



## ALTERNATE FLOOD LEVEL PROTECTS LIVES AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

Flood mitigation design work for the Latrobe township has been steadily progressing since the 2016 floods, but that hasn't come without challenges along the way.

Key to this process has been the ethos of "build back better" while ensuring measures are implemented that protect the town for the decades ahead and provide confidence in residential and business expansion and growth within that footprint.

The initial plans that the community endorsed involved the establishment of a levee bank along River Road, Atkinson Park, the back of shops from Victor Street to the Station Square carpark and at Kings Creek. This was to have been further supported with a flood wall varying between 1-2m high and following the course of Kings Creek between the Mersey River to Kings Park.

While this option did offer a solution to the flooding of the Mersey, Kings Creek, or both at the same time, it restricted future residential and business development for the town in addition to negatively impacting its visual amenity.

Following local firm, BridgePro being confirmed as Council's preferred tenderer, investigative and validation works on alternative flood mitigation design solutions were explored to minimise the impact on amenity and restrictions on future development while still providing

for the same or better protection to people and property.

BridgePro conceived an alternative design that was validated by Entura, arguably one of the most experienced specialists in water solutions. This new design was then subject to community consultation and feedback. Council has elected to proceed with the alternative design due to it providing superior outcomes for our community. This design can be delivered within the same timeframe and budget as the original. Council has previously submitted a Dam Work Permit Application with the Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment (DPIPWE) and an Environment Protection and Biodiversity Federal Government's Department of Agriculture, Water, and the Environment. Those authorities decide on many matters, including the potential impact of the works proposed on threatened species.



The original design along River Road and Atkinson Park has not changed with BridgePro continuing to plan and be ready to commence with the construction of that section of the works (pictured) immediately upon receipt of the permits.

Commencing construction downstream of the Miles Ford Bridge prior to upstream will include a temporary 'gap' or 'gaps' at the low points in the levee until the upstream works are complete. This will ensure any potential floodwaters from Kings Creek or the Mersey River do not enter and store behind the wall. To further aid in community awareness of the visual impact of the works on the landscape, wall height markers for the conforming and

alternative design have been installed around town. Maps to show where these are located are available on Council's website at [www.latrobe.tas.gov.au](http://www.latrobe.tas.gov.au)

### WHERE TO FROM HERE?

Works on the earth levee bank along River Road and at the Miles Ford Bridge are scheduled to get underway as soon as the relevant permits are received, expectantly in September-October 2021.

There will be disruption to businesses, motorists, and pedestrians during the second phase of the project, particularly in the CBD, due to the installation of a 330m long 6x2m underground culvert that will divert any significant accumulation of water from Kings Creek to beyond Cotton Street. Broad community consultation on the alternate design has been critical.



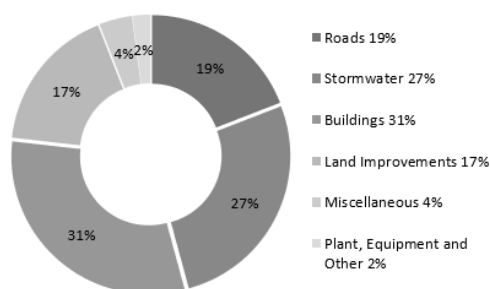


## WHERE YOUR RATES GO

To say we live in challenging times is very much an understatement and especially when setting Council's 2021-22 budget and associated Capital Works program. Expenditure on capital works in the 2021-22 financial year is budgeted to be a record \$22 million and includes a significant carry over from the previous financial year of just under \$11.5 million. It is becoming increasingly obvious that budgeting for a capital works program is one thing but delivering on the construction of those projects is a completely different challenge due to contractors already struggling to manage the volume of work generated by stimulus funds.

Council's 2021-22 Annual Plan and Budget is very much a continuation of responding to COVID-19 challenges and delivering the infrastructure required to support our ever-expanding community. After two successive underlying deficits, Council has this year budgeted to deliver an underlying surplus of just over \$3,000 but with a significant reduction in cash reserves for the foreseeable future.

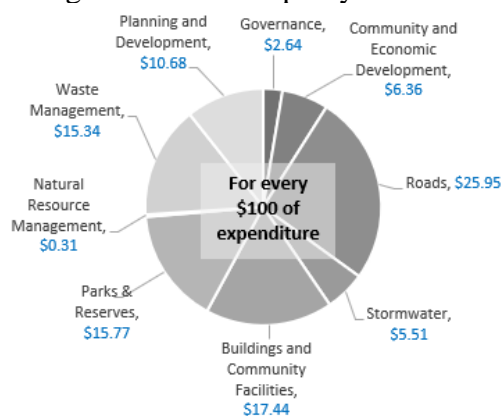
### 2021-22 Budgeted Capital Works



Construction works have commenced on the \$1.5 million upgrade of Tarleton Road and associated footpath and stormwater infrastructure and will be followed with a start on the \$14.2 million Latrobe Flood Mitigation Project, \$5.3 million Banksia Facilities Centre Redevelopment and \$956,000 Hawley Esplanade Pedestrian and Cycling Pathway.

This is in addition to continuing work on delivering projects such as the \$2.5 million redevelopment of the Port Sorell Caravan Park and completion of the Wild Mersey mountain bike experience.

Simultaneously, Council will continue to deliver on the provision and maintenance of parks, playgrounds, roads, and reserves throughout the municipality.



In adopting the budget, elected members have supported a general rate increase of 4.1% which follows on from a 0% increase in the previous financial year. Despite this increase, Latrobe Council maintains its position as one of the lowest rating Councils in Tasmania on a rates per rateable property basis.

### HOW CAN I PAY MY RATES?

Rates can be paid in full or by instalments. If you choose to pay your rates in full, the due date for payment is on or before 31 August 2021 with a discount of 0.75% applied.

If choosing to pay by four instalments, the due dates are 31 August; 31 October; 28 February and 30 April 2022.

Failure to keep to the instalment due dates can result in the total balance becoming immediately payable.

If you are having any difficulties paying your rates, please contact Council's Rates Officer, Ms Jodi Coleman, on 6426 4444.

### PAYMENT BY DIRECT DEBIT

Think you might accidentally forget to pay your rates? You can set up a direct debit. Simply download the Direct Debit Request Form from Council's website or visit Council's office to obtain a form and lodge with Council.

### PENSION RATE REMISSION

Pensioners are eligible for a remission if the property was their principal place of residence as at 1 July, they hold a current pensioner concession card, Health Care Card or Department of Veteran's Affairs

gold card endorsed "TPI" or "war widow/widower" and they are responsible for the payment of rates. In the case of joint ownership, at least one of the owners must meet this criteria and there is a limit of one remission per year per pensioner household.

Eligible pensioners who have not had a pension remission deducted must claim their remission before 31 March 2022. Application forms are available from the Council office. Council will need to sight your current concession cards when you submit your claim form.

### COUNCIL'S WORKS REPORT

The following works are scheduled to be undertaken throughout the Latrobe Municipality during September and October:

#### CIVIL CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE TEAM

- Old Deloraine Rd safety improvements
- Warrabee carpark upgrades
- Bells Parade upgrade gravel footpath link from park to coastal pathway
- Wilmot Street, Port Sorell new footpath along southern side between Blackwood Court and Felina Way
- Moriarty Road new footpath along western side between Forth Street and Torquay Road
- Gravel Road maintenance program
- Roadside spraying

#### TOWN SERVICES

- Shearwater Park - new shelter and playground
- General public building maintenance

#### GREEN SPACES

- Freers Beach access at Freer Street upgrade
  - Install drinking fountains at Hawley Foreshore near Vine Street and at Port Sorell pontoon
  - Landscaping upgrades at Shearwater Industrial Estate
  - Park mowing and spraying program
- Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Council's Operations Manager on 6426 4453.

## WHO WILL YOU NOMINATE FOR THE AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS?



The search is on to find those individuals and groups that make a valuable contribution to the Latrobe Municipality and recognise them through Latrobe Council's Annual Australia Day Awards.

There are three categories to be awarded - Citizen of the Year; Young Citizen of the Year and Community Event of the Year.

