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Municipality Election Priorities

Latrobe Council has determined over recent months, a list of priority projects for the Municipality for consideration by the major political parties contesting the forthcoming state election.

The projects have been developed after extensive consultation with the community and aligned with the Council's strategic plan.

Recent issues and challenges have also impacted on the selection process.

The priority issues that have been put forward for consideration are:

- Provision of a school at Port Sorell to cater for the needs of the growing population
- Port Sorell Town Centre and Rehabilitated Tip Site
- An Enhanced Town Entry to Port Sorell with Information Centre
- New Multi-Purpose Community Centre on Camp Banksia South East Corner
- Port Sorell Main Road Upgrade - liaison for priority works.
- Bells Parade, Latrobe - \$1.2m in project commitments
- Latrobe Memorial Hall / Performing Arts Centre funding of approx \$150,000 to complete upgrade
- Bass Highway Upgrade at Latrobe determination
- Mill Road to Wesley Vale Paper Mill reconstruction
- Latrobe Swimming Pool Complex upgrade
- Latrobe Speedway Complex and Associated Infrastructure development
- Recreation Study for the Latrobe Municipality
- Extension of reticulated Gas Pipeline to the Port Sorell and Latrobe areas

Roadside Slashing and Spraying

Latrobe Council periodically updates its policies to ensure that the desired outcomes are met.

There are a number of issues in rural municipalities with the management of roadside vegetation such as spraying and slashing. Latrobe Council would appreciate feedback and suggestions for consideration in updating our current policy.

The existing policies can be found on www.latrobe.tas.gov.au or obtained by contacting reception on 6421 4650.

Disability Access for Highway Toilets

The State Government will spend \$300,000 providing disability access to toilet facilities at two major sites on the Midland and Bass Highways.

The Minister for Infrastructure, Graeme Sturges, said that toilets at St Peters Pass on the Midland Highway and at Parramatta Creek on the Bass Highway would be modified to comply with national disability guidelines.

"Parramatta Creek will be upgraded this financial year and it is planned that the St Peters Pass toilets will be modified by the end of this calendar year" Mr Sturges said.

Both projects are being fully funded by the State Government.

Latrobe Council is very pleased with this announcement, especially after having pursued it with various State Departments over the past four years.

Clean Up Australia Day - March 7

Those groups and individuals registered for Clean Up Australia Day on Sunday, March 7 are able to dispose of collected rubbish for free by arrangement with Council's Engineering Services Department.

Additionally, Council can provide you with details of locations that would benefit from a clean up.

For more information, contact Jason on 6421 4650.

International Women's Day

March 8 every year is a major day of global celebration for the economic, political and social achievements of women. An amazing array of events is offered throughout the whole week, giving all women the opportunity to participate in some way.

To find an event that you are interested in attending, go online to the Women Tasmania's Calendar of events at http://www.dpac.tas.gov.au/divisions/cdd/women/events_calendar

Easter Recycling and Garbage Collections

There will be no change to the collection days of garbage and recycling over the Easter holidays.

The Port Sorell Waste Transfer Station and Spreyton Waste Transfer Stations will however be closed on Good Friday.

Should you experience any difficulties, please contact Jones' Waste Management on 6425 3947 for garbage collection and Veolia Environmental Services on 64274646 for recycling.

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Natural and Not So Natural Causes



Some Little Penguins have reared two clutches this year and around February/March the birds moult and replace their plumage ready for winter.

With such intensive activity, particularly around the larger colonies like Point Sorell, areas may get 'fished out' by parent birds which means that some old, injured or young penguins may be too weak to swim out far enough to catch food.

Many die, either eaten by seals and sea birds, or falling prey to cats, foxes and dogs. This loss is gain to these other animals and helps keep the penguin populations strong and robust and is a normal pattern of events.

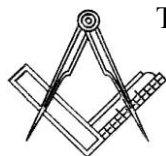
Sometimes a cluster of dead birds may be seen, killed by dog attack, a viral epidemic, poisoning, or drowning in fishing nets etc. These should be reported immediately.

If you find a 'sick' penguin on the beach, that appears uninjured, please leave it where it is, or 'shoo' it under a bush for protection. **Do not remove it from the beach.**

If the bird has injuries, please take it to a vet for assessment. Caring for penguins is extremely difficult and requires specialist facilities, care and food.

For help with injured or orphaned wildlife or snake relocations please call Alastair Ross, Wildlife Rehabilitation Officer, on 0409 978 064.

Membership Boost Heartening



The Lodge recently reconvened for the New Year and has already admitted a new member. This is the good start for the year.

This month the Lodge meets on the second Tuesday then visit Burnie Masonic Lodge where we basically take over for the evening. The new Master, Neil Cameron, has an interesting program for the year ahead including social visits and involvement of wives and families.

As most are aware, the Masonic building in Hamilton Street, Latrobe has been sold and it will be interesting to see what the new owner has in mind for it. Renovation will of course be the first step. The Lodge retained the majority of historic photos and prints and is in the process of finding new homes for them at the new venue.

If you require any information or the Lodge can supply anything relevant to the early life of Concord, please contact Jack Armsby 6426 1453 or Roy Smith 6424 4794.



Gangsters and Molls Unite

The Lions Club of Port Sorell's final 2010 fundraiser for Relay For Life is a Gangsters & Molls evening of Big Band and soul music being held at Camp Banksia on Saturday, 13th March. Music is being provided by the Grand Central Big Band and Nine Lives Soul Revue. Tickets are \$20 each and include entertainment and supper. Please phone Hank on 0418 745 559 or Lou 6428 7394 to book your seat.

This is a night for dressing up, so organize your "gang" and help make this a big success.

As the Club's Christmas activities in the community now slow to a more manageable pace, they are again in

election mode. Nominations for all positions for the next year are being held over the next few weeks.

The Lions Club of Port Sorell meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Shearwater Resort. Membership enquiries can be made by contacting membership chairman Lion John Brook on 0407 564 828 or President Lion Stephen O'Connor on 6426 9141.

Sassafras Heritage Farming Weekend

The Little Grey Fergie alongside the Bass Highway at Sassafras takes pride of place in marking the location of the forthcoming Sassafras Heritage Farming Weekend held over the March long weekend.

This 3-day event provides an opportunity to step back in time and view the nuts and bolts on which the rural community has evolved. From the enormous Clydesdale horse drawn ploughs to tractors throughout the ages; steam carousel and animal nursery; sheep shearing and musical entertainment from the good ol' days, all awaits you at the Sassafras Heritage Farming Weekend.

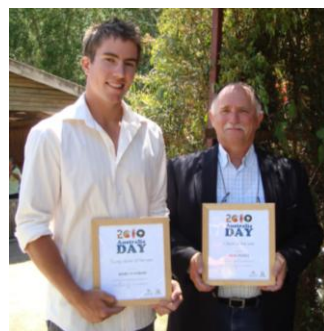
Admission is only \$5 adults, \$2 children or \$12 for a family.

