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TUNING UP FOR A VERY MUSICAL MARCH

MARCH 21 – 23 will see an influx of musicians, instrument makers, tone-wood suppliers and visitors for Deloraine StringFest Tasmania.

Over the weekend there will be displays of beautiful hand-made stringed instruments crafted from Tasmanian timbers such as blackwood, sassafras, myrtle, Huon pine and macrocarpa by Tasmanian and mainland luthiers.

Musicians from all over the country will be on hand to sound out the instruments and play concerts, busk, jam and mingle at several venues around Deloraine.

The Little Theatre and Sports Complex on Emu Bay Road will be the main venue for displays of instruments, concerts and workshops, including a masterclass by ARIA winning Classical guitarist Gareth Koch and workshops by



Mustered Courage, just one of the top bands playing at Deloraine Stringfest in March

Mustered Courage, Justin Johnson, steel guitarist Wayne Appleby and luthier Daniel Brauchli as well as variety concerts on Friday and Saturday nights and Sunday afternoon.

On Saturday and Sunday musicians will perform at the Deloraine and Community Bank marquee at the Riverside caravan park and the river stage. Food and drink vans will supply the vittles.

A walk up concert at the Rotunda will be held on Saturday afternoon, and everyone is invited to bring along their ukulele on Sunday at 12 noon to have a big uke jam session.

One of the highlights will be the community concert staged by The Meander Valley Council at the Community Complex, Alveston Drive on Saturday evening, which will be headlined by top Mel-

bourne country band, Mustered Courage.

Mixing old-school bluegrass with modern roots music, Mustered Courage made a name for themselves in Australia's folk scene in 2011, thanks to a self-titled debut album that won the band a string of warm reviews, plenty of radio support and a trophy at the 2012 Music Oz Awards. After playing every major Australian fold festival in 2012,

these home pickers from Down Under have since made a successful foray into US territory and released their second album, Powerlines. Most recently, they were nominated for two music industry Golden Guitars awards and played at the opening ceremony of this year's Tamworth Country Music Festival.

The concert will also feature the American guitar "Wizard" Justin Johnson, who has achieved fame in America and Europe with his speciality, the Cigar Box Guitar plus a special concert by Deloraine's own, three times Golden Guitar winner, Jean Stafford

Others appearing at StringFest include Philippe Fourstring with his "stompin" Cigar Box guitar, slide guitarist Matty Bayes, Lyn Thomas, Classical Guitarist Matthew Fagan, Hobart's Elanee ensemble, the Launceston Youth Chamber

Orchestra, The Hobart Old Time String Band, As the Crow Flies, pop legend Ronnie Burns, who will be displaying some of his memorabilia, Melbourne flamenco guitarist Vikingo De Jerez, Deloraine's Celtic Confusion, Ed Tuleja, and several local artists.

Buskers will play in spots around the town, and shops will have special window displays. There will also be a Ukulele art competition with entries hung at the Deloraine Creative studios over StringFest.

For more information go to the Website www.stringfesttas.com, facebook: Deloraine Stringfest Tasmania, or phone 0437 195 026.

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Tasmanian Liberals

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Who to choose?

If you're undecided whom to vote for on 15th March we've tried to help by asking each candidate to answer one question in 50 words or less:

Why do you think a resident of the Meander Valley should cast his/her vote for you?

Most of the candidates replied promptly so here, in no particular order, are their responses.



Tim Morris - Greens

After 12 years in parliament I have developed the experience, and know how we can continue to develop new jobs in the tourism industry and through further developing high quality products from our agricultural sector. I can provide leadership to assist in improving educational opportunities and health services for the Meander Valley community.



Rebecca White - Labor

It's important that regional Tasmania gets fair consideration in Government decision making. I am passionate about Tasmania and believe we have an exciting future and I want to be a part of shaping that. I am guided by the values of fairness and equality and have the energy to work hard.



Craig Davey - Tas Nationals

As a proud Tasmanian I feel strongly about making a difference. I want to provide a strong voice for regional Tasmania and particularly those battling to find jobs, operating small businesses and struggling with the cost of living. I will deliver a practical, commonsense approach to politics and a return to decent, straightforward representation.



Guy Barnett - Liberal

I was born and bred in the Meander Valley, and studied at the Hagley Farm School. The Meander Valley has huge potential.

I have a track record of delivering for Tasmanians, particularly in rural and regional areas. Tasmania needs a development, growth and jobs agenda under a majority Liberal government.



Paul Belcher - Independent

People of Lyons should vote for me because we have been neglected by all parties - Labor, Green and Liberals.

If I win a seat, I'll be pushing for a children's hospital in Tasmania and bulk billing 4 to 6 times a year, more teacher aides in class rooms, better public safety and putting water back under council rates.



Mark Shelton - Liberal

I have always lived in the Meander Valley. My vision is for continual growth in jobs and investment for our agriculture, forestry and business sectors, and restoration of essential services in health, education and police.

I am seeking re-election so I can deliver our Plan for a brighter future for our region.



David Llewellyn - Labor

Tourism and agriculture are key issues for the Meander Valley.

As the architect of the \$400m irrigation program together with the new Huntsman dam, I believe I have already benefitted the local community.

With my practical approach and experience as a Minister I believe we can build greatly on these achievements.



Mark Grewar - PUP

I live and work in Meander Valley. I believe government departments should be consolidated. Driving Instructors should assess Learner drivers, not unqualified bureaucrats. Parents should have automatic access to their children and the family court needs to be removed. No more red and green tape for small businesses. Tasmania shouldn't import foreign food or vegetables.



Leo Perotti - Tas Nationals

Support for local business, jobs growth, wealth creation, the delivery of essential public services and the retention of public assets is imperative for Tasmania.

Tasmania can be a more prosperous and productive State and the Tasmanian Nationals have the integrity and life experience to provide the direction for a better future.

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Who to choose?

Why do you think a resident of the Meander Valley should cast his/her vote for you?



Darren Clark - Labor

Meander Valley is like many community areas in Lyons which need reinvigorating with fresh ideas and a proactive approach.

I will bring new ideas and a work ethic to help Meander Valley be the best it can. Roads, community facilities and services, tourism and jobs will be key all around Tasmania.



Anne Salt - Tas Nationals

My focus on standing for Parliament is to create jobs in the tourism industry, and to seek further reforms to the Guardianship and Administration Act so as to protect vulnerable Tasmanians.

I believe with hard work I can make a significant contribution to the state that will benefit all Tasmanians.



Bob Gordon - Labor

I have spent my adult life working for jobs and development in Regional Tasmania. We need experienced people in Parliament who can get jobs and development. My experience in forestry, business and finance means that I have a lot to offer in getting Tasmania really moving so Tasmanians can have a stronger and better future.



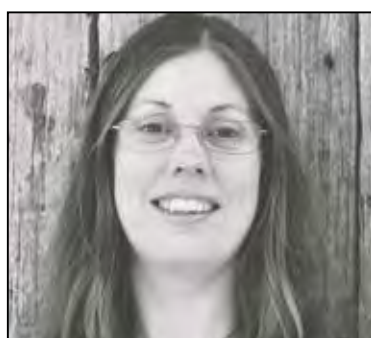
Pip Brinklow - Greens

I have a proven record of delivering in the key areas important to Meander Valley: job creation, education and health, including having employed over a 100 people directly and many more indirectly, provided training and employment opportunities to hundreds of people, developing much needed health services and business and management qualifications.



Rene Hidding - Liberals

It has been a privilege to represent Lyons electors for a good number of years and I have got the energy, experience and track record to maintain the high standards of representation that I set for myself when first elected to this wonderful electorate.



Hannah Rubenach - Greens

I focus on the future and stand up for what matters - sustainable jobs, our beautiful environment, adequate health & community services, etc.

I would love to see Tasmania become healthier, happier, better educated and more self-sufficient. I care about people and the place that we live in.



Quentin von Stieglitz - PUP

I have run a local business specialising in security services for over 10 years. As someone with a young family I want a future where my kids will have education opportunities, jobs and world-class health services. This is why I joined the Palmer United Party.

We need change, and soon.



Bertrand Cadart - Liberal

The residents of Meander Valley should vote for me between 1 & 5 on their ballot because they ought to think of Tasmania FIRST. Tasmania's prosperous future must be linked to "liberalism" associated with a majority government MOTIVATING all Tasmanians with enthusiasm instead of expecting perpetual hand outs leading to a mediocre and pessimistic future"



Brett Hall - Tas Nationals

Tasmanians are very concerned about where the state is heading. This cannot be solved with the same people and thinking that created the problems. We urgently need new parliamentarians with ideas, experience and common sense to find solutions. I am committed to getting on with the job and realising our true potential.



