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Latrobe Municipality Leads The Way

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) recently announced¹ that throughout the 2009-10 financial year, the average growth rate for Tasmania was 0.9%.

Despite the state having the slowest national growth, the Latrobe Municipality continues to buck the trend with an impressive growth rate of 4.2%.

In response to this announcement, Mayor Michael Gaffney said *"it is very pleasing that the Latrobe Municipality continues to experience a population growth in spite of the closure of some significant local industries."*

We are fortunate that both major towns of Latrobe and Port Sorell have many positive attributes and are attractive to a range of new residents and that our vibrant rural community provides stability and enhances a very varied and appealing wider environment."

The Latrobe Municipality not only had the fastest growth (4.2%) in Tasmania but ranked 4th statewide with the largest population growth (404 people).

LGA	ERP at 30 June 2010p	Population Change 2009r-2010p	
	no.	no.	%

LARGEST GROWTH

Clarence (C)	52 935	795	1.5
Kingborough (M)	34 171	707	2.1
Brighton (M)	16 358	551	3.5
Latrobe (M)	10 020	404	4.2
Sorell (M)	13 407	280	2.1

FASTEST GROWTH

Latrobe (M)	10 020	404	4.2
Brighton (M)	16 358	551	3.5
Sorell (M)	13 407	280	2.1
Kingborough (M)	34 171	707	2.1
Tasman (M)	2 413	39	1.6

When reflecting on ABS projections for the period 2005-2010, they averaged the municipality's annual growth at 2.8%, indicating that the Latrobe Municipality has undergone significant growth in recent times.

"It is imperative that we continue to welcome and support people into our municipality and do all we can to make them feel at home. We can all play a role in the continuing growth and development of our special little municipality" added Mayor Gaffney.

¹ 3218.0 Regional Population Growth, Australia (ABS)

Microchipping Compulsory

Amendments to the Dog Control Act 2000 were made in 2009 with the aim of increasing public safety and highlighting the responsibilities of dog owners. These amendments have been gradually introduced with the most recent - compulsory microchipping - coming into effect on 1 July, 2011.

From 1 July, all dogs over six months of age must be microchipped.

To assist residents to meet this legislative requirement, Latrobe Council has joined with the Devonport City Council to offer a Microchipping Day at the East Devonport Recreation Centre on Sunday, 29th May from 10am until 2pm.



The benefits that microchipping offers is that your dog or cat is linked to your contact details on a national database. If it becomes lost or strays, it is able to be safely returned to you, even if its collar or Council ID has come off.

After 1 July 2011, if your dog is not microchipped and strays or is lost, Council may microchip it and recover the cost before returning your pet to you.

If you are buying a dog after 1 July 2011 it will be your responsibility to ensure that it is microchipped - either before you buy it or immediately after you take possession of it.

Cats are also able to be microchipped although this is not compulsory.

Bookings are not required and the cost to have your dog or cat microchipped is a low \$25 per pet.

To participate you simply need to bring your dog (on a lead) or cat (in a cage) along to the East Devonport Recreation Centre in Caroline Street, East Devonport - next door to the East Devonport Recreation Ground - between 10am and 2pm on May 29.

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Plein Air Arts Focus



This Saturday, May 7, local artist and senior Rubicon River Arts member Ben Petts will be hosting a Plein air art session at Tranquilles, 9 Gumbowie Drive, Port Sorell from 12 noon.

Plein air art is a French expression meaning "in the open air" and used particularly to describe the art of painting outdoors.

Ben has exhibited paintings and drawings in Tasmania and interstate and is offering to share his still life, figurative and, in this case, landscape drawing skills.

An open invitation is extended to you to participate in this session with Ben so bring along your drawing gear or a camera, a seat if you wish and a picnic lunch and refresh your landscape and perspective skills.

Immediately prior to the Plein air session, starting at 10.00 am, the monthly meeting of Rubicon River Arts will be held so why not make a day of it and come along and learn more about art and networking opportunities in this area.

Rubicon River Arts meet on the first Saturday of the month at Tranquilles, 9 Gumbowie Drive, Port Sorell, from 10 am until midday.

As numbers are required for catering, please contact Secretary, Angela McDermott on 6424 3463 or andomac@hotmail.com by the preceding Friday if you plan to attend. New members are most welcome.

Coming up is Rubicon River Art's annual exhibition, showing through August and September at Ghost Rock Vineyard, and titled 'Tween Sea and Sky'.

Youth Focus at National Convention



60 current and former Lions Club of Latrobe members and guests celebrated the club's 40th Anniversary recently at the Cherry Shed.

40 years is a wonderful milestone to achieve with the club looking forward to its next 40 years of service to the Latrobe community.

Last month, a number of club representatives attended the 59th Annual Multiple District 201 Convention in Launceston. It was a privilege for this event to be hosted locally (in Tasmania), providing an opportunity for Lions, Lionesses and Leos to take advantage of the tours part of the Conference and discover some of the highlights of host city, Launceston and the Tamar Valley.

The Convention included the staging of the National Final of the Lions Youth of the Year Quest with all representatives truly inspiring.

Congratulations to Anna Brain who won the Latrobe Lions Club competition and progressed right through to the State Final only to be pipped by Max Rintoul of Hobart.

Whilst there were quite a number of forums, displays and updates to members on the many activities in which Lions is involved, a definite highlight of the Convention was the address by Father Chris Riley with the topic "Youth off the Streets".

Members look forward to the Perth, WA Convention next year.

Don't forget to recycle your stamps and spectacles at Ritchie's Value Plus Supermarket and Latrobe Medical Practice respectively.

Latrobe Lions have their changeover of their Executive next month with Lions Fred Tasker taking on the Chairmanship of the group. If Lions is something that you are interested in becoming involved, new members are always welcome. The Lions Club of Latrobe meets on the first and third Monday of each month at the Latrobe RSL from 6.30 pm. For more information please contact Jane (6428 4166) or Brian (6426 2301) of an evening.

Sassafras Makes History

Congratulations to the Sassafras Cricket Club who are the first team in the history of the Mersey Valley Cricket Association to win all three grades in the one year!



