



# WASTE MANAGEMENT TAKES A GREEN TURN

Tasmania's waste management is undergoing a significant transformation with the construction

of the state's largest composting facility by Dulverton Waste Management. This facility will allow for more efficient and cost-effective disposal of organic waste, including food and garden waste from residential areas, and assists with extending the

landfill lifespan. Additionally, the composted product serves as a valuable resource for gardens and agriculture. To encourage better waste management practices throughout Tasmania, the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) implemented a landfill waste levy in 2022-23. As an added incentive, they will also waive the fee for any waste diverted from landfill.

These factors have encouraged Latrobe Council to reconsider the benefits of a Food Organics, Garden Organics (FOGO) collection.

The Cradle Coast Waste Management Group, with Latrobe Council as a member, has facilitated the tender process for a

FOGO service to assist northwest councils in making an informed decision.

Consequently, a FOGO service is set to be nominally implemented on 1 July 2024 for all tenements currently receiving a kerbside waste service (garbage and recycling)

throughout the Latrobe Council area. While reduced compared to previous costings, there will be a fee for this service.

Latrobe Council will also collaborate with other North West Councils and the Cradle Coast Waste Management Group to maximize education opportunities and streamline the implementation process. Overall, Tasmania's push towards the FOGO service represents a significant step forward in sustainable waste management practices. By diverting organic waste from landfills and promoting composting, the state aims to reduce its environmental impact and create a greener future for all residents.



## LIVE STREAMING ENHANCES COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

To further foster transparency and enhance public engagement, the Council has commenced live streaming its monthly general meetings through Microsoft Teams, supplementing its existing, publicly available audio recordings.

This move comes as part of the Council's commitment to provide accessible and inclusive governance and a true representation of its activities.

Residents will have the opportunity to witness council discussions and decisions in real time from the comfort of their homes. This technology addition ensures that individuals, who may not have been able to attend physically due to various reasons, can actively participate in civic affairs.

To join future meetings online, click on the link provided on Council's social media at [www.facebook.com/latrobe\\_counciltas](https://www.facebook.com/latrobe_counciltas).

## FUTURE EDITIONS

Article and event deadlines and distribution dates are provided to assist contributors with you with your promotional planning:

Deadline .....	Edition
28 Sept (Thurs) .....	Nov-Dec
13 Nov (Mon) .....	Jan-Feb 2024

Articles must be submitted by the relevant deadline via [council@latrobe.tas.gov.au](mailto:council@latrobe.tas.gov.au) or post to P O Box 63, Latrobe, 7307. Contributions must be relevant to the Latrobe Council area and suitable for inclusion. Submissions will be used at the discretion of the editor. Council does not pay for editorial submitted.

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# COMMUNITY OPEN DAY

Friday, 29 September

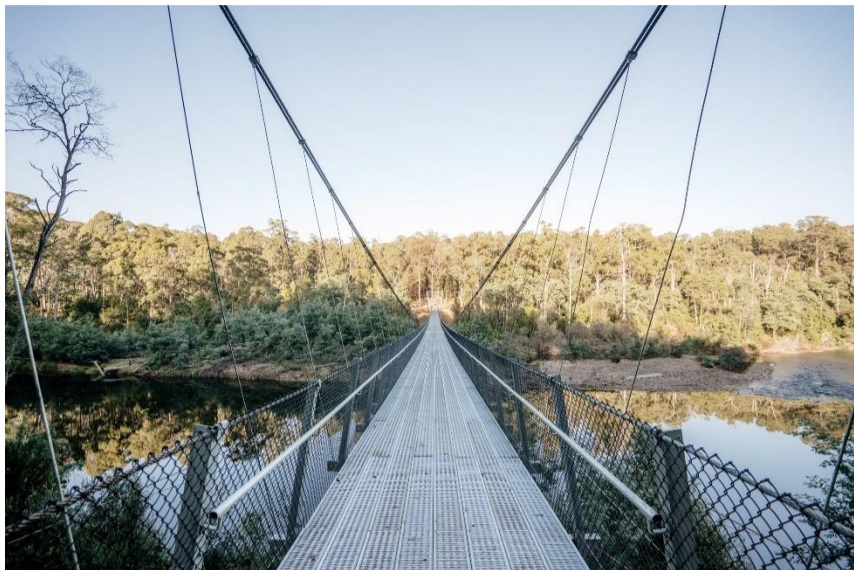
10:30am until 12:30pm | Launch at 11:00am

Check out the new facilities and tour the grounds

FOOD | COFFEE | MUSIC

# GROUND BREAKING INNOVATION EARNS STATE AWARD

BridgePro Engineering Pty Ltd and Latrobe Council have been recognised for outstanding achievement in the construction of Australia's longest pedestrian bridge over the Mersey River. The project not only provides a safe and convenient passage for pedestrians but also links the Wild Mersey Mountain Bike Trails.



The Tasmanian Civil Contractors Federation (CCF) Earth Awards acknowledged the engineering prowess of BridgePro and the collaborative efforts of Latrobe Council in bringing this project to life. The 98+ kilometres of mixed-landscape riding that the bridge facilitates opens an array of possibilities for exploring three stunning locations, making it a significant addition to the region's adventure tourism.

While the completion of the bridge was met with anticipation and excitement, the community has faced disappointment as access to this architectural marvel has been hindered due to prolonged government official requirements. However, there is a glimmer of hope on the horizon, as recent concessions by those authorities are set to make the bridge publicly accessible at long last.

Access to the pedestrian bridge will undoubtedly unlock the full potential of the Wild Mersey Mountain Bike Trails and cement its status as a must-visit destination for tourists and locals alike to experience the breathtaking views of the Mersey River and the surrounding landscapes.

This achievement is a testament to the possibilities that arise when innovative engineering and visionary urban planning come together.

## TREE PLANTING DAY

Plant Ark's National Tree Day in July promotes environmental awareness and actioning community tree plantings around Australia.

Latrobe Council again continued its partnership with local primary schools by providing trees for them to plant. These trees empower students to recognise the pivotal role played by the Council in preserving green spaces while fostering a sense of responsibility and engagement among the young generation, inspiring them to actively contribute to enhancing their surroundings.

Geneva students (pictured) have engaged with National Tree Day for over two decades in planting trees at their Latrobe school premises or their outdoor education campus at Interlaken.



"The donation of trees from the Latrobe Council and other participating organisations enables us to plant unique and mature trees for the generations to come and creates a whole community focus on establishing trees and green zones for everyone to enjoy," said Mrs Rosemary Lincolne of Geneva.

## LOCAL BUILDING UPDATE

29 applications comprising of 6 dwellings; 1 dwellings addition/alteration, 5 outbuildings; 13 plumbing applications and 4 other applications were received by Council in June inclusive with a conservative value of \$4,341,432.

## HAWLEY PATHWAY UPDATE

Council's update in January advised that the development application for the Hawley Esplanade Pathway proposal had been submitted to Parks and Wildlife for their consent to lodge, which would have commenced the statutory assessment process under the Planning Scheme and the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993. The application documentation was drafted based on the Latrobe Interim Planning Scheme 2013.

Unfortunately, by the time Council received consent to lodge the new Tasmanian Planning Scheme - Latrobe became effective, and the application had to be reworked to reflect the requirements of the new scheme. At the time of writing, this work has been completed and the application has been resubmitted to Parks and Wildlife for their consent to lodge. As soon as the consent is received the application will be lodged with Council's planning department and it will proceed through the statutory planning process. When the Development Application (DA) is advertised there will be an opportunity for the community to submit representations relevant to the requirements of the planning scheme either in support of or against the proposal. For transparency, the DA will be assessed by an external planning consultant who will make recommendations as to whether the application meets the requirements of the planning scheme. The Council, sitting as a planning authority, will then consider the recommendation and make a determination.

Due to the delay in receiving required approvals, the Council has committed \$300,000 in their 2023-24 capital works budget, with the balance to be allocated in 2024-25 to enable the completion of the project.

## COUNCIL'S WORKS REPORT

The following works are scheduled to be undertaken throughout September and October:

### CIVIL CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE

- Roadside edge clean ups and repairs
- Roadside weed spraying
- Road grading maintenance
- Pothole repairs



### TOWN SERVICES

- George Street side entry pit replacements.
- Cotton Street replace damaged crossover.
- Culvert and pipe inspections including footpaths.
- Bus stop relocation at Wilmot Street Port Sorell.
- Pedestrian crossover at Kings Lane

### GREEN SPACES

- Recreation grounds preparation for football finals and 2023-24 cricket season
- Mountain bike trail maintenance.
- Mowing across the municipality.
- Weed control continues.