For more information, contact the Historical Machinery Club of Tasmania by phoning 6433 0813 or 6426 7237.

Community Leaders Recognised

Each year, Latrobe Council invites you to nominate a resident of our Municipality that has made a significant contribution for the Citizen and Young Citizen Awards. The impact of the person's contribution; how long they have been involved and the level of excellence that the nominee has demonstrated in their chosen field are all considered in the nomination.

Council generally receives nominations of very high quality, with this year being no exception.



On Australia Day, Mayor Gaffney announced and presented the Municipality's Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year to Mr Noel Pearce and Mr Marcus Perkins respectively.

Mr Pearce has been actively involved, initially as a competitor, in many sports however when circumstances

curtailed his ability he pursued his passion through the governance of them, taking him to the highest echelon attainable.

Mr Pearce has had involvement in football, cricket, squash, sports management committees and cycling over a great many years and has been a mentor of many through his involvement.

Mr Perkins was recognised for also pursuing his dream that grew from building a cubby house to a building apprenticeship.

Throughout his apprenticeship, Marcus' qualities have been twice recognised with the receipt of an Apprentice Excellence Award with his leadership demonstration from his role as apprentice mentor.

Council is pleased to have been able to recognise Noel and Marcus' contributions on behalf of the community.

If someone comes to mind that you may like to nominate throughout the year for these Awards, please contact Council's Community Development Officer on 6421 4650 for nomination details.

Expansion To Elderly Persons Units

Latrobe Council applied for and has received funding from the Federal Government's Social Housing Initiative through the National Building Economic Stimulus Plan, to construct three two-bedroom units in Hamilton Street, alongside the Latrobe Senior Citizens Clubrooms, for eligible elderly persons.

At the completion of the construction, Council will own and manage a total of 60 elderly persons units throughout the town of Latrobe.

These are located at 11 sites within relatively close proximity to the CBD and consist of a combination of co-joined or stand alone units of either one or two bedroom configuration.

To be considered for a unit, you need to be on the waiting list and meet the eligibility requirements. You can however put your name on the waiting list even if not eligible i.e. not yet in receipt of a pension, however you won't be offered a unit until you meet the criteria.

Units are offered on a life tenancy basis on payment of a Founder Donor Fee that depreciates over a 10-year period. Additionally, rent is paid fortnightly in advance against which tenants may apply for Commonwealth Rent Assistance. The new units will be managed on a slightly different basis though due to the funding conditions.

Should you be interested in being placed on the waiting list for any of Council's units, please contact Council for more information and an application form.

The new units should be completed by the end of June.

We're RV Friendly Towns

Did you know that the towns of Latrobe and Port Sorell are RV Friendly Towns? What's that I hear you ask?

The 'RV Friendly Town™' scheme is an initiative of the Campervan and Motorhome Club of Australia (CMCA) that promotes recreational vehicle (RV) tourism related services across Australia. In promoting the partnership between the RV tourist and small towns it is anticipated that tourism related infrastructure and services will expand and economic advantages to small towns of providing RV tourist specific amenities will result.

Contrary to some opinion, being an RV Friendly Town does not mean that the town must provide free, overnight camping - that's a similar but different program called the "RV Friendly Destination".

Being an RV Friendly Town does however enable the participating towns to provide SOME of the following amenities and services -

- access to 24 hour medical and pharmacy services,
- parking within close proximity to the general shopping area with groceries and fresh produce,
- service centre for basic vehicle repairs,
- a Visitor Information Centre (VIC) and town map with essential services,
- access to potable water,
- access to a Dump Point,

- provision of short term (24/48/72+ hour) parking,
- provision of longer term parking within 5-20km of town centre, at a reasonable rate, and
- 'RV Friendly Town' signs to be erected within the town environs.

Another leaf that many travellers could take from the CMCA is participation in the 'Leave No Trace Self Containment Code of Conduct'. Basically this scheme encourages self-contained vehicles to be environmentally responsible when camping and overnighing and not have a negative impact on the environment.

It is on this basis that free camping for self contained vans is offered behind Station Square in Latrobe and for which a permit is required from the Latrobe Visitor Information Centre.

These self-contained mobile travellers are able to stay at this site for a limited term however their vehicle or towed unit must have the capacity to retain ALL waste within its confines and leave no trace whatsoever of its visit.

Latrobe Council does however encourage mobile travellers to support local operators that provide accommodation and utilise this site as an overflow as the need arises.

To find out more about being an RV Friendly Town™ or the "Leave No Trace" scheme, contact the CMCA on 02 4978 8788 or enquiries@cmca.net.au.

Safer Speeds In Shared Urban Spaces

The State Government launched the Safer Travel Speeds in Shared Urban Spaces Funding Program in May 2008 as an initiative to reduce vehicle speeds in busy, shared urban spaces.

In shared spaces, where there is increased activity, there is a potential for conflict between motor vehicles and other road users. Lower travel speeds provide protection for vulnerable road users including children, pedestrians and cyclists. Traffic calming treatments are also an effective way of reducing travel speeds in urban areas.

Council recently received funding under this dollar for dollar program and is currently developing an implementation plan to improve signage identifying multiple use locations along Hawley Esplanade and the Port Sorell Esplanades.

One Way To Bells Parade

Following the adoption of the Bells Parade Precinct Management Plan and endorsement by the Bells Parade Working Group, access and egress to Bells Parade is proposed to change.

Currently motorists are able to enter the reserve at the circular carpark entry/exits and also at Last Street West.

The proposed works involve the closure of the Last Street West as an entry, making it an exit only onto River Road. The entry/exit use of the access from River Road to the circular carpark will continue to be provided.

Bus and angle parking will be clearly defined outside the Australian Axemans Hall of Fame and entry to the carpark within Bells Parade will continue to be available.

These works will improve the functionality of traffic movements throughout this popular area as well as pedestrian safety.





Both Ends Of The Spectrum

The Rotary Club of Latrobe is actively involved in International Youth Exchange; presently hosting one incoming student who is more than half way through her year and enjoying active participation at school and in many community events. Her group recently toured Tasmania and before she leaves will tour the mainland extensively. The Club's outgoing student has settled into her year in Europe with the club receiving positive reports.

This program is youth oriented and assists international relations in cultural, social and geographical aspects.

The Club is also involved at a local level with activities involving older and retired folk specifically with setting up four Probus clubs in the district. These clubs provide social contact and activities for members and are so successful that there are more Probus members in the state than Rotarians, and many clubs have a waiting list of prospective members. Apart from running the club, there are no obligations on members for fundraising or community projects, just leisurely activities and a good time with friends once a month.

If you would like to know more about Latrobe Rotary, please contact Margaret on 6428 6103.



Just Like You!

The Latrobe Lions Youth of the Year club final was recently held.

The Quest is a prestigious event for young people aged 16 and 19 years at June 30, and has been in existence for more than 46 years, boasting many high profile Australians as former entrants.

