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# Afternoon tea in support of CFA

▶ **FROM PAGE 1**

LAST YEAR Suzanne Godfrey travelled to Tanzania in Sub Saharan Africa to work with the Care for Africa team for a month.

She was overwhelmed by the lack of resources for women and girls in the communities.

It was obvious to Suzanne that the girls and women

long for a better life, but they need the opportunity for an education so they can be the agents of their own change.

Education is the only way forward for girls, and multifaceted support is required to support schools.

This includes installation of water-bores, sanitation blocks, hygiene facilities, breakfast programs, menstrual care and

health care in their schools.

This will ensure the girls are able to attend school all year round and enable them to create the change that will lift themselves out of poverty.

For over a decade now, Care for Africa, directly supported by LGH staff, delivers programs in water, health, education and social enterprise to more than 32,000 people in six outlying

rural communities living in extreme poverty.

Suzanne is holding an Afternoon Tea on Sunday 15th January at 15 Oaks Rd, Carrick from 2-5pm.

Entertainment is provided by the Launceston City Band, String Sisters and Taiko Oni Jimo. Tickets \$30.

RSVP to reserve a place to 0403 271 241.

**LETTER FROM THE EDITOR**

“What’s wrong with this street?” I was asked. I scratched my head.

“Where on earth are all the Christmas decorations? This place is so dull!” I guess they had a point.

Other than some tinsel around a few traffic poles, the streetscape was devoid of any conspicuous festive colour and movement.

Has there been a conscious decision to “undeck the halls?” Does it even matter that there were no civic Christmas decorations in the towns around Meander Valley?

The hanging of decorations

featuring Christmas messaging and motifs, lights and carolling music are primarily designed to bring people to the area to enjoy a sense of community, and create a festive mood for children, families, shoppers and tourists to support local businesses.

Research suggests that the presence of public Christmas decorations does have an impact on individual charitable behaviour, as well as a broader positive social impact on the community through improved urban vitality.

Not that towns in the valley were totally devoid of Christmas spirit.

For those interested there were many Christmas events around the churches, by the Meander River and at community halls.

In Deloraine, there is the Deloraine House Orphan’s Christmas lunch and the more informal lunch by the river. Bracknell held its annual Carols by Candlelight; Westbury had its Christmas Market; etc, etc.

But whose responsibility is it anyway? Local businesses, churches, council? Perhaps

this past [2022] year there were better things for them to allocate resources towards and spend money on, particularly after the floods.

Maybe an annual budget allocation could be used wisely to build community connections and a sense of hygge (hoo-ga) around Meander Valley; a Danish concept that describes a mood of coziness and “comfortable conviviality” with feelings of wellness and contentment.

Maybe this year [2023], possibly 2024? Or maybe not.

**Craig Zimitat, PhD**  
 Editor

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

**SOLD OUT SCREENING**

Thank you very much Arts Deloraine for screening the “Franklin” movie here in Deloraine on Wednesday 14th December.

This date was especially relevant because it marks the 40th Anniversary of the South-West National Park being officially listed as World Heritage and also the day the Franklin Blockade started, due to the then Gray Liberal Government in Tasmania refusing to protect this internationally

recognised ecosystem.

The screening here was a sell out, thank you all who came, and received a loud ovation at the end.

Many commented on how beautiful and very informative the film is and explained to many why and how the Blockade happened.

Back in 1982 many local Deloraine-ians were very involved in the campaign and played a major role UpRiver during the Blockade.

**Lisa Yeates,**  
 Deloraine



## MEANDER VALLEY GAZETTE SCHEDULE 2023

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# 35<sup>th</sup> Carols on the Riverbank

ON SATURDAY evening, December 17th, several hundred people gathered on the riverbank in Deloraine for a memorable event.

It was the 35th Carols on the Riverbank, the combined local churches' Christmas gift to our community, and what an event it was!

First, there was the sausage sizzle. Then, as groups arrived, many with blankets, chairs and picnics,

the program began.

The Meander Men, got things under way in their usual rollicking manner, finishing with their version of *Lord of the Dance*.

Then the Carols Choir took to the stage and led the crowd in the singing of some well-known and loved carols including *O Come, All Ye Faithful* and *Away in a Manger*.

Solos and duets came next with Charlotte and

Cecilia Wickham and Hannah Beck.

Then the trio, Kat, Leanne and Shannon - and they all made quite a sound!

Master of Ceremonies, Rev Ray Robinson, arranged for a nativity scene photo-shoot which even included a real baby, along with characters of all ages in costumes.

And Ray explained to all the listeners the significance of gifts and giving in a

Christmas context.

A special segment was then presented. Workers from Timor and Samoa have become familiar to Meander Valley residents in recent years and they brought their culture to the carols evening.

Dancers and singers from those two countries danced and sang in performances which were at times poignant and at times exhilarating and always

enjoyable and memorable.

Of course, there was plenty more crowd singing - *Mary's Boy Child*, *Silent Night*, *Joy to the World* and other carols.

And the evening finished with everyone wishing each other *Feliz Navidad*.

Thanks to all the people who organised such a wonderful event.

# Westbury Lions named Club Of The Year

WESTBURY LIONS Club was named "Club Of The Year" at the recent Lions State Convention held in Launceston.

Club President Paul McMahon said it was a great achievement for the Club, which was established twenty eight years ago.

Westbury Lions Club has been involved in numerous community projects over the years.