Should information on the above, contact Council on 6426 4444.

## YOUR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

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The postal address for Councillors is P O Box 63, Latrobe, 7307

## OPEN SPACE, SPORT AND RECREATION PLANNING

Latrobe Council is in the final stages of developing a draft strategy to guide the planning and management of the municipality's open space network for the next decade. The Open Space, Sport, and Recreation Plan aims to enhance the maintenance and sustainability of grounds and facilities while ensuring their equitable distribution and accessibility to the community, promoting a vibrant and liveable environment.

The plan is also focused on identifying suitable locations for shared pathways, promoting active transportation and connectivity throughout the area, and designing a suite of park furniture to enhance comfort.

Council values the importance of public engagement in shaping the Open Space, Sport, and Recreation Plan, fostering a sense of ownership and alignment with the community's needs. Council will seek to further engage on the draft strategy in coming months, ensuring that a dynamic and sustainable open space network enriching the lives of all residents for years to come is developed as the final report considered by the Council.

The Council encourages residents to register their contact details via email at [council@latrobe.tas.gov.au](mailto:council@latrobe.tas.gov.au) with the

subject line "Open Space Plan Consultation" to receive updates on the draft's release and stay involved in the process.

## NEW FOOD VAN POLICY

Council considered the establishment of a mobile food vending policy and is currently seeking public input on the proposal.

The new policy seeks to licence mobile food vans to trade at specific sites and times.

In consideration of competition with permanent food businesses, contemplation is being given as to whether to continue to require applicants to obtain a letter of agreement from a competing food business if within 200m of them.

A copy of the policy is available online at <https://www.latrobe.tas.gov.au/notice-board/public-notices> or ask at the Council offices, 170 Gilbert Street, Latrobe.

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION EVENINGS

Community Information Evenings are an important opportunity for Council to provide attendees with an update on issues of relevance specific to the location where the meeting is held.

Meetings for the remainder of this year will be held as follows -

- Port Sorell - Thursday 14 September

- Latrobe / Tarleton - Thursday 12 October

All sessions start at 7:00 pm.

Tickets are essential and will be available via Eventbrite generally two weeks before the forum.

Don't miss this opportunity to stay informed and engaged with your community. Mark your calendars and secure your spot to be part of these informative sessions.

## 2024 KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN

Give your child the best start to their education journey by enrolling them in kindergarten at one of our outstanding local schools.

If your child was born in 2019, you can now enrol them in kindergarten for next year at -

- Andrews Creek Primary School – 6428 4088
- Geneva - 6426 1053
- Latrobe Primary - 6426 1203
- Port Sorell Primary School - 6422 2222
- Sassafras Primary School - 6426 7240
- St Patricks Primary School - 6426 1626

Enrolments are filling up fast, so act now and request an enrolment pack or more information.

Together, let's lay the foundation for a lifetime of success and happiness.

# REIMAGINING THE LATROBE TOWN CENTRE

The Latrobe Council, in collaboration with businesses and the local community, is embarking on an ambitious endeavour to revamp the Latrobe Town Centre, bounded by Cotton Street, Victor Street, Hicks Lane, and Hamilton Street. The town has experienced significant growth, leading to a bustling town centre that requires a comprehensive review of its operations.

The unique layout of the Latrobe township, with the town centre stretching linearly away from the residential area, presents both challenges and opportunities for future development. The retail spaces are nearly at capacity, but a strategic plan for further commercial growth is lacking. Moreover, the town faces a shortage of visitor accommodation, limiting its potential as a tourism hub. To address these issues, the Council aims to reassess the core centre's design and attractiveness to residents and visitors. Key objectives include investigating opportunities for additional commercial

development and tourist accommodations, evaluating traffic flow and pedestrian accessibility along Gilbert Street, and proposing effective traffic management solutions.

The project will also address the town's parking situation, seeking to develop feasible solutions for future car parking while enhancing urban amenity. Public spaces like Station Square and

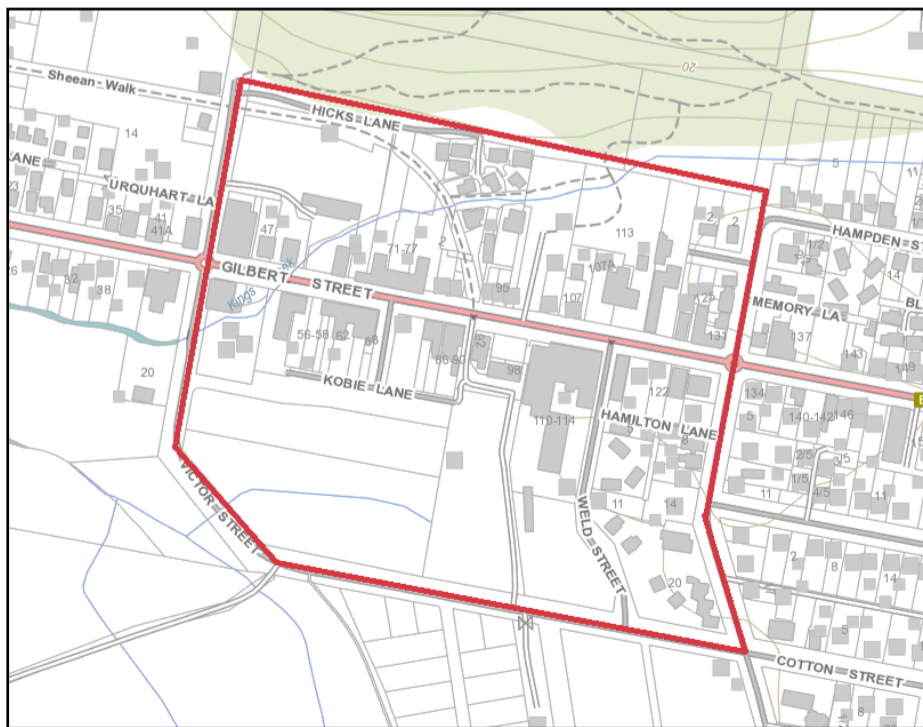
Kings Park will be reviewed for potential improvements and better connectivity to the coastal pathway along River Road and the Wild Mersey Mountain Bike Trailhead at Warrawee. The project seeks to enhance overall connectivity within the town centre and will develop a proposed structure plan to guide future growth and development effectively. Notably, a new site for a

market space will be identified to bolster local business and create a vibrant community gathering spot. The Council's ownership of the property containing the former Glee Club and land behind Morses Butchery presents a unique opportunity for their future integration into a cohesive master plan.

The project will be executed in three stages: a major community engagement process in October 2023, a round of public engagement after the draft Outcomes

Presentation/Report and briefing in January 2024, and the final Outcomes Presentation/Report expected by April 2024.

Those interested in participating and contributing to the transformation of the Latrobe Town Centre can register their interest by providing their details to [council@latrobe.tas.gov.au](mailto:council@latrobe.tas.gov.au).



## UNLEASH YOUR PASSION FOR TOURISM

If you have a passion for your community and enjoy meeting people from around the globe, we have the perfect opportunity for you! The Latrobe Visitor Information Centre (LVIC) is seeking enthusiastic volunteers to join our dynamic team and become ambassadors for our area and beyond, just like Nancy Maney and Vonda Turner who have been volunteering at the Centre since the 1990s.



As a volunteer at LVIC, you'll engage with visitors, providing valuable information about local attractions, events, and hidden gems in Latrobe and the surrounding region. Don't worry if you're not an expert yet; training is provided to equip you with all the knowledge you need to be a tourism pro!

Not only will you enrich visitors' experiences, but you'll also enhance your interpersonal skills and boost your confidence.

Embark on a journey into the exciting world of tourism by becoming a volunteer at the Latrobe Visitor Information Centre today! To register your interest or inquire further, contact Tracey Riggs-Barker at 03 6491 0200 or email [svic@kentish.tas.gov.au](mailto:svic@kentish.tas.gov.au).

## TRULY TASMANIAN CRAFT EXHIBITION AND SALE

The Apex Club of Latrobe's Truly Tasmanian Craft Exhibition and Sale returns on 4-6 November.

Held in the Latrobe Memorial Hall and surrounding grounds, over 60 stalls will feature woodwork, to jewellery to pictures made of pebbles, garden features, children's clothing, paintings, handmade handbags, dog beds and more.