### HOW TO NOMINATE

1. Download an Australia Day Nomination Form from [www.latrobe.tas.gov.au](http://www.latrobe.tas.gov.au) or phone 6426 4444 for a form to be posted to you.
2. Ensuring your nominee meets the eligibility criteria, complete the personal information about your nominee and attach your submission addressing the criteria relevant to the section in which you are nominating.
3. Return the nomination to Latrobe Council, "Australia Day Awards" by 1 December. Awards are presented on Australia Day (26 January). Who will you nominate?

*Pictured: 2021 recipients - Greg Donald accepting on behalf of the Latrobe Football Club for games held during COVID times (Community Event); Ailiah Dennison (Young Citizen), Peter Burk (Citizen).*

## THE FUTURE OF HENLEY-ON-MERSEY DEPENDS ON YOU

The future of social, community events is currently “on the line” as service organisations traditionally involved in hosting them

find themselves with less capacity due to dwindling membership and aging challenges. One such group is the Henley-on-Mersey Management Committee comprising of representations from the Lions Club of Latrobe and Rotary Club of Latrobe.

Henley-on-Mersey is held annually on Australia Day (26 January) at Bells Parade, Latrobe, offering a full day of Australiana with wood chopping, ferret racing, sheaf tossing, golf competition, hobby horses and so much more. A situation has evolved where these clubs are finding themselves unable to do as much as they used to.

Henley-on-Mersey Chairman, Mr David Crampton, said “*preferable to no longer staging Henley-on-Mersey, we would like to work with other organisations/ individuals, or a collaboration of multiple organisations, to facilitate a hand over of the coordination of Henley-on-Mersey over a period of a year.*”



*This proactive succession plan seeks to retain this fantastic event that draws so many to our community on Australia Day rather than wait until the last minute and throw in the towel and have the festival fold as a result.”*

Henley-on-Mersey has involved many organisations in a coordination role over its 110-year history.

Starting in 1911 as a community picnic day, the purpose of the festival is to celebrate Australia Day while also investing funds raised in the strategic beautification of the Bells Parade area. To date, Henley-on-Mersey funds have been spent on creating grasslands, stone walling the riverbank, building the bark hut, rotunda, heritage hut and upgrading the playground and, most recently, providing a tiered area at the wood chopping arena, to list a few.

If this is something that your organisation may like to get involved in, please contact Mr Crampton on 0428 442 240.

The existing committee are however working to present the 2022 event and invite activity and stallholder applications up until 30 September. Interested persons are asked to contact Mrs Campbell for more details on 0438 241 129.

### RECOGNISING THE SIGNS AND BEING ABLE TO HELP?

The past 18 months of COVID have presented all of us with many unexpected challenges. Creating connections and staying connected has never been more important.

For some, they cope but for others they present a calm exterior while melting down inside or it is apparently obvious that they are struggling.

With life’s ups and downs generally, it is timely to remember that small acts of kindness are the building blocks to a strong community.

Reaching out to those around you; having genuine conversations, really engaging with each other - small, simple steps can make a difference.

Sometimes however, people are just so overwhelmed that thoughts turn to more permanent actions to resolve what they perceive as insurmountable obstacles.

To support you in recognising these signs and introduce you to how you can help, Latrobe Council has engaged Rural Alive and Well (RAW) to present an introductory toolbox talk on Thursday, 9 September from 7:00pm.

This Toolbox Talk will increase awareness by providing psycho-education on normalising and destigmatising mental illness and promoting help-seeking and help-giving behaviours through a highly engaging talk with trainers of significant experience in mental health and suicide prevention.

By no means is it a ‘*be all*’ however it is a good starting point for broader mental health programs.

This COVID compliant session will be free to attend however pre-registration is essential at <https://bit.ly/3fCYYrv>

### DISCOVER YOUR BACKYARD

With the arrival of Spring and Daylight Saving bringing more hours of sunlight at the end of the day, why not discover what’s in your own patch? There are many ways that you can fill your day, most at minimal or nil cost.

- Walk or cycle the many walking tracks;
- Get fit on the outdoor exercise equipment in Shearwater Park;
- Get out on the water and fish, boat, paddle board, canoe or ski;
- For those with littles, what about a playground tour. There are six to discover throughout the Latrobe Municipality. That’s six times to wear out the kids!
- Fire up the barbecue and invite family and friends around for a feast;
- Let your imagination roam as you explore the pirate themed installations at Shearwater Village;
- Try out the skateparks at Latrobe and Shearwater;
- Take a picnic and discover nature at the many reserves. Can you find the fairies at Latrobe and Port Sorell?
- Take your dog to the off-leash areas for some exercise or the Latrobe Dog Park;
- Sherwood Hall and the National Trust Courthouse Museum in Latrobe has displays of times past. You’ll be surprised at the memories in these places.
- Have you checked out the Australian Axeman’s Hall of Fame exhibition?
- Stop and read the memorial plaques along Sheean Walk;
- Go star gazing. What constellations can you see in our clear night skies? Can you see a satellite?
- The Wild Mersey Mountain Bike Trails

offer many kms of either a relaxing family ride (green trails) through to exciting and challenging black runs.

- Reliquaire is always a favourite place to visit, for young and old.
- Go-karting challenges await at Kart Magic;
- Join a sporting club and get fit while making new friendships;
- Can you find the 42 orchids in the Henry Somerset Conservation Area on Railton Road (November).
- Indulge in food and wine experiences.



After the success trial of the Shearwater Village Market last Summer, it is set to return for the 2021-22 Summer season. While being held at the same location - 8 Club Drive, Shearwater - it is moving to a Saturday morning time slot.

If you are a maker, producer, food providore or musician and interested in becoming a stallholder, email [thevillagemarketshearwater@gmail.com](mailto:thevillagemarketshearwater@gmail.com) to register your interest.

### ONLINE PORTAL FOR FUNDING

Need funding for a brilliant business or community idea that must be brought to fruition? You need look no further than the Cradle Coast Funding Finder - <https://www.cradlecoast.com/funding-finder/>

In this online portal you can search over 990 grants worth \$60.5 billion. Of course, that would take a lot of time so be sure to use the filter to select your criteria. This one stop shop could save you a whole lot of time and effort and have you achieving your goals quicker than you thought.



## MAKING DREAMS REAL

Seedlab Tasmania is an incubator program of training and support and 1:1 coaching that has supported over 105 Tasmanian start-up food, drink and agritourism businesses to start, scale and grow to success.

They help people from all sorts of backgrounds: from lawyers to chefs, teachers to hairdressers, ecologists to engineers. People who have a passion and a drive to build their own lifestyle, lifelong, or grow-to-sell business, but who simply don't know, what they don't know. Seedlab fills these knowledge gaps, and de-risks their growth. It prevents them having to reinvent every wheel themselves, and gets them where they want to be, faster, less expensively, and with a greater likelihood of success than going it alone.

Dr Hazel MacTavish-West, Founder and Project lead for Seedlab Tasmania said: *"Our Seedlab Tasmania Village has become a vibrant and valued postcode for the 105 businesses who have so far taken part in the program. We are immensely proud of the progress made by both our first and second crop of Cultivators, and we can't wait to start working with 13 new businesses in Cultivate #3"*.

If you would like to know more about this program and register your interest in potential future cultivate groups, please contact Dr Hazel MacTavish-West by phoning 0459 764 859 or email [hello@seedlabt Tasmania.com.au](mailto:hello@seedlabt Tasmania.com.au)

## AGED CARE KNOW HOW - LIVING WELL AT HOME

Developing "Aged Care Know How" supports people to think about, talk, and plan for their own well-being, enabling them age independently at home and stay connected to their community.

## NEW PROCESS FOR BARKING DOG COMPLAINTS

Latrobe Council has updated how they handle 'Barking Dog' complaints to ensure a fair process for all involved.

There is now a series of steps that must be followed, and any barking complaint submitted to Council will have a \$25 fee attached to the application.

This fee is refundable if the barking nuisance is substantiated.

To ensure complaints are handled consistently, the following thresholds have been adopted to establish whether a 'Barking' Nuisance is occurring.