Some of these have been one-off projects such as the Westbury Skate Park, the Westbury Showground gates and the Westbury Street Library as examples of local projects.

The Club's most recent local achievements, in collaboration with Westbury Rotary, have been the establishment of Westbury Men's Shed and sponsorship for the

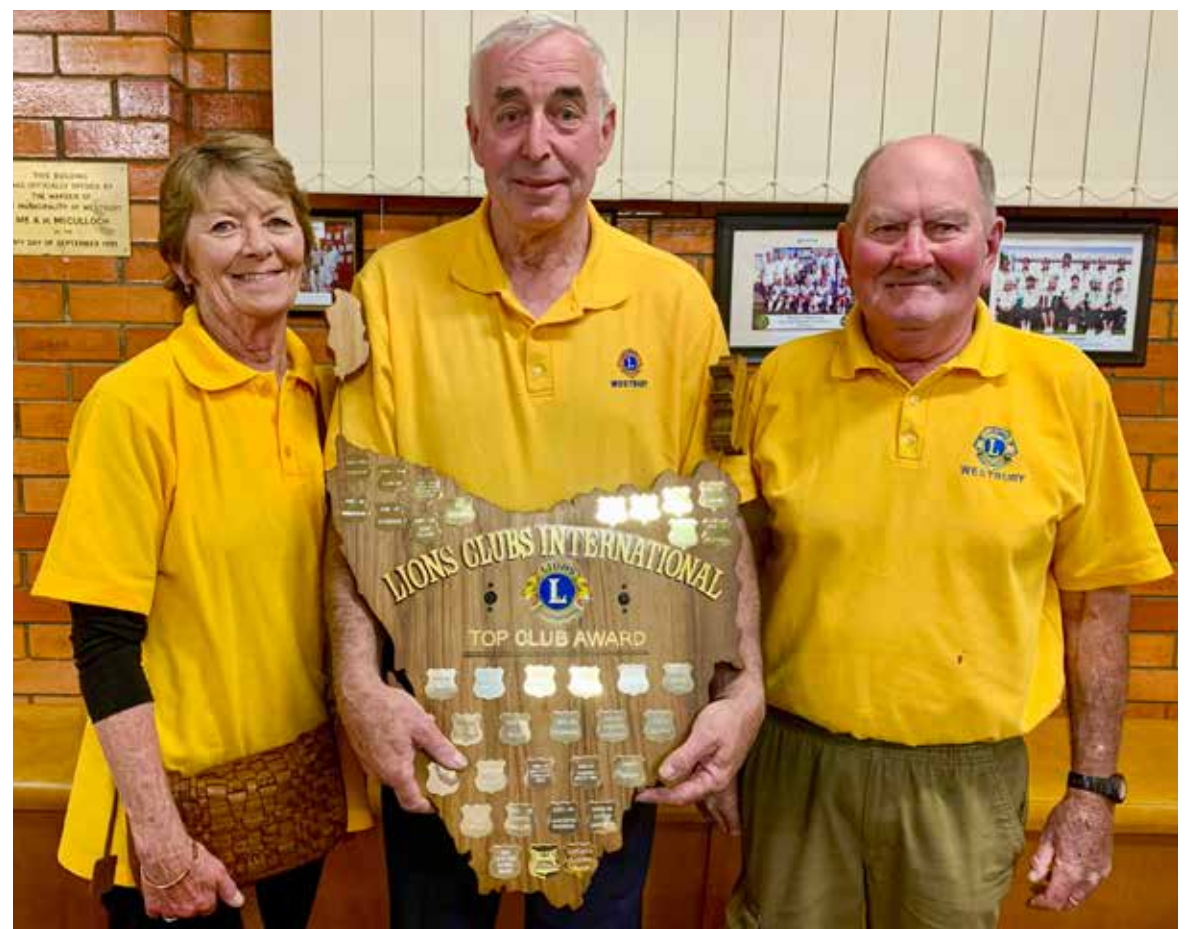
Westbury Park Run.

Ongoing projects are the collection of used spectacles which are recycled in under-developed countries, sponsorship of a student at Giant Steps, and the Lions-sponsored UTAS Adrian Geard Memorial Nursing Scholarship, which is aimed at assisting a local person to pursue Tertiary study and a career in a field that is critical to the community.

Membership is at an all-time high.

In the past three years it has increased by a third, to 36 members, and Mr McMahon said there was always room for more people of any age, gender or background to join.

"Lions provides a great opportunity for people to serve the community. I'm sure there are those who would like to be involved



in community service but aren't sure how to go about it. Clubs like Lions provide that opportunity," said Mr McMahon.

He said that Westbury Lions' success is based on cohesion, inclusivity, teamwork and unity.

Prospective members

can get more information about Lions from the Club's Membership Director Anne Townsend on 0439 630 959.



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# Never too old: Bob's journey to paramedicine



AFTER TWO years of intense study and workplace learning, Deloraine resident Bob Muller will be graduating with a Bachelor of Paramedicine degree in early 2023.

Looking for a fresh start, Bob Muller and partner, Anne, moved to Deloraine in 2018.

Bob started a private consultancy business, which left him with enough free time to volunteer with the Deloraine Fire Brigade.

"As a fire brigade were sometimes called to assist the local paramedics, and there were a couple of times when having a few extra hands around made a real difference to the outcome for the patient.

"That was when I thought maybe I could add some value by volunteering for the ambulance service as well."

When COVID hit, Bob

started volunteering with ambulance almost full-time, plus one shift a week with the SES doing quarantine check-ins."