The Quest provides an unequalled opportunity to experience an interview situation, in a friendly atmosphere, and a chance to practice their public speaking skills at a time when they are about to enter adulthood and either the workforce or further education.

There are many levels within the Quest culminating in the national final in May. The prizes are attractive - the State winners receive a round Australia trip to visit the home town/city of all the other State winners in January for about 35 days as well as \$500 cash each.

The overall national winner receives a trip to the UK to a Lions Youth Exchange Camp and \$1,000 spending money. The Public Speaking winner will go to a Lions Youth Exchange Camp in Rotorua, New Zealand and receive \$500 spending money.

For the first time, Latrobe Lions is putting a Relay for life team in the event. Members have been busy raising funds. Although some members have participated in the past in other teams it will be a new experience for many.

The club recently welcomed Shirley Freestone to its membership.

If you are interested in learning more about Latrobe Lions please contact Brian Sullivan, Stuart Ritchie, Alan Walker or any Lions member. Lions have been a part of the Australian community since 1947, helping to serve the people without promise or want of reward, the silent workers, working for the greater good. Lions are people just like you!

To join a Lions Club is by invitation but applications are encouraged from all members of the community. Membership is open to men and women over the age of 18 years and of good moral character and reputation.

Understanding Coastal Changes: Causes And Implications

On Tuesday, 23 March from 9.30 am to 1.00 pm a forum on Understanding Coastal Changes: Causes and Implications will be held at the Ulverstone Civic Theatre (lunch included).

The program features three guest speakers sharing latest developments and case studies on the implications of climate change on our coastal ecosystem.

- Chris Sharples, Coastal Geomorphologist
- Richard Mount, Research Fellow, University of Tasmania's Centre for Spatial Information Science
- Peter Dann, Research Manager, Phillip Island Nature Park

This forum is a free event, organised by Cradle Coast Natural Resource Management and funded by the Australian Government's Caring for Our Country Program.

To secure your place, call Leanne on 6431 6285. Registrations are essential for catering purposes and will close on 19 March.

Here Comes The Bride

The promise of love and life together has started - you've proposed. Now comes the wedding. What have you done! It can all be so overwhelming and keeping calm amongst what you would love and what your budget can afford can lead to some very interesting situations.

To make the whole process a walk in the park, the Rotary Club of Latrobe is hosting their annual Wedding Expo in Latrobe on April 18.

"This is the only event on the Coast that showcases retailers who provide wedding services and includes restaurateurs/caterers, jewellery designers as well as photographers, wedding cake decorators, accommodation venues, wedding singers, hair and make up suppliers, marriage celebrants, florists, bridal gowns and suit hire, underwear, stationery and decorators" said coordinator, Mrs Heather Sheppard.

Harvey World Travel will again sponsor the event with a honeymoon package to give away; Lemonthyme Lodge are giving away a night's accommodation whilst exhibitors donate prizes resulting in a \$5,000 major prize draw. The draw will take place at 3.15 pm.

This year Peter Murphy from Southern Cross Television will add some fun to the event with fashion parades by SDA Modelling being held 11am and 2.30 pm. Mayor Gaffney will officially open the Expo.

Entry fees have been kept at \$5 with children U15 free.

The Rotary Club of Latrobe continues to host this event to support wedding businesses on the Coast whilst raising funds for local community projects.



Latrobe Council Staff Update

Last month Council said goodbye to Planning Officer, Mike Haberle; Environmental Health Officer, Melissa Bailey and Planning Administration Officer, Carolyn Milnes.

Whilst Mike is enjoying the good life of retirement whilst keeping up with a bit of surveying, Melissa accepted the position of Environmental Health Officer with the Dulverton Regional Waste Management Authority and Carolyn filled the position of Statutory Planning Officer at Devonport City Council. Council wish them all well.

At the time of going to print, much interest had been received for the Environmental Health Officer and Development Services Administration Officer vacancies.

Sarah McLaughlin has recently been appointed to the position of Planning Officer.

Sarah hails from Ireland and came to Australia in an endeavour to find employment specifically in this field.



Her timing worked out to be impeccable with Council confident that Sarah's qualifications and experience with planning in the private sector will contribute positively to the Latrobe Municipality's continued strong development.

Child and Family Centre

On the 4th February, the Premier announced in his "State of the State" address that Latrobe has been identified as one of five more Tasmanian communities in which a Child and Family Centre will be established. This is in addition to the 11 centres already underway throughout Tasmania. The announcement followed a process of investigation to determine priority communities likely to benefit from this initiative which aims to support families to achieve optimal well being for their young children.

The goal of the centre is to -

- improve the health and educational outcomes for children from birth to five years
- improve a range of integrated early years services in the local community that supports the development of children birth to five years
- build in existing strengths for families and communities and assist in their educational needs
- increase participation in early years programs such as those offered through Launching into Learning (LIL)
- build community capacity by developing partnerships with parents, carers and the community
- respond to child and family needs in a seamless and holistic manner.

Council will shortly meet with Government agencies to discuss their community consultation program for this project and offer assistance where able to ensure the model and configuration of services is developed from extensive input by the community.

This is a major State Government program with \$76 million allocated for up to 30 centres statewide.

Bushfire - Prepare To Survive

Many people are very aware and proactive in managing their properties in case of fire, however some do need a reminder and perhaps guidance on how to protect their home adequately.

The Tasmania Fire Service has produced a very informative booklet; "Bushfire - Prepare to Survive". It's an easy to read 20-page booklet which is a guide to preparing yourself and your property for bush fires.

A limited number of free hard copies are available from the Shearwater Newsagency and Latrobe Council office. Electronic versions are also available from the Tasmania Fire Service website at www.fire.tas.gov.au.

The Latrobe Fire Management Committee utilising Latrobe Works staff and local fire brigades will be also be revisiting fire trails in the municipality in March and April as part of its overall fire management strategy.

Stay tuned to the Mayor's Message in Tuesday's Advocate or future newsletters for measures to reduce the risk of fire.

The Art At The Heart Of Business

Latrobe Council recognises the value of a strong arts and cultural life to ensure our community is a great Municipality in which to live, work and invest. In pursuit of this and to assist the development and creation of a strong arts and business community, Latrobe Council is collaborating with the Kentish, Central Coast and Devonport Councils in sponsoring community involvement in the program "The Art At The Heart Of Business", facilitated by the Australian Business Arts Foundation (AbaF).

The initiative involves representational attendance by arts and cultural groups at a workshop in March to develop skills towards implementing sustainable partnerships with business.

There is no financial outlay to the participants, that's covered by the respective Councils, with participants gaining skills to develop a business case and confidence in meeting with business operators that may be interested in partnering with their organisation.

This is an exciting step towards the self-sustainability of arts and culture with some wonderful partnerships anticipated. The ability for businesses to potentially double their investment through the Premier's Art Partnership Fund is also viewed as an appealing adjunct to the project. For more information, contact Michelle Dutton on 6421 4650.

