



TASSIE HARVEST JOBS - TAKE YOUR PICK

The North West of Tasmania is renowned for its distinctive four seasons and its amazing fresh produce that is a consequence of plentiful rain, sun, and amazing soils.

2020 is no different to any other year - now that is something that has not been said often over the past eight months.

Spring has sprung and primary producers throughout the region are preparing to harvest their plentiful bounty of crops at their peak period and that is where the similarity to previous years finishes.

This harvest season will be like no other and primary producers from across the region are lining up to recruit new staff to help with the harvest tasks.



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The work opportunities are endless with this year's harvest of berries, stone fruit, apples, wine grapes.

Eligible pickers may also be able to take advantage of the Seasonal Worker Incentive Scheme which allows you to earn up to \$5,000 without affecting Centrelink payments. Tasmanians are being prioritised to fill the picking, sorting, packing, driving and pruning positions to ensure an effective workforce, local food security, job security and keep our key local agricultural economy going.

The Tasmanian Government however listening to the industry and their concerns that there may not be enough Tasmanians to fill the 9,000 jobs during the peak time of December to March.

The government has therefore approved a pathway to bring experienced agricultural workers to Tasmania, complying with COVID-19 requirements, to support the harvest period but, make no mistake, the production line can't wait forever and a day and unemployed or under-employed Tasmanians need to grasp these opportunities now.

The management of incoming workers and housing them is based on public health advice and can only proceed in a COVID-19 safe way. There is also support with transport through the Fruit Growers Association.

Department of Primary Industry, Water and Environment continue to work with farmers to develop COVID-19 Safe Plans and associated compliance.

To find out more information on harvest work opportunities that are available now and over the coming months visit <https://dpiipwe.tas.gov.au/harvest-jobs>.



GATHERING RESTRICTIONS STILL IN EFFECT

With border restrictions easing, it is timely to remind readers that there are still restrictions in place for gatherings. A gathering is the total number of people present in any single undivided indoor space, or in the outdoor area of a premises. All individuals - whether they are business operators, staff, volunteers, attendees, children or babies - are considered part of the gathering number. Current restrictions are up to a maximum of 250 people for an undivided space in indoor premises; and 1,000 people in the outdoor space of a premises.

Where the number of people permitted according to the density limit (one person per 2 square metres) is less than the gathering limit, the lower number applies. For example, the Latrobe Memorial Hall can only have 236 people based on physical distancing rules, not the full 250. With an event like the Truly Tasmanian Craft Exhibition and Sale and their floor space is taken up with tables and displays that number further reduces accordingly. Gatherings at households - including shacks - continue to be limited to up to 20 people at any one time, not including residents of the household. End of year leavers parties at private residences should be aware of this restriction.

You are still not permitted to stand and drink. Dancing is permitted when it is pre-arranged, held in a separate room to where food and alcohol is consumed and contact information is recorded. You still can't dance in venues where food and alcohol is consumed.

This restriction will be in place at least until the end of 2020.

For more information, go to <https://coronavirus.tas.gov.au/> or contact the Public Health Hotline on 1800 671 738.

MAKE SUMMER SAFE

The Tasmanian Bushfire Inquiry that followed the 2013 bushfires recommended the Tasmanian Government establish a coordinated program of fuel reduction burns across the entire State, to target areas that pose the greatest risk of future catastrophic fires. Sophisticated computer models and bushfire science is used to identify areas where bushfire risk is high and requires risk treatment. Bushfires respect no boundaries. The Tasmanian Fire Service (TFS) works with the Parks and Wildlife Service, Sustainable Timber Tasmania, local government, and private landowners to implement the Fuel Reduction Program on both public and private land. Private landowners must still take responsibility for their own property, but the TFS will work with them.

While the Fuel Reduction Program will not prevent bushfires, it can make them easier and safer to fight, reducing damage to homes, businesses, and the environment.

To achieve this, Tasmania must conduct more fuel reduction burns every year, in a strategic and

coordinated manner that focuses the TFS resources where they are needed the most.

You can learn more about the fuel reduction program and stay up to date with the current burn schedule at www.fire.tas.gov.au. To contact the Fuel Reduction Unit during business hours, phone 1800 000 699.



BUSHFIRE-READINESS BAKERS BEACH

Bushfire-Ready Neighbourhoods (BRN) aim to build preparedness, resilience, and capacity in bushfire prevention in Tasmanian communities most at-risk to bushfire, through a sustainable community development approach. As seen last summer, despite heroic efforts, firefighters are not always able to protect properties (and at times whole communities) due to the intensity and speed of the fires.

Property owners need to be proactive and prepare themselves and their properties for bushfires.

A bushfire survival plan not only boosts preparedness efforts but can help communities keep each other safe, make sure people who need help are not left behind, and provide support after the fire has passed.

BRN is working closely with the Rubicon Fire Brigade to support the Bakers Beach community to be ready for the bushfire season with a pre-season meet up of residents on the corner of Bakers Beach Road and Marana Drive from 1:00pm until 4:00pm on Sunday, 8 November.

We all play a part in bushfire safety. To find out more about this award-winning program and how you can prepare for the bushfire season, visit bushfirereadyneighbourhoods.tas.gov.au

FORESHORE WORKS

Following re-planting and fencing of the area south of the Hawley boat ramp, Council's Green Spaces Team, in collaboration with Rubicon Coast and Landcare Inc, are prioritising the poisoning and removal of blackberry and other small weed sites along the Hawley Esplanade. These works also include the removal of the Dodder Vine, which may take several years to control.

Additional planting has been undertaken along the Shearwater and Port Sorell foreshore to reduce foreshore erosion. The most recent plantings are in a 5m wide revegetation zone alongside the shared pathway from the Port Sorell Jetty to East Esplanade.

REDUCE YOUR LANDFILL FOOTPRINT

Rethink Waste Tasmania has recently released information on their website that provides householders with additional support to reduce waste around the home. This includes 40 ways to reduce waste and make positive purchase decisions in the home; 16 ways to reduce waste in home renovations and 18 ways to reduce waste in the garden.

Collectively that's 74 options to get you thinking.

You can check these out online at <https://rethinkwaste.com.au/40-ways-to-reduce-waste-make-positive-purchase-decisions-in-the-home/>

MERSEY HOSPITAL HOURS

"The public open hours of the Mersey Community Hospital Emergency Department remain a high priority for Council and we are regularly in contact with both the Department and Minister of Health, working collaboratively to ensure 24/7 hours are re-established as soon as is it safe to do so," said Mayor Peter Freshney of Latrobe Council.

Despite their good intentions, petitioners and protesters won't bring about any earlier resumption of public open hours at the Mersey and recent rumour mongering and speculation reported in the media certainly doesn't assist when we are trying to recruit professionals to the hospital on a permanent basis.

"The Government and the Minister specifically have been unequivocal in their support for the long term retention of the Mersey Community Hospital and the Department Secretary and her team are genuinely exploring each and every opportunity to attract staff to the Mersey Community Hospital.

Unfounded speculation about its future is unhelpful and undermines every effort made. It is also frustrating that organisations that purport to support the Mersey Community Hospital are in fact, doing the contrary.

Residents need to show some faith and understanding of the current situation and work constructively to bring about the outcomes that we all seek, to ensure the appropriate provision of health services at our local hospital," he added.

UPDATE TO RECREATION PRECINCT PLAN

Over the last few months, Latrobe Council has been working on an update to the Latrobe Recreation Precinct Development Plan.

Work has been undertaken to update the demographic and participation data that informs the plan and consultation has been undertaken with all user groups and other relevant organisations.

The Sport and Recreation Committee recently met to discuss priorities relating to identified actions that have arisen from the consultations.

Their recommendations will be considered by Latrobe Council at its 9 November meeting.

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OPEN UP TO A NEW FINANCIAL FUTURE

With the hardship moratorium by the banks easing and changes to JobKeeper and JobSeeker, it is anticipated that some readers may be starting to experience financial stress.

Rather than ignore this situation, Latrobe Council is supporting the provision of some expert assistance locally, prior to these money challenges overwhelming you.

Anglicare Tasmania provide a free, independent, and confidential financial counselling service.

