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CHANGE MAKERS RECOGNISED

With the cancellation of Henley-on-Mersey this year, the presentation of Latrobe Council's Australia Day Citizen, Young Citizen and Community Event of the Year was combined with a Citizenship Ceremony and held in the Latrobe Memorial Hall. The 2021 recipients were Peter Burk - Citizen of the Year; Aaliah Dennison - Young Citizen of the Year with the Community Event of the Year going to the Latrobe Football Club, represented by Greg Donald.

Mr Burk, whom many readers will know as their local butcher at Morse's Butchery in Latrobe, received recognition for his tireless contribution to community. Not only financially by sponsoring many clubs and organisations but also actively through the Lions Club of Latrobe where he has held many positions and coordinated and supported a multitude of activities and the North West Hound Owners Association. Peter is also active with the Latrobe Bowls Corporate Challenge and Devonport Tenpin Bowling. Aaliah Dennison received this recognition for not only her academic achievements but leadership in the community and sporting achievements. Aaliah was Latrobe High School

Captain in 2020, received various awards for academia and was a numeracy leader for younger students. She has been a competitive gymnast and gives back to this passion by coaching gymnastics. Aaliah also regularly volunteers with the Port Sorell parkrun, is an AFL Boundary Umpire, a member of the Devonport Touch Football Association and participated at the National level in school track and field, being recognised as an Australian Olympic Change-Maker.

The Latrobe Football Club was recognised for the tremendous amount of work that went in to participating in the NWFL's 2020 being the first club to host a game last season and also host of the seniors games in the finals.

Details of these and other recipients over the years are available <https://www.latrobe.tas.gov.au/community/austdayawards> as well as the nomination form for the 2022 awards.



Pictured: Greg Donald, President of the Latrobe Football Club and Peter Burk and Aaliah Dennison.

STAYING CLOSE TO YOUR ROOTS

They say farming and living on the land is in the blood. So, it's no surprise that retired farmers Francis Hardwicke and Bruce Cocker both live at Strathdevon, Latrobe - and both are very happy there!

Francis, 93, has five children, lots of grandchildren and farmed beef cattle, milking cows and vegies at Sunnyside, Railton.

The widower says he had a great life but growing up on the land was tough. "Dad was a hard man and mum was a very strong woman, and both would give you a clip around the ear for giving them any cheek," he says. "You ate what was in front of you and did your chores!" Milking wasn't sophisticated like it is today. "When I was hand milking the cows,



sometimes I would get a kick and the bucket would spill over, and then I got into trouble from mum!" Francis explains.

Bruce is a bachelor who was born on the family farm at Lower Barrington and lived there for 42 years, running it after his parents died. He farmed dairy cows and grew potatoes.



Selling the farm due to ill health, a fall saw Bruce eventually moved into Strathdevon.

Bruce spends most of his time listening to "hillbilly music" and regularly going to Sheffield with a Red Cross Volunteer to catch up with his mates at the pub. "I don't get up early anymore," Bruce says "and I enjoy the food and the company here at Strathdevon. I couldn't have managed on my own."

Uniting AgeWell has been upgrading its communities to enable older people to continue to live in the area they love. The Roland wing at Strathdevon is getting a makeover following the new \$10 million Henley wing that opened mid-last year.

Residential Services Manager North, Suezanne Horder says residents enjoy a range of activities and programs in house and externally with residents staying young through their relationships with nearby students.

Respite care and a 12-week transitional care program for patients discharged from hospital to avoid being readmitted are also offered at Strathdevon.

Home care packages can be tailored by Uniting AgeWell, enabling enable clients to live their best lives in their own home. To find out more about Uniting AgeWell services in Latrobe phone (03) 6426 2844 and for home care packages phone (03) 6715 7000.

HAVE YOU DISCOVERED THE LATROBE DOG PARK

How wonderful to see so many people taking their dog to the Latrobe Dog Park at Bosworth Park, on the corner of Gilbert and Stanley Streets, Latrobe. There are two areas - one for small or less active senior dogs and the other for large, confident dogs and confident, active small dogs who think they're big dogs. Open from sunrise to sunset all year round, there are some rules that will make it an enjoyable experience for all -

You must be able to effectively control your dog at all times

You have to pick up and place dog faeces in a bag and bin it

Dangerous dogs are prohibited from entering

No dog that is suffering a contagious diseases or skin irritation or parasitic infection is to use the park and all dogs must be vaccinated.

And, most importantly, be respectful of others. Not all dogs may have the confidence of your own.

TRAINEES EXPAND TEAM

Latrobe Council is pleased to welcome the appointment of two new trainees to its Operations workforce - Jack and Bianca.

While Council has placed several trainees in administrative roles over the years - Erin is the latest and mid-way through her administration certification - it has been many years since Council has employed trainees in the outside workforce.

Jack and Bianca (both pictured) have joined the Town Services and Green Spaces teams respectively.



Jack has previously worked with the Town Services team through a labour hire agency and transitioned to the Certificate 2 Construction traineeship in December. Bianca is breaking ground, being the first female to be employed in the outside workforce and pursuing her Certificate 2 in Horticulture.

Both traineeships are managed by Work and Training with the possibility of the Council further expanding its traineeships later in the year.

While on the topic of staff, Council recently said farewell to its Building and Facilities Officer, Clinton O'Keefe. Despite only being with Council for a relatively short period, Clinton's role saw him create many relationships in the community.



With the gift of the gab, Clinton will no doubt excel as a real estate agent and Council wish him the best.

The vacancy has however allowed the position to be separated and diversified. Chris Clark who was already contracted as the Wild Mersey Mountain Bike Trail Project Coordinator is taking on the strategic and capital project activities including the redevelopment of the Banksia facility and Port Sorell Caravan Park. This position is known as the Building and Facilities Coordinator. A two-year contracted full-time position was consequently created - Building and Facilities Officer. This appointee will be primarily undertaking the day-to-day roles associated with Council's building and facility management.

YOUR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

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Dale and Dory enjoy the Latrobe Dog Park.
 Picture: Penny Lane

DOG OBEDIENCE TRAINING

The second course of Dog Obedience Training at Latrobe will commence on Sunday, 2 May.

This 6-week course is open to puppy's and dog over 6 months of age with little or no prior training. It is an excellent way of developing trust with a rescued or rehomed dog.

Your role in this class is to use the knowledge imparted during the sessions and continue this training each day, at home and in a secure and safe environment for the duration of the course.

Cost is \$22 with numbers limited to provide effective instruction for attendees. Successful course participants will receive a Canine Obedience Certificate, entitling them to discounted dog registration with Latrobe Council in subsequent years.

For more information, go to www.latrobe.tas.gov.au/services/animalcontrol

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

It has been a while since Council hosted community information meetings, but they are now back on schedule.

Allowing for less formal engagement with interested community members, the purpose of these get togethers is for Council to inform those that live in a particular part of the Municipality of location specific activities and seek input on these or other location specific matters. The sessions commence at 7:00pm with the dates for 2021 being -

- 18 Mar Wesley Vale / Moriarty are at the Wesley Vale Church Hall
- 8 Apr Sassafras are at the Sassafras Community Hall
- 29 Apr Port Sorell area at the Banksia Centre
- 13 May Tarleton area at the Latrobe Memorial Hall

An Agenda is posted on Council's Facebook and website prior to these meetings.

Due to COVID-19 physical distancing requirements, venues will have limited capacity therefore RSVP's to 6426 4444 are a requirement prior to each session.

MINIMISING FLOOD RISK IN LATROBE

The severity of the June 2016 flood event and its impact on Latrobe triggered a high level of concern amongst Councillors, residents and commercial property owners regarding the flood protection of the Latrobe township.

Council consequently engaged one of the world's most experienced specialist water consulting firms, Entura, to conduct a flood analysis and develop options to protect the Latrobe township from future flooding at a level experienced in June 2016.

On receipt of the Entura report "Minimising Flood Risk in Latrobe - Hydraulic Modelling and Levee Options Assessment Report - 1 June 2018" Council undertook extensive public consultation. At its August 2018 meeting, Council confirmed its intention to progress Option D, being the most inclusive option, the preference of the community and, at that time, estimated to cost \$5m. \$3.4m from the Federal Government, \$1m from the State Government and \$600k from Latrobe Council was allocated to the project.

