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THE SUCCESSFUL English Conversation Circle program is returning to Deloraine House.

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improving your English please drop in to Deloraine House (112 Emu Bay Rd, Deloraine) on Monday 20 February at 11.00 am -12 noon.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MOLE CREEK SPEEDING CONCERNS

Mole Creek Progress Association has been concerned about the speed limit through Mole Creek for several years.

With a school crossing in the middle of the town, speed

limits are often ignored. Not only are they ignored at the crossing but also through the town itself.

This often occurs in our town, with very poor response from the police.

We have been lobbying for a speed reduction and police presence for some time to no

avail.

The Department of Infrastructure has been contacted to reduce the limit, with no result.

Unfortunately on Australia Day, a near fatality occurred at Mole Creek.

Prior to this accident, police were notified this

vehicle had been speeding.

Thank God on Australia Day someone was looking after these people.

We have had enough and something has to be done before we have a fatality.

**Trudy Richards,
Mole Creek Progress Association**

WILL MEANDER RIVER REACH THE TIPPING POINT?

The post flood clean up has seen the welcome removal of debris near Rotary Park but there have been some activities that I worry threaten the river and environment.

I was concerned to see that trees were burned onsite and stumps poisoned in the water.

Oil and diesel still float on top of the water several weeks after the clean up.

In addition to these activities, around Christmas time there were spills of pool chemicals and concrete slurry into the Meander River.

Children and young people are swimming in the river and fishing off the bank near the pontoon and the river bank while these pollutants have



been in the river. Yet, there are no warning signs.

Is there water testing to ensure that it is safe for them

to do that?

How much environmental damage can the river take before it goes beyond the

tipping point and into terminal decline?

**Joy Kachina,
Deloraine**

THE CULLING OF SWANS AT LONDON LAKES

Do the land owners at London Lakes in the Central Highlands condone and still

intend to slaughter black swans and cygnets?

A permit has been issued to kill hundreds of swans because they jeopardise the sport of fishing an introduced

trout species in the lakes.

Are all the land owners comfortable with this?

I hear some of them are involved with wildlife conservation programs -

cullings swans cannot sit comfortably with them!

**Felicity Holmes,
Tasmania**

MEANDER VALLEY GAZETTE SCHEDULE 2023

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Locals honored at Australia Day Awards

IAN MACKENZIE has been named Citizen of the Year at Meander Valley Council's Australia Day Awards celebration.

Mr Mackenzie has contributed extensively to the Meander Valley community, undertaking voluntary work with a number of organisations including Rural Youth, the Forest Hall Badminton Club and the Bracknell Primary School, Fire Brigade and Football Club.

He has also provided support for a number of local events such as AGFEST and the Westbury Irish Festival.

He has also served the community as a Meander Valley Councillor.

"Mr Mackenzie (Macca) has undertaken an extraordinary number of volunteer hours over the years and is a generous, hardworking and dedicated member of our community.

This award is well deserved," Mayor Wayne Johnston said.

Young Citizen of the Year

was awarded to Fayth Drury who has been a mentor for other young people in Meander Valley and a great role model.

Fayth has made meaningful contributions to the community, undertaking a number of volunteer roles with the Youth Arts Alliance, Camps Tasmania, the Young Carers Group and the Youth Climate Action Forum.

"Fayth has also provided support for a number of Council run programs and community events such as Winter Fire.

"She is positive, respectful and inclusive and above all, she gets involved and has a go. She is a true inspiration to others," Mayor Johnston said.

The Meander Progress Association and the Meander Hall Committee received the Community Event of the Year Award for their fireworks night that literally lit up the rural township.

"This jointly run event really brought people



together and everyone rallied to make the evening a huge success. It was wonderful to see new community members working alongside long-standing residents," Mayor Johnston said.

Alex Aylott and Chris Gard were both awarded the Meander Valley Sports Award.

Chris Gard was recognised for the development of Deloraine's Inclusion Table Tennis initiative and Alex Aylott for his contribution to the development of junior football and for establishing

skills clinics across the north of the state.