The venue will be open to the public from 9:00 am until 4:30 pm Saturday and Sunday and from 9:00am until 3:00 pm on Monday.

Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children aged between 5-15 years.

All money raised by Apex is reinvested in the community and has previously funded seating at the Latrobe Swim Centre, Bells Parade parkrun, a new score bench for the Latrobe Basketball Club, and blinds for the Latrobe Croquet Club.

## DISCOVER THE PERFECT CAMPING GETAWAY

Imagine waking up just a few steps from the river, beaches, and the local jetty, with breathtaking views of the Narawntapu National Park right at your doorstep. This is the kind of tranquillity and beauty that the Port Sorell Caravan Park at 42 Meredith Street offers.

Convenience is key, as the park is located near shops, coastal and estuarine waters, and fantastic amenities like bowls, golf, and tennis facilities. Whether you're looking for a relaxing swim, a peaceful fishing trip, or a thrilling boating adventure, this seaside haven has it all. 130 powered sites and 33 unpowered sites, provide plenty of space for everyone to create unforgettable memories.

Visitors can experience camping without

breaking the bank, with a per night (2A, 2C) rate of \$42 for powered sites, \$32 for unpowered sites, and \$10 per additional person.

Book your escape by contacting the Port Sorell Caravan Park at 03 6428 7267 or [enquiries@portsorellcaravanpark.com.au](mailto:enquiries@portsorellcaravanpark.com.au).

## FIRIES STAIR CLIMB

On 2 September, the Melbourne Firefighter Stair Climb will stage its 10th stair climb.

The Melbourne Firefighter Stair Climb is held in memory of those who lost their lives in the twin towers terrorist attacks on 11 September 2001, and survivors of the day who are now having emerging health problems from the day.

Specifically, it provides an opportunity to raise awareness and funds for cancer research through the Peter McCallum Foundation, and mental health and suicide prevention through Lifeline.

The challenge invites 700 Emergency Services personnel from across Australia to don 25 kilograms of turnout gear including breathing apparatus, which increases the body temperature to 80 degrees, to then climb 28 flights of stairs of the Crown Metropol Hotel. It's hot, hard, personal and extremely rewarding. Three members from the Port Sorell Fire Brigade are participating again this year - Craig, Lexie and Jack.

"We are unique as we are visitors to the event, we finance our flights and accommodation, and give of our time whilst we train and attend the event.

We have been blown away by the curiosity and generosity of our community in general," said Craig. "We cannot wait to give it another go."

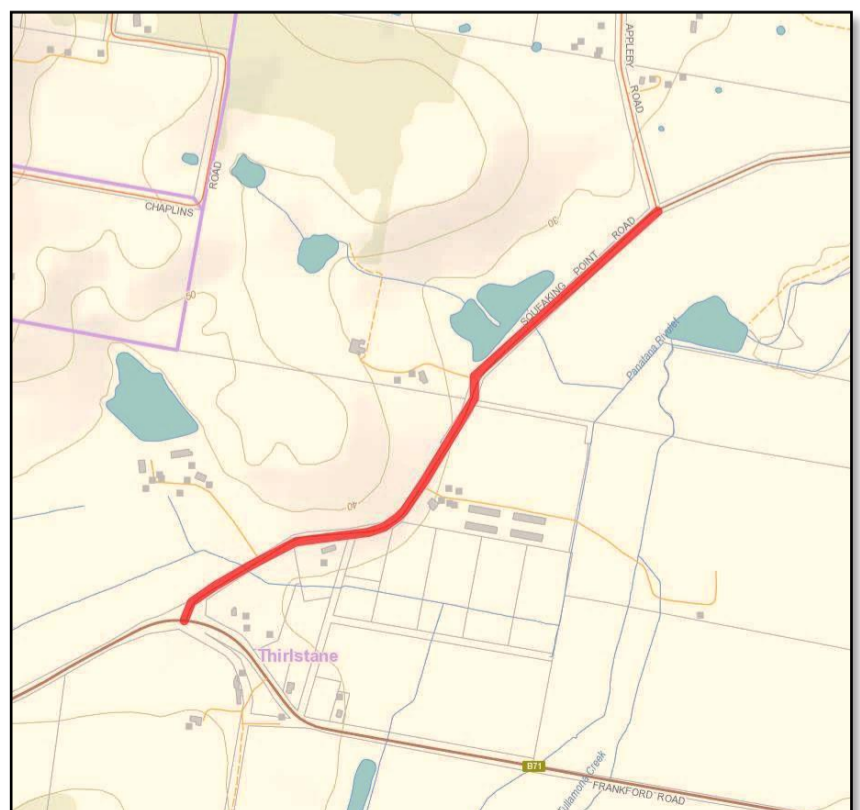
You can follow the group on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/PortSorellFireBrigade](http://www.facebook.com/PortSorellFireBrigade)

## SPEED REDUCED ALONG SQUEAKING POINT ROAD

Over the last few years Council has received an increasing number of concerns about the appropriateness of the existing 100 km/h speed limit on Squeaking Point Rd, Thirlstane. These mostly relate to driver behaviour, the number of crashes, the resulting property damage, and potential for injury. It has also been suggested that when the Department of State Growth changed the speed limit on Port Sorell Main Road to 80km/h this inadvertently resulted in additional use of Squeaking Point Road as motorists tried to get to their destination quicker.

Council does not initiate changes to speed limits lightly, but an assessment of the road's alignment, width, traffic volumes, mixed-use, speed differences, concealed accesses, and crash history has led to the Commissioner for Transport approving a speed reduction to 80km/h for the 1.3km section between Frankford Road and Appleby Road. Within this section, there will remain corner advisory speeds less than the lowered speed limit, however, the speed differential between the advisory speed and posted speed limit will be much closer.

Motorists are urged to adhere to the revised speed limit that fosters a safer and more secure driving environment for everyone on Squeaking Point Road.



# LATROBE FLOOD MITIGATION UPDATE

The partnership between BridgePro Engineering Pty Ltd and Latrobe Council in the ambitious Flood Mitigation Project is yielding significant progress, bringing the community one step closer to enhanced flood protection and safety. This project aims to fortify the town of Latrobe against the devastating impact of floods, safeguarding lives, properties, and livelihoods.

The reinstatement of the revered Sheean Memorial, preserving its historical significance, has been reopened to the public, allowing residents and visitors to pay their respects once again.

Furthermore, Station Square carpark, the laneway between Subway and the Newsagents, and Kobie Lane have all been sealed and reopened. These improvements not only enhance the aesthetics of the area but also alleviate traffic congestion and provide a more convenient experience for businesses and visitors. The completion of the diversion culvert and inlet works is a substantial achievement in the project. These installations are designed to regulate water flow during heavy rainfall, minimising the risk of flooding in vulnerable areas and channelling excess water away from residential and commercial zones.

## Ongoing Works and Upcoming Milestones:

While several milestones have been accomplished, work continues on the Kings Creek Levee. With this component of the flood mitigation project still under construction, walking tracks in

its vicinity remains closed to the public for safety reasons. Once finished, the Kings Creek Levee will bolster the region's resilience against floods, providing additional protection to nearby areas.

The River Road earth levee works have been successfully completed, laying the foundation for improved flood defences. However, concreting, sealing, and final finishing works are scheduled to be finalised in October, subject to weather conditions.

Another crucial achievement is the completion of the Atkinson Park Levee. While the levee is complete, final touches and adjustments are underway and expected to be concluded in October.

Presently, BridgePro Engineering is constructing the Pump Station and levee wall in the parkland between the pigeon club and Miles Ford Bridge. The ongoing works in this area have necessitated its temporary closure to the public. These efforts are slated for completion towards the end of October.

As the project advances, the collaboration between BridgePro Engineering Pty Ltd and Latrobe Council continues to demonstrate a commitment to the welfare and safety of the community and the town of Latrobe moving closer to a future that is better prepared to face the challenges posed by natural disasters.

## ARE YOU BUSHFIRE READY?

The Tasmania Fire Service (TFS), through their Bushfire-Ready Neighbourhoods program, challenges you to participate in a 6-week program to better prepare for the potential of bushfires.

Register as an individual or a family and receive weekly challenges that will help you know your bushfire risk, create a bushfire plan and prepare your property. Participation will inform you about bushfires and empower you to generate action in bushfire preparedness.

Remember, we all play a part.

To find out more about the Bushfire-Ready Challenge Program, go to <https://www.bushfirereadyneighbourhoods.tas.gov.au/challenge>.