Sassafras A Grade Team



Sassafras A Reserve Team



Sassafras B Grade Team

Will they be able to follow this up next season? They are certainly going to give it a good go.

For more information about the Sassafras Cricket Club, contact Ben on 6426 1361.

Chocolate Winterfest, Latrobe - Be Involved

Being held throughout the day on Sunday, 10th July, there are a number of opportunities on offer so you may fully indulge in the chocolate experience of *Chocolate Winterfest, Latrobe*.

Chocolates in Rhyme is a poetry competition solely for students; challenging them to express their thoughts of chocolate through various forms of poetry. Entries for this close soon - Friday, May 20.



*Cloud of Desire
by Trent Catlin*

If you are an apprentice, chef or cook and would like to tempt chocoholics to feast their eyes, make their mouths water and their taste buds drool, imprinting on their minds all the delights and delicacies that are available in Tasmania, then you will be interested in the chocolate dessert competition "**My Chocolate Love Affair**".

Join in the fun, let your hair down, let your artistic talents flow and seduce us

with a display of your favourite chocolate dessert. Pre-registration is essential by 16 June.

Business and Employment Where's the Talent? offers a public entertainment opportunity for new and emerging performers of all genres and ages. Song and dance, street theater, magic or contortion - anything (well, nearly) goes.

There is great prize money to be won with a chance to perform again at *Chocolate Winterfest, Latrobe* on July 10. Pre-registration is essential by June 23.

A favourite exhibition at Chocolate Winterfest, Latrobe is **Chocolate Wonders of Wearable Art**.

Basically, if you have any creative talent at all, this is for you. You can use any medium you like to create a garment that is able to be worn (wearable art) but most importantly, it must be inspired by chocolate. Over the years, this has led to some very interesting interpretations, copies of which are available on

<http://www.chocolatewinterfest.com.au/taking-part.html>.

Again, pre-registration is essential and there are certain other criteria to be met so download the information package and register to participate no later than June 23.

The **Annual Art Exhibition** by the Apex Club of Latrobe is also held in conjunction with Chocolate Winterfest, Latrobe. This exhibition enables artists of many mediums the opportunity to display their talent to a wide audience with separate sections for adults, student and photographers. Registrations must be lodged no later than June 24.

Amateur and experienced poets are invited to indulge audiences with their chocolate offerings with **Calling All Poets to the Chocolate Box**. Whilst not a competition, it is an opportunity for to publicly present original chocolate poems and have them published post-event on the *Chocolate Winterfest, Latrobe* website.



*Covered in
Frosting
Amy Morris*

Registrations are essential by June 25 to enable the smooth running of this performance. Enquiries should be directed to the coordinator, Mrs Fay Forbes on 6428 2877.

Decorated Chocolate Cakes and Cupcakes enables non-professional cooks and youth to showcase their many talents. You don't need to pre-register for this activity, simply download the entry form from the website and bring it along when you drop off your creations the day prior (July 9) to the festival.

There are again some great prizes to be won. Enquiries for this activity should be directed to Ms Tamsyn Ball on 0439 030 795.

Finally, why not **make a lantern** and be part of the community lantern parade prior to the official opening the evening of Saturday, July 9. Some amazing creations have been made in past years so it will be interesting to see what results this year.

Details, including entry forms, on all of the above activities are available online at www.chocolatewinterfest.com.au/taking-part.html.

So what's stopping you? Take up the total indulgence of *Chocolate Winterfest, Latrobe*.

Skaters, Scooters and Cyclists RESTRICTED

It is timely to remind residents that there are no go areas for riding skateboards, scooters and bikes on footpaths throughout Latrobe and Port Sorell, specifically in the shopping areas, from 8am until 6pm daily. These areas are clearly signposted.

When (not if) persons on skateboards, scooters or bikes are caught riding in these areas during this time, they will have their preferred method of transport confiscated and be fined.

Whilst it may appear that this restriction is unfair to those that enjoy these activities, the footpaths in these areas have extensive pedestrian use.

Many people with bundles of purchases, prams, small children in their care, walking aids, visual and hearing impairments simply can't hear you coming or get out of the way quickly which creates a hazardous situation. In recent times, business owners have reported customers have had to quickly back track into their business to avoid being hit!

If property or personal damage happens as a consequence of flaunting these no go areas, offenders may also be liable for costs to fix the damage and cover medical bills.

Parents/guardians of skateboarders, scooter and bike riders are asked to draw the consequences of their failure to abide by town signage to them as Tasmania Police



*Mayor Gaffney with the Chocolate
Winterfest, Latrobe Lantern*



have been requested to pay particular attention to breaches of these no go areas.

If you witness someone skateboarding or riding a scooter/bike in the prohibited areas between 8am and 6pm, please contact Tasmania Police on their non-emergency number 131 444.

Art and Craft Events



Latrobe Apex is in the Process of organising their annual Art Exhibition held in conjunction with Chocolate Winterfest, Latrobe. The club is hoping to expand this wonderful event, that has been running for over 50 years, by attracting some new artists and incorporating working displays.

The Art Show will be on the 9th - 10th July from 9am until 4.30 pm with the official opening at 7.30 pm on Friday, 8th July.

If you are a budding artist and would like to participate in this event please contact either Tammy (0417 132 687) or download an application form from www.chocolatewinterfest.com.au/taking-part.html.

The club has commenced organising the Truly Tasmanian Craft Exhibition which will be held on the long weekend in November each year. If you would like an application for this event, please contact Tammy (0417 132 687) or Lyn (6424 2339).

A significant birthday celebration for Apex takes place this year as the organisation marks its 80th Birthday. A celebration dinner will be held in July for current and past Latrobe, Kentish and Mersey Apexians. If you know of someone that has moved from the area but used to be a member of the club, please let them know of this event.

If you are aged between 18-45 and would like to help out in your community and have some fun whilst doing it, phone Ellen (0419 981 600) or Tammy (0417 132 687) for information about the Apex Club of Latrobe.