"Both of our Sports Award recipients have been recognised for their ongoing contribution to local sporting clubs, particularly their demonstration to lead, mentor and encourage others to reach their full potential and gain a sense of belonging," Mayor Johnston said.

Eight volunteers from the Meander Valley were also recognised for their efforts, receiving awards for 1000 hours, 3000 hours and exceptional service to the community.

"Each year I am humbled to present these awards. They reflect dedication, commitment and the inspiring spirit of Meander Valley.

"Thank you to all who have contributed thousands of volunteer hours to serve others. This strengthens our community and your selflessness makes me proud to represent the municipality", Mayor, Wayne Johnston said.

Meander Valley also welcomed eleven new citizens at the event.



Deloraine cemetery expansion secured

THE DELORAINE Cemetery has a long history of connection with the community and serves as a place for reflection and remembrance.

Council has recently completed new Garden of Memory for internment

of ashes that features bespoke rock walling that complements the domed shelter and seating installed several years ago.

After 140 years, the cemetery is almost at capacity.

Longevity of the

cemetery has now been assured with the acquisition of an adjacent parcel of land.

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Aged Care Deloraine kicks goals

THE BOARD and Executive of Aged Care Deloraine (ACD) continues its strong commitment to increasing staffing, as finances permit.

Staffing has steadily increased at ACD over the last couple of years, despite the challenges of COVID and workforce shortages facing the sector.

During the 2021/2022 financial year the Board and Executive invested an additional half million dollars in direct resident care

at Grenoch and Kanangra collectively, funded through rationalisation of supply and inventory management, additional funding, and Government grants.

In 2022, an extra 9 hours of Extended Care Assistant (ECA) shift time has been added per day at Kanangra Hostel.

There has also been an increase in hours for the morning catering shift at Kanangra.

Visitors to Kanangra

and Grenoch will notice the ongoing presence of Reception staff to welcome visitors and assist them to see loved ones as safely and quickly as possible.

The Board and Executive have also improved resident safety over the last 12 months with new security cameras at both facilities and a new nurse call system at Kanangra.

In 2023 renovations will commence again at Grenoch to reconfigure two

wings to change rooms from shared ensuites to private ensuites and larger rooms.

Once this renovation is complete works will commence on a large renovation project at Kanangra.

CEO Nadine Ozols said "she is proud of the organisation and what the team have collectively achieved and looks forward to continuing to lead through the Aged Care

Reform Agenda to further strengthen and improve the organisation".

She added, "it has been a team effort to strengthen the financial position and leadership of the organisation and that one of her main goals is to increase staffing at the coal face and looks forward to furthering this commitment".

Local artists create a buzz



► Arboretum foregrounded by Craig Zimitat, Keith Lane and Nathan Schroeder, HIVE Curator.

BEC WATSON and Susannah Curtis's exhibition *Where I am* was held at HIVE, Ulverstone over summer.

Susannah's portraits and Bec's sculptural works explored the notion of connection, which invited viewers to reflect on all the connections at play

in our lives - between us, the people we meet, the places we visit, and the objects with which we interact.

Keith Lane's solo exhibition *Witness* opened to an enthusiastic crowd at HIVE on 20 January.

Witness is a contemplative

exploration of the relationship between the inner body and the world outside.

The works reflect his interests in landscape, the human form and other cultures.

The 18 panel *Arboretum* dominates the exhibition, but



► Bec Watson and Susannah Curtis with their portraits.

it is complemented by a cohort of humanoid forms bearing intricate cultural semiologic markings and the unsettling historical landscape Eagle Hawk Neck 1842.

The two exhibitions are also connected in many ways.

Personal connections

between the artists; the nature and subject matter of displayed works and, unusually, two stunning portraits from Keith and Susannah that were semi-finalists in the Doug Moran National Portrait Prize.



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Mole Creek Veterans' Memorial completed



THE VETERANS' Memorial project was initiated by the Mole Creek Progress Association (MCPA) after considerations of how to prevent damage to the cenotaph by the nearby pine tree.

The pine tree had been planted by the Pioneers of Mole Creek, so the MCPA wanted to retain some elements of the tree out of respect for them.