*A dog that barks, bays, cries, howls, or makes any noise for an extended period may constitute a nuisance if there is:*

- *Incessant barking for 30 minutes or more in any 24-hour period; or*
- *Intermittent barking for 60 minutes or more during any 24-hour period.*

Life often presents us with setbacks but being prepared with the right information, and the right questions, keeps you in control.

COTA Tasmania's Living Well at Home program offers an opportunity to create a "wellness map of their needs and preferences" then work with knowledgeable professionals to simplify and disentangle the many messages and programs available for older people who need support at home.

They have Top Tips to share about home based, subsidised supports available via the Commonwealth Government's My Aged Care and the State Government hospital system.

Did you know you can get help at home to "restore or regain" your well-being after a hospital stay?

Waiting times for a home care package are an issue for many. People can (while recovering from a setback at home), get back to wellness faster by asking for a short-term restorative care package.

For more information, phone COTA Tasmania on 6231 3265 or email [admin@cotatas.org.au](mailto:admin@cotatas.org.au).

*Source: Aged Care Know How - Living Well at Home - COTA Tasmania*

## CALLING BUDDING PHOTOGRAPHERS

When trolling various social media, the beauty of our part of the world consistently amazes. While good enough to promote our area, unfortunately these images are not readily available on tourism platforms that reach the world.

Both the Regional Tourism body - West by North West (WxNW) - and Tourism Tasmania curate high resolution image libraries that are accessed by media and the travel industry to promote Tasmania as a destination. Unfortunately, there are

very few images that portray our municipality.

If you are a budding photographer, this is a great way to build your photography credentials so why not check out what they have at <https://bit.ly/3imX28f> and <https://visuals.tourismtasmania.com.au/> and the types of images that appeal to them to include in their library.

Landscapes, people, festivals, food, nature and experiences - put on your tourist hat locally and let's see what results.

WxNW is reachable via [georgie@wxnw.com.au](mailto:georgie@wxnw.com.au) while you can email Tourism Tasmania's Visual Library at [visual.library@tourism.tas.gov.au](mailto:visual.library@tourism.tas.gov.au)

## ARE YOU A STREAM POLLUTER?

Are you aware that washing dirty vehicles, painting equipment, garden waste or soil on surfaces that channel to stormwater drains causes stream pollution?

All stormwater drains lead to our streams, rivers, or beaches where these pollutants can kill fish and other aquatic life.

Dirt and grime from a vehicle's surface are toxic as are many of the ingredients in detergents and solvents. Similarly, paint is toxic, and direct sediment can have a long-term impact on water clarity, making it harder for fish to breathe, see and eat. It can also cause skin damage to fish making them more susceptible to disease.

Once sediment enters a waterway it can settle on the bottom and smother the natural stream bed where algae and invertebrates live, and fish like to hide. This affects the food source and natural lifecycle of stream life.

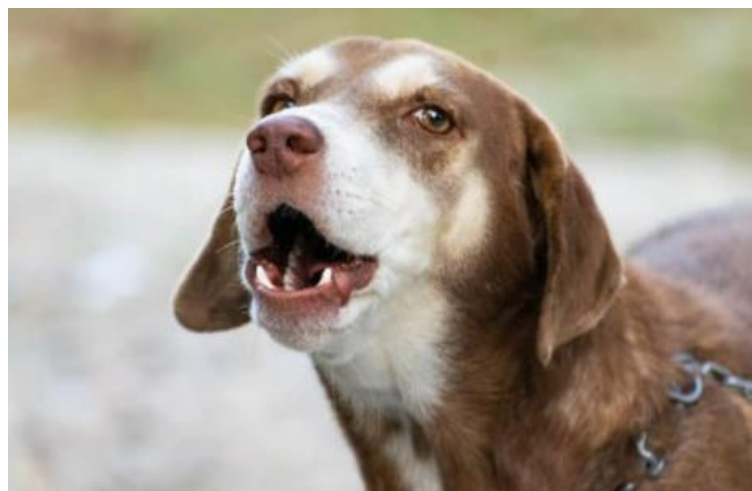
So, when you are doing work in the garden, or cleaning a muddy vehicle or painting equipment, remember only rain down the stormwater drain and keep dirt and paint where it belongs, away from our waterways.

Barking dogs negatively impact on the wellbeing of your neighbours. As part of the new process, the first step is to either have a friendly conversation with your neighbours or send them a (polite) letter (there is a template on Council's website) as they may be unaware of the issue.

Once you've either had that chat with your neighbour or sent them a letter and they've (hopefully) agreed to do something about the barking, wait a few weeks to see if they have been successful in their efforts.

If there is no improvement, you can complete and submit a Barking Dog complaint form to Council and pay a \$25 fee that is refundable (upon the complaint being proven).

As part of the process, you will be required to complete bark diaries to record the nuisance and monitor any potential improvements. Further information about the process, can be found on the Barking Dog Factsheet located on Council's website.



## IT'S NOT JUST A LOAD OF RUBBISH

Michael Redpath has managed the Port Sorell Waste Transfer Station for the past 13 years and gotten to know rubbish well. As a result, his ground cover material has become renown with gardeners from Smithton through to Launceston travelling to Port Sorell to purchase it. So, what is so special about the product? Mick is very careful with ensuring that only green waste is disposed of in the green waste pile at the transfer station. Twice yearly, a mulcher is brought in and large branches and plant material are processed twice to make a finer product. It is then watered and turned over a period of several days to allow the heat to work its magic and aid in its decomposition. Other recycling activities at the Port Sorell Waste Transfer station include mulching gigantic tree stumps into wood chips suitable for gardens and crunching old concrete slabs back to gravel. These recycling activities enable Latrobe Council to keep costs at the Port Sorell Waste Transfer Station down. For instance, when you take a load of "rubbish" to the tip it probably costs you about \$18 for a 6 x 4-foot trailer load however, it costs Latrobe Council many thousands of dollars a year for skip bin disposal. Pre-sorting rubbish from recyclables before you arrive can save you money as cardboard, newspaper, steel cans, aluminium, glass and plastic bottles, timber, fluorescent tubes, car and household batteries, old paint can all be put in their respective bins/areas for free. The waste metal (old bikes, washing machines, roofing etc) is sent to Sims or OneStop metal recycling and plastic 5-20L drums are recycled and made into storm water pipes. The Port Sorell Waste Transfer Station in Hawk Hill Road, (off Alexander Street), Shearwater is open from 10:00am until 4:00pm Wednesday - Sunday.

Adjacent to the Transfer Station is the independently operated Port Sorell Lions Club "Tip shop", managed by Dave. It is a place where you can drop off unwanted furniture, household, and garden items etc.

Open on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday from 10:00am until 3:00pm, the more you drop off the less you will have to pay to dump.

Shearwater also has two opportunity shops which also love your donations of clothes, books, etc.

*"One person's trash is another person's treasure."*

Authored by Marlene Chesney



Pictured: the mulcher processing product for Mick's special garden product

### RECYCLING BATTERIES AND MOBILE PHONES

Rather than disposing of your household dry-cell batteries, including alkaline, lithium, watch batteries and cordless drill batteries in your kerbside bin, where they cannot be easily separated and contaminate other recyclables, why not recycling them and drop them into the Council office?

Not only are you reducing a potential fire risk within the bin and the collection trucks, but these batteries are also



collected by Toxfree, sorted, and safely shipped to processors who recover materials from the different battery types as inputs to new products.

You can also recycle your unused mobile phones at the Latrobe Council office for recycling. All you need do is remove all your personal information by following the how-to instructions at -

- Android - <https://vimeo.com/289779048>
- iOS - <https://vimeo.com/289794564>

If your phone is no longer working and you can't remove your data, Mobile Muster's recycling process does make sure that all data is destroyed.

So far this year, 5kgs of mobile phone components have been collected from Latrobe Council through this program, creating a better environment for the future.

### LATROBE RSPCA ARC OPENS

The RSPCA has had many facelifts over its 140 years with the next step in planning being to upgrade facilities and introduce the community to their hub and spoke model.