Tasmania's CommunityNet

Tasmania's CommunityNet (TCN) is a comprehensive database of non-profit community organisations in Tasmania maintained through the Tasmanian Communities Online network of 64 Online Access Centres across the State.

The TCN database is widely used by the general public and easily discoverable through Tasmania Online at www.tas.gov.au.

If you wish to add to or change a listing, visit the Latrobe Online Access Centre at the Post Office Reserve, Gilbert Street, Latrobe where access arrangements can be set up for you. The Latrobe Online Access Centre is open Monday to Friday from 9am (except on Tuesday and Friday where it is a 10am start) until 5pm.

Peak Oil Influence To Daily Life?

When Fiona McDonald heard about peak oil three years ago, she became concerned about its inevitability and the effect on everyday life as we know it but what is it?

Peak oil is the point at which all of the known oil wells in the world will have reached the point when half or more of their total volume of oil has been extracted. The resulting cost of producing oil from such an oil well will start to increase significantly which then has a flow on effect on other basic products such as food and transport.

There is increasing support for the notion that the world has passed or is now at peak oil. For individual oil wells a plateau lasting about 2 years is reached before production starts to decline. World oil production has been on a plateau now, for about 2 years, with most oil authorities believing that there are no more large deposits to find and small deposits may be insufficient to replace the declining oil production.

In some areas, for example aviation, there is no substitute for oil. Other substitutes, for example, gas or nuclear energy, are also non renewable fuels and have a finite life span. Renewable sources of energy, for example solar energy, only provides a minute amount of energy compared with world demand.

Whilst oil will still be available, it will become more and more expensive, as will the products that rely on oil. "Individuals will be less able to fund their basic needs with many believing that we will need to return to a pre-industrial economy. Undoubtedly we will have to live much simpler life styles with less material wealth and a greater emphasis on producing food, clothing, shelter and other goods and services locally" said Ms McDonald.

A forum on peak oil including a DVD presentation and discussion on alternatives to ensure local communities survive if not thrive in such a situation will be held at the Australian Axemans Hall of Fame on the Saturday, 27th March from 2.30 pm until 4.30 pm. To register your attendance, phone Fiona McDonald on 6427 3801.

Alternative sources of information is available through <http://www.transitiontowns.org/>

Foxing At The Vale

The Fox Eradication Program thanks the North West community, and particularly landowners in the Wesley Vale area, for supporting fox baiting programs being undertaken in the region.

These programs are a vital part of the integrated fox eradication effort and have been targeting areas in which fox activity has been confirmed (by collection of fox positive scats), as well as areas of highly suitable fox habitat.

The Wesley Vale area is being baited in a two phase program, with bait laying of 300 baits over 35 properties commencing in January and completed by early March. Phase two (currently underway), involves 56 properties and an estimated 350 baits.

All members of the public are asked to be vigilant for foxes and signs of fox activity, and to report all information to the 24 hour fox hotline on 1300 369 688. All calls to the hotline are strictly confidential.

For detailed information about the activities of the Fox Eradication Program, please go to www.dpipwe.tas.gov.au/fox, or call 6336 5324.

The public have an important role to play in fox eradication, and community support is vital to the success of the program.

Over 60 Organisations Receive Volunteer Grants

Dick Adams, Federal Member for Lyons, has congratulated volunteer organisations across the State for receiving funding under the Australian Government's Volunteer Grant 2009 initiative.

"Over 60 not for profit organisations across Lyons have benefited from this funding, receiving funding from \$1,000 and \$5,000 to support their volunteers and encourage volunteering", Mr Adams said.

"Every day volunteers are out in our local community doing what they do best - supporting their local communities through many different organisations. For many local volunteer organisations these grants provide the opportunity to purchase new equipment and cover the cost of fuel," Dick Adams said.

In the Port Sorell area, the Port Sorell Volunteer Fire Brigade will receive \$3,000 and the Port Sorell Life Saving Club will receive \$2,424 for the purchase of equipment to assist in training and education of volunteers.

"Volunteers are the backbone of so many of our non-profit organisations and make a real and lasting difference in the lives of so many people in our community. This is one way the Australian Government can show that it values the enormous contribution of volunteers," said Dick Adams.

How Much Is Smoking REALLY Costing You?



Youth Tobacco Free Day (YTFD), Friday 19 March 2010, is an annual event of the Australian Network on Young People and Tobacco that aims to raise awareness of tobacco as a health and social issue among young people aged 10 to 25 years in Australia.

"With prices averaging around \$13.50 a packet, a heavy smoker can see almost \$5,000 going up in smoke every year", said YTFD spokesperson, Ms Vanessa Beal.

"We want young people to see; smoking is costing you by leaving you with less money for other things, but it's also costing you your looks, your fitness and your social life. What is the point of smoking when it comes at a high cost and without a single benefit", said Ms Beal.

To mark YTFD, young people are invited to visit www.OxyGen.org.au to find out "how much smoking is really costing you"?

There are over 40 great prizes to be won including signed gear from the Hilltop Hoods, iTunes vouchers and gift cards to your favourite clothing store simply by playing Scary Maths and registering your contact details on www.OxyGen.org.au before 16 April 2010.

Young people are also encouraged to cast their vote on www.OxyGen.org.au on whether increasing cigarette prices to \$20.00 a packet, would encourage them to quit smoking or prevent them from taking up smoking. Results will be published on OxyGen.

Helping Tasmanians Remain Independent

An additional \$4.6 million in funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) services in Tasmania was recently announced. HACC is a joint Australian and Tasmanian Government initiative that delivers affordable and accessible care to help meet the individual needs of older people, people with a disability and their carers. HACC can provide help with household chores, home maintenance and modification, transport, meals, personal care and allied health and nursing care.

The funding includes support for 23 additional HACC projects across Tasmania including:

- \$270,000 to Anglicare to provide about 7,250 extra hours of domestic assistance and personal care across the state;
- \$126,000 to the Menzies Research Centre to develop and evaluate a self-help coping program for dementia care givers;
- \$332,000 to Family Based Care North West to provide extra personal care, domestic assistance and social support services in North West Tasmania; and
- \$65,000 to the Carers Association of Tasmania to increase carer support services in Northern Tasmania.

In addition, more than \$600,000 will be allocated to organisations throughout the state to replace or purchase new vehicles to assist clients with transport and the delivery of services.

In 2009-10 the HACC program will receive \$1.9 billion in funding nationally, with almost \$1.2 billion of this contributed by the Rudd Government.

Interest-Free Green Loans

As you may be aware, the Australian Government's Green Loans Program is creating greener homes and more green jobs by providing -

- Free home sustainability assessments to identify how residents can save energy, water and reduce greenhouse gas emissions in their homes;
- Interest-free Green Loans of up to \$10,000 to make recommended improvements.

