

# Meander Valley Gazette

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## New truck sets standard for fire season

THE MEANDER Volunteer Fire brigade recently took delivery of the latest state-of-the-art truck available to fire-fighting personnel anywhere in the state.

The 13-tonne Hino GT crew cab was designed, engineered and built in Tasmania after consultation with the men and women who provide the frontline defence against disaster.

The truck can carry 3,000 litres of water and 50 litres of foam concentrate with a pump capable of pumping water at a rate twice that of the previous vehicle. The pumps and electronic equipment can be operated from inside the cab with a manual override for times of electronic failure.

Brigade Chief, Grant Flowers, said the safety features built into the truck gave him and the rest of the brigade confidence for the coming season.

"If we get into a situation where we are trapped the crew can get inside and start the pump, operate the sprays above the wheels, pull the curtains down and protect ourselves for the time it takes for the fire threat to pass," Mr Flowers said.

"Most burn over situations last no more than three minutes and we can sit safe in this vehicle for up to ten minutes.

The Tasmania Fire Service is the only fire service in Australia, and one of only three globally who design, engineer and build their own vehicles.

The vehicle is the seventh of a statewide roll out of 14 and Fleet Manager with the TFS, Leon 'Alfy' Smith, said other states would like to do the same but rely



Brigade Chief Grant Flowers and members of the Meander junior and senior fire brigades with the new truck.

on outsourcing their work. Tasmania is able to produce the highest possible quality vehicles to suit the conditions.

"I go to conferences and the other states are jealous of what we are doing and that we are doing it ourselves," Mr Smith said.

"We are able to go to the brigades and other stakeholders and consult on what the needs are and how we can best deliver those.

"The TFS is well placed to protect and maintain properties in terms of resources, equipment and people."

The Meander brigade has 18 paged members and four support members who can be called on if the need arises.

There are 12 junior members and a high retention rate with seven of the current senior brigade progressing from the juniors.

For fire emergency call 000.



### Meander Valley Gazette Launch Party

To say thank you to the many people who have contributed to Meander Valley's new community paper, you are invited to a street party

Come along and enjoy music, food and making merry.

Friday, January 17th at 6pm.  
21 West Parade, Deloraine (behind the library).

Everyone welcome!

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## Local timbers to hit the right note during StringFest in March

LOVERS OF fine instruments and great music will gather with luthiers, musicians and collectors at the inaugural Deloraine StringFest Tasmania in March 2014.

StringFest is a celebration of stringed instruments with a focus on those made in Tasmania or made with local woods such as blackwood, huon pine, sassafras and macrocarpa. Tasmania has many fine artisans who craft guitars, ukuleles, violins harps, banjos, lutes and other high quality instruments.

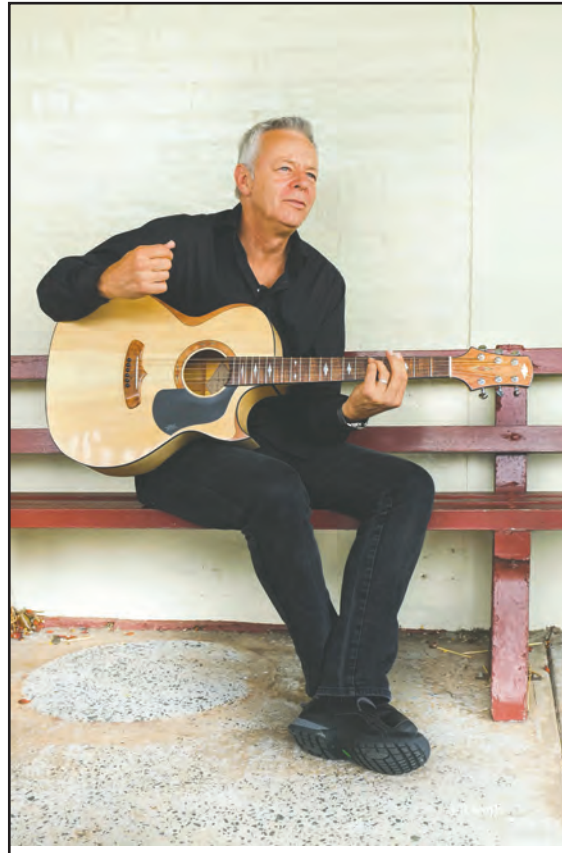
Australian instruments by both large manufacturers and artisans have achieved international fame and StringFest organiser, Nick Weare, organised the event as an opportunity for musicians, luthiers and enthusiasts to gather, display, sell and discuss their craft and love of music.

Instrument makers, tone-wood suppliers, musicians, groups and lovers of fine instruments will be brought together for displays, jam sessions, concerts and workshops.

At the launch of the festival at The Weare Gallery, Deloraine, guitarist Tommy Emmanuel paid tribute to the local resource being showcased at StringFest.

"Tasmania has a surplus of some of the best timbers in the world for making instruments," Mr Emmanuel said.

Luthiers attending the event include Matt Pavey from the east coast of Tasmania; Gary Rizzolo from Hobart; Phil Kearney from Launceston and Strato Anagnostis from NSW. Though Tommy is not appearing at StringFest performers include Justin "The Wizard" John-



Tommy Emmanuel at the StringFest launch.

Pic. Fraser Deeth

son, Gareth Koch, Graham McDonald, Vikingo de Jerez and more.

A 'Walk of Fame' on the Meander Riverbank will celebrate previous and present musicians who have achieved recognition for performance and recording.

The 'Walk of Fame' will recognise prominent Tasmanian musicians each year with plaques along a suitable walking track in the town, which is designed to eventually become a tourist attraction in its own right

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## Online learning to help job seekers

DELORAINES ADULT Literacy and Deloraine Online will team up to present a series of three workshops about using the internet for learning and gaining employment in Feb 2014

The first workshop, on Monday February 3, will look at using the internet for informal or unaccredited learning.

You Tube, iTunes U and Massive Open Online Course are a few of the resources covered in this session.

Workshop Two, on Monday February 10, offers tips and tricks for finding and applying for jobs online.

This session may appeal to parents who would like to assist their children to look for work as well as other jobseekers.

It is now possible to gain work related tickets such as white card, responsible service of alcohol and food handling online, these will be covered in the session.

Workshop Three, on Monday February 17, is for those who would like to study an accredited course online.

The course will be tutored by Meander Valley Literacy Coordinator, Anne-Marie Loader, who has completed her masters using an online learning platform.

As one of the difficulties with online learning is maintaining motivation, an opportunity to form a study group to meet weekly and study together with other online learners will be offered for 2014.

All three sessions will be held at the Deloraine Online Centre from 10am to midday.

Bookings can be made by calling 6362 3537, emailing deloraine.oac@education.tas.gov.au or dropping in to the online centre.

There is no charge for the workshops but donations will be gratefully accepted.

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# Meander Valley back in the news

By Danny Ross

THE FIRST edition of the Meander Valley Gazette was published earlier this month to fulfill the need for a community newspaper in the region.

Following the cessation of the Meander Valley News by Fairfax Media the local district has been without a dedicated newspaper.

Community members led by the The Meander Gazette General Manager, Joanne Eisemann, identified the need for such a publication and have worked for several months to make it a reality. Not since The Western Tiers was closed more than a decade ago has the Meander Valley had a newspaper produced in the community.

The Meander Valley News was published from Launceston by The Examiner.

While Joanne Eisemann has an eye on the future in the structure of the paper she has found direction in what The Western Tiers was able to achieve from a humble base.