## USE YOUR HEAD - WEAR A HELMET

It's uncomfortable and hot. It messes up my hair. It isn't cool. I'm only going a short distance. I'm not going to fall, so I don't need one.

These are just a few reasons people (children and adults) give for not wearing a helmet while riding a bicycle, scooter, or skateboard. But wearing a bike helmet isn't just smart; it's also the law.

A light-coloured or reflective helmet will help you be seen and is an inexpensive piece of equipment that could potentially save your life.

Whether riding on the road, playing on the Latrobe and Port Sorell Pump Tracks, or blazing your way down the Wild Mersey Mountain Bike Trails, be responsible for your own safety and enjoy a safer, active environment while wearing a helmet.

## DISCOVER A GREEN THUMB

Are you eager to expand your social circle while nurturing your love for gardening? Look no further! The Latrobe Garden Club warmly welcomes individuals who share a passion for plants and enjoy exploring beautiful gardens. The club offers a friendly and relaxed atmosphere where you can connect with like-minded people and engage in various garden-related activities.

Every month, on the third Monday, they gather to indulge in a delightful morning tea, engaging conversations, and the joy of sharing their mutual admiration for all things green. These gatherings serve as the perfect opportunity to meet new faces, exchange gardening tips, and forge lasting friendships. Whether you're a seasoned gardener or just starting out, the Latrobe Garden Club is a supportive and encouraging community.

Activities revolve around exploring captivating places of interest, predominantly gardens, where members can immerse themselves in nature's beauty. From strolling through meticulously designed landscapes to learning about rare plant species, the excursions offer inspiration and a chance to deepen your knowledge of horticulture. Additionally, the club organises various garden-related events throughout the year, such as workshops, guest speakers, and plant exchanges, providing valuable learning experiences for all members.

If you reside in Latrobe and would like to join this vibrant gardening community, please reach out to President Ann at 0410 686 306 or Secretary Helen at 0400 042 071. They can provide you with more

information and answer any questions you may have.

Embark on a rewarding journey with the Latrobe Garden Club today. Together, you'll cultivate beautiful friendships and witness the wonders of nature unfold before your eyes.

## LOCAL RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION ESTABLISHES

An independent Latrobe and Port Sorell Ratepayers and Residents Association (LAPSRRA) has been established to serve the community within the Latrobe Municipality.

LAPSRRA's main objectives are to be an interface between the community and the Latrobe Council, to be a collective voice, to promote transparency, monitor the Council's standard of management and service delivery, and hold the Council to account.

You can contact LAPSRRA by emailing [lapsrra@gmail.com](mailto:lapsrra@gmail.com) or phone 0455 200 730.

## CALLING CRAFT ENTHUSIASTS

Chat 'n Choose, a haven for artistry and camaraderie, awaits you every Wednesday morning from 10:00 am to noon during school terms.

Whether you love knitting, crocheting, card making, hardanger, macrame, or woodturning, this gathering is open to all, men and women alike.

Join the creative hub at the hall behind the Latrobe Baptist Church, 125 Gilbert Street, next to the Latrobe Post Office.

\$2 covers your tutorage and provides you with a delightful morning tea served at 10:30 am.

For more information, contact Nelleka at 0405 464 023 or Lorraine at 0401 266 302.

## DISCOVER THE RICH HISTORY OF PORT SORELL

The Port Sorell History Group is a vibrant community of history enthusiasts, dedicated to unravelling the fascinating past of Port Sorell.

With a passion for preserving local heritage, monthly gatherings are held at the Port Sorell Men's Shed, Burgess Drive, Port Sorell on the 3rd Monday at 3:30 pm. Embracing the digital age, members are connecting with history buffs through their active Facebook page, where they share intriguing stories and engage in delightful discussions.

Whether you're a history connoisseur or just curious about Port Sorell's past, they extend a warm invitation to you to join their amiable group.

To add depth to their exploration, they eagerly seek old photographs and artifacts relating to the greater Port Sorell area. If you possess any or know someone who does, kindly get in touch; they'd be delighted to make copies for the community's collective appreciation. Contact them at 0407 045 458 to be a part of this journey of capturing the history of Port Sorell.

## GRIT SHORT FILM SCREENINGS

Wide Angle Tasmania is presenting the screening of a series of short films that feature real Tasmanians, the issues that they face, and how they approach life with grit and determination.

Be inspired by four beautiful films made by award-winning Tasmanian filmmakers then participate in a lively discussion over light refreshments. The films are:

- **Alone Together**, written and directed by Dylan Hesp. A comedy about feeling lonely.
- **Grey Power**, written and directed by Lara van Raay. Four retirees decide it's time to get active and shake up the establishment.
- **The Tea Leaf Reader**, written and directed by Elli Iliades. A touching drama about a mother facing the challenge of learning to read.
- **Handmade Happiness**, written and directed by Vivien Mason. An animation about people using craft to make their lives better including a men's knitting group.

The films are very different in style but the passion of those behind and in front of the camera is clear to see.

Screenings will be held on 18 October at Latrobe and 19 October at Port Sorell - see the What's On page for details.

Enquiries should be directed by email to [info@wideangle.org.au](mailto:info@wideangle.org.au)

Brought to you by Wide Angle Tasmania, Tasmanian Community Fund, A Fairer World and Port Sorell U3A.

## AITKEN FAMILY GATHERING: CELEBRATING A CENTURY OF HERITAGE

The Aitken family will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of Georgie Aitken's passing with a special exhibition at the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe on Sunday, 17 September. This occasion featuring a remarkable display of photographs and stories starts at 10:00 am with a graveside gathering at 2:00 pm. Georgie Aitken and his wife Margaret, who served as the district's midwife and rode a majestic white horse, left an indelible mark on their community, raising a family of 21 children at their cherished residence, "Mill Park," Thirlstane.

To commemorate Georgie Aitken's legacy, Lena Scott (nee Aitken) has been diligently collecting photographs and stories to showcase at the exhibition. The Aitken family kindly requests your assistance in contributing to this extraordinary display of their heritage. If you have any photographs or stories to share, please contact Mrs Scott on 0409 972 928.

In addition to the exhibition, attendees will have the opportunity to savour delectable food throughout the day, adding to the atmosphere of the gathering.

The Aitken family extends an open invitation to all descendants and the wider community to come together and honour the memory of Georgie Aitken. This occasion promises to be a day of connection, reflection, and celebration of the Aitken family's remarkable heritage.

To help cover costs, there will be a nominal fee of \$10 per family.

For further information and to RSVP for the event, please contact Mrs. Lena Scott at 0409 972 928.

## DISCOVER THE THRIVING COMMUNITY SPIRIT

In the heart of Latrobe, behind the Baptist Church, lies the Latrobe Men's Shed.

Welcoming all on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:00 am to noon in King's Lane, this group of shed enthusiasts has already completed over 560 incredible community projects since their inception in 2014.

With just a donation as the cost for their fantastic projects, members can indulge in a diverse range of activities. The shed hosts a toolbox meeting every Friday at 10:00 am, followed by a BBQ at noon. For a nominal fee of \$20 per year for equipment usage and project participation, plus \$3 for morning tea and Friday's BBQ, you can become a part of this remarkable group.

For more information, reach out to Ralph at 0405 464 023.

## THE LEGACY CENTENARY TORCH RELAY 2023

In 1923, Legacy took a solemn pledge to support the families of veterans who had lost their lives or were injured while serving their country. This commitment to provide stability, guidance, and assistance to these families in their times of need has remained unwavering over the last century. Today, Legacy continues to uphold this promise, offering unwavering support much like a caring partner would to their own family.

In commemoration of its 100 years of service, Legacy's impact is being recognised globally while also raising funds to further its humanitarian cause. The Legacy Centenary Torch Relay, initiated in Pozieres, France, in the lead-up to ANZAC Day in 2023 is traversing the globe, visiting all 45 Legacy Clubs worldwide, symbolizing the light of hope and remembrance.

On 3 October, the torch will arrive in Launceston, carried by Port Sorell resident, Mary Mathews, honouring the legacy of the past and signifying the continuation of Legacy's vital mission into the future.

To join the cause and contribute to Legacy, you can donate online at <https://legacytorchrelay.com.au/make-a-donation/>.

