camille Thomas on 0408 817 113. No prior experience is necessary.

### Jazz Your Way to Ghost Rock

Ghost Rock Vineyard are excited to announce Fiona Boyes will be performing at their venue on 29 July as part of Devonport Jazz 2016. Fiona plays just about anything in the blues realm on electric and acoustic guitar with passion and authenticity and was recently a finalist in the US Blues Music Awards.

On 30 July, Nadira and Friends, a dynamic Hobart based ensemble, will be performing. Nadira is a jazz vocalist with a raw and powerful voice who delivers a mesmerising performance.

Tickets to both these events will sell out fast so be sure to secure your tickets from the Cellar Door or phone 6428 4005.

<sup>1</sup> North Western Advocate and the Emu Bay Times 4th Dec 1918

To further tie in with the Devonport Jazz Festival, Rubicon River Arts have created an Art Exhibition based on Jazz & Blue's. This Exhibition is on display at the Ghost Rock Cellar door throughout June and July.

or emailing [latrobersl@gmail.com](mailto:latrobersl@gmail.com)

### **Crime Prevention Everyone's Responsibility**

"Unfortunately crime appears to be alive and well throughout the Port Sorell area with 52 crimes reported to Tasmania Police from January to May including vandalism, motor vehicle stealing, burglaries of buildings and businesses, homes and cars as well as stealing!

While Tasmania Police have been busy in pursuing the people responsible for these crimes and a number of charges have been laid, a number of these crimes remain unsolved.

The police cannot prevent crime from occurring. It is up to YOU to lock your vehicles and homes and not make it easy for the criminals. The police are only as good as the community they serve.

If you see someone acting suspiciously, whether it be day or night, please report to Tasmania Police on 131 444 at the time, not a day or week later. A registration number or description of a car or person can be incredibly helpful.

One good aspect from these figures is that burglary and theft from motor vehicles in caravan parks over summer was down on last year and thankfully there have only been four house burglaries. It does appear from the vandalism reports that someone is wandering the streets of a night damaging the tyres on parked cars with a sharp instrument.

At the time of writing this report it is mid-June. At the last meeting of the Port Sorell Neighbourhood Watch Group, one of the police officers present put forward the suggestion that 24 hour CCTV surveillance at the main roundabout entering the Port Sorell area would be helpful. It does seem that this is the major traffic route in and out of the area.

The watch group meets on the last Tuesday of each month commencing shortly after 7.00pm in the Memorial Hall at the intersection of Meredith and Darling Street, Port Sorell. It is in its 20th year of working with the local police in an effort to make the community safer and we urgently need more locals to become involved if it is to continue," said Mr Ken Geeves.

If you have an enquiry or would like to become involved with Port Sorell Neighbourhood Watch, please ring Ken on 0400 144 930.



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

U3A continues to seek out new and interesting program opportunities to offer its growing membership over the next 12 months. Chairman, Mr Warren Lockett advises that "we try to spread programs as evenly as possible across different areas of learning, wellbeing and interest, including academic (history, literature and language), artistic and music, science and technology, health and wellbeing as well as recreational, practical and social.

It is well established that "third Agers" (i.e. those that have left, or are about to leave behind the responsibilities of family and work) age better when they continue to exercise mind and body as well as stay engaged with others at a social level. Most of our programs achieve this on all

fronts without tests, exams or diplomas. Programs can run from 2-3 weeks up to 8-10 weeks or anything in between.

We also offer several 'one off' activities in areas likely to be helpful to our members or just interesting and enjoyable.

U3A works on the principle there is great bank of knowledge in a huge range of areas existing within our seniors' community and sharing this with each other is the best way to stay active and engaged and to age positively.

It is correctly said that just because we have retired it doesn't follow that everything we have learned over our lifetime has also retired."

U3A is run entirely by volunteers. All tutors and program leaders are volunteers and all get a real buzz out of sharing their knowledge with others. So, if you have or know someone who has some knowledge in any area that might be of interest to others, please contact either Warren Lockett on 0419 003 371 or Programs Leader Diane Kelly on 0410 892 271 to discuss the possibility of offering a course or leading a discussion group. You don't have to be an ex-teacher or educational professional to lead a U3A program or discussion group - some good knowledge and willingness to share are the main criteria.

