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International Women's Day in Deloraine



▶ International Women's Day was a day for more than 150 gathered at the Bowls Club to reflect on inspirational women within the local Deloraine community. Congratulations to Harcourts Meander Valley for very slick organisation.



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IN MEMORIAM

- Vale Annie Robinson -

ANNIE ROBINSON passed away peacefully at Deloraine Community Hospital on the 5th of February 2023, after an incandescent 75 years.

Annie wanted to show her children and grandchildren how to die with grace.

She achieved this thanks to the nurses and staff of Ward 5D at the LGH, and the Deloraine Community Hospital.

Annie loved you all so much, and your gift of friendship alongside your professional care allowed her to engage and enjoy her life until the very last moment.

Below are extracts from speeches given at the recent celebration of Annie's life.

These extracts (and the photo here of Annie with her dogs Esse and Tess) say a little of what needs to be said and remembered:

"Something felt different this week as we arrived and headed out across the fields to Weegeena.

"The rolling hills not so

bright and the clouds across the mountains at a standstill as if in shock.

"Mum would work those roads like no one else, doing thousands of trips to and from Deloraine and Launceston for all her various pursuits – taking kids to school, cricket, footy, guiding at QVMAG, Arts Deloraine, WOAD, Winter Fire, or her job at Windmill toy shop which she adored."

"Annie had the talent of 'seeing' people and making them the emotional focus, being empathetic and looking to highlight the good in others – helping them to feel confident and good about themselves.

"Annie also had the talent for truly seeing children. To her, children were whole and as important and interesting as adults.

She would meet children where they were – not as incomplete projects or incomplete adults, but as perfect little people and friends."

"At her core Annie cared



about others.

Even when Annie had episodes of intense illness in the last two years, when she was distressed and confused and most of her language was stripped away, what remained was care for others.

She would look at me and smile, not knowing where she was or who I was, then a fragment of language would emerge and she would say "Now, tell me how you are."

She was good at saying

I love you. The simple phrase distilled the full, complex and many layered relationships she had with us all.

As a little boy I remember the thrill of asking "Do you love me, Mum?" and every time wriggling with delight at the answer.

Just before she died, as we gathered close around her, her boys, we told her that many times. I love you, Mum. And she smiled and replied, "I know."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MEANDER VALLEY CHOIR

About twenty-five years ago, the late Robert Clarke of Hagley formed a choir in Westbury, the Meander Valley Choir.

His sad death in June 2020 and COVID marked

the beginnings of difficult times for the Choir.

At the moment we're attempting to REALLY get going again.

We've had several short-term conductors and accompanists, but

are desperately in need of a full-time conductor, accompanist and new members.

Singing, especially with others, is great for mental health, memory and community well-being.

No experience is necessary, just a love of singing.

Please contact us if you're interested!

Bev Stevenson,
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WESTBURY SHOW HISTORY

The Westbury Show is the third-oldest ongoing show in Tasmania and this year is

celebrating 160 years since it was founded. As part of Westbury's bicentennial celebrations 'The History of

Westbury Show' book is being researched and compiled.

Anyone who has a story or photo of interest relating

to the show, please contact Judy Kilby on 0439 334 663 or email pinelodge1@bigpond.com

MEANDER VALLEY GAZETTE SCHEDULE 2023

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A beautiful benchmark

FEMALE FRIENDSHIP and farm education are celebrated in an attractive new addition to Deloraine's streetscape.

Members of the Tasmanian Women in Agriculture recently unveiled a new bench seat on Emu Bay Road to celebrate the history of the organisation in the region.

The group provides female-focused learning in all areas of agricultural practice and management.

Gender equality is

another key cause of the TWiA.

The group encourages women to fully participate in decisions affecting their family farms and business ventures.

It believes the economic empowerment of rural women is vital to building resilient and healthy communities for the future.

This year the TWiA is focussing on Safety - farm, dam, vehicle, fire and financial safety.

If you are a woman who



could benefit from these programs, please consider joining the Meander regional group of the TWiA.

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with the option of a lifetime membership of \$250.

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Harmony Day at Deloraine House



► The Deloraine community came together to celebrate Harmony Day on March 22. Photo by Robin Foster.

Darren Harris

ON 22 March Deloraine House celebrated Harmony Day with a community lunch held in the Deloraine Community Garden, Pultney Street, Deloraine.

The celebration event was attended by more than 30 participants who brought along a share plate that was representative of their cultural nationality or favourite meal.

The Deloraine Community Garden's pizza oven was put to good use, the weather was lovely, and the food was shared and enjoyed by all.

The event celebrated everything distinctive about Meander Valley's diverse and multicultural

community.

According to Census 2021, Deloraine and surrounds have Filipino/Tagalog, Nepali, Urdu, German, and Mandarin populations for whom English is a second language and who speak a language other than English at home.