They can help you to not only organise your budget but also suggest ways to manage your debt, reducing your energy consumption, consider needs vs wants, negotiate with people you owe money to, advise you of your rights and responsibilities as a consumer and refer you to other useful services.

They are available from 9:30am until 4:30pm Monday-Friday over the phone (1800 007 007) or at their office in King Street, Devonport however a local forum is proposed at Latrobe and Port Sorell late November so you can see if their service meets your needs.

Getting on top of your finances now can reduce stress and improve your financial position into the future. Interested?

Please register your interest with Latrobe Council on 64264444 by Friday, 13 November. All registrations will be treated confidentially.

SMALL BUSINESS FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Rural Business Tasmania (RBT) is delivering a Small Business Support Program to assist small rural and regional businesses in Tasmania to understand their financial position, identify options and implement plans to improve their viability and build resilience for future prosperity.

WHY SHOULD I WORK WITH A SMALL BUSINESS FINANCIAL COUNSELLOR?

Working with a financial counsellor helps provide clarity and a sense of control over where your business is heading.

Financial counsellors can assist you to identify options to overcome financial hurdles and help you to make informed decisions but you remain in control and make the decisions about your business.

IS MY BUSINESS ELIGIBLE TO ACCESS THE SMALL BUSINESS SUPPORT PROGRAM (SBSP)?

To be eligible for the program your small business must:

- employ 19 or fewer people;
- be experiencing financial hardship, imminent risk of financial hardship;
- or be financially impacted by the Covid-19 virus;
- be located greater than 20km from either Launceston or Hobart.

The SBSP is fully subsidised by the

Australian and Tasmanian Governments. The only cost to you is in committing adequate time away from your business to work with the financial counsellor. The more time you are able to commit to the process, the better the outcome! Rural Business Tasmania's financial counsellors have all the latest information on how to access both State and Federal COVID-19 assistance measures. They can also assist you take stock of where you are at and provide clarity by developing a plan of attack and negotiating with banks and creditors on your behalf to get your business through this challenging period. To access their services, phone 1300 883 276.

BUILDING FINANCIAL CONFIDENCE

The Smith Family is taking new participants onto Saver Plus - a matched savings and financial education program offering \$500 matched savings for education costs including sports, clubs and extra-curricular activities fees and equipment.

Saver Plus assists individuals and families on lower incomes to build assets and improve financial capability.

The program has supported thousands of lower-income earners across Tasmania to develop a lasting savings habit.

To find out more, go to <https://www.bsl.org.au/services/saving-and-managing-money/saver-plus/>

TOWN ENTRY IMPROVEMENTS FOR PORT SORELL

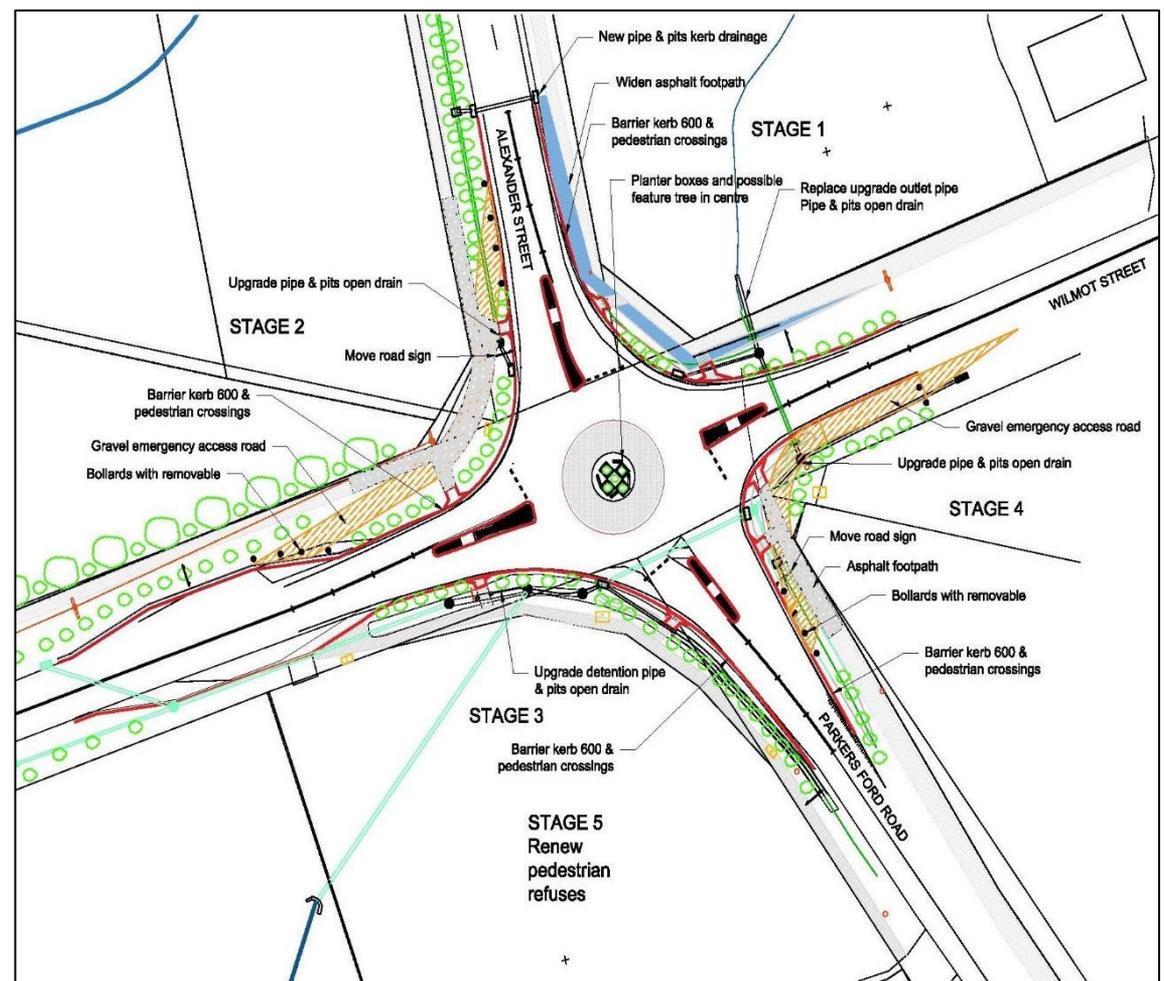
Improvements to the town entry to the greater Port Sorell area continues with a concept plan (alongside) considered and endorsed by the Port Sorell Advisory Committee, adopted by Latrobe Council and submitted for approval by the Department of State Growth.

A budget of \$250,000 has been allocated for this financial year with the project including the installation of underground drainage, widened asphalt footpaths, barrier kerbing and pedestrian crossings, road signage, removable bollards that can be used to detour traffic in the case of an emergency situation, emergency access thoroughfares and planter boxes with a feature tree on the roundabout.

Council personnel are pursuing the development of the concept drawing to a detailed design by a surveying/design consultant to enable tendering out and construction by a contractor.

Work was programmed to commence early in the new year however, due to the overwhelming workload on designers and surveyors, this timeframe has been delayed. Once that eases, the project will progress.

This project is expected to take approximately two months.



CHRISTMAS EVENTS REDEFINED

The impact of COVID-19 has been particularly challenging for the events sector. Limits on holding public gatherings, combined with travel restrictions have resulted in a significant number of event cancellations and postponements over 2020 and into 2021.

Unfortunately, it has had an impact on the traditional staging of the annual Latrobe Lions Christmas Parade but rest assured, the Lions Club of Latrobe Inc have been planning, adapting and thinking outside the box and have come up with a "Star and Stocking Christmas Trail" as an alternative. Sort of like a scaled down Myer Melbourne decorated windows.

This trail involves businesses in Latrobe coming on board and making a front window available for a Christmas display by either themselves or to a regular participant in the Latrobe Christmas Parade. The linking of groups to businesses will be coordinated by the Lions Club of Latrobe Inc.

The resulting displays will be revealed on 1 December therefore organisations wishing to adopt a window and decorate it to the theme of "Stars and Stockings" must register by 13 November to 6426 1442 or email latrobe@lionstasmania.org.

The Star and Stocking Christmas Trail will be viewable from 1-20 December.