Blown Streetlight continued

Further to the article on reporting faulty street lights in the last newsletter, the following guarantee of service in "The Aurora Electricity Distribution Customer Charter" was brought to the Editor's information -

All street lighting outages should be reported to Aurora on 13 2004.

Our promise is to replace defective street lighting adjacent to your home or business within seven business days of notification of the fault. If the fault requires more than a lamp replacement we may need longer and we will inform you how long the repairs will take.

Our guarantee: If you are the first person to report a street lighting outage adjacent to your home or business and we don't meet our promise, we will arrange a credit of \$30 to the electricity account you receive from your preferred electricity retailer for each business day that we are late, up to a maximum of \$150.

To make a claim under the Charter, simply freecall 1800 06 0399 within one month of the incident.

Aurora state that they will then investigate and send you a reply within ten business days, further adding that - *"If we don't respond within ten business days, we will arrange a credit of \$30 to the electricity account you*

receive from your preferred electricity retailer in addition to other payments which may be due to you."

New Boardwalk Opened

Port Sorell has a new raised boardwalk that runs through the paperbark shrub land between the Dumbleton Street carpark and the beach car park, which was officially opened by Mayor Gaffney on March 18.

It was built by a hard-working team from Rubicon Coast and Landcare (RCLC) with support from Cradle Coast Natural Resource Management (NRM) through Australian Government's Caring for our Country funding, along with some help from Mersey NRM and Latrobe Council staff.



The boardwalk's main building team with the Mayor, Mike Gaffney. (L to R): Grahame Beattie, Jim Buchanan, Mike Gaffney, Tom Atkinson, Eugene Holloway. Photo: Anna Wind

Not only does the boardwalk protect the remnant patch of *Melaleuca ericifolia*, that used to cover extensive low lying areas of Shearwater, but it also provides a safe route for people to walk from their cars to the Port Sorell Surf Life Saving Club, Freers Beach and Shearwater Park.

Rubicon Coast and Landcare work is continuing on the development of two circular, marked walking tracks in the Squeaking Point area with Cradle Coast NRM funding interpretive posters and signage detailing conservation values.

The Latrobe and Port Sorell Tourism Association, LAPSTA, will contribute to the development of the tracks as part of a larger project to upgrade and connect tracks throughout the greater Port Sorell area. This is funded by the Tasmanian State Department of Sport and Recreation.

If you would like to join Rubicon Coast and Landcare and help to care and rehabilitate the environment in and around the Rubicon Estuary, you are welcome to come a meeting, which are held at Camp Banksia on the second Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm and/or take part in working bees on the Saturday mornings that follow each meeting. For further information, contact: rubicon_inc@hotmail.com

Port Sorell School Update

The Minister for Education and Skills, Lin Thorp, has announced that tenders for the \$13 million Port Sorell school are expected to "go to tender during May or June 2011, with construction work expected to begin in July".

To keep up to date with progress on this project, please refer to the Department of Education's website at

<http://www.education.tas.gov.au/dept/infrastructure/ports/orell>

Using Public Land?

Throughout the year, there are a number of activities that are held on public land but did you know that Council permission is required for those activities to be held?

This covers such occasions as the selling of raffle tickets; rattling the collection tin to raise funds for an organisation; performances; celebrations; stalls and events.

If you are unsure whether you need permission, it is advisable that you check with Council (6421 4650) when in the initial planning phase. The earlier you enquire, the more time there is to work through the process with Council staff.

Business Development Avenues

Wouldn't it be great if there was one number you could call to find out all you needed to know about starting, growing or running your business? There is.

One such place is the **Department of Economic Development, Tourism and the Arts**. With their broad scope and aim with diverse portfolios, they work together to make Tasmania a prosperous, vibrant and healthy community.

The Department offers various services and programs to Tasmanian business and is accessed through **Business Point** - 1800 440 026 - a free and confidential referral and information service for Tasmanian businesses.

Additionally, Enterprise Centres Tasmania offer free and confidential business information, guidance and support services to both existing small business and to those who wish to start a business.

Enterprise Centres Tasmania are a network of independent, non-profit, community-based organisations partly funded by the Tasmanian Government.

Enterprise Centre consultants are members of the community with expertise in small business. They can assist with a wide range of business issues and refer you to other sources of support for your business. Enterprise Centres run regular workshops covering a wide range of topics relevant to small business.

Business & Employment (1800 709 552) is one such enterprise centre that has more than 20 years' experience in providing information, advice and support to small and micro business across Tasmania. From the Bass Strait Islands to Hobart, from Penguin to Scottsdale, they have staff and programs to assist you to research, start up and grow your business. Their small business advisory service delivers information and advice to the small and micro business sectors.

Sponsored by both the Australian and State governments, Business & Employment provide these services at no cost to both existing small business operators and clients investigating opening a new small business or purchasing an existing business.

Funding is something else that businesses seek assistance with.

No Interest Loans Schemes are available up to \$3,000 for small businesses for low income earners by organisations such as NILS Tasmania (1300 301 650).

No Interest Loans Schemes offer a form of revolving community credit to low income earners - as borrowers repay their loans the funds become available to lend to other people. Support from business and government sectors is vital in establishing and maintaining these community-based schemes.

NILS Tasmania provides no-interest loans for small business, Humanitarian (refugee) entrants, or for moving expenses for women facing domestic violence.

Micro-enterprise loans are small loans given to individuals with the aim of poverty alleviation, by helping people on low incomes to develop business without the risks associated with high-interest commercial loans.

Women in Business (WIB) Micro-Credit Program assists low income women to start or grow their business. WIB loans are up to \$3,000 and are interest free. They can help with things like insurance, business registration and start-up equipment.

The *Men in Business (MIB) program* loans are up to \$3,000 and are interest free. They can help with things like insurance, business registration and start-up equipment. So what are you waiting for?

Information provided by RDA Tasmania

Filling The Gap on Cenotaph

Two new plaques on the Latrobe Cenotaph that update the Cenotaph as an accurate record of war and peace-keeping activities of our nation to current times were unveiled on ANZAC Day.

The first plaque recognised the contribution of Australians in the Korean War, Malayan Emergency and Indonesian Confrontation whilst the other related to peace-keeping endeavours as well as the Gulf War, Iraq War and Afghanistan.