Entura subsequently completed a detailed design which was presented to Council in April 2020. This presentation provided an updated potential cost estimate for the project totalling \$9.5 million. Some of the estimated major cost variations from the original prices were:

Element	2018 Design	2020 Design
Miles Ford Bridge to past Australian Axeman's Hall of Fame	600m barrier @ \$1300/m = \$780k	780m earth bank and roadworks now \$1.325m
Victor Street and Kobie Lane	200m long x 1 m high levee @ \$1000/m = \$200k	350m long, 1.5 m earth bank and 0.6 m high wall = \$429k
20-42 Gilbert Street	350m barrier @ \$1300/m = \$455k	300m barrier 1.2 m high for earth and up to 3.5 m for concrete wall = \$882k
Victor Street bridge to Gilbert Street	Modification with barrier to 5.8m AHD = \$350k	New bridge, deck and barrier to 5.9m AHD = \$1.255m
Kings Creek	350m long, 1 m high both sides @ \$1000/m = \$700k	350m long, 1.2m wall typically, up to 2.6m, earth banks 0.6m = \$1.745m
Exclusions	Impacts of detailed design, property acquisitions, approvals and construction	Creek rehabilitation, property acquisitions, mobile pump, approval fees, consultation, tendering, monitoring, Gilbert Street stormwater bypass, existing services relocation

A summary of the excluded costs is:

- Gilbert Street stormwater bypass approximately \$1 million.
- Rehabilitation landscaping involving 7,700 plants is \$230k.
- A mobile pump amounting to \$200k.
- Land acquisition - subject to individual landowner negotiations but estimated at \$240k.
- The main existing service relocation is the sewer at 26-38 Gilbert Street, estimated at \$150k.
- Approval fees, tendering and construction management could be 2% of the construction cost (depending on staging and the construction period).

As the design had been completed and the permits were progressing, Council agreed to proceed with the tender process hoping that the revised cost estimates were "conservative" and that construction could commence during the 2020-21 summer period.

The tenders were consequently advertised in August 2020 with five received.

All were significantly higher than the total project costs, amounting to approximately \$14m.

Council recently held discussions with both tiers of government and are awaiting their formal advice regarding the provision of additional financial support.

EXPLORING LATROBE PARKRUN POTENTIAL

How would you like to join a 5-kilometre event for walkers, runners and volunteers that takes place every Saturday morning at more than 2,000 locations in 22 countries?

With the completion of the coastal pathway between Latrobe and Ambleside, it provides a fantastic opportunity to establish a weekly parkrun at Latrobe. Just imagine starting at the picturesque Bells Parade and along the riverside!

8-10 volunteers are all that is needed to support the establishment and coordination of a weekly Latrobe parkrun. Interested? Please forward your details to Michelle at Latrobe Council via email at council@latrobe.tas.gov.au

2021-22 SMALL GRANTS OPEN

Latrobe Council's annual small grants open for application from 1 March for projects starting from 1 July and concluding no later than 30 June 2022.

There are two opportunities for funding - **EMERGING NEEDS GRANTS** are designed to encourage community partnerships that address an unmet need within the Latrobe Municipality in the fields of minor capital works, health and community welfare, environment as well as sport and recreation.

ARTS, CULTURE AND FESTIVAL

SPONSORSHIP nurtures new or established events and major festivals that comply with COVID-19 restrictions and build our cultural identity, support accessibility and deliver a diverse range of community arts and cultural activities within the Latrobe Municipality, assisting them towards self-sustainability.



Grant guidelines and application forms, are online at www.latrobe.tas.gov.au/community/grants. Alternatively, email council@latrobe.tas.gov.au or phone 6426 4444 for enquiries.

Applications close at 12 noon on 7 May. Applicants will be advised of the outcome of their application in late June.

Projects commencing prior to 1 July are ineligible for funding.

REPORTING POOR RECEPTION

Experiencing poor television, radio and/or mobile phone reception?

The Australia Government, via the Australian Communications and Media Authority, has responsibility for regulating communications and the media to maximise economic and social benefits throughout Australia.

When you are experiencing an interference issue, to ensure a process of elimination, you should take the following steps –

- check your device and associated equipment. You may need to engage a professional in this field.
- if that's working okay, call your service provider. Obviously, your provider will want you to tune in to them and/or use their product so they should be keen to assist in resolving your issue.

Failing that, the Australian Communications and Media Authority website (<https://www.acma.gov.au>) provides you with some valuable information that may be able to assist you. They can also investigate complaints on these issues but may need a technical report to do so.

CONSULTATION ON PARKING AND SPEED HUMPS ALONG SOUTH ESPLANADE

A concept plan to install defined parking bays, bollards and improve parallel parking capacity on the river side of South Esplanade, between properties 1-11, includes the installation of three speed humps, and is subject to community feedback.

The works initially included the construction of 4 x 90 degree sealed parking bays catering for a maximum of 12 vehicles, each having minimal impact on the existing vegetation.

The widening of the road with a gravel shoulder will better define parallel parking options.

Following a concern at the speed of vehicles along this stretch of road, and engineering judgement supporting the effectiveness of speed humps in preference to reducing the speed limit and associated

policing required for the latter, the concept has expanded to include the installation of three speed humps in front of 2, 7 and 11 South Esplanade.

This project seeks to -

1. Address an increased need for defined parking in this area;
2. Protect the vegetation and subsequently the vista of the riverbank from the impact of vehicles;
3. Reduce the speed of motorists along this section of South Esplanade;
4. Safely cater for vehicles reversing from the parking bays and
5. Make the route a safer one for pedestrians and cyclists.

Stage 1 includes the installation of 2 sealed parking bays, associated bollards and the three speed humps at a cost of \$30,700.

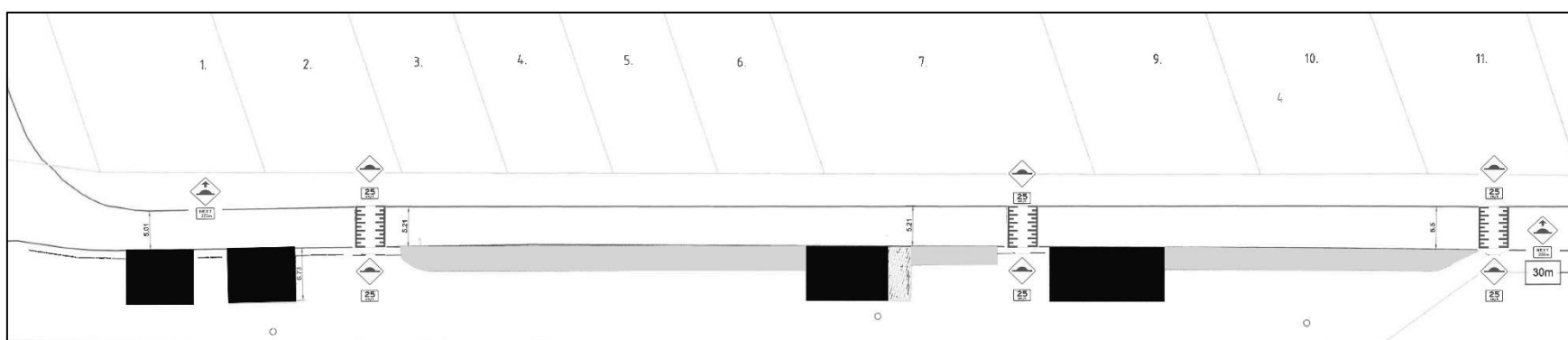
Stage 2, at a cost of \$35,360, includes the

installation of the balance 2 sealed parking bays inclusive of a clearway to maintain access to the river, the widening of the road for parallel parking and associated bollards.

All up, the works cover a distance of 250m.

Stage 1 is currently budgeted for this financial year with Stage 2 requiring a budget allocation for the 2021-22 financial year. Subject to timing and resourcing it is possible that both stages may be combined.

While feedback on this project is being sought from those directly impacted, Council is offering the wider community an opportunity to express their opinion. Comment should be directed to council@latrobe.tas.gov.au and lodged no later than Wednesday, 31 March



WHAT'S ON YOUR WISH LIST?

The community are invited to make a submission for consideration in the formulation of Council's 2021-22 annual budget and long-term works program. Each year, Council is faced with the task of assessing and prioritising the many worthwhile projects that have been identified within the community. Council lists each project, assesses it against a common set of objective criteria and prioritises the project with a view to scheduling projects over Council's long-term planning period - currently ten years. Submissions made in recent years have been recorded on Council's database so there is no need to repeat those submissions however please feel free to provide any relevant updates.