Simultaneously, the mystery item competition returns with retailers placing an item that doesn't belong to their business in their window. Just locate these items and lodge your entry when you have them all for an opportunity to win.

The Lions Club of Port Sorell Inc have likewise cancelled their annual Christmas Carols but they too have also come up with an alternative. They are hosting a Christmas Lights Competition for residents within the area encompassed by Port Sorell, Shearwater, Hawley Beach, Squeaking Point, Wesley Vale and Northdown.

Persons wishing to enter are requested to register by 13 November with Lion Lynne on 0428 322 141 or via email on ler195353@hotmail.com. Lights will be required to be on display from 1-20 December with judging taking place on 19 December.

ARE YOU EVENT READY?

While COVID-19 continues to be a threat and gathering restrictions remain, it is important that event organisers plan for an ever-changing business environment in the longer term.

Events Tasmania's Event Ready Grant Program offers grants of up to \$5,000 to support event organisers to identify and evaluate costs relating to the impacts of COVID-19 on their event.

The program supports events to develop and implement COVID-19 safe practices, and to effectively communicate that response to existing and possibly new target market(s)/audiences.

This funding is aimed at events that offer regional and seasonal benefit to Tasmania.

The program does not support conferences, conventions, symposiums, theatrical productions, concert series, trade fairs, fundraising events, expos and events that are primarily a showcase for stallholders to demonstrate, promote or sell services or products.

Eligibility and assessment criteria apply with further information available at www.eventstasmania.com/eventready or, by phoning 6165 5022. This is an online application process.



WILD MERSEY X-DUATHLON

X-Duathlon is a unique sport to Triathlon consisting of a trail run and mountain bike ride.

The Cradle Coast Triathlon and Multisport Club are excited to host an X-Duathlon at the Warrawee Reserve in Latrobe on Sunday, 1 November.

The X-Duathlon is a multisport event usually hosted in the order of a long run, a long ride and finishes with a shorter run. This event, however, is aimed more toward newcomers to the sport and begins with a 7km trail run and finishes with a 7km mountain bike ride on the easier trails. The kids' event will have a shorter run, depending on their ages.

The event gets underway at 9:30am with a run from the car park and along Shale Road, over the bridge and up the Railton Express Track. This track is mostly uphill and winds its way along Eucalypt forest. Turning at the marked half way point, runners will then head back down the same trail and make their way back to the car park, collect their bikes from a marked off transition area, and run their bikes toward the Bee Line Trail, where they'll be asked to mount and follow the Easy Does It Trail toward Laughing Gear and back along Shale Road to the finish. Whilst this ride is considered 'easy' it still contains enough downhill excitement for the seasoned trail riders.

Public users are requested to avoid the trails from 8:00am until 12:00 noon to enable course set up and the running of this event.

Want to enter? Details are available online at www.cradlecoasttri.com.au/



CAROLS AT THE PARADE

Fortunately, the Latrobe Christmas Carols are continuing but not in their traditional format or location.

A casual late afternoon of Christmas carolling by the Latrobe Federal Band will be held this year at Bells Parade, Latrobe on Sunday, 20 December from 4:00pm.

Bring a chair/blanket, nibbles and your singing voice and enjoy a few hours of carolling with family and friends in this beautiful setting. Attendee numbers will be limited to the COVID-19 restrictions at the time as well as physical distancing.

IT'S JUST A NUMBER

Loneliness can be quite debilitating at any age but especially as we age.

When you are young, you have a school environment, active social life, children of your own then all of a sudden your family are off doing their own thing with their children and you hit retirement age. Where did that time go?

You probably also believe that you are too young for a senior's club but really, age is just a matter of opinion and generally its your own that is restricting you from making the most of each day. With the Latrobe Senior Citizens Club announcing a potential close earlier this year, many people developed a passion to retain this outlet of social inclusion for the aged in our community, vowing to work collaboratively with them and provide additional activities and support. The club itself also looked inward at how to reduce their load while encouraging new membership and now, at the pinnacle of a new era, you can be a part of it by sharing your enthusiasm and interests. Membership of the Latrobe Senior Citizens Club, for persons aged 50+, are open for application by contacting President Katrina (0409031057). Additionally, nominations for the Executive (President, Secretary/Public Officer, Treasurer and two committee members) are invited from financial members up until 3 November. The Annual General Meeting will be held at 20 Hamilton Street, Latrobe on Tuesday, 24 November, at 11:00am when all membership renewals will be due. Membership is \$20 per person.

LATROBE FLOOD MITIGATION UPDATE

Council recently sought tenders for a contractor to construct earth levees, walls and associated infrastructure to mitigate against flooding of the Latrobe township in a similar manner to that which occurred in 2016.

17 contractors registered their interest, and many took the opportunity to attend a tender briefing. The tender assessment panel are working on a recommendation to Council as to how and when the project should be progressed.

Council acknowledges that whilst considerable financial assistance from the state and federal governments has been secured, this is a project of significance for Council, not only financially, but in managing the construction, community expectations and those directly and indirectly impacted and disturbed during works and after completion.

A key concern during construction of flood control barriers throughout this project is ensuring that this work has no negative impact on Latrobe's platypus population. The Australian Platypus Conservancy has been consulted and inspected the plans, advising that the actual risk to platypus appears low.



Platypus c Barry Baker

Their advice is that the "*platypus habitat in the works area is considered to be relatively poor. There appears only a very low chance that any breeding female would choose this area for nesting, especially given the proximity to the highway bridge. If one did decide to place a nesting burrow in this area, the opposite bank, which has better habitat, would almost certainly be preferred. Some camping burrows may exist in the works area however, any individual platypus will rest in many different burrows and rarely occupy any particular one for more than a few days at a time.*" Studies have shown that platypus have a remarkable degree of tolerance to works activities by simply moved to other camping burrows outside the works zone when things got too disturbed. Nevertheless, Council is considering adopting various protection measures including contingency plans in the unlikely event that a platypus does need emergency care.

It is hoped construction can commence in the coming 2020-21 summer period.

THE ONLY WAY TO GO ON HAWLEY ESPLANADE

As residents may be aware, Council has allocated funding in this year's Capital Works Budget for the provision of a shared pathway along the foreshore at Hawley. Due to site constraints, this pathway will be somewhat different to that provided at Shearwater and Port Sorell but will provide similar benefits.

Council plans to make Hawley Esplanade one way for vehicular traffic in a northerly direction and for the eastern side of the road to be upgraded and utilised as a pathway for cyclists, pedestrians, and other users. A demarcation barrier between the vehicular and pedestrian components of the project is included with vehicles able to cross the pathway to park in the formal and informal car parking spaces on the foreshore.

Council is engaging with residents and the wider community to ensure every effort is made to address any concerns and to maximise the benefits of the proposed project. To this effect, and subject to interest, Council will host two on-site 'Walk and Talk' gatherings to provide information on the project on Wednesday, 11 November at 2:00pm and at 7:00pm, commencing from the Hawley Boat Ramp, Hawley Esplanade. It is essential that intending participants register their interest to attend either of these two events no later than 5 November by phoning Council on 6426 4444 or emailing council@latrobe.tas.gov.au.

Comments are invited on the proposed project (plan available online at www.latrobe.tas.gov.au) by 4:00pm, 23 November and can be emailed to council@latrobe.tas.gov.au or posted/dropped in to 170 Gilbert Street, Latrobe, 7307.

TEDDY SHEEAN VICTORIA CROSS AWARDED

The announcement on 12 August that former resident, Edward "Teddy" Sheean would finally be posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross came after decades of attempts to recognise his final actions.

Sheean's story on HMAS ARMIDALE is truly emotive.

Assigned to the newly commissioned HMAS ARMIDALE in April 1942, it was only five months later that he found himself faced with the order to abandon ship.

From 1228 on 1 December 1942, HMAS ARMIDALE came under repeated attack by Japanese aircraft. Shortly before 1400, HMAS ARMIDALE was attacked by no less than thirteen enemy aircraft before being hit by two torpedoes and one bomb at 1515. Aircraft then commenced strafing the ship and survivors in the water.

Sheean was the lowest ranked person on HMAS ARMIDALE as well as the youngest (just 18).