Jessey P. Dillon - Labor

I am a dedicated 22 year old, who will work tirelessly for all residents of Lyons and Tasmania as a whole. By standing for Lyons I am bringing youth, new ideas and opinions to the Tasmanian Parliament to work with Tasmanians to take our State to the next level.

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Council Cutting Back on Energy

MEANDER VALLEY Council are set to slash energy use with upgrades to three of Council's highest energy consuming buildings, commencing in April 2014.

Energy saving measures will improve the comfort of the Great Western Tiers Visitor Centre, the Deloraine Community Complex and Council Offices at Westbury. These will include improvements to insulation and draft-proofing, secondary glazing, ventilation, heating and lighting and the installation of energy efficient hot water systems.

'The three facilities selected for the program are our least efficient buildings, accounting for 85% of all energy consumed at Council owned facilities,' said Mayor Craig Perkins.

The upgrades will bene-

fit the people who use the buildings and will result in a considerable long term cost reduction to council and the community.

'Energy use will be slashed by 44% on these facilities and greenhouse gas emissions will be reduced by 170 tonnes annually- that equates to a saving of around \$28,000 every year' said Mayor Perkins.

Council received \$151,000 from the Australian Government as part of the Community Energy Efficiency Program (CEEP) to help deliver the \$226,000 project.

The project is part of a sustainability strategy by Council to reduce costs through more efficient use of energy and will be shared with the community, businesses and other councils as a case study in energy efficient improvements.

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Why do you do it?

By Joanne Eisemann

VOLUNTEER, THAT is. Around thirty per cent of residents in the Meander Valley are involved in volunteering in some way.

As part of the annual Volunteer Week celebrations in May, volunteers are invited to join in a competition to share the reasons why they volunteer.

We are asking competitors to make a 3 minute video on their mobile phone (or someone else's) answering 3 important questions:

1) Who you or your group are.
2) What is the most interesting thing about you or your group.

3) Why you or your group enjoy doing what you do as a volunteer/s.

Videos can only be made on a mobile phone, no longer than 3 minutes and need to be submitted by April 29th 2014.

There are great prizes to be won.

Finalists will be screened

at the annual Volunteer Expo to be held on Tuesday 13th May in Deloraine.

Email your entry* with your name, organisation and contact details to: whydoyoudoit2014@gmail.com

If you have any queries please contact Vicki Pryer on 6362 5280.

*By submitting an entry you are agreeing to your video being used for promotional purposes.

Foreign Exchange

By Rhonda Spencer

ARE YOU interested in hosting an international student? If you are, come along and find out more at an AFS Student Exchange Open Day on Sunday, 16th March 2014, from 11am-3pm at the Invermay Bowls Club.

AFS Intercultural Programs is a non-profit, volunteer-based organisation that offers intercultural programs in more than 54 countries and has operated in Australia for over 50 years.

It began during World War I & II. Young Americans serving overseas as volunteer ambulance drivers in the American Field Service (AFS) transported the wounded from the battlefields and helped to liberate concentra-

tion camp survivors. When they returned home, they founded a movement to promote peace through international student exchange, now known as AFS Intercultural Programs

In 2014 more than 200 young Australians will embark on an intercultural exchange in over 35 different destinations across the globe including Iceland, Switzerland, Thailand, Panama and Germany.

AFS Australia has sent over 15,000 Australian teenagers overseas and hosted more than 25,000 international exchange students since 1959.

At the Open Day you will be given the chance to meet

overseas AFS exchange students, volunteers and AFS returnees. They can tell you all you need to know about what it is like to go overseas and what to expect.

To register your attendance, visit www.afs.org.au/opensdays and for more information on how to become an AFS Exchange Student or for information on the upcoming Open Day, please contact Cath Clifford on 0447408101 or email her at cathcliffordbunch18@bigpond.com

If you would like further details on AFS' programs please contact Jason Heath at the AFS National Office on (02) 9215 0048.

Alpacas for sale

By Ken Manning

THE NORTHERN Alpaca Breeders Network is a group of alpaca breeders trying to promote this useful and attractive animal in northern Tasmania.

You will always find alpacas at the annual Craft Fair but, last year it was also decided to present an Alpaca Expo which was a great success so another one is being held again this year.

Whether you just want

to enjoy this inquisitive creature or buy a couple for an acre or two, or even a herd to protect your animals from dogs etc., you are welcome to attend.

It will take place at the Deloraine Showgrounds on Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th April from 9.00a.m. to



4.00pm. Admission is free.

For further information please contact Ken at kenmanning@westnet.com.au or phone 6362 2343.

Helping the Littlies

By Suzanne Walters

THE INSPIRE Handmade Market is back again for 2014!

Deloraine Primary School Association will be hosting a fun family evening on Friday 28th March from 6pm -9pm.

Stall holders are coming from all over to be a part of this event and will be showcasing a wide variety of crafts, including homemade jams, jewellery, clothing,

paper crafts and much more.

There will also be a delicious bake sale run by the primary school as well as



a BBQ, so bring along your family and friends and your appetite.

Entry is by gold coin and all proceeds raised on the evening will go towards projects such as play equipment and new technology for the students.

For more information about this event visit www.inspirehandmademarket.blogspot.com

Buying locally



A **BRAND** new farmers market will open in Deloraine on Saturday 22nd March 2014 and will operate on Saturdays every fortnight from 8.30am-12.30pm.

Little Red Tractor Farmers Market is a new food and produce market. It will supply fresh, locally grown fruit and vegetables, cheeses and other dairy, lovingly reared meats, freshly baked breads, delicious take away food and drinks, real tea and coffee and other gourmet delights direct from the farmer or producer to the customer.

The market is going to give local farmers and gourmet food producers the opportunity to sell direct to their customers.

Buying locally produced food will directly support local farmers and producers and will provide a much needed stimulus to a town that has dwindled in recent years.

The new market is the project of Carolyn Edgecombe who lives near Deloraine. She says 'I wanted to start the Little Red Tractor Farmers

Market because I think we should all be eating freshly grown Tasmanian food. We are so lucky to have so many amazing foods being produced by small, family run businesses right on our doorstep. If we all start buying from our local farmers and producers it will help to boost our local economy.'

Carolyn says that feedback from community so far has been overwhelmingly positive. 'Local people have had to travel to markets in other towns and now are feeling very excited they'll have their own farmers market.'

The market will be located at AgriCorp, Racecourse Drive, Deloraine. AgriCorp is a new business in town that provides farm supplies and domestic pet products to the public.

Expressions of Interest are invited from prospective stallholders: growers, farmers and also makers of fine foods. Please contact Carolyn on 0409 774 449 or email redtractormarket@gmail.com or inbox Little Red Tractor Farmers Market facebook page.

Health Notice

By Isabelle Vescovo

A **COMMUNITY** Health Promotion Board will soon be appearing on the wall of the Deloraine Post Office on Emu Bay Road, installed by Deloraine Community Health Association (DCHA).

The aim of the association is to promote a healthier Deloraine district and community, and the notice board is seen as one way of informing people of health related initiatives, programs or events.

It will contain useful information about local upcoming events or health programs and it is hoped that it will be used by anyone keen to promote both physical health and social inclusion activities.

If you want to use the board to advertise health news or information please contact either Isabelle Vescovo or Tim Smith at the Deloraine District Hospital -



ph. 6362 5000

Information about these activities may also be publicised through other local media such as community radio MVFM 96.9, the Meander Valley Gazette and our website (currently under construction but should be running soon!)

Anyone interested in involvement in health in the Deloraine area might be interested in joining DCHA. New members would be welcome at its meetings, held at approximately two monthly intervals at the Deloraine District Hospital. Contact Isabelle or Tim for more information.

The Circus is coming to town

DID YOU HEAR about CurioCircus Rex last year? Were you curious enough to find out what all the hype was about?

Due to the overwhelming success of CurioCircus Rex in 2013, it's on again and here's your chance to join in on the fun.

Starting Monday 3rd March at the Rotary Pavilion in Alveston Drive from 3.30pm to 6pm for seven sessions, Social Circus Tasmania in partnership with SuperSillyUs Circus and the Department of Health and Human Services are offering CurioCircus Rex; Circus Play and Circus Worx programs.

SuperSillyUs Circus has been operating out of Deloraine for the past 9 years.

The group now specialises



es in offering family friendly Circus play at events such as Relay for Life, Taste the Harvest and Children's Expo as well as providing fun at the local Deloraine Show and numerous Christmas Parties around the region.