Meanwhile, Term 2 classes are in full swing and planning is well underway for Term 3 programs, expected to be released around mid-August.

The U3A office in Burgess Way, Port Sorell is open Monday-Thursday (10.00 am to 12 noon) and contactable via [portsorellu3a@gmail.com](mailto:portsorellu3a@gmail.com), phone 0499 162 539 or forward your correspondence to PO Box 297, Port Sorell, 7307.

### **Fine Art, Sugar Art and Photography**

Winter is the perfect time to drop by The Crowded Lounge. Not only is it filled with amazing food and coffee, they also have a wide range of art classes and workshops on offer.

For those wanting something different, Botanical Art with Brenda Haas (over five weeks) is currently underway or try your hand at a Mixed Media workshop with June Wilson (2 days) on 16-17 July.

The Photography workshop with Anthony Smith has been very popular over the past five weeks with the next round starting on 19 July while a Watercolour workshop with Ev Hales will be held from 9-13 August.

A new venture in Sugar Art (one-day) workshop with Rose Hanson will be held on 23 July or 6 August.

Don't forget the regular Pastel classes with June Wilson on Wednesdays (10.00am-2.30pm) or Thursdays (6.00pm-9.30pm), as well as Drawing Classes on Saturdays (30 July and 27 August from 10.00am-4.00pm).

For prices and bookings please see go to [www.thecrowdedlounge.com/new-events](http://www.thecrowdedlounge.com/new-events); email: [televents@latrobe@gmail.com](mailto:televents@latrobe@gmail.com) or phone 0417 367 128.

### **Pre-Kinder Programs**

Many schools throughout the Municipality will be offering pre-Kinder sessions commencing in Term 3.

The Pre-Kinder program is available for children who are four (4) years of age or turning four during this year. This is a great opportunity for those children who will be attending Kindergarten in 2017 to meet, play and get to know each other.

Children do need to be accompanied by an adult for the duration of each Pre-Kinder session and parents/carers are invited to contact the relevant school office if they wish to

arrange a school tour and/or to meet the Principal to discuss enrolment procedures and/or the school priorities.

### Firewood for Flood Affected



The Apex Club of Latrobe, in readiness for the flood recovery program, has funded firewood for donation to those severely affected during the recent floods. This fire wood is being progressively delivered to those identified through Council's flood recovery coordinator. In achieving this support, the Club extend their grateful thanks to Zane Harman and Cory Smith for cutting and delivering the firewood.

The Apex Club of Latrobe would like to extend their thanks to all emergency services personnel, volunteers and Council who have looked after the community during this crisis.

The Truly Tasmanian Craft Exhibition is coming up fast. The Club has again had a fantastic response from stallholders for this year's event which will be held on from 5-7 November. Proceeds from this event go back into the community.

If you would like to help your community and have fun, Apex are always seeking new members. Please contact Tammy Jeffrey on 0417 132 687.

### Playful Penguins Playgroup



Port Sorell playgroup, with a very generous grant from Bendigo Bank Port Sorell, will be conducting a series of music and dance workshops during Term 3 of Playgroup.

The aim is to encourage new members to Playgroup and create relationships with local music and dance teachers to make workshops within Playgroup a regular feature.

These workshops will be held during regular Playgroup sessions on Tuesday's during school term. Sessions are held between 10.00am and 12noon at the Port Sorell Memorial Hall, corner of Meredith and Darling Streets with a cost of \$3 per family. Tea and coffee is included.

Playgroup is run by a team of volunteers with new members and ideas warmly welcomed. Please add them on Facebook for up to date information or call Kate on 0408 325 429 for more details.

### Recognise Tasmanians

The search for the next Australian of the Year Award (Tasmania) recipients has begun with nominations open in four Awards categories:

- Australian of the Year
- Senior of the Year (65 years and over)
- Young Australian (16 - 30 years)
- Australia's Local Hero

Throughout the 56-year history of the Australian of the Year Awards, there's a wealth of Tasmanians whose contributions or achievements have been of benefit to others. People that you admire, be they volunteers, charity founders, advocates for those in need, people who've overcome their own challenges to help others, pioneers who've made a difference, young people looking to create a brighter future and achievers with a sense of community.