A tree carving was probably the best option,

and an idea was put forward to perhaps honour the nine young men who served in Vietnam, most being related to the pioneers for whom the tree was planted.

The project was funded through a grant from the

Deloraine and Districts Community Bank.

Meander Valley Council organised the tree lopping and safety fences.

Cranes Combined donated time and equipment for the

positioning of the carvings.

The finished project is a credit to all involved and it shows the respect our community has towards our Veterans.

Hagley continues Kids to Farm program

HAGLEY FARM Primary School, with the support of TGFA, is continuing to offer the Kids to Farm program originally funded by the Commonwealth Government.

The Kids to Farm program is an extension of the schools Field Studies Centre providing an intensive customised program for pre-Year 6 students, as well as professional learning opportunities for teachers.

The Kids to Farm

program includes significant hands on experiences with animals, machinery, technology and agricultural innovation.

Support from Greening Australia has enabled the extension of the arboretum to include a native species area, a planted wetlands area, installation of wildlife cameras and new fencing.

School will continue investing in infrastructure and the school farm environment to improve safety and productivity.



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Bustling Chudleigh



THE CHUDLEIGH Hall Committee has had a busy month with two events drawing large, enthusiastic crowds.

In early January the Festival of Small Halls presented an evening of folk music at Chudleigh Hall (as well as Longford, Wilmot and Rowella).

Local singer songwriter Ross Clippingdale opened,

and delighted the audience with great vocals and some fanstastic fingerpicking on guitar.

Soloist Emily Lubitz followed and captivated the audience with the unique ethereal vulnerability of her voice.

Headline act, The Paul McKenna Band, hailed as the best folk band to have come

out of Scotland in the last twenty years, deserve their reputation.

Their musicality was clearly on display when they played, without missing a beat, a pacy Irish reel whilst singing and swapping instruments from banjo to bouzouki, violin to whistle and guitars!

ARTS Deloraine and Meander Valley Council look

forward to sponsoring further Small Halls events.

Last week, over 100 people attended their Community Breakfast held in classic Tassie summer weather on 26 January 2023.

The hot breakfast was popular with plates piled high.

Platters loaded with lamingtons and cream horns disappeared quickly with quite

a few people tucking into them and making return visits to grab a few more for friends.

Later this month, on 18th February, Chudleigh will hold their annual show featuring the Chudleigh Royal Shears Shearing and Wool handling competition which returns after a 30 year hiatus.

Bigger and better garlic and tomato festival



THE NINTH annual Tasmanian Garlic and Tomato Festival will be held at Selbourne on Sunday 19th March 2023 from 9.30am to 4.00pm.

There are competitions for local growers to produce the best garlic, tomatoes and preserves. Tomato sauce, relish and chutney take a while to develop their flavour, so start cooking now!

Tino Carnevale will be delivering workshops and answering your tricky tomato and garlic questions.

This year's Festival Chef,

Thomas Pirker, Head Chef at Peppers Silo Hotel in Launceston is renowned for collaborating with farmers and artisans to source local ingredients to effect amazing culinary journeys. Two local musical acts Amy Pegg and Toast Garden will provide entertainment for the day.

In 2023 the festival will again be held at Selbourne, on the property of *Tasmanian Natural Garlic & Tomatoes*.

Selecting a working farm as the festival venue enables patrons to experience rural life

first-hand.

The festival began life in 2015 and continues to grow in size and popularity. Pre covid around 2,500 people converged on this site for the 2019 festival, with patrons coming from all over Tasmania and even from interstate.

Selbourne is home to a farm that produces possibly the most extensive range of heirloom tomatoes in one place, in the country, as well as a wide range of garlic varieties.



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Nell's dry garden

The Exton Gardener

IT WAS with sadness we learned last month of the passing of Nell Carr.

Nell was the inspirational author of the garden columns in the *Western Tiers* and this *Gazette* for so many years, giving us her insight and experience in all things horticultural.

Nell has left us another legacy - the little gardens outside the Commonwealth Bank in Deloraine.

These little gardens are a masterclass in planting.