Harmony Day had its origins in the Sharpeville Massacre in South Africa in 1960, and in 1967 the United Nations officially named March 21 the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

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St Patrick's Day on the green



DESPITE A damp start, Irish spirits were high at the St Patrick's Day Festival held on the Village Green in Westbury.

McGinty's goat kept women bustling at speed at the front of the parade that wended its way through town to the Green.

A steady crowd of locals and visitors were entertained by a rich performance program supported by food and craft stalls, church market, vintage tractors, veteran and classic cars, pets and children's activities.

The festival celebrates Westbury's historical significance in hosting and protecting many Irishmen after the failed Young Irelander rebellion of 1849.

In the 1840-50s many Irish ex-military pensioners settled in the area known as Queenstown (Pensioners Row & Veterans Row) where Gaelic was spoken until the turn of the last century.

The festival crowds mingled and celebrated around the silhouette of Young Irelander rebels Meagher and Mitchel on Westbury's Village Green.

For their efforts in the rebellion, Meagher and Mitchel (and the other Young Irelanders) were sentenced to exile in Tasmania.

Thomas Meagher first conceived the Irish Tri-colour national flag (*bratach na hÉireann*): green for the native Irish Gaels, the orange for the Unionist (British) population of Ireland and the white to signify everlasting peace.

He escaped from Lake Sorell in Tasmania in 1852, via Westbury and on to America where he founded the Irish

Brigade.

Mitchel, in Bothwell, made his winter-time escape through the highlands, reaching Westbury where he was supported by sympathetic locals.

According to his Jail Journal, he led the constabulary on a merry chase before he reached Hobart and was smuggled onto a boat in the Derwent and thence to America where he had a controversial career in journalism.



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Rupertswood continues to amaze

MORE THAN 5000 visitors and their furry friends have tackled Rupertswood's maze in Hagley this year.

Food and coffee stalls, a hay bale obstacle course and great weekend weather provided a wonderful day out for families, friends and visitors to enjoy quality time on a Tasmanian family farm.

The maze has been an annual event that has evolved over the last decade.

This year's design was

an eagle, reflective of the endangered wedge-tailed eagles seen soaring in the skies above the farm.

Maze creator, Rowan Clark, reckons that 'this year's Eagle Maze is a tricky one and visitors need to come prepared.'

Anna Clark said that 'we tried a new maize variety this year for the maze which has proven to be more vigorous and robust than previous varieties, so it has lasted longer and in

better condition.

The weekend opening times 10-4pm, will extend over Easter Sunday and Monday (9-10 April) and 15-16 April. After that the crop will be harvested and baled for silage.

▶ **Aleisha and Indi Hindrum (R) and Charlotte, Louise and Lachie Green (L) are all smiles before they enter the maze. Photo by Craig Zimitat.**



Come along to the Valley's Easter Festival

FOR THE 23rd year, the Combined Churches of Deloraine and District invite community members to take part in the Easter Festival.

It will be held on the banks of the Meander River

from 10-2pm on Easter Saturday, 8th April.

Easter is the most significant time of the year for church congregations and this annual festival is an important connection

with the Meander Valley community.

As always, it is a family friendly event and is free including the sausages, tea, coffee and cakes! It's the churches' Easter gift to the

community.

There will be most of the usual activities – games, wind tunnel, stilts, model trains, face-painting, small animals and, of course, the famous tug-of-war.

Feel free to make up a team or just join one that assembles on the day.

Circle games will also feature strongly and there will be some books available.

Westbury Play Space fun for the whole family

NEW PLAY ground equipment installed at the Westbury Village Green by Meander Valley has been very popular with local residents.





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Gayle Gerrard awarded Paul Harris Fellow Award

ON FRIDAY 24th February, Rotarians assembled at Kanangra for the presentation of a Paul Harris Fellow Award, for meritorious service to Rotary and the community, to Past Rotarian, Past President Gayle Gerrard.

Gayle trained as a teacher and taught at Glen Dhu and Goodwood Primary Schools.

She married a former jockey, who later became a very successful horse trainer, and owned and raced many horses, with quite a degree of success.

Gayle's involvement with the Deloraine Dramatic Society began back in 1955 when she took part in the first Youth Drama Festival and won the Justin Treffry Award, for Best Actress, and throughout the years appeared in many of their plays.

Then in 2014 Gayle was invited to open the 60th Youth Drama festival.

She has been involved in many community organisations and associations: Secretary of the Deloraine RSL, a member of

the Deloraine Fire Brigade Board and the League of Tasmanian Wheelmen and the Catholic Church, serving on the Parish Council.

In 1978 Gayle survived Breast Cancer, and over the years in her quiet way, she assisted others, giving them support at the time of their treatment and afterwards.

Gayle was inducted into the Rotary Club of Deloraine in 2000.