As a Volunteer Ambulance Officer, Bob assisted paramedics at call-outs but was not able to administer treatment.

One experience convinced him it was time to change his future. He was called to a person who was receiving palliative care at home, and was expected to die that night.

Their family wanted to make sure they were comfortable and cared for during their death.

"To be there, with those people in that moment was such a privilege and seeing my colleague's genuine compassion made me realise that paramedicine was way

more than a job."

Bob admits his age initially made him hesitant to commit to such a career shift but a conversation with another paramedic changed his perspective.

"I said, I wish I'd known about this career as a younger bloke. But I'm 61. He said, 'And your point is?'"

He applied for the Bachelor of Paramedicine that night, started in February 2021 and will finish his final placement and exams this month.

After graduating, Bob's next step is a 12-month internship, after which he expects to become a fully qualified paramedic in the same month as he reaches retirement age.

"Yeah, I never intended to retire anyway," he laughed.

## DoJ Natural Values Assessment Report released

THE TASMANIAN Department of Justice has released the Natural Values Assessment report, the first of several due diligence reports required for the statutory planning

process for development of the Northern Correctional Facility, proposed for the Ashley Youth Detention Centre site.

In essence the Natural Values Assessment does

not identify any significant environmental issues.

The site is free of threatened flora, with limited native vegetation of high value, and is not a significant habitat

for threatened fauna.

The field survey did not report any specific native trees of particular interest either.

The authors suggest that specific permit conditions

in relation to natural values to the Natural Assets Code of the Tasmanian Planning Scheme – Meander Valley are not recommended to progress development.



### APPLY FOR A FLOOD RECOVERY GRANT BEFORE 31 JANUARY.

Primary producers, small businesses and non-profit organisations directly affected by October's severe weather and flooding can apply for a grant of up to \$25,000 to help with the costs of clean-up and reinstatement.

Tier one grants for primary producers and small businesses have been extended to 31 January 2023, and grants for non-profit organisations are now open.

Read more online at [www.tasrecovery.com](http://www.tasrecovery.com) or call:

- Primary producers: **1300 292 292**
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**"She wore her wedding ring every day without fail, but why haven't I seen it for ages?"**

**Elder Abuse**

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Too often we think we need to have all the answers about Elder Abuse before we do anything. It's ok to want to help. It's ok to ask for advice. It's ok to have concerns. Take the first step and speak to someone who can help. **To ask questions or for more information call the Elder Abuse Helpline on 1800 441 169 or visit [www.elderabuse.tas.gov.au](http://www.elderabuse.tas.gov.au)**

# Christmas lunch on the lawn



ON CHRISTMAS Day, Deloraine House hosted its annual Orphan's Christmas Lunch under a marquee in front of Deloraine House.

Our orphan's Christmas Lunch is about giving back to the community and sharing a celebratory meal with members of our community.

More than fifty people attended, the weather was beautiful, with blue skies

and a light breeze.

Traditional Christmas fare was Lunch was two courses, consisting of a choice of ham, turkey, chicken, potatoes, salads, coleslaw, gravy, and garlic bread for the main course, and a choice of pavlova, Christmas pudding, ice cream, and fruit salad for dessert.

The Mennonite Choir blessed the attendees with

their presence, singing eight to ten carols, before the gathered "orphans" tucked into a traditional two-course Christmas dinner.

Deloraine House staff and volunteers gave their time as a volunteer role to run the event, with a lucky door prize of a gingerbread house donated by Candice and Ryan from "More Better Baklava."

Deloraine House volunteers

spent the week making up 50 Christmas hampers for those who would otherwise not have had the resources to prepare a festive nutritious meal on Christmas Day, and also presents for the children within the family to relieve financial stress of time of year.

"Thank you to all the community members, local businesses (Meander Valley Fruit and Veg), community

service clubs (Lions and Rotary), organisations, local schools and churches and Loaves and Fishes who donated food and children's gifts to Deloraine House so that we could work with families and individuals at a financially stressful time of year and to share Christmas Day with others.

## Patsy Crawford scribbling away

THERE ARE sporty kids in our family. Grandsons, grand-daughters, nieces, nephews, you name it, they're running around in shorts and team tops, fit as fleas, having a high old time of it.

And they have one thing in common: They. Are. All. Playing. Soccer.

So let's swing into the year on a topic that's enlivened public debate, driven editorial comment and got Tasmanians shouting words of rage, threatening to bring down governments, and sticking needles into voodoo doll

images of AFL executives.

I refer to that damned football stadium.

### Scenario One:

A cold misty morning in Trowutta. Cows milked. Dog chained. Jug and toaster turned off. Hunched figures shuffle their way towards the old Valiant.

"Get a wriggle on Merle. Got a bugger of a drive ahead."

"Coming, coming. Just putting egg sandwiches in the boot. Not paying twenty quid for a pie!"

"You're not wrong. Let's move, a lot of frost about. Have to take it slowly."

And off rattle Merle and Trev on the long, long, slippery, roadwork-stalling drive to a grandiose stadium on the Hobart waterfront to watch Gold Coast Suns play

Fremantle Dockers.

As they sit, rugged up, amid the sparse crowd, AFL luminaries and business executives take in the game from the comfy surrounds of a corporate box.

### Scenario Two:

The Front Bar. Mick, Sam and Andy chat with Football supremo Gillon McLachlan on the subject of Tasmania inserting a team into the AFL.

McLachlan, raised eyebrows making him look disconcertingly like C3PO.