Latrobe RSL President, Mr Ray Simpson, expressed appreciation to the State Government for funding the plaques through the 2010-11 War Memorial repair and Maintenance Grants Program adding that "*the Latrobe Cenotaph now has an accurate historical reflection of the contribution of Australians to our national conflicts and peace-keeping endeavours to current time.*"

Mayor Gaffney added that "*many Tasmanians have been involved in the Australian Defence and peace-keeping activities and maintaining these timelines ensures appropriate recognition within the community and by those that visit the cenotaph.*"

Emergency Department on Track

Works on the \$5.3m redevelopment of the Mersey Community Hospital's Emergency Department continues with the major works period now underway.

Patients and visitors to the Mersey are reminded that as demolition work continues in the existing unit the Emergency Department entry has temporarily moved to



opposite radiology in the same corridor. Signage will point visitors in the right direction.

Mersey General Manager Sharon Mason said because the Emergency Department was being temporarily operated out of a smaller space, patients are asked to bring just one support person through to the treatment areas.

"We really appreciate the patience the community has showed since we started preliminary works on this project in November last year and we ask them for their continued support while we finish upgrading their Emergency Department facilities," Ms Mason said.

Visitors are also reminded that the hospital kiosk remains closed for a couple more weeks while an upgrade is completed. The Mersey's cafeteria has extended its operating hours between 1.30pm - 4.30pm daily during this time.

The Pre-Admissions Clinic has also moved and is now operating from the Ground Floor of the Nurses Home Building.

The redevelopment is due for completion in November 2011.

A Devil of a Survey

The number of calls about young animals and birds drops in winter however, following the change to Eastern Standard Time (EST), the risk of potential road kill accidents rises as more people are travelling in the dark at dawn and dusk.

Many of our animals feed on roadsides at these times, and it is easy to lose control of your vehicle on wet and frosty roads if you swerve or stop suddenly to avoid hitting them. Please don't become a road statistic - drive carefully, put your headlights on and drive to the weather conditions.



The number of young devils killed on the road is very depressing, given that they are endangered. The *Save the Tasmanian Devil Program* asks people to report devil road kill by filling out a freepost form available from Latrobe Council or by phoning 0427 733 511. The result will be used to map local populations and any evidence of the facial tumour disease.

Please ring 0409 978 064 if you need advice or information on injured or orphaned native wildlife.

The wildlife rescue service is run entirely by volunteers and there may be a delay in response. If your number is withheld, it is impossible for us to return your call, so please be sure to leave a message and phone number.

Diving Into Winter Training

With the successes of the summer swimming season behind Latrobe Swim Club members, they are looking forward to the challenges winter will bring.

Four of the swimmers are to be congratulated on their success in being chosen to represent Tasmania at the Australian All Schools competition in July. They are Thea Crantock, Sarah Turnbull, Sam Curtis and Will Thomas.

The Summer State Championships resulted in some medal winning performances by Thea Crantock, Sam Curtis and Henry Callander. Henry claimed third place in the 200 Fly, Sam 3rd in the 400 IM and Thea had outstanding results with 2nd place in both the 100 Free and 100 Fly, and finally a well earned 3rd in the 200 Fly.

The culminating event for the Latrobe Swim Club was the much anticipated Dash for Cash held on March 19. It was a statewide meet with over 70 swimmers registering to compete and was officially opened by Mayor Mike Gaffney.

With trademark sashes awarded to the winners of the Medley Pentathlon in each age group and cash prizes for the handicapped skins events, the day had much atmosphere. Tension rose as names were announced for finals and the finalists in each stroke, ranging from a variety of age groups, swam off for their cash rewards.



As we enter the winter short course season the Latrobe Swim Centre is once again open for training and morning lap swimming. If you are interested in registering your name for lap swimming, please phone Adrian (0448 755 233), Anne (0400 560 935) or Andrew (0428 354 369).

Another Summer Over ...

The Port Sorell Surf Life Saving Club has enjoyed a terrific summer season which kicked off last November with an increased number of children participating in a range of water and beach activities.

The Club was delighted to extend their hospitality to the Devonport Surf Club, who were unable to use their Club rooms and beach due to building and excavation works, and shared training on the beach with a few waves on the water for challenging board activities.

A Junior Carnival was held in early January with over 200 children from around Tasmania competing in a variety of events.

The Port Sorell Surf Life Saving Club hosted the Surf, Food and Wine Fiesta in Shearwater Park with bumper crowds and positive comments. Supported by the Latrobe Council and sponsored by Bendigo Bank, the Fiesta showcased the relaxed lifestyle enjoyed by living by the beach, a fantastic range of food and local entertainment as well as heaps of activities for the kids.

Nearby Freers Beach was also the location for the 2XU Ocean Swim series which also attracted media and spectators alike.

Freers Beach was patrolled on weekends over Summer with the club also providing volunteers to assist with water safety for beach excursions held by quite a number of visiting groups.

Junior and Senior members participated in a range of competitions including the State Surf Life Saving Titles in early March. Despite the small size of the club, there were some outstanding efforts by individual members and Port Sorell placed mid field - an excellent result.

The new club rooms are a real asset and have been utilised regularly for training, social activities and some community events. Over the winter period, Friday football nights will be held at least once a month.

Information about club events can be found on www.portsorellsurfclub.blogspot.com with notices also placed on noticeboards at the Shearwater IGA and the Surf Club.

The club is grateful for and appreciates the hard work of Rubicon Coast and Landcare who have constructed a walkway from the carpark near the Hawley Beach shop to the Surf Club.

The Port Sorell Surf Life Saving Club thanks their major sponsor MDG Contracting as well as Floorworld, Caltas, ANCA, Shearwater IGA, Laminex, Seachange Real Estate, Lockett & Reeves, MSS Pty Ltd, Passport Surf, The Eli and Bendigo Bank for supporting their volunteers to provide the community with safe beaches, water awareness, safety and rescue training.

If you think you would like your children to try Surf Cub you are welcome to come and have a look at what the club provides. The season recommences with a registration day in October 2011.