During her time as a Rotarian she was active and involved in many of the activities, and served

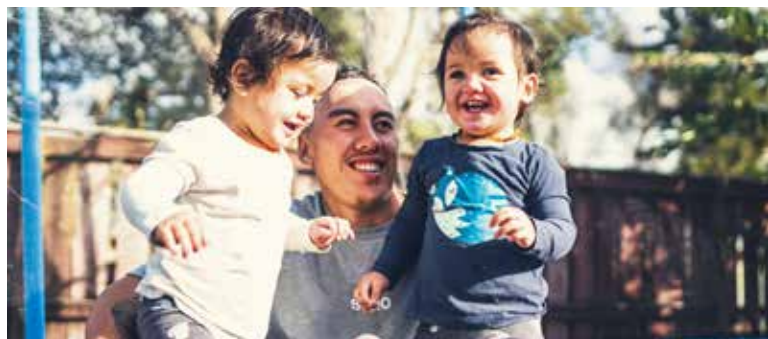


on most of the committees, holding the position of President in 2006/2007.

From 2013-2015 Gayle took on the role

of organising the annual Learn-To-Swim programme, which has been run by the Rotary Club as a free event for over 40 years.

Asthma Australia's discovery survey – tell us your story!



▶ Everyone experiences asthma differently. Tell Asthma Australia your story.

ASTHMA AUSTRALIA wants to know what life is like for Tasmanians experiencing breathing problems and asthma, in the 2023 Tasmanian Asthma Discovery Survey.

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personal journeys with asthma in Tasmania.

"If you have asthma or breathing problems, care for someone who does, or work in this space, we are interested in hearing from you," says Asthma Australia project coordinator Jess Tyler.

"There are many ways you can take part and make your voice heard.

We're running a quick and

easy online survey, or you can register for one of our community forums.

Alternatively, you can simply send us a text or email or even book a call for us to call you back so that the cost is on us."

To take part in the survey visit www.asthma.org.au/tasdiscovery, call or text 0474 654 555 or email jtyler@asthma.org.au



\$4M RESIDENTIAL REFURBISHMENT FOR AGED CARE DELORAINÉ

Work will soon begin on a \$4 million transformation of Aged Care Deloraine's two facilities, Grenoch and Kanangra.

Funding provided through the Commonwealth Government's Aged Care Approvals Round (ACAR) will allow for rooms at Grenoch to be renovated with the provision of private ensuites and ceiling hoists fitted in all these rooms. At Kanangra rooms renovated will be increased in size, including the ensuites and ceiling hoists will be fitted to these rooms.

Work is due to commence at the Grenoch in currently vacant rooms in April, with a staged build across various wings, while the projects planned for Kanangra will likely start in 2024.

In 2021 we received separate grants via ACAR for both Grenoch and Kanangra of \$1.03m and \$1.36m respectively to complete the works, but unfortunately, progress stalled due to COVID-19 restrictions and then the associated challenges with a booming construction industry.

We were incredibly fortunate to receive an additional \$898,183 of funding for Grenoch and \$806,482 for Kanangra to take the total spend for the project to just over \$4m.

In total, 28 rooms will be renovated across both sites to increase the size of the rooms and provide greater privacy.

The project at Grenoch, in East Barrack St, will see 14 rooms with shared facilities be reconfigured to 12 rooms with private ensuites.

At Kanangra, in Kanangra Drive, 14 rooms will be improved.

We are excited to be able to install ceiling hoists in rooms to provide a safer working environment for our staff.

We look forward to seeing these improvements come to fruition as they are essential for the facility's long-term future to greatly enhance the amenity for our residents and safety for our staff.

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A day with Deloraine Deli's unexpected visitor

Barbara Harvey

THIS WEEK Wednesday was my partner Grant's day off from running the Deloraine Deli. Usually a "day off" entails a few domestic chores.

We have a small plastic hot house at our home to grow a few exotics that require a hotter environment than our summers generally allow under the Great Western Tiers.

Grant was preparing to water the hot house, setting up hoses to give the plants a good soak. The hot house has openings around the edges, to allow for ventilation, and a screened area to keep out unwanted insects.

Grant usually begins with a look through the screen just to make sure no snakes or possums had been overnight guests.

What a shock Grant had when he discovered a very shy little kelpy pup enjoying the warmth of the hot house.

On our fairly remote property dogs are not a common sight. No immediate neighbours keep working dogs.

So the dilemma now created by our visitor, of finding her owner, was a significant task.

Calls around the community failed.

Grant had a pending appointment in Deloraine.

His little guest, initially very shy, now would not leave his side. The only obvious solution was to bring her with him in the hope that an ID chip would identify the owner.

Although the puppy was initially reluctant to hop in our ute she quickly rested her head on Grant's lap and slept on the journey.

Sadly a public holiday meant that the local vets' rooms were closed so the next solution was to cobble together a small enclosure using pallets in the Deli's back garden.