"Have you ever been to Tasmania?" The boys chortle mightily. A Tasmanian team in the AFL? The very thought!

And there's the nub of the matter. Far be it for the column to go over the bleeding obvious demerits of a proposal to build a

zillion dollar monument to a game hardly anyone plays these days, on the site of one of the most beautiful waterfronts on the face of the planet.

These have been pointed out by just about anyone in Tasmania who can hold a pencil or make a phone call.

The 'build it and they will come' mindset is seriously out of whack on this one.

It particularly applies to the Australian Rules code of football.

Like it or not, the kids are ditching the game in droves.

Their heroes are Lionel Messi and Jamie Vardy. Young girls have posters of Samantha Kerr on their walls.

You cannot move from one part of town

to another on Saturday mornings for cavalcades of cars whisking them to soccer grounds.

And here's another thing: proponents of this Taj Mahal of stadiums assume we're all going to ditch our AFL team and become avid Tasmanian supporters.

Really? Not this Magpie of decades standing. Not old Tigers, Cats and Bulldogs.

And before I go - that stunning precinct in Hobart is to be cherished.

To paraphrase the wonderful Jacqui Lambie, if we allow it to be clogged with cars, empty beer-cans and discarded sausage rolls as we grovel for scraps from the AFL high table, we deserve a football boot straight up the clacker.

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## TERTIARY SCHOLARSHIP

The Rotary Club of Deloraine invites those students commencing Tertiary Education from Deloraine and Westbury districts, to submit applications for a Tertiary Scholarship being offered by the Club, to the value of \$3000.

Written applications outlining academic record, intended study program, hobbies and community involvement to be forwarded to Annette Viney by 20th January 2023. Interviews of short listed applications will be held late January through early February 2023.

Post applications to:

Rotary Club of Deloraine  
Attention Annette Viney  
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More information can be made available by contacting Annette Viney at [annetteviney@gmail.com](mailto:annetteviney@gmail.com) or on 0412 437 417.

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# VALE NELL CARR

NELL CARR was one of six children who grew up on the Dunorlan family farm.

After a brief time in Scotland, she and her family returned to Deloraine in 1953.

Nell's popular garden column was published by The Western Tiers from 1980-2004 and the Meander Valley Gazette from 2014-2019.

Nell played a pivotal role supporting the evolution of Deloraine House in its formative years.

She was a foundation committee member of the newly formed Deloraine Environment Centre.

Always the very practical woman, in response to the polluting burn offs at the Tip, it was Nell who started the bottle and paper recycling in the large old blacksmith shed behind Deloraine House.

Without fail, she would come in every week and sort drum loads of bottles for later collection.

This was the catalyst



for developing the Trash Transformers recycling management of the tip with the still very popular shop.

In 2017, Nell became a Paul Harris Fellow in recognition of a life-time of volunteer work with Meals on Wheels, Deloraine Film Society, Deloraine House,

and Days for Girls.

She was also instrumental in the introduction of Adult Education courses in Deloraine.

Nell was a role model to generations of women, and an inspiration to everyone.

*Rest in peace.*

## Chilcotts take milk quality award

CHILCOTT'S DAIRY in Meander has been acknowledged by Dairy Australia as one of Australia's Top 100 farms for producing high quality milk.

The Chilcott family have been farming in Meander for close to 90 years

Dairy Australia's Milk Quality Awards, which

commenced 20 years ago, recognise Australian dairy farms with the lowest annual average bulk milk cell count (BMCC) during the last financial year.

Healthy cows produce milk with lower cell counts.

Low BMCC is associated with good udder health and lower rates of mastitis in the

overall herd.

Economic modelling by Dairy Australia shows that dairy farmers who actively manage their operations to lower BMCC can increase farm income through higher milk production and lower feed costs.

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<b>Flora Pressing &amp; Art</b>	January 19th	11:30 - 1:30
<b>Pottery - Mushrooms</b>	February 1st	11:00 - 1:00
<b>Pottery - Mushrooms</b>	February 8th	6:00 - 8:00
<b>Dreamscaping</b>	February 18th	10:30 - 12:30
<b>Making Watercolours</b>	February 25th	10:00 - 1:00
<b>Pottery - Birds</b>	March 1st	11:00 - 1:00
<b>Lampshade Making</b>	March 3rd	11:00 - 3:00
<b>Pottery - Birds</b>	March 8th	6:00 - 8:00
<b>Yes.....You can Draw!!!</b>	March 23rd	10:00 - 4:00
<b>Soy Wax Candle Making</b>	March 24th	10:00 - 12:00

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# Eleven years on the air, and counting

## The voices of MVFM

### John Phelps

THE MEANDER Valley Community Radio Committee members and presenters from Meander Valley Community Radio have recently celebrated the station's eleventh successful year broadcasting 24/7.

And what a success it has been – good membership and sponsorship support and a very sound financial position, and plans for the future.

One plan, now almost a reality, is the installation of some new equipment which, among other things, will lessen the problems associated with general power outages.

Other developments are some structural changes which will mean that the station is looking for a volunteer to do some administrative office work for a couple of hours

each week. If you can help, please contact the station.

The year has increased the range of locally-produced programs.

First, there was the arrival of the "Liffey Lounge Room" with Dave Hanslow and Chris Thompson (Fri, 8pm/Sat 4 pm) and their "interesting" music.

Then, along came Stephen Norwood and his "First Australian Music Hour" (Tue 8 pm) and indigenous music.