The CurioCircus Rex Circus Play sessions will take place from 3.30 - 5pm and are designed for the whole family to have fun, learning new Circus skills and building on existing skills - this program is for the complete

beginner or for anyone wishing to access Professional Circus training in a relaxed and supportive atmosphere.

The Circus Worx program is for young people with existing Circus skills who are interested in furthering their skills, working with others to deliver Circus programs and to be ready to assist at Circus Events alongside SuperSillyUs and will take place from 5 to 6pm.



For more information please contact Pip Stanley on 0457657657 or Nathan Austen on 0427543365

What is the Challenge?

THE WESTERN Tiers Cycle Challenge is a social but challenging ride through the northern countryside of Tasmania.

The ride will take place on Sunday 30th March 2014 to raise money for the New Horizons Club Inc, which provides sporting and recreational opportunities for people with disabilities and Youngtown Rotary Club projects such as Disaster Aid Australia Survival Box and the Asthma Foundation.

Volunteers from New Horizons Club and Rotary are once again organising the 9th Annual Western Tiers Cycle

Challenge.

The event has grown steadily, with the 2012 Challenge seeing a record number of entrants, with all entry monies going directly to both charities.

What does it involve?

All rides start from Prospect Park Sports Ground, Harley Parade Prospect and pass through quiet country roads with a distance to suit all abilities:

- 170 kilometre ride to Deloraine, Chudleigh, Birralee and return.
- 120 km ride to Deloraine, Birralee and return.
- 100 kilometre ride to

Deloraine and return.

- 76 kilometre ride to Westbury and return.

- 52 kilometre ride towards Hagley and then returning via the old Bass Highway.

- 24 kilometre ride to Carrick and return.

- Team Corporate Challenge - where the winning team is the one that completes the most kilometres in aggregate.

Entry costs \$35 and lunch is provided for all pre-entrants.

Entry forms: <http://www.tascyclechallenge.org.au/index.html>

Welcome dinner for Stringfest

ON FRIDAY, 21st March we will be presenting an Italian Dinner to welcome Stringfest. It will be held at the Deloraine RSL and guests should be there at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start.

We offer a three course dinner, consisting of antipasto platters, a selection of Italian dishes, dessert and tea or coffee, plus a welcoming drink and entertainment for \$40 per person.

Book and pay early - don't leave it till the last minute - please ensure you don't miss out!

Bookings are not confirmed until payment is received. You can pay by cash, cheque (made payable to Laura Window) or EFTPOS at Elemental Artspace,



3 Emu Bay Road, Deloraine. Alternatively, you can use bank transfer by emailing Marg or Laura at: meandervalleydiningexperience@gmail.com for bank details.

No walk up bookings will be accepted. Bookings and payments for this event must be completed by 14th March 2014.

St. Mary's Anglican Church closure

By Rob Menzie, Media Officer, Anglican Parish of Quamby

ST. MARY'S Anglican Church at Hagley will be closed for services during March 2014 to allow extensive painting work to be carried out to repair serious water damage caused by a severe storm in 2012.

It has been a long wait to get started on this as the work could not begin until all the interior stone work had completely dried out.

The final Sunday service was held on 16th February 2014 and the next one will be a huge celebration on Sunday 6th April 2014 when everyone is invited to see

the finished result. Anyone with any connections with the Church is welcome to attend and make themselves known to the local congregation.

St. Mary's is a very popular Church for Weddings so we also had to ensure that no-one wanted the Church during the month of March.

For more details about the work being undertaken or the Service of Celebration on Sunday April 6th, 2014 contact Mrs. Heather Stewart on 6392 2297.

Pollie Pedal a success

DIABETES TASMANIA'S PolliePedal 2014 broke a fundraising record raising over \$50,000 for Tasmanians living with diabetes, with online donations still coming in.

"This brings the total raised since 2006 to over \$440,000", said Guy Barnett, State Liberal candidate for Lyons and Diabetes Australia Ambassador.

Day one of this year's ride started at Grindelwald, travelling north along the Tamar River, to the Beaconsfield Mine Museum and Glengarry, the Hagley Farm School, Westbury Community Health Centre, and Deloraine.

Day two saw riders visit Trowunna Wildlife Park, the Chudleigh Show, through the Meander Valley and staying at the Hadspen Caravan Park.

The final loop on day three

was through Cressy, Longford, Evandale and concluding at Relbia. Penny Farthing cycling training was a feature at Evandale.

Every day another seven Tasmanians are diagnosed with diabetes, which is not surprising when you consider it is currently Australia's fastest growing chronic disease.

With this in mind it's very important that we continue to provide support and services, which can help delay or prevent diabetes complications, increase life expectancy and reduce medical expenses.

"Thank you for all generous donations, our sponsors and especially everyone on the route that supported the 23 cycling participants.

"The Tasmanian Pollie Pedal started in 2006 and we have big plans for our tenth year," Mr Barnett concluded.

Got A Local Event Happening?

Let people know about it in the April Issue of Meander Valley Gazette

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Welcome to Stringfest

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Habits to assist in being financially secure

By Sam Horsman, Business Principal, PJS Financial

AS AN ACCOUNTANT, one of the most common questions I hear is 'how can I become financially successful?'

Many people believe the answer is all about making more money. This is incorrect; most of us will live up to our income, spending everything, and often more than, we earn.

A recent survey highlighted 6 habits of financially successful people. These were:

1. Live within your means

Do you struggle to pay the bills each month? Actress Keira Knightley famously paid herself just US\$50,000 last year despite the fact that her acting and other work earned her over US\$2 million. Success is about spending less than you earn, which begins by developing an awareness of what you spend, then setting strict budgets.

2. Set small, realistic goals

Small changes can make a very big difference to your financial position. Setting up a plan that automatically regularly deposits a little money into a savings

account or pays extra off your mortgage each fortnight can earn or save you tens of thousands of dollars over the long term.

3. Familiarise yourself with finance matters

A person who understands the way a car engine works is far less likely to have car problems because they know the maintenance essentials and the danger signals. Similarly, the wealthy understand the various options open to them no matter what's going on in the market. They regularly seek counsel from financial advisers and accountants while also spending time reading up on financial matters.

4. Take action

Successful people don't believe good things come to those who wait, they go out looking for opportunities. Some people regularly spend money on lottery tickets hoping for a miracle, while successful people are busy taking steps to ensure financial success.

5. Don't buy what you don't need

Wealthy people put their spare money into investments that will provide returns. The less successful fill their homes with items that make them feel wealthy – laptops and big-screen TVs and tablets etc – but which essentially drain their spare funds.

6. Lifestyle habits

Research has shown that financially successful people eat less junk food, count calories and exercise more. They get up three hours before going to work, network and/or do volunteer work five or more hours per month and spend less time on the internet and watching TV. They spend time every day reading information relating to their careers in order to increase their skills and knowledge. Finally, they pass on these habits to their children.

Disclaimer: This article is general in nature and should not be considered financial advice.

Beware Scams

By Alistair Carr

PEOPLE ARE STILL being caught out by scams of various types. Scams come in various guises and are aimed at gaining some advantage over you or your computer or selling you useless services.

Phone

The most common one is a cold call claiming to have detected problems with your computer and asking you to download a remote access programme so they can fix it for you (for a fee). This is complete rubbish as there is no way for any company, except your ISP to associate an internet address with a particular phone number.

If you get such a call say nothing and hang up immediately.

The same applies to any calls claiming to be from your telephone company, ISP, bank or financial institution or business stating they need to check your account details. Again, say nothing and hang up. If you want to check with any of these companies then ring them using the number provided on any documentation you have.

Another frequent scam is called telephone slamming. This is when a company phones you, often claiming to be representing Telstra, and starts some spiel about cheaper call rates or

invites you to participate in a survey or contest. If you agree to anything, they take that as the OK to move your phone service to them.

Having caller ID enabled is a good way to avoid these calls as they will usually have an overseas ID.

More detail can be found at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Telephone_slamming or just Google telephone slamming.



Email

There are still plenty of email scams floating around.

Again these will claim to be from your financial institution, Paypal, telephone provider, ISP or similar, requiring you to log in via a link to verify or update your details, and claiming that not to do so will mean your account being closed or locked.

Never ever click on any links in these emails as they will take you to a fake site where they capture your login details.

With these they can empty your accounts or use your internet banking services to purchase goods with your money.

As an added security measure for internet banking, ask your financial institution if they provide SMS verification or security tokens to authenticate transfers.

For Paypal you can use their 2 step verification set up so you cannot make a purchase till you enter the security number that is sent to your mobile via SMS. This number expires after 5 minutes so cannot be used at a later date.