The home sustainability assessment is the first step in residents qualifying for the interest-free Green Loan.

Interested in booking a free home sustainability assessment? Then contact Cradle Coast Authority's Climate Change Officer, Mr Darren Howell (6431 6285) to access qualified assessors.

Winter of Festivals Marketing Campaign

Tourism Tasmania has recently published its *Autumn-Winter 2010 Marketing Campaign Industry Prospectus*.

The prospectus is full of information about the new campaign including the new Winter of Festivals from which Tasmania will receive unprecedented national exposure during 2010, reaching a large interstate audience.

The prospectus contains specific opportunities for the tourism industry to get involved in the campaign by purchasing cooperative advertising primarily pitched at the accommodation and attractions areas of the tourism industry. Bookings for marketing activities should use the form included in the prospectus which can be

downloaded from

<http://www.tourism.tas.gov.au/marketing/national>

For more information, contact Event Marketing and Liaison Project Officer, Alex McKeand on Alexandra.mckeand@tourism.tas.gov.au or 6233 5718.

New Dog Control Measures to Start Soon

One of the most contentious issues with dogs is that owners take them to places where they are not permitted. Whilst it's great that you want to exercise your dog, there are only certain places and times that you are permitted to do so. These permitted off-leash areas are signposted and can be found in Council's Dog Management Policy at www.latrobe.tas.gov.au. To take your dog to non-permitted places will result in you receiving a fine.



Basically, the general rule of thumb is, if there is no sign saying that you can exercise your dog off-leash; then don't do it. If there is one, keep to the permitted times.

New and more stringent dog control legislation comes into effect from 1 July incorporating general dog control issues; dangerous dogs; restricted breeds and de-sexing, with the exception of the new requirement for compulsory micro-chipping of all dogs which will commence on 1 July 2011. It is estimated that currently in Tasmania, only 10% of registered dogs are micro-chipped.

For more information on the new dog controls, go to www.dpac.tas.gov.au/divisions/lgd/dog_control.

FREE Opportunities for Event Organisers

Want to hone your skills, learn new ones or network with colleagues? Events Tasmania has three exciting opportunities coming up in March free of charge to event organisers and volunteers.

Internationally acclaimed presenter Kim Skildum-Reid will be presenting her Power Sponsorship workshops which will show you how to maintain and even grow event sponsorship revenue.

Interested in developing your career in events? Events Tasmania is providing the opportunity for two Tasmanian event organisers to attend the Australian Centre for Event Management's Executive Certificate in Event Management in Sydney. These places are valued at \$2,000 (travel and accommodation to be covered by applicants). Details on the course content are available at www.acem.uts.edu.au Applications close 29 March.

Finally, the National Championship, Special Event and Touring Grant Programs are NOW OPEN. There have been a few changes to the programs. For full details, go to www.eventstasmania.com. Applications close Friday 14 May.

Bowelscan Month

Throughout March Rotary is encouraging participation in its Bowelscan Program, a screening program carried out in the privacy of your home which tests for hidden blood in the bowel. If detected and left untreated, these signs could lead to bowel cancer.

Whilst such testing can be accessed via the Federal Government scheme, this is only offered to persons turning 50, 55 and 65.

To participate, simply call at your local pharmacy and purchase the kit (\$10). This cost also includes the pathology testing. Should a positive result occur, at least you have an early warning and can work out treatment with your GP.

Autumn Fair

St Peters Anglican Church at Port Sorell is holding an Autumn Fair on Saturday, 20 March to fundraise for the redevelopment of its meeting room, enabling greater use of the facility by the community.

There will be a wide range of stalls including a garden stall with lots of unusual pot plants and bulbs; a well stocked produce stall with jams, jellies, pickles and relishes; a cake stall that's sure to be a centre of attention; a bric-a-brac/White Elephant stall including garage sale items and a lucky dip for children. A number of interesting "Collector Items" have been donated and will add to the range of items for sale.

Local harpist, Emma McMahon, will be performing in the church at 11.00am and at 1.00pm. A floral display in the church is planned as a backdrop to Emma's performance.

Morning and afternoon teas will be available through the day as well as a sausage sizzle.

The Fair will be held at the church grounds at 14 Rice Street, Port Sorell commences at 10 am.

One Year On

The Latrobe Visitor Information Centre will have been in the current location at the Axemans Hall of Fame for 12 months on the 4th March with increasing visitor numbers during this time.

For more information about what there is to see and do in your own neck of the woods or if you would like to volunteer at the Latrobe Visitor Information Centre, please contact Noeline on 6421 4699.

Celebrate Harmony Day

Harmony Day on March 21 provides a unique occasion for schools, community groups and organisations to celebrate the cohesive nature of Australian society and promote community participation, inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging. A key theme in 2010 will be 'Express Yourself'.

For more information about Harmony Day and how you can be involved, go to <http://www.harmony.gov.au/>

Resurgence Of Eateries

Port Sorell's resurgence in eateries has seen the opening of *Ruby Soho* on the corner of Wilmot Street and Rice Street and the reopening of *Tranquilles* B&B, Café and Gallery in Gumbowie Drive.

Ruby Soho is fast gaining a reputation as the place to go for coffee and along with its alfresco dining options, is worth dropping into from Tuesday to Sunday 7am to 5pm.

At *Tranquilles*, the experience of former Airlie Beach (Qld) B & B operators, Cathy Zappala and Peter Button awaits to be discovered.

"*Tranquilles* is a great venue to enjoy the art and craft available from local artists ... we are also hoping to encourage local musicians and artists and would welcome any new ideas from visitors as well as locals,"

said Mr Button. *Tranquilles* is open from 10.30am to 4pm every Tuesday to Sunday.

Serenity on the Grass

On Saturday, March 20 you can experience what alternatives Tasmania has to offer at Serenity on the Grass, being held at The Quiet Cone, 298 Coal Hill Road, Latrobe.

From 11 am until 6 pm, you'll be able to sit back on your blanket with your picnic hamper or indulge in the free BBQ whilst listening to performances by Younger Dryas, Shanti, The Quiet Cone Gongs, Belly Dancing Demonstration and Ben Rogers with Steve Townsend with more to be announced. There will be face painting for the kids and you will be able to experience Tarot, Aurasoma, The Wish Game, Bowen and Reiki.

Early bird tickets (\$10 pp) are available from The Quiet Cone (Latrobe); Serenity Gongs & Gifts (Launceston); the Body & Soul Festival or telephone 6331 9003.

Tickets at the gate will be \$15 per person, children U13 are free.

High Tech Treasure Hunting

Looking for an outdoor activity that's challenging and fun for the whole family? Then geocaching may be right for you.

Geocaching is basically a free high-tech treasure hunt where you use your GPS receiver to find caches (generally lunch boxes containing a log book and swappable goodies) hidden by other players. On discovery, geocachers write a log in the book about their hunt, they may swap something they have for something in the box, always making sure their swap is fair, and replace the container exactly as they found it for the next person.