LJ now hosts another country music show – "New Country Tracks" (Thu 7 pm). Country music, by the way, appears to be the station's most popular music genre with listeners.

And then, just a few months ago, "Meandering through the Arts" (Sat noon/Sun 11 am) first appeared.

This program is presented by Richard Dunlop, Nick Weare and John Phelps as they chat with local artists,

actors, musicians and others associated with the arts in the Meander Valley.

For instance, recently featured artists and events have included The Festival of One-Act Plays, the GWT Art Exhibition at Westbury, concerts by Don Chorale and the Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra and Carols on the Riverbank.

If you are involved in any art activity and would like to make it known on the radio station, just get in touch with one of the three presenters or with the station on 6362 4969.

2023 promises to be another great year for the station, which is based in the Deloraine Creative Studios at 59-61 Emu Bay Road, Deloraine.

It's one of the many organisations of which the Meander Valley community can be justly proud.

## Post-Christmas crowd pleaser

AFTER THE excesses of the festive season, I can confidently say that I am on the slippery slope to obesity and poverty.

This month's recipe uses the remnants of the Christmas ham and the remainder of last season's relish so is reasonably economical to make.

The dough is really a scone mixture to which I always add some baking powder and a little cornflour. This ensures a lighter result.

When making scones, always handle the dough gently and get it into the oven as quickly as possible.

I cooked this recipe in a round cake tin but you can bake the scrolls individually in greased muffin pans, in a loaf tin or close together on an oven tray.

Served warm with a scraping of butter, Ham and Tomato Scrolls make a tasty snack or lunch without too many kilojoules.

### Ham and Tomato Scrolls

#### Ingredients

- 2 and ½ C of self-raising flour
- ½ ts salt
- ½ ts baking powder
- 1 Tb cornflour
- 50g butter – cut into cubes



- Approximately 1 C milk
- About 100g of chopped ham
- 250 g tub of spreadable cream cheese
- ½ C tomato relish
- Sesame seeds to sprinkle – optional

#### Method

- 1 Turn oven on to 200C and grease a round cake tin.
- 2 Sift the dry ingredients together.
- 3 Rub in the butter using your fingertips or blitz in the food processor.
- 4 Using a knife, quickly mix in the milk to make a soft dough. If the mixture is a little dry, add a splash more milk.
- 5 Knead very lightly on a floured bench and form dough into a brick shape.

- 6 Quickly roll dough into a rectangle that measures about 30cm by 40 cm.
- 7 Spread over the softened cream cheese followed by the relish. Sprinkle over the chopped ham.
- 8 Roll up like a Swiss Roll from the long edge to enclose the filling.
- 9 Cut into 2cm slices using a sharp knife and place side by side into the greased tin. Squash them together to make them all fit.
- 10 Brush the top with a little extra milk and sprinkle with sesame seeds if desired.
- 11 Bake for about 40 minutes or until brown and risen.
- 12 Allow to cool a few minutes in the tin before turning out onto a cake cooler.
- 13 Break scrolls apart to serve with butter.



Chudleigh Hall & Gardens

Thursday 26th January

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# Kangaroos welcome new player manager

DELORAINE KANGAROOS Football Club welcomed their new Player Manager and coordinator of Coaching, Michael Routledge last month.

Michael started his playing career at North Launceston before he headed to Lilydale where he was part of a premiership team.

Michael always aspired to a coaching role and got those opportunities at both

Ringarooma and Evandale where he guided his charges to grand final appearances.

Michael has played under and worked with some exceptional coaches along his football journey.

He is looking forward to being part of the Deloraine coaching team.

Michael said, "I get the most enjoyment working with young players and seeing the

year on year improvement.

"We have lots of work to get where we want to, but early signs are great that we are heading towards lots of improvement!"

The Kangaroos also welcomed back some local talent - Matthew "Muncher" Griffin, Brodie "Froff" Donohue, Ryan Lowe and Matty Allen as assistant coach of the reserves for the 2023 season.



# Make time to Meander through the Valley

OK, SO you've stumbled off the overnight ferry at 7.30 am and about to make your way south.

The first thing to do is head towards Mersey Bluff and take a walk to the summit, let the family run loose a little and stretch your legs.

Head south on the highway to Elizabeth Town for a sit down brekky at the Christmas Hills Raspberry Farm and Google plot your way to Mole Creek. Is it too early for ice cream?

Then it's time for either a

tour of King Solomon's Cave (at 10.30 am) which has a huge variety of formations with sparkling calcite crystals decorating the chamber, or a close encounter with the native wombats, echidnas and platypus on the 11.00am tour at Trowunna Wildlife Sanctuary.

On the way towards the Mole Creek Caves you might spot two magnificent Georgian properties - Old Wesleydale and Bentley - through the hawthorn hedges.

There's no better place to

head for lunch than the Mole Creek Hotel in Mole Creek, or head along Caveside Rd or Dairy Plains Rd over to the Meander Bridge Café for one of the best burgers around.

The relaxing drive to Meander, and then on to Deloraine (after lunch), will take you through some of the most picturesque, fertile dairy country in Tasmania.

In Deloraine, grab your hats for a short walk to burn off a few lunchtime calories.

Do the loop around the

Meander River, a stroll up Emu Bay Rd to check out the sculpture trail and local crafty shops or walk around historic homes in nearby streets.

The Western Tiers Visitor's Centre has some useful guides and a free EV charger!

Thirsty adults might want to tour the new whisky distilleries or vineyards in Meander Valley.