She told me one day as she tended it that the beds were very dry with poor soil and had to cope with low maintenance. It was all about trial and error.

This year with the extra rainfall, they are a triumph.

There has been an endless display of blooms, providing colour and delight for months now.

If you have a garden with dry and difficult soil, here



are the plants for you!

The other garden, cut in half by the ATM access, is drier and much simpler.

There is a wonderful prostrate rosemary, more catmint, thyme and seaside

daisies, a lotus and a small white pelargonium.

I do hope that Nell's garden will be maintained and cared for in the future so that it may delight us for years to come.

At the movies with the Western Tiers Film Society

Clare Andersen

Director Branagh's "BELFAST" goes back to his Irish roots and the era of 'The Troubles' lasting some forty years from 1969.

The Northern Ireland divide between Catholics and Protestants had little to do with theological differences but instead was grounded in culture and politics. Catholics sought the incorporation of Northern Ireland (NI) into the Irish state, while the bulk of Protestants, who saw themselves as British, feared they would lose their culture and privilege if subsumed by the republic.

Two days of rioting in Londonderry became known as the Battle of Bogside (a Catholic area).

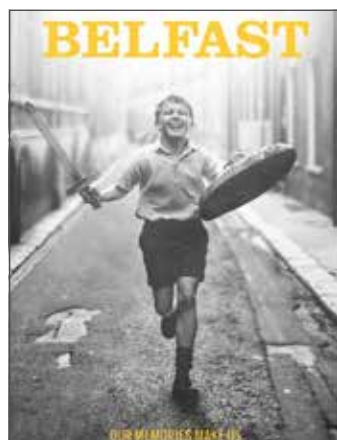
It was a clash between nationalists and the Royal Ulster Constabulary (RUC), the latter acting as a buffer between loyalist marchers and Catholic residents.

The NI RUC was founded in 1922 following the partition

of Ireland and disbanded in 2001.

With subsequent rioting in Belfast in support of the nationalists, the British army was dispatched to restore calm.

Violent confrontation escalated, and the Troubles (a name that neither characterised the nature of the conflict nor assigned blame for it to one side or the other) had clearly begun.



BELFAST FEBRUARY 11

2021 M, Drama, Ireland, 98m
Director Kenneth Branagh
Belfast is a partly autobiographical coming of age tale as the Irish Troubles erupted in the late 1960's. Seen through the eyes of nine year old Buddy, it paints with an affectionate eye, his stable Protestant and

Catholic community and its changing constancy.

He is cosseted by his love of movie magic with its formative joy, laughter and music.

Filmed in crisp black and white with a few strategic bursts of colour and a soundtrack relying heavily on the music of Van Morrison, we are taken through Belfast from a child's perspective. Branagh's direction and lived experience of reflection at the good things from his childhood native Ireland, keep one immersed in the intimate details of Buddy's life while the shadows of violence lingers in the background.

"The film is manipulative, and sentimental, and it does sometimes feel derivative... But it is also sincere, affectionate, involving and presses its buttons so deftly I welled up exactly as I was supposed to - at least three times." *The Spectator*, 1/2021

Rotten Tomatoes Critics 86% / Audience 92%

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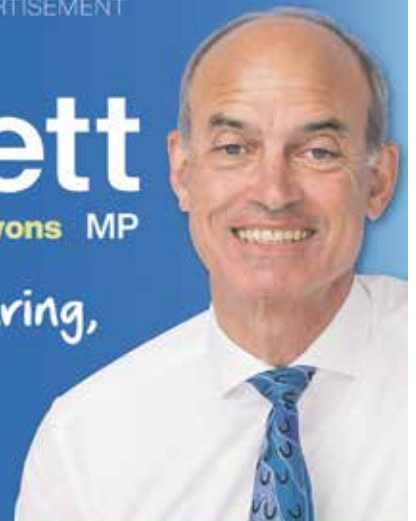
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Still time for some bomb diving this summer

LOCAL SWIMMING pools at Deloraine, Caveside and Mole Creek are not yet operating this summer.

The Council owned pools at Deloraine and Caveside were damaged in the recent floods.