A shady spot and a bowl of

water quickly came together.

All the Deli staff were smitten and many offered to take ownership should the owner not be found.

In fact they were so interested in the cute little puppy who was such a delight, we had to remind them that they may have a few customers needing attention.

Facebook posts and phone calls continued over the course of the day but with no owner identified.

Eventually we realized our visitor would be spending the night with us.

Food was purchased and after arriving home our hungry guest devoured her meal.

After inspecting the premises our little guest settled down in a laundry basket full of warm towels.

We were both wondering how she had arrived at our house and knew someone would be missing her.

We started dreaming about



the outcome if she didn't have an ID chip.

We were dreaming up names and what ifs because she had won both our hearts.

She was such an intelligent, obedient puppy who had responded so well to complete strangers.

A good night's sleep in her new found sleeping arrangements, with no whining

at all, meant she was bounding about come breakfast time.

We said goodbye and thanked her for visiting as Grant took her to the vets.

Thankfully for her she was identified and the owners contacted.

Sadly I have checked the hot house every day since but no more exciting guests.

Patsy Crawford scribbling away

Finding their niche in life

THE SKY is brightest blue with just a wisp of drifting white cloud. Flowers grow in colourful profusion. Trees shade rock pools and garden nooks.

In the background can be glimpsed an emerald green sea. Birds sing. Butterflies hover.

All that's needed now is Monte Don to complete the picture.

And sure enough onto the scene potters Monte – amiable in panama hat, linen

jacket, striped braces, casually draped scarf, looking every inch a man in his natural milieu.

If Monte Don doesn't have the best job in the world I don't know who does.

He's one of a select breed of men and women who have found their niche in life and are getting paid and flown hither and yon to indulge it.

He's popping up on television anywhere there's a beautiful garden to be filmed.

One minute a villa in Tuscany, the next an ancient palace in Vietnam, then an antebellum mansion in America's deep south.

As he trundles around commenting on the plants and horticultural design the man looks happier than a dog with two tails.

At some point he'll

probably sit beneath a spreading tree, fan himself with his panama hat and share wine with his host.

To top it all off he'll trouser a handy wad of cash.

A man's got to get paid for a hard day's work.

Switching tack, as it were, we now find another man whose dream job would make anyone who aspires to prowling the great kitchens of the world green with envy.

I speak of Rick Stein, the restaurateur who makes cooking and eating look so much fun you want to jump on the next plane, race off to that Greek waterfront cafe where he's sitting ruddy-cheeked and beaming and join him in that meal of freshly caught red mullet.

Rick doesn't sit quietly beneath a tree drinking wine;

he wedges himself into a group of shouting, drinking, food-gobbling fisherman and shouts, drinks and gobbles along with them.

Happiness is writ large on his wide-eyed Oxfordshire face.

Historians get to have a rattling good time of it too, ripping around the world to poke their noses into ancient Egyptian temples and windswept Scottish battlefields, clamber through dungeons and squeeze into secret inner chambers.

If they're Lucy Worsley they can also get about in drag.

Lucy knows her onions and she'd not be afraid to frock up to prove it.

Show that woman a wimple, a court jester suit, a cheery milkmaids skirt, Anne

Boleyn's bejewelled bosom enhancer (whoa, steady on there Lucy) and she'll pitch herself into it to lend a bit of oomph to the historical narrative.

Behind this trio trail a host of television presenters climbing, stalking, diving, trudging, poking, prying and tossing in olive oil.

The world is their oyster.

Monte, Rick, Lucy et al probably can't believe their luck.

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Deloraine and Westbury policing continues

RURAL AND regional policing is critical to the way we deliver our services across the state and Tasmania Police is committed to servicing the Westbury/Deloraine region and surrounds into the future.

Deloraine and Westbury are part of the Tasmanian Police

Central North Division which covers much of Meander Valley and the northern Midlands.

The Central North Division headquarters has recently moved from Deloraine to a new station at Longford to increase local policing capacity and capability in the broader Central North Division.

There has been no change in the operational model of policing in the Deloraine/Westbury sub-division. Since 2019, the Northern District has received an additional 27 police officers and Deloraine has two additional officers.

Deloraine and Westbury are actively policed through two-

officer day and afternoon shifts and overnight on-call roster.

This includes 24 hour response from Launceston Police Station, as well as other police units such as road policing, criminal investigation, and other uniform divisions.

The Customer Service Officer

has re-located from the Deloraine station to the new headquarters.

A help phone will soon be installed at the station for direct communication with Tas Police. Members of the public needing non-emergency police support can also call 131 444. In cases of emergency call 000.

Will AI replace art and artists in the valley?

ART Forum with Dr Richard Dunlop

IS ARTIFICIAL intelligence ("AI") coming for art and artists, and will it replace both? The answer to the question largely depends on what is understood as art.