Drop into the Western Tiers Distillery in Westbury (10-4 pm, most days) while the kids spend some time following the Silhouette trail around

historic Westbury.

Or further along the road, visit Entally Estate historical museum and gardens (10-4 pm, Wed-Sat) in Hadspen.

Making the most of day light saving time, you can still reach Launceston and squeeze in a walk through First Basin and Cataract Gorge, or reach Hobart by dark.

Email us your suggested itinerary for visitors to spend a day in Meander Valley before the evening ferry or the day of the morning ferry.

*WISHING EVERYONE A SAFE, HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR*

# agedcare

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# Apex pulls a big crowd at Red Hills

THE TASMANIAN Tractor Pullers Association met on 11-12 December at Red Hills in front of an enthusiastic crowd.

Apart from the Tractor Pull the crowd had the opportunity to check out the vintage and modified tractors on display too.

Tractor Pulling competitions are more complex than you might think. It involves tractors pulling a weighted sled along a 100m level graded track.

Tractors compete in specific horse power classes.

As the tractor and sled progress along the track a weighted box moves forward on the sled gradually increasing the load to make pulling more difficult.

As the load increases the tractor set up and the skill of the driver determines the distance of the pull.

In most cases the total distance pulled over several runs determines the winners in each horse power class.



## Retail student triumphs

Work and Training Tasmania held their annual awards ceremony at the Tailrace Centre in Launceston on 25 November 2022.

Sydney Parker, who completed her Certificate III in Retail with Found in Earth, Deloraine won the Pre-Vocational Student of the Year Award.

Congratulations Sydney!

## Beekeeper registration now compulsory

TASMANIAN BEEKEEPERS are invited to register their beekeeping activities before 31 March 2023.

There is no cost to register and registration will remain free for the first two years. Registration is compulsory for all Tasmanian commercial and recreational beekeepers.

Registration is a valuable tool to help protect Tasmania's bee population, providing the first line of defence against biosecurity threats like varroa mite.

Through registration, Biosecurity Tasmania are

better able to manage and limit the spread of potential diseases.

As part of the implementation of the Biosecurity Act 2019 (the Act), beekeeping is now considered a 'regulated dealing'.

Under the Act, a person must not engage in a regulated dealing unless they are 'registered'.

This requirement has been formalised in new Biosecurity Regulations 2022 which came into effect on 2 November.

There are new conditions

associated with registration, meaning any Tasmanian beekeepers currently registered voluntarily with Biosecurity Tasmania will need to re-register using the new online form by 31 March 2023.

Until the new registration is received, Biosecurity Tasmania will consider those existing voluntary registrations as meeting the new compulsory requirement.

Those beekeepers will be provided with an interim registration certificate.



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**6pm-8pm, Wednesday 25 January, 2023**  
**Mt Pleasant Room, Country Club Tasmania,**  
**Country Club Avenue, Prospect Vale**

Join us for a night of entertainment and refreshments as we recognise recipients for:

**Citizen of the Year**  
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**Community Event or Organisation of the Year**  
**Meander Valley Sports Award**  
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*This is a free event, but seating is limited and subject to any COVID-19 restrictions in place.*

Please RSVP by phoning 6393 5379 or email [alison.hugo@mvc.tas.gov.au](mailto:alison.hugo@mvc.tas.gov.au) by Monday 16 January 2023

# Veteran memorial tree completed



EDDIE AND Fiona Freeman began working on the memorial tree carving near the cenotaph in Mole Creek in early February 2022.

Last week, they finished the memorial tree carving which honours all Vietnam Veterans -

those who served and those who didn't return.

In particular, we would like to honour the nine men from the Mole Creek area who served. Thankfully all returned to their families.

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# Tassie team's shearing success

TASSIE SHEARERS and wool handlers were out in force at the recent Bendigo Show and the Australian National Shearing and Wool Handling Championships both held on 24-26 November in Bendigo.

The competition is based on shearing and wool handling. Scores in the shearing section are based on the number of sheep shorn, the time taken and cleanliness, without wounds and secondary cuts.

Wool handling scores are based on sorting wool and fleeces to a standard, separation into lines and finally presentation to the judges.

The state-based competition involves two shearers and two wool handlers shearing 6-8 sheep

and classing the fleeces.

At the Bendigo Show, Jess Whatley from Meander was in good form. She was a top two qualifier for the final and semi-final of the Open wool handling. Ultimately she was awarded second place.

Unfortunately, Jess missed out on the National Open wool handling title based on a technicality.

Tasmanian Sam Byers was placed 5th in the National Shearing competition.

Jess and Robbie Glover (from the Lakes) were members of the Tassie team that well and truly outperformed the NSW and Victorian teams in both the shearing and wool handling sections to win the National Open Teams competition.



► Tasmanian Open Team: Robbie Glover, Sam Byers, Kellie Hazel, Jess Whatley and team manager Daniel Fish.

# New roadkill reporter app released

A NEW app has been launched to collect roadkill data and map roadkill hotspots in Tasmania.

The Tasmanian Roadkill Reporter is an in-house app that makes it easy for

people to report roadkill.

Everyone is responsible for helping to reduce roadkill and we can all help reduce the number of animals being killed on our roads by taking care

while driving at night and slowing down between dusk and dawn.

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Tasmania's wildlife.

Follow the instructions on how to install the Tasmanian Roadkill Reporter to make a report.

