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MUNA SPEAKS FOR THE WORLD'S NATIONS

By Sheila Ferguson

On Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th May, anyone visiting the Deloraine Community Complex in Alveston Drive would have witnessed the spectacle of young people dressed in various national costumes debating issues of international concern – a mini United Nations if you will.

And this is exactly what it was.

For the past twenty years the Rotary Club of Deloraine has put on an event called the Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) which is held in the Community Complex.

Rotary clubs round the state invite schools to send grade ten students in teams of two to participate. Each pair is given a country to represent and a set of resolutions to investigate and discuss from the point of view of the country they are representing.



MUNA Costume winners Hamish McLean & Dayna Grey, Sheffield School Photo by: Lesley Dare

Issues can relate to matters of current concern such as terrorism, international border control, drug produc-



Winners MUNA 2014 Johanna Ellis & Mae Cockerill Ogilvie High School with President Isabelle Vescovo Photo by: Lesley Dare

tion and trafficking of people and drugs.

Before attending, they are expected to do research into their nation and study its history, politics, economics, culture and geography so that they can debate issues from the standpoint of that particular country.

At the end of the final session the judges at Deloraine will select the winning pair who will represent Tasmania in the national MUNA competition in Canberra with their air fares and accommodation paid for.

The students are encouraged to dress in the national dress of the country they choose to represent and prizes are awarded for the best costume.

Those students who come from other parts

of the state are billeted with local Rotarians.

This year the 58 students, from 15 schools, represented 28 nations and thirteen of the sixteen resolutions were completed. The dele-

enjoy themselves while forming new friendships. MUNA was first introduced to Rotary at

creating an atmosphere

where the students

were able to relax and

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MUNA 2014

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gates proved to have done their research well and the debates were of a high standard right from the beginning.

It wasn't all hard work. On Saturday night a disco was held Lake Cargelligo in 1980. Since then, the idea has spread throughout most districts of Australia, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea. In 1989, the then Rotary President placed MUNA

on the World Youth Activities Committee Agenda for Rotary and similar sessions are now held in many countries.

The idea of MUNA is to involve secondary students in a hands-on experience of a UN-style conference to increase international understanding and goodwill, which is one of the objects of Rotary. The aim is not only to involve those students or delegates who attend the conference but also a wide cross section of the participating schools.

This year the winners were Mae Cockerill and Johanna Ellis, representing Chile, from Ogilvie High School and the runners up were Lewis Ottaway and Jordyn Gibson from Scotch Oakburn College, who represented South Sudan.



Greece: Luc Norton Smith and Maddison Bunton, St Patricks College



India: Niamh McGovern and Mitch Berryman, St Patricks College



Sweden: Isaac Breaden & Thomas Waddington, St Patricks College

The National Costume competition was won by Hamish McLean and Dayna Grey from Sheffield School, representing Rwanda.

The delegates from Greece, Luc Norton Smith and Maddison Bunton from St Patrick's College, received an Honourable Mention. 2 June 2014 **NEWS** Meander Valley Gazette

National research backs Launceston Church Grammar's educational model

LAUNCESTON CHURCH Grammar School will continue with its unique Grade 7 transitional programme, guaranteeing a personal, professional and passionate approach to education.

The School's decision not to follow the 'trend' to a middle-school facility, is backed by the most recent findings of the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER).

ACER has found little hard evidence to quantify the effectiveness of middle schools, instead suggesting that a focus on quality teaching plays a more pivotal role in positive educational outcomes.

The report was less than positive about the trend, saying it is now being wound back in the UK and under reform pressure in the US.

ACER reports that the most important element for students in their middle years remains quality teaching supported by teaching



Students of Grade 7 Class

standards and ongoing teacher professional learning. Headmaster Stephen Norris says quality teaching

Norris says quality teaching is at the forefront of Launceston Grammar's educational philosophy.



Launceston Church Grammar Senior Campus

"Overall we believe the benefits of a gradual integration into the senior campus system, as well as the personal but professional educational and cultural programmes we have in place, far outweigh the perceived benefits of a middle school format that are based on assumptions and not fact," Mr Norris states.

"We are proud of the teaching record at our school and the dedication our staff show in maintaining the highest educational standards possible."

At Launceston Grammar there are on average 90 - 100 students enrolled in Grade 7, separated into four classes.

Grade 7 coordinator Mrs Jacquie Bourne says the key benefit of the Launceston Grammar programme is the personal approach to what can be a stressful transition to secondary education.