"The Western Tiers, through its owner Geoff Woods, established a strong reputation and trust in the Meander Valley Community and we want to achieve that very thing," Mrs Eiseman said.

"But we are looking to the future and our paper will be covering news concerning large-scale farming enterprises to small community projects and everything in between.

"We will be looking to the community



Former Editor of the Western Tiers Times Geoff Woods, General Manager of the Meander Valley Gazette, Joanne Eisemann and President of Meander Valley Online Inc., Geoff Berry look over a copy of the once popular Western Tiers Times.

to notify us of their news because they will know their stories better than we will."

The Gazette is a not-for-profit enterprise that is owned by Meander Valley Online Inc. and President Geoff Berry said the committee believes the Gazette will deliver positive social outcomes to the community.

"We (Meander Valley Online Inc. committee) supported it because it will be a cohesive force for the community," Mr Berry said.

"As a not-for-profit organisation the Gazette can and will create employment and give the opportunity for skill development to the members of the community."

Former editor of The Western Tiers, Geoff Woods, said he was pleased to see another local newspaper start in the Meander Valley and believed the Western Tiers was a success because it was structured to involve as much of the community as possible.

"The Western Tiers was a real commu-

nity newspaper because so many people wrote for it," Mr Woods said.

"A small paper based locally will print stories the others do not even think of." Members of the Meander Valley community have supported the newspaper since its launch was made public in October.

Advertising and editorial deadlines will be published in the preceding issue of the Gazette and all enquiries can be directed through the contact details on page 2 of the newspaper.

## Your say ...

What do you think is the main role of a local newspaper?



"Being kept up to date with local activities and important events." **Kim Rye, Mole Creek.**



"Keeping informed about current and future events taking place in our region." **Terry and Joanne Frisby, Meander.**



"Local newspapers are not so much influenced by external sources and can promote local issues." **Ben Pyka, Montana.**



"It helps my Dad light the fire." **Jack Sheahan, Westbury.**

"Reading of upcoming events and interesting people with fascinating skills and businesses." **Alfred Franssen,**

## Rebecca White MP

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## Breast Cancer Support Group to be formed in Deloraine

WOMEN WITH breast cancer will receive greater support with the formation of a local breast cancer support group.

With the number of women diagnosed with the disease increasing, Maureen Holland, a breast cancer survivor, identified a need for a support group for other women to come together and share their experience with women who are, or who have, travelled the same journey.

The group will come together for the first time in early February and will be informal but be registered with Breast Cancer Network Australia.

Maureen, a Breast Cancer survivor, is a trained BCNA Community Liaison. She is happy to speak to local groups and meetings of her Breast Cancer journey and Breast Cancer Awareness and is President of Tasmanian Breast Cancer Network, while Bev Ritchie is the

Treasurer and Katy Haberle, a committee member.

Saturday October 19, 2013 saw 80 people join Breast Cancer survivors on the 5th Annual Mini Fields of Women and Pink Lady Walk around the picturesque riverbank in Deloraine, to raise funds and promote awareness of Breast Cancer.

\$404.50 was raised for Tasmanian Breast Cancer on the day, including \$54.50 from the Edge Hair Studio donation tin while \$218.00 of Breast Cancer Network Australia merchandise was sold.

A BBQ raised \$100.00 to assist in the formation of a Breast Cancer Support Group in Deloraine.

For confidential support and information regarding Breast Cancer and the support group, please contact: Maureen Holland on 0409020417

## The NBN and you

### ADVICE

With Alistair Carr

TELSTRA HAVE designated May 23 2014 as the disconnection date for regular services. So what does this mean for those Deloraine residents in the fibre service area (FSA)?

It means on that date all ADSL internet, voice telephony, back to base alarms and anything else that relies on the old copper network will cease to work. Mobile 3g/4g services are unaffected.

But what can you do about it? You must take up a fibre phone service and/or fibre internet service before this date if you wish to retain a fixed line phone or internet service.

There are several options for consumers under the fibre connection and it is up to the each individual to decide what they want, no-one else will do it for you.

For those that only want a phone service, you can arrange for your phone to be moved to a voice service over the NBN. This service may be provided in several ways.

When you order a service your retail service provider (RSP) will arrange for an installer to come to your address and fit a couple of boxes inside your house. This is the NBN Network Termination Device (NTD) and is fitted for every fibre service, phone or internet. The standard installation is free.

Current NTD units have 6 sockets on the bottom, two for

phone called UNI-V and four for internet called UNI-D.

For a pure phone service you arrange with your RSP for one of the UNI-V ports to be activated and for your existing phone number to be moved over to the new service.

Unfortunately only two companies that I can find, Skymesh and more recently Telstra, are providing a standalone UNI-V service at this time. That is you don't need to have an internet service with it. Skymesh call their plan Standalone SkyMesh Voice for NBN Fibre and for Telstra it is the Telstra Voice Budget. Other RSPs seem to insist on you having an internet service bundled with the phone.

If you currently use someone other than Skymesh or Telstra you will need to check with them for Fibre Phone options.

Both these services use the UNI-V socket so if there is a power outage you can still make calls by pressing a button on the NTD to activate the standby battery. This of course assumes you are not using a cordless phone, or a fixed phone that requires mains power.

These products have similar "line rentals" and call costs to the existing copper based services.

The second method is again using the UNI-V port for your voice calls, but bundled with an internet plan connected to a Uni-D port. Both phone and internet must be from the same provider and bought as a bundle. Again line rental is similar to the old copper line rental.



Presenters Marion Curtain and Steve Wells share the microphone at a recording session at the MVFM studio.

## Radio station longevity based in the strength of its volunteers

By Michael O'Reilly

THE EQUATION for the long-term survival of any Community radio station is now quite simple – no volunteers, no station.

The Meander Valley FM radio station has a growing team of volunteers, and opportunities exist to join as a presenter or in some other role suited to your skills and availability.

"Our volunteers are the best," said MVFM president Lionel Walters.

"No radio station can operate without dedicated, hard-working people.

"Our volunteers are passionate about giving the Meander Valley a voice on air, and they have a lot of fun doing it!"

The radio station, from the inaugural meeting in 2008 of just three people, has evolved into a very high-tech facility with the ability to transmit a signal some fifty kilometres from the studio at Deloraine and can be heard both on the internet and home radio.

Live event broadcasts, such as

Deloraine's recent Carols by Candlelight, are also becoming commonplace.

From its inception, and in keeping with the requirements of the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA), the station has had as its primary goal the production of programs matching the community demographics.

Many organizations and individuals wrote letters of support for the idea of a community based volunteer radio station citing the many ways that such a station would give a voice to the people of the Valley.

There are some two hundred and fifty activity groups that collectively represent the region known as the Meander Valley.

MVFM offers training in presenting or reporting, be it sport, music, local news, health issues, reciting poetry, recording local musicians and many others.

Email: [feedback@mvfm.com.au](mailto:feedback@mvfm.com.au) Phone 03 6362 4969

## Briefly

### Community Events Register

THE first prototype of a Westbury Community Events Register is now available at the Westbury PO, Library and Chemist. Please feel free to advertise your event in it. Contact Lexie 6393 1847 or Edna 6393 1456.

### Westbury Pool Study

IF you wish to have any input into the Feasibility Study for a swimming pool in Westbury please do so now. The 1st Draft is available from the author (Lexie Brient 6393 1847) or can be seen at the Westbury PO. Community response is welcome. The second (final?) draft is about to be started.