Whilst finding the cache is lots of fun, the best part is getting out and seeing things you may not have otherwise seen.

Throughout the Municipality, there are a number of caches however you can travel practically anywhere and join in the challenge of geocaching. To find out more, go to <http://geocaching.com.au>

Calling All Photographers

Do you love taking photos of the great outdoors? Well, here's your chance to share your images and participate in the world's fastest growing photographic competition.

Facilitated by The Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management (CIWEM), the Environmental Photographer of the Year seeks to celebrate photographers who use their ability to raise awareness of environmental and social issues. It is open to all professional and amateur international photographers of any age and encourages entries that are contemporary, creative, experimental, resonant, original and beautiful.

Individual pieces of work will be judged on impact, creativity, composition, originality and technical abilities with winners receiving cash prizes. All winning and highly commended entries are displayed in the international Environmental Photographer of the Year exhibitions.

Interested in finding out more? Go to http://www.ciwem.org/arts/photographer/epoty_competition_2010.asp.asp. The competition is open until 31 July.

ANZAC Day Arrangements

ANZAC Day Services will be held on Sunday, 25 April at the Latrobe Cenotaph in the Post Office Reserve, Gilbert Street, Latrobe and include:

- **Latrobe RSL Dawn Service** commences with a march from the Latrobe RSL, 160 Gilbert Street, Latrobe at 5.45 am with the Service starting at 6 am. Breakfast at the Latrobe RSL follows the Service.
- **Latrobe Council's Citizens Commemorative Service** starts with a march from the Latrobe RSL, stepping off at 9.50 am to arrive at the Cenotaph at 10.00 am.

PARADE PARTICIPATION

If you wish to participate in the either march as a group, please register with the Latrobe RSL (6426 1284) so you can be appropriately placed in the parade formation.

All participants must report to the Parade Marshall in James Street, between Gilbert and George Streets, Latrobe no later than 15 minutes prior to the scheduled step off.

WREATH/BOOK LAYING

Persons or groups wishing to lay a wreath/ book at the mid-morning Service are requested to confirm their intention to do so with Michelle Dutton (6421 4650) by April 1.

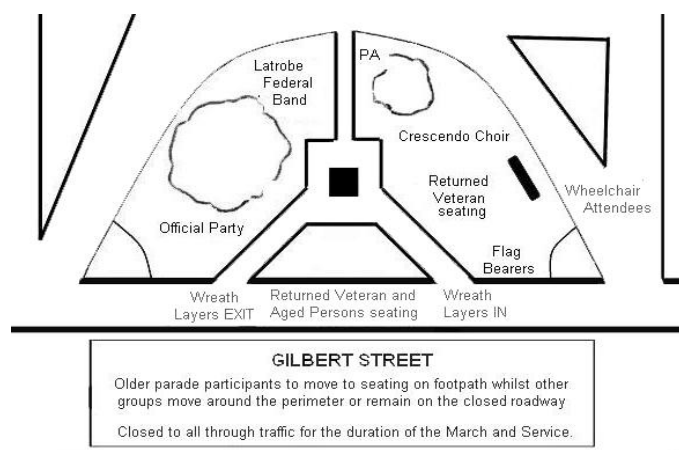
Books will only be circulated by Council to organisations within the Latrobe Municipality. Recipient organisations should be clearly noted on or within the front cover.

SEATING AT THE SERVICE

Seating within the Post Office Reserve is allocated for returned veterans; official party; Latrobe Federal Band and the Crescendo Choir as noted on the layout plan.

Seating is provided on the footpath in front of the Cenotaph for other return veterans and the aged.

An area is allocated for wheelchair bound attendees.



ROAD CLOSURE

For both Services, James Street between Gilbert and George Streets will be closed to enable Parade participants to assemble.

Gilbert Street, from James to Hamilton Street, will be temporarily closed to through traffic as the Parade marches from the Latrobe RSL to the Cenotaph.

Gilbert Street, between Hamilton and Barclay Street, inclusive of Weld Street and the access to the Station Square car park will be closed for the duration of the Parade and Service. Traffic will be detoured via Cotton Street, Latrobe.

Rubicon Grove Auxiliary

An auxillary at "Rubicon Grove" has been established to foster greater social support to tenants. This group hold their meetings on the 4th Wednesday of each month, from 2pm, at Rubicon Grove, Club Drive, Shearwater to plan such activities.

"The inaugural fund raising event of Rubicon Grove Auxiliary will be an afternoon tea on St Patrick's Day, March 17, from 2pm. Cost will be \$5 per person and there will be a trade table and raffle, drawn on the day.

An ongoing raffle will be organised for Easter with tickets able to be purchased from Rubicon Grove Auxiliary members and the nursing home for \$1 each" said Mrs Cameron.

If you are interested in knowing more about Rubicon Grove Auxiliary, please contact either Mrs Cameron on 6427 2086; Secretary Mrs Colleen Stainer on 6428 7701 or Rubicon Grove on 6427 5700.

Work, Home and Community Project

Individuals and families around Australia appear to be struggling to integrate the demands of work with the needs of home and community life. In a three-year study by UniSA Hawke Research Institute, four reports are now available outlining the research findings from the Work, Home and Community Project.

The Work, Home and Community Project drew together the views of residents (both adults and teenagers), workers, business owners and community service providers across four states in an endeavour to shed light on why this is becoming an increasing problem in suburban Australia.

These views provide specific stakeholder recommendations to government, planners, developers, businesses, schools and individuals and calls for a more holistic approach to urban planning that considers the daily activities of residents of all ages whilst acknowledging the space, time and power effects of urban design on different groups of people. The quality and location of work and essential services were found to be particularly significant to people's ability to live sustaining lives and to build socially robust communities.

The reports are available at www.unisa.edu.au/hawkeinstitute/cwl/projects/work-home-community.asp

Bridgewater Bridge Closed For Works

If you are bound for Hobart in the next couple of months, please be aware that the Bridgewater Bridge Refurbishment Project is currently underway and involves a number of temporary night closures.

The works being undertaken on the bridge include the restoration of the lifting mechanism, decking and pavement replacement and other related works. Some of the work is too dangerous to carry out while the public are using the bridge therefore the temporary night closures.

Scheduled night closures will occur from now to the 12th March then again from 25th March to 1st April and also the 19th April to 2nd May. The closure is from 7pm until 6am Monday to Saturday.

For further information, contact the Midland Highway Improvements Hotline on 1800 056 112.

Latrobe Art Exhibition Roundup

The 24th Annual Latrobe Art Exhibition at the Australian Axemans Hall of Fame has concluded with much interest in same. On Australia Day, Mayor Gaffney announced the following winners -

Latrobe Council Acquisition Award - Ryllton Viney with *Central Highlands Landscape (Two Views)*



Pictured is Ryllton Viney alongside his winning artwork and Mayor Gaffney

The judges commented that this artwork was awarded the overall major prize as it was not only a well presented, very competent work, it met the criteria of the theme with its fantastical artist statement, capturing the bleakness of Tasmania's wilderness through the Central Highlands.