## A FUN-FILLED FAMILY DAY

Mark your calendar for the highly anticipated Port Sorell Spring Fair, returning on 22 October from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Port Sorell Primary School. This event promises to be a fantastic day for the whole family, filled with excitement and a wide array of activities. The fair will feature its classic stalls, offering a selection of mouthwatering food and coffee, exquisite crafts, charming children's toys and clothing, captivating artwork, and vibrant plants for your home. But that's not all! Local community groups will also be showcasing their talents and initiatives. The Port Sorell Men's Shed will present their amazing products, while the Port Sorell History Group will display memorabilia from the area's past. The Port Sorell Fire Brigade will provide valuable fire safety demonstrations.

For the little ones, the face painting returns, ensuring giggles and smiles all around. Entertainment will be in abundance, with the Latrobe Federal Band and Gina Timms taking the stage. The Port Sorell Spring Fair has enjoyed tremendous success and is much anticipated on the social calendar. For any queries or additional information, please feel free to reach out to Deidre Merrick at 0411 099 433.

# BUSINESS INFORMATION AND HAPPENINGS

## FREE BUSINESS LISTING

A new "Business" section on the Latrobe Tasmania website ([www.latrobetasmania.com.au](http://www.latrobetasmania.com.au)), is available for all businesses and event coordinators throughout the Latrobe Council area to promote their services and events online for free.

An easy-to-complete online form at <https://www.latrobetasmania.com.au/create-business-listing/> enables you to submit details and suitable photos for your listing. If you are already listed on the website, please review your details and update your images and information as desired. Once the information is accepted, your details will appear in the relevant category for your service or events. Event categories include exhibitions, family fun, featured events, free events or sports, all of which may be one-off or regularly occurring.

## PSYCHOLOGY CAFFE AWARD

Communities play a crucial role in suicide prevention, and this significance is honoured through the prestigious LiFE Award - Communities in Action for Suicide Prevention. This award recognises the vital contributions made by communities in addressing suicide by devising local mental well-being and suicide prevention plans and fostering social connections and open conversations about mental health.

Tracey Martin-Cole, from Psychology CAFFE, stands at the forefront of this recognition, receiving the 2023 Tasmanian LiFE Award for her Outstanding Contribution to Suicide Prevention.

Tracey's approach to community-based support has been instrumental in reaching out to those in need, especially in rural areas with limited mental health resources, high treatment costs, and stigma burdens. Her practice encompasses individual therapies alongside community-based support and group programs, ensuring a holistic approach to mental health care. Tracey emphasises the significance of open conversations about mental health and checking in on one another with the Psychology Caffe team building a supportive and understanding environment where mental health is prioritised, and lives are saved.



*Pictured: Tracey Martin-Cole c. The Advocate Newspaper*

## NEW GALLERY OUTLET

Jenna Chartrand Fine Art has opened a gallery front and working art space at 71 Gilbert Street, Latrobe, open Monday to Friday from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm, weekends by appointment.

Jenna is a realistic wildlife and pet portrait artist specialising in coloured pencil and acrylic paintings with the shop front being a continuation of her extension into artwork full-time.



*Photographer: Melanie Kate Photography*

"I'm so excited to open this space and welcome you all into my working studio. Finally, a place to hang my originals for everyone to appreciate them, and a permanent location to sell my prints, cards, calendars - and a space to see my work in progress!" said Jenna.

If you can't get in to see Jenna, go to [www.facebook.com/jennachartrandart](http://www.facebook.com/jennachartrandart)

## CONNECTING OUR BUSINESS COMMUNITY

KaLIBA recently hosted two successful networking events, creating opportunities for business people to meet, share ideas and learn from each other.

Each occasion was attended by a large number of business owners and key stakeholders whose participation and enthusiasm delivered a clear message that our communities see value in collaborating and building relationships to create a dynamic and sustainable business future. The latest event in Latrobe took place at Beverley Skurulis Gallery and proved to be the perfect place to inspire creativity and develop new partnerships.

The diversity and passion of the businesses in the Kentish and Latrobe region was evident, with representation from agriculture, retail, medical, construction, marketing, professional services, tourism and hospitality.

For more information about KaLIBA and how you can benefit from connecting with other local businesses, email [contactus@kaliba.org.au](mailto:contactus@kaliba.org.au).



## 100 YEARS OF CEMENT AUSTRALIA

In 2023 Cement Australia is celebrating 100 years of production at the Railton plant. Tasmanian Cement Pty Ltd was formed in 1922 at Railton with the clearing of the site and construction of the plant commencing that year and production commencing in 1923.

The need for more capital to fund the ongoing operation of the plant and the expansion required to meet demand prompted the move to form a new company. On 31 July 1928, Goliath Portland Cement Company Limited was formed.

In September 1989 the Goliath Board accepted an offer from Australian Cement Ltd (jointly owned by CSR and Pioneer) and Goliath was acquired by Australian Cement Holdings (ACH).

Through the 1990s and into the new millennium there was a high demand for product with the 2000 Olympics in Sydney however with the threat of imports and the pressure on costs the amalgamation of QCL & ACH went ahead in 2003 forming Cement Australia and became the largest cement manufacturing company in Australia.

The plant has had multiple upgrades throughout its life and continues to be a world-class operation today.

Cement Australia will be presenting a public display of its history through the decades at Kings Hall in Railton from 2-6 October 9:00 am to 4:00 pm daily which includes the shale oil operation at Latrobe that played a significant part in the formation of a cement works at Railton.

## PORT SORELL TIP SHOP

For those with an environmental inclination, the reopening of the Port Sorell Tip Shop, conveniently located alongside the Port Sorell Waste Transfer Station, makes recycling a breeze. This facility has been transformed, undergoing revitalisation with gravel-based foundations, sturdy fencing, covered shipping containers, and thoughtfully arranged displays within a larger space. The aim is to inspire and facilitate increased recycling within our community. Enthusiastically awaiting visitors are the members of the Port Sorell Lions Club. Proceeds from recycling at the Port Sorell Tip Shop go full circle, with funds invested in local initiatives and worthy causes.

With the rejuvenated tip shop leading the charge, the community is set to embrace a brighter, greener future where the essence of recycling transcends mere practice and becomes a meaningful contribution to a sustainable world.

## THE CROWDED LOUNGE

At the Crowded Lounge, they continue to have weekly art classes for various ages and skill levels, phone Michelle on 0459 239 192.

The cafe bar, now called 'Lifestyle Daily Grind @the Crowded Lounge', makes great coffee, in-house made soups, scones, and other light meals.

Upcoming exhibitions include local artist Bec McGill with her abstract art called 'Rary Mebecca', for the month of September. Bec finds painting meditative, playful, and fulfilling.

October will showcase Hobart-based artist, Graham Haskell, with paintings dominated by high-level energy, vibrant colours, and an abandonment of traditional boundaries.

Graham's affordable works appeal to many segments of the public. To view some of Graham's work go to [www.facebook.com/grahamhaskellartist](http://www.facebook.com/grahamhaskellartist)

If you are a local artist keen to exhibit or conduct workshops, phone 0404 224 929.

## PORT SORELL LIONS CLUB

The Port Sorell Lions Club announce the newly appointed office bearers for the 2023-24 Lions year, ready to lead them towards an impactful year of service.

Geoff Richardson assumes the role of President (0437 454 518), supported by Grenville Bellchambers as Treasurer and Reuben Newman as Secretary.

Their dedication to fundraising and community support remains steadfast with Bunnings BBQs and actively participating in the Port Sorell Primary School Spring Fair in October. Moreover, their commitment to The Good Samaritan Shoe Box project continues as they aim to sponsor 30 boxes this year. Empty boxes can be collected at Salvos, St Vincent De Paul, or various church groups, and they encourage contributors to fill them with essential items for children in need around the world by late September.

They are also busy with raffle ticket sales at Shearwater Resort to raise funds for "Hope in a Suitcase" over the next three months.

The club proudly shares the news that their Past President, Lion Matt Tilling-Shakoff, will be taking on the esteemed role of 2nd Vice District Governor in the coming year, further showcasing the club's dedication and excellence.

As a volunteer-driven organisation, the Port Sorell Lions Club believe that diversity and fresh perspectives are key to their success and warmly welcomes new members to join them on this incredible journey of service and compassion. If you would like to be part of Lions, please contact Geoff at the number above.

## ST GEORGE'S CHURCH

Nestled on Hermitage Lane at Newground, just beyond Moriarty, stands St George's Anglican Church - a beacon of faith and hope, serving the rural community with unwavering dedication.



With a desire to forge stronger bonds with its community and develop the capacity to offer more enriching activities, St George's congregation has embarked on the construction of a much-needed new toilet facility. While this may seem an unusual project for this outcome, the comfort of attendees is paramount to staging engaging activities.