Submissions should include sufficient detail to enable Council to understand:

- The location and scope of the project;
- The estimated cost of the project;
- The perceived benefits of the project including any risk/safety issues, social/community impact and environmental impacts;
- Any other relevant information to enable Council to make an informed decision.

Please lodge your submission addressed to Council's Finance Team Leader or by email to council@latrobe.tas.gov.au by 31 March 2021.

PLANNING FOR ANZAC DAY ACTIVITIES

At the time of writing, both the Port Sorell and Latrobe ANZAC Day Dawn Services will be proceeding at 6:00am on 25 April but will not include marching.

The exclusion of marching comes at the request of RSL Tasmania due to the inability of participants to maintain the required physical distancing during such an activity.

Attendance at the Dawn Services will be capped at 1,000 to comply with gathering restrictions. This should not impact too much on the Services given that past attendance figures indicate less than 1,000 attendees. In short, if you don't normally attend these Dawn Services, please don't start this year.

On the other hand, more than 1,000 people traditionally attend the 10:00am Latrobe Citizens Commemorative Service therefore Council are currently working with Business Tasmania for a permit to conduct this Service.

At this point in time, this Service will not include the regular March from the Latrobe RSL, as per the advice of RSL Tasmania, and the occasion will look a little different in what is required of attendees to maintain 1.5m physical distancing between non same household people.

The Latrobe Court House Museum will be holding a special exhibition on ANZAC Day that will feature a brave Tasmanian, Stanley Hallam, who died on the Thai-Burma Railway.

This will be open immediately following the Latrobe Citizens Commemorative Service and remain open until 12 noon. The Latrobe Courthouse Museum is located at the Latrobe Post Office Reserve, entry signage will be visible. A cuppa and ANZAC biscuit will also be available. All are welcome.

The Latrobe Football Club continues to plan its ANZAC Day game at the Latrobe Recreation Ground, commencing at 12 noon. There are potential changes to the teams in this year's competition so stay tuned for further details about this game.

DUMPED GARDEN WASTE AND RUBBISH ON VACANT BLOCKS

It has been observed that a number of residents are dumping their lawn clippings and pruned vegetation along with general waste over their back fence, on bush land, or on a neighbouring vacant property. Please be reminded this is littering and fines are applicable if people are caught.

Many property owners are left with a big clean-up bill due to this activity and it can cause safety issues for the contractor.

When disposing of your waste please do so appropriately.

HEALTH & DISABILITY INQUIRY

The Legislative Council have two inquiries open for public comment until 12 March - **INQUIRY INTO RURAL HEALTH SERVICES IN TASMANIA** which refers to a multitude of services outside greater Hobart and greater Launceston.

They are seeking comment on health outcomes, availability and timeliness, barriers, the planning system that determines what is delivered in the health and hospital system, staffing, capital and recurrent expenditure, referral process and cost, Telehealth as per the Terms of Reference at <https://bit.ly/2YygzHV>
INQUIRY INTO DISABILITY SERVICES IN TASMANIA, specifically the Tasmanian Government's responsibilities under its co-arrangement with the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) to provide support for people with disabilities with the Terms of Reference being -

1. Consideration and management of the State based costs of long-term care and support for people who are not eligible for the NDIS;
2. The range of support services available to Tasmanians who are not on, or eligible for, the NDIS;
3. Funding for organisations that service those not eligible for the NDIS
4. Workforce development and training opportunities for the disability support sector, including allied health.

Submissions should be directed to The Inquiry Secretary, Parliament House, Hobart, 7000 or via email to rur@parliament.tas.gov.au for the Health Services Inquiry or dst@parliament.tas.gov.au for the Disability Services Inquiry.

DIGITAL READINESS FOR BUSINESSES

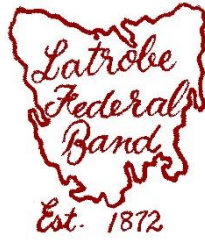
You could argue that ten years' worth of change took place in less than a year with many small businesses unrecognisable from what they were in March 2020.

Whatever else 2021 may bring, it seems that digital solutions and business resilience is here to stay, as small businesses continue to lean on virtual solutions, even as the threat of the pandemic stabilises.

Switch Tasmania have navigated and established a comprehensive Australian Small Business Advisory Services Digital Solutions and Business Resilience Program, offering low cost, high-quality, digital advisory services for small businesses throughout Tasmania. Small businesses must be for-profit and have under 20 equivalent full-time employees. Business owners who are ready to embrace the transition from more conventional business methods are invited to register their interest at <https://bit.ly/3j90SAr>.

Source: Switch Tasmania

NEW HOME FOR BAND



Over the years, Latrobe Council has been working with the Latrobe Federal Band to identify a more suitable and practical home for them away from the Latrobe

Recreation Ground. After a couple of false starts, the Latrobe Memorial Hall has been identified as a good fit.

Use of the hall has significantly decreased in recent times with major events choosing other facilities to host shows and performances. This has created the opportunity for the band to move in permanently, occupying the stage and part of the supper rooms.

Council has worked with the Latrobe Federal Band over the last three months and, with the assistance of Tasmanian Consulting Services, has developed a plan to refurbish the hall to accommodate the needs of the band.

With the band moving into the hall, there will be some changes as to how this venue can be used, with the stage and one half of the supper room no longer available for hire. Stage alternatives are being investigated subject to demand.

Large scale events will still be accommodated but with reduced accessibility. With the availability of Hamilton Hub at 20 Hamilton Street as a meeting space, the supper rooms are not being used to the level they once were. It is anticipated that once in the Hall the band will be able to have pop up performances and increase their visibility in the community, possibly attracting new members and strengthening their presence in our community.

OUR ISLAND PARADISE

With many of us exploring our island state, the new(ish) tourism website for the Latrobe Council area is being well received.

If you are looking for something to do in your down time, why not explore what's in your own backyard by going to www.latrobetaustralia.com.au Spread the word (and the website link) amongst your family and friends and let's invigorate and support our tourism industry.

If you are a tourism operator, there is a "news" link on the landing page of this site. If you have tourism related information that you would like included on this page (events, property upgrades, special offers etc) please email details to Latrobe Council's Economic and Tourism Officer, Ian Waller (ian.waller@campbanksia.com) or phone 0448 286 121. If you have an image to support the content, that would be great too.

BUSINESS MATTERS

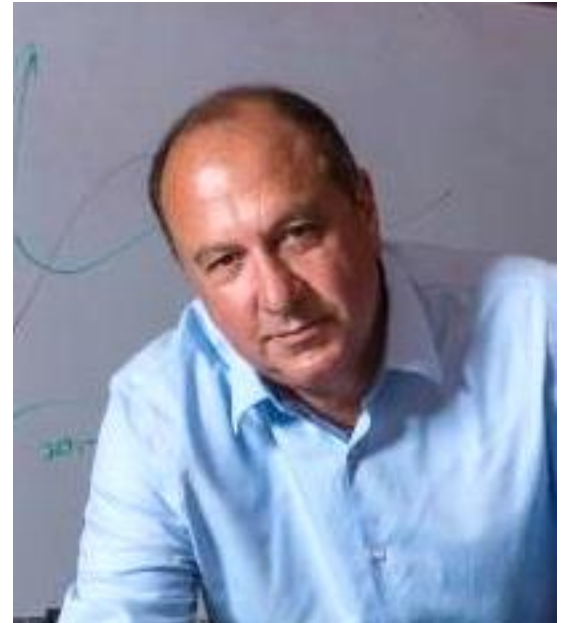
Quality product, service that exceeds a customer's expectations, communication, training and practical and workable collaborations are all key to operating a successful business.

With COVID-19 hitting worldwide last year, the viability of many businesses has been put to the test.

Fortunately, the Federal Government's JobKeeper payments were a life saver but with that concluding at the end of March, it is crucial that businesses, from the smallest home business to the largest company, are ready and develop programs to effectively bounce back or even exceed where they were previously.

Latrobe Council, through its Economic Development Committee, recognises this as an opportunity for establishing the network foundations for the business community.

Business Development Advisor, Mr Gordon Williams (below), has been engaged by Latrobe Council to work with businesses throughout the whole of the Latrobe Council area to support the establishment of a new, independent but combined business voice.



Mr Williams is the Chief Executive Officer of the Northern Midlands Business Association - building it from a small committee, to what is now recognised as the most active and influential regional business body in Tasmania, boasting more than 700 business members and winning international awards for its local economic development activities.