The Caveside pool liner was damaged, whilst the Deloraine pool sustained considerable damage to public areas, and

electrical, pump and filtration systems.

Repairs to the pool filters will be finished in late January, with opening scheduled for early February.

The Mole Creek pool and Caveside pools face additional operational challenges that mean they will not operate this summer.

“Safety standards for public liability insurance have changed significantly.

This means (that the) pools will need to operate differently and a key element of that is the provision of a qualified lifeguard” Mayor Johnston said.

Council has considered supporting the training of

volunteer lifeguards, however this training has not been available this season.

It was fortunate that the Rotary Club of Deloraine’s Learn to Swim program was relocated to the Deloraine Primary School pool.

It is a critically important swimming safety activity, particularly if people are

swimming in local waterways.

The Meander Valley Council Environmental Health Officers undertake regular water quality testing to ensure swimmer safety in recreational swimming areas of the Meander, Liffey and South Esk Rivers and Lake Trevallyn.

New playspace opens on Las Vegas Drive

LAS VEGAS Reserve in Prospect Vale has been revitalised with a complete renewal of the playground equipment as part of Council’s 2021-22 capital works program.

“The old equipment had reached end of life and required replacement. The new space now caters for much broader age ranges and all abilities and provides more opportunities for self-directed and more active play,” Mayor Wayne Johnston said.

The new equipment caters for ages between 0-18 years and includes an all abilities basket style whirl swing, tunnels, slides, a glide and ride flying fox as well as an

extensive network of cable rope climbers.

Mayor Johnston said the redeveloped playground offered something for everyone, “Even a fire truck has been included to cater for some of our youngest residents. Playspaces continue to evolve and the equipment installed really demonstrates that. Coordination, balance, spacial awareness and fitness can all be developed here. It’s great to see and there is more to come.”

In addition to the new playground equipment, landscaping, shade trees, shelters and seating will also be installed at a total project



► The revitalised playspace at Las Vegas Reserve in Prospect Vale. Photo by Meander Valley Council.

cost of \$210,000.

“Recreational spaces positively contribute to the wellbeing of our communities. They become destinations to engage, connect and improve our physical and mental health.

“Projects like this also enhance the liveability of our municipality which is important for all our residents,” Mayor Johnston said.

The new Las Vegas Reserve playspace is now open and

is located just off Las Vegas Drive in Prospect Vale. The council plans to undertake construction of shelters and seating and additional landscaping over the next few months.



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Council receives State Government's update on Northern Correctional Facility

REPRESENTATIVES FROM the Tasmanian Government's Northern Correctional Facility Project Team briefed Meander Valley Councillors at the monthly Council Workshop on 24 January 2023.

Councillors were advised that the current Ashley Youth Detention Centre site is the only site being considered by the Tasmanian Government.

Consultation, particularly with near neighbour property owners is ongoing. Broader public consultation sessions in Deloraine are being planned for mid-February, around the 16th and 19th.

People are curious about what the Northern Correctional Facility would

look like.

While the design is yet to be progressed in detail, Councillors heard that the correctional facility structure will be a significant building set back from the road on a 38-hectare site.

An option to repurpose the existing Ashley Youth Detention Centre facilities as a women's correctional facility was also being explored.

The site will also focus opportunities for rehabilitation programs in areas such as in agriculture.

Council was advised that more detailed design work will occur in the latter part of this year after completion

of several studies and assessments.

These studies included natural values, Aboriginal and historic (European) heritage, social and economic impact assessments, traffic impacts, utility needs such as water, electricity and sewerage, bushfire management and more.

The Project Team advised of their intent to progressively release the reports of the due diligence investigations to the public at the earliest opportunity, with the natural values report now available.

Additional studies would be undertaken as part of the detailed design process.

To help immediate neighbours to understand the scale and nature of the facility, the Project Team had extended an invitation to visit the existing southern correctional facilities at Risdon.

Councillors expressed interest in possibly attending one of these site visits and the Project Team indicated that this could be arranged.

Subject to the above consultation and decisions to move forward with the project, a planning application to Meander Valley Council is expected to be made in 2024.