"The students have a safe base they can explore from. They have class teachers who really get to know them and who support them in this discovery of life as a high school student. There is a focus on the development of skills needed in secondary education such as personal organisation, management and handling pressure," Mrs Bourne explains.

Because it is a specific Grade 7 programme, we are able to focus exactly on what is needed for children of this age and because we are separated from the main part of the school we have a lot of flexibility.

Each Grade 7 class has a class teacher responsible for a substantial proportion of the timetable and pastoral care while two teacher aides work between the four classes in all subject areas.

Specialist teachers are also used for all subjects – meaning up to twelve different teachers per class. Specialist subjects such as Home Economics, Physical Education, Science and Art are conducted in specialist areas.

The Grade 7 programme also involves a four day camp in the second week of the year.

The Grade 7 programme is finished at the end of the year with a seven day camp to Maria Island.

Mr Norris concludes: "We look forward to welcoming you should you wish to visit our Mowbray campus and see first-hand the wonderfully personal approach we give to our students as we guide them through their teenage years and help mould them into outstanding citizens that we can all be proud of."

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Bicycle Users Group for Meander Valley

A NEW community organisation, the Bicycle Users Group (BUG), has been formed in the Meander Valley to promote cycling and lobby for safer routes for cyclists.

The group was initially formed by several cyclists, concerned at the lack of designated cycle paths and facilities.

Deputy Mayor Cr Deb White, Cr Ian Howard, Nick and Robyn Weare and Tim Biggs, took the next step of setting up a Facebook page and email to gauge community support. So far almost 70 likes have been registered on the Facebook page and numerous emails have been received enquiring about membership.

Surveys of prospective members were conducted at the Deloraine Showground Market and the Little Red Tractor Market, with more than 100 people signing up for more information.

At the inaugural public meeting the aims and goals of the group were formulated and membership fees were set at \$5.00 per person and \$10.00 per family.

Tim Biggs gave a short talk about cycling facilities in the Victorian town of Bright which he had recently been to, which has a large bicycling community and is a cycling hub for tourists.

It was agreed that the committee would approach the Meander Valley Council to discuss the council's capital works program and tourism for cyclists and meet council officers for an exchange of ideas.

The next meeting for The Meander Valley BUG is set for June 14th at 1pm, venue to be confirmed.

If you are interested in joining, email meander-valleybug@gmail.com or phone the membership secretary Graeme Pennicott on 0437 748 666.

The Facebook page is mvbug and we encourage you to "like" it to be kept informed of initiatives and news.

For more information contact Nick Weare 0437 195 026.

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4 horses, 4 riders, 4 dogs 4 life

By Sheila Ferguson

ON 21st June, a dinner will be held at the Deloraine Community Complex to give a big send-off to four people about to embark on an extraordinary adventure. The event will be hosted by Jo Palmer from Southern Cross News.

When Harold Riley decided to move back to his home state of Tasmania and set up home in Liawenee in the Central Highlands after living in Queensland for many years, he was faced with the problem of how to transport his four horses down here.

Someone suggested 'Why not ride them?" And thus was born the idea of the Long Ride 4 Life.

As with so many simple ideas, the plan evolved into much more. It developed into a community fund raiser for the Leukaemia Foundation and the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS).

The self-funded ride will involve 4 horses, 4 riders and 4 dogs. The riders will be Harold Riley, his daughter, Terrill Riley-Gibson and son-in-law, Andrew Gibson and Anna Hoogeboom who lives in the south of France but met Harold when she was working on cattle stations on a visit to Australia and who jumped at the chance to return to take part in this adventure.

The horses are Wallaby, Lucky, Pedro and Jasper and the dogs are Rock, Minnie, Lucy and Snap, a small 15



Snap, the 15 year old Jack Russell longride4life.com



LR4L Team Members, minus 4th Member, Anna who returned to Australia from France later

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year old Jack Russell who is likely to be a much smaller Jack Russell by the time she finishes her trip.

On 16th July, they will set off from the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame in Longreach, Queensland, and hope to reach their destination, which is the Ulverstone Show, on 1st November.

The ride will cover about 3,000 kms over 100 days and, as far as possible, they will try to follow stock routes through Queensland and New South Wales then travel through Victoria and finally cross Bass Strait to reach Tasmania.

Before and during the trip, there will be a number of functions in Sydney, Longreach and Flowerdale in Victoria to help raise funds for the two charities. The target is \$250,000.