Cr Vonette Mead, Economic Development Committee Chair, said "this is for all businesses in our region to embrace. The organisation provides a platform for collaboration, professional networks, training initiatives and advocacy to navigate the local economy into the future and understand and translate the challenges faced by business today." If you are passionate about boosting business success and employment in our region, email gordon.williams@latrobe.tas.gov.au to find out more.

THE PACIFIC ISLAND OF PORT SORELL

A worker in Shearwater commented recently that it appears that a Pacific Island has floated into Bass Strait and based itself off the coast of Port Sorell and all of the island's inhabitants had come to Shearwater to do their shopping, such was the influx of seasonal workers into the local community. Camp Banksia has become home for 140 seasonal workers from the islands of Vanuatu and they have been welcomed with warmth and genuine affection by the local community and quickly adapting to local life.

Barriers such as language are overcome by patience and humour and islanders and locals are quickly becoming friends as they explore shared interests. It is too easy to simply say the building of relationships is occurring without giving examples.

The Camp Banksia Hall is full of lounge



furniture and the camp is full of music played on instruments donated or lent to the workers by members of the local communities and beyond.

Local sporting and community groups have invited workers to join them in their regular activities, with a volleyball competition already in place.

A couple of islanders walking past a local garage sale were invited in and given some warm clothes and other items as gifts.

A couple asked about taxis to Devonport and were given a lift there by a local.

It is clear that Port Sorell is a wonderful place to live and a great place for seasonal workers to stay.

And, from a purely economic perspective, on the day the group arrived almost \$2,000 was spent on food alone in the local community - not a bad first day!

LIGHTS RAISE AWARENESS

Throughout the year, Council is asked by many health-related organisations to "light up" facilities to raise awareness of various campaigns. With the ability to change the colour of lights on the Bass Highway tree, near The Cherry Shed, Council is more than happy to participate in these worthy campaigns where possible.

On 24 March the tree will be lit in red to raise awareness for Tuberculosis (TB). 2020 has reminded us that infectious diseases like COVID-19 and tuberculosis (TB) do not respect borders.

More than 1500 people in Australia suffer from tuberculosis each year with it transmitted via droplets expelled when a sick person coughs or sneezes.

While TB is both treatable and curable, what is more alarming is that 1 million people in Australia are estimated to be infected with the dormant form of TB. Signs of active TB include coughing for more than three weeks, losing weight rapidly, coughing blood and night sweats. To find out more about TB, consult your doctor.

From 26-28 March, the tree colour will switch to yellow in support of recognition and awareness of Endometriosis.

Endometriosis is a common disease in which the tissue that is like the lining of the womb grows outside it in other parts of the body.

More than 830,000 of Australian women suffer from endometriosis at some point in their life. Symptoms vary but commonly include pelvic pain that puts life on hold around or during a woman's period. It can damage fertility.

Whilst endometriosis most often affects the reproductive organs it can be found in other parts of the body.

To find out more, go online to www.endometriosisaustralia.org

ERADICATING RICE GRASS

Rice Grass is a threat to the health of the Rubicon Estuary. It spreads rapidly and is a troublesome aquatic weed. It is a threat to boat access for fishing, recreation and aquaculture and impacts on fish and shorebird habitat, traps sediment and restricts tidal flow.

Weed contractors have commenced spraying Rice Grass on the eastern side of the Rubicon Estuary with follow-up treatment at Narawntapu National Park. Initial weed treatment is continuing in a southerly direction at North East Arm and Brown's Creek towards the Rice Grass containment line at Eagle Point.

Rice Grass control has been delayed due to wet and windy weather as spraying can only be done at low tide and in light wind conditions. Rice Grass treatment on the western side of the estuary at Port Sorell and Squeaking Point commenced in mid-February and will continue through March. Want to know more? Contact Environment Project Coordinator, Anna Wind, Cradle Coast Authority on 0429 804 449 or email awind@cradlecoast.com

TIP SHOPS NOT SO TRASHY

Rethink Waste Tasmania recently launched an interactive map (<https://rethinkwaste.com.au/tasmanias-tip-shop-trail/>) detailing the location of Tip Shops to encourage recycling and alternative purchasing.

Tasmania's Tip Shops are far from trashy. In fact, they can contain a treasure trove of bargains that are too good to waste. So, next time you are searching for bikes or books, kitchenware or clothing, tools, tables or even a kitchen sink, chances are your local Tip Shop has a bargain waiting to be discovered.

You will also be doing your wallet, the environment and even a local charity some good by choosing to rethink and re-use!

VISITOR AMBASSADORS

The Latrobe Visitor Information Centre at 21 George Street, Latrobe (behind the Latrobe Memorial Hall), reopened in January.

Staffed by knowledgeable, volunteer Ambassadors, the centre is open from 9:00am until 4:00pm Monday-Friday; 11:00am until 3:00pm Saturday and Sundays and 9:00am until 3:00pm on public holidays.

If you have an interest in meeting new people and sharing your knowledge of local attractions and places tourist must experience, please contact Ramit Singal, the Latrobe Visitor Information Centre coordinator on either 6426 2240 or email tourism@latrobe.tas.gov.au

PROTECTING LITTLE PENGUINS

A new citizen science-based toolkit was recently launched.

Funded by the Tasmanian Government and developed by CCA's Natural Resource Management (NRM) team, the toolkit will help land managers and community groups monitor Tasmania's Little Penguin populations and manage threats to their colonies.

The toolkit provides guidance on survey methods that can be used to monitor changes to penguin populations in their local area.

It also provides methods to assess the Little Penguin habitat potential of an area, as well as ways to effectively assess current and future threats to colonies.

Locally, Little Penguins can be found at the Carbuncle, along Larooma Track at the northern end of Hawley Beach. This is a conservation area where dogs are NOT permitted. At this time of the year, snakes are also abundant so please be vigilant.

The toolkit is available at www.dpipwe.tas.gov.au/toolkit

HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?

Continuing on from the last edition, the following planting and sowing guide details what and when to plant specific to our cool-climate conditions during March and April.

March heralds the milder days of autumn. Start planting potted shrubs and trees including native plants into prepared garden beds. Seeds for winter and spring crops can be sown in punnets or trays for transplanting into gardens in April.

WHAT TO SOW AND PLANT IN MARCH:

ORNAMENTALS: Alyssum, baby blue eyes, bluebell (bulb), calendula, canterbury bells, carnation, cineraria, columbine, cornflower, delphinium, dianthus, english daisy, forget-me-not, freesia (bulb), gaillardia, godetia, hollyhock, honesty, iceland poppy, japanese windflowers (pots), jonquil (bulb), lobelia (seedlings), pansy (seedlings), polyanthus, primula, rose (barerooted), sasanqua camellia (pots), scabiosa, stock, succulents (pots), viola, wallflower

PLANT: Garlic cloves and seedlings of celery, kale, cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli, winter lettuce, silverbeet, spring and salad onion, chives and leeks.

SOW: Beetroot, carrot and parsnip early in March only. Then turnip, English spinach, broadbeans, peas (frost-free districts only), Asian leaf and root vegetables, spring and salad onions, lettuce and into vacant beds, green manure crops.

Begin broccoli plantings in March through to July.

With so much autumn colour around in April, this is a good time of the year to select potted deciduous trees and shrubs for planting. Also view roses in flower to select appealing varieties for planting.



WHAT TO SOW AND PLANT IN APRIL:

ORNAMENTALS: Alyssum, camellias (pots), candytuft, carnation, chrysanthemum (pots), cineraria (seedlings), columbine, cornflower (seedlings), cyclamen (potted plants), daffodil (bulb), deciduous trees (pots), delphinium (seedlings), english daisy, echinacea (pots), forgetme-not, freesia (bulb), hollyhock (seedlings), honesty, hyacinth (bulb), iceland poppy (seedlings), japanese windflowers (pots), jonquil (bulb), lawn seed, lobelia (seedlings), narcissus (bulbs), pansy (seedlings), polyanthus, primula, rose (pots), sedum (pots), tulip (bulb), viola (seedlings), wallflower (seedlings)

PLANT: Garlic cloves and seedlings of salad and spring onions, late leeks, winter lettuce, silverbeet, mini-cauliflower, broccoli, potatoes (early, frost-free districts only) and green manure crops.