When that order to abandon ship came, Sheean helped launch a lifeboat but instead of getting in it, he chose to make his way to the aft Oerlikon gun. Sheean was not wounded when he made that decision but, as he made his way to the Oerlikon gun, was hit. Also, Sheean's job on the Armidale was as a loader, not gunner - so he had no practical experience with firing the gun.

However, he strapped himself in to the Oerlikon gun and, in doing so, must have known that he would not be surviving this encounter. The expert panel determined that it is not easy to extract yourself from this fitting, much less when enemy fire is also bearing down on you.

As Sheean fired on the attacking enemy aircraft, he was hit again. He managed to damage two enemy aircraft with survivors reporting the gun continuing to fire up until the aft section sank.

Sheean's actions are attributed to the survival of 49 of the 149 people on board.

The unanimous advice to uphold the 2019 Tribunal's recommendation to award the Victoria Cross to Sheean recognised maladministration by omission in the 1942 Record of Proceedings; analysis of evidence available to the 2013 Inquiry being flawed; new evidence presented to the 2019 Tribunal and now, further new evidence discovered and examined by the Expert Panel.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the official presentation of the Victoria Cross (an Investiture Ceremony) will be held at Government House, Canberra on 1 December, to coincide with the 78th anniversary of Sheean's death.

The Governor General, His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd) will present Ordinary Seaman Edward Sheean's Victoria Cross for Australia to Mr Garry Ivory, with family members of Teddy's siblings invited to attend. Teddy's Victoria Cross will then be gifted to the Australian War Museum to be mounted with Teddy's other original medals for perpetuity.

The planning committee are seeking to have the VC presentation broadcast on the ABC but, if this is not achievable, it will be live streamed for your viewing.



MISUNDERSTOOD ROAD RULES

With the installation of new road treatments in Latrobe, the Kentish and Latrobe Community Road Safety Committee seek to address one of the Top 5 Misunderstood Road Rules - when to cross unbroken white dividing lines.

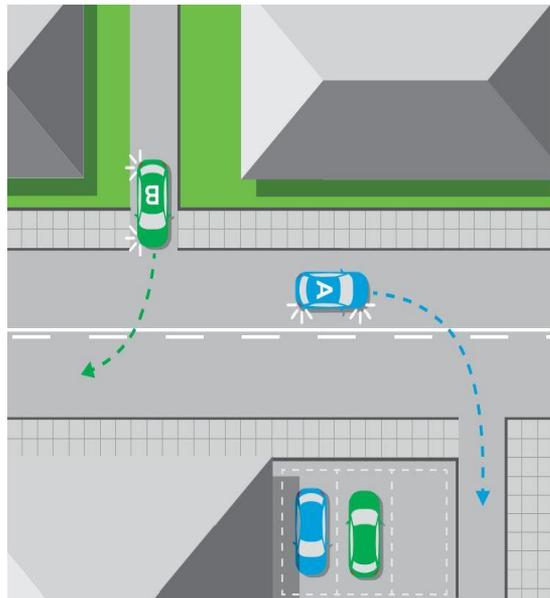
If you are on a road with a single white unbroken line you can cross the line to:

1. Enter or leave a road
2. Enter or leave a driveway or carpark by the shortest route
3. Cross to avoid a hazard if safe to do so
4. Cross to pass a cyclist if safe to do so

You cannot:

1. Change lanes
2. Overtake another vehicle
3. Do a U-turn

As always, motorists are encouraged to take care on the roadways and drive to the conditions.



FERAL CAT CONTROL

Feral cats have been present in Tasmania since the 1800s and have been found at all altitudes and ecosystems, from coastal to mountain environments. They are known to inhabit rural, urban and peri-urban areas.

The Latrobe Municipality is hit particularly hard by the effects of feral cats, due to human population densities and the consequent number of once domestic cats that have gone feral, causing havoc in our community. The best way to reduce feral cat numbers is for cat owners to be aware of how important it is to restrict their cats to their property, both day and night. Remember that today's domestic cat is potentially tomorrow's feral killer. Feral cats' prey on native wildlife including many threatened species and will kill regardless of the need for food. For the uninitiated, feral cats are identical in appearance to our domestic cats, so don't be fooled into thinking that they are relatively "harmless".

As the Latrobe Cat Management Officer and a Parks and Wildlife Discovery Ranger, John Bowden has been conducting successful feral cat control throughout the council area over many years. Funding from the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment, saw Mr Bowden undertake feral cat control in both the Latrobe and Devonport Council areas under the aegis of the Rubicon Coast and Landcare Inc. This has resulted in the humane euthanizing of over 150 feral cats in a four-month period.

IS YOUR RECYCLING CONTAMINATED?

The Cradle Coast Waste Management Group is currently carrying out assessments of kerbside recycling bins until 27 November.

These assessments are designed to assist residents to know what is suitable for recycling in the kerbside recycling bin. Items that are recyclable include glass bottles and jars (lids removed); cardboard and paper products e.g. newspapers, paper packaging, magazines and paper bags; metal cans e.g. aluminium, steel and tin plated cans, aluminium foil and aerosol cans (lids removed) and hard plastic containers e.g. clean milk bottles or plastics that are rigid or holds their shape.

While there are lots of things you can recycle, it is important to remember there are also items that should never go into your recycling bin:

- Don't put your recycling in bags or boxes
- Don't put any plastics that can be scrunched into the recycling bin (drop them in a Redcycle Collection Point at Woolworths or Coles)
- Don't include foil packages or tetrapaks (foil-lined long-life cartons)
- Don't put shredded paper in your recycling

The recycling collected in North Western Tasmania is hand-sorted at the Spreyton Materials Recycling Facility.

By following these helpful tips, you will be actively helping reduce contaminated recycling.

DOG OBEDIENCE CLASSES UNDERWAY IN LATROBE

Dog Obedience classes commenced late September with a second course scheduled to start on 15 November.

Unfortunately the completion of the dedicated Dog Park at Bosworth Park, Latrobe, hasn't gone to plan because of inclement weather.

Classes therefore commenced at the dog exercise area on Pig Island, Latrobe and will relocate when the dog park is open.

These Dog Obedience classes are designed for dogs aged 6 months and older. They are not puppy classes. Facilitated by Brian Patrick and his border collie Taak, the course is conducted using the focussed engagement technique. Engagement is a learned behaviour and simply means that the dog is more interested in what its handler is doing rather than anything else in the

world. Dogs that learn engagement as their first behaviour become dogs that have a great attitude to learning and training and stronger bonds with their owner. Who knows, maybe these sessions may lead to more advanced training.

For information on these Dog Obedience sessions, please contact Council on 64264444.



BANKSIA FACILITIES REDEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Port Sorell's Camp Banksia and Banksia Centre will be transformed over the next two years to create a vibrant space that offers exciting new opportunities for camping, play, sport and recreation, local history, performing arts and cultural activities.

What has happened so far?

In early 2019 Latrobe Council commissioned landscape architect Co-Design Lab to consult with the Port Sorell community and prepare a concept master plan for the site. The plan was finalised in mid-2019 with an estimated cost of \$5.3m to fully implement. The Commonwealth Government subsequently awarded the project \$4m in grant funding through its Community Development Grants Program. To make up the funding shortfall, Latrobe Council took the opportunity to borrow a \$1.3m interest free loan from the Tasmanian Government's Local Government Loans program.

After an expression of interest process, architectural consultant Design Intent has been engaged to prepare the schematic designs. Based on the concepts of the master plan, Design Intent will add further details to the plan and take it to the point where a development application can be submitted.

One of the most important aspects of the project is to ensure it meets the current and future needs of the Port Sorell community. Meetings with key stakeholders have commenced to identify their needs from the redeveloped facilities.

Meetings with these groups will continue throughout the duration of the project at key milestones as the design progresses.

The next stage will involve the project team continuing its work with Design Intent to design the infrastructure.

OLD PHOTOS SOUGHT FOR PORT SORELL TRAIL

The Port Sorell History Group has received funding to develop a heritage trail for the greater Port Sorell area. This project is for 12 interconnected and engaging interpretive signs for installation from Hawley to Squeaking Point that presents the rich culture and heritage of the area.

These signs will be located at key locations and inclusive of events, buildings and characters of the area, specifically European and Aboriginal heritage.