### Caveside Craft Group

THERE is a little bit of fun happening at a craft group in the Presbyterian Church Hall on Caveside Road at Mole Creek every second and fourth Friday of every month, starting on Friday 14th February

The program starts at 10.30 am and, until midday, children are invited to join in creative activities in a friendly atmosphere shared by like-minded people.

After lunch is child-free time with sewing machines, spinning wheels and a variety of tools being used by experienced hands to produce quality craft.

Participants are welcome to bring their own craft projects; watch and learn from others; or enjoy a cup of tea and meet members of the local community.

For more information call Cathy on 6363 1453.

This is a good way to go if you want the battery backup for the phone service in case of power outages. Call rates also tend to be a lot cheaper than the previous standalone product. Telstra, Internode, iinet and probably other RSPs are providing this bundling.

Finally you can go pure VOIP with an internet plan. This is by far the cheapest way to go in terms of monthly call cost. With this service your phone connects directly to your Broadband Router which is plugged in to the UNI-D port of the NBN box. With this if power goes out you lose your home phone (and internet of course) for the duration of the outage.

Most providers will supply a

basic bundled VOIP service for \$5.00 or \$10.00 a month on top of your Internet plan cost with included calls to the same value as the plan. Call costs can be very low; for example Internode charge 18 cents untimed anywhere in Australia to fixed line phones. As there are no STD areas with VOIP you could talk to family or friends in Cairns for half a day for that 18 cents. Calls to any standard Australian mobile phone service are 29 cents a minute with no flagfall.

Whichever service you decide to go with do not leave it to the last minute as installers will be very busy and probably won't get to you till after the copper service is cut and you lose your phone and internet.

Remember it is up to you to make the choice no-one will do it for you.

So make the change to the NBN Fibre service now, don't get caught out.

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Main photo: Tiger snake *Notechis scutatus*. Inset: The lowland copperhead or *Australaps superbus*.

Pics. Darron Cameron

## Snake safety can protect dogs

By Jan Collett

WITH SUMMER in full swing, snakes will be on the prowl searching for food, water, shelter and sun-baking spots. Tasmania's most venomous snakes are the Tiger Snake and Lowland Copperhead. A dog, bitten by either of these, can be showing symptoms of distress within five to ten minutes and needs immediate veterinarian attention to improve the odds of survival. Symptoms may include drooling/frothing, vomiting and rear-end weakness/paralysis. Local veterinarian, Dr Roger Blackwell, said a tiger snake bite can often cause collapse soon after being bitten, followed by an apparent recovery before deterioration and death.

It is virtually impossible to keep snakes away from rural and bush properties, and they are seen occasionally in suburbia, but dog owners can take various measures to make it less attractive for the slithery ones to come into the garden or near the house.

Keep a tidy garden, mowing the lawn regularly, and try not to have lots of undergrowth type plants where snakes love to hide.

Water fountains and features can be gorgeous additions to the garden but are a magnet for snakes when the drier

weather hits.

Garden hoses left lying on the ground can also attract snakes as the hose will continue to leak water for some period.

Keep stacks of firewood or timber well away from your house and garden area as these make great snake 'condos'.

Loosely built rock walls are another snake haven so try to fill these in with loose gravel or cement the gaps.

Snakes' diets include small rodents, frogs and lizards so keeping the local mouse population at bay could help deter snakes.

Keep the chook pen well away from the house as well as compost heaps/bins as these are great attractors for mice and, consequently, snakes.

One effective method to keep snakes out of a fenced garden is to install vermin or snake mesh which has a 5 to 6mm opening, too small for all but the tiniest of snakes. To be most effective, this mesh should be dug about 10-12cm into the ground and mounted flush on the outside of the existing fencing, leaving absolutely no gaps for snakes to get through.

Installing snake mesh for a large garden or dog kennel is not cheap but, done correctly, can go a long way in defending against a serpent invasion.

Professional snake handlers all agree never try to intervene between your dog and a snake or attempt to deal with a snake on your own as this is when most people get bitten. Shane Swain, of Reptile Rescue, relocates an average of ten to 15 snakes a year from gardens in townships throughout Meander Valley.

Mr Swain says that houses bordering hay paddocks are at a high risk for snake visits in the coming months as the vibration of hay mowing machinery chases them out of their normal environment.

Darron Cameron, of Tasmanian Reptile Relocations and Training, concurs and adds that he has already had many call-outs this year to relocate Tiger Snakes and Copperheads from suburban areas which border bushland. Tiger Snakes and Copperheads are protected species.

Vigilance and awareness is the best strategy for safeguarding your pets.

If you have any suspicion that a snake may be trying to take up permanent residence in your garden or house, two reptile relocation services covering the Meander Valley area are:

Reptile Rescue – 0407 565 181 or Tasmanian Reptile Relocations and Training - 0429 430 009.



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# TASMANIAN MOUNTAIN CATTLEMEN ANNUAL GET TOGETHER

THE TASMANIAN Mountain Cattlemen's Association will be returning to the high country on February 1 and 2 when their 27th Annual Get Together will be held on Robbie Glover's property, "The Rough Paddock" on the Waddamana Road in the Central Highlands.

The Get Together is the largest equestrian event and the only one of its kind to be staged in Tasmania and attracts some of the state's best horsemen and women to compete over the course of the weekend.

The highlight of Saturday's events is the running of the Page Transport Senior Championship and the Horse-land Junior Championship which consist of handy stock horse, sheep handling and a stock horse race.

Other events include billy-can races, which are always popular and prove very enjoyable for spectators, as well as the teams relay race and a full whip-cracking program which will be held later in the day.

For the first time in the history of the event sheep will be used instead of cattle and this change to the championship will provide a new challenge to competitors and should be very interesting for spectators.

A contingent from Victoria will be crossing Bass Strait this year and are keen to compete and they are certain to provide the locals with some strong competition.

On Saturday night the band "Champion Ruby" will provide the entertainment till late and on Sunday there will be the usual trail ride of about 4 hours duration.

The inaugural Ray Jones Trail Ride will be held and is about 1 hour with children on leading rein welcome.

A tanker will be provided on site for horse water only and participants will need to bring their own hay this



The mountain cattleman will get together at the 'Rough Paddock' in the central highlands this year.

year.

The Association is very appreciative to the Glover family for providing this picturesque venue and for all their assistance, for without the support of property owners such as the Glovers the Association would be unable to hold this event.

There is plenty of good camping available with campers advised to bring their own drinking water.

Due to the wet conditions in the highlands over the past few months, there is a possibility the venue may be changed, so anyone planning on attending is advised to check the Association's web site or contact the secretary a few weeks prior to the event.

A copy of the event program is available on the web site at [tmca.net.au](http://tmca.net.au) or you can contact the secretary, Sandra Rybarczyk on 0400 635 070.



Rural Alive and Well outreach workers Trevor Chalk and Nicole Grose

## Rural wellbeing focus for outreach workers

IT IS fair to say that things are tough in rural Tasmania.

A high Australian dollar means that commodity prices are low – those on the land are finding it a struggle.

The downturn in the forest industry has affected all, from the men in the sawmills to forest contractors and their employees.

A shining light is the organisation Rural Alive and Well, or RAW as it has become known.

Rural Alive and Well Inc is a not-for-profit organisation delivering community wellbeing services to the rural areas in Tasmania, including those in the forest industry.

RAW's key objective is to help build the resilience and capacity of individuals, families and the community to react to challenging life experiences including mental health issues with a specific focus on suicide prevention.