SOW: Spring and salad onions, English spinach, Japanese turnip, broadbeans and Asian cabbages and root crops.

FLOORING EXPANDS USE

The Banksia Stadium is only one of two stadiums in Australia that can be transformed into a multi-functional centre using the highly acclaimed Covermaster Indoor Sports Floor Cover System.

The Covermaster floor covering protects the stadium flooring, allowing the Banksia Centre to host a range of events including trade shows, markets, concerts, exhibitions and school events, increasing the value of this facility to the Port Sorell community and beyond.

Community groups and individuals looking for a venue to host major events now have a new option which is supported with additional meeting or break out rooms, kitchen facilities and extensive bathroom and change room facilities. If you are interested in hiring this space, contact Camp Banksia on 0448 286 121.

LOCAL BUILDING UPDATE

112 building, plumbing, and commercial applications and notifications of works were received by Council from November to January inclusive. They comprised of 36 dwellings; 3 dwelling additions/alterations; 11 outbuildings; 4 commercial/industrial; 55 plumbing applications and 3 other applications with a conservative value of \$17,323,864. Just a reminder that the extended HomeBuilder Grant Scheme, worth \$35,000, is scheduled to cease on 31 March. Details of these grants are available at www.sro.tas.gov.au/home-builder-grants

COUNCIL'S WORKS REPORT

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

CIVIL CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE TEAM

- Tarleton Road reconstruction
- Resealing various roads
- Joyce Street/Dumbleton Street junction improvements, further kerb and stormwater upgrades
- Hamilton Street kerb and channel construction, road widening and stormwater works
- Shearwater Village carpark resurfacing
- Freer Street and Shearwater Esplanade carpark resurfacing
- Port Sorell Surf Club carpark upgrades and resurfacing
- Footpath maintenance
- Roadside drainage maintenance
- Gravel road grading and re-sheeting
- Bonneys Creek stormwater drain upgrade

TOWN SERVICES TEAM

- Shearwater Park - new shelter
- Latrobe and Districts Youth Centre - skillion roof replacement
- General building maintenance

GREEN SPACES TEAM

- Upgrade Freers Beach accesses
 - General tree and weed maintenance.
- Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Council's Operations Manager on 6426 4453.

DOING NOTHING CAN HARM

There are many forms of family violence apart from verbal and physical. Family violence can be emotional, economic, and even stalking.

Do you know someone whose partner makes them feel too guilty to go out and/or sends them hundreds of text messages checking where they are or who they are talking to? This is emotional abuse, and it is family violence.

If you have someone in your life that controls the money, uses your credit card, and gets angry when you ask what they are buying, this is economic abuse, and again it is family violence.

Maybe you've heard someone say "I always know where my partner is because I put a tracking app on their phone. Not that they know about it." This is stalking and family violence.

If you or someone you know is impacted by family violence, call the Safe at Home Family Violence Response and Referral Line on 1800 633 937.

In an emergency, always call 000.

ROADWORK ALERTS

Travelling between major centres and need to know about road closures? The Department of State Growth advise of planned closures via multiple avenues including their website at www.transport.tas.gov.au/projectsplanning/road_closures_and_delays and the RoadsTas Facebook page. Emergency road closures are communicated via TasAlert or Tasmania Police Community Alerts webpage.



The Tasmanian Government wants to make Tasmania the best place for all children and young people. To achieve this, they are seeking your views and ideas to help develop Tasmania's first Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy for 0-25 year olds. There are multiple options for you to have your say and input ideas, including digital or hard copy postcards, getting creative by submitting paintings, stories or poems, ranking the wellbeing domains, completing a survey response and responding to their Discussion Paper. You can share your ideas at <https://wellbeing.tas.gov.au> This consultation closes on 19 March.

SIGNIFICANT TREES¹

Trees are a valuable part of our ecosystem and a benefit to all members of the community but the value of trees goes beyond this.

Trees deliver health and wellbeing benefits and can encourage exercise as well as providing an element of safety for walkers near roadsides. Street trees are also known to absorb airborne pollutants, helping to reduce air pollution, and can aid mental health and stress management.

Trees make environmental contributions by helping improve climate and reduce the "urban heat island effect". The temperature of a canopy's shaded area can be reduced by up to 10-25°C. Trees can also intercept stormwater runoff and promote soil infiltration, thus helping reduce stormwater related issues.

Trees enhance the social life of cities by contributing to lower crime rates, reducing traffic speeds, and reducing the perception of time spent waiting for public transport. These are some of the many reasons our trees are an important part of our community.

The Latrobe Tree Planting Committee has established a Significant Tree Register to recognise and protect the significant trees of our municipality. Trees can be significant for several reasons, including scientific, social, historic, or aesthetic characteristics of significance.

If you know of a tree you believe should be recognised and protected in this way, a nomination form can be found on Council's website or in the office.

If you have any questions regarding the nomination process, please contact Council via email or phone call.

CLUB DIVERSIFIES INTERESTS

The newly invigorated Latrobe Senior Citizens Club recently returned to weekly get togethers at Hamilton Hub, 20 Hamilton Street, Latrobe.

Secretary Robyn Freshney stated that "preceding the popular Bingo sessions, that are held from 1:00pm each Tuesday, many members are coming together from 11:30am to enjoy conversations and a light lunch.

With social isolation a key factor of loneliness, our club has decided to be proactive in community engagement and broaden social and educative opportunities for our membership."

As part of the latter, the Latrobe Senior Citizens Club is a proud sponsor of the Tasmanian Health Service's Persistent Pain Management series that commenced on 23 February and continues through March.

This 6-week session provides practical skills to support and overcome the challenges of living with pain. If you have missed out this time, further information is available from Julie Milnes (0419 521 320).

"By aligning with initiatives such as these, it is hoped that membership to the Latrobe Senior Citizens Club will be more attractive to those aged 50+.

The more people that join our club and the diversity that they bring will further expand what we can offer our membership, resulting in a vibrant and progressive organisation," said Mrs Freshney.

Interested in learning more about the Latrobe Senior Citizens Club, please email latrobeseniors@gmail.com or phone President Maree Lunson on 0438 329 307 or Secretary Robyn Freshney on 0419 529 763.

TIME TO CELEBRATE

Ten Days on the Island 2021 will be a journey throughout Tasmania to unify communities after a tumultuous year. From 5-21 March, the festival will celebrate each of the regions in authentic and memorable ways.

This year, Ten Days on the Island celebrates its 20th year. What started as a spark of an idea in 2001 when founding Artistic Director Robyn Archer AO set out to create Tasmania's first international arts festival with 'a significant difference from most of the existing festivals around the world' has continued to do just that.

With venues complying with density limitations, it is important that you book early, for both free and paid events, just so you don't miss out.

Check out the program online at www.tendays.org.au/program or pick up a hard copy from the Latrobe Council office.

PORT SORELL HISTORY TRAIL

Members of the Port Sorell History Group are busy designing signs for placement along the walking track and other historical sites in the Port Sorell area.

There are many stories to be told of life in the early days - of Aborigines, timber harvesters, trading vessels, shipbuilders, bushrangers, murders, smuggling, shipwrecks and the enterprise and the resilience of those early settlers.

To take a snapshot of one small area, let's look at Panatana Rivulet.

Did you know that?

It was once called Marshy Creek before the well-known name of Muddy Creek. The first ship built on the North West Coast, the "Pickwick", was constructed where the paddling pool is today.

In 1847, a small wooden mill and mill dam were built on the eastern side of the creek. A low lying intra-tidal bridge was built across the creek. At low tide two parallel spars are often visible.

Until the 1980's, it was the favourite place to swim and on Summer days would be crowded with swimmers. In the 1920's, there were two diving springboards and a water slide on the eastern side.

The footbridge was built in 1937, to enable children to attend the new Port Sorell School, at that time located in Wilmot Street, almost opposite the Port Sorell Cricket Club.

YOUNG TASSIE TALENT ROCKS

The Last Day Out concert in the Latrobe Memorial Hall not only provided an event featuring emerging, young Tasmanian musical talent but raised the awareness of the hall as a music venue.

Partnering with Cornerstone Youth Services, Brad Harbeck of Tasmanian Rock Challenge presented the Last Day Out concert at the end of the Summer school holidays and it looks set to remain on the event calendar due to its success. Featuring special guests Connor Brooker (Bugs), Zac Eichner and Marcus Wynywood alongside Arcade, Ataraxi, Boys & A Rowdy, Monks In A Moshpit, Elkie Kershaw, Happy Droogs, Jess Earney, Maryam, Red Flora and Rosella the concert was supported through Latrobe Council's annual Arts, Culture and Festivals Sponsorship.