St George's welcomes donations of building materials to help turn this dream into reality. Every brick, every beam contributes to fostering a stronger sense of unity and camaraderie among the churchgoers and the wider community. Church services are held on the fourth Sunday of the month at 11.30 am. But before you delve into the service, indulge in a delightful morning tea, creating an atmosphere of warmth and togetherness. For more information, phone Brian Stewart at 0400 950 872 or email [bstewart1@iinet.net.au](mailto:bstewart1@iinet.net.au).

## EQUIPPING PARTICIPANTS WITH LIFE-SAVING SKILLS

Suicide Prevention Training, scheduled for 13 September at Devonport Community House - The Shed, offers participants the vital tools to recognise and respond to individuals at risk of suicide.

During the training, participants will learn to identify warning signs of suicide and understand the importance of early intervention and promoting help-seeking behaviours. Equipped with this knowledge, attendees will be better prepared to support those in need and help them access appropriate services promptly. Moreover, the program emphasises the significance of self-care and well-being for both the participants and the individuals they assist. Participants will have the opportunity to explore their own self-care strategies, ensuring they can manage the emotional toll that helping others in distress may bring.

For further information and to secure your place, contact Natalie on 6491 1552 or email [admin@kentishrc.com.au](mailto:admin@kentishrc.com.au).

## ROTARY CLUB OF LATROBE

The Rotary Club of Latrobe is continuing with the establishment of a Latrobe Interact Club with interest from fifteen Year 7-8 students at Latrobe High School. Through Interact, participants will develop skills to adopt projects and fundraise to bring them to fruition. Keep an eye out for their initiatives around Christmas time.

Rotarians will be cooking up a storm at Bunnings on 16 September and 28 October and look forward to your ongoing support. Funds are invested in the local community. Some of these projects include seating in Pitcairn Reserve, Port Sorell.

Nominations are open for the club's annual community awards night on 28 October. Categories include the Courtesy Award, Industry Achievement Award, The Elliston Award, Pride of Workmanship Award, Charles Radford Sports Award, Rotary Citizenship Award, and the Colin Churchill Rotary Special Recognition Award. Please forward your nominee details to the club by email. Rotary's 2024 Calendar is being published and will be available through various outlets in time for you to purchase and send to family and friends for Christmas or keep yourself. Keep an eye on Rotary's website and Facebook page for distribution details.

If you enjoy creating lasting change in your community, you may be suited to Rotary. Check them out at <https://www.facebook.com/rotarycluboflatrobe> or email [info@rcol.org.au](mailto:info@rcol.org.au)

## LATROBE COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP

After a much-needed winter break, the Latrobe Community Playgroup is back in action, promising endless fun and learning for preschool-aged children.

Starting on 1 September, the playgroup sessions will be held at the warm and welcoming Latrobe Baptist Church Hall, conveniently located at 125 Gilbert Street, right next to Art Framed.

Every Friday during school terms, beginning at 10:00 am, kids will have the chance to explore a treasure trove of toys and equipment, fostering creativity and imagination. The best part? Little ones can forge new friendships while their caring mums, dads, or caregivers accompany them.

For further details, contact Lorraine at 0401 266 302 or Nelleka at 0405 464 023.





# FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

## SUPPORTING TASMANIAN CARERS

To celebrate and promote the contribution of carers to their communities, the Tasmanian Government is providing funding for a Carers Small Grants Program to support Carers Week events run by local organisations across the State. A total of \$10,860 will be available.

Applications for the Carers Small Grants Program close on 15 September and are allocated on a "first in" basis.

The application is online at <https://communitiestas.smartygrants.com.au/CSG23>.

For more information, email [grants@dpac.tas.gov.au](mailto:grants@dpac.tas.gov.au) or phone 1800 204 224

## STEP FORWARD FUNDING

Applications are now open for the 2023-24 Healthy Tasmania Fund Step Forward grants. Step Forward grants are up to \$5,000 for activities and equipment that support health and well-being. This means that the focus is on keeping people healthy and well by preventing rather than treating illness.

A total of \$100,000 is available in the 2023-24 financial year. Applications will close when the funding pool is used up.

## TASMANIAN FAMILY HISTORY AT LATROBE

Family History is not just about people, it is also about their history of life.

Throughout August, the Tasmanian Family History Society Inc (TFHS) Mersey Branch celebrated Family History Month with a display in the Devonport Library. This display included a beautiful little bottle with cake dated 1883 bearing the inscription "Grandmother and Grandfather Morey's Golden Wedding Cake."

Another family history tradition was told in bird images, including paintings, sketches, pastels, and drawings from branch member, her grandfather, and her great-grandson. Old family bibles, wedding frames, medals, and pictures of a Golden Wedding in 1922 were each accompanied with additional information. The TFHS hosts monthly courses on a Saturday and will celebrate Seniors Week in October and host an Afternoon Tea and Trade Table in November. They close for a Christmas break on 8 December, re-opening on 17 January 2024.

You can find them at the back of the Latrobe Library at 115 Gilbert Street, Latrobe. They are open Wednesday and Friday from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm. Contact Ros (0476 008 531) or Gay (0408 059 990).

## NEW SURF SEASON

The Port Sorell Surf Lifesaving Club recently appointed Laura Dixon as President for the 2023-24 surf club season. Laura is passionate about the surf club and engaging families to participate in surf sports on Port Sorell's beautiful beaches. The club acknowledged the contributions of outgoing President Ben Burbury and dedicated club members, Neil Hargreaves

and Hayden Coates who capably fulfilled many roles over the years.

Planning is underway for surf club activities this summer. See the What's On page in this newsletter.

In keeping with the Club's Motto - 'Bringing the community to the Beach' - they encourage anyone in the community, to contribute their skills and talents to their club. Volunteers are crucial for both in and out-of-water activities (club administration, hospitality, etc). To find out more, contact them on [portsorellslsc@gmail.com](mailto:portsorellslsc@gmail.com)

Similarly, if you are keen to achieve your Bronze Medallion or Surf Rescue Certificate qualification, or perhaps brush up on some first aid skills, please discuss this with their Education and Training Coordinator Deb Hicks on 0408 598 667. The Surf Club rooms are available for hire for functions. Please keep an eye on their Facebook page for this summer's events. The funds raised from these activities support beach safety and training activities provided to the community.

## LATROBE TENNIS CLUB



The Latrobe Tennis Club's Annual General Meeting was held in July and a new committee was appointed.

The main priority for the Club continues to be the renewal of the courts which includes increasing the number of pickleball courts whilst maintaining the existing tennis courts, allowing the expansion of the pickleball program and

Read the updated guidelines and learn more at <https://www.health.tas.gov.au/about/what-we-do/strategic-programs-and-initiatives/healthy-tasmania-strategic-plan/step-forward-grants>

## ARTS FUNDING

The Australia Council has developed a new grants model to support a diverse range of artists, artistic practices, organisations, and arts activities.

For more information, go online to <https://australiacouncil.gov.au/investment-and-development/>

## SMALL GRANTS SCHEME

Latrobe Council's 2023-24 Community Grants Program - Round 2 is now open for application for projects commencing mid-October and concluding no later than 30 June 2024.

This funding, capped at \$1,500, offers eligible organisations a helping hand to develop and grow long-term projects throughout the Latrobe Council area in the fields of Health and Community Welfare;

Environment; Sport and Recreation; Minor Capital Works; Arts and Culture, and Festivals Sponsorship.

For more information, go online to [www.latrobe.tas.gov.au/community/grants](http://www.latrobe.tas.gov.au/community/grants). Applications close on 18 September.

positioning the venue as a premier outdoor tournament venue. Pickleball Tasmania anticipates at least one major event could be hosted by the Club which could attract 100-150 competitors, providing a solid economic and social benefit for the community.

Other priorities include replacing the existing lights with LEDs and installing integrated gate access technology to allow the booking and payment of courts online. The transition to LED lights is expected to provide energy savings of up to 75%, whilst providing a longer operational life. The club believes that these projects will add value to the existing facilities and services on offer in the sports precinct. To learn more, follow the Latrobe Tennis Club Tasmania Inc on Facebook or look online at <https://play.tennis.com.au/latrobe-tennisclubtasmania>.

## REEL KEEN FISHERS

The third Reel Keen Fishing Open Competition will be held on 2 December at the Port Sorell Boat Ramp.