If this is approved, construction will take

between two and three years and provide hundreds of jobs.

When built and operational, about 370 full time jobs would be ongoing.

The Project Team pointed out that the Ashley Youth Detention Centre for the time being remains an operational facility.

As such, people may from time to time see routine work and activity at the site that is not related to a new correctional facility.

Mayor Wayne Johnston emphasised that Council would continue to advocate for meaningful and ongoing consultation before any key decisions were made.

Further support available for flood-affected Tasmanians

PRIVATE LANDHOLDERS and not-for-profit sport and recreation organisations impacted by the severe weather and flooding event in October 2022 will be able to apply for a new grant from Monday 30 January.

Over \$800,000 in grants have already been approved under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) to support individuals, small businesses, primary producers and non-profit organisations with their recovery from this event.

These further grant programs form part of the \$15 million targeted flood recovery support package announced earlier this year, which is being jointly funded by the Commonwealth and Tasmanian governments.

Premier Jeremy Rockliff noted the importance of continuing to support affected communities in their recovery phase.

"This further support, funded in partnership with our Federal colleagues, is targeted at private landowners, and not-for-profit organisations who may not have been eligible under prior programs," Premier Rockliff said.

The **Private Landowner Clean-up and Restoration Grants** of up to \$10,000 will be available to assist private landowners or leaseholders with the costs of cleaning up debris and repairing damage on their property. In exceptional circumstances, up to \$25,000 may be made available. The Private

Landowner Clean-up and Restoration Grants will close on Friday 3 March.

Under the **Sport and Recreation Recovery Grant program**, grants of up to \$25,000 will be available to assist with the costs of clean-up and reinstatement of not-for-profit sport and recreation organisations.

These organisations play an integral part in local economies and communities, and this assistance is designed to help minimise disruption in the affected areas and support the broader community to recover.

The Sport and Recreation Recovery Grants will close on Monday 27 March.

For more information about the grants, visit www.tasrecovery.com

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As part of its review process, the Local Government Board has published a range of reform options that we think could improve the capability of councils to deliver better outcomes for Tasmanians.

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Transports of delight – LJ and Bloss

The voices of MVFM

John Phelps

THANKS TO its streaming provisions, the Meander Valley Community Radio is able to broadcast to the world.

But people in the valley can also be “transported” to the rest of the world.

Local music from Europe, South America, Africa and everywhere in between is to be heard on MVFM 96.9 many times each week, especially during two particular programs – “The Journey” and “Global Grooves”.

The first of these is presented by John Kenzey (aka L.J) at noon on Sundays.

As the name of the

program suggests, John takes listeners on a journey to hear what is largely folk music, much of it from Europe.

So, if you would like to join in a dance from, say, Greece, all you have to do is join a line, make sure that the chap on the end of the line has a white handkerchief and off you go.

But there is also lots of folk music to be heard from South America and Africa, Asia and the Pacific.

Wherever you would like to travel, this is your chance to do so with music.

Much of John’s music is “world music” but it also includes “ambient music” (formerly known as “new age music”).

So, performers such

as Mike Oldfield and his brother, Terry, get a guernsey in the programs along with performers with memorable names such as Douglas Spotted Eagle and Rittward von Doernburg.

And then there’s Bloss Lorenz with her program “Global Grooves” each Sunday at 6 p.m.

Latin music is Bloss’ mainstay and it comes from exotic places such as West Africa and Central America.

Much of that music genre found its way to the Americas during the days of the slave trade.

Much of it is folkloric and invites listeners to get up and dance.

Drums and accordions figure prominently.

Vallenato and Cumbia music comes from



Columbia.

Salsa music comes to us via New York from Puerto Rica and Cuba.

And, of course, there’s music from the Middle East and the Silk Road.

Jonathan Swift once wrote “I always love to begin a journey on a Sunday”.

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Patsy Crawford scribbling away

THERE IS a reason for everything and I've just nussed out why we're besotted with Harry and Meghan and the like. They are our comfort food, our escape valve, our panic room if you will.