Fake ISP and webmail (Hotmail, Gmail etc.) emails are also doing the rounds so be wary of these. Again do not click on any links in the email, even if they ask you to do so to verify your account.

The aim of these is to hijack your email address to send out thousands of spam emails from your account.

With webmail it also gives them access to your online email address book, so everyone you have emailed will now be on the spammers' email lists. These lists are sold on to other spamming companies so your contacts could end up getting hundreds of spam emails a day.

So please be wary of what you say on the phone to unknown callers, and avoid clicking on links in emails, especially any links that purport to be account logins.

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Local roots with long reach

By Sheila Ferguson

This article is the first in a series profiling local businesses and business people.

PJS FINANCIAL started life as Peter Sherriff in May 1983. The name change to PJS Financial, in June 2012, coincided with the arrival of Sam Horsman as firm principal.

The company provides accounting, taxation and business advice to individuals and small-to-medium businesses.

When Peter opened his doors in 1983 he operated without computers; staff consisted of one office assistant.

Things have since moved on, with the firm employing 12 people and running a Launceston office in addition to its Deloraine premises. PJS Financial works hard to ensure that its computer software is always up to date. Being connected to the NBN is an advantage.

These efforts enable Peter's clients who choose to move interstate to continue to use the company's services. Even though PJS Financial is a

country firm, it uses the same tools as a city practice and employs local staff to service interstate clients.

Peter has consistently employed local people and is proud of those who have gone on to gain accounting qualifications and to practise in other parts of Australia.

Despite the difficulties of the local economy, the company has experienced no downturn in business. Taking on Sam Horsman

from Launceston has generated more clients. Growth has been steady, with a welcome lift after the introduction of GST in 2000.

As a dedicated supporter of the Fightback Campaign, Peter strongly believes that the economic renaissance of the local business community must start with enterprises supporting each other by buying and employing locally.



Peter and Sam outside their Deloraine office.

More than just a wood shed

By Sheila Ferguson

IF YOU'RE interested in working with wood in a friendly environment, drop in at the Deloraine Community Shed.

The Shed is overseen by the Department of Health and Human Services and all are welcome. The coordinator is Barry Pritchard.

The facility is intended to be used by people who are carers or who, because of age, disability or location, are deemed to be socially isolated, so it is as much a social centre as a wood-working one.

The broad definition of social isolation includes home-schooled children who may wish to learn woodwork but do not have the equipment at home.

The charge for using the Shed is \$2 and use of the tools is free. The Shed buys timber in bulk and members pay for the materials used.

It is open from 9am to 2pm Monday to Thursday. Opening times are limited because Barry must be present to comply with Occupational Health & Safety and



Deloraine Community Shed in Alverston Drive, Deloraine.

insurance requirements and funding only covers his salary for these hours.

Members build their own individual projects, but they sometimes band together to undertake projects for the community. A boy with leukaemia desperately wanted a cubby house so they built one for him and they've also built large shaded pergolas for the Deloraine Community hospital as well as raised garden beds for the community.

To learn more, contact Barry on 6362 4522.

Dog Listening

By Nan Tubb

DOG LISTENING is a way of communicating with dogs so that they will understand and respond, thus making it easy to eliminate problems such as not coming when called, jumping up on people, excessive barking and destructiveness.

Normally when people welcome a dog into their family, they treat the dog like a human, which is when things begin to go wrong. You wouldn't walk up to someone and unexpectedly ruffle their hair, would you? Well, it's the same for dogs – they need to be invited into your space while also having their space respected.

It does not mean you cannot cuddle or pat your dog. You've just got to do it in a way that does not confuse it.

Dogs are pack animals and need an ordered hierarchy with a clearly defined leader. Dog Listening uses a gentle, easy to learn method that allows you to calmly take that leadership role. It's all about body language, eye contact and sending clear messages to the animal.

It was devised by Jan Fennell from the UK after many years studying



Amichien Bonding is natural and instinctive

wolves in Yellowstone. This process of communication is called 'Amichien Bonding' and is natural and instinctive to all canines.

Amichien Bonding is not traditional obedience school. Private, in home consultations focus mainly on the owner, giving them the skills to understand why a dog does what it does.

There are simple ways to encourage desired, while gently correcting unwanted, behaviour. It is necessary to work with the dog's instinctive nature, not against it.

(For contact details see advert in the Services Directory).

Ahmaddiya – the true Islam

By Liz Walker

WHEN I visited with Uzma, Doctor Aamir, their two children Affan, Qanwan and Doctor Aamir's mother Siddiqa Nasir, I found it was an incredibly humbling, edifying, enlightening and beautiful experience.

This softly spoken, hospitable and kind family impressed me with the depth of devotion that their religion is written upon their hearts. Their religion is Islam and those who accept it are known as Muslim. Prayer five times a day is practiced along with abstaining from pork and alcohol. The family recites from the Holy Koran daily.

There are many sects of Islam. However Aamir's family practice Ahmadiyya- the true Islam. This is a peace loving religion, with the motto being

"Love for all and hatred for none". Many families practicing Ahmadiyya give of their time and finances to help the poor. Aamir ran a hospital in Africa for three years as an act of service. Currently there are many engineers, doctors, teachers and lawyers volunteering in Africa from the Islam Ahmadiyya.

Mohammad (Peace be upon him), was God's prophetic messenger. Ahmadiyya belief is that the long awaited promised messiah has arrived. Now the 5th successor of the promised messiah is his holiness Mirza Masroor Ahmad, who visited Australia last year. Ahmad-diya believe there is one God, to whom we all pray and they accept Jesus Christ as a prophet.

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Turbo Chooks

By Sarah Lloyd

TASMANIAN NATIVE Hens are well known for dashing in front of cars or trying to overtake moving vehicles running at speeds of up to 50 km/h - no wonder they're called 'turbo chooks'!

They are large (43-50cm) flightless birds and are one of 12 bird species endemic to Tasmania but, like the Thylacine and Tasmania Devil, once occurred on mainland Australia.

Their often heard aggressive "see-saw" sound, a series of rasping notes produced by at least two birds singing alternatively, is one of their numerous calls. Like the extensive vocal repertoires of other birds, their clicks, cackles, screams and grunts communicate alarm, aggression or distress.

Their calls have different acoustical qualities. Birds are difficult to locate when they emit low frequency sounds and this is advantageous when a bird wants to alert others of danger without drawing attention to its own whereabouts.

Conversely, sharp alarm calls that carry well and are easy to locate attract other family members who come to assist.

Native Hens live in groups of two or more birds. They prefer to feed on cropped plants, and before the arrival of Europeans were restricted to the margins of wetlands, streams or lakes with small grassy areas probably kept short by marsupial herbivores.

The clearing, by Europe-

an settlers, of large areas for farmland, and grazing by sheep and rabbits created ideal habitats for them. This led to conflict with landowners who blamed them for crop losses. They became regarded as vermin and hundreds of birds were eradicated.

Over the years native hen populations have fluctuated in response to the availability of suitable habitat and changes in the populations of competitors and predators. Carnivores once fed almost exclusively on rabbits. When rabbit numbers plummeted after the introduction of myxomatosis native hens once again became prey.

Flightless birds are particularly vulnerable and



Tasmanian Native Hen

many factors threaten their survival. For example extensive areas of cleared farmland covered with eucalypt plantations, have eliminated their habitat.

Predictions that global warming will lead to more frequent and severe droughts could further threaten their food supply and long term viability.

Native Seeds

By Nell Carr

ALTHOUGH MOST of my seed collecting endeavours were for growing farm shelter belts, some local native under storey species have been grown for the native garden bed. Many striking native shrubs grow by bush tracks in Meander Valley.

Select the seed capsules which are growing close to the stem and which look ripe - they are usually hard and grey-coloured. Leguminous plants, such as Prickly Beauty (*Pultenaea juniperina*) and Golden Rosemary (*Oxylobium ellipticum*), which bloom profusely in November along the bush tracks in Meander Valley, carry their seeds in pods, so they should be collected before they are dispersed



Berries of *Dianella Tasmanica*

into the surrounding undergrowth.

Hard seeds from leguminous plants germinate more rapidly if very hot - not boiling - water is poured over them and they are left to soak for 24 hours.

Leptospermum seed capsules remain on the bushes for some years. Species which are common in Northern Tasmania are the drought tolerant Manuka (*L. scoparium*), and the moisture loving Woolly Tea-tree (*L. lanigerum*). Both of these grow well from seed.

Seed caps should be placed in paper bags and left near a sunny window until the seeds fall out. These small seeds can be separated by passing through a

kitchen sieve onto a sheet of paper and storing in the refrigerator in small jars.