Latrobe Council Art Award - Open - Rose Hong Teng with *Rest Before Action*

House of Anvers Photographic Award - Aiden Morse with *Cafe 2*

Tasmanian Poppy Industry Award - Dianne Beveridge with *Poppy Person*

Secondary School - First Prize - Christopher Cook with *Solitude, Where Inspiration Happens*

Secondary School - Second Prize - Austin Smith with *Self Portrait*

Primary School - First Prize - Callum Baker with *A Place I Feel Alive In*

Primary School - Second Prize - Tayla McCall with *Ellipse Glue On*

At the conclusion of the exhibition, the Viewers Choice Award was presented to Julian Bale for *The Man Behind the Wall*

For the 2011 Latrobe Art Exhibition, the theme of "The Year That Was" has been adopted.

In considering this theme, artists are challenged to consider the many influences to their daily lives that affect the creation of art. What is it that has an impact on you over the year or maybe your "year that was" happened more than a year ago.

More information is available from Michelle Dutton on 6421 4650.

Works Report

During the next two months, Latrobe Works will be active with the following throughout the Municipality -

Roads

- Kermode Street road reconstruction - from Pitcairn Street to Meredith Street intersection
- Henslowe Street - sealing of gravel road
- Fenton Street - complete kerb and channel

- Joyce Street continuation of footpath to Hugh Street intersection
- Footpath maintenance

Buildings

- Building maintenance

Parks and Reserves

- General parks and reserves maintenance

Platypus Drawcard For Travellers

Tourism numbers have increased through the Latrobe Visitor Information Centre with many international and interstate visitors advising that their stay at Latrobe is based on seeing a platypus.

With such an expectation, it is wonderful that so many people offer advice on where to see a platypus. Unfortunately, when travellers don't see a platypus, it doesn't sit well on their feedback and word of mouth promotion.

To ensure you get the information right, platypus are best viewed at early morning or dusk. For a complete experience it is recommended that you refer enquiries to the Latrobe Landcare Group, via the Latrobe Visitor Information Centre), as they conduct platypus tours. Members look after many platypus habitats with the donation for the tour being reinvested in maintaining these areas and feedback from participants is always positive - a "win-win" situation.

Grants on the Grapevine

The following grant opportunities are coming up ...

MyState Financial Grants in 2010

Focused on assisting young Tasmanians, the grants are generally made from \$1,000 - \$5,000. Submissions for larger amounts up to \$10,000 may be considered.

Application guidelines are available at:

<http://www.mystate.com.au/about-us/community/foundation/grant-guidelines.aspx> and close 5 March.

Contact foundation@mystate.com.au for more information and eligibility. The Foundation is endorsed as a deductible gift recipient (DGR) ancillary fund and organisations applying for a grant also need to be DGR endorsed.

Yates Environmental Management Planning Grant

Grants of \$1,000 for schools and youth groups to undertake School Environment Management Plans (SEMPs) or to undertake works. Applications close 5 March.

Go to www.junior.landcare.com/grants.htm

Tasmanian Community Fund

Provides grants to community organisations that make a difference by enhancing well-being and improving social, environmental and economic outcomes for the Tasmanian community.

Guidelines available from

www.tascomfund.org/applications.html. Applications close 24 March.

Enquiries to 6233 2800 or 6233 2920

Rio Tinto Alcan Community Grants

Up to \$2,000 per applicant is offered to financially support not for-profit organisations and individuals not

eligible to receive funding under existing Rio Tinto Alcan community program. Close 26 March.

For more information, contact Rio Tinto Alcan Community Relations Officer on 6382 5119

Small Grants for Small Rural Communities

Grants up to \$25,000 are offered by Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR) for projects benefitting people in rural and remote communities with priority to -

- Community Infrastructure
- Community Development involving Disadvantaged Children or Young People
- Resettlement of Immigrants in rural Australia
- Drought affected areas (Exceptional Circumstances Declared).

Applications close 29 March

For more information, go to

<http://www.frrr.org.au/programsDetail.asp?ProgramID=4> or 1800 170 020

Sport and Recreation Minor Grants Program

A maximum of \$10,000 in financial assistance is offered by Sport and Recreation Tasmania to organisations that provide sport and recreation participation opportunities. Funded projects include equipment purchases, simple facility or infrastructure improvements, research or planning projects, and projects to develop clubs, coaches, administrators, officials and participants.

Applications close on 31 March.

For more information, go to

<http://www.development.tas.gov.au/sportrec> and telephone 1800 252 476

Junior Landcare Grants

The Coles Junior Landcare School Garden Grant offers up to \$1,000 for schools and youth groups to create gardens in their school or community.

Offered quarterly, apply by going to

<http://www.juniorlandcare.com/coles>

Events Tasmania - Various

Offering a variety of grants, go to www.eventstasmania.com/grant to determine which program is right for you.

Arts Tasmania - Various

Arts Tasmania administers grants and loans through a number of programs including -

- Assistance to Individuals
- Small Museums and Collections Program
- Artsbridge (for individual artists only)
- Loans

Various timeframes apply for the receipt of applications.

For more information, go to <http://www.arts.tas.gov.au/> or telephone 1800 247 308

Visions of Australia

Assists eligible organisations to develop and tour Exhibitions of Australian Cultural Material throughout Australia. Close: 1st April.

For more information, go to

http://www.arts.gov.au/arts/visions_of_australia or telephone 1800 819 461

Caterpillar Sponsorship Program

Caterpillar are seeking to connect with their customers,

give back to communities, and improve the quality of life in a more efficient, environmentally sensitive manner.

For more information, go to

<http://australia.cat.com/cda/layout?m=285003&x=7>

Latrobe Council Emerging Needs or Arts, Culture and Festival Assistance

Provides financial support to eligible organisations to meet a demonstrated emerging need within the Latrobe Municipality or support an art, culture or festival event. Applications close 20 May.

For more information, contact Council's Community Development Officer on 6421 4650

Tasmanian Landcare Association Grant

Up to \$20,000 is available for care groups and landcaring landowners for projects that fit the Caring for Our Country national priorities.

Applications open on March 27 and close May 11.

Contact Alan Barton on 6234 7117 or Peter Stronach on 0488 404 061 or email projectofficer@taslandcare.org.au

Community Equipment Scheme

Offered by the Department of Health and Human Services to provide a variety of equipment on a hire or loan basis. Such items include walking frames, wheelie frames, crutches, 4 point sticks, shower stools, bedside commodes, toilet surrounds and wheelchairs and hoists.

For more information, go to

http://www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0008/49508/CES_brochure.pdf

Tasmanian Premier's Arts Partnership Fund

Tasmanian small businesses can apply to have their donations doubled when they partner a local artist or arts organisation. Criteria apply.