Independent Living Support

Most people value being able to live independently in their own home but some frail older people and younger people with a disability and their carers may find that there does come a time when you have to ask for help to continue to do so.

The good news is that help is on hand through the Home and Community Care (HACC) Program. These services are funded by different levels of government through a variety of programs including -

- **Centre-Based Day Care**

Day Care services provide group recreation and social activities and are based in a centre such as a neighbourhood house or community health centre.



- **Home Help/Home Care/Domestic Assistance**

This type of assistance refers to domestic chores, which may include cleaning, dishwashing, clothes washing and ironing, shopping and bill paying.

- **Personal Care**

Personal care refers to assistance with daily self-care tasks, such as eating, bathing, toileting, dressing, grooming, getting in and out of bed and moving about the house.

- **Home Maintenance**

Can provide assistance with the maintenance and repair of your home, garden or yard to keep it in a safe condition. Maintenance may include minor repairs, changing light bulbs, minor carpentry and painting, and replacing tap washers.

- **Home Modification**

Home modification refers to changes to your home so you can continue to move safely about, and may include the installation of grab rails, hand rails, ramps, shower rails and emergency alarms.



- **Transport**

Community transport assists eligible transport disadvantaged people with travel for shopping and appointments, and may include travel for social activities and visiting friends. Community transport assistance may also be provided for diagnostic services, and visiting the pharmacist.

- **Food Services**

If you have difficulty preparing meals, these services deliver prepared meals to your home, or community or day centre. Food services may also include help with food shopping, storage and preparation. Some services provide culturally appropriate dishes.

- **Community Nursing**

Nursing services are provided in your home by a qualified nurse, and may be provided on a regular or occasional basis. They include, for example, wound care and assistance with medications.



- **Allied Health Services**

These services include physiotherapy, podiatry, speech therapy and occupational therapy, and similar services. They can be provided at home or in the community.

- **Advocacy Services**

Advocacy services provide advice about your rights and responsibilities when receiving services, and can, at your request, act on your behalf when dealing with service providers or other organisations.

- **Social Support**

This refers to services for people who need help with shopping, banking, paying bills or who simply need company or social support.

There are even support services available for Carers.

Eligibility for HACC service is not based on age, but on the level of difficulty you experience in carrying out tasks of daily living.

Whilst a fee is charged for almost all HACC services, special consideration is given to people with limited finances and services will not be refused if you are unable to pay.

Your doctor is a valuable link to community care however you do not need a referral for HACC services, you can contact them directly via:

Commonwealth Carelink Centre on 1800 052 222
Carer Resource Centre on 1800 242 636

These organisations are designed to save you time in locating care and support.

So if you are finding yourself struggling with everyday life but still wishing to live independently, what have you got to lose?

*Information sourced from "Explaining the HACC Program"
by the Department of Health and Human Services*

Sassafras Multi-Purpose Hall

Planning is currently underway for the official opening of the Sassafras Multi-Purpose Hall scheduled for Friday, May 20.

Located at the Sassafras Primary School, the Multi-purpose Hall was originally funded through playground blitz money in 2004. The community has progressively developed the hall with the Building the Education Revolution funding allowing for the installation of a sports floor, the addition of a storeroom and the refurbishing of the inside as well as the installation of an artificial turf area directly outside.

Mrs Rachel Brown, Sassafras Primary School Principal said "the multi-purpose hall offers modern fully functional indoor and outdoor areas for a range of events with its location at the Sassafras Primary School providing a focal point for both school and community activities."

Pre-Festival Explosion of Creativity

Inspired by the Knitting Room, Knitted Garden and Sonia Hindrum's workshop of felted balls for the successful Pleiades Project, a pre-festival explosion of creativity is being hosted by Tasmanian Regional Arts on Sunday, June 5, 2011 from 10am until 2pm.



Sweet Treats created by Strathdevon residents for last year's festival

Enthusiastic tutors will be available to assist with crochet, knitting, basket weaving, felting and knitted graffiti to inspire the creation of work for the inaugural Chocolate Delights Exhibition being held in conjunction with the 8th Annual *Chocolate Winterfest, Latrobe*. Some material will be provided.

Works can be made out of any medium but must be delivered to the Tasmanian Regional Arts office on the corner of James and George Street, Latrobe on July 10 by 9am.

Winners will be selected by people's choice and announced at 4.00 pm on the day. With prizes including a Chocolate Box Cake and an Anvers Confectionery Basket of Delights.

Tasmanian Regional Arts look forward to you joining us for the workshop on June 5.

For more information, contact Mrs Eunice Horne on 6426 2344.

Latrobe Works

Latrobe Works will be undertaking the following projects over the next couple of months -

Roads

- Jowetts Lane and Tarleton Rd intersection realignment
- Wilmot Street - Footpath installation opposite Griffiths Street to Kermode Street
- Wilmot Street - Footpath installation from Darling Street to East Esplanade
- Continuation of Gilbert Street paving
- Renew asphalt footpath along Percival Street and Cotton Street
- Dumbleton Street footpath installation from Shearwater Boulevard to the Dumbleton Street carpark

- Shearwater Esplanade - footpath installation from Freer Street to Shearwater Park
- Port Sorell track development - Pitcairn Bush Reserve
- Station Square Carpark - Rearrange line marking
- Shearwater CBD Carparking - Renew line marking

Buildings

- General building maintenance

Parks and Reserves

- General parks maintenance

A Winter Concert

Your Voice Productions has been a prominent in the Latrobe community for the past five years. During this time, coordinator, Ms Penelope Bruce, has worked with many individuals and organisations from throughout Tasmania to develop a greater appreciation of classic, operatic and stage music. This has been achieved through a number of presentations with the next one - **A Winter Concert** - to be held in the Latrobe Memorial Hall on Saturday, June 25.

Michael Lampard from Hobart will be performing once again, this time with local singer, Carolyn Harris, sharing the limelight. Known performers - Lois Evans, Robyn Lawrence, Dorothy Baucza, Mark Benson - will also engage the audience with their vocal abilities.