Plants should never be dug from the bush for transplanting because of the danger of spreading *Phytophthora* (die-back).

It is quite easy to germinate the seeds in native potting mix in a polystyrene box disinfected with 20ml/litre water (punch some holes in the base). Separate species in rows in alphabetical order, and keep a list.

The seedlings can then be planted singly into clean, disinfected native tubes and placed on a table in dappled shade at first and kept moist.

After a week or so they should be placed in full sun against a North facing wall, and watered daily with a fine spray.

Cookery Corner - Being creative with kale

By Rosa Kasteel

I HEARD gardening guru Peter Cundall, on the radio, talk about the health benefits of kale, so I started to grow it.

However, apart from the top leaves, I do find my kale leaves a bit tough but I've since learnt that you just put the tougher leaves on the compost.

I started to experiment with ale and also asked my friends for ideas.

Apart from adding chopped kale to stews & stir-fries, here are some other ways to try it:

Kale, Onion & Apple as a side dish.

Finely chop an onion and lightly cook in oil or butter, then add 1 or 2 peeled and chopped apples.

In the meantime, prepare approx. 8-10 large kale leaves by removing from the leaf stem, and cutting finely (or use a bag of baby kale leaves sold in the supermarket).

Add the kale to the saucepan, stir all together. Add half teaspoon of caraway seeds and small amount of water.

Put the lid on the pan & cook on low heat, stirring occasionally and watching

that the pan does not dry out. Add pepper to taste.

Finely cut cooked kale can be added to mashed potato, pasta, risotto, rissoles. Just experiment.

Kale Pesto

Debbie Kemsley makes Kale Pesto, a recipe she found on the website www.bbcgoodfood.com

Ingredients:
85g Pinenuts, toasted
85g Parmesan cheese, coarsely grated
3 cloves Garlic
75ml Extra Virgin Olive Oil

85g Kale. (Bags of baby kale in Woolworths are 120g)
Juice of a Lemon

Method:

Put all ingredients into a food processor & whizz to a paste. Now you can stir it through hot pasta, sprinkle with more parmesan cheese and enjoy. Pasta can be frozen for up to a month.

Helen Fellows makes yummy Kale Chips. by removing the stems, tearing the leaves into bite size pieces, and spreading them onto a baking tray. Spray them lightly with oil, add & mix other seasoning of your choice: eg

tamari, sea salt. Place the tray in the oven at 120°C until the pieces are crispy. What you don't eat can be stored in an airtight box. Helen also creates

Kale & Mushrooms on Toast

Melt 1 teaspoon butter in small frying pan, sauté 100g sliced mushrooms for 1-2 minutes, then add 1 chopped tomato, cook for a further minute, then add 60g chopped kale plus 2 teaspoons lemon juice. Sauté further 2 minutes. Serve with multigrain toast.

From the Nile Valley to the Meander Valley

By Danny Ross

AHMED SAADELDIN was born in Egypt and spent most of his growing years in and around the city of Alexandria. It was here he played with his friends and shared youthful experiences while enjoying the warm summers and mild winters.

When Ahmed left school he studied Pharmacy in Alexandria and, after completing his course, looked around for opportunities to better his career prospects and improve his knowledge. It was for these reasons he chose to move to Australia.

His first port of call was Melbourne before moving to Tennant Creek to complete a year of his trainee-

ship. After this it was over to Brisbane where he worked as a Pharmacist for another year.

It was because of his constant search for better career opportunities he chose to come to Tasmania where he is now a Pharmacist at the Deloraine Amcal Chemist.

Ahmed has now settled into the local community very well and is enjoying everything that Tasmania has to offer.

"I have my hobbies like going to the gym, bush walking and just recently I bought myself a motor-bike" he says. He says he will be able to see more of Tasmania now.

When asked why he chose



Ahmed Saadeldin at work

Tasmania he says "I like the laid back lifestyle of Australia and the stable system of

Government. Australians should cherish the lifestyle standards on offer in this country.

Most of the friends I grew up with moved to places outside Egypt like Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Dubai but I think I made the best choice by coming to Australia."

And what does he miss most about Egypt? "The winters here in Deloraine are very cold and I often think of the mild winters in Alexandria."

On Australia Day this year at the Country Club Tasmania, along with five other new citizens, Ahmed was presented with a Certificate of Australian Citizenship at the Meander Valley Council Australia Day celebrations.

Tyler Village

Faye Lamprey,
Leisure & Lifestyle
Co-ordinator

TYLER VILLAGE, owned by Island Care, is situated in a rural setting, at 320 Westbury Road Prospect. It is a residential nursing home to 75 residents, with a secure wing, and separate independent living units.

I, along with my support workers Lorraine & Bridgett, are responsible for providing meaningful activities & entertainment for our residents. We do this with help from loyal and dedicated volunteers & entertainers.

Our aim is to bring entertainment and enjoyment into residents' everyday life and, while maintaining each individual's level of skills and mental alertness, introduce them to new interests and activities to help promote their cognitive thinking and dexterity levels.

Our residents enjoy a vast range of indoor and outdoor activities, including cooking, movies and exercise classes, as well as interaction with other homes.

We have many residents of different nationalities so we try hard to provide a range of cultural events. In March we have The Hobart German Choir performing here.

Every second day we have coffee club, which provides the perfect atmosphere and opportunity for new residents to meet the old, share interests and forge new and meaningful friendships.

Free drop in legal clinic now open

Media Release



Sarah House (Solicitor) and Principal Solicitor Jessamy Downie

IN A FIRST for Northern Tasmania, the Launceston Community Legal Centre Inc. (the LCLC) now offers an after-hours drop-in legal clinic in the Launceston CBD.

This is a free clinic, open from 5.30-7.00pm every Wednesday, for members of the Northern Tasmanian community. It is staffed by experienced volunteer solicitors from private firms and clients can receive a one off, confidential legal appointment on a first come, first served basis.

"The Clinic is a great way for people to get free, professional, expert legal advice", the Clinic coordinator, Sarah House, says.

Mrs. House, who is also the general civil solicitor at the LCLC, further stated, "the Clinic is for people who may not otherwise be able to afford a private solicitor, or access services during the day".

The LCLC, which consists of a small team of solicitors, advocates, and administrative staff, is a not-for-profit

incorporated association that provides free, non-means tested, non-assets tested legal advice and assistance to those living in Northern Tasmania.

Apart from operating the Clinic, LCLC also offers advice on:

- Family Law
- Welfare Rights
- Employment Law
- General Law
- Disability discrimination legal

Advice during the day is given by appointment only.

They also provide volunteers trained, managed and supported by Centre, at Deloraine, and in Launceston to help with completion of forms and documents, writing letters and referral to one of the solicitors where required.

The LCLC solicitors also come to Deloraine House every seven weeks to give legal advice (by appointment).

Contact LCLC: 6334 1577 or Deloraine House: 6334 1577.

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The Steppes Historical Reserve

By Geoff Berry

THE STEPPES Site (located near the junction of Highland Lakes & Interlaken Roads in the Central Highlands) has a long and fascinating history dating from 1864.

It was the home of the Wilson family for 112 years and during much of that time was the hub of local community life, incorporating not only the Homestead, but also a police station, post office, bakery and school.

The family had a strong connection with the bush and the environment in which they lived to the extent that they pushed for an area at the Steppes to become a bird sanctuary and, in 1930, a reserve was proclaimed under the Animal & Bird Protection act. Today, this reserve honours the family whose name is synonymous with the area.

As part of its Partnership Agreement with Parks & Wildlife Service, the Mountain Huts Preservation

Society has undertaken restoration and repair work at The Steppes Historic Site. Working bees commenced in September 2010.

John Graham, retired shingle splitter gave many weekends of his time providing expert knowledge in the art of shingle splitting, with well in excess of 2450 shingles being split.

Several working bees throughout the course of 2011/2012/2013 resulted in four outbuildings and the bake house being re-roofed and associated maintenance work completed.

The Bothwell Historical Society, through Gwen Hardstaff, compiled and supplied the informative interpretation for the panels located in the information shelter that can be found at the rear of the Homestead site, near to the commencement of the short walk to the Steppes Sculptures.



Members of the Bothwell Historical Society will be holding a Bush BBQ lunch on Sunday 27th April to thank

the Mountain Huts Preservation Society, John Graham and others for their dedication to the project and to

inform the public of the historical value of the reserve. Members of the public are warmly invited to attend.

Off to Uni - with a bit of help from Rotary

By Marc Smith



President Isabelle Vescovo presenting the cheque to Jessica Brown

EVERY YEAR, for the last fifteen years, the Rotary Club of Deloraine has endowed a scholarship for local students for \$3000.