The group have however very limited photos of past life and landscapes of the early days of the greater Port Sorell area and are seeking your assistance with providing original photos to scan and potentially include in this trail.

If you can help with loaning photos for scanning and providing details about the images, please contact Tony on 6428 7707.

VIGILANCE URGED

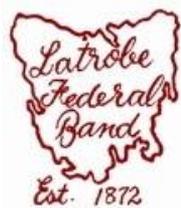
With Daylight Saving and Summer encouraging people to be more active, it also provides a chance for opportunistic people to vandalise or take what isn't theirs.

The Department of Police, Fire and Emergency Management Crime Statistics Supplement 2019-20 states that for the financial year ending 30 June 2020 the total offences in Tasmania reduced by 2%, attributed to the COVID-19 pandemic and associated restrictions. There were still 27,386 offences recorded with stealing, burglary and injuring/destroying property making up the majority - 21,452.

It is therefore timely to remind you to be aware of the environment around you and report ANY suspicious activity to Tasmania Police by phoning 000 in an emergency; 131444 for a non-emergency situations or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 to report anonymously. It is only through apathy that unlawful activity thrives so let's band together and be eagle eyed to stop this behaviour in our communities.

PERFORMANCE DATES SET

As with many other groups, it has been a difficult year for banding and maintaining the interest of members.



Thanks to the passion of the Latrobe Federal Band's Musical Director, Geoff Dell, the band were able to record themselves playing set pieces while physically distancing at home, ensuring rehearsals continued. The performances were then collated and loaded online for the wider community to enjoy until the band were able to resume restricted rehearsing face to face.

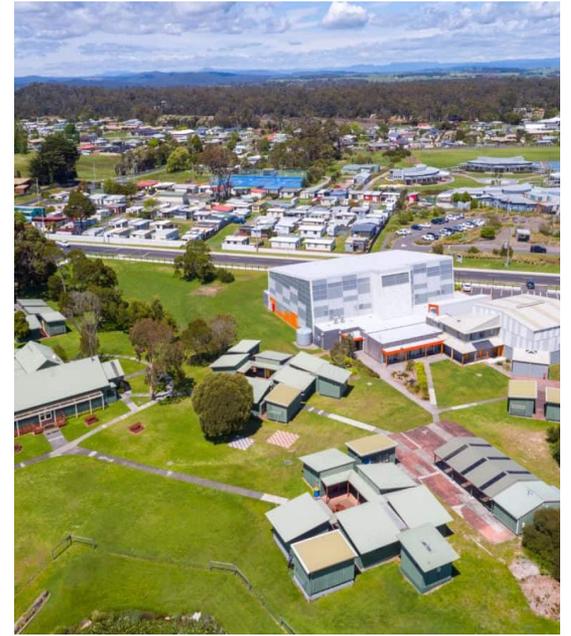
As the band were unable to hold a Winter Concert this year, they will be presenting a Spring Concert at the Latrobe Memorial Hall on Sunday, 8 November, commencing at 2:00pm. This is door sales only with admission \$10 adult, \$5 concession/ children.

In the spirit of Christmas, the Latrobe Federal Band will also be presenting a casual evening of Christmas Carols.

Refer to article on page 4.

Want to know more about the Latrobe Federal Band? Phone 0417 348 258 or go online to www.facebook.com/latrorefederalband/

Have any questions or need more information? Contact Mr Chris Clark, Project Manager on 64264444 or email chris.clark@latrobe.tas.gov.au



PORT SORELL COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES?

The Port Sorell Advisory Committee (PSAC) was established years ago as a additional conduit for residents of Port Sorell to provide input to council on traffic management, business/commercial development, recreational facilities, foreshore and environmental matters and land use planning policy.

PSAC includes representation from many groups but, recognising that not every resident is a member of these, Council included two representative positions of the community. These were invited through public nomination and are currently Vicki Shakoff (0437 777 714) and Linda Williamson (6428 8459). Vicki and Linda invite you to contact them to raise any broad community issues of strategic relevance in the Port Sorell area for discussion by the Committee and recommendation to Latrobe Council. General maintenance issues should be reported direct to Latrobe Council via www.latrobe.tas.gov.au/services/servicerequest or phone 64264444.

A sub-committee of the group is currently underway to review its purpose, value, relevance, and effectiveness of the Port Sorell Advisory Committee in today's environment.

Their report will be presented to PSAC at their 27 October meeting and, if ratified, forwarded to Council for consideration.

The Port Sorell Advisory Committee meet at the Banksia Centre from 4:00pm on the last Tuesday of the month.

The public can attend these meetings as observers but do need to register with Council (64264444) to ensure COVID-19 compliance (sufficient room is booked to cater for numbers).

LATROBE SEWER UPGRADE CONTINUES

The second stage of TasWater's sewer upgrade project in Latrobe, to address uncontrolled sewage spills which occur during heavy rain events, commenced on 26 October and will continue through to 20 November, weather dependent. Throughout these works, the Hamilton and Thomas Street intersection will be closed for approximately five days with detours in effect. Once the construction has passed this intersection, Hamilton Street will be returned to through traffic. Thomas Street between Hamilton and James Streets will be closed to all through traffic.

As part of the sewer main upgrade, the contractor will be excavating along the pipeline route, generally within the road reserve. During these times, residents along the route may experience some minor traffic delays and construction-related noise.

TasWater and its contractor will be taking steps to ensure that any impacts to residents are kept to a minimum and any short-term disruption of access to properties, if required, will be negotiated directly with property occupants.

All planned works will be between the hours of 7:00am and 6:00pm but will include some Saturdays.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this project, please contact TasWater on 13 6992.

NBN CO'S NEXT PHASE OF NETWORK INVESTMENT

Latrobe has been included as part of the new nbn Business Fibre Zones which will provide businesses in these areas with access to a direct fibre Enterprise Ethernet service. The 'Check Your Address' function on the nbn website will indicate whether you are eligible. You then just contact your provider. The company also announced an investment that provides an estimated 75% of homes and businesses in the fixed-line footprint across Australia, with potential to achieve speed tiers close to 1 Gbps by 2023. These investments mean an increasing number of residents connected to Fibre to the Node (FTTN) technology will be able to access higher speed tiers via Fibre to the Premises technology (FTTP). NBN Co will use the existing fibre infrastructure already built to nodes and connect the individual residence to FTTP technology from mid-2021 when a customer places an order through participating internet retailers. NBN Co has also committed up to an additional \$300 million investment to deliver access to higher speed wholesale broadband services over the nbn network to households and businesses in regional and remote areas of Australia. These announcements highlight nbn's desire to partner more closely with communities, industry and all levels of governments to lift the digital capability of Australia.

NEW FUEL APP

The Tasmanian Government recently introduced a real time fuel price monitoring scheme in Tasmania.



This legislation means that there is now a **mandatory** requirement for fuel retailers in Tasmania to provide their fuel prices on a free app downloadable to your smart phone. Since launching the Fuel Price Reporting Scheme, approximately 10,000 Tasmanians have utilised the technology (website and app) to access real-time fuel prices and find the best deal for fuel around the State. Though the combined market power of motorists, it is anticipated that this will drive down prices at the fuel bowser and encourage a more competitive marketplace.

Under the scheme, fuel retailers are required to update their prices as soon as any changes occur, providing a vastly enhanced level of transparency for consumers.

More than 230 fuel retailers have registered for the scheme, creating real competition for the motorist dollar.

Tasmanian fuel retailers are urged to ensure that any global price reductions are passed on to consumers as a matter of priority.

The 'Fuel Check Tas' app is available for free download at the Google Play Store and Apple App Store or at www.fuelcheck.tas.gov.au

HERE WE ARE CAPTURES LOCAL CONNECTIONS

Here We Are 2020 is an ongoing community-based arts project that nurtures connection and celebrates the local stories of those living and connected to the North-West Coast of Tasmania.

This is achieved through a facilitated process led by professional artists to nurture the sharing and creative response to and curation of stories through community-based installations and interventions.

"More than anything, through the Here She Is process and the overwhelming community support that the project received, it revealed that there is just so many more stories to tell.

This time, Here We Are takes the project out of the gallery and into community through tailored workshops in partnership with community organisations" said Project Coordinator, Anne Morrison.