RAW has two outreach workers in the north of the state - Trevor Chalk and Nicole Grose. Both

have found the past six months extremely challenging, with many calls for help each day.

"Sometimes it can be as simple as a cup of tea and a chat", said Mrs Grose, "but more often we are called to provide emotional support when businesses such as sawmills close. Sawmill owners are hit hard, not only losing a business but also having to put off men they've employed for years".

"The level of uncertainty in the forest industry is having a huge impact", said Mr Chalk. "We are helping a lot of men to cope with the sudden loss of a job, which has often been held for decades".

"But there is light at the end of the tunnel", said Mrs Grose, "there are plenty of resources available, and we are here to help, not only emotionally, but also in very practical ways".

If you would like to contact Rural Alive and Well please call: RAW office: 6259 3014, Trevor Chalk: 0427 418 345, Nicole Grose: 0418 473 293

## Training at hand for rural helpers

RURAL HELP @ Hand is set to run its first formal training course for potential volunteers over four weekly sessions in March.

Rural Help @ Hand is a grassroots rural volunteer organisation that aims to provide support for rural patients and their families who are facing city hospitalisation.

The role of volunteers, or "helping hands", is to help rural patients remain connected to the land, their family and community by providing practical and emotional support in times of medical crisis.

RHAH president, Annette Reed, realised however, that many other rural patients and their families had little or no support.

This, combined with a lack of awareness and understanding from city medical staff left many patients struggling.

The role of RH@H is to bridge that gap, to provide support, liaison and networks for rural patients and their families.

An interim Board of Directors has been established and Board members with skills and experience in volunteer, medical, rural, networking, promotional and media fields are being sought.

For further details on RH@H, training or support please contact the President, Annette Reed (0438 009522), email [admin@rhah.com.au](mailto:admin@rhah.com.au) or website [www.rhah.com.au](http://www.rhah.com.au)

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**Featured letter**

I am writing in thankfulness for the Deloraine Bridge. I love it's old fashioned lamps set in their ornate mountings. I love it's railings, mellowed stonework & 'Glasgow Engineering' imprinted in it's beams. I love the momentary coolness you feel when you walk under it on a warm day. I even love the way the pigeons flutter explosively & scare the life out of you!

Its echoes of grandness & pride the town once might have had in it - I can still sense it when I round the bend & see it there before me, like a beacon from another time, with it's backdrop of lovely trees.

I picture the feet that have walked over the bridge in its time, feet carrying their owners about their business. I think of the young ones who have jumped from it in the summers or lingered underneath it to fish, 'paint' or share a kiss.

But above all, I love walking over the bridge & looking up river on a clear, bright blue day. Morning, evening - whenever it may be, my heart sings when I see the sky reflected in the still water & the majestic mountains beyond, constant & clear



cut against the horizon. Seeing this view always makes me feel infinitely blessed. So for all these things & more, to our grand old bridge, I thank you!

**Katie Deloraine.**

**Spending concern**

It has come to this Meander Valley resident's attention that there has been a considerable sum of money spent by government to get consultants' opinions of what may happen

should oil, and fuel supplies be cut-off due to world-wide shortages.

That money would be better spent investing in the people who are capable of producing quality, fresh food, and supplying natural resources in our general vicinity, ie our local farmers and rural landholders.

What happens when fuel runs out is obvious. No transport equals empty supermarkets and hungry people in the cities and towns

who need clothing, warmth and shelter.

While it is reasonable to plan for times of crisis, surely we employ enough intelligent people in government to work through a worst-case scenario without paying for extra consultants. If we don't, we need to think a bit harder about who we elect to represent us and who they employ to make decisions on our behalf.

**Heather Cheshunt**

**Bob Loone**

We will never know all the things Bob did in his fight to make the Meander Valley and Tasmania a better place to live. He was a true Gentleman, I am proud to have spent time in his company. I will also miss him, it is not often that one comes across a public figure who is truly in it for what he can do for others. Bob used to do the rounds of the valley on a regular basis, sitting in his car waiting at set

spots for people who needed to talk about council issues with him. He always made himself available.

Bob knew where he was going when he died and was very positive about the process. He harboured no bitterness or fear. A truly Great Man.

**Pete Godfrey Golden Valley**

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**Enjoy a family movie under the stars**

EVERY FAMILY enjoys going to the movies, but for most of us in the Meander Valley that involves a long drive, not to mention the cost of tickets—especially right after Christmas! That's not going to be a problem during these school holidays.

Each Friday during the holidays, the car park of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Deloraine (153 Emu Bay Road – on the Mole Creek roundabout) will be transformed into a drive-in movie theatre, showing current family favourites each Friday, and best of all, it's FREE!

We cannot publish the titles of upcoming movies due to licence conditions, but they assure us they will be clean, fun and appropriate for all ages. Past features have included Peter Pan, Epic and Rise of the Guardians.

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Families enjoy a recent movie at the Deloraine "drive-in theatre"

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# Small town, big band

**After small beginnings the Deloraine Community Band has delighted audiences for three decades. Some long-time members of the band tell Bart M'Gann the reasons for its success.**

**T**HE HISTORY of the community band at Deloraine stretches back over a century when a group entertained crowds, nurtured young talent and won accolades at competitions. This went on for decades until World War II interrupted and the band stopped. There was an attempt to revitalise it in the 1950's but this did not last.

Then in 1981 a man named Gordon Scott sat his two talented sons down with a group of enthusiasts in the front room of his home and so began the Young Deloraine Big Band. One of the members was Carlyle Sherriff, a member of the community band from decades before.

The group continued for two years until Gordon and Geoff Woods teamed up to seek funding and to formalise the administrative side of things. In 1983 the Young Deloraine Big Band received a Country Education Grant to purchase brass, woodwind and percussion instruments and pay to employ six teachers over the first two years.

One of the original members of the band from that first practice in Gordon Scott's front room, Stuart Harvey, remembers the time well.

"I was 19 or 20 and I went to about half a dozen practices with the Scott boys. I used to pick them up from Moltema on the way," Stuart says sitting in the band room at the back of the Little Theatre at Deloraine. "Then along comes Gordon Scott and Geoff Woods



The Deloraine Big Band perform at the Little Theatre. Pic. David Deeth

with the Country Education Grant money and Deloraine had not seen the likes of that sort of enthusiasm or ability to organise government grants. All of a sudden we had money for instruments, money to pay tutors and

**"It is a case to be studied because this is how you do it"**

then we started to play music we saw on television."

Gordon Scott was raised in Launceston and played drums in the St Andrews Pipe band, winning many drumming competitions, both state and national.

He played a variety of instruments well, including double bass

and vibraphone and when he moved to Sydney he took professional tuition in the latter.

The current band leader and Gordon's son, Cameron, said his father became a very good musician playing alongside, and teaching, some of Sydney's best. This time in Sydney was where the seed of an idea for the Deloraine band was planted.

"He played with Don Burrows and George Golla and a lot of the local Sydney musicians," Cameron said. "He would also train the rhythm section of the Young Northside Sydney Big Band, which had James Morrison, Dale Barlow, Andrew Gander the famous Jazz drummer. That is where he got the idea."

Now known as the Deloraine Community Band, the group plays in three distinct formats. The Marching Band with highland uniform and bagpipes have performed at every ANZAC Day parade for three decades.

The Concert Band is a brass, woodwind and percussion group based in instrumentals playing classical arrangements to pieces from popular music.

The Deloraine Big Band plays a large, often eclectic, selection of music and includes the talents of vocalist Georgina Harvey.