The grant is given to a year twelve graduate based on their matriculation marks together with the courses they wish to study and

any other extracurricular activities or community involvement they may have.

Winners can study at any University in Australia and the money can be used for any expenses associated with their course.

This year the award has once again gone to a St Patricks College student, Jessica Brown who is to attend the University in Hobart to study for a Bachelor of Law and a Bachelor of Business

In 2013 the recipient - also from St Pats - was Juleesa Smith who is studying Veterinary Science at Wagga Wagga.

In a recent Rotary meeting the President of the Club Isabelle Vescovo presented Jessica with a cheque. Juleesa was also present and updated the club on her progress.

Back to The Steppes



The Steppes Reserve, Highland Lakes Rd
Sunday, 27th April 2014

10:00 am to 3:00 pm
- Bush BBQ Lunch -

1:00 pm - Deirdre Flint, Central Highlands Mayor & Peter Mooney, General Manager, Parks & Wildlife, will acknowledge the restoration work of the Mountain Huts Preservation Society.

2:00 pm - Tour and explanation of the work with Mountain Huts Preservation Society.

Displays by MHPS, archival history of The Steppes - Photographs, film and more.

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Mayor's Message

I would like to congratulate Councillor Deborah White on her appointment as Deputy Mayor. Councillor White was selected to the role following the passing of Bob Loone in December last year. Councillor White has a strong sense of community and I know she will perform the role admirably.

At the February Council meeting, Council approved the construction of a new supermarket in Westbury; a 27 lot subdivision in Deloraine; a 6 unit development in Hadspen; and a new roundabout at the junction of Vale Street in Prospect Vale, which will also serve to improve the traffic flow into the Prospect Vale Market Place. I congratulate all the developers on having the confidence to continue to invest in our area and look forward to the seeing the benefits these developments provide.

Council also agreed on its feedback to the Greater Launceston Plan. The consultation period has now closed. All feedback received will be compiled and provided to the consultants who prepared the draft documents. The final documents will be available in April via links from Council's website www.meander.tas.gov.au

As the days get shorter and cooler as Autumn begins there is still plenty to see and do throughout Meander Valley over the coming months. Don't forget to read the Diary Dates section of Valley Views to find out what's on near you or why not pop into the Great Western Tiers Visitor Centre for some great tips on things-to-do in your own backyard from the locals!

Craig Perkins
Mayor



Council Updates

Westbury Outline Development Plan

This strategic document will help guide Council's investment in initiatives to improve the amenity and overall physical functionality of Westbury. It is available as a 'Breaking News' item on Council's website at www.meander.tas.gov.au or can be viewed as a printed copy at Council Offices, Westbury.

Friendly reminder...

Fourth and Final Rates Instalment

Ratepayers, don't forget that the payment of the **4th Rates Instalment** is due Monday 31st March 2014. 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.

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If you are in possession of a current Pension/Health Care Card with a Card Start Date prior to or on 1st July 2013 and

reside at the property for which you are claiming the rebate please contact Council on 6393 5300 for an application form **if you have not already done so for the 2013/14 financial year**. Please note that applications for the 2013/14 financial year close on the 31st March 2014. If you have already received a rebate for the 2013/14 financial year you do not need to complete another application form. **Please Note:** Commonwealth Seniors Health Care Card Holders are not eligible for the Rate Rebate.

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Community News

Council Community Concert Tickets still available!

Melbourne band, Mustered Courage, will headline 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 are now available to purchase from the Council offices, Westbury.

Tickets, \$15.00 per person (no concessions) can also be purchased by credit card (Visa or Mastercard) by phoning 6393 5300 Monday-Friday 8:30am - 5:00pm

Westbury St Patrick's Festival Saturday, 15 March 2014

www.wspf.info

A full day of family fun - commencing with the traditional parade around the Village Green. There will be live music, dance performances, activities for the kids and over 25 food and craft stalls. Tickets are \$15 per adult (\$10 concession) and children under 16 (accompanied by an adult) are free.



Maypole dancers at the Westbury St Patrick's Festival

The Amazing Day - Saturday, 12 April 2014 A National Youth Week Event

Meander Valley Council is looking for volunteers to help organise an exciting event of food, prizes and teamwork on Saturday 12 April for our local young people. Please contact Vicki Jordan at Vicki.jordan@mvc.tas.gov.au or phone 0400 155 690 if you think you'd like to be part of the team.

Diary Dates

Westbury Market	Sat 15 March
Third Saturday of every month	
Hadspen Lions Club Car Boot Sale	Sat 15 March
Four Springs Tomato Festival	Sun 16 March
Selbourne	
My Heart Is a Hall	Sun 16 March
Mole Creek Memorial Hall	
Deloraine StringFest Tasmania	21-23 March
www.stringfesttas.com	
Streetwise Learn to Skate	Sun 23 March
Westbury Skate Park	
The Western Tiers Cycle Challenge	Sun 30 March
www.tascyclechallenge.org.au	
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Deloraine Market	Sat 5 April
First Saturday of every Month	

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After 50 years the legend of Doctor Who lives on

By Royce Gale

THIS ARTWORK features the eleventh incarnation of the eponymous protagonist from Doctor Who.

As a fan of the program I set out to write some fan fiction creating new adventures for the Doctor and his companion with some artworks accompanying them as illustrations.

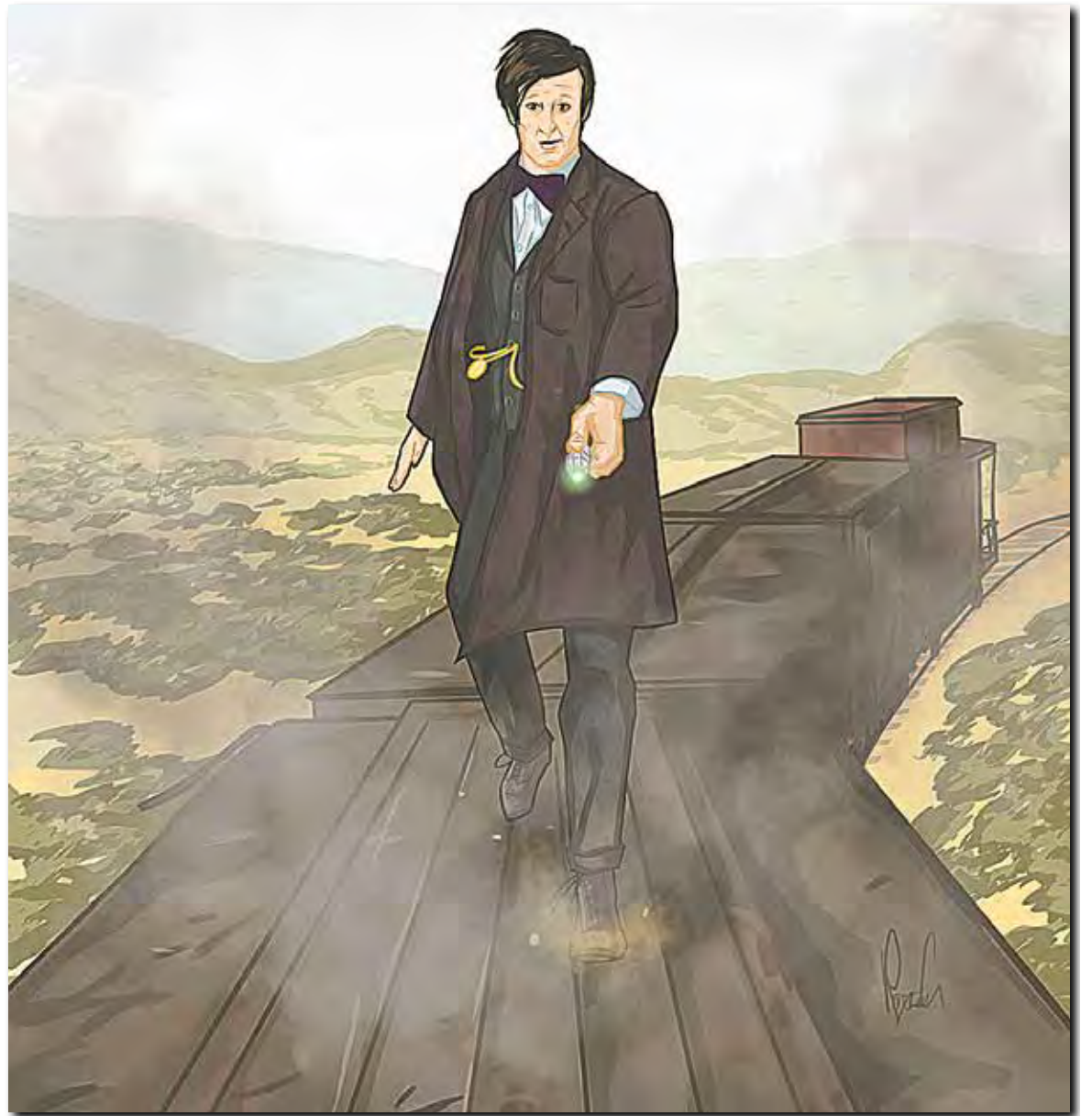
The artwork was drawn on an app called Sketch Club, available for iPhone, iPod Touch and iPad which is available from the App Store for \$2.99.