The creative contributors include Anne Morrison and Jessie Pangas as Project Coordinators and artists, Liz Braid and photographer, Lauren McKinnon.

Anne and Jessie were awarded Australian Government Regional Arts Funding to undertake this exciting creative project with the local project receiving in-kind support from Latrobe Council and Rubicon Grove.

Initially due to commence earlier this year, the COVID-19 pandemic resulted in its delay until August-September.

At the first workshop, the artists introduce the project concept and storytelling.

Over several weeks, participants brought photographs and mementos to share and begin the conversations.

Artist Elizabeth Braid also engaged with residents, selecting one quote from each to be painted/illustrated and given as a gift to participants at the end of the project.

Photographer Lauren McKinnon also captured one portrait of the participants and these along with the illustrations, paintings and responses from participants were included in a mini exhibition within Rubicon Grove throughout October.

The artworks, photographs and illustrations will be accessible on a future online project archive. Instagram. #herewearntas



Pictured: Rubicon Grove resident, Nell Groenewold, discussing her momento's and objects for the workshop

NIPPERS EXCITED FOR NEW SEASON AND NEW FACILITIES



Port Sorell Surf Life Saving Club's Nippers can't wait for the start of the new 2020-21 surf club season on 5 November. Not only does it mean they can get back to having fun on the beach, but this season the Nippers will have new and improved facilities, designed to cope with the growth in the club's membership.

The construction of much needed enlarged change facilities has been undertaken over the winter, thanks to the financial assistance of Latrobe Council, the Tasmanian Government, and the Australian Government under the Community Development Grants Programme.

Nippers is a fun way for children aged 5 to Under 14 to enjoy the beach in a safe environment. The Junior Development Program is designed to ensure children have fun at the beach while participating in lessons that will give them a pathway to becoming a fully rounded participant in both lifesaving and sport.

More information on the Port Sorell SLSC Nipper program can be found at <https://portsorellslsc.org.au/nippers/>.

THE BIG 40 FOR THIRLSTANE

Celebrations for the 40th Anniversary of the Thirlstane Golf Club will be held over the weekend of 21-22 November.

Originally formed on 21 November 1980 as the Shearwater Golf Club, they changed their name to the Thirlstane Golf Club in 1997 when moving to the current site.

Their 106 acre site was purchased from Don and Audrey Mitchelson and was mostly bush however members had a vision of a beautiful golf course and came from near and far with all sorts of equipment to transform it into one of the best nine hole golf courses in Tasmania.

Designed by the Tasmanian Champion golfer, Peter Toogood, an extra four alternate Tee Beds were added in 2016. The course is a credit to the volunteers, led by course superintendent Rodger Paice, who prepare it for competitions on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays and social golf at other times. An invitation is extended to all past and present members to help celebrate this fantastic anniversary milestone.

A key event will be an afternoon tea at the clubrooms on Sunday, 22 November from 2:30pm where memorabilia will be shared and many memories recalled from the past 40 years.

Due to COVID-19 capacity limitations, RSVPs are essential and should be forwarded to Jan (0409 804 799) or Lorraine (0408 140 187) b 13 November.

PHONE/INTERNET SIGNAL

Are you missing calls, phone dropping out, internet signal coming and going? If you have answered yes to any of these or are having any other issues with your phone or internet service, Council would like to know about it. Please go to www.surveymonkey.com/r/SPYJP8F (assuming you can access this site) and share your issues via this survey, or contact council on 64264444 for a hard copy of the survey form.

While Council cannot guarantee to fix your issues, if multiple issues are identified, Council can take this up with the service providers and the responsible Government Departments to action.

BATTERY RECYCLING

Port Sorell U3A have set up a battery collection point at their office in the Port Sorell Banksia Centre for you to deposit your used batteries for recycling. There are a wide range of battery types, many of which contain toxic metals such as cadmium, mercury and lead. Others contain valuable materials like magnesium and zinc.

Batteries should never be put in the recycling bin or in your waste bin. Rechargeable batteries and lithium ion batteries are hazardous and could produce sparks that may start a fire in the trucks or recycling facility. This includes batteries in laptops, mobile phones, power tools, cameras, torches and children's toys. So drop them off for recycling.

LIGHTS ON FOR CHRISTMAS



Unfortunately, the Lions Club of Port Sorell have not been able to fundraise as they usually would during the year.

The club also decided to cancel the annual Port Sorell Christmas Carols due to gathering limitations but will be running a Christmas Lights Competition for the area encompassing Port Sorell, Shearwater, Hawley Beach, Squeaking Point, Wesley Vale and Northdown. Refer to article on page 4. Continuing the club's mission to spread some festive cheer throughout the area, the Christmas Tree will again be set up in the Bendigo Bank branch at Port Sorell during the first two weeks of December. Wrapped presents can be dropped under the tree for distribution to disadvantaged children.

With the redevelopment of the Port Sorell Caravan Park, the club's cabins will soon be put up for tender to purchase. Information regarding this tender, general club information and upcoming events will be detailed on the Port Sorell Lions Club Facebook page.

OFF TO SCHOOL WE GO

Do you have a child that turns 4 before 31 December? If so, they can attend Kindergarten in 2021 but you should be enrolling them now.

Pre-Kinder is a great introduction to the school environment and a chance for children to get to know each other.



Pictured: Kindergarten students at Latrobe Primary School learn about weighing.

All primary schools throughout the Latrobe Municipality offer Kindergarten as well as pre-Kinder sessions throughout November.

Finalisation of enrolments requires sighting of a child's Birth Certificate and Vaccination History, evidence of student residential address and parent identification.

Please contact your nearest school for more information.

LATROBE MUSEUM RE-OPENS

The Court House Museum has re-opened from Tuesday to Friday 1.30pm to 3.30pm. A fine Christmas gift would be a DVD of the photographs in their Permanent Collection, on sale for \$12.95.

COUNCIL'S WORKS REPORT

The following works are scheduled to be undertaken throughout the Latrobe Municipality during November and December:

CIVIL CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE TEAM

- Club Drive footpath construction along southern side between Alexander Street and Quinlan Crescent.
- Carpark surface maintenance in Shearwater Village vicinity
- Gravel Road maintenance grading
- Old Deloraine Road verge - tree removal and safety improvements
- Reseal preparation works
- Roadside mowing and spraying

TOWN SERVICES TEAM

- Panatana Family Park - shelter replacement
- Shearwater Park - new shelter over seating/picnic table area
- General building maintenance

GREEN SPACES TEAM

- Bosworth Park - continued implementation of landscape plan
- Various parks garden maintenance
- Parks weed spraying
- Parks mowing program

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Council's Operations Manager on 6426 4453.

EXHIBITIONS AT THE LOUNGE

"It has been wonderful to serve sit down cuppas and a bite to eat to locals and new faces at The Crowded Lounge while living up to its name of 'crowded' but within Coronavirus restrictions," said Mrs Michelle Smith.

Coming up in November is the first exhibition by Latrobe artist Ms Leslee Matchett of her abstract works. Inspired by everyday objects like coins and string, Leslee's use of colour creates contrast and focus on shape and line.

December brings an opportunity for Family Christmas Photos by photographer Benita Campbell of Daydream Photography at The Crowded Lounge. Benita will also exhibit a collection of her landscape images, night sky, macro, auroras, sunsets which are quite therapeutic. Benita specialises in wedding, family and pet photography at very affordable prices.

The Crowded Lounge is continuing weekly art classes and workshops. To keep up to date on activities, see events at www.facebook.com/Thecrowdedlounge. To encourage good cheers for Christmas, The Crowded Lounge is promoting a 'pay it forward' option, giving patrons an option to pay for someone else's cuppa and bite to eat anonymously.

FISHING CLUB GETS REEL

A fishing club, founded to provide those with a love of recreational fishing the opportunity to socialise with like-minded anglers, recently formed at Port Sorell. "Reel Keen Fishing Club ... Port Sorell and Districts" is for everyone of any age and will offer fishing related activities (competitive and non-competitive) for members and in conjunction with other fishing clubs in Tasmania.

Membership is \$20 per active fishers or \$10 for those that just want to come for the social part of the club.

A perpetual trophy (pictured) has been created by Greg Howell and will feature the name, point accumulation and year of each year's winner in competitions.