Georgina, Stuart's daughter, was asked to join the band after she was seen performing at the Devonport Jazz Festival in 2007 by band member Rod Swan. He had



Georgina Harvey. Pic. David Deeth

no idea Georgina was Stuart's daughter. Cameron says vocals have revitalised the group, allowing the band to play for longer and perform tunes recognisable to the general public.

Accolades for the band, in all its forms, do not come with the disclaimers that are usually attached to ambitious projects originating in small towns. You will not hear, 'They are quite good considering where they come from'. This is a legitimate musical outfit that should be a point of pride, not only for Deloraine and surrounding districts but the Meander Valley and Tasmania as well.

But more than the quality music Deloraine Community Band has a significant social role to play and it is a role it plays particularly well.

Nurturing young talent has been a focus since the early days. Band president for two decades, Geoff Woods, remembers those days and the passion of the senior members.

"The original Country Education Grant money bought instruments and paid for six teachers over the first two years," Geoff says. "All of those teachers did much more



Gordon Scott in the ABC studios at Hobart. Courtesy Cameron Scott

than they were paid for, especially Gordon. They volunteered a lot of their time."

It is an attitude that has continued through the time the band has run. Nurturing talent and producing quality musicians. As well as teaching in the band environment Cameron has started a program at Deloraine Primary School.

"Bill Ravenscroft and myself did an instrumental program and we put together a little stage band," Cameron says. The early 80's saw the band's numbers peak at 60 and at one stage it got as low as 10 but for 32 years the Deloraine Community Band has played music and involved anyone interested.

This group has endured through generations, the institution prevailing when many government-funded enterprises fall over.

The reason may seem incidental when listening to the music but it is something that adds to the motivation of the musicians, particularly those who have been part of the band's history for a long time.

"It is a case to be studied because this is how you do it," Stuart Harvey says with conviction. "If you want to get a government grant to realisation this is how it should work. This is definitely the sustainable model."

The band has a busy schedule this year, all the more impressive because they are all volunteers, unpaid talent entertaining the public and teaching future musicians.

The success has been long in the making and may it continue for many years to come, and here is to extra 'Green Onions' with that. ●



First session. Left to right, back: Malcolm Scott, Gordon Scott, Stuart Harvey, Giselle Martin, Bronwyn Martin Front: unknown, Cameron Scott, Chris Martin, Carlyle Sherriff. Courtesy Cameron Scott



# The superb fairy-wren

With Sarah Lloyd

THE SUPERB fairy-wren, also known as blue wren, is one of the most common and best known native bush birds in the Meander Valley. This is because there is plenty of suitable habitat.

Blue wrens search for food on open grassy areas such as pastures or lawns, but they need some nearby dense shrubbery where they can nest, hide from predators and shelter from inclement weather. Even town gardens may have a pair or a small family group of superb fairy-wrens.

In early spring one or more bright blue males with an entourage of brown birds (young males and females) can be observed foraging on the ground for insects and spiders.

They build a messy side-entrance nest in low understorey vegetation (even in pot plants!) and raise two or three chicks. Young birds are very vulnerable to attack by cats, snakes and predatory birds such as grey shrike-thrush, grey butcherbirds and raptors (i.e. birds of prey). The persistent twittering they make if they detect a threat in their territory can signal the presence of a snake.

Because university campus grounds provide plenty of suitable habitat for blue wrens their habits are well documented. From long term studies some intriguing facts have come to light.

About one-third of Australian land birds, including the superb fairy-wren, breed cooperatively. Typically, one or more males share their father's territory and help rear the young. But superb fairy-wrens are becoming as well known for their adulterous lifestyle as they are for their cooperative breeding efforts.

In the breeding season, family groups occupy defined territories, but males often visit females from adjoining territories. During these encounters, courting males display their bright plumage, and sometimes even present gifts of brightly coloured flower petals to female birds. However, these visits never result in copulation.

DNA testing and radio tracking have shown



The male superb fairy-wren. Below: The female  
Pics. Sarah Lloyd



that in the hours before sunrise, fertile females leave their territories to mate with the bluest bird in the neighbourhood. They have good reason for their philandering! The male they seek is the most brightly coloured bird who has moulted into his breeding plumage months before the beginning of the breeding season and before most of the other males have acquired their bright plumage.

Male fairy-wrens that attain their blue plumage earlier than other males risk being taken by predators because their bright colour makes them more conspicuous. In addition, birds that get early blue plumage have high levels of testosterone, which suppress the immune system and make them more susceptible to infection. Males that become blue early and survive winter in robust health must have better genetic material than other males. Therefore, they are the most desirable birds to father offspring.

**The Central North Field Naturalists Inc is a community group dedicated to the exploration and preservation of Tasmania's natural environment.**

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## Gardening

### Beans

With Nell Carr

THESE VERY useful legumes are fast passing their use by date. Once the pods develop that hard lumpy appearance, then the skins are too tough for palatability. But all is not lost, they may be left on the plants until the pods turn black, and gathered before the seeds disperse and the seed saved for the following year. The best of these can still be used if the skins are slipped off after cooking. Broad beans are especially welcome in late spring, when there are few fresh green veggies around. But to achieve this happy circumstance, a little autumn planning is required. Seed should be sown in April/May

in double rows – two of these double rows 90cms apart make a solid block to withstand the winds of September, when they will be getting quite tall. Even the so-called dwarf seed grows tall enough to be knocked around.

The leafy tops may be cut and cooked for a spring leafy vegetable. I have never had any success with spring sown broad beans. Autumn sown beans do tend to mature all at once, but experience has shown that if one sowing is placed on the south side of a building, they are slower maturing, and so harvesting can be staggered.

They freeze very well, blanched, cooled and spread on foil-covered trays overnight, then broken up and stored in soft butter containers. This saves the tedious patting dry of the cooled beans.

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**T**HE TRADITIONAL Grade 10 Dinner Evening, for students from Deloraine High School, was held on Wednesday 18th December last year at the Deloraine Community Complex.

The event began with the arrivals, which included a horse and cart, at the red carpet entrance.

The glamorous occupants disembarked, nervous and excited, ready for photos and prepared for their final evening together celebrating their achievements and sharing memories of their time together over the last four years before setting off on divergent paths.

Parents were invited upstairs to view the decorated assembly room and enjoy pre-dinner drinks while the students posed for photographs with friends. The evening continued with a 3-course meal, speeches, music, photographic displays,

surprise performances and a combination of ballroom and modern dancing.

The evening was a celebration of the friendships forged - both longstanding and more recent.

Some students have been together since kindergarten, coming to DHS from Westbury, Deloraine, Mole Creek and Meander Primary schools.

A few newer students have joined the group from other parts of Tasmania as well as interstate (WA, Vic and NSW).

The majority of the Grade 10 students will start new courses at either Launceston College or Newstead College next year.

A few will begin traineeships in the workplace.

The staff and younger students at Deloraine High are proud of the achievements of this fine group of young people, value their contributions to the school community and wish them well for the future.

# Valleyviews

## January 2014

### Mayor's Message

I would like to welcome you to the first Valley Views. Congratulations must go to the staff and the community involved in producing the inaugural edition of the Meander Valley Gazette. I take this opportunity to wish the paper every success and hope that it becomes a Meander Valley institution.

Christmas and New Year have come and gone. I trust that a safe, happy and relaxing time was had by all. If your 2013 was like mine, then it was a busy year. It was a year that presented many challenges but it also presented many opportunities.