Anna Johnson and Emma Newton will be performing duets with Michael Lampard whilst Aimee Gillam and Chloe Thomas will be performing their first solos.

One of the successes from the last concert was the men's chorus. In this coming performance, there will be four men's choruses.

Bruce Tivendale and Michael Foote will also be performing the Pearl Fishers duet and Michael Poole, at the tender age of 80, will lead off the chorus Oklahoma.

"It is wonderful to see the development and progress of the young ones as they start to come through the ranks and have the ability to take more than a background role in the public presentations. It was always my ambition, at the time of setting up Your Voice Productions, to have local singers to such a calibre that the spotlight would be well and truly placed on them without any concerns of their ability" said Ms Bruce.

William Lambie, who ended up doing a solo as an emergency fill in last time, has a planned and dedicated solo performance this time.

The epitome of the song *"Many a New Day"* from the musical Oklahoma will be borne out with performances by the trio of Trish Edman, Gwen Cooper and Cecily Johnson whilst accompaniment throughout the concert will be by the wonderful Jill Bacon.

"Whatever we have been doing with the format of the concert is starting to create a buildup of interest in the productions with the audience travelling some distance. The acoustic appeal of the Latrobe Memorial Hall and being able to work the concert on a double level as well as walk through the auditorium and utilise the stage steps makes for a versatile production," added Ms Bruce.

A Winter Concert will be performed one night only - Saturday, June 25.

Ticket are \$22.50 adults, \$18.50 concession, \$15.50 students (15 years and under) and \$5.50 child (5 and under) and will be available pre-concert from the Latrobe Council office or on the night at the door from 6.30 pm.

The concert commences at 7.30 pm sharp with no admission until half time once the clock ticks over to that time; so make sure you get there early.

Enquiries should be directed through Penelope at 6424 5631.

Local Government Elections

Elections for Local Government will be held in October with the five Councillor positions held by Michael Gaffney, Rick Rockliff, John Perkins, Garry Sims and Lynette Stuart up for nomination.

Being a Councillor can be extremely rewarding and a direct way in which to contribute to the community.

A Councillor is part of a team that shapes the strategic direction of the municipality and determines the policies for the services delivered.

Being a Councillor however requires time, commitment and the capacity to see and embrace the 'bigger picture' on behalf of the community. Many Local Government services are complex and must continuously evolve in order to remain at a standard that meets the changing needs of the local community.

What makes a good Councillor? According to former Local Government Association of Tasmania President, Lynn Mason,

- You need to be able to manage your time effectively
- It helps if you are a quick reader
- You need to have a capacity for critical thought and for determining constructive alternatives
- You must be able to listen effectively
- You need to be a strategic thinker with a clear notion of policy development and long term vision
- You have to be able to explain your point of view to your fellow Councillors and the community and
- A good memory is also extremely useful.

These are able to be learnt however natural ability requires you to be sensitive to the voice of the community whilst developing a thick hide to get you through the tough times. Other attributes include good humour, tenacity, patience and being broad minded.

Whilst the elections are not until October, nominations are called in September.

Interested in standing? Why not talk with current elected representatives and discuss their experiences of council life or contact the Local Government Association of Tasmania on 6233 5966 for a copy of the Elected Members Handbook.

Generally some pre-election training is offered early in the new financial year by the Local Government Association of Tasmania however those dates are not yet available.

This timetable for the Local Government elections is -:

Notice of electionSaturday, 10 Sept

Close of electoral rolls6 pm Thursday, 15 Sept

Close of nominations noon Monday, 26 Sept

Announcement of nominations.... noon Tuesday, 27 Sept

Polling period commences..... Tuesday, 11 Oct

Polling period ends10 am Tuesday, 25 Oct

Information provided from LGAT and Tasmanian Electoral Office

Supporting Eagle Point Road upgrade

3,000 tonnes of locally produced gravel will pave the way for an upgrade of Eagle Point Road at Bakers Beach.

In a partnership with Latrobe Council, Stornoway is providing the gravel at no cost over the next five years to support the road upgrade. As well as providing residential access, Eagle Point Road also serves as the access road to Stornoway's Bakers Beach plant.

Stornoway has operated a quarry at Breadalbane for over 20 years and acquired the Bakers Beach site in 2009. The plant now produces high quality bagged and bulk sand as well as decorative rock and stone for retail and wholesale markets.

Managing Director, Tim Gardner, said that Stornoway is proud to support the project which has already seen 1,600 tonnes laid to start the upgrade works.

"We'll continue to supply gravel over the next five years to ensure the road condition is maintained. This represents an investment of around \$30,000 from Stornoway which we're happy to contribute to support the local council and the community."

Bells Parade Rotunda



The Bells Parade Rotunda has been completed, providing a wonderful addition to this much used reserve.

Features of the rotunda include the disability access, large area and steps for weddings and performances to take advantage of. Car parking has also been expanded and now caters for twice as many vehicles than previously.

The rotunda is available for anyone that would like to use it and whilst bookings are not taken for this and other structures within the reserve, it is advisable to check the availability of areas with Candice at Latrobe Council, P O Box 63, Latrobe.

Can you imagine anything more tragic than to have, say, two bridal parties turn up at the same time to use facilities and there be a community event underway?

Tourism Tasmania Hierarchy Change

Tony Mayell will this month take up the position of Chief Executive Officer at Tourism Tasmania whilst Mr Grant Hunt steps into the position of Chairman of the Tourism Tasmania Board on 1 June.

In announcing the appointment of Mr Mayell, Minister O'Bryne stated that Mr Mayell's appointment *"is very exciting news for all of us at Tourism Tasmania, and on behalf of operators and other tourism stakeholders we will work with Tony to ensure he is well-briefed and connected around the state."*

Tony has already made it clear to me that he intends to make it a priority to get up to speed with the industry in Tasmania, and to engage with operators."

"The operators are the best promoters of their product, and we need to give them the best opportunity to do that", said Mr Mayell.