The club's first fishing competition was held in October. If anyone is interested in sponsoring the club or competitions, please contact Micheal on 0419 887 678. Members catch up on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm at the Banksia Centre, Pitcairn Street, Port Sorell.

CHILDISH CONNECTIONS

How wonderful it is to have a secure relationship develop between a parent and child!

At Latrobe Primary School, the building of connections between local families and their school community is supported by the Launch into Learning program. Launch into Learning provides play-based learning experiences that you can share with your child and a pathway to other community connections. The "Serve and Return" video (<https://bit.ly/30Hwi94>) is a great example of how to interact and connect with kids to help them learn.

Look out for the Launching into Learning flyers and Latrobe Primary Facebook page for more information.

PLAYCONNECT FOR AUTISTIC

Do you have a child with Autism Spectrum Disorder characteristics, developmental delay in communication and social skills and/or behavioural and sensory issues? PlayConnect offers the opportunity, for free, to connect with others, talk, play and share information and experiences at Macs Place, 32-36 Valley Road, Devonport from 10:00am until 11:30am each Monday. No diagnosis is required.

For more information, contact felicity.harris@playgrouptas.org.au or register by phoning 0428 633 214.

TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT

Libraries Tasmania is a statewide library service where you can borrow from and return to any library in Tasmania.

Your free membership allows you to borrow from a large collection of books, cds, dvds, audio books and magazines and access a range of eResources - books, audio books, magazine, film and even language courses - all accessible from your phone, tablet or computer.

If you need help getting started, pop into the Latrobe Library and Rachel and the volunteers will give you a hand.

The computer hub volunteers can also assist anyone needing help with using a computer or digital device - even complete beginners. They can also help with printing and scanning documents. The open hours for the Latrobe Library and its Computer Hub are from 1:00pm until 5:00pm every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

INSPIRED BY SEASONS

Members look forward to the reopening of the Latrobe Visitor Information Centre and Arts Hub but are not quite there yet.

In the meantime, members continue to make art inspired by the colours of spring and summer with recent works able to be found on Facebook and Instagram.

Katherine Tyson specifically has two entries in the Poochibald Exhibition at the Schoolhouse Gallery Rosny. This show features dogs and is held in conjunction with Clarence Council's Dogs Day Out. The sculpture proposal by Kim O'Brien, to celebrate Louisa Ann Meredith, and further limestone sculptures provides another focal point in Shearwater Village for tourists and locals to learn the history of Port Sorell and celebrate visual art. The current Shearwater Resort occupies the land that once housed the building 'Poyston', the home of the early pioneering Meredith family. Mr Charles Meredith was the Assistant Police Magistrate for the Port Sorell region in the 1840s and his wife Louisa Anne, a colonial artist and first woman designer of stamps in Australia.

If you would like to know more about Rubicon River Arts Inc, go to events on their Facebook page, email rubicon-river-arts@googlegroups.com or call Angela on 0498 243 460.

EMBROIDERERS' GROUP

The evening group of the Devonport Embroiderers' guild are meeting at 20 Hamilton Street, Latrobe Thursdays from 7:00pm until 9:00pm. Anyone interested in embroidery is most welcome. Contact Helen (0418 133 895) for more information.



Rubicon River Arts Inc.

COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

30 Shearwater Comedy Night at Shearwater Resort, the Bvd, Shearwater featuring Chris Franklin with special guest Ned Townsend. Doors open 8:30pm. \$22.50 per person, bookings essential to 64286205.

NOVEMBER

EXHIBITION - Leslee Matchett's abstract art at The Crowded Lounge, 127-129 Gilbert Street, Latrobe.

31 Oct-2 Nov Truly Tasmanian Craft Exhibition and Sale at the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 9:00am until 5:00pm Saturday and Sunday and 9:00am until 3:00pm Monday. Enquiries: 0417 132 687

1 X-Duathlon at Warrawee Reserve and Wild Mersey MBT from 8:00am until 12 noon. Phone: 0428 623 532 or go to <http://www.cradlecoasttri.com.au/>

8 Bakers Beach residents pre-season Bushfire meeting on the corner of Bakers Beach Road and Marana Drive from 1:00pm until 4:00pm. Phone 0418 451 954

9 Latrobe Council Meeting at the Latrobe Council Chambers, 170 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 5:00pm. ☎ 6426 4444

11 Remembrance Day Services from 10:50am

- Latrobe Cenotaph, Gilbert Street, Latrobe. BYO seat if seating is required. Phone 0428 788 075
- Port Sorell Defence Memorial, cnr Rice and Meredith Streets, Port Sorell. Phone 0407 852 946

5 Nippers Training commences at the Port Sorell Surf Life Saving Club, Dumbleton Street, Hawley from 5:00pm until 6:30pm. <http://www.portsorellslsc.org.au/>

8 Junior Fish Out Day at Taylor's Dam, 9022 Bass Highway, Latrobe from 10:00am until 3:00pm. ☎ 0417 505 887

8 Latrobe Federal Band Concert at the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 2:00pm. Admission: \$10 adult; \$5 concession/child. Door sales only.

21-22 Thirlstane Golf Club's 40th Anniversary. Past and present members welcome. Refer to separate article. RSVP's essential to 0409 804 799 or 0408 140 187.

24 Latrobe Senior Citizens Club Annual General Meeting at 20 Hamilton Street, Latrobe from 11:00am. Financial members welcome. Phone: 0409 031 057

24 Port Sorell Advisory Committee meeting at the Banksia Centre,

Pitcairn Street, Port Sorell from 4:00pm. RSVP to 64264444.

28 Thirlstane cycling race involving Frankford Road, Woodbury Lane and Squeaking Point Road from 10:00am until 12:30pm. Phone: 0417 582 266

DECEMBER

EXHIBITION - Benita Campbell's photography at The Crowded Lounge, 127-129 Gilbert Street, Latrobe.

1 Presentation of Edward 'Teddy' Sheehan's Victoria Cross. Refer to page 5.

1 Stars and Stockings Christmas Trail throughout Latrobe continues to 20 December. Register by 13 November to 6426 1442 or email latrobe@lionstasmania.org.

1 Christmas Lights Competition from Wesley Vale to Hawley and in between. Registration by 13 November to 0428 322 141 or via email on ler195353@hotmail.com.

5 Penguin Island Swim at North Freers Beach, Shearwater. Registration from 10:00am for all events. Penguin Island Swim starts at 11:00am and includes 500m novice swim. Fees apply. More information is available from www.facebook.com/portsorellslsc

6 Rotary Car Boot Sale at Reisz' car park, Gilbert Street, Latrobe - 9:00am until 2:00pm. Phone: 0417 386 191

11 Y11-12 Education Bursary closes - <https://www.latrobe.tas.gov.au/communit/grants>

12 Twilight Junior Fish Out at Taylor's Dam, 9022 Bass Highway, Latrobe from 3:30pm until 8:00pm. ☎ 0417 505 887

13 Latrobe Cemetery Working Bee at the Latrobe Cemetery, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 10:00am until 11:15am. BYO gardening implements and wear appropriate clothing. Free sausage sizzle and drink at conclusion. ☎ 0417 598 116

14 Latrobe Council Meeting at the Latrobe Council Chambers, 170 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 5:00pm. ☎ 6426 4444

20 Carols at the Parade, Bells Parade, Latrobe from 4:00pm. Refer to page 4.

27 Market by the Beach at the Port Sorell Surf Life Saving Club, North Freers Beach, Shearwater - 5:00pm to 9:00pm. www.portsorellslsc.org.au/

31 Leonard N Tome perform at Shearwater Resort, the Bvd, Shearwater from 9:00pm until late.

JANUARY

2 Market by the Beach at the Port Sorell Surf Life Saving Club, North Freers Beach, Shearwater - 5:00pm to 9:00pm. www.portsorellslsc.org.au/

SHAREHOLDERS' EVENING

A Shareholders' Event was recently held with Chairman, Mr Greg Preece, outlining the current situation for the Bendigo Community Bank.

The Latrobe Council's Mayor Peter Freshney, Senator Jacqui Lambie and Mr Shane Clarke from Beachwood Real Estate all gave enlightening accounts of the growth in the Latrobe Municipality and the importance of community. This growth combined with the amazing community spirit in the area makes it the ideal place to reside - an encouraging prospect for vendors.