Remember, safety comes first so the Tasmanian

Roadkill Reporter app should only be used when safe to do so. It is illegal to use the app while driving.

For information on how to download and use the app, go to [www.shorturl.at/bcwBE](http://www.shorturl.at/bcwBE)

## At the movies with the Western Tiers Film Society

Clare Andersen

We start 2023 with Official Competition, a satirical Spanish language film directed and co-written by Argentineans which delves into the film industry and its eccentrics.

Rather than an image of the magic and mystery of the cinematic arts, it is more of a poison pen job to the jugular. It dismantles the lofty ambitions of cinema as great, important and significant - a monument to the cultural landscape.

Instead, it shows us art for ego's sake, and it has a lot of wickedly spiteful fun doing so. Spanish Cinema has increasingly profiled English-language Spanish films produced by Spanish firms: these include Agora, Che, The Machinist, The Others and A

Monster Calls.

Renowned local directors, Alejandro Amenabar and Juan Antonio Bayona have promoted their international profile with Bayona directing the first two episodes of The Lord of the Rings: The Rings of Power.

Spanish filmmaker, Pedro Almodovar, was instrumental in propelling the international recognition of leads, Banderas and Cruz.

With foreign language award-winners such as 'All About My Mother' (on the female legends of Hollywood) to 'Law of Desire' (aka Norman Bates), he has broadcast Spanish theme cinema to the world with younger directors following his path.

Official Competition is a wholly Spanish production.



### OFFICIAL COMPETITION

JANUARY 14

2021 M, Comedy/Drama, Spain, 115m Directors Mariano Cohn and Gaston Duprat Humberto, reflects on his empty materialistic trophies. Needing to be fondly remembered 'for something', he decides to reframe his legacy.

"If there is one ingredient that gives this film its peculiar appeal, it's the spectacle of actors playing actors." - AFR 09/2022

Rotten Tomatoes Critics 96% / Audience 82%

For information about the WTFS, email them at [westerntiersfilmsociety@gmail.com](mailto:westerntiersfilmsociety@gmail.com) or call 0418 389 868 for a membership application and program

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- CROSSWORD HINTS JANUARY 2023**
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|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Across</b>                   | <b>Down</b>                |
| 1 Brawl (4-3-3)                 | 1 Pilfer (5)               |
| 7 Fleet of small ships (8)      | 2 No longer existing (7)   |
| 8 Contended (4)                 | 3 Tumbled (4)              |
| 9 Female birds (4)              | 4 Response (8)             |
| 10 Perpetual (7)                | 5 Prize (5)                |
| 12 The study of weather (11)    | 6 Bequest (6)              |
| 14 Opposed (7)                  | 11 Absurdity (8)           |
| 16 Pile (4)                     | 12 Large bottle (6)        |
| 19 Double (4)                   | 13 Coincide partly (7)     |
| 20 Unnecessary (8)              | 15 Home for an Eskimo (5)  |
| 21 By way of illustration (3,7) | 17 Ski slope (5)           |
|                                 | 18 Second Greek letter (4) |

**SUDOKU**

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**HOW TO PLAY** Each row must contain the numbers 1 to 9, each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9 and each set of 3 x 3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 to 9. Best of luck!

Crossword January 2023 solution

Sudoku January 2023 solution

5	3	7	4	6	8	2	9	1
2	4	6	1	3	5	8	9	7
8	9	6	2	7	1	3	4	5
9	5	8	7	2	3	1	4	6
7	8	3	5	9	4	6	2	1
4	2	7	9	1	8	5	3	6
6	5	2	7	4	3	1	9	8
3	6	1	4	7	6	8	5	2
1	8	6	2	5	9	4	7	3