Mr Harbeck stated that Connor Brooker of Bugs, who recently placed 91st in Triple J's Top 100 and IO Performance that managed the production were particularly impressed with what the venue offered.

"We are definitely looking to returning to Latrobe and hosting more concerts in the hall," Mr Harbeck added.

To keep informed of Tasmanian Rock Challenge activities, you can find them at www.facebook.com/TasmanianRockChallenge

¹ City of Hobart Street Tree Strategy, 2017

AHOY, ME HEARTIES

The Shearwater 7 Day Makeover team have starting staining the new tables and seats on the northern side of the village as well as installing barrel type planter boxes along Shearwater Boulevard. With the installation of hose connections on both sides of the street, business owners continue to water plants while Pommy Paul and staff continue putting out the umbrellas and draught pieces each day. This all adds to the atmosphere of the little holiday village. The Port Sorell Men's Shed have installed canons on the shipwreck boats. Following that, pirate flags, a steering wheel and anchor will be installed to make them look more authentic. Stocks are also being built outside the Port Sorell Police Station, for some photo fun. Kim O'Brien continues to work tirelessly on the history of the area as well as coordinate the creation of more sculptures for installation on Shearwater Boulevard. Congratulations to Wendy Rowling and volunteers who did a great job fundraising which will go towards the building of a piano seat. Fundraising efforts continue to enable the team to keep doing little projects and making the village a pleasure to sit in and enjoy.

NATURAL YARN AND FIBRE

Crafty people are getting ready for Winter using the unique natural yarn and fibres - merino, alpaca, possum, linen and more - from The Yarn Inn to knit/crochet socks, shawls, jumpers and other warm items. Sally Briant started The Yarn Inn "across the road" from her current site, in a 3 x 3 room as a diversified business with her sisters.

"When COVID-19 struck, I moved to selling a lot of product through my Facebook page (www.facebook.com/TheYarnInn/). With everyone looking to do a craft of some sort, my natural products went crazy," she said.

She now has three rooms full of product and will shortly be recommencing beginner and intermediate workshops in knitting, crochet and Tunisian crochet. Terra Designs will also be commencing macramé lessons.

"The workshops are generally held during the day but if there is interest in after-hours classes, I'm sure I can accommodate," Sally said.

Sally is exceptionally proud that her business supports other Tasmanian crafts people, adding "I have product from three indie dyers as well as a number of wood turners and even unique steel needles with glass knobs".

The Yarn Inn at 1/131 Gilbert Street, Latrobe is open Wednesday to Friday from 10:00am until 4:30pm and Saturday and Sunday from 10:00am until 4:00pm. Call in or give Sally a call on 0499 991 837.

A CLEAR DIRECTION

The Rotary Club of Latrobe continues to navigate its way forward within the COVID-19 environment, ensuring the safety of members and the public with meetings every fortnight at Hamilton Hub, Latrobe.

The culmination of 2020 saw the club provide Christmas presents for Strathdevon residents and financial support towards End of Year school awards.

Continued maintenance of Pitcairn Reserve in Port Sorell and the placement of a community seat are scheduled for 2021.

Sales of the club calendar, car boot sales and a BBQ at Bunnings continue to raise funds for ongoing projects.



Pictured: Rotary members - Vanessa Dane, Dorothy Jones, Jan Hibbins, Sandra Jones and Stacey Reeves - with presents for Strathdevon.

BENDIGO BANK

It's been a wonderful summer holiday time seeing the Shearwater Village coming alive with markets on the weekends.

The Port Sorell & Latrobe Community Bank has had a presence at two of the Shearwater Village Markets with many people stopped by to enquire about the extensive range of products and enjoy the lolly guessing game.

How long is it since you have had a financial review to assess your financial needs? Is your insurance cover adequate or are you in the market for an equipment, rural, home or personal loan? Janet is available at the branch to assist you and reachable on 6428 8883.

A Community Treasure Hunt is currently happening for the Community Bank Port Sorell & Latrobe districts. Tokens have been hidden with fantastic prizes available for the lucky people that find them. Much appreciation is extended to the prize donors - Ghost Rock Vineyard, Caitlin Radford, Colours of Tas, Gina Timms Music and Lotus Waters.

For further information, Follow and Like the Community Bank Port Sorell District Facebook page where clues are regularly provided.

RECOMMENDED READING

Libraries Tasmania's new arrivals offer something for everyone. For adult readers who love crime, these noteworthy picks will challenge assumptions and introduce some characters you're sure to love including *Hot to Trot* by MC Beaton; *The Guest List* by Lucy Foley; *Death in Daylesford* by Kerry Greenwood and *The Suicide House* by Charlie Donlea. All books can be placed on hold with a Libraries Tasmania staff member or online at www.libraries.tas.gov.au.

Visit them online to discover more new arrivals in all your favourite genres. The Latrobe Library and its Computer Hub at 113 Gilbert Street, Latrobe are open from 1:00pm until 5:00pm every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and reachable by phoning 6478 4220.

ART CLASSES FOR ALL

Those who frequent the Crowded Lounge would know, there have been some internal renovations with the Cafe bar relocating to the front window, giving a birds eye view of the barista's making coffee.

Changes have also been made with the little shop next door. Accessible from the internal doorway of The Crowded Lounge, art merchandise adorns the front of The Little Shop with some extra seating and office space at the rear.

More developments are coming so watch this space.

Children's after school art classes are held from 3:30pm until 4:30pm on Mondays and Tuesdays. Suited to children aged 9-15yrs, cost is \$15 which includes materials and a cold drink.

Adult beginner art classes are available Thursday mornings from 10:00am until 12:30pm and cost \$25 including materials. 1:1 or small group art classes are available on request, contact Michelle 0459 239 192.

Stefanie's animae class will be held from 3:30pm until 4:30pm on Thursday afternoons and cost \$15 with participants encouraged to bring their own sketchbook. Enquiries can be made via @pigeon-princessart on Facebook.

The feature artist at the Crowded Lounge during March is Ros Barnett whose strong compulsion to paint means no surface is off limits, no material is too humble and no subject is wrong with the Latrobe streetscapes on plywood being her biggest project to date.

Ros challenges herself to be creative every day, to try new ideas and experiment with colour and technique and loves to see people enjoy her work.

Feature Artist for April is Eric Smith with his ceramic Chess sets - Chinese imperial, medieval and classical, among other themes. All sets will be available for sale and orders are welcome.

SHEDDERS RETURN

The Latrobe Men's Shed are once again active and ready to provide men with a meeting place where they can tinker away at their own or community projects.

The shedders gather each Friday in Kings Lane, Latrobe (off Hamilton Street) from 9:00am, with a BBQ at 12 noon.

For more information, phone Ralph (0405 464 023) or Peter (0409 978 513).

CHANGING OF THE GUARD

Latrobe Community Chat 'n Choose has re-commenced for 2021 under new leadership.

After 25 years of fantastic guidance and leadership, a special celebration morning saw Glenis Smith, Fay Horne and Gladys Purdy thanked and the big shoes to fill handed over to Lorraine and Nelleka.

The Chat 'n Choose programme is held in the Latrobe Baptist Hall (behind the Tabernacle at 125 Gilbert Street, Latrobe) from 10:00am until 12 noon on

Wednesdays where up to 80 people gather to do hardanger, knitting and crochet, make cards, macrame, zentangling, woodturning and a host of other crafts.

For more information, phone Lorraine (0401 266 302) or Nelleka (0405 464 023).

FRIENDSHIPS FOR LIFE

Latrobe Community Playgroup is held in the Latrobe Baptist Hall (behind the Tabernacle at 125 Gilbert Street, Latrobe) from 10:00am each Friday.

A member of Playgroup Tasmania, Latrobe Community Playgroup offers parents, care givers and extended family the opportunity to come together with their babies and pre-school children to learn through play.

Playgroups are distinctively different to Launch into Learning Programs or other school-based initiatives in that the focus of playgroup is strengthening social connections for families, peer support and role modelling positive parenting practices and empowering parents. Many of these bonds remain for life.

For more information, phone Nelleka (0405 464 023) or Lorraine (0401 266 302).