ChatGPT is a "large language model" that has assisted politicians deliver computer-generated speeches to parliament, assisted people plan their diets and exercise regimes, and terrified universities over how they will be able to recognize "cheating."

There are also "art bots" (text-to-image AI) that draw upon a large database of artworks to create images based on human requests.

Can an artist's style

(e.g. Monet's late style) be considered a large language model which can be reduced to its atoms, and then re-assembled into something new that resembles a Monet?

Could you ask a Chatbot to get your back garden in Meander Valley to look like Jeff Koons' Puppy, and if so, is it by Jeff Koons or even by you? Can AI get close to discovering the very essence of what art is, and why it appeals to people? Possibly, but in the short term, I don't think so, but it very much depends on how and what you accept as art.

Art will not cease to be made by humans, but the good stuff might be hard to recognize at first, as always.

If only a few of the promises of the future of the benefits of artificially intelligent devices

hold true, we will soon have far more leisure time to create art works of some sort or other to entertain, guide or impress others.

As art is an innate human impulse, so it has proven to be impossible to fully suppress.

It may be the last drive to go perhaps, the problem-solving creative streak of humans, in an apocalyptic sci-fi movie.

Prisoners decorate the walls of their cells, or even their bodies for something new to look at, and for decorative protection.

AI platforms (and there are a few of them now) are based on large databases of information and specific algorithms which are rigorous, but limited, and cannot tell the difference between fact and fiction.

All art is fiction. If the language model is not very exciting or capable of drilling deep, what it generates will reflect that limitation.

High hopes are being placed on the potential of AI to do all manner of tasks more efficiently than humans, and we are at the infant stage of this developmental trajectory.

The expressions of fears closely resemble those associated with the introduction of Excel, calculators and even computers into schools and offices.

Just to be sure, however, I asked Jasper AI, ChatGPT and Craiyon to undertake two straightforward requests:

Create a painting in the style of Monet which depicts an albino platypus called Moby by the Meander River, Deloraine

suitable for ages 6-12.

Did Lidia Thorpe watch far too much Vikings and Games of Thrones during the long Melbourne COVID lockdown of 2021?

To see the results, viewed at the readers' own risk and pleasure, you can use the same search words with various free AI platforms, which are multiplying at an exponential pace.

This month's *Artforum* challenge: Try out www.craiyon.com, or one of its text-to-image rivals while they are still subscription-free, to create some images based on your directions.

The author, a professional artist www.richarddunlop.com.au is on a gap year.

Brian Mitchell MP opens Deloraine Office

Federal Member for Lyons Brian Mitchell MP will open a new community office in Deloraine on 17 April 2023.

The community office at 44 Emu Bay Road, next to Mumma Buzz Café, will be staffed Mondays and Wednesdays.

"On other days the office will be available for use by the community, with bookings to be made through Deloraine House," Mr Mitchell said. "It's a lovely, freshly-painted office with plenty of space and a couple of rooms."

"Lyons is a big electorate and I've been looking for some time for the opportunity to open a community office in the north-west, in addition to my electorate offices in Perth and Bridgewater."

"When this space became available I jumped at the chance, and I look forward to using it as a base for my travels through the Meander Valley and Kentish, and for meeting with constituents."

Brian Mitchell MP Federal Member for Lyons



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THE 7TH annual Tasmanian Junior Beef Expo was held at the Deloraine Showgrounds on the weekend of the 24-26th February 2023.

The three day youth camp comprised of 45 competitors aged from 8-25 years. Despite many of the local agriculture shows struggling, the Tas Junior Beef Expo remains successful.

The focus of the Tas Junior Beef Expo is on educating participants about different aspects of the beef cattle industry.

The Committee sees the Expo as a key component to encouraging young people into the beef cattle industry.

Each year they try to offer different workshops and activities so that returning participants can continue to develop their knowledge.

This year participants



completed workshops including, washing and leading their heifers, blow torch clipping demonstrations, on site carcass breakdown, animal nutrition, Industry Career Panel, and public speaking.

As well as workshops participants had the opportunity to compete in individual competitions including cattle handling and judging.

All events are run at four different experience levels,

from novice through to advanced, to accommodate all competitors.

The committee recognizes that the success of this event is not possible without the generous donations from sponsors, with event partners the Deloraine Branch of the Bendigo Bank and Rural Bank.

Many thanks also to the hard working committee and out many supporters and volunteers.

At the movies with the Western Tiers Film Society

Clare Andersen



OPERATION MINCEMEAT

APRIL 8
2021 PG-13, History/Drama, UK/France, 128m Director John Madden

In 1943 wartime Britain, Director of naval intelligence, Admiral Godfrey, appoints the Twenty Committee, an inter-service/departmental intelligence team in charge of double agents. Its mission: to trick Nazi Germany into believing the Allies will invade Greece.