Part of this process is the opening of an Adoption and Retail Centre (ARC) in Latrobe at 3/131 Gilbert Street.

Deputy CEO, Andrea Dawkins said *"with the Spreyton Animal Care Centre nearing the end of its life as a shelter, it was imperative to provide community access to our organisation in the vicinity before we move on to developing a new facility.*

*We are looking for the perfect site for a central animal care centre, which becomes the hub and to continue to develop ARCs as a touch point for our community, as the spokes.*

*The Latrobe ARC will be the third, after Launceston and Hobart.*

*RSPCA ARCs offer adoptions of cats and pocket pets, as well as general advice on our current community support programs, like low cost desexing schemes, sell retail items; food, enrichment and litter systems and any other necessities for taking an animal home.*

*RSPCA Tasmania's purpose is to create and support meaningful connections by enhancing the lives of companion animals and the people in our community who love them, and we are excited to be furthering this cause in Latrobe."*

### SCHOOL ENROLMENTS

Starting school in 2022 or looking to change schools, there are a number of options available throughout the Latrobe Municipality and they are now accepting enrolments now -

- Andrews Creek Primary School (K-6)  
Westwind Dr, Wesley Vale .. 6428 4088
  - Geneva Christian College (K-12)  
197 Moriarty Road, Latrobe . 6426 1053
  - Latrobe High School (7-10)  
Percival Street, Latrobe..... 6426 1061
  - Latrobe Primary School (K-6)  
23 Lewis Street, Latrobe..... 6426 1203
  - Port Sorell Primary School (K-6)  
Pitcairn Street, Port Sorell .... 6422 2222
  - Sassafras Primary School (K-6)  
50 School Road, Sassafras .... 6426 7240
  - St Patrick's Catholic School (K-6)  
55 Bradshaw St, Latrobe..... 6426 1626
- Enrolment in a public school is subject to the child being within that school's designated home area. There are however certain circumstances where you can seek an exemption.

Further information is available at [www.education.tas.gov.au](http://www.education.tas.gov.au)

### BUILDING UPDATE

A total of 69 building, plumbing, and commercial applications and notifications of works were received by Council during June and July.

They comprised of 22 dwellings; 1 dwelling addition/alteration; 8 outbuildings; 2 commercial/industrial and 29 plumbing applications and 7 other with a conservative value of \$10,268,597.



## HEYWIRE COMPETITION OPEN



Are you a high school aged person with a great story to tell or know someone who is? ABC's Heywire competition is calling for stories about what it's like growing up in regional Australia.

Entries must be a true story about an aspect of your life and can be in any format: text, video, or audio - whatever form suits you best! Most entries are text but feel free to be creative. The recommended length is 400 words. The competition winners will work with ABC producers to have their story featured on the ABC.

To enter, go online to <https://ugc-heywire.zendesk.com/hc/en-au/requests/new>. Entries close 16 September 2021.

If you have any questions, email [abcheywire@abc.net.au](mailto:abcheywire@abc.net.au) or phone 1800 26 26 46.

## PROTECTING LOCAL WILDLIFE

Although you may believe that your pet is unlikely to harm wildlife, our domestic pets are driven by instinct if not kept in check. Our pets provide companionship, yet irresponsible pet ownership can impact our environment and may lead to enforcement action. You can do your part as a responsible pet owner by:

- Ensuring that your dog is kept under control. Put dogs on leashes in nature reserves or bushland where native animals are likely to be vulnerable.
- Keep your dog confined in the backyard, particularly when you are not there.
- If you live in a flat, walk your dog daily and properly train your dog to respond to your commands.
- Keep cats inside overnight - particularly at dawn and dusk. Even well-fed cats roaming at night hunt and kill possums, bandicoots and other small native

mammals, while birds are often targets at dawn and dusk when they are most active. It will also protect the cat from fights and subsequent infections and disease and reduces the risk of your cat being run over.

- A cat run or pet enclosure will give your cat the best of both worlds - the safety of life inside with access to a secure outdoor area. It can be constructed around a tall tree, allowing your cat the freedom to climb, scratch and perch in a high place.

In general, provide sufficient food and shelter for your pets and identify your pet with a collar, tag and microchip, adding collar bells for cats.

## CELEBRATING 150 YEARS

The Sassafras Primary School community have been busy throughout the year preparing for the celebration of their 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Scheduled for 16 October, students have planted numerous bulbs throughout the ground in anticipation of the event and even visited the Hagley Farm School to experience what education would have been like when the school first opened. They are however still seeking memorabilia to display and are especially keen for any photos, old school projects, uniforms etc. If you can loan these items, please contact the school on 6426 7240. Don't forget to mark the date on your calendar so you don't miss this wonderful day of celebration.

## STAYING UPBEAT

Uniting AgeWell Latrobe Community, Strathdevon was delighted to host the launch of the Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra's 'TSO Community' service by the Minister for Senior Australians and Aged Care Services Richard Colbeck recently. This program delivers digital concerts to aged care and community facilities across Tasmania and beyond with residents treated to a wonderful TSO performance of Sinfonia Concertante via the on-demand service.

TSO Community will enable aged care residents to tune into TSO concerts captured live in Hobart's Federation Concert Hall as part of their entertainment and leisure program.

## \$1,000 FIRST PRIZE IN FISHING COMPETITION

\$1,000 is on offer as first prize in the Reel Keen Fishing Club's Fishing Competition being held at Port Sorell over the weekend of 13-14 November, but you only have until 31 October to register. This trailered boat competition is limited to a team of



two people per boat with the entry fee being \$100.

There are set species that teams will be fishing for - flathead, KGW, bream, snapper, and salmon. Only one of these species can be bagged each day with the winner being the team that has the longest overall, combined length of all species.

A squidding competition is also being simultaneously held with the team with the biggest squid over the two days winning first prize.

Fishing focussed stalls at the corner of the Port Sorell boat ramp and East Esplanade are an opportunity to stock up on supplies. Entry is online to [ruby75kombi@gmail.com](mailto:ruby75kombi@gmail.com) or [michaelrkfc@gmail.com](mailto:michaelrkfc@gmail.com) or by phoning 0419 887 678.

Uniting AgeWell has been a valuable corporate partner of the orchestra since 2018, knowing that music plays a very important role in people's lives, whatever their age. The therapeutic benefits of music are well known, especially for people with dementia, helping them to relax and reduce anxiety.

A live pop-up concert by the TSO is scheduled for the Strathdevon Community in October.

Meanwhile residents at Strathdevon have a busy social calendar ahead with all the fun events associated with the Father's Day, AFL Grand Final, as well as the raft of usual lifestyle activities.

## NEW THICKNESSER FOR SHED

Latrobe shedders do a variety of community projects for anyone in need of help, with 440 projects completed since the shed opened.

A recent grant from Baptcare has resulted in the purchase of a new heavy duty thicknesser and biscuit cutter.



If you wish to know more about the Latrobe Men's Shed or would like help with a project, just call into the Latrobe Community Men's Shed in Kings Lane, Latrobe any Friday from 9:00am or phone Ralph (0405 464 023) or Peter (0409 978 514).

## CRAFT BUILDS FRIENDSHIPS

Latrobe Chat n Choose continues through school terms each Wednesday morning at 10:00am. Crafts currently offered include hardanger, knitting and crochet, macrame, smocking, beadwork, card making, and woodturning at the Baptist Church Hall. All are welcome to come along for a chat to enjoy the company or to start a new craft. Cost is \$2 which includes morning tea. For more details phone Lorraine (0401 266 302) or Nelleka (0405 464 023).