EMBROIDERER'S GUILD

The evening group of the Embroiderer's Guild has resume from 7:00pm until 9:00pm on Thursdays at Hamilton Hub, 20 Hamilton Street, Latrobe.

As well as sharing embroidery skills, members also enjoy outings together. Our latest adventure was to the Van Diemen's Ice Creamery at Christmas Hills followed by a visit to Wychwood Nursery at Mole Creek and lunch at the Mole Creek Hotel. If you are interested in joining the Latrobe Embroider's Guild, contact Helen on 0418 133 895. All skill levels welcome, just bring along some stitching.

SHARING ARTS CREATIVENESS

The Rubicon River Arts - Latrobe Arts Hub has re-commenced operations at 21 George Street, Latrobe, behind the Latrobe Memorial Hall.

The group are working on finalising workshops and exhibition so keep a watch out for the dates for these activities on their Facebook page: Rubicon River Arts Inc. Membership details are also available on the Facebook page in the 'About' section.

Meetings are held from 10:00am until 12 noon on Saturdays: 6 March, 10 April, 1 May, 5 June, 3 July, 7 August, 4 September, 2 October, 6 November with a maximum of one hour to discuss organisational business and the rest for sharing member's works.

New members are warmly welcomed, whether an interested person, beginner or experience artist/craftsperson, with skills to learn or share. Member's interests include poetry, singing, the visual arts - painting, drawing, printmaking, fibre arts, jewellery, sculpture, ceramics and arts administration.

Members live not only in the Latrobe municipality but as far afield as Dunorlan. Throughout the COVID-19 period members have engaged in their arts with some participating in a fibre workshop at Asimatree Gardens.

Stephanie Tuckett, Kim O'Brien, and 'Neet' Smith have also been involved in creating limestone carvings for the ongoing Shearwater 7 Day Makeover.



Pictured: Neet's wombat and Kim's two baby wombats. Photo credit: Kim O'Brien

TABLE TENNIS ROSTER STARTS

Port Sorell Table Tennis Club (PSTTC) roster matches are held Wednesday evenings and Saturday afternoons with 11 teams participating.

Because of the limited space available, the number of tables available for casual hitting/practice on roster days will be limited, but still available to anyone who would like to avail themselves of this opportunity.

Sessions are held at the Banksia Centre, Pitcairn Street, Port Sorell on: Mondays: 2:00pm until 5:00pm

Wednesdays: 6.30pm until 9.30pm

Saturdays: 1:00pm until 4:00pm.

Want to know more? Contact Graeme on 0467 605 039 or email

portsorelltabletennis@gmail.com

A 50TH AND DINING IN THE DARK



1 March sees the Lions Club of Latrobe host their Lions Youth of the Year Club Final (LYoTY). This national competition encourages, fosters

and develops leadership in our youth.

In March, members will celebrate 50 years of community service.

When trying to provide an overview of this time, it is quite an eye opener, proving that a small group can achieve much by working together.

The Latrobe Speedway canteen and a Bunnings barbecue will also consume member's time during March and April.

On 28 April, the Club will be hosting "Manger Dans Le Noir", a dining in the dark experience at the Australian Axeman's Hall of Fame, to raise awareness of the visually impaired. Diners will enter a world of total darkness and rely on their other senses while indulging in the menu.

This event is supported by Latrobe Council through its Art, Culture and Festivals Sponsorship grants. To register to receive further information, email latrobe@lionstasmania.org otherwise, keep an eye out for further details.

Medical information booklets are available from Terry White Pharmacy, Latrobe. If you are heading there, don't forget that you can drop off your unused spectacles for recycling. Spectacles and used stamps may also be left at Ritchie's IGA and Morse's Butchery.

Lions meet at Belly's Bar and Grill, 160 Gilbert Street, Latrobe on the first and third Monday of each month. Interested? Call Stuart (0459 191 444), Kae (0438 241 129) or email latrobe@lionstasmania.org.

WATER EFFICIENCY GAINS

January saw the cessation of play at the club due to the installation of an underground sprinkler system, funded by a grant of \$25,000 from the Department of Sport and Recreation through the "Improving the Playing Fields" scheme and \$3,000 from Latrobe Council.

In previous summers, members have struggled to keep the lawns up to a suitable playing standard. This new system is programmed to water at night three days a week for 40 minutes which will result in a considerable saving of water and improved playing surface.

Planning is about to start for the National Championships which are scheduled for November.

If you are interested in trying croquet, call Chris on 0499 990 239.

COMING EVENTS

COVID-19 safe requirements continue to be in effect. When attending an event, please register as per the requirements offered by the organising body and maintain 1.5m physical distancing between non-same household people. This will assist in events continuing to be held for your enjoyment, and coordinating groups not receiving a hefty fine for any non-compliance.

MARCH

- 2 **Business Clean Up Day**
- 3 **Reel Keen Fishing Club - Port Sorell and District catch up** at the Port Sorell Men's Shed, 14 Burgess Way, Port Sorell at 7:00pm. New members are most welcome. Enquiries to 0419 887 678. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month.
- 5 **Schools Clean Up Day**
- 5 **Indian Chef's Tasting Dinner** at Tranquilles, 9 Gumbowie Drive, Port Sorell from 6:30pm. Cost: \$55 per person. Bookings on 6428 7555 or 0415 723 874
- 6 **Official opening of the next stage of the Wild Mersey Mountain Bike Trails** at 11:00am at Goliath Park, Railton. Trails suitable for the more experienced riders. Food and refreshments available. Let's get really wild. Stay up to date with happenings at www.facebook.com/wildmerseymountainbiketrails
- 7 **Clean Up Australia Day**
- 7-14 **Tasmanian Bike Week** - promoting bike riding for recreation, sport and transport. For more information, go to <https://tasbicyclecouncil.org.au/bike-week/>
- 9 **Latrobe Council Meeting** at the Latrobe Council Chambers, 170 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 5:00pm. Attendance registration essential to 6426 4444.
- 12 **Italian Chefs' Tasting Dinner** at Tranquilles, 9 Gumbowie Drive, Port Sorell from 6:30pm. Cost: \$55 per person. Bookings on 6428 7555 or 0415 723 874
- 14 **Harvest Thanksgiving Service** at the Latrobe Baptist Church, 125 Gilbert Street, Latrobe commencing at 10:00am. Morning tea to follow. All welcome
- 14 **Taylor's Dam Junior Fishout** for U17's from 10:00am until 3:00pm. What you catch, you can take home and eat! Cost: \$2 pp plus annual membership. Hosted by the Devonport Anglers Club. Worms and tackle available for purchase. Canteen facilities on site. Enquiries to www.facebook.com/juniorfishingtasmania
- 14 **Irish Music Concert** featuring performances by 'In the Groove' followed by light refreshments at 76 Chapel Road, Sassafras - 1.30pm for 2.00pm start. Cost \$20 pp. Limited seating. Enquiries to Dianne (0409 907 281) or Annabel (0439 314 989).

- 18 **Wesley Vale/Moriarty Community Information Forum** at the Wesley Vale Church Hall from 7:00pm. Attendance registration essential to 6426 4444
- 19 **Meet and Greet** reconvenes at the Wesley Vale Community Church, Port Sorell Main Road, Wesley Vale from 6:30pm. This free event offers board and card games and an opportunity to connect with others. BYO food (not for sharing). For more information, contact Jan (0408 134 057). Meet and Greet are held on the third Friday of each month.
- 19 **Spanish Chef's Tasting Dinner** at Tranquilles, 9 Gumbowie Drive, Port Sorell from 6:30pm. Cost: \$55 per person. Bookings on 6428 7555 or 0415 723 874
- 20 **Latrobe Speedway at the Gulf Western Oil and Independent Oils Racing**, Speedway Drive, Latrobe Gates open at 3:00pm. Online bookings at latrobespeedway.com.au
- 26 **French Chef's Tasting Dinner** at Tranquilles, 9 Gumbowie Drive, Port Sorell from 6:30pm. Cost: \$55 per person. Bookings on 6428 7555 or 0415 723 874
- 28 **North West Zone Dressage Competition** at the Thirlstane Golf Club grounds, 291 Squeaking Point Road, Thirlstane from 9:00am until 3:00 pm. Free spectator entry. For more information, phone 0408 144 569