Its aim: to break Hitler's grip on occupied Europe. Seconded to MI5, Charles Cholmondeley (Matthew McFadyen), together with barrister Ewen Montagu (Colin Firth), proposes an operation developed from the

Trout Memo.

This memo, written in 1939, compared the deception of an enemy in wartime with fly fishing. The strategy would entail a corpse carrying false secrets and washing ashore. Despite Godfrey's doubts, he gives them permission to plan the operation with his assistant, Lieutenant Commander Ian Fleming. Thus 'Operation Mincemeat' was conceived.

'Adapted from Ben Macintyre's book, the screenplay is a brisk and jolly affair, taking gamey delight in comparing the art of espionage to the fibs of professional storytellers.' Times (UK), 8/2022.

Critics 83%/66% Audience Rotten Tomatoes



BONUS GOOD LUCK TO YOU, LEO GRANDE

APRIL 29
2022 R, Comedy/Drama, UK, 97m Director Sophie Hyde
Emma Thompson plays Nancy, retired and recently widowed, vividly unhappy, and at the limit of her ability to endure her own

unhappiness.

Completely breaking her strict patterns, Nancy hires sex worker Leo Grande to help her understand the sexual experiences she feels she missed out on during her marriage. The film is broken up into four separate 'meetings': each has its own flow and rhythm, with jagged edges, reprieves and pauses, beautiful and funny moments, as these strangers get to know each other in what is a transparently transactional relationship. But things don't happen in a linear way - emotions rarely do. Focused on the two, the storyline has Leo trying to do his job and put Nancy at ease, while she pushes him away, and tries to reconcile her own discomfort with what she is doing. Through these intimate encounters, they form a surprising human connection, and learn more about each and themselves than they bargained for.

'If we ever had a preconceived idea of the patterns that govern a relationship, it's likely that this film will transform it, with its risky subject, experimental tone, and theatrical style.' Top Critic 10/2022.

Critics 93%/84% Audience Rotten Tomatoes

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Creativity on display at Council's Lego Exhibition

A COLOURFUL array of more than 80 LEGO creations made by local primary school children was on display 24-25 March at the Meander Valley Council's *Building Together* exhibition.

LEGO creations were exhibited from students at Westbury Primary School, Bracknell Primary School, Our Lady of Mercy, Deloraine Primary School

and the Home Schooling network.

Meander Valley Council worked with the Tasmanian Brick Enthusiasts Inc. to enable students from local schools to have an opportunity to display their LEGO creations at the Westbury Town Hall, or at Brixhibition in Launceston if selected as finalists.

Mayor Wayne Johnston

said Council was proud to support local children to display their hard work and creativity.

"Building Together is a wonderful opportunity for children across our municipality to share their creativity with our community," Mayor Johnston said.



► Photo by Craig Zimitat.

Shipwreck proposed for Tasmanian Heritage Register



► A depiction of the Catarqui sinking by Julian Rossi Ashton.

THE CATARAQUI Shipwreck, Memorial and Grave Site (THR#11998) located on King Island is the first shipwreck site to include a land-based element to be entered on the Register, following a nomination from a member of the local community.

The 1845 wreck of the *Catarqui* remains the largest civilian maritime disaster in Australian history, with over

400 people losing their lives.

The place is significant for demonstrating the shipping hazards of Bass Strait and in combination with the other nearby shipwrecks, prompted the development of navigation aids in Bass Strait.

There are two memorials that commemorate the wreck and the lives lost, one on the shore overlooking the wreck site, and a second marking the

location of a mass grave for victims.

The Tasmanian Heritage Register contains almost 5,000 places of heritage significance to Tasmania.

Tasmania's rich collection of built heritage creates land and streetscapes that are uniquely Tasmanian and contribute strongly to the Tasmanian brand.

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Ukrainian Egg Dyeing	September 22nd	9:30 - 3:30
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Beetles or bugs?

The Exton Gardener

THE GARDEN of our first home together after we married was dominated by a large clingstone peach tree.

In spring the new growth suddenly became puckered and distorted. Ahh, they told us - curly leaf disease. You have to spray in winter to prevent this.

Closer inspection though revealed a different cause - aphids! All the new growth was crawling with them.

Then came the ladybirds. Within weeks the tree was producing normal healthy leaves. Although I've gardened most of my life I have no formal horticultural training.

I've learnt through experience, observation and reading. I prefer not to use that American name "ladybug." Ladybirds are not bugs.

"Bug" is not the generic word for "insect." Ladybirds are beetles, not bugs. Bugs are sap suckers. Aphids are bugs, as are stink bugs and harlequins.

Ladybird beetles and lacewings feed on aphids and they and their larvae are efficient predators.



► Yellow lady bird and larva.

Most of us are familiar with the greenfly aphids that appear on new rose shoots every year.