For more information, email tas@abaf.org.au or telephone 6233 5934



Your Elected Representatives

Mayor Mike Gaffney, 43 Gilbert Street

Latrobe 6426 1797

Deputy Mayor Rick Rockliff, 90 Churchills Road, Sassafras 6426 7283

Rob Beveridge, 65 Esplanade, Hawley Beach 6428 7693

Stephen Dick, 6 Park Esplanade, Port Sorell 6428 6968

Michael McLaren, 37 Gilbert Street, Latrobe 6426 2777

John Perkins, 26 Palmers Road Latrobe 6426 2585

Garry Sims, 300 Wesley Vale Rd Wesley Vale 6428 4019

Lynette Stuart, 40 Shearwater Boulevard, Shearwater 6428 6287

Lesley Young, 265 Greens Creek Road, East Sassafras 6426 7235

Future Editions

Article deadlines and distribution dates until the end of July 2010 are -

Deadline Distribution Date

15 April 3 May

17 June 5 July

19 August 6 September

14 October 2 November

Articles may be submitted to Michelle Dutton via email: michelled@latrobe.tas.gov.au; facsimile 6426 2121 or mailed to PO Box 63, Latrobe 7307.

Singers Sought

The Rubicon Variety Singers entertain the residents of aged care facilities throughout Latrobe, Shearwater and Devonport. This year they are putting together a music hall program and require new singers to complete their cast. Interested singers are requested to contact Lindy (6428 6126) or Garry (6428 6091).

What's On

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

march

- 2 Tourism Get Together** at Panatana Park Paddling Pool (a short meeting, discovery walk and barbeque). Cost: \$10.00 per person. RSVP for catering to 6421 4650 (Suzy) or 6426 2797 (Jan)
- 6-8 Sassafras Heritage Farming Weekend** at 7138 Bass Highway, Sassafras - look for the grey "fergie" tractor on the pole. Admission: children \$2, adults \$5 and family \$12. ☎ 6433 0813 or 0408 330 813
- 7 Clean Up Australia Day** at various locations - details at www.cleanup.org.au
- 8 International Women's Day** - various locations. Go to www.women.tas.gov.au for details of events.
- 8 Women Working for Nature** coffee morning at the Wildlife Education Centre of Central North Wildlife Care and Rescue, 232 Bellamy Rd Forthside from 10am to 12 noon. RSVP for catering to 0417 383 928
- 9 Latrobe Council Meeting** at Latrobe Council Chambers from 5pm. ☎ 6421 4650 (Candice)
- 11-13 World's Greatest Shave** - call 1800 500 088 or go to www.worldsgreatestshave.com
- 11-13 Australian Modified Production Sedan Championships** at the Bendigo Bank Arena, Speedway Drive, Latrobe. Admission fees apply. ☎ 0418 141 880
- 13-14 Tasmanian Dressage Championships** (North West Dressage Club) - next to the Thirlstane Golf Club, Squeaking Point Road, Thirlstane. ☎ 0447 557 563 (Linda)
- 13 Gangster and Molls** evening of big band and soul music at Camp Banksia - 7.30 pm for 8.00 pm. Cost: \$20 per person. Bookings essential to 0418 745 559 or 6428 7394.
- 14 Harvest Celebration Service** at the Sassafras Baptist Church from 10.30am
- 15 Harvest Produce Auction and fun night** at the Sassafras Church Hall, Chapel Rd, Sassafras from 7.30pm ☎ 6426 7286. Proceeds to Haiti Appeal
- 20 Serenity on the Grass** from 11am until 6pm at the Quiet Cone, 298 Coal Hill Rd, Latrobe. Cost: \$10 pre purchased or \$15 at the gate. ☎ 6331 9003
- 20 Autumn Fair** at St Peter's Anglican Church, 14 Rice Street, Port Sorell from 10am to 3pm. ☎ 6428 8049
- 20 Knife and Fork Tea** at the Wesley Vale Community Church, Port Sorell Main Road, Wesley Vale from 4.30 pm. Cost: \$15 per person. ☎ 6428 4342

- 20 Vote in the State Government Election** - it's compulsory. Booths open from 8am until 6pm
- 20 Neptune Banquette (everything seafood)** at the Australian Axemans Hall of Fame, Bells Parade, Latrobe from 6pm. Limited seats, bookings essential ☎ 6426 2099
- 27 Peak Oil Presentation** at the Australian Axemans Hall of Fame, Bells Parade, Latrobe from 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm. ☎ 6427 3801
- 30 Port Sorell Neighbourhood Watch** meet the last Tuesday of each month at the Port Sorell Memorial Hall, off Darling Street, Port Sorell from 7.00 pm. New members welcome. ☎ 6428 7119

april

- 3 Farmers Union Sprintcar Speedway Racing** at the Bendigo Bank Arena, Speedway Drive, Latrobe. Admission fees apply. ☎ 0418 141 880
- 9 & 10 "Uncle Jack" Theatre Restaurant** presented by the Devonport Rep and Theatre Co at the Sassafras Community Hall, Chapel Road, Sassafras from 7 pm. 3-course dinner and show - \$35.00 pp. Bookings 64267 286 or 6426 7321
- 11 Latrobe Cemetery Working Bee** in Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 9.00 am until 10.30 am. New volunteers are welcome and please bring gloves, whipper snippers and lawn mowers. ☎ 6421 4650 (Mayor Gaffney)
- 12 Latrobe Council Meeting** at Latrobe Council Chambers from 5pm. ☎ 6421 4650 (Candice)
- 17 Broadway Musical and Dinner** (2 course) at the Australian Axemans Hall of Fame, Bells Parade, Latrobe from 6pm. Cost: \$40 per person. Limited seats, bookings essential to 6426 2099
- 18 Rotary Wedding Expo** at the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe. Admission fees apply. Funds raised go to local community projects. ☎ 0417 500 308
- 25 ANZAC Day**
6.00 am - RSL Dawn Service ☎ 6426 1284
9.50 am - Latrobe Council Citizens Commemorative Service
 ☎ 6421 4650 (Michelle)
- 28 Targa Tasmania** travels through Moriarty and Merseylea. For more information, go to <http://www.targa.org.au/index.html> or ☎ 6221 8800. Road closures apply during stages.
- 28 Latrobe Neighbourhood Watch** meet bi-monthly (from February) in the Latrobe Council Chambers staff room, off Lewis Street, Latrobe from 7 pm. ☎ 6426 2777

may

- 2 Centenary Celebration of the Sassafras Community Hall** from 1.30 pm. If you have any memorabilia or wish to know more, ☎ 6426 7334
- 6-8 AgFest** at Quercus Park, Carrick, open from 8am until 5pm. Admission fees apply. For more info go to or <http://agfest.com.au> or ☎ 1300 243 378
- 10 Latrobe Council Meeting** at Latrobe Council Chambers from 5pm. ☎ 6421 4650 (Candice)