# CREATING CONNECTIONS TO PORT SORELL'S HISTORY



*Pictured: Helen Townsend and Charlie Ritchie Jr whose fathers are included on a newly installed Port Sorell Heritage Trail panel.*

## KALIBA

*Pronounced Calibre - Noun: quality of character and the excellence of ability*

Representing every business large or small, and every industry, the new independent business association for our region now has a name and is moving ahead to start in September this year. KaLIBA is the result of several information forums across the Latrobe and Kentish Municipalities, nomination of local business people on a Coordination Group, plus a series of communications to the entire business community. The Coordination Group has met several times and are now working on a logo, draft list of programs, projects and benefits and selection of the Board of Management prior to the September launch. The guiding principles for KaLIBA are:

- to represent and support every business regardless of industry, size, or locality
- be independent while collaborating and cooperating with all tiers of government, industry, and other relevant organisations
- be focused on the needs of businesses to support their wellbeing and prosperity
- deliver business support, engagement, education, promotion, lobbying, networking, and mentoring
- engage with all businesses to create a united voice that fosters increased economic activity, for the benefit of businesses and communities.

If you would like to directly impact the business prosperity of our region or have

not been receiving updates on KaLIBA, please email the Executive Officer at [gordon.williams@kaliba.org.au](mailto:gordon.williams@kaliba.org.au) or phone 0402 636 769.

## WHERE YOU BANK MATTERS

The Community Bank is pleased with the community's support for business growth with enquiries for home loans, credit cards, equipment finance, personal loans and insurances increasing however, there is still much more to be done and more business to write.

Your banking business can assist in the drive to become the bank of first choice for the communities of Port Sorell, Latrobe, and adjoining districts. The point of difference is the availability of a home loan specialist who can approve loans within 48 hours. Whether you are in the market for a complete home loan or to re-finance your current mortgage, please call the branch on 6428 8883.

If you are unable to visit the branch during working hours, the staff are happy to meet at a mutually convenient time.

Your local bank will deliver the products and technology you'd expect from a big bank, plus the personal service you wouldn't. How convenient is it to have a local bank servicing our community!

## DONATIONS SOUGHT

Following the successful staging of a Luncheon and Fashion Parade; where Rubicon Grove Auxiliary members paraded the fashions from Small Change, Ulverstone, they are now planning for their White Elephant Stall at the Port Sorell

12 recently installed interpretive signs at significant locations throughout Port Sorell form the basis of the Port Sorell Heritage Trail.

For some months, the Port Sorell History Group have been working with Libby Prescott and Marianne Hawke on creating a narrative and connecting information in a way that broadens the knowledge of the Port Sorell area.

Located alongside existing shared pathways and walking tracks, the resulting interpretive panels contain historical images and text, allowing the viewer to learn about significant events, buildings and characters that have helped shape this unique area. This series of rich and engaging interpretation panels will immerse viewers in the landscape, to create a connection to the environment and a strong sense of place, further enhancing local community connectivity while providing a meaningful and engaging visitor experience.

An initiative of the Port Sorell History Group, the project was funded through the Tasmanian Government's Regional Tourism Project Grant and the Port Sorell Lions Club with further support received from Latrobe Council and the Port Sorell Men's Shed. The Port Sorell History Group are truly appreciative of the support and encouragement in developing the Port Sorell Heritage Trail and look forward to further community involvement - especially with the supply of images - to enable its expansion into Shearwater, Hawley, and Squeaking Point.

For more information, contact the Port Sorell History Group on 0407 045 287.

Spring Fair on 17 October. Donations to this stall would be gratefully accepted. Don't forget that the auxiliary meet at Rubicon Grove at 1:00pm on the third Wednesday of the month with the next meeting on 15 September. You will be made most welcome.

For more information about the Rubicon Grove Auxiliary, phone 0419 352 359 or 0408 637 019.

## DO A FRIEND A FAVOUR

Probus clubs provide retirees with the opportunity to make new friends that get together monthly, listen to interesting guest speakers, and participate in a wide range of activities. Probus membership is open to anyone who is retired or semi-retired.

On 1 October, Probus Clubs throughout Australia will celebrate Probus Day, a day focussed on creating positive social connections through a broad range of opportunities along the theme of "Do a Friend a Favour". There has never been a better time to make new friends, stay active and be engaged so why not contact your local Probus Club -

- Rubicon Probus Inc meet at the Port Sorell Golf Club, Shearwater Bvd, Shearwater at 10:00am on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month.
- Mersey Valley Ladies Probus Inc meet at Hamilton Hub, 18 Hamilton Street, Latrobe from 10:00am on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month or via the organisation's website at <http://www.probusouthpacific.org>



## HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?

Now is the time to get outside to prune, plant and feed your garden. Take care though, as in many areas it is still risky to plant out frost-sensitive plants such as tomatoes, but they can be planted in seed trays or pots in readiness for frost free days.

### WHAT TO SOW AND PLANT IN SEPTEMBER:

**ORNAMENTALS:** Alyssum, amaranthus, azalea (pots), calendula, california poppy, camellias (pots), cannas (pots), canterbury bells, carnation, clematis (pots), cornflower (seedlings), cosmos, daisies (pots), daphne (pots), delphinium, everlasting daisy, galtonia (bulbs), hellebore (pots), honesty, lobelia (seedlings), lawn seed, marigold, nasturtium, native plants (pots), pansy (seedlings), petunia, polyanthus (seedlings), primula (seedlings), rhododendron (pots), rose (pots), salvia, snapdragon, succulents (pots), sweet pea, viola (seedlings), wallflower (seedlings)

**PLANT:** Potatoes, Jerusalem artichokes, globe artichokes, chives, rhubarb divisions and seedlings of cabbage, cauliflower, celery, broccoli, lettuce,

**SOW DIRECT:** Carrot, beetroot, parsnip, silverbeet, cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli, lettuce, onion, kohlrabi, summer spinach, leeks, swede, turnip, peas, Asian brassicas, Japanese turnip, peas. Under glass, sow tomatoes, pumpkin, zucchini, and sweetcorn silverbeet, spring long-keeping and salad onion and leeks

By October, air and soil temperatures are warming and days are longer, making it an ideal time to plant seeds, seedlings, and potted plants. Water new plantings well when times are dry.

### WHAT TO SOW AND PLANT IN OCTOBER:

**ORNAMENTALS:** Alyssum, amaranthus, arctotis, aster, bedding begonia, begonia (tubers), bellis, calendula, california poppy, candytuft, canterbury bells (pots), carnation, celosia, clematis

### MEET THE AUTHOR

Following on from the hit novel *The Bluffs* comes another captivatingly atmospheric story *The Deep* by acclaimed Tasmanian author, Kyle Perry. *The Deep* is a heart-stopping new thriller set on the rugged coast of Tasmania about modern-day pirates, family bonds and betrayals, and the hidden dangers that lurk in the deep. Mr Perry will be promoting *The Deep* at the Devonport Library in the parnaple centre on 3 September from 6:00pm to 8:00pm and you are invited to attend. During the evening, Mr Perry will be talking about his research into the Tasman Peninsula where the story is set and his writing process. Bookings can be taken at the Latrobe Library or on Eventbrite. If you would like to read *The Deep*, you can place a hold via [www.libraries.tas.gov.au](http://www.libraries.tas.gov.au) or ask staff for assistance.

Libraries Tasmania will be offering activities for 5-12 years old's during the September-October school holidays. Details of the activities and booking facilities will be available on Eventbrite ([www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com)).

Would you like help getting online safely or learning how to use your smartphone, tablet, or laptop? You can register for a free, small group session or one to one appointment with volunteers in the Latrobe Library computer hub.

The opening hours for the Latrobe Library and its computer hub are from 1:00pm-5:00pm every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoon.



(pots), cornflower, cosmos, dahlias (tubers), delphinium, dianthus, geranium (seedlings), gerbera, impatiens (seedlings), larkspur, lawn seed, lobelia, marigold, nasturtium, native plants (pots), nemesia, petunia, primula (seedlings), rhododendron (pots), rose (pots), russell lupins (pots), salvia, succulents (pots), sunflower, tithonia, zinnia

**PLANT:** Potatoes, globe artichoke and chive divisions. Also, seedlings of cabbage, cauliflower, celery, broccoli, leek, lettuce, salad and spring onion, leeks and towards the end of the month seedlings of tomato, zucchini, pumpkin, squash, bush and climbing beans and sweetcorn

**SOW:** Carrot, beetroot, parsnip, silverbeet, cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli, lettuce, spring and salad onion, leeks, late peas, tomato, zucchini, pumpkin, squash, and sweetcorn. Under glass or in containers sow cucumber, eggplant, capsicum, and tomatoes.

### CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONS

Latrobe Primary School Year 5 students, Arrom, Jay, Kade and Rylan recently participated in the 2021 all schools Primary 3km Cross Country Championship at the Symmons Plains Raceway, the largest primary school cross country championship event in the nation. All four boys showed huge resilience, bravery, and comradery, taking on participants from other schools from across Tasmania who were there in larger numbers and part of larger school teams.



In the 11-year-old boys' race there were 249 entrants. Rylan was the first LPS student across the finish line, running 89<sup>th</sup> with a time of 13.44, followed by Kade running 145<sup>th</sup> placing a time of 14.22, Jay ran 192<sup>nd</sup> with a time of 15.17 and Arrom came 210<sup>th</sup> with a time of 16.06.

Congratulations to all boys who showed great mateship by encouraging and supporting each other across the journey.

### DIVERSE ART WORKSHOPS

Rubicon River Arts has emerged from COVID-19 closure with a strong program of workshops, an annual exhibition and welcomed new members.

Throughout September-October, Rubicon River Arts (RRA) members will hold rotating exhibitions of members' work at the Latrobe Arts Hub, 21 George Street, Latrobe. As RRA members only attend the Latrobe Arts Hub on Thursday - Sunday 10:00am - 2:00pm, if you wish to view the exhibition at other times, please email [rubicon-river-arts@googlegroups.com](mailto:rubicon-river-arts@googlegroups.com) or Latrobe Visitor Information Centre volunteers may be in attendance.

Recent workshops, 'Spinning' led by Rasa Dunlop; and 'Stitched Basketry' led by Kim O'Brien, have proved so popular that both tutors have scheduled extra and advanced workshops in the second half of the year. Details are on the group's events calendar.

RRA meet monthly from 10:00am until 12 noon at the Latrobe Arts Hub, 21 George Street, Latrobe (behind the Latrobe Memorial Hall). Contact [rubicon-river-arts@googlegroups.com](mailto:rubicon-river-arts@googlegroups.com)

### PRESCHOOLERS PLAYGROUP

Latrobe Community Playgroup is held from 10:00am until 12 noon every Friday morning, during School terms, at the Baptist Church Hall, Gilbert St, Latrobe. A wide variety of activities are provided for pre-schoolers. A mother or carer must accompany their child/ren.

Morning Tea is provided for carers (BYO for children). Cost is \$2 with more information available from Nelleka (0405 464 023) or Lorraine (0401 266 302).



## EAGLES PROTECTED

Work on the construction of Australia's longest pedestrian suspension bridge across the Mersey River has been temporarily halted while mating of the resident and critically endangered Wedge Tailed Eagles take precedence.



The suspension bridge is to be located within proximity to a critically endangered wedge tailed eagle nest and, with the eagle breeding season currently underway, it is important for the future of the species that they are not impacted with construction activity during this part of their lifecycle. Mayor Freshney said *"the Wild Mersey Mountain bike trails set out to create opportunities for our community and visitors to experience the Warrawee Forest Reserve. As part of the project a significant amount of work has been undertaken to understand the natural values of the Reserve, and it is important that we maintain them for the future"*. Prior to commencing on site, a detailed environmental assessment was undertaken to understand the natural values of the Reserve. Working within permit conditions from the Tasmanian Parks and Wildlife Service, several delays have resulted in the project not being able to be constructed within a timeframe. To proceed would negatively impact on the wedge tailed eagle's breeding season. BridgePro Engineering Managing Director Aaron Brimfield said *"During construction it quickly became apparent that the type and amount of rock on site was unsuitable for the design. This resulted in several design revisions and*

*consequently additional work to construct concrete anchor blocks. Exacerbated by the recent unfavourable weather conditions, the project was not able to meet the available window for construction"*.

A nest inspection will determine if the nest is active or inactive. If it is active the project is delayed until March 2022. Mayor Freshney said *"While ultimately we are disappointed with the delay, Council is ensuring that infrastructure is not constructed to the detriment of endangered or threatened species. We are confident that when the bridge is open it will have been worth the wait"*.

## INFANT LOSS RECOGNISED

15 October is International Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day. Impacting tens of thousands of Australians every year, this is not a 'commercial day'. It is not used to raise money but to raise awareness and support for those impacted by pregnancy and infant loss. Each year in Australia 1 in 4 pregnancies ends in the loss of the baby and 1 in 6 pregnancies ends in a still birth. This means that pregnancy and infant loss touches ever Australian in every corner of our country in some way - either directly or indirectly through a sibling or a parent. The death of a baby is an earth-shattering, life changing experience that stays with parents forever and sadly happens far more common than many people realise, even here in our 'lucky country' of Australia. On 15 October, let's show our support to those that have experienced infant loss and light up your home and business in a flood of pink.

## EAT AND GREET RETURNS

Wesley Vale Eat and Greet recommences with daylight saving from 6:30pm on 15 October at the Wesley Vale Community Hall (opposite the Wesley Vale shop) and each month on the third Friday evening. Eat and Greet at Wesley Vale is a way for

newcomers to the area to meet locals but also an opportunity for those living in the area to catch up socially.

Everyone brings a plate of food to share and conversations are taking place in no time at all. If you have a musical instrument or games you like to play, bring them along and get everyone involved. You will be made most welcome with the venue being wheelchair accessible. Eat and Greet will be conducted under COVID compliant conditions. Want to know more? Please contact Jan on 0408 134 057.

## BOWLS START

The Latrobe Bowls Club is grateful for the receipt of a Latrobe Council Community Grant, enabling the replacement of the bar fridge to a more efficient model, ultimately saving the club money.

An Open Day will be held on 26 September and includes a paddle stick competition. The paddle stick competition is a random draw where the "stick" has a number and a position on it. In this instance it will be for a team of four and each "stick" gives the player a rink number and a position. It is a fun way to have a game of lawn bowls to open the season. This is followed by the Open Saturday Pennant from 16 October where men and ladies are both able to play against other Clubs along the north west coast. Latrobe have five teams in this competition. The Thursday Ladies Pennant starts on 21 October where Latrobe having a team in each of the four divisions.

For those in the corporate sector, the highly social Corporate Bowls competition commences on 27 October.

This year the Latrobe Bowls Club will celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> season. This is a great milestone with plans in progress to celebrate.

The Latrobe Bowls Club is in Victor Street, Latrobe, at the foothills of Dooley's Hill. If you want to know more about bowls, contact Jenny on 6426 1276 or email [bowlclub@latrobebowlsclub.com](mailto:bowlclub@latrobebowlsclub.com)

## COMMUNITY AND PERSONAL SUPPORT FOR SHEDDERS

The Port Sorell Men's Shed at 14 Burgess Way, Shearwater provides a great facility for men to gather and use/learn hand skills, keep their minds and bodies active and experience the camaraderie and companionship of other men.

Shedders not only do projects for themselves but also for people in the local community and community projects. Most recently, members assisted with the bases for the Port Sorell Heritage Trail. Shedders also enjoy regular outings to places like the Woolnorth Dairy Farm at Cape Grim, Maritime Museum at Georgetown, National Automobile Museum of Tasmania in Launceston, and the Don River Railway.

Recently, member Peter French suggested the shedders take up a collection for Gran's Van, a voluntary organisation that helps the homeless. Warm winter clothing, blankets and sleeping bags were collected with the club who were overwhelmed by the tremendous response received.

At the weekly barbecue they collected \$200 from members, which the Men's Shed matched, enabling the purchase of food

and toiletries which was given to Gran's Van to distribute.

The shed has a barbecue for members every Friday lunch time and welcomes anyone thinking of joining them to come along and visit, chat and have a barbecue.

The shed is open five days a week - Monday to Thursday from 9:00am to 3:00pm and Friday 9:00am to 1:00pm.





## ART SCREEN EVENTS

Art Screen Events is coming to The Latrobe Memorial Hall, screening curated films and events from Australia and around the world.

From 'captured live' plays from London, art house films and documentaries, the National Theatre Live, Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra screened performances and perhaps even kids' films.