In addition to the functions they hope to receive sponsorship and donations via the longride4life website at http://www.bushmanslessons.com/. Clicking on the 'Donate' button will take you to the Leukaemia Foundation's 'Great Things Happen When Australians Give' website. An agreement has been drawn up with the Foundation which will ensure that 50% of all donations go to the RFDS.

The choice of these two

charities arose from the personal experiences of the riders. After cattle mustering accidents, Harold's life has twice been saved by the RFDS so he felt strongly about this being one of the causes he wished to support.

Andrew Gibson was diagnosed with a rare form of leukaemia in 2008. After receiving chemotherapy and a stem cell transplant thanks to his younger brother Peter in 2010, he is now recovered. He feels a deep gratitude to the Leukaemia Foundation and so this was chosen as the second charity.

The dinner on the 21st June in Deloraine is supported by Rotary, Apex and the Lions Club and is the first time these three estimable organisations have come together to organise a function.

Other supporters include Meander Valley Council, the Deloraine District Hospital and Auxiliary, the Mountain Cattlemen's Association, the Mountain Huts Preservation Society and the Deloraine District Pony Club.

Bookings are essential for the \$20 per head occasion which starts at 7.00pm.

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Meander Valley Choir at Kanangra

Is there a song in your heart?

THE MEANDER Valley Choir has been kept busy in April and May performing, firstly, at The Anzac Day Service

at Westbury Village Green, followed by Kanangra and Grenoch Nursing Homes in Deloraine and Tyler Village at Prospect.

They were well received at the Nursing Homes and residents were able to sing along with some of the old songs from the World War One Era. The plan is to visit them all again later in the year.

In June they will sing at The Good Neighbour Council in Launceston and The Westbury Health Centre.

They are always looking for new members and would welcome anyone who loves to

sing, to join them on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 - 9.00 pm at The Uniting Church Hall, in Westbury.

For further details contact Robert Clarke (6392 2279), Helen Walker (6393 1567) or Maureen Hart (6362 2055).

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Looking for something to do?

THE COMMUNITY Transport Services Tasmania Inc. (CTST) is urgently looking for volunteer drivers in the Deloraine and Westbury area.

The organisation provides a statewide door to door transport service to the aged, people with disabilities and the disadvantaged and includes carers when necessary. Transport is provided for all kinds of activities such as shopping, bill paying, social outings and non-urgent medical appointments.

Funds for the operation of this service are provided by the Commonwealth and State governments. The Commonwealth is the primary funder with a focus on supporting aged members of the community to live independently.

Recently, CTST received \$750,000 in recurrent funding from Canberra which has enabled the organisation to expand its service provision across the state.



In January, a new office was established in East Devonport to service the Mersey Meander region covering Devonport, Deloraine, and Westbury, including all rural areas around these towns.

Statewide there are now 11 offices, a fleet of 63 vehicles, 4,000 clients and hundreds of volunteers.

These volunteers are their greatest resource; without them they do not and cannot offer a service. In a very real sense they drive the organisation.

Reimbursement payments are offered for kilometres travelled from a volunteer's home to where they pick up the CTST vehicle.

So, if you can spare a few hours on a week day, weekend or after hours to drive one of their vehicles they would very much like to hear from you.

If you would like further information, please phone 6231 6974 or email info@ctst. org.au

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A hero just for one day

Band - Joel, Henry and Molly

A GROUP of teens from across the state recently discovered that churches aren't just solemn places for religious gatherings and hymn singing, but they can also be a lot of fun!

On Friday 9th May, over 70 teenagers — many of whom had never been inside a church before — descended upon Deloraine for a dance party with a twist, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Dance parties are fairly common, but this alcohol-free event had an uncommon theme: "Twin Heroes," with attendees encouraged to come in pairs

as heroes from their favourite book or movie.

dressed

Instead of emulating the sloppy or hyper-sexualised heroes of the mainstream, these uninhibited teens came dressed as characters from movies such as Frozen, The Incredibles and Harry Potter.

Music was provided by a band comprised of talented students from Devonport High School, and the social lubricant for the evening was fun and mutual respect.

Many churches hold activities for the wider community. These events are intended to build community spirit and there is no pressure or obligation to talk about religion.

The next big event at the Deloraine LDS Church at 153 Emu Bay Road will be a free family dance featuring the Deloraine Big Band on Friday 13th June at 7pm.