It allows you to create artworks with a vast range of tools and you can also share them online for other artists to see and rate. It also

provides classes and runs daily art competitions.



Close-up showing the level of detail achieved by using Sketch Club



What's News?

Anything happening in your neck of the woods?
Who has just done something incredibly amazing?
Tell us in your own words and email it to:
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Larry's Motorbike

A short story by Charlotte Danen

LARRY LEAPED onto his motorbike planning to head into town. His younger brother Jack lounged under a tree nearby. Larry gave the bike a few sharp kicks. Nothing happened. He kicked again.

His dad appeared from around the corner of the shed. "Having trouble with that bike again?" he asked.

"Yep," Larry replied, giving the bike another kick.

Suddenly the bike started with a roar. He pushed in the accelerator and the bike took off so fast he forgot to steer. He was heading straight for Jack! With a yelp, Jack was up and running for his life. Dad disappeared behind the haystack, a very unwise move, for Larry yanked on the handlebars to avoid hitting Jack, and found himself heading straight for the haystack.

"This'll slow me down." thought Larry as the wind brought tears to his eyes.

But it didn't. He ploughed straight through and ran right over his dad. Fortunately his bike was so loud that he didn't hear any of the paddock language.

Larry glanced over his shoulder at his red faced Dad struggling out of the hay, and roared straight into a termite mound. Fortunately it was only a small one, but it acted as a bump and sent him

flying. As he glanced down at the house, he saw with alarm that he was going to land in the chook pen!

He hit the ground with

As he glanced down at the house, he saw with alarm that he was going to land in the chook pen!

a thump, miraculously managing to stay upright, and ploughed straight through the chooks and then through the chook wire on the other side of the pen. Looking down, he saw some guts strung across his pants.

Since he wasn't watching where he was going, he barrelled straight into the creek. He hit a waterhole with a whoosh. Spluttering to the surface, he managed to struggle to the edge and crawl out, his legs shaking and his hands trembling.

Then he heard his Dad coming. "Oh no!" he thought as he noticed that his dad was rocking from side to side as he staggered towards him. "I must've really hurt him, and he looks black as a thundercloud."

Larry stood up, and helped his surprisingly calm dad pull the bike to the top of the bank. He had expected him to be angry at being run over.

Larry headed for the house and changed from his wet clobber. He came out again and set to work on his bike.

After tinkering around for a bit, Larry leaped on again. This time at the first kick his bike started, but the accelerator jammed, and when he tried to steer, he couldn't.

"What'll I do?" he panicked as the bike headed straight for a gum tree. Suddenly, Larry knew. As the bike neared the tree, he leaped off, landing with a thud that knocked the breath from him. "Just in time," he thought, but horror froze on his face as he raised himself from the ground. There, racing towards the horizon was his bike. As he had leaped from the bike, he had pushed it, so instead of hitting the tree, it had zoomed past it. Since the accelerator and handlebars were both jammed the bike had just kept on going.

With some quick thinking, Larry leaped into the ute, which was standing nearby, and took off after his bike.

When he got to it, it was lying on its side, kicking in the sand, Dust and sand swirled around him.

"I've gotta stop it!" he panicked, wondering what this episode would do to his reputation. Grabbing the gun in the back of the ute, he fired at the bike. "OOOFF." It kicked him in the stomach. In his haste he had failed to hold it properly. He flopped back onto the ute groaning, and

clutching his stomach.

He finally managed to stop the bike, and load it onto the ute tray. On his way back to the shed with the bike on the back, his brother stopped him. "What happened?" Jack asked, trying to keep the grin off his face. After Larry told him his unfortunate story, Jack burst into howls of laughter. "Won't this be the greatest joke!" he roared, "heeeheeeheee."

Larry stomped on the accelerator. "It's not THAT funny," he thought grumpily.

After stowing his bike in the corner of the shed, he made his way to the house. As he walked up the verandah steps, his mother met him. She scolded him for killing her chickens, but Larry could see she was almost ready to burst into laughter.

Suddenly she stopped. "What's that?" she gasped. She pointed at something in the yard.

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Larry turned. There, creeping across the yard was his hat.

"What is it?" he gulped, "I---I---" he felt his head. No his hat was not on. "I guess my hat blew off," he said.

"You know it's not the hat,

his mother said, "Look at it, IT'S MOVING!!!"

Larry looked again. His hat had crept further along. What WAS it? Cautiously he walked towards it. Suddenly, a puff of wind caught the brim and whisked it into the air. From beneath the hat his brother's cockatoo spluttered out, calling Larry all the names it knew.

Larry retrieved his hat and returned to the house. There on the verandah couch lay his dad. He was clad in only a pair of shorts, and Larry noticed a large wheel mark running from his belt, up his chest, and over one side of his face. Larry also noticed that one eye was discoloured and the other, well, he tried not to look at it.

Dad looked blackly at his son. A frown covered his face. He opened his mouth, and Larry prepared for some heated words. To his surprise, a scream of laughter erupted!

When everyone had calmed down, his dad threatened, "You'll have to do my share of the jobs 'till I recover from these awful bruises."

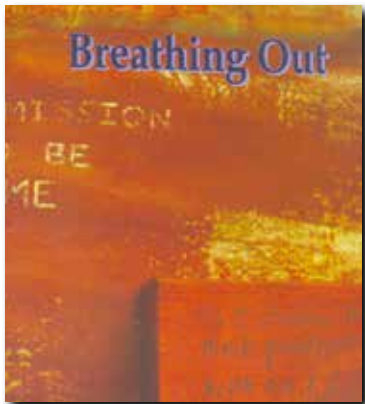
"But dad," protested Larry. He pulled up his shirt and showed his father the multicoloured bruise on his stomach. When he told how the gun had made it, everyone erupted again.

"Go away," dad protested weakly, "You'll kill me from laughing."

Book Review

Reviewer: Isabel Shapcott

**Breathing Out
Poetry for Life
by Catzen
Published by Zen Kitchen
Table Press**



IT TAKES GREAT courage to share with the world our inner most thoughts and feelings, hopes and fears, aspirations and disappointments. But when we do, we move past the mask we present to the world, and others can recognise shared experience, and feel less alone.

“Breathing Out” is written from the heart. It is a genuine expression of the human condition.

Catzen’s poems reflect on people and places, and ask soul-search-

ing questions about the meaning of life, our identity and our place in the world. Like one of those pictures where a few brush strokes can portray a whole picture, with a few words poetry can paint a whole scene.

“... Tempered with
Soul and sorrow
Reach into my awareness and
Touch a place in my gut.
How do words do that?
Touch us in places
We were once unaware of
Or at least pretended so.”

from “Her words of war”, p4

Unpretentious, honest, and straight from the heart, “Breathing Out” is for the reader willing to go on a soul’s journey.

Breathing Out is available from Seppenfelts on Emu Bay Rd.

Film Review - Amour

**Western Tiers Film Society
on Saturday April 12th**

THE SOCIETY’S offering for April is the multi-award winning, French-language film ‘Amour’.

Synopsis of the film taken from the Internet Movie Database:

Georges and Anne are an octogenarian couple. They are cultivated, retired music teachers. Their daughter, also a musician, lives in Britain with her family. One day, Anne has a stroke, and the couple’s bond of love is severely tested.

Here are a few of the reviews that the film has received:

Writing for The Guardian, Peter Bradshaw said “this is film-making at the highest pitch of intelligence and insight”, naming it the best film of 2012.

The Wall Street Journal’s film critic Joe Morgenstern wrote: “Mr. Haneke’s film, exquisitely photographed by Darius Khondji, has won all sorts of prizes all over the world, and no wonder; the performances alone set it off as a masterpiece.”

Dave Calhoun of Time Out London also gave the film 5 out of 5 stars, stating “Amour is devastatingly original and unflinching in the way it examines the effect of love on death, and vice versa”.