All the screenings will be curated, and you can also enjoy them with a glass of bubbles in hand.

Head to [Artscreenevents.com.au](http://Artscreenevents.com.au) to get the latest news on when the first screenings will take place.

## CHOIR IN THE CLUB RETURNS

After a long absence, Choir in the Club is returning to the Latrobe Football Clubrooms on Friday, 8 October.

Along with many strangers, you will learn a song in 3-part harmony and sing like a rock star! No audition, no solos, no commitments, no sheet music, no worries. Music belongs to everybody so grab a beer or wine, relax, and open your mouth. It's going to be rowdy, wholesome, and so much fun.

Doors will open at 6:00pm with Choir in the Club starting from 7:00pm. Food and refreshments will be available at this 18+ event.

COVID compliance will be adhered to therefore there will be limited entry so it's best to get in early when tickets go on sale.

To keep up to date with all announcements, like and follow [www.facebook.com/ChoirInTheClub](http://www.facebook.com/ChoirInTheClub) What do you think the song should be this time?

This event is supported through Latrobe Council's annual Community Grants scheme.

## SPRING FAIR DELIGHTS

Port Sorell community groups, small businesses and Primary School students are once again looking forward to presenting the 2021 Port Sorell Spring Fair on 17 October.

Favourite stalls will be there with food, plants and flowers, arts and crafts, gardening gear, a huge white elephant stall and more.

Gina Timms will be performing as will the Latrobe Federal Band.

The School Association will be providing delectable Devonshire Teas and fresh coffee will be available.

Low-cost plants potted up by the Port Sorell Garden Club are not to be missed along with the huge range of native plants from the Australian Native Plant Association.

Port Sorell Lions will provide BBQ treats and there will also be ice creams, sweet

and savoury potatoes and locally produced honey, jams and sauces.

The Port Sorell Fire Brigade will also be in attendance.

Gold coin entry will be donated to a good cause so don't forget - Sunday 17 October, from 10.00am until 1:3000pm at Port Sorell Primary School, Pitcairn Street, Port Sorell.

## TRULY TASMANIAN CRAFT EXHIBITION AND SALE

The Apex Club of Latrobe's Truly Tasmanian Craft Exhibition and Sale is scheduled to be held in and around the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 30 October to 1 November. The wide variety of craft able to be viewed and purchased will be supported with several food options so you can make a day of it.

To ensure the safety of patrons, stallholders, volunteers and club officials, discussions are underway with Public Health to ensure a COVID-19 compliant event and that the worst-case scenario is planned for but hopefully not needed. The venue will be open from 9:00am until 5:00pm Saturday and Sunday and 9:00am until 3:00pm on Monday.

Admission is \$5 with U16's just \$2 and U5's free.

Funds raised from this event are reinvested in community projects. Past projects have included a new score bench at the Latrobe and Districts Youth Centre as well as new kitchen facilities at the East Devonport Tennis Club.

With the winding up of the Apex Club in Devonport, the Apex Club of Latrobe has broadened its scope to include the Devonport City Council area.

For more information on how to be involved in the Truly Tasmanian Craft Exhibition and Sale or if you have a query about coming to the event, please contact Tammy on 0417 132 687 or email [ttcraftfair@yahoo.com.au](mailto:ttcraftfair@yahoo.com.au).

## NEW LATROBE GARDEN TRAIL

Not a green finger but appreciate the beauty of a garden?

The Latrobe Garden Club are hosting an inaugural Latrobe Garden Trail which will provide you with the opportunity to wander around six gardens in and around the town of Latrobe from 10:00am until 4:00pm each day over the weekend of 4-5 December. Each garden will offer something different and loads of inspiration.

As well as the gardens to view, there will be children's garden workshops, plants for sale, a raffle, Devonshire Tea, and a gallery to view.

Tickets are available online at <https://book.bookeasy.com/latrobe-garden-club/tours/139760>. If you can't fit all the

gardens in on the one day don't panic, your ticket covers you for both days.

This project is made possible by Latrobe Council's Community Grants Scheme.

## CHRISTMAS PLANNING

Latrobe Lions Club members are once again preparing for the operation of the canteen at the Latrobe Speedway, a commitment for the past 48 seasons. Additionally, the club has announced the theme for this year's Christmas Window Display as the '12 Days of Christmas'.

Businesses are invited to participate and can opt to represent just one day or the full 12 days in their display. For entry details, email [lions@lionstasmania.org](mailto:lions@lionstasmania.org). The club is once again hosting the Latrobe Lions Christmas Parade and Carols. Rather than the traditional street parade this year, a walking parade, Carols, and associated family fun activities will be held at the Latrobe Recreation Ground on 18 December with the same theme as the window display. For those wanting to participate, now is the time to start imagining how you can adopt the theme in your walking float (no vehicles will be permitted).

More information will be provided on [www.facebook.com/latrobelionsclub](http://www.facebook.com/latrobelionsclub) closer to 18 December but mark your calendar now.

The club continues their call out for used spectacles and stamps. These items are repurposed and help those in third world countries. Both items can be dropped into Terry White Chemist or Morse's Butchery. If you have stamps, please simply remove your address as there are guidelines that need to be adopted for their trimming and, if not complied with, the stamps end up being unfit for purpose.

For more information about Lions Club of Latrobe activities, please email [latrobe@lionstasmania.org](mailto:latrobe@lionstasmania.org) or phone 0438 241 129.

## EVENT READY GRANT

The Event Ready Grant Program aims to support events with COVID-19 safety planning. The program is responsive to the Tasmanian Government's Framework for COVID-19 Safe Events and Activities in Tasmania process and the additional needs, demands and costs associated with planning and delivering safe events in a COVID-19 impacted environment. Events Tasmania is offering grants of up to \$5,000 in funding to support events. Event Ready grants are not intended to provide general support for an event or organisation.

To read more, go to [www.eventstasmania.com/grants\\_and\\_funding/event\\_ready/event\\_ready\\_2021-2022](http://www.eventstasmania.com/grants_and_funding/event_ready/event_ready_2021-2022)



## COMING EVENTS

COVID-19 safe requirements continue to be in effect. When attending an event, please comply with COVID requirements as directed by the event host.

### SEPTEMBER

- 4 Matt and CJ** perform at Mackey's Royal Hotel, 161 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 8:30pm. Free entry.
- 5 Father's Day**
- 9 RAW Toolbox Talk re suicide awareness and mental health** at the Latrobe Memorial Hall Supper Room, James Street, Latrobe commencing at 7:00pm. Pre-registration essential (Refer to separate article)
- 9 Soup and Sandwich Luncheon** at the Latrobe Bowls Club, Victor Street, Latrobe from 12 noon until 2:00pm to raise funds to replace the carpark in the ladies room. ☎ 6426 6426 1276
- 11 Volleyball training** with the Tasmanian Echidnas Volleyball Club coaches and players at the Banksia Centre, Pitcairn Street, Port Sorell from 8:30am until 5:00pm Cost \$15 pp. ☎ (0412 156 944) or secretary@echidnasvolleyball.com.au
- 11 Volleyball Quiz Night.** Book a table of 6 and challenge the Tasmanian Echidnas Volleyball Club for the Volleyball 2021 VolleyFEST Quiz title at the Camp Banksia Hall, Anderson Street, Port Sorell from 6:30pm. Cost \$20 pp. ☎ 0412 156 944 or secretary@echidnasvolleyball.com.au
- 11 Leonard and Tome** perform at Mackey's Royal Hotel, 161 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 8:30pm. Free entry.
- 12 High Tea** at the Tasmanian Food and Wine Conservatory at 9 Conservatory Road, Sassafras from 2:30pm until 4:30pm. Cost: \$65 pp. ☎ 0499 888 544.
- 13 Latrobe Council Meeting** at the Latrobe Council Chambers, 170 Gilbert Street, Latrobe commencing at 5:00pm. All welcome. ☎ 6426 4444.
- 16 Tarleton Community Information Evening** at the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe at 7.00pm. Register with Latrobe Council on 64264444
- 18 Court Schmidt** performs at Mackey's Royal Hotel, 161 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 8:30pm. Free entry.
- 19 Soup and Sandwich Luncheon** with an "Old Sassafras" theme at 76 Chapel Road, Sassafras. 12 noon for 12:30pm start. A time for remembering, reflecting, and sharing stories. Cost: \$20pp. Limited seating. ☎ 0409 907 281 or 0439 314 989
- 21-23 Chitty Chitty Bang Bang Jnr** at the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$5 concession, and children. Purchase from Geneva on 64261053.