APRIL

- 2-20 **School Holidays**
- 2 **Good Friday**
- 2 **Good Friday Easter Services**
- Bridge of Hope at Rubicon Grove Community Centre, 89 Club Drive, Port Sorell from 9:30am
 - Latrobe Baptist Church, 125 Gilbert Street, Latrobe at 10:00am
 - Bridge of Hope at Hamilton Street, Latrobe from 11:00am
- 2 **Latrobe Speedway at the Gulf Western Oil and Independent Oils Racing**, Speedway Drive, Latrobe Gates open at 3:00pm. Online bookings at latrobespeedway.com.au
- 3 **Easter Themed Plaster Painting Workshop** at With Love Baby Gifts, 1/6 Quinlan Crescent, Shearwater from 10:30am. Cost: \$15 for 3 plasters. Bookings to 0432 106 004
- 4 **Easter Sunday Services**
- Bridge of Hope at Rubicon Grove Community Centre, 89 Club Drive, Port Sorell from 9:30am.
 - Latrobe Baptist Church, 125 Gilbert Street, Latrobe at 10:00am
 - Wesley Vale Community Church, Port Sorell Main Road, Wesley Vale at 10:00am
 - Lighthouse Christian Fellowship, 16 Meredith Street, Port Sorell at 10:30am
 - Sassafras Baptist Church, 14 Chapel Road, Sassafras from 10:30am (TBC)
 - Bridge of Hope, cnr Cotton and Hamilton Street, Latrobe from 11:00am.
 - Life Christian Church, cnr Meredith and Darling Streets, Port Sorell at 4:00pm
 - Independent Presbyterian Church, 7 Hamilton Street, Latrobe at 5:00pm
- 5 **Easter Monday**
- 8 **Dream Catcher Workshop** at With Love Baby Gifts, 1/6 Quinlan Cres, Shearwater at 10:30am. Cost: \$20 pp. Bookings to 0432 106 004
- 8 **Sassafras Community Information Forum** at the Sassafras Community Hall from 7:00pm. Attendance registration essential to 6426 4444
- 11 **Taylor's Dam Junior Fishout** for U17's from 10:00am until 3:00pm. What you catch, you can take home and eat! Cost: \$2 per person plus annual membership. Hosted by the Devonport Anglers Club. Worms and tackle available for purchase. Canteen facilities on site. Enquiries to www.facebook.com/juniorfishingtasmania
- 14 **Latrobe Council Meeting** at the Latrobe Council Chambers, 170 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 5:00pm. Attendance registration essential to 6426 4444.
- 15 **The Dye Holidays Workshops** by Hip Sister at With Love Baby Gifts, 1/6 Quinlan Crescent, Shearwater from 10:30am until 12 noon or 1:00pm until 2:30pm. For ages 7+. Cost: \$30. Bookings to 0467 580 270.
- 25 **ANZAC Day activities** (refer to separate article for details)
- 25 **North West Zone Dressage Competition** at the Thirlstane Golf Club grounds, 291 Squeaking Point Road, Thirlstane from 9:00am until 3:00 pm. Free spectator entry. For more information, phone 0408 144 569
- 28 **Manger Dans le Noir (Dining in the Dark)** at the Australia Axeman's Hall of Fame, Bells Parade, Latrobe. Time and cost TBA. A Lions Club of Latrobe initiative. Enquiries to 0438 241 129

POSITIVE RESPONSE TO NEW NORTH WEST BUSES

There has been a positive response to the new bus routes and timetables across the North West which began on 17 January, with no significant problems identified and passengers reporting an improved experience.

The State Growth team was on the ground at key interchanges leading up to the new network with the overwhelming response being that the changes were long overdue. Latrobe is now serviced by routes 178 between Devonport and Latrobe via Spreyton and 184 between Devonport and Sheffield via Latrobe.

Service frequency has been increased with a new two-hourly service on Sundays and route simplification.

Port Sorell is serviced by route 184 - Port Sorell to Devonport via Wesley Vale - with changes to the route direction.

Weekday services at Port Sorell were reduced due to low patronage however the weekend timetable has increased services to six on both Saturday and Sunday.

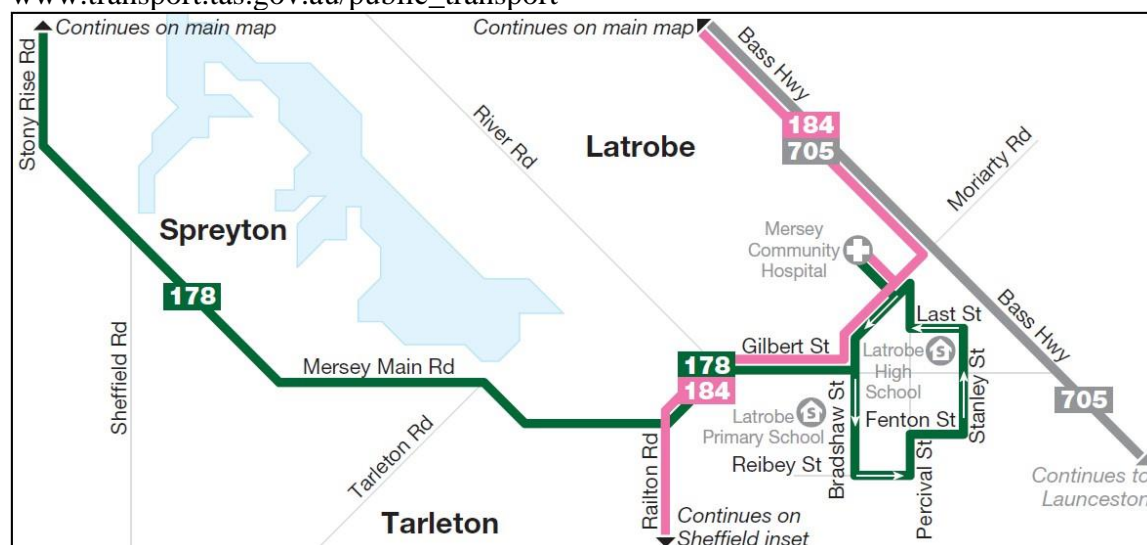
The previous route 85 Hospital Link service has been replaced by a more frequent route 708 North West Express linking central Devonport and Burnie seven days a week.

The new North West Express service also stops in Penguin and Ulverstone, is hourly in each direction on weekdays and Saturdays, and two-hourly on Sundays.

Services between Burnie, Devonport, Launceston and Hobart have also been improved.

For more information on routes and timetables, go to

www.transport.tas.gov.au/public_transport



FENCED IN

Planning on erecting a fence? Did you know that there are certain requirements that need to be met?

In the General Residential zone, you do not need a permit for the construction of a front fence that is either;

- No more than 1.2m above ground level if the fence is solid; or
- No more than 1.8m if the fence has openings above a height of 1.2m which provides a uniform transparency of not less than 30% (excluding any posts or uprights)

‘Uniform transparency’ means that the fence has a level of visibility through the fence and that visibility is the same for the whole length of the fence.

Fences higher than 1.2m at or near the frontage of a property which are not transparent may present a safety hazard for motorists and pedestrians as they may block lines of sight.

Side and rear fences can have a maximum height of 2.1m and there is no requirement for a transparent section.

The height must be reduced within 4.5m of the front boundary to comply with the requirements for front fences (see above).

Fences located on corner lots may need to take into consideration safety matters such as visibility for vehicles at an intersection. Before constructing a front fence on a corner lot, please contact Council’s planning officers for advice.

Additionally, if you wish to build a fence outside the parameters outlined above, you must submit a planning application to Council for assessment.

Responsibility for the erection of fencing between boundaries is governed by the Boundary Fences Act, 1908. Council does not have a role in the administration of the Act.

Further information regarding your rights and responsibilities in relation to fencing can be found at <https://www.legalaid.tas.gov.au/factsheets/boundary-fences-fact-sheet/>

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A SNAPSHOT

- The bus service to Latrobe and Port Sorell has been expanded to 7-days a week (new services on Sundays)
- Port Sorell weekday services decreased but weekend services increased.
- Latrobe services increased.
- Bus stops and routes have been refined.
- Improved linkages established between other urban areas.

KEEP BUS STOPS CLEAR

With the new Sunday bus services to Latrobe and Port Sorell and buses operating over more hours in Latrobe, the Department of State Growth reminds residents not to park in bus stops at any time of the day.

To ensure that passengers can get on and off the bus safely, and so buses have enough space to get in and out of a stop, it is illegal to park in a bus stop and drivers must not stop within 20 metres before a bus stop sign or 10 metres after the sign. Please drive and park safely, and keep bus stops clear.



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