Nominations at [australianoftheyear.org.au](http://australianoftheyear.org.au) close at midnight on 7 August.

### Join Australia's Largest Youth Movement

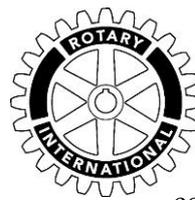
The Rubicon Sea Scout Group at Port Sorell seeks to support youth build teamwork and leadership across a wide range of ages and is part of Australia's largest youth movement.

The group meet at the clubrooms off Kermode Street (just past the Port Sorell Tennis Courts) and offer -

- Joey Scouts - for children aged 6-8 years - on a Tuesday night from 4.15pm to 5.15pm. Participants are provided with the opportunity to learn scouting skills which includes outings and community visits.
- Cub Scouts - for children aged 8-11 years - on a Wednesday evenings from 6.30pm-8.00pm. Cub scouts is based on the Jungle Book with members participating in a number of challenging activities including scouting skills and camp hikes.
- Sea Scouts - for children aged 11-15 years - on a Monday night from 7.00pm-9.00pm, where scouts get the opportunity to do almost anything, including camps, hikes, abseiling, sailing and rowing. The Sea Scouts also participate in state-wide competitions and regattas.

If any of the above interests you, please contact Ian Ball on 0421 011 876 for further information.

### Fund to Support Flood Affected



As a result of the disastrous floods, the loss of life, loss of stock and damage to private infrastructure, Rotary Tasmania has set up a Rotary Australia Benevolent Society (RABS) Project which is designed to provide DIRECT relief to individuals or communities that need it most.

The fund attracts donations from Rotary clubs throughout Australia, leading to many thousands of dollars being available for aid.

The main requirement of this project is the provision of direct relief to people affected and in need. If the clients are disadvantaged, the relief should target that disadvantage i.e. a place to sleep for the homeless, food and money for those in poverty; counseling and support of those in distress.

Members of the Rotary Club of Latrobe can be contacted with the needs of people who want help for forwarding to the RABS committee.

Rotarians have also been out and about in the community helping with deliveries of dry wood and distributing food contributed by Modo Mio Naked Brownie. The club has also held BBQs for donations for flood relief.

Rotary meets for fellowship and to hear wonderful guest speakers each Wednesday at the Lucas Hotel from 6.00pm. If serving the community interests you, please contact Secretary Richard Thomas (6426 9201).

### "Art & All That Jazz" exhibition



Rubicon River Arts

Rubicon River Arts' "Art & All That Jazz" Exhibition at Ghost Rock Vineyard continues, culminating as part of Devonport Jazz on the last weekend in July, with two jazz performances featuring

at the venue. Congratulations to member Gina for making the finals of the Bay of Fires Art competition, also to Cheryl Sims, Jo Johnstone and Gina for their success in the Apex Art and Photographic competition.

Rubicon River Arts are a dynamic and exciting group that welcomes new members who are artists or have an interest in learning more about the arts! Meetings are held at 10.00am on the first Saturday of the month at June Wilson's studio (co-located in The Crowded Lounge at 129 Gilbert Street, Latrobe).

### Barracking for Bandicoots

At the time of European settlement Australia had 11 species of bandicoot. Since then, three species have gone extinct, two species only survive on off shore islands and the remaining species have reduced range.

We are very fortunate in having two species of bandicoot in the Latrobe Municipality: brown bandicoots and their rarer cousins, eastern barred bandicoots.

Brown bandicoots have darker, brown fur and shorter noses than eastern barred bandicoots, which have pale stripes on their hind quarters. Both species dig little conical holes, looking for grubs and fungi to eat.



Street sign at Manly, NSW.  
Photo Robin Garnett

We tend to take bandicoots for granted but on the mainland they are becoming increasingly rare due to bushland being cleared and predation by foxes, cats and dogs. Eastern barred bandicoots are now extinct in South Australia and are critically endangered in Victoria. You can help maintain our populations of bandicoots by shutting cats and dogs up at night and by preserving patches of bushland to provide shelter and nesting sites for bandicoots.