When the world is going to hell in a handcart they provide the weird, cheery alternative to death, destruction and all round misery.

This was the role that used to be played by radio comedy.

There was a time when you could wake up in the

morning, twiddle the dial and some silly BBC show would be on.

It would be clever, witty and at times damned hilarious. Laugh? You'd almost die.

Now you wake up in the morning and turn on the radio and here's what comes at you (tick whatever, if not all, is applicable).

Vladimir Putin gives go-ahead for nuclear bombing of Kiev.

Man in Klan hood guns down 80 children in Alabama day care centre.

Women accused of adultery stoned to death by bearded misogynists in Kabul.

North Korean missile goes astray, wipes out small Pacific island.

... and on and on

and remorselessly on. I can barely remember a morning when good news has come up with the sunrise.

And here's where Harry et al come into it. We need the Sussexes of the world to give us a hearty chuckle and light heart.

Harry and Meghan are top of the list, the crème de la crème as it were, but rapidly catching up are a couple of other claimants to the bonkers, self-indulgent title.

Hot on the royal (sort of) heels are the filthy-rich pair, Brooklyn Beckham and his wife Nicola Peltz Beckham, recently filmed for Vogue showing off what they wear in 7 days. No kidding.

First up they strike poses in matching bath

robes then we are given a day by day range of clothing that looks not unlike something you'd wear to the pub for a pint and parmie, were it not for the fact we're told the brown t-shirt cost around \$800 and those boots come in at \$1500.

Ms Peltz Beckham babbles away, waving fingernails so long she must be incapable of performing normal hand functions. Brooklyn just looks naff.

I was mesmerised by the banality but when Nicola trotted out a Valentino top I almost swooned.

I lust after Valentino. The nearest I ever got to one was a salon window on Capri which had the most gorgeous frock on show. I have a photo of me

looking at it, covetousness writ large on my face.

Then there's the Kardashians, perennial favourites with or without Kanye, and those good old troupers, Paris Hilton and Gwynneth Paltrow.

Soccer WAGS Rebekah Vardy and Colleen Rooney, last seen in a courtroom spat which must have landed their barristers stonking amounts of money.

And who can forget Dennis Rodman in North Korea with that prankster Kim Jong Un. They make our day, bless 'em.

Without them the world looks a more dreary, more depressing place. Vlad or Harry? No contest.

Baking biscuits through the ages



Wendy Hays

WHEN I started teaching Home Economics in 1980, students would grease oven trays for biscuit making using pastry brushes from a communal saucepan of melted butter.

I remember stressing to avoid greasing into the corners of the trays because the butter here would burn and make the tray corners difficult to clean.

How times have changed! Now we have spray oils, baking

paper, silicone mats and a whole range of other products to make baking and food preparation more simple.

Last Christmas I resurrected my mother's old biscuit forcer and, to the delight of my family made some very fancy biscuits.

I wonder how many biscuits forciers are tucked away in drawers in the Meander Valley?

Even without a biscuit forcer, this month's recipe is equally impressive.

Fudgy Choc Cherry Biscuits

Biscuit Ingredients

- 1 and 1/2 C or 200g milk chocolate melts
- 60g butter
- 1/4 C or 60 ml of vegetable oil
- 1/3 C castor sugar
- 2 eggs – lightly beaten
- 1 C plain flour
- 1C self-raising flour
- 3 Cherry Ripe bars – chopped

Topping Ingredients (Optional)

- About 110 g milk chocolate

- melts – melted, extra
- 1 ts vegetable oil
- Cherry ripe – chopped
- Glace Cherries – chopped
- Shredded coconut

Method

- 1 Combine melts, butter, oil and sugar in a saucepan and stir over low heat until chocolate and stir in the eggs, sifted flours and chopped cherry ripe bars, butter are melted and ingredients combined.
- 2 Cool to room temperature.
- 3 Roll tablespoons of mixture into balls and place 3 cm apart on a baking paper lined oven tray.
- 4 Press them down lightly with your fingers after putting them on the tray.
- 5 Bake at 180C for about 20 minutes or until lightly browned.
- 6 Cool on tray until firm then lift onto a cake cooler.
- 7 Spread tops with combined extra melted chocolate and oil and decorate with extra cherry ripe, glace cherries and shredded coconut.