Mr Mayell moves to Tasmania from the Northern Territory where he previously held the position of CEO for the NT Tourist Commission (Oct 1996 - January 2002), and more recently has been the Executive Director - Regions, Department of Chief Minister (Nov 2008 to current). He was Resort GM at Ayers Rock Resort (Sep 2006 - Oct 2007), Managing Director, Online and retail MD at AOT Group (Feb 2004 - Aug 2006), and General manager Europe at the Australian Tourist Commission (Jan 2002 - Dec 2003).

Mr Mayell brings with him a wealth of experience in the public and private sectors, particularly in the areas of travel, tourism operations and distribution as well as extensive experience in transport logistics and tourism policy development and implementation.

Tourism Tasmania is currently working through details of relevant meetings and other forums for discussion with Mr Mayell and will inform the tourism industry as and when they are finalised.

Mr Hunt's extensive experience in tourism includes being the founder, CEO and Managing Director of Anthology Pty Ltd; Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of Voyages Hotels and Resorts; and Project Director of Sutera Harbour Resort Development in Sabah, East Malaysia.

Mr Hunt has also consulted on a range of unique, luxury developments in special settings. These include Longitude 131 at Uluru - Australia's first luxury tented safari Lodge; Qualia on Hamilton Island, a 60 room luxury lodge and spa overlooking the Coral Sea; and most recently, Wildman Wilderness Lodge in the Top End of the Northern Territory.

As a former Director for Tourism Australia and Chairman of the Tourism NT Advisory Board, Mr Hunt will clearly bring an equal understanding, enthusiasm and dedication to tourism in Tasmania to his predecessor, Mr Bob Annells.

Funding Opportunities

Regional Development Australia Fund

The first round of the Regional Development Australia Fund (RDAF) closes on 13 May, 2011.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact RDA Tasmania (6334 9822) to discuss their project eligibility and the application process for the funding program.

The RDAF guidelines, as well as additional information, is available via www.rdatasmania.org.au

As part of the RDAF application process, the RDA Tasmania Committee must endorse your project prior to the application being lodged. To assist this, applications are sought for lodgment with RDA Tasmania **by close of business on 6th May 2011**.

Applicants are also encouraged to frequently visit the Australian Government's RDAF website, <http://www.regional.gov.au/regional/programs/rdaf.aspx>, as the information is regularly updated.

Latrobe Council Grants

Each year, Latrobe Council allocates funds to assist the community in its development in a variety of fields. It

also offers funding to assist the staging of significant events and festivals throughout the Latrobe Municipality. This assistance is via application with funds available from July 1 to approved activities.

If you are seeking assistance for an activity throughout the 2011-12 financial year, you are encouraged to download the application form from Council's website www.latrobe.tas.gov.au and discuss your proposal with Michelle Dutton (6421 4650) to receive an information pack on its release.

The funding application process closes on May 27.

Small Museums and Collections Program Grants

The Small Museums and Collections Program provides grants and loans to assist the curatorial and collection management practices of smaller public and community collections and museums.

You can also apply for assistance from Arts Tasmania's Roving Curators who can assist with projects that are concerned with the development, care and use of a collection.

Applications close on 18 July. For further information, visit www.arts.tas.gov.au.

Walktober 2011

Whilst not a funding opportunity, 'Walktober' provides an opportunity to promote walking initiatives and the health benefits of regular walking to the wider community.

Registrations for events open in July.

For event ideas or further information, email Shannon Anis at Shannon.Anis@heartfoundation.org.au, or phone 6336 5119.

Recognising Excellence in Literature and Publishing

"As an island of tremendous contrast, diversity and natural beauty, with a sometimes dark cultural history. Tasmania has captured the imaginations of many local, national and international writers and fed a vibrant literary community" notes the 10 Days on the Island website.

The biennial suite of Tasmania Book Prizes, awarded by Arts Tasmania and the University of Tasmania, offers a collective of prizes valued at \$35,000 and endeavours to place the spotlight on the calibre and vitality of Tasmania's literary sector.

This year, 69 publications were submitted for consideration with Mr Richard Flanagan receiving The Tasmanian Book Prize for his publication *Wanting*, described as *"a powerful, evocative and profoundly moving novel examining the themes of art, love and the desire for human connection."*

The Margaret Scott Prize, for the best book by a Tasmanian writer, was won by Kathryn Lomer (a former Latrobe Municipality resident) for her young adult fiction work



Author Kathryn Lomer

What Now, Tilda B whilst independent publisher Pardolote Press received the University of Tasmania Prize for best book by a Tasmanian publisher, specifically *Postcards from the Asylum* by Karen Knight.

Walk Safely To School Day

On Friday, 20th May, the annual Walk Safely to School Day will be held nationally.

Now in its 12th year, National Walk Safely to School Day is a fun, free and healthy initiative helping primary schools to promote regular exercise and road safety to young children and parents. The aim is to reduce childhood obesity and other diseases and help keep our kids safe around our schools.



There are plenty of ways to get involved - including hosting a healthy breakfast. For more ideas, visit the website www.walk.com.au because *Active Kids are Healthy Kids!*

Hospital Accreditation Next Month

People who use health services want to have confidence that those services are safe and will provide consistent high quality care. People understand that there are risks associated with using the health system, but they want those risks minimized.¹

This is achieved with regular accreditation of our health system through an independent review process undertaken by the Australian Council of Health Care Standards (ACHS).

The Mersey Community Hospital will be commencing the accreditation process in June, 2011 and follows on from the successful corporate accreditation of the North West Area Health Service.

The clinical, support and corporate areas of the Mersey Community Hospital will be assessed.

This will be undertaken through -

- verification of self-assessment;
- conducting external peer assessment of the organisation;
- reviewing the process on addressing the ongoing recommendations from the last on-site survey and
- providing feedback and advice to assist with improved implementation.

"The accreditation process is an excellent opportunity for us to receive feedback on the processes and practices we have in place. It also supports our commitment to continuously improving services and the experience for patients, visitors and staff" said North West Area Health Service (NWAHS) Acting Chief Executive Officer Gavin Austin.

¹ The Australian Health Consumer Winter Number Two p4 Australian Capital Territory 2002

June Vacation Care

At the end of this month, children will again be on school holidays.