The main prizes are valued at \$1000. The Squid prize is valued at \$300. A prize valued at \$300 will also be available for the biggest Tuna caught. There will be rod and reel prizes donated by local sponsors. A raffle features a \$500 gift voucher from Deegan Marine.

Ulverstone Air Sea Rescue will patrol the ocean side of the event with live-streamed interviews with competitors screened in the Reel Keen tent in the nearby Port Sorell Caravan Park.

Entry is \$100 per boat with an early bird entry of \$80 per boat. Camping sites are available at the Port Sorell Caravan Park. For more information, check out the Event tab on the Reel Keen Facebook page.

## THE ULTIMATE FUSION OF INDOOR AND BACKYARD FUN

Experience the thrill of JH Stadium Cricket, the exciting new cricket game captivating players at the Banksia Centre, Port Sorell. Combining the best of indoor and backyard cricket, this sport welcomes all ages to join the action. With a softer ball ensuring safety without compromising excitement, it's perfect for players of varying skill levels.

JH Stadium Cricket caters to diverse preferences, offering rosters for mixed, men's, women's, and over 50s teams. Gather six players per team and enjoy approximately one-hour games with all equipment, umpires, and scorers provided. Whether you have a team ready or want to join one, contact John House, on 0407 561 283.

The games currently take place on Sunday afternoons and Thursday nights, making it an ideal opportunity to showcase your cricketing prowess while having a blast.



*Pictured: John House. Photo by The Advocate*

## LATROBE BOWLS AND COMMUNITY CLUB INC

The Latrobe Bowls Club were the winners of two grand finals in the Indoor Bias Bowls Competitions in July. The ladies won the Tuesday Ladies Indoor Bias Bowls competition in a close game against the Devonport RSL ladies and the Division 3 Thursday night Indoor Bias Bowls team had a win over Port Sorell.

There will be a Soup and Sandwich luncheon at the Club on 1 September commencing at noon with entertainment by Mr. Karaoke.

The official opening of the greens will be at the end of September/early October with the date to be set at the next Board meeting and announced on their Facebook page. The Open Saturday roster will commence on 21 October and the Ladies Thursday roster will commence on 26 October. This season there will be a Wednesday Men's team entered in Division 1 with the roster commencing on 25 October. If you are interested in joining this roster, please contact Graham Hay on 0459 837 788. If you require a venue for an event, please phone 6426 1276 or email bowlsclub@latrobebowlsclub.com.

## PORT SORELL TENNIS CLUB

The Port Sorell Tennis Club has three courts and a club room located in Kermode Street, Port Sorell. The club offers Quadrant Tennis which is a doubles social competition in which participants play against players of an equal standard. The courts are lit which enables Quadrant to be run of an evening throughout the year. Quadrant runs on a Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday nights, from 6:00 pm. The competition will start in the week of 17 October. You can register online at [play.tennis.com.au/portsorelltennisclub](http://play.tennis.com.au/portsorelltennisclub). Junior coaching is offered by a qualified Tennis Hot Shots coach every Wednesday and Thursday afternoon from 4:00 pm until 6:00 pm. For more information contact Peter Georgiades on 0439 637 301. Tuesday morning's social tennis starts at 10:00 am. Just turn up at the courts with your racquet. The club's Midweek Pennant team had a successful season and were runners-up to Burnie in the final. Well done to the team. If you would like to play in the next Midweek Pennant roster, please contact Andreyra on 0401 063 685.

The club's Annual General Meeting will be held on 22 September, commencing at 6:30 pm at the clubhouse.

If you are interested in becoming a member (membership fees apply) or would like more information about Quadrant, visit their website or contact them on Facebook or email [portsorelltennisclub@hotmail.com](mailto:portsorelltennisclub@hotmail.com)

## PORT SORELL TABLE TENNIS CLUB

The Port Sorell Table Tennis Club is delighted to extend its heartfelt gratitude to the Port Sorell community for their unwavering support and encouragement, which has led to the club being honoured as the current Table Tennis Australia Club of the Year.

This remarkable achievement is even more extraordinary considering the club's status as a not-for-profit organisation, entirely operated by dedicated volunteers. Despite being less than three years old, the club has managed to attract and retain 80 enthusiastic members, a testament to its growing popularity and inclusive atmosphere.

Table Tennis offers a fun way to stay fit while reaping exceptional health benefits. Regardless of age or skill level, it proves to be an ideal activity for everyone, making it a perfect family pastime. So why not give it a shot?

Join the club at the Banksia Centre Stadium every Monday from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm, Wednesday from 6:30 pm onwards (competition night), and Saturday from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Feel free to come and go as you please.

The best part is that the club offers free coaching, and everyone is warmly welcomed. So, whether you are a seasoned player or a beginner, don't miss this fantastic opportunity to have fun, stay fit, and be a part of a vibrant community. See you at the table!

## NOMINATE YOUR LOCAL HEROES AND EVENTS

Do you know someone who goes above and beyond to make a positive impact in our community? Or perhaps you've attended an outstanding event that brought your neighbourhood together? Now is your chance to shine a spotlight on these exceptional individuals and events by nominating them for Latrobe Council's Australia Day Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, and Community Event of the Year awards!

These prestigious awards celebrate the unsung heroes and inspiring events that make our community vibrant and united. From tireless volunteers to young change-makers and memorable community events, every nomination counts!

Don't let this opportunity pass you by. Nomination forms are available on [www.latrobe.tas.gov.au/community/austdayawards](http://www.latrobe.tas.gov.au/community/austdayawards), and close on 1 December. It's quick and easy to nominate, and your submission could have a profound impact on someone's life. By nominating someone or an event, you not only honour their efforts but encourage others to step up and create a more inclusive and thriving community!



*Pictured are the 2023 recipients: Community Event of the Year - Latrobe High School Learning for Life Program; Citizen of the Year - Helen Boskell and Young Citizen of the Year - Amelia Burbury with the 2023 Australia Day Ambassador Robert Clifford (left) and Mayor Peter Freshney (right)*

# WHAT'S ON AT A VENUE NEAR YOU

## SEPTEMBER

Bec McGill Exhibits her abstract art at The Crowded Lounge, 129 Gilbert Street, Latrobe

- 1 Soup and Sandwich luncheon** at the Latrobe Bowls Club, Victor Street, Latrobe from noon. Cost is \$10 pp. Entertainment by Mr Karaoke. Phone 0437 097 240 to book
- 1 Screaming Jets - The Rock Vault Encore** performs at Shearwater Resort. Doors open at 6:00 pm, and support from Pricey commences at 6:30 pm. Tickets at <https://moshtix.com.au>
- 8 Asian - Indian/Thai/Malay Themed Dinner** at Tranquilles, 9 Gumbowie Drive, Port Sorell from 6:00 pm. Cost: \$55 pp. Bookings to 6428 7555
- 8 The Australian Jerry Lee Lewis Show** direct from Tamworth and featuring Ezra Lee and The Hot 3 perform at Shearwater Resort. Doors open at 7:30 pm, and support commences at 8:00 pm. Tickets at <https://www.moshtix.com.au>
- 9 Van Diemen Antique Bottle and Collectibles Swap Meet** at the Latrobe Memorial Hall, 168 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm. Free entry. Enquiries to 0427 289 947
- 10 Tasmanian Youth Orchestra along with the Burnie Stringalong Orchestra** perform Dvorak | Symphony No. 8; Tchaikovsky | Romeo and Juliet Fantasy Overture and Brahms | Hungarian Dance No. 5 at the Latrobe Memorial Hall, 170 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 2:00 pm until 3:30 pm. Cost: \$29 for Adults, \$19 for senior, concession, student, and U16. Bookings via [www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1097694](http://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1097694)
- 11 Latrobe Council Meeting** at 170 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 5:00 pm. Attendance registration to 6426 4444.
- 14 Port Sorell Community Information evening** at the Banksia Centre, Pitcairn Street, Port Sorell from 7:00 pm. Registration is essential via Eventbrite. Enquiries to 03 6426 4444.
- 16-23 Seniors Week**
- 20 Footy Colours Day** raising awareness and funds for childhood cancer research [www.footycoloursday.com.au](http://www.footycoloursday.com.au)
- 22-24 Traditional Ceramic Painting Workshops** at 9:00 am, 1:00 pm or 5:00 pm each day at the Latrobe Memorial Hall, 168 Gilbert Street, Latrobe. Cost: \$79 p. Bookings to <https://www.facebook.com/events/303233772152253/>
- 29 Spanish Themed Dinner** at Tranquilles, 9 Gumbowie Drive, Port Sorell from 6:00 pm. Cost: \$55 pp. Bookings to 6428 7555