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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 February 2023 solution



Sudoku February 2023 solution

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EVENTS DIARY
Thanks to the Great Western Tiers Visitor Centre for event information



Tuesdays, 2 - 2.30pm	Story Time at Westbury Library	During school term. 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
Friday 3, 7 - 9	Celtic Players	Empire Hotel, Deloraine
Saturday 4, 9 - 1	Deloraine Market	Deloraine Showground
Sunday 5, 9 - 3	Tasmanian Truck & Ute Show	Deloraine Showground
Sunday 5, 2 - 5	Raw Jam	Empire Hotel, Deloraine
Friday 10 - Sunday 12, 8 - late	Party in the Paddock	Quercus Park, Carrick
Saturday 11, 9 - 1	Liffey Valley Market	Old Liffey School
Saturday 18, 9 - 5	Chudleigh Agricultural Show	Chudleigh Showground
Saturday 18, 9 - 1	Mole Creek Market	Mole Creek Memorial Hall
Saturday 18, 8 - 1	Westbury Market	St Andrews Church, Westbury
Saturday 18, 1 - 9.30	Red Hot Summer Tour	Country Club Casino, Prospect
Sunday 19, 10 - 3	Deloraine Street Car Show	Emu Bay Road, Deloraine
Sunday 19, 10 - 4	Annual Boer Goat Championships	Deloraine Showground
Monday 20, 11am - 12 noon	English Conversation Circle	morning tea provided. Deloraine House, 112 Emu Bay Road.
Tuesday 21, 10am - 12 noon	Deloraine Probus Club	Rotary Function Centre, Alveston Drive
Saturday 25, 9 - 1	Makers Market	Parkham Community Hall
Saturday 25 & Sunday 26, 10 - 4	Entally Gardenfest	Entally Estate, Hadspen
Saturday 25, 11 - 11	A Day at the Creek	Mole Creek Hotel
Saturday 25, 6.30 - late	Purple for Prostate Barn Dance	Westbury Showground
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The Port Sorell Open Championships in Deloraine attracted players from across Tasmania and interstate.

Nearly 80 entrants played 244 matches over 10 hours. The number of entrants is the most ever for a Tasmanian Open Championships tournament held in the north of the state.

The matches were played in great spirit, with smiles and laughter all day.

It was great to see younger players and players living with a disability competing.

Deloraine Table Tennis League had nine entrants and its share of gold and silver medal winners: Saffron King won the Boys' U15 Singles; Lochie Haberle won the Boy's U13 Singles; Brandon Geard was runner-up in the Para Singles; Liam

Collins was runner-up in the Boys' U19 Singles; and Levi Streets was runner-up in the Boys' U15 Singles.

Levi Streets missed out on the chance to play for two more gold medals due to a mix-up.

The winners of the Open categories were Sherry Yuexin Li (Women's Open Singles), Xibei Jia (Men's Open Singles), Rob Miller & Nicholas Pow (Men's Open Doubles), Rega Jiarui Chen & Sherry Yuexin Li (Women's Open Doubles), and Nicholas Pow & Sherry Yuexin Li (Mixed Open Doubles).

Most of these winners came from the University of Tasmania Club in Hobart.

Deloraine Table Tennis League plays at the Meander Valley Performing Arts Centre ('the little theatre').

We run social competitions every Wednesday night 7-9pm, and after-school inclusion table tennis every Thursday 3-5pm.

All are welcome and equipment is available.

The next Tasmanian Open Championships is the North West Open Championships in Devonport on the 11th of March.



▶ 2023 Meander Valley Sports Award winner Chris Gard, playing against Rohan Eastley in the Port Sorell Open Championships. *Photos by Robin Foster.*



▶ Josh Streets, Levi Streets, Jesse Streets, Liam Collins, and Saffron King (Deloraine Table Tennis League) enjoying the action.



▶ Lochie Haberley (left) and Saffron King (right) from Deloraine.



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