The building can be hired for free for private or community functions, and volunteer ministers can also assist with conducting weddings and funerals at no cost. Call 0457 373 060 to learn more.

Walk safely



Students enjoying an healthy breakfast

WESTBURY PRIMARY School participated in National Walk Safely to School Day on Friday 23rd May.

Walk Safely to School Day aims to encourage each Australian child to lead a healthier, more active lifestyle by including a walk at the beginning and end of each day to achieve at least 60 minutes of daily exercise to help prevent obesity and other health problems.

The event also promotes reduced car-dependency, greater use of public transport, cleaner air, improved diets and road safety to primary school children throughout Australia.

More than half the students of Westbury Primary gathered at the Village Green at 8.30am to walk to school under the supervision of parents and staff.

Once at school, all students in the school sat down to enjoy a healthy breakfast provided by the Parents and Friends Association.

This highly successful event not only highlighted the health benefits of an active lifestyle, but also continued to build a sense of belonging and community within the school.

Free CTA Workshop

A FREE 3 hour workshop on "Working with lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex parents and their children" will be held at the Community Training Australia campus situated at Mole Creek Guesthouse on Saturday, 14th June commencing at 10.00am.

This workshop will assist health and community practitioners to deepen their understanding and confidence in working with LGBTI people and in

providing services that address the needs ofsame-sex and gender diverse parents.

The facilitator will be Sharon Jones from Relationships Australia.

This will also provide a great networking opportunity when followed by an optional High Tea at the Pepperberry Café.

Bookings are essential for both. Please RSVP by 11th June on 6363 2074 or email kerrie@cta.com.au

Volunteer Expo 2014



From L to R: Carole Turner, Stephan Olah, Elena Olah, Janice Coleman, Noelene Richards and Muriel Layhe of the Deloraine Walking Club

ON 13th MAY the fourth annual Meander Valley Volunteer Expo was held at Deloraine Creative Studios.

Around 50 people attended and 14 community groups, including the Westbury Health Centre, Deloraine Online, Community Legal Aid, Community Transport Services, Volunteering Tasmania and the Meander Valley Council Youth Program, displayed their wares.

Adrienne Picone, CEO of Volunteering Tasmania

addressed the attendees along with Fraser Deeth, Meander Valley Young Citizen of the year.

The finalists of the 'Why do you do it? video competition were shown.

First prize went to Martin Hawley-Denby, and second prize went to an entry called "Over the Top" submitted by Studio BE. You can find this entertaining video at http://youtu.be/Qap8Myqi-SEI.

Helen Tweedale won third prize.

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Filling a gap

By Sheila Ferguson

SEPTEMER 2013, a number of local farmers were less than pleased with the fact that there remained only one farming business covering the whole district, as it removed any competitiveness from the local economy.

A group of these farmers committed themselves to support another venture by setting up a business locally.

Colin Cook, together with a group of Tasmanian investors, established AgriCorp Pacific Pty Limited and, in late January of this year, opened for business in the premises vacated by Elders.



L to R: Andrew Rigby, Damien Jones and Colin Cook

That time of the year again

By Sam Horsman, Business **Principal, PJS Financial**

AT THIS time of year with many people getting ready for the end of the financial year and completing their income tax returns, a trip to the accountant shouldn't be viewed in the same way as a trip to the dentist.

I realise that we aren't the sort of people that most people look forward to visiting, but we are just about the only profession that can usually put more money back in your pocket or save you more than we cost.

This tax time, whether you are preparing your own income tax return or having it prepared by a registered tax agent, there are a few easy things that can be done to make the job 'pain free'.

Plan Ahead:

Organise an appointment well in advance and at a time that you know you can make it. If you are getting your tax done some where for the first time, provide them with your full name, address, contact phone number, tax file number and date of birth when you make the appointment. This will enable the accountant to set you up in their computer system and obtain any information from the Australian Taxation Office that they may require.

Be Organised:

Taking a few minutes to

156 Main Road

sort your receipts into various categories will simplify the whole process. Even summarising deductions onto a single page under headings like

motor vehicle costs, self education, home office or tools

will help. Just make sure you

attach the corresponding

receipts. **Ask Questions:**

If you are unsure or not certain whether something should be included, take the receipt or information with you to your accountant and ask them. It is far better to ask than to miss out on the deduction altogether. Also don't be afraid to ask them questions about how you can save tax in the next financial

By having your tax return prepared by an accountant not only can you be confident that it has been done correctly, and you haven't paid more tax than you should, but also the cost of the accountant is tax deductible in the following financial year.