The Community Bank has comparable rates available for home loans, insurances etc so give them a call or visit Janet and the team at the Port Sorell Branch in Club Drive or within the Latrobe Newsagency. Attendees were delighted to be entertained by Emily Burke, a highly acclaimed opera singer who is residing in Hawley and singing for local groups when the opportunity arises.

The Master of Ceremonies for the evening, Ms Gina Timms, closed the very successful evening with an all-time favourite tune, *You Raise Me Up*.

By supporting Bendigo Community Bank in the Latrobe Municipality, your banking contributes to the communal fabric of this amazing area.

The Bendigo Community Bank AGM will be held at Shearwater Resort at 7:00pm on 26 November. All shareholders are welcome.

PORT SORELL TABLE TENNIS

A group of enthusiastic table tennis players has established a new table tennis club, Port Sorell Table Tennis Club (PSTTC).

Social sessions are being held at the Banksia Centre on Saturday afternoons from 1:00pm until 4:00pm. Everyone is invited to come along and have a look and hopefully have a hit.

Once PSTTC is fully registered, more sessions will be held including at least one evening session to accommodate those who work during the day. A graded roster is also proposed, catering for everyone from beginners to more experienced players.



Free coaching by an accredited coach is also offered to club members.

If you are interested in getting involved in a family-oriented club, please call Graeme on 0467 605 039 or email portsorelltabletennis@gmail.com

DOG ACCESSIBILITY CHANGES

Owning a dog makes for a great companion but also brings with it a level of responsibility that is legislatively regulated through the *Dog Control Act 2000*. Under that Act, Local Government can develop their own specific Dog Management Policy.

This policy provides for several associated dog management matters, one being the establishment of special areas for dogs to run around leash free without fear of attracting a fine provided the dog/s is still under effective control.

While there are a few off leash areas throughout the Latrobe Municipality, with the move to Daylight Saving the accessibility to some of these areas has changed, specifically at Port Sorell.

Dogs are now only permitted at the Freers Beach and Squeaking Point Dog Exercise areas from 7:00pm until 10:00am daily and at the Hawley Beach Dog Exercise Area from dawn to dusk.

The 24/7 off leash area dog exercise area from the Port Sorell boat ramp and south to Panatana Family Park continues however dogs are NOT permitted within the Panatana Family Park reserve on or off leash.

Dogs are permitted on the Department of Parks and Wildlife land at Moorlands Beach/Northdown Beach 24/7 but only 2kms each way from Moorland Beach Road and they must be on lead unless on the beach and are also prohibited on the dune areas due to nesting birds.

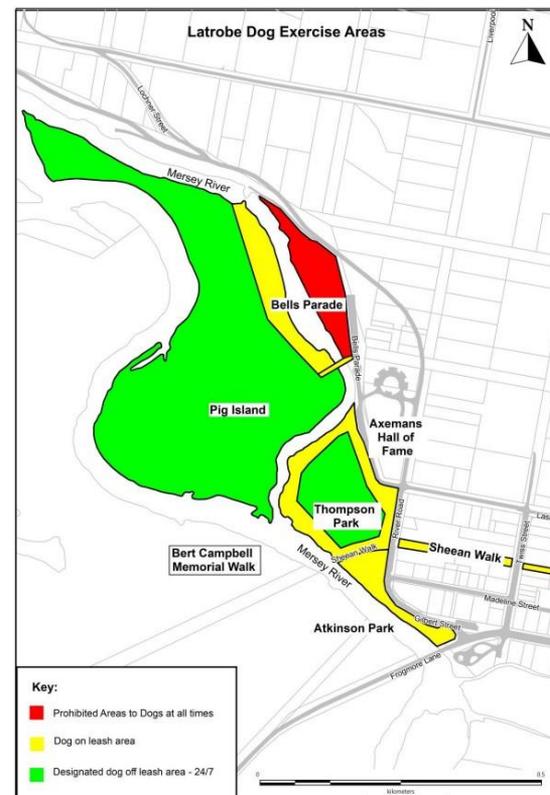
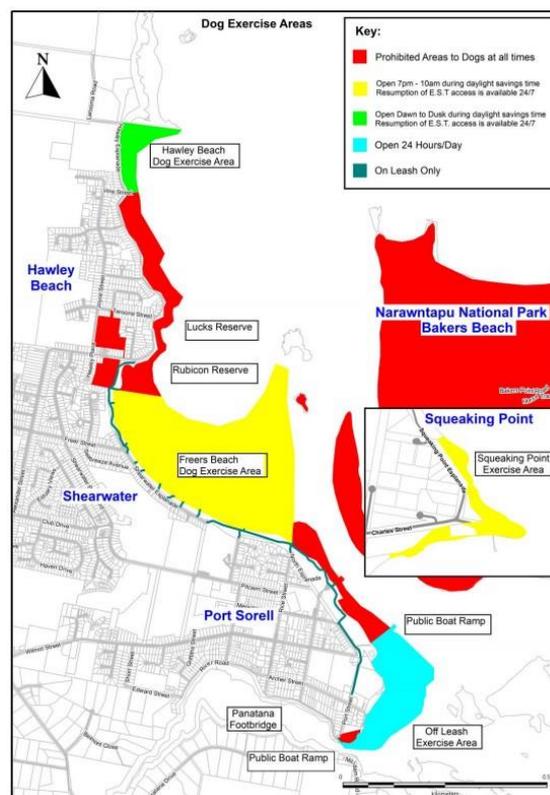
There is no change in Latrobe with dogs permitted off leash 24/7 at Thompsons Park (not beyond the trees) and the majority of Pig Island, Latrobe, the exception being the western bank of Bells Parade where they must be on lead.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FOR COKE

Life membership was awarded to Ian (Coke) Murfet and trophies presented to Club Championship winners at recent Presentation Night at the Latrobe Bowls and Community Club.



The Saturday Open Division 1 team were deemed premiers after finishing on top of the ladder. This enabled the Club to finalise the past season, cut short when



Additionally, dogs are not permitted at any time (on or off leash) at schools/creches, playgrounds, sports grounds/ovals, hospital, Port Sorell Caravan Park (exception for campers in a small section of the park close to the Port Sorell off leash exercise area and by invitation only), Camp Banksia, Shearwater and Thirlstane Golf Courses, Panatana Family Park, Aub Luck Reserve, Rubicon Reserve, Mersey Community Hospital, Bells Parade (eastern side) and the Latrobe Cemetery.

Foreshore locations outside those listed above and the Narawntapu National Park which also includes the islands in the estuary and the land from the Hawley Dog Exercise area through to Point Sorell are also prohibited to dogs.

A review of Council's dog off leash and prohibited areas at Freers Beach and Wild Mersey Mountain Bike Trails is currently underway and will be placed out for community comment in the coming weeks. To review the current policy, go to the Dog Management Policy under www.latrobe.tas.gov.au/services/animalcontrol

COVID-19 hit, and prepare for the upcoming season.

The Open Day in September was officiated by Deputy Mayor Graeme Brown. During proceedings, a challenge was issued by Graham Hay, Bowls Tasmanian President to Latrobe Bowls President Wayne Jaffray to form a team and play a short game. The team for Latrobe of Wayne Jaffray, Mary Beaumont, Greg Douce and youngster Olava Magnus played against Graham Hay, Bowls Tasmania CEO Rebecca van Asch, Alan Eadie, Regional Bowls Manager and Mark Strochnetter, renowned Tasmanian representative and skip. Corporate Bowls re-commencing in October with the Ladies Thursday pennant starts and the Saturday Open pennant starting soon. If anyone is interested in playing, the club has enough teams for you to have a game, so please contact the Club. Cards nights run by Glennis Webb are held every Wednesday night commencing at 7:00 pm.

Facilities are open to the public on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings from 5.30 pm and are available for hire for private functions, phone 0437 097 240.

FUTURE EDITIONS

Article deadlines and distribution dates are provided to assist contributors with their forward planning promotion -

Deadline	Edition
26 Nov.....	Jan-Feb 2021
28 Jan	Mar-Apr
25 Mar.....	May-June

Articles may be submitted to the editor by the relevant deadline date via email or post.

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