EVENTS DIARY			Meander Valley <b>CONNECT</b> Digital & Press • Training & Access
Thanks to the Great Western Tiers Visitor Centre for event information			
Mondays, 11-11.30am	Story Time At Deloraine Library	Deloraine Library, 2-4 Emu Bay Road, Deloraine. 6701 2180.	
Mondays, 1-1.30pm	Story Time At Westbury Library	Westbury Library, 33 William Street, Westbury. 6701 2189.	
Tuesdays, 10am-12 noon	Hadspen Playgroup	School term. 47 Main Road, Hadspen. Contact Abby Johns 0417 264 378, hadspenplaygroup@gmail.com.	
Tuesdays, 10-11.30am	Happy Hands Art Time, 1-5 Year Olds	School term. Deloraine Seventh-Adventist Church Hall, 4445 Meander Valley Rd.	
Tuesdays	Hidden Talents Craft Group	10am-12 noon. Deloraine Gospel Chapel, 46 Parsonage St, Deloraine. All welcome.	
Tues and Thursdays, 9-12	Westbury Men's Shed	Corner of King St. and Franklin St. Westbury.	
First Wed/month, 4pm - 6pm	Asperger's Peer Group Deloraine	Deloraine House 112 Emu Bay Road, Deloraine 6362 2678	
Wednesdays, 7-9pm	Trivia Night	Bolters, Prospect	
Wednesdays, 1-4pm	Indoor Carpet Bowls	Western Tiers Community Club	
Thursdays, 10-11.30am	Chat Westbury Play Gym, 0-5 Year Olds	School term. Westbury Sports Centre, Franklin St. \$3.50 per child (under 12 months free). 1st visit free.	
Thursdays, 7.30-9.30pm	Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting	Westbury Uniting Church Hall. cnr William and Dexter Sts. Contact phone 0409 931 727.	
Fridays, 1-3pm	Cards (Crib, Canasta etc)	Western Tiers Community Club	
Fridays, 3-4pm	Tai Chi	Western Tiers Community Club	
Fridays, from 8	Live Music	British Hotel, Deloraine	
Fridays, 7 to 9	Live Music	Wandering Trout, Mole Creek	
Saturdays, 9 to 11	Parkrun	Town Common, Westbury	
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Weekends	Deloraine Walking Club	Walks and bike rides- go to delorainewalkingclub.weebly.com for program of events, contact and membership info	
Weekends, 1 to 3	Live in the Vines	3 Willows Vineyard, Montana	
Thursday 5, 10-12	Golden Oldies men's group	Western Tiers Community Club	
Thursday 5, 6.30 to 10	Festival of Small Halls	Chudleigh Hall	
Friday 6, 7 to 9	Celtic Players	Empire Hotel, Deloraine	
Sunday 8, 11 to 5.30	Eclectic Mix Mini Fest	Marakoopa Cafe, Mole Creek	
Sunday 8, 2 to 5	Raw Jam	Empire Hotel, Deloraine	
Monday 9, 1-4	Bingo	Western Tiers Community Club	
Friday 13, 6 to 8.30	Live in the Vines with Lior + Domini	3 Willows Vineyard, Montana	
Saturday 14, 9 to 1	Liffey Valley Market	Old Liffey School	
Saturday 14, 2.30 to 6.30	VDLC Music on the Lawn	VDL Creamery, Christmas Hills	
Saturday 14, 7.30pm	Western Tiers Film Society - Official Competition	Little Theatre, 2 Meander Valley Rd, Deloraine (2021 M, Comedy/Drama, Spain, 115m)	
Friday 20, 11-12	Singing - with Roy	Western Tiers Community Club	
Saturday 21, 8 to 1	Westbury Market	St Andrews Church, Westbury	
Saturday 21, 9 to 1	Mole Creek Market	Mole Creek Memorial Hall	
Monday 23, 1-4	Bingo	Western Tiers Community Club	
Thursday 26, 11 to 4	Family Fun Day	Carrick Park Pacing Club	
Thursday 26, 12 to 4	Beach Party!	Bush Inn Brewhouse, Deloraine	
Tuesday February 7, 10 to 11.15	Meander Valley U3A Membership and Enrolment Day	Westbury RSL, Lonsdale Promenade, meandervalleyu3a@gmail.com	

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Drawn on 14 December 2022.

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3. Bruce Webster
4. Liz Barrett
5. Noel Ritter
6. Kim Tuthill
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11. Betty Sinfield
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On the first day on Great Lake, they caught a five fish bag at 238cm, gaining 4th place.

The following day on Arthur's lake they did well landing another five fish bag at 237cm, securing 3rd place.

Overall, in the 25 team competition, the Fishin Straya Cranka duo finished in 1st place taking out the 2022 Tasmanian Trout Classic.



▶ Shane Steer and Dylan Richards took home the first place plaques in the 2022 Tasmanian Trout Classic, beating 24 other teams.

# Time to smell the roses

## The Exton Gardener

IT'S BEEN a glorious rose season, rain and wind notwithstanding.

We don't always have time to appreciate how glorious this season of early summer can be in the frantic rush to Christmas, but a wander around the garden in the early morning or at dusk is a feast for the senses.

In my garden it's the shrub roses, the heritage roses and

the species that have the most impact.

Hybrid tea roses don't do particularly well for me. I have a big garden and their small twiggy growth doesn't suit the soil or the situation.

But I do have one rose that exceeds all expectations.

Many years ago, inspired by reports of the discovery and protection of historic roses in Sydney's Rookwood cemetery and by the adventures of Nancy Steen in identifying old

roses all over New Zealand, some friends and I set out to explore many of the old graveyards around the district.

We visited Longford, Hagley, Westbury and Sidmouth among others. There is a old cemetery at Longford on the Cressy road.

It was early December and the place was full of blooming roses, spilling out of old railed graves, scrambling around walls and climbing into trees.

It was the most glorious sight and you felt that the slumbering dead would be exulting in the glory.

Some roses we knew: there was *Rosa pimpinellifolia* (*R. spinosissima*) and *Madame Plantier* and several rootstock roses but there were also roses we were not familiar with.

Most glorious of all was a rich pink multi-petalled shrub with a delicious scent.

We were able to take cuttings and some rooted suckers from most to grow on.

We went back the following



year to enjoy it again.

Alas, the authorities had been in and everything was cleared away, mown, slashed and poisoned.

It was bare and stark. No protection of heritage here. I've never been back.

We found more roses at Westbury, Hagley and Sidmouth Kirk. Some were similar to the Longford roses and there were some new ones.

A low growing, repeat flowering Gallica hybrid at Sidmouth has been suggested as *Duchesse de Rohan*.

We found *Charles de Mills* with its rich crimson circular flowers at Hagley's St Marys church.

And at Westbury general

cemetery I found a large shrub similar to the Longford one but slightly darker with hints of purple in its luscious blooms.

It is this rose that is the true glory of my rose collection.

It is a huge shrub towering over two metres, with arching stems laden with garlands of blooms. The colour is complex and the scent intoxicating.

It is once flowering but does not sucker, has few thorns and grows and flowers for weeks in semi shade.

I've never been able to identify her. Gertrude Stein said, "A rose is a rose is a rose."

I somehow suspect that she wasn't a gardener. Not all roses are equal.

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