- 22 Soup, Sandwich and Sweet Luncheon** at the Port Sorell Bowls and Community Club from 12 noon. Along with a door prize, raffle prizes and trade table, there will be a fashion parade and entertainment. Cost \$12 pp ☎ 6428 6386 or 0438 509 690
- 25 Advanced Stitched and Pine Needle Workshop** with Kim O'Brien from 10:00am until 3:00pm at the Latrobe Arts Hub, 21 George Street, Latrobe. \$60 non-members; \$50 Rubicon River Arts members. Register at rubicon-river-arts@googlegroups.com
- 25 Apex Australia Teenage Fashion and Arts Youth Festival** from 12 noon in the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe. Admission applies. ☎ 0428 834 628 or 0417 132 687.
- 25 Scott Lewis** performs at Mackey's Royal Hotel, 161 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 8:30pm. Free entry.
- 28 Sassafras Community Information Evening** at the Sassafras Hall, 76 Chapel Road, Sassafras at 7.00pm. Register with Latrobe Council on 64264444

### OCTOBER

- 1 Probus Day** (refer to separate article)
- 2 Zac Weeks** performs at Mackey's Royal Hotel, 161 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 8:30pm. Free entry.
- 7 Wesley Vale/Moriarty Community Information Evening** at the Wesley Vale (Pipers Park) Football Clubrooms, Latrobe Road, Wesley Vale at 7.00pm. Register with Latrobe Council on 64264444
- 8 Choir in the Club** at the Latrobe Football Club, Last Street, Latrobe from 7:00pm. More information at [www.facebook.com/ChoirInTheClub](http://www.facebook.com/ChoirInTheClub)
- 9 Introductory Stencil Workshop** with Kim O'Brien from 10:00am until 3:00pm at the Latrobe Arts Hub, 21 George Street, Latrobe. \$70 non-members; \$60 Rubicon River Arts members. Register at rubicon-river-arts@googlegroups.com
- 9 Drew Grey** performs at Mackey's Royal Hotel, 161 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 8:30pm. Free entry.
- 11-17 Seniors Week** Programs are available from all Australia Post outlets, Service Tasmania, libraries, council offices and community houses or go online to [www.cotatas.org.au/programs/seniorsweek/](http://www.cotatas.org.au/programs/seniorsweek/)
- 11 Latrobe Council Meeting** at the Latrobe Council Chambers, 170 Gilbert Street, Latrobe commencing at 5.00pm. All welcome. ☎ 6426 4444.
- 14-16 Light up Pink** in support of International Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day (refer to separate article)
- 16 Advanced Stencil Workshop** with Kim O'Brien from 10:00am until 3:00pm at the Latrobe Arts Hub, 21 George Street, Latrobe. \$70 non-members; \$60 Rubicon River Arts members. Register at rubicon-river-arts@googlegroups.com
- 16 Sassafras Primary School Open Day to celebrate 150 years** at 50 School Road, Sassafras from 11:00am until 3:00pm. Enquiries to 6426 7240
- 16 Leonard and Tome** perform at Mackey's Royal Hotel, 161 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 8:30pm. Free entry.
- 17 Port Sorell Spring Fair** at Port Sorell Primary School from 10:00am until 1:30pm. Enquiries to 0411 099 433
- 18-24 Aussie Backyard Bird Count** Register to be involved, go online to <https://aussiebirdcount.org.au/>
- 23 Scott Haigh** performs at Mackey's Royal Hotel, 161 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 8:30pm. Free entry.
- 24 Latrobe Cemetery Working Bee** at the Latrobe Cemetery, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 10.00am until 11.15am. BYO gardening implements and wear appropriate clothing. Free sausage sizzle and drink at conclusion. ☎ 0417 598 116
- 24 Tasmanian Gin and Spirits Fair** at the Tasmanian Food and Wine Conservatory, 9 Conservatory Road, Sassafras from 11:00am until 4:00pm. Cost: \$35 pp. 18+ event. Bookings essential via Eventbrite
- 25 Van Diemen's Band Concert** exploring 17<sup>th</sup> Century music of Bohemia in a program featuring the wildly innovative baroque composer Heinrich Biber and lesser-known composers, Pezel and Weichlein at the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 6:00pm. Details soon.
- 30 The Danny Kealley Band** performs at Mackey's Royal Hotel, 161 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 8:30pm. Free entry.
- 30-1 Nov Truly Tasmanian Craft Exhibition and Sale** at the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 9:00am until 5:00pm Saturday and Sunday and 9:00am until 3:00pm Monday. ☎ 0417 132 687 or email [ttcraftfair@yahoo.com.au](mailto:ttcraftfair@yahoo.com.au)
- 31 Halloween Mini-Fest** at the Little Bush Chapel, 287 Coal Hill Road, Latrobe from 2:00pm until 8:00pm. Cost: \$45 pp. Bookings to [bushchap.287@outlook.com](mailto:bushchap.287@outlook.com)
- 31 Entries close in the Reel Keen Fishing Club Fishing and Squidding Competition.** Refer to separate article





## PICKLEBALL GROWTH SEES BID FOR BRISBANE OLYMPIC INCLUSION

The Port Sorell Tennis Club is proud to announce a new and exciting racket sport to add to their already established game of tennis within their club, Pickleball.

### WHAT IS PICKLEBALL?

Pickleball is a paddleball sport that combines elements of badminton, table tennis, and tennis. Two or four players use solid paddles made of wood or composite materials to hit a perforated polymer ball, much like a wiffle ball, with 26-40 round holes, over a net. The sport shares features of other racket sports: the dimensions and layout of a badminton court, and a net and rules somewhat like tennis, with several modifications.

The Port Sorell Tennis Club introduced Pickleball to the Port Sorell community 12 months ago through the open court sessions. It has grown so rapidly that it is now played four times a week, including at Port Sorell U3A. Friday nights continue to be a night for all to enjoy.

Pickleball is great for all ages to develop reflexes and motor skills

without the harshness on the joints. For those that want a challenge or simply a form of exercise, Pickleball is a game where you choose the pace and underpins its slogan of "A Game for All".

Local pickleball ambassadors have assisted in growing the game locally and are constantly looking for more ways to increase game time. They are especially looking forward to pickleball and tennis being played outdoors in summer, which will no doubt be a major draw card for holiday makers.

Sport throughout Port Sorell is expanding in so many areas with clubs pursuing the strategic development of infrastructure to meet the current and future needs of members. The Port Sorell Tennis Club has a keen interest in tennis and pickleball facilities.

There are also discussions worldwide about Pickleball becoming an Olympic sport by 2032 in Brisbane.

For more information, contact Port Sorell Tennis Club President, Brendan on 0472 656 847.

## AATFA YOUTH FESTIVAL - IT'S ON AGAIN

Throughout Australia, secondary school students aged from 13-19 years with an interest in fashion or design industries, have had the opportunity to participate in the Apex Australia Teenage Fashion and Arts (AAFTA) Youth Festival.

Nationally held between July-October, the Tasmanian State Final is scheduled for 25 September at the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe.

The event comprises of five key categories: Casual wear, Formal wear, wearable Art; Society and Environment and Costume and Theatrical. Both the Casual and Formal sections are technically judged.

Entries close on 10 September with entry forms available online

<https://www.aatfa.org.au/enter>

Doors open at 11:30am for a 12 noon start.

Admission fees apply.

For more information, please phone Anita 0428 834 628 or Tammy 0417 132 687.



*Pictured: Josephine Muther wearing "Organic Fruit and Veg", the 2019 National winning entry in the Costume and Theatrical category. Photo supplied.*

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