Other forms of aphid are the black aphids that distort the growing tips of ornamental cherries and the brown/grey ones on the stems of milk thistles.

Then there's the woolly aphid that is a pest on my Fuji apple trees. I can usually find the ladybirds are there as well.

There is, however, one ladybird in my garden that doesn't appear on aphid patrol.

I am finding them in large numbers on my grape vines.

As my garden has matured it has created too much shelter around the vines and they've

become prone to mildew. I have sprayed in the past to no avail.

The yellow ladybirds graze on mildew.

Their numbers have increased so I leave them to it.

It's really important to recognise the larva of ladybirds as they have a large appetite! They are quite a unique triangular shape with six legs at the front, brown/grey to black in colour and with coloured stripes according to the colour of the adult.

They don't resemble the adult at all.

I treasure my ladybirds and encourage them. I only wish I had more!

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Ignite your passion for fire spinning

LAST YEAR, Arts Deloraine teamed up with SuperSillyUs Circus and the Fyrebird Flow Collective to host an exciting series of workshops on fire performance.

These youth-focused workshops were a huge hit, with participants enjoying the opportunity to learn the art of spinning staff, poi, palms, and fans in a safe environment.

The young performers went on to deliver an

incredible performance that thrilled the WinterFire22 audience.

Building on this success, Arts Deloraine with support from the Foundation for Rural Regional Renewal are thrilled to announce that the workshops will be returning this year! The weekly program will run every Thursday for six weeks from May 4th to June 8th, from 5:30pm to 7:00pm at the Deloraine

Showgrounds.

Participants will have the chance to create their own Fire Staff and safely develop and again showcase their new found skills in the overall choreography at the highly anticipated WinterFire 23 event, scheduled for June 10th.

Bookings are essential and limited.

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Violence prevention workshop

WE'VE ALL seen violence and often turn away thinking there is nothing we could do, that we shouldn't interfere or we may be harmed by interfering.

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are we saying that what is happening is ok? Bystanders can safely confront, interrupt, or prevent violence.

The Mentors in Violence Prevention Program

(MVP) workshops provide participants with specific skills to help end violence in our communities by helping us learn how to be effective bystanders.

A free workshop,

facilitated by Alina Thomas, CEO Engender Equality and Anj van Rooyen, Family Violence Practitioner at Engender Equality will be held 11-4pm, Friday 19 May at Deloraine House, 112 Emu

Bay Road.

Morning tea and lunch is provided.

Register to attend: <https://www.trybooking.com/CEMMH>

Homemade frozen potato alternative

Wendy Hays

A RECENT meal at a popular Launceston eatery turned out to be a bit of a disappointment.

Due to the scarcity of frozen potatoes, the fish came with rather limp sweet potato fries which didn't really compliment the battered flathead.

Fortunately, there seem to be plenty of fresh potatoes in the shops and there is definitely no shortage of potatoes at my address.

My agronomist nephew regularly monitored my first ever potato crop resulting in a bumper harvest.

So, if you like the humble spud and want an alternative to frozen chips, I can recommend this month's simple recipe.

They are delicious and probably a good deal healthier than the frozen chip variety.

Always make more than you think you'll need as

they'll quickly disappear!

Parmesan and Garlic Potato Wedges

Ingredients

- 8 - 10 large potato – scrub, leave unpeeled and cut into chunky wedges
- 4 Tb. olive oil
- 1 ts. sea salt
- ½ ts. freshly ground black pepper
- About 50 g grated parmesan
- 2 Tb. finely chopped fresh rosemary or 1 ts. dried rosemary
- 3 cloves of garlic – peeled and crushed

Method

- 1 Preheat oven to 220C and line 2 or 3 baking trays with baking paper.
- 2 Mix all of the seasoning ingredients together in a large bowl.
- 3 Using a large saucepan, cover the prepared potatoes with cold water and bring to the boil.
- 4 Simmer for 5 minutes



- 5 then remove from heat and strain off the water. Allow the drained potatoes to steam for a few minutes to dry out.
- 6 Tip the potatoes into the bowl containing the seasoning ingredients and toss to coat the potato wedges.
- 7 Lay the seasoned potatoes in a single layer on the prepared baking trays and sprinkle over any seasoning that hasn't stuck to the potatoes.
- 8 Bake for about 50 minutes or until tender, crisp and golden.