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

### Antiques and Collectables Fair Cancelled



The Latrobe Lions Antiques and Collectables Fair, planned to be held in July, has unfortunately had to be cancelled due to circumstances beyond their control.

Along with ongoing support to people affected by the recent floods over the coming months, planning for the new Lion's year is well underway. Members are eagerly anticipating the hosting of Chocolate Mousse Mayhem at Chocolate Winterfest, Latrobe on 14 August and encourage lots of public participation to win the HUGE hampers.

As usual, don't forget to recycle your used stamps and eyeglasses to assist with Lions projects.

Stamps are sorted, trimmed and sold at auction to raise funds for the Australian Lions Children's Mobility Foundation where they purchase walkers for children with cerebral palsy or similar disabilities. If you have envelopes with stamps intact you can leave these as Ritchie's Supermarket, Morse's Butchery or pass on to any Lions Member.

Unused eyeglasses can be dropped into the Latrobe Medical Practice or Coventry's Pharmacy. They are recycled and distributed to people in need in developing countries where they will have the greatest benefit.

Are you interested in service to your local community? Being part of a worldwide Service Club? Do you want to know more about the Lions Club of Latrobe? For more information, please contact Peter at Morse's Butchery, Kae on 6426 1442 or any other Lions Member.

### Spot a Platypus

Winter and spring are great seasons to see a platypus in the wild, especially in the period from approximately July through September. When it is cold, the animals have to work long hours to find enough food to meet their energy needs. On top of this, adult males become more active in late winter and spring as they check out potential mates and try to drive away other males in preparation for breeding.

Although platypus may be seen at any time of day, the best time to go looking for these animals is either very early in the morning or just before dark. So, where are good places to go platypus-spotting?

Platypus can be spotted in their natural environment at many locations along the Mersey River.

### Funding Opportunities

#### Commbank Cricket Club Sponsorship

Providing a helping hand that supports cricket at the local level.

**Funding**- \$2,000, brand new cricket equipment and CommBank gear like marquees for game days

**Closes** - 7 August 2016

**For more information**, go online to <https://www.commbank.com.au/about-us/who-we-are/in-the-community/the-commbank-cricket-club/club-sponsorship.html>

#### Holden Home Ground Advantage Grants

Offers grants to local sporting clubs for facility upgrades.

**Funding Amount** - up to \$100,000

**Closes** - 31 August 2016

**For more information**, go to [www.tascomfund.org](http://www.tascomfund.org) or contact the TCF office on 6232 7043 or 6232 7269.

#### ANZ Seeds of Renewal

Enhancing education and employment opportunities in rural, regional and remote areas, with consideration given to projects that benefit communities with a population of fewer than 15,000 people.

**Funding Amount** - up to \$10,000

**Opening** early July

**For more information**, go online to <http://www.frrr.org.au/grants/ANZ-seeds-of-renewal>

#### Tasmanian Community Fund - Round 33

Offers grants to improve access to and increase the quality of community infrastructure across Tasmania to enable Tasmanians to participate within their community, increase options for recreation and improve health and well-being.

**Funding Amount** - varies

**Opens** - 23 July 2016

**For more information**, go online to <https://secure.holden.com.au/forms/home-ground-advantage>

## Employment Assistance Fund

Helps people with disability and mental health condition by providing financial assistance to purchase a range of work-related modifications and services for people who are about to start a job or who are currently working



**Funding Amount** - up to \$33,000

**Closes** - Ongoing

**For more information**, contact JobAccess service on 1800 464 800 or go online to <http://www.jobaccess.gov.au/publication/employment-assistance-fund-fact-sheet>

## Tasmanian Institute of Sport - National Representatives Fund

Covers 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

**For more information**, go online to [http://www.tis.tas.gov.au/about\\_us/national\\_representative\\_fund](http://www.tis.tas.gov.au/about_us/national_representative_fund) or email [Ellie.Poynton@tis.tas.gov.au](mailto:Ellie.Poynton@tis.tas.gov.au)

## School Holiday Activities

With the school holidays upon us, Shamrock Vacation Care in Latrobe may be just what you are searching for to keep your young ones entertained.