In 2014, no doubt, we will continue to face unexpected challenges but it is the opportunities that I keep an eye out for, and take advantage of, as they give me the energy and motivation to continue to improve and that creates a satisfying sense of purpose in what I do.

Every month, Valley Views will include both council and community news to keep you informed. If you have any comments about Valley Views then please send us an email or give us a call, we value your feedback and are happy to hear from you.

**Craig Perkins**  
Mayor



### Council Updates



Blackstone Park, one of four spots monitored for water quality this summer.

#### Top four spots now monitored for water quality

Council will test the water quality at the following four popular swimming locations every week over the summer months to ensure the water is safe for public use and human health.

Meander River	Egmont Reserve, Birralee Road, Westbury
Liffey River	The Esplanade, off Louisa St, Bracknell
South Esk River	Lions Park, off Main Street, Hadsden
Lake Trevallyn	Blackstone Park Drive, Off Kelsey Rd, Blackstone Heights

Council will issue warnings at the site and on Council's website, if necessary. For any enquiries, contact Council's Environmental Officers on 6393 5300.

#### Ragwort Mitigation

During January, Meander Valley Council is partnering with the State Government to address long-standing community concern over ragwort prevalence in the Deloraine to Elizabeth Town area. In addition to direct roadside weed control, Council is seeking the help of private landowners in the area, with ragwort, to join in with the clean-up. For information contact Stuart Brownlea on 6393 5321.

#### Friendly reminder...

Ratepayers don't forget that the payment of the **3rd Rates Instalment** is due on Friday 31st January 2014 and interest @9.35% p.a. will accrue on a daily basis for overdue accounts. For more information on how to pay, please refer to the back of your rates notice or contact the Rates Officer to make alternative arrangements for payment on 6393 5335.

#### Pension/ Health Care Card Holders

If your current Pension/Health Care Card has a Start Date prior to or on the 1st July 2013 and you reside at the property for which you intend to claim the rates rebate, please contact Council on 6393 5300 for an application form for the 2013/14 financial year.

#### 'Tis the (fire) season

You can find all the latest safety advice and information on the Tasmanian Fire Service website. You can download or order free printed publications and DVDs including the Bushfire Survival Plan Book at [www.fire.tas.gov.au](http://www.fire.tas.gov.au).

### Community News



#### Australia Day Great Aussie BBQ

Sunday, 26 January 2014 from 4:30pm  
Council's annual Australia Day celebration will take place on Sunday 26 January at Country Club Tasmania. There will be citizenship presentations, Volunteer and Australia Day awards from 4.30pm, followed by a Great Aussie BBQ with entertainment and a community expo from 6.00pm onwards.

#### Council Community Concert

Melbourne band, Mustered Courage, will headline Meander Valley Council's Community Concert in Deloraine on 22 March 2014. This gig, plus accompanying workshop and school visit, will run in partnership with the Deloraine Stringfest Tasmania program. Supported by Council, the community concert tickets will be available to purchase from 13 January 2014 from the Council offices, Westbury and the Great Western Tiers Visitor Centre.

#### Meandering 2013

Don't miss out on seeing this year's exhibition of 43 paintings. It is on now at Country Club Tasmania until 16 February 2014 and viewing is free in business hours. Meandering 2013, now its seventh year is provided through a partnership between Meander Valley Council, Launceston Art Society and Country Club Tasmania.



Community Concert. Melbourne band Mustered Courage

#### January Primary School Holiday Program

Great things to do and see this School Holidays!

Monday 13	Sheffield Murals tour and mystery trip
Wednesday 15	Circus Activities and Sports Day - Westbury Sports Centre
Tuesday 21	Mosaics at Westbury Community Garden / Walk to Westbury Maze
Thursday 23	Bus trip to Launceston, lunch at the Gorge and swim at Riverside Pool

Bookings are essential. Contact Kylie Johns on 0400 780 189. More information is available in the Community Development Section at [www.meander.tas.gov.au](http://www.meander.tas.gov.au)

#### Stepping Stones Leadership Camp

Friday 7 February to Sunday 9 February 2014  
Stepping Stones Leadership Camp is for young people aged 18-25 years who live in the Meander Valley. Learn new skills, face new challenges, make new friends but most of all have lots of fun. The cost, supported by Council, is only \$25 per person.

Interested? Contact Vicki Jordan on 0400 155 690 or email [vicki.jordan@mvc.tas.gov.au](mailto:vicki.jordan@mvc.tas.gov.au). Numbers are limited so book your spot now!

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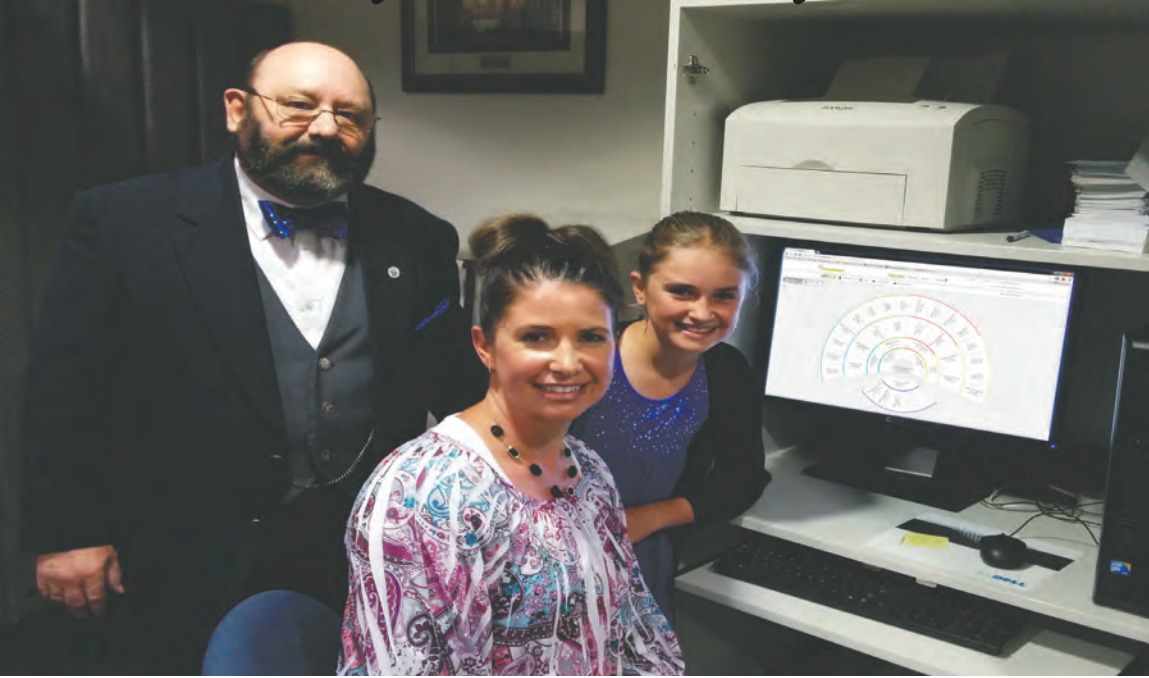
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# Who do you think you are?