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One of the mandates of the company is to try to ensure that money spent with them remains in the state.

This is in contrast to other rural businesses that are owned by mainland and overseas organisations.

It has been known by economists for some time, that \$1.00 spent in a community goes round about seven times, diminishing each time. Obviously, the converse is the case, too. If a dollar is withdrawn from immediate circulation businesses, other than the one in which the money was initially spent, will suffer.

In addition to keeping money circulating locally, AgriCorp is also focussed on farming practices that are best suited to Tasmania, rather than mirroring large scale mainland broadacre and cropping methods.

AgriCorp carries a broad range of products rather than larger amounts of stock offering a smaller selection. This arrangement is

more suitable for the local conditions.

Colin, CEO of Agricorp, is passionate about supporting local businesses, although he is not originally from Tasmania, having grown up on a dairy farm in Victoria.

He was sent here in the early 1980s by Hoescht for whom he then worked and fell in love twice over: with the Island and with the lady who became his wife.

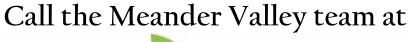
He returned in the early 1990s and has lived here ever

Colin is on the committee of the Economic Renewal Action Group (ERAG) which aims to rejuvenate the local economy.

He was working for Elders when it closed and, along with about 150 others, was made redundant. After doing some in-depth research, he decided to set up AgriCorp.

The company has two outlets: Deloraine and Smithton and currently employs about nine people; five in Deloraine and four in Smithton - all of whom formerly worked at Elders.

Colin says that support from local farmers has been good and he is happy with the way the business is going.



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Flocking to market

By Sheila Ferguson

This is the third of our profiles on rural producers in Meander Valley. This month we cover sheep farming

JUST AS cows are divided into dairy cattle and beef cattle, so sheep are raised either for meat or wool.

This doesn't mean that each category can only be used for the one purpose but the secondary product is usually of lower quality.

Grant Whiteley owns 500 acres (202ha) and leases a further 300 acres (121 ha) in Meander. On this he runs 60 beef cows plus their calves, 260 agistment cattle, 1000 ewes and their lambs.

These ewes are a Coopworth Cross breed which have high fertility and harder feet than other breeds. The ram used is a White Suffolk.

Problems with feet are a huge issue for sheep farmers as these animals are particularly prone to this type of condition.

One of the reasons that wool sheep are not reared here is that they are much more susceptible to foot rot, and this is a wet area.

As far as fertility is

they expect 150% - that is 150 lambs from 100 sheep. This year they got 170% but this was an exceptionally good year.

concerned,

Twins are common with sheep and, occasionally triplets. The benefit of multiple births is that, the lambs being smaller, there are fewer birth complications; single lambs can have larger heads which can give rise to problems.

On the other hand, with multiple births the smaller lambs can be weaker and more likely to die on cold nights if they don't have adequate shelter.

Although the cycle for sheep raising is quite short it is also very labour intensive

Fortunately there is quite a lot of natural shelter on Grant's land and some portable lambing sheds which Grant's son Luke helped to build.

Nothing is wasted. If a sheep loses her lamb an orphan lamb is put on her. Orphan lambs, of which there are always a few, are raised by Grant's daughter, Chelsea.

The cycle for sheep is shorter than that for cattle. The lambs are born, fattened then sent off to market. The supermarkets will not touch anything over 12 months old. Grant usually sends his lambs off at from 5 to 8 months. He sells most of his lambs through Michael Grant at Greaves Marketing Services and a few of these are shipped live to Melbourne.

Although the cycle for sheep raising is quite short, it is also very labour intensive and sheep are prone to many problems. As well as foot problems there are flies, they're vulnerable to dog attacks, they're fussy about water, harder on fences and, if they roll over on their backs, they can't get up.

They need to be drenched to remove parasites, crutched and jetted to discourage fly strike (when flies lay their eggs in the wool and the resulting maggots burrowing in to the skin).

The ewes are shorn in June and the wool from these is not as fine as that grown on animals in drier areas where wool is the primary product. The wool from Grant's sheep would be about 30 microns, whereas the merino wool of



Grant with daughter Chelsea feeding silage to the sheep

the Midlands is 20 microns – much finer.

Not all the lambs are shorn. Those over 35kg will be left unshorn and fattened since they will be the first to go to market. Those between 27 and 35 kgs are shorn then sent off in April. All the remaining lambs will also be shorn and will be gone by August.