Coordinated out of the St Patrick's Child Care Centre in Bradshaw Street, Latrobe, the Vacation program is ideal for primary school aged students and includes a combination of on-site and excursion activities.

Bookings are essential to 6426 3048.

## 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).

## jul

### 2-17 School Holidays

- 9 Latrobe Flood Appeal Fundraiser** at the Latrobe Memorial Hall and surrounds with fair type activities from 12noon until 4.00pm and, from 6.00pm until late, for auction and entertainment. The Latrobe Memorial Hall will be open from 12 noon for silent bids on the auction items. The evening function is a gold coin donation entry and licensed. ☎ 6427 3007
- 10 GhoSpeakEasys** perform at Ghost Rock Vineyard, 1055 Port Sorell Main Road, Northdown from 1.00pm until 4.00pm. Bookings through Cellar Door essential - 6428 4005. No cost for entry.
- 11 Community Singalong with David Rockliff**, "The Singing Farmer", at Rubicon Grove, 89 Club Drive, Port Sorell from 2.00pm until 3.30pm. Gold coin donation includes afternoon tea. ☎ 0428 852 160
- 15 Meet and Greet with Hill Street** at Station Square, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 5.00pm until 9.00pm (times to be confirmed). An opportunity to meet and speak with the producers of products created locally and sold through the Hill Street Grocer. For more information, phone 0488 333 893 or email [daryl@cradlecoastinnovation.com.au](mailto:daryl@cradlecoastinnovation.com.au)

- 16-17 Mixed Media workshop with June Wilson** from 10.00am until 4.00pm at June Wilson Studio Gallery (co-located with The Crowded Lounge), 129 Gilbert Street, Latrobe. Bookings essential to [tcleventslatrobe@gmail.com](mailto:tcleventslatrobe@gmail.com) or phone 0417 367 128.
- 19** An information session on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the **WW1 Battle for Fromelles** - a battle that the Australian War Memorial describes as "*the worst 24 hours in Australia's entire history*" at Banksia Centre, Pitcairn St, Port Sorell starting at 11.00am. Costs apply. ☎ 0499 162 539
- 19 Photography workshop with Anthony Smith** over five weeks from 6.00pm until 7.30pm at June Wilson Studio Gallery (co-located with The Crowded Lounge), 129 Gilbert Street, Latrobe. Bookings essential to [tcleventslatrobe@gmail.com](mailto:tcleventslatrobe@gmail.com) or phone 0417 367 128.
- 22 Go Meatless Five Course Feast** at Tranquilles, Gumbowie Drive, Port Sorell from 6.30pm for 7.00pm start. Set menu, limited numbers. Bookings essential to 6428 7555.
- 23 Sugar Art Workshop with Rose Hanson** at June Wilson Studio Gallery (co-located with The Crowded Lounge), 129 Gilbert Street, Latrobe. Bookings essential to [tcleventslatrobe@gmail.com](mailto:tcleventslatrobe@gmail.com) or phone 0417 367 128.
- 29 Harry Edwards Trio** performs at the House of Anvers, 9025 Bass Highway, Latrobe from 12noon until 2.00pm. Features both original jazz composition and their favourite Django-style swing standards. A Devonport Jazz event. Cost: \$15 per person. Bookings to 6426 2958. A-la-carte menu available.
- 29 Fiona Boyes Performs**, part of Devonport Jazz, at Ghost Rock Vineyard, 1055 Port Sorell Main Road, Northdown from 7.30pm until 9.30pm. Cost: \$25 pp. ☎ 6428 4005 to book.
- 29 Go Meatless Five Course Feast** at Tranquilles, Gumbowie Drive, Port Sorell from 6.30pm for 7.00pm start. Set menu, limited numbers. Bookings essential to 6428 7555.
- 29 Last day for discounted dog and cat registrations**
- 29 Schools Tree Day** - [treeday.planetark.org](http://treeday.planetark.org)
- 29 Matt Kirsch and Nick Haywood** performs at the House of Anvers, 9025 Bass Highway, Latrobe from 12noon until 2.00pm. This duo are reuniting to perform their favourite songs from the Great American Songbook. A Devonport Jazz event. Cost: \$15 per person. Bookings to 6426 2958. A-la-carte menu available.
- 30 Nadira and Friends**, a dynamic Hobart based ensemble and part of Devonport Jazz, performs at Ghost Rock Vineyard, 1055 Port Sorell Main Road, Northdown from 3.00pm until 5.00pm. Cost: \$20 pp. ☎ 6428 4005 to book.
- 31 National Tree Day** - [treeday.planetark.org](http://treeday.planetark.org)