**Deloraine FamilySearch Centre director Graham Brown introduces Justine and daughter Matilda**

THE NEWLY expanded FamilySearch Centre is situated inside The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at 153 Emu Bay Road and provides beginners and experienced family historians with a range of free tools to research their family histories. At the Centre, visitors can access websites such as Ancestry.com and FindMyPast for free, and order microfiche records from the world's largest family history archive in Salt Lake City. You can also learn how to record and present your research using a new on-line tool called Family Tree that allows people around the world to collaborate on one common tree. Centre staff can also help you preserve and share family photos, documents and stories. Staff are keen for the Deloraine FamilySearch Centre to become a hub for family history enthusiasts across the region, with plans already underway for an annual Family History Fair to be inaugurated during the National Family History Month of August. The Centre is open Tuesdays from 9:30am to 12:30pm and Thursdays from 10am to 12pm (other times by appointment) and all of its services are free to use without obligation. For more information, visit [familysearch.org](http://familysearch.org) or call Graham on 0429 447 222.

## Obituary

**LINDSAY RAYNOR YOUNG**  
1934 - 2013

LINDSAY WAS the eldest son of Rayn Alice Young and grew up in Exton with siblings Barry, Bob and Elaine.

He married Lexie Scott in 1960 and they built their home in Deloraine. They had two daughters, Merrilyn and Karen, and were later joined by son-in-law Mark and grandson James.

He worked at dairy factories, mainly at Deloraine and later at Devonport.

Lindsay played for the Deloraine Football Club, including the 1955 Premiership seconds team, and played badminton with the Exton Badminton Club.

His hobbies included stamps, photography, bushwalking, jazz music and he was a keen vegetable gardener. He took daily rainfall readings for Deloraine for 50 years and photographed and kept newspaper clippings of many local events.

Lindsay was a regular worshipper at the Deloraine Uniting Church

and member of the Adult Fellowship group and Hidden Talents. He was also a member of the Show Society, Probus, Walking Club, Jazz Club and delivered Meals on Wheels.

Lindsay was never the leader or organiser but loved being one of the workers. His contributions were recognised with awards from Meander Valley Council for 3000 hours of voluntary community service, Deloraine Football Club and received Life Membership from the Deloraine Show Society.

Lindsay passed away after a well-fought battle with cancer. He will be remembered as a man with a lovely smile who led a happy and uncomplicated life.



## Religion

### The Spiritual Space

by Liz Walker

WALKING INTO the entrance of Dallas and Kary Maldaners home, I was greeted by pots of brightly coloured flowers and equally bright eyed children and the smell of home baking.

The Maldaners and their six children belong to the Western Tiers Mennonite Church. Every Sunday at 10 am, (for preaching and Sunday school) and every Wednesday evening 7 pm (prayer meeting) approximately 30 practicing Mennonites meet in their rented space at the Seventh Day Adventist church for worship.

The Mennonites are a conserva-

tive Christian faith that takes the Bible literally. Radio and television are off limits and so are cigarettes and alcohol. Good books and family time are a fair exchange.

I learnt that this is no ordinary family. The Maldaners were requested by their Canadian church to move to Australia as a call from God. Approximately four families left their familiar homelands in Canada and have migrated to Tasmania as an act of faith, to spread their religion.

This family, who have prayer, bible readings and family singing as part of their daily routine, said the move here has been difficult but if they can make a difference in someone else's life as well as their own, it will have been worth it.



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# A new film society for the Meander Valley

ON SATURDAY, January 11 at 7:30pm the new Western Tiers Film Society will show its first film in the Deloraine Primary School hall.

President Deborah White told the Gazette that the response to the initial community survey was very enthusiastic.

"If we end up with a large membership base then we can consider purchasing equipment and seek a venue with a greater seating capacity," Mrs White said.

"For the time being we will be using DPS Hall which is well equipped with screen, audio and projector."

Seating is on plastic chairs, so members are encouraged to bring a cushion for more comfort.

Meanwhile the WTFS Committee has



Jaqui Stacey (Treasurer), Deborah White (President), Linda Jomartz, Tara Ulbricht, Ros Albiston, Caroline Tandler and Nick Dunne

Pic. Deborah White

been learning about how to set up a film society, how film distribution works and how to order and purchase

films.

A major task was choosing the 12 films for the year. "We know that you

will never please everybody," said Ms White, "but we've tried to provide a range of themes and genres so that there's something for everybody."

The program for the first 6 months includes comedy, drama, romance and black comedy themes, sourced from the US, UK, India, Australia, and France.

The films, which screen on the second Saturday of each month, are suitable for an adult audience only.

The Society will be hosting a launch party at 6:30pm at the venue prior to the first screening. A 12 month membership costs \$60, while 6 months costs \$30. For an application form, newsletter and program of films, email: westertiersfilmsociety@gmail.com screening.

## Affordable arts events for Deloraine

ARTS DELORAINE is a branch of Tasmanian Regional Arts facilitate and organise artistic events for Deloraine and the district.

The small committee is dedicated to this because for many people, it is difficult to go to music or art events in Launceston and to be able to view art created by Tasmanian artists is a real opportunity.

We are also aware of costs and so try very hard to keep the entry fee for

these events as low as we can so they are accessible to everyone in the area who wants to attend.

We have a membership of over 60 people and if new members would like to join they can do so at Elemental art studios in the New Year.

.During the last months of 2013 Arts Deloraine held an exhibition called Lullaby Blankets, which we hung in the Deloraine Hospital corridor gallery. These blankets were made by

refugee women living in Hobart and have a lullaby embroidered on them in the language of the country the woman came from.

We hang art exhibitions in the Deloraine Creative Studio Gallery and also at the Hospital Gallery. Both places are welcoming and very pleased to have Arts Deloraine exhibitions.

Arts Deloraine, with the coordinator, Niecy Brown, organised WOAD, (Windows on the Arts) in Deloraine, during the Craft Fair. This was wonderful as businesses and artists in Deloraine and the area collaborated and

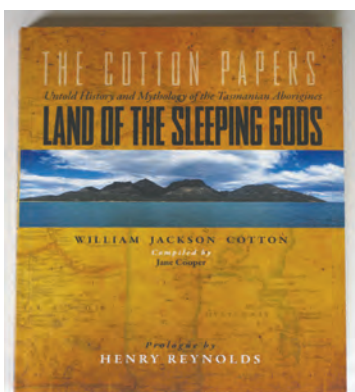
the resulting shop windows were a delight.

The last event of the year was the 3 Divas, an excellent musical night at Gallery Nine when the Divas, Tamsin, Georgina and Carolyn performed a repertoire of songs, accompanied by Kent Furmage and the Master of Ceremonies, John Phelps. It was a wonderful and professional night and we had a capacity audience.

We are looking forward to an exciting year next year and are meeting in January to plan some musical events, plays and art exhibitions.

### Book review

#### Land of the Sleeping Gods



Compiled by Jane Cooper

#### The Cotton Papers

#### Untold History and Mythology of the Tasmanian Aborigines

William Jackson Cotton

Published by Wellington Bridge Press, 2013.

Review by Isabel Shapcott

JANE COOPER comes from a family that has lived in Tasmania for many generations. Her family had kept records of the early settlers' dealings with the local Aboriginal people; she had

unrecorded information about their mythology and culture.

Jane's family came to Tasmania around 1828. They were Quakers, and in line with Quaker tradition they did not carry arms, and were 'expected to show considerate conduct towards Aboriginal inhabitants of the land'. The family established relationships of mutual respect, which developed into long-term friendships. A fascination with Aboriginal culture and story-telling developed; the culture

was studied, and stories written down.

In 1979, Jane's father, William Jackson Cotton, published some of the stories in a book, "Touch the Morning", most of which told how the birds and animals came to be named. William Cotton contributed much to preserving the information gathered by his ancestors; Jane's task was to pull together his work to bring us the "Land of the Sleeping Gods" - a collection of stories, accounts,

poems, jottings and notes. It includes 21 pages of Aboriginal words, names and phrases and their English translations.