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Crossword April 2023 solution



Sudoku April 2023 solution

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

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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
Saturdays, 9 - 11	Parkrun	Town Common, Westbury
Weekends	Deloraine Walking Club	Walks and bike rides- go to delorainewalkingclub.weebly.com for program of events, contact and membership info
Weekends, 10 to 4	Rupertswood Crop Maze (until April 16)	Rupertswood Farm, Hagley
Weekends, 1 to 3	Live in the Vines	3 Willows Vineyard, Montana
Saturday 1, 8 to 2	Rotary Book Sale	Deloraine Rotary Pavilion
Saturday 1, 9 to 1	Deloraine Market	Deloraine Showground
Saturday 1, 5 to 10	Live from the 3rd Room Backshed	West Church St, Deloraine
Saturday 1, 7.30 to 9.30	Old Time Dance	Selbourne Hall
Sunday 2, 2 to 5	Raw Jam	Empire Hotel, Deloraine
Sunday 2, 3 to 5	Anglican Parish of Quamby Concert	St Mary's Church, Hagley
Monday 3, 1-4	Bingo	Western Tiers Community Club
Wednesday 5, 7 to 9	Trivia Night at the British	British Hotel, Deloraine
Thursday 6, 5 to 8	Fire Spin Jam	Deloraine Riverbank
Thursday 6, 10-12	Golden Oldies men's group	Western Tiers Community Club
Friday 7, 7 to 9	Celtic Players	Empire Hotel, Deloraine
Saturday 8, 9 to 1	Liffey Valley Market	Old Liffey School
Saturday 8, 10 to 2	Combined Churches Easter Festival	Deloraine Riverbank
Saturday 8, 7.30pm	Western Tiers Film Society - Operation Mince meat	Little Theatre, 2 Meander Valley Rd, Deloraine (2021 PG13, Drama, UK/France, 128m)
Friday 14, 6.30 to 8.30	Easter Trivia Night	Australian Italian Club, Prospect
Saturday 15, 9 to 1	Mole Creek Market	Mole Creek Memorial Hall
Saturday 15, 8 to 1	Westbury Market	St Andrews Church, Westbury
Monday 17, 1-4	Bingo	Western Tiers Community Club
Tuesday 18, 10 to 12	Deloraine Probus Club	Rotary Function Centre, Alveston Drive
Friday 21, 7.30 to 9.30	Auld Alliance at the British	British Hotel, Deloraine
Friday 21, 11-12	Singing - with Roy	Western Tiers Community Club
Saturday 22, 3 to 10	Trail Graze Tunes	Wandering Trout, Mole Creek
Saturday 22, 7.30 to 9.30	Van Morrison Show	Australian Italian Club, Prospect
Saturday 29, 9 to 1	Mother's Day Makers Market	Parkham Community Hall
Saturday 29, 7.30pm	Western Tiers Film Society - Good Luck To You Leo Grande	Little Theatre, 2 Meander Valley Rd, Deloraine (2022 R, Comedy/Drama, UK, 97m)

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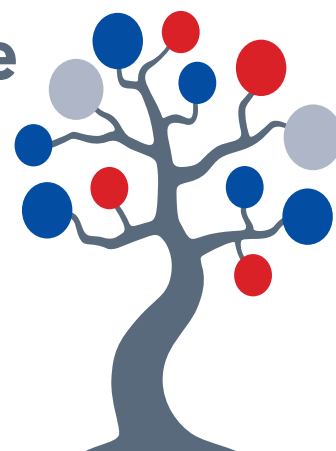
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ROOS' RECOVERY ON TRACK



► The Roos women's team elated after a win against fierce rivals George Town at the Gala. *Photo Robin Foster.*

THE COMMUNITY Gala Day went ahead in fine weather, though a bit chilly at the start, with the new lights towering over the ground.

Deloraine teams were joined by those from Bridgenorth Football Club, George Town Football Club, Old Launcestonians Football Club and Scottsdale

Football Club where nine matches (Men's & Women's footy) were played over the day.

The Gala was a great success thanks to the massive crowd of local supporters, as well as the Rural Alive & Well team on the bbq, coffee from the Deloraine Lions Club and facilities by Sunrise Trailers.

The Club recognises the ongoing support of Gala prize donors: Harcourts Meander Valley, Deloraine Hotel, David Eastley and the team at Huetts, Mumma Buzz Cafe 'N' Takeaway and

Barry McDonald and Katie Smith who have generously donated on behalf of their families who both have a long history with the Deloraine Footy Club.

The Gala day was clearly a good omen for the NTFA premier division curtain raiser game at the Hawthorn Football Club vs North Melbourne FC game played on April 1 at UTAS Stadium.

The youngish Roos team outplayed Bridgenorth in a tightly contested match: Deloraine 58 defeated Bridgenorth 43.

Club President, Don Tracey, provided an update on recovery efforts.

The change rooms and main area are completed and the new light towers installed.

Once the kitchens are completed then new equipment can be installed, followed by the public facilities.

In the next week or so the club should be well and truly ready for the home game against George Town on 22 April.

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March 8th 2023**



We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who attended the International Women's Day event. It was a huge success, and we couldn't have done it without community support and participation. The event was so successful that we have decided to run it again in 2024, and we hope that you will join us again. We have raised an incredible \$3000 for Magnolia House which is an amazing achievement.



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