Calling Amour the best film of 2012, critic A. O. Scott of The New York Times said that “months after its debut at Cannes this film already feels permanent.” The newspaper flagged the film as a critics’ pick.

Both Margaret and David from ABC’s ‘At the Movies’ gave it 5 stars.

Margaret said: “To me, Amour is a masterpiece of cinema . . . with these two characters who are each going through their own agony. . . I know that the storyline may sound gloomy, the film is not. It is beyond wonderful.”

Arts Deloraine Programme

By Anne Robinson

AGAIN THE art scene in the Meander Valley is going to be busy as Arts Deloraine plans an interesting year of exhibitions and music.

We hope to have artists’ talks in galleries and also in studios.

A wonderful evening was enjoyed at the Little Theatre on February 7th. Svetlana Bunic and Shon Klose, Ba Boom, played the accordion and percussion and created fantastic music that had the audience dancing

in the aisles!

It was a night which encouraged people to renew memberships and we also welcomed some new members.

Arts Deloraine needs members to keep operating so thank you to those who have renewed memberships and joined up.

If you would like to join Arts Deloraine, please visit Elemental Gallery in Emu Bay Road or send an email to the secretary at:

birdwing@activ8.net.au

Deloraine has an amazing number of artists, musicians, galleries and groups who are passionate about bringing to our area a wonderful array of events and experiences.

Arts Deloraine works closely with many of these and we are working with Nick Weare and Stringfest from the 21st to the 23rd March in Deloraine.

This promises to be a music filled weekend with musicians playing a

wide variety of stringed instruments.

So look out for posters and keep listening and come along and join in.

On 5th April, the Deloraine Big Band and Arts Deloraine are holding another dance, which will have the theme of the Blues Brothers.

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April 6: God's promise in Eden
Contact: the.biblecourse@gmail.com or Phone: 6393 1766.

EVENTS

ANNUAL FETE

ST. MARK'S Anglican Church, East Westbury Place, Deloraine 22nd March. Open 11.00am with all the usual well-stocked stalls. + Train rides for the children + 2-course hot lunch from 11.30am (\$15.00).

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MEANDER VALLEY Dining Experience offers great food in themed monthly events featuring guest chefs, local produce and other surprises. Contact Laura on 0437 075 266 or marg.leedham@bigpond.com for more details.

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BEHIND THE DOOR

By Bodhi McSweeney

INTERNATIONALLY RENOWNED artist Tony Smibert has a secret life. What began as a teenage obsession with martial arts has become a way of life for Tony, now playing an important role as one of the world's senior exponents of Aikido.

Deloraine Aikido Dojo has been home base for Tony since he established a studio and gallery with his wife, and fellow artist, Carmel Burns. Behind a very modest door and signage, is housed a tiny mat space where he helps train visitors from around the world.

RANKED 7TH dan (the highest rank shared by non-Japanese) and also a qualified "shihan" (master), Tony's teaching schedule this year will take him all over the world while, as President of the national Aikido

association, he will also conduct courses and seminars around Australia. And all of this occurs on top of research at Tate Gallery in London and art exhibitions around

Sensei. I was with him until he died about four years ago. I had a forty five year apprenticeship!"

Tony was also one of a small group, including the late Peter Yost,



Australia and overseas.

Asked about the basis for his interest Tony replies "I was lucky to have a great teacher in Sugano

who helped Sugano Sensei build the Australian association. "Peter was the true pioneer in Tasmania," says Tony.

"When I moved from Melbourne 30 years ago, he had already established a state organisation – and his students are now the senior instructors."

These instructors and Tony ensure that Tasmania enjoys world-class instruction and also attracts students and instructors from around the world to visit.

So, when you pass the door of Deloraine's Aikido Dojo, or read about Tony's exhibitions remember that behind them lies a story - of a Japanese martial art with a distinguished history in Tasmania.

Those who want to find out more about training in Aikido can always contact Bodhi McSweeney or Martin on 6369 5321.

Calendar of Equestrian Events in the Meander Valley District

March 1st: Pre Trials Clinic, Deloraine Show Ground Email daniellewhatley@icloud.com, or text 0438 919 068.

March 8th to 10th: Pony Club Association of Tasmania State Trials Championships 3 Days. This year in the Southern Zone.

March 14th: The Carrick Park Pacing Club will be holding their final race meeting for the season when the Westbury Cup will be run. The meeting will be telecast on Sky 2 and should start around 3 pm. Sandra Rybarczyk 6393 1771 or 0400 635 070.

March 30th: NTEC ODE at Quercus Park course,

Agfest site at Carrick. Grades Eva95 (Prelim) down to Eva 50 (learners). Contact Sue Wolton on 0428 695 307.

March 30th: Frank Richards Gymkhana, Deloraine Show Ground, host Deloraine & Districts Pony Club. Roseanne Roles 6362 3093 / 0417 566 856 or roles1@bigpond.net.au

April 6th: PCAT Dressage Championships. Run by NW Zone Pony Clubs.

April 12th: Equestrian dates on behalf of the Westbury Show Horse Committee, Show Jumping Freshmans Day, Westbury Showground.


Westbury Show Horse Committee, Contacts: E. Richards 0407 807 876, L Geard 0429 344 666.

April 13th: Tas Arab Riders and Breeders Fun Day, Westbury Show Ground, www.tasarabs.com or email sherryfenton18@bigpond.com

April 19th: NTEC – State Eventing Championships, including Schools & Pony Club Classes. Venue TBA.

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SPORT



Inset: Quamby Estate Manager, Nelson Da Silva (right) welcomes Peter Freeman on board

Above: The Challenging 4th hole at the Quamby golf course

PGA Golf Pro Sets Up Shop In The Meander Valley

By Danny Ross

PETER FREELAND will become the only resident PGA Golf Club Professional on a nine-hole course in Tasmania when he sets up shop at the Quamby Estate Golf Club in March.

Peter, a former butcher, State squad cricketer and footballer says he is looking forward to his new challenge and thinks the potential of the Quamby course could see it become one of Tasmania's finest.

Although playing for Tasmania in under 19 cricket at the time, Peter's passion for the game of golf started when he took it up at the age of 16 while working as a butcher at the family supermarket in Exeter.

"By the time I got to the age of 20 I was hooked on golf and had to resign from the State cricket squad and eventually gave away the game of cricket at the age of 21," he says.

At 28 Peter decided to leave the family business and pursue a career in golf and started a traineeship at Riverside GC under Paul Johns which lasted three years, ending in 1999 with Peter being awarded the PGA Trainee Of The Year.

He finished first out of three hundred trainees and was the first Tasmanian to achieve this prestigious accolade.

It was fitting that Peter started his golf at Riverside (where he also became Club Champion) because a distant

relative was one of that club's founders.

In 2003 a neck injury saw Peter temporarily stop playing tournaments and take up the position of Club Professional at Grindewald Golf Club in the Tamar Valley where he remained for four years.

It was during this period he saw the start of the very popular mini-golf venue at Grindewald.

"Quamby golf course is just such a nice place to be, with beautiful surrounds and spectacular views."

Peter's career has seen him winning Pro-Ams and other golf events in Queensland, South Australia, Victoria and Tasmania with a special highlight being his second place in the 2007

Australian PGA Club Professional Championship at Palm Meadows on the Gold Coast where he had a six under par opening round.

He has also won two (back to back) Tasmanian PGA Club Professional Championships.

In 2008 he was part of the winning team representing Riverside in the National Holden Scramble at Twin Waters where he managed a hole in one during the final round.

This year he won the Exeter Pro-Am and was second in the Port Sorell Pro-Am and has a couple of other top ten finishes in other tournaments.

Peter's first task at Quamby will be to organ-

ise an open-day for visitors in order to allow golfers from everywhere to come and experience the unique and challenging layout.

"Quamby golf course is just such a nice place to be, with beautiful surrounds and spectacular views. For a nine-hole course it plays like an eighteen-hole course with long fairways and big subtle greens." He is also keen to see Pro-Am tournaments and more Corporate golf days taking place at the venue.

For more information on the Quamby Estate Golf Club: visit www.quambyestate.com.au or email golfmembers@quambyestate.com.au.

The Carrick Park Pacing Club hold their 100th Anniversary Carrick Cup race

THE CARRICK Park Pacing Club held their 100th Anniversary Carrick Cup race meeting on Saturday 15th February with a large crowd attending.

The grounds looked terrific following the maintenance and painting of the grandstand and judges box, which was finished just in time.

There was some great racing and the fashions on the field and the tug of war competitions were keenly contested. The North Launceston Football Club won the Tug of War with \$500 cash going to the winning team and \$500 going to their club.



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