Both the Shearwater Child Care Centre at 89 Club Drive, Shearwater and Shamrock Vacation Care (based alongside St Patrick's Primary School) at 55 Bradshaw Street, Latrobe offer some fantastic school holiday

activities to engage and challenge your children, relieving the boredom that is so often complained of.

At the Shearwater Child Care Centre they are offering a "Total Makeover Day" which includes a visit by a beauty therapist, hairdresser, clothes stylist and a photographer who will take a photo shoot of the next Justin Bieber or Hannah Montana.

There will also be Zumba classes and all the fun of a "Minute to Win It" day.

Shamrock Vacation Care will be building a mud pit and vegetable garden as well as make wooden bird houses.

There will be "See How It Works" days where, under the supervision of a tradesman, children will pull apart former working items to see how they operated.

An excursion to the dog's home may see an adopted dog or two whilst the Guinness World Record Day will have some records being challenged.

To receive a copy of either of these Centre's June School Holiday program, please give them a call -

- Shearwater Child Care Centre - 6428 8600
- Shamrock Vacation Care - 6426 3048.



Kentish Municipality gamers are challenging gamers from throughout the Latrobe Municipality to participate in a series of COD engagements throughout the coming June holidays.

To participate you need to have COD and a high speed internet connection.

Participation is limited to 8 players on each team however, subject to interest, a number of "encounters" may be arranged. To get on the invite list, simply register with Michelle at Latrobe Council (6421 4650) sooner rather than later.

Latrobe Skatepark Update

In 2000, Latrobe Council opened a skatepark at Addison Reserve, Shearwater to address an identified lack of sporting infrastructure hindered by limited transport options for youth.

Most Local Government areas (especially of our size) can only afford to provide and support one skatepark due to ongoing maintenance, cleaning and vandalism costs.

In 2010, Council was fortunate to receive Sport and Recreation Tasmania funding to commission the development of a Recreation Plan for the town of Latrobe, based on the existing sporting precinct. This Recreation Plan seeks to maximise the use of existing sports facilities as well as develop a sustained, planned approach to providing additional sporting infrastructure.

Sykes Consulting were engaged to develop the plan with workshops held and key stakeholder sports and community groups, including recreational skateboarders, providing input.

From this consultation, the inclusion of a skatepark was identified as one component of the plan. *"Six sites for a Latrobe skatepark have been identified and preliminary assessments provided. Unfortunately, such costly ventures do not happen overnight and Council is working very hard to provide a suitable venue for our youth"* said Mayor Gaffney.

Recognising the interest in this activity by youth, Latrobe Council co-sponsored transport to a skater event during National Youth Week and continues to liaise with local youth on progress for such a facility.

What's On

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

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- 1 **Latrobe Cemetery Working Bee** from 9am until 10.30am at the Latrobe Cemetery, Gilbert Street, Latrobe. ☎ 6426 1797 (Mike)
- 18 **Rural Bible Network Forum** at the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 10.30 am until 4 pm. Topic: Judges 13-16 - The God of Samson. Cost: \$15 per person (includes lunch). Registrations essential to 0437 966 987 or email may.forum@RuralBible.net
- 20 **Chocolates in Rhyme** student competition entries due. Entry information available from www.chocolatewinterfest.com.au/taking-part.html or 0400 578 746
- 20 **Walk Safely to School Day**
- 29 **Microchipping Pets** at East Devonport Recreation Centre, Caroline Street, East Devonport from 10am until 2pm. Cost: 425 per pet. ☎ 6421 4650. A joint initiative by the Latrobe and Devonport Councils.
- 29 **Port Sorell Surf Life Saving Club Annual General Meeting** at the Clubrooms, off Dumbleton Street, Hawley Beach at 10.30 am. All Executive positions will be vacated and nominations from financial members of the Club are invited. Enquiries to allymark@bigpond.net.au

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- 4 **Marram Grass Working Bee** - meet at the Rice Street foreshore at 9.30 am. Concludes with sausage sizzle. ☎ 6428 7494
- 5 **Pre-Explosion of Chocolate Inspired Creativity Workshop** at Tasmanian Regional Arts, cnr James and George Streets, Latrobe from 10am until 2pm. ☎ 6426 2344 (Eunice)
- 16 **My Chocolate Love Affair** pre-registrations due. Entry information available from www.chocolatewinterfest.com.au/taking-part.html or 0400 578 746
- 23 **Business and Employment Where's the Talent?** pre-registrations due. Entry information available from www.chocolatewinterfest.com.au/taking-part.html or 0400 578 746
- 23 **Chocolate Wonders of Wearable Art** registrations close. www.chocolatewinterfest.com.au/taking-part.html
- 24 **Apex Art Exhibition** entry forms due. Entry information available from

www.chocolatewinterfest.com.au/taking-part.html or 0417 132 687

- 25 **A Winter's Concert** by Your Voice Productions at the Latrobe Memorial Hall. 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm start. Admission fees apply. Tickets available from Latrobe Council or from the door on the night.
- 25 **Calling All Poets To The Chocolate Box** pre-registrations due. Entry information available from www.chocolatewinterfest.com.au/taking-part.html or 6428 2877.

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- 9 **Decorated Chocolate Cake and/or Cupcakes** due. Entry information available from www.chocolatewinterfest.com.au/taking-part.html or 0439 030 795
- 9 **Official Opening of Chocolate Winterfest, Latrobe** at the Australian Axemans Hall of Fame, Bells Parade, Latrobe from 6.30 pm. ☎ 0400 578 746
- 9 **Business and Employment's Where's The Talent? Competition** at the Australian Axemans Hall of Fame, Bells Parade, Latrobe from 7.30 pm. Free entry. Prize money to be won. Pre-registration essential. www.chocolatewinterfest.com.au/taking-part.html
- 10 **Chocolate Winterfest, Latrobe** from 10.30 am until 4.00 pm - Latrobe's wickedly delicious festival featuring all things chocolate. Enquiries to 0400 578 746 or enquiries@chocolatewinterfest.com.au

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Future article deadlines and distribution dates are -

Deadline.....Distribution Date

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18 August5 September

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