## aug

- Aug/Sep Melita Turale Gallery Exhibition** from 11.00am until 5.00pm daily at Ghost Rock Vineyard, 1055 Port Sorell Main Road, Northdown.
- 2 Latrobe Primary School pre-Kinder** commences at 1.30 pm. ☎ 6426 1203
- 6 Sugar Art Workshop with Rose Hanson** at June Wilson Studio Gallery (co-located with The Crowded

Lounge), 129 Gilbert Street, Latrobe. Bookings essential to [tcleventslatrobe@gmail.com](mailto:tcleventslatrobe@gmail.com) or phone 0417 367 128.

**8 Latrobe Council Meeting** from 5.00pm in the Latrobe Council Chambers, 170 Gilbert Street, Latrobe.

**9-13 Watercolour workshop with Ev Hales** from 10.00am until 4.00pm at June Wilson Studio Gallery (co-located with The Crowded Lounge), 129 Gilbert Street, Latrobe. Bookings essential to [tcleventslatrobe@gmail.com](mailto:tcleventslatrobe@gmail.com) or phone 0417 367 128.

**14 Chocolate Winterfest, Latrobe** from 10.30am until 3.30pm at various venues in and around the town of Latrobe. Grab your program from your nearest visitor information centre or go online to [www.chocolatewinterfest.com.au/program](http://www.chocolatewinterfest.com.au/program) from 7 July

**14 Chocolate Waltz and other Dance Sensations** at the Latrobe Bowls Club, Victor Street, Latrobe from 11.30am until 3.30pm. Admission: \$10, supporting Karingal Home for the Aged.

**14 Thomas Mitchell performs** at Ghost Rock Vineyard, 1055 Port Sorell Main Road, Northdown from 1.00pm until 4.00pm. Bookings through Cellar Door essential - 6428 4005. No cost for entry.

## sep

**5-9 Women's Health Week** - [womenshealthweek.com.au](http://womenshealthweek.com.au)

**9-10 Latrobe BioBlitz** A 30-hour flora and fauna exploration with leading scientists in and around the Bells Parade area. How many species will be found? More information available at <https://www.facebook.com/extinctionmatters>

**11 Cool Train** performs at Ghost Rock Vineyard, 1055 Port Sorell Main Road, Northdown from 1.00pm until 4.00pm. Bookings through Cellar Door essential - 6428 4005. No cost for entry.

**12 Latrobe Council Meeting** from 5.00pm in the Latrobe Council Chambers, 170 Gilbert Street, Latrobe.

## oct

**9 Simon Astley** performs at Ghost Rock Vineyard, 1055 Port Sorell Main Road, Northdown from 1.00pm until 4.00pm. Bookings through Cellar Door essential - 6428 4005. No cost for entry.

**10 Latrobe Council Meeting** from 5.00pm in the Latrobe Council Chambers, 170 Gilbert Street, Latrobe.

**16 Port Sorell Spring Fair** at Port Sorell Primary School, Pitcairn Street, Port Sorell from 10am until 2.30pm. Free entry. ☎ 0408 947 808

**19-21 Creepytown** - a Latrobe High School production at the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe. ☎ 6426 1061

**22 Tasmanian Boxing Tournament** at the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe. ☎ 0419 502 532

## nov

**13 Doctors Rocksters** perform at Ghost Rock Vineyard, 1055 Port Sorell Main Road, Northdown from 1.00pm until 4.00pm. Bookings through Cellar Door essential - 6428 4005. No cost for entry.

**14 Latrobe Council Meeting** from 5.00pm in the Latrobe Council Chambers, 170 Gilbert Street, Latrobe.

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