## OCTOBER

Hobart-based artist, Graham Haskell, exhibits at The Crowded Lounge, 129 Gilbert Street, Latrobe

- 2-6 Cement Australia Exhibition** at Kings Hall in Railton from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm daily
  - 12 Latrobe/Tarleton Community Information evening** at the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 7:00 pm. Registration is essential via Eventbrite. Enquiries 6426 4444.
  - 18 Port Sorell Primary School 10th Anniversary.** Go to [www.facebook.com/portsorellps](http://www.facebook.com/portsorellps) for all the details.
  - 18 GRIT Short Film Screening** at Hamilton HUB, 18 Hamilton Street, Latrobe from 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm. Golf coin donation (optional). Bookings via [www.tasmanianspiritonscreen.com](http://www.tasmanianspiritonscreen.com)
  - 18 GRIT Short Film Screening** at Banksia Centre, Pitcairn Street, Port Sorell from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm. Golf coin donation (optional). Bookings via [www.tasmanianspiritonscreen.com](http://www.tasmanianspiritonscreen.com)
  - 19 Latrobe Council Meeting** at 170 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 5:00 pm. Attendance registration is essential to 6426 4444.
  - 22 Port Sorell Spring Fair** at Port Sorell Primary School from 10:00 am until 2.30 pm. Phone: 0411 099 433
  - 28 Port Sorell Surf Life Saving Club Season 2023-24 Registration Day** at the clubrooms, North Freers Beach, Hawley from 10:00 am until 12:30 pm. Enquiries to [posrtsorellslc@gmail.com](mailto:posrtsorellslc@gmail.com)
  - 29 Harvest Long Lunch** at Tranquilles, 9 Gumbowie Drive, Port Sorell from 1:00 pm until 5:00 pm. Cost: \$55 pp. Bookings to 6428 7555
- ## NOVEMBER
- 4-6 Truly Tasmanian Craft Exhibition and Sale** at the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 9:00 am until 4:30 pm Saturday and Sunday and 9:00 am until 3:00 pm Monday. Admission: \$5 for adults and \$3 for children from 5-15 years.
  - 7 Melbourne Cup Chicken and Champagne Alfresco Buffet** at Tranquilles, 9 Gumbowie Drive, Port Sorell from 1:00 pm until 5:00 pm. Cost: \$49 pp. Bookings to 6428 7555.
  - 7 Melbourne Cup Luncheon** at the Lucas Hotel, 46 Gilbert Street, Latrobe. Costs apply. Phone: 6426 1101
  - 11 Port Sorell Golf Club Annual Car Park Sale** selling produce, books, plants, raffle, sausage sizzle, Bric-a-Brac, homemade cakes, preserves, and Christmas puddings from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm at the Port Sorell Golf Club, Shearwater Bvd, Port Sorell.

**11 Remembrance Day Services** at 10:50 am at the Latrobe Cenotaph and Port Sorell Defence Memorial

- Wreath layers are asked to register by 4 November by emailing [latrobersl2@gmail.com](mailto:latrobersl2@gmail.com) for the Latrobe Service or phone 0407 852 946 (Rod) for the Port Sorell Service
- 12 Devonport Stamp and Collectables Fair** in the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 9:30 am until 2:30 pm. Includes a stamp hunt and a coin hunt with free stamp fun bags for the children. Cost: \$2 adults, kids free. Enquiries: 0409 142 187
  - 12 Latrobe to Railton MTB Sprint** on the Wild Mersey Mountain Bike Trails from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm. Enquiries to [merseymtb@outlook.com](mailto:merseymtb@outlook.com).
  - 13 Latrobe Council Meeting** at 170 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 5:00 pm. Attendance registration is essential to 6426 4444.
  - 16 Port Sorell Surf Life Saving Club Nippers Welcome Day Celebration** at the clubrooms, North Freers Beach, Port Sorell from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm. Enquiries to [posrtsorellslc@gmail.com](mailto:posrtsorellslc@gmail.com)
  - 18 First Nipper's Day on the Beach**
  - 19 BBQ at Bellsy'** celebrating International Men's Day, Bells Parade, Latrobe, 12 noon to 2:30 pm. Family fun day including live music and activities. Enquiries to 6422 3000.
  - 24 Dragon 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** perform at Shearwater Resort. Doors open at 6:00 pm, support commences at 6:30 pm. Tickets at <https://moshtix.com.au/>
- ## DECEMBER
- 2 Reel Keen Fishing Competition** at Port Sorell Boat Ramp, East Esplanade, Port Sorell featuring a fishing and squid competition with prizes valued at over \$1,600. Go to [www.facebook.com/reelkeenfishingclubportsorell](http://www.facebook.com/reelkeenfishingclubportsorell).
  - 4 Carolling** throughout Latrobe and Port Sorell by the Latrobe Federal Band
  - 10 Port Sorell Carols** at (location to be advised) from 6:00 pm. Enquiries to Lions Club of Port Sorell on 0437 454 518
  - 8 Bon Jovi Forever** perform at Shearwater Resort. Check <https://www.facebook.com/shearwaterr esorttavern> for further details
  - 11 Latrobe Council Meeting** at 170 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 5:00 pm. Attendance registration is essential to 6426 4444.
  - 16 Latrobe Lions Christmas Party and Carols** at Bells Parade, Latrobe from 5:30 pm until 8:30 pm. Enquiries to the Lions Club of Latrobe - 0437 123 890

# BALANCING DOG FREEDOM AND RESPONSIBLE OWNERSHIP

Latrobe Council has determined a number of off-leash areas to provide dogs with a chance to stretch their legs, enjoy some free play, and interact with other furry friends. These designated spaces not only benefit dogs but also have a positive impact on the mental health and physical well-being of their owners. Regular exercise in these areas has been shown to reduce nuisance behaviour in dogs, such as excessive barking, digging, and destructive outbursts.

However, it's essential to recognise that not all people like dogs or feel comfortable around them. As responsible dog owners, we should be considerate of others while using these off-leash areas. Here are some simple rules to follow to ensure a safe and pleasant experience for everyone:

- **Leash Up:** Always leash your dog before entering and upon leaving the off-leash area. This helps ensure a controlled and safe transition for your dog.
- **Proper Identification:** Make sure your dog wears an appropriately fitted collar, harness, or halter with a current Council registration tag attached. This ensures that your dog can be easily identified and returned to you if lost.
- **Clean Up After Your Dog:** Respect other park users by promptly cleaning up after your dog and appropriately disposing of the waste - not in the nearest front garden.
- **Respect Signs and Boundaries:** Comply with all signs and boundaries in the off-leash area. Always carry a leash with you and be prepared to use it if your dog exhibits aggressive behaviour.
- **Anti-Social Behaviour:** Your dog should not harass, intimidate, or behave aggressively toward people or other animals. Be aware of your dog's interactions and intervene if necessary.
- **No Jumping on People:** Some people may not be comfortable around dogs, so prevent your dog from jumping up on others. This will ensure a positive experience for everyone.
- **Effective Control:** Your dog must always be under your effective control. **This means your dog must respond to your commands and always return to you when called.**

- **Supervise Your Dog:** As a responsible owner, actively supervise your dog and maintain an unobstructed view of them throughout their off-leash time.
- **Aggressive Behaviour:** If your dog displays aggressive behaviour towards people or other animals, leash them immediately and remove them from the off-leash area.

By following these guidelines, we can create a harmonious environment in off-leash areas, where dogs can have fun, and owners can enjoy the benefits of a well-exercised and well-behaved pet. It's a collective effort to ensure the safety and enjoyment of everyone in the community, including those who may not be as fond of dogs. So, let's be responsible, respectful, and make the most of these wonderful off-leash spaces!

## AVOID ENFORCEMENT

Council reminds dog owners that the current year's dog registrations were due to be paid by 31 July 2023.

We understand that life gets busy, and you may have overlooked paying for your dog for the current financial year, which can lead to potential enforcement actions and on-the-spot fines.

If you have misplaced or didn't receive your original renewal notice, please contact Council to discuss.

Dog owners who have not renewed their dog registration are required to:

- Ensure that all dogs under your ownership or responsibility are registered; or
- If the dog has changed owner, left the area, or is now deceased please notify Council. The Dog Control Act, 2000 stipulates this must be in writing.

To avoid enforcement action and/or on-the-spot fines, please contact the Council to register your dog or ensure your animal's information is up to date.

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