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Photo of a Lake in the Gog Range. Taken during Spring in 2013. The lake is home to the stripey marsh frog.

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**Tai Chi - long form**  
Starts January 2014  
Tuesdays at 11am  
Uniting Church Hall  
Enquiries: Lexie 6393 1847  
**Learn to Swim**  
January 6 to January 17  
Deloraine Council Pool  
Children aged 5 years old and up  
Details: Gayle 0407 875 756  
**Soiree in the Garden**  
Shelter Box Program Fundraiser  
Sunday January 19  
3pm to 6pm.  
Entertainment: Tamsyn, Carolyn and Georgina plus local artist.  
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Bookings: Elemental Arts Space or 0437 057 417

**Skateboarding Australia Workshops**  
Sunday January 19, 2014.  
1pm to 3pm.  
Westbury skate park.  
Download registration form at [www.sba.org.au](http://www.sba.org.au).  
**School holiday program Deloraine Community Garden**  
January 22 and 29  
11am to 2pm.  
Make your own herb garden or worm farm.  
BYO lunch. Gold coin entry.  
Parents must be with children.  
RSVP 6362 2678  
**Westbury Rotary Australia Day**

**Breakfast**  
Sunday January 26, 2014.  
7.30am to 10am.  
Westbury RSL  
**Tour de Tig**  
Suicide Awareness Fundraiser  
January 28, 2014  
Deloraine Football Club  
Help raise money for a good cause  
Details Shaun 0498 099 726  
[www.staychatty.com.au](http://www.staychatty.com.au)  
**Kanangra Open Day**  
February 8, 2014.  
11am - 3pm.  
Mini fair: stalls, sausage sizzle, dev. teas., choir and music.  
Tours of the home 11.30am, 1pm and 2.30pm.

**Tomato festival**  
March 2, 2014. 10am - 3pm.  
Four Springs Rd, Selbourne.  
Adults \$10 or Family \$20  
Details 6396 6160/0438 009 522.  
**Council Community Concert**  
Deloraine  
March 22, 2014  
Tickets available January 14.  
**Desserts Night**  
Deloraine Evening Group  
Uniting Church Hall, Deloraine  
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Contact Lexie Young 63622615  
**University of the Third Age**  
Enrolment days  
Sunday, January 26th Prospect -

Country Club 6pm - 8pm  
Monday, February 3rd Deloraine - Creative Arts Studios 10am - midday.  
Tuesday, February 4th Westbury - Council Chambers Super Room 10am - 12 noon  
**Youth Holiday Program**  
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Contact Nate Austen. 0427 543 365. [nathan.austen@dhhs.tas.gov.au](mailto:nathan.austen@dhhs.tas.gov.au) or Vicki Gordon, 0400 155 690.

# 100 years of pacing

THE CARRICK Park Pacing Club will be celebrating 100 years of pacing at the historic Carrick Park track at their Carrick Cup race meeting to be held on Saturday 15th February.

To mark the anniversary some special attractions are planned which will include special guest David Foster, who will give wood chopping demonstrations, and Fashions on the Field competitions.

There will also be a Quick Shear Competition, pony trot races and a live band following the last race. Entry to competitions is free and there are some great prizes to be won.

The highlight of the races will be the

Carrick Cup, which should attract a strong field of horses.

The Club continues to be a very popular racing venue with harness racing participants and patrons alike and this was evident at the Club's first race meeting, which was held early in December 2013 when capacity fields were run and a large crowd attended.

Tasracing has provided funds to have the historic grandstand repaired and painted and it is planned to have this work completed in time for the event. It is expected the first race will be run at approximately 3 pm but please check local papers the week prior to the meeting.



The field races for the line at last year's Carrick Cup.

Pic. Sandra Rybarczyk

## Dragon boats soon to race on the Meander River

CLUB MEMBERS recently built a 9 metre long, 10 paddler Dragon boat from celery top pine (kindly donated by Des Scott), plywood and fibreglass. The boat was put through its paces during last years Deloraine Rotary Craft Fair (see attached photo) and passed all tests with flying colours.

A second boat, scheduled for completion later this year, will be added to cater for the expected increase in membership and allow for different levels of intensity in the training offered.

The boats will be seen on the Meander River in Deloraine with nearby lakes, including The Huntsman, Arthurs and Rowallen scheduled for visits throughout the year to add variety and interest.

A milestone for the club will be in two or three years time when, after gaining full accreditation under National guidelines, the Club will be able to host an Annual Dragon Boat Chal-



Paddlers on the Meander River at the 2013 Craft Fair.

Pic. Peter Ashton

lenge Event with competing community teams drawn from local clubs, service organizations and businesses. Even families and friends could team-up and battle it out on the river be-

tween the Road Bridge and Rotary pontoon. The 250 metres distance is a sprint for a dragon boat and spectators, being so close to the action, can cheer on their team from the path-

ways either side of the river.

It's been 16 months since the club was incorporated and assistance has been received from the Meander Valley Council by way of a seeding grant and community grant to purchase paddles, and from the Bendigo Community Bank who, through their sponsorship, helped in the purchase of a 20 paddler dragon boat from the Devonport Dragons Abreast Club. The 20 paddler now gives the Club the option to compete against the other clubs in the state in both formal and informal competition.

Prospective members are reminded that they can take advantage of the three trials that the club offers before a commitment to join is needed and any help with the boat building side of things and associated maintenance is always appreciated. For information about club activities contact club president, Peter Ashton, on mobile 0409 234 061.



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## Roos aiming high in 2014

THE POSITIVE approach and aggressive recruiting, both on and off field, will see an improvement in the performance of the Deloraine Football Club according to new coach Rory Mansell.

Rory was recruited to coach the Roos after winning the Premiership with South Launceston in the Tasmanian State League.

As well as the new coach, Leigh Blackwell has been recruited as assistant coach and Brad Powe is the Football Director.

Rory was attracted to the challenge of coaching a senior football team and said that his time at South Launceston has prepared him for his new role at Deloraine.

"Whilst I am coming from success I am also coming from a club that were at the bottom, a similar sort of place to Deloraine," Rory said.

"When I first arrived at Souths we would get beaten by 150 to 200 points every week.

"We might have been competitive for a quarter, or a couple of quarters but we obviously didn't have the physical or mental capacity to carry that through the four quarters."

The recruiting of coaches and players and the creation of the Football Director's position are not only to increase on-field success but are required to ensure a club's survival.



Deloraine Football Club President Shaun Donohue, Football Director Brad Powe, Assistant Coach Leigh Blackwell and Coach Rory Mansell.

"The Football Director is a new position to make sure the processes at the football level run smoothly," Brad said.

"We have got Rory and Leigh on board now and working with them and our other coaches to make sure everything flows smoothly throughout the club."

"We are just a country football club but footy has changed a lot, at all levels, and there is a lot of money in-

involved to keep a club going which is why we are grateful to all our sponsors," Shaun added.

The optimism on the training track is already evident with training numbers higher than in recent years.

"There have been about 60 training before Christmas which is very good because we have a lot of farmers and others that are very caught up at this time of year," Brad said.

"We had about half that the year be-

fore."

The coach said this has made his transition into the club more enjoyable and the results are already evident in the players.

"That has been a boost for me seeing these guys who have played a lot of footy are now dancing around on the track like the young guys do," Rory said

"Hopefully we can transfer that into the season and a few wins."

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