The lambs are fattened on rape, which Grant grows on the farm, and during the winter months the ewes are supplemented with silage.

Lambing begins in September which is the start of the busy time. Cutting hay and silage takes place in November/December. Shearing lambs starts at Christmas time.

Like dairying, sheep farming has become much

more technical and a lot of thought goes in to the farming and breeding of sheep.

Unfortunately no one has come up with a successful way of mechanically shearing sheep - athough slings have made the task easier on the back for the shearer – so sheep farming has no equivalent to the rotary milking machines in dairy farming.

Grant, his wife Angela and their three children are all actively involved in every aspect of the farm.

In addition to his farming activities he also runs a gravel pit from the property that supplies road base and dairy lane material.

(Refer to advertisement on page 5).



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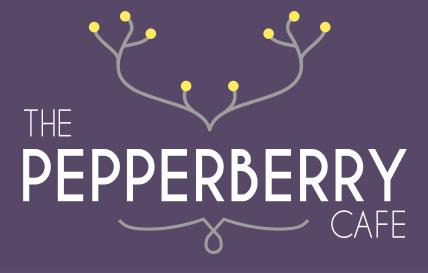
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Fabulous Fungi - adding colour to the bush Autumn gardening

By Sarah Lloyd

VENTURE INTO the bush this autumn and you should see mushrooms, corals, brackets and clubs (i.e. the fruiting bodies of fungi) in an amazing variety of colours.

Fungi are usually unseen because they occur underground as a mass of invisible hair-like structures called hyphae. (The honey fungus in North America is believed to be the largest living organism on Earth.)

It's only when rain stimulates the production of their fruiting bodies that we become aware of their existence. The fungi we see are like fruit; they bear the spores for reproduction.

Fungi not only add colour to the bush, they also perform crucial ecological roles.

Saprophytic fungi get nutrients from dead plant and animal matter and, along with invertebrates and bacteria, are the environment's principle decomposers.

Their hyphae contain powerful enzymes that break down and recycle the nutrients in organic material.

Without these rotters, we'd be living amidst piles



Pixie's parasol (Mycena interrupta)

of dead organic matter!

Mycorrhizal fungi (myco: fungus, rhizal: root) have a symbiotic (mutually beneficial) relationship with approximately 90 % of plant species.

Hyphae penetrate plant roots where an exchange of nutrients takes place: fungi get sugars from their hosts; plants get water and soil nutrients, particularly phosphorus, from fungi.

Healthy mycorrhizal associations enhance the uptake of nutrients from impoverished soils and may help prevent stress caused by disease and drought.

Some fungi are pathogenic or parasitic. They get nutrients from living plants and animals often killing their hosts in the process. They not only kill plants, but there is a bizarre group called Cordyceps, that parasitise insects and spiders.

Parasitic fungi play an important role in weeding out weak susceptible organisms, thus keeping the whole system healthy.

Warning: Many wild fungi are extremely poisonous. If you want to eat fungi, make sure to source them from a store or supermarket.

By Nell Carr

PICTURED IS the Ornamental Grape Vine in April/May. Beginning in very early spring, this irrepressible vine advances in just a few short months from one or two shoots on a gnarled old stump to a lavish display of large, indented leaves, from green to red.

The leaves have now fallen, and the vine will now be cut back to the original stump for the winter.



Ornamental Grape Vine

They grow very easily from cuttings by inserting two nodes, for stability, in the potting soil, several in the one pot, and planted on a trellis or fence once the new leaves develop.

Mulching. It is tempting to cover the beds with straw mulch to suppress weeds after the autumn clean-up. However, this is no longer advisable. While once we

thought that a thick layer of mulch would keep the soil warm, in fact it does the opposite. The soil keeps warmer by being exposed to any winter sunshine that's available.

Mulch in November when the soil has had a chance to warm up in the late spring sunshine.

Tomatoes. To save the seed for next season's crop, choose the best fruit, wash the pulp away from the seeds, and place these on a

saucer.

Keep them at room temperature until they have thoroughly dried, and refrigerate them in labelled

plastic pill containers.

Sow in seed trays in August, and germinate them indoors on a sunny north facing window sill.

When large enough, prick them out into 10cm pots.

Plant out only when all risk of frosts has passed, into well manured soil which has not been limed, as tomatoes prefer acid conditions.

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Local company puts \$700,000 back into the community

If you're an active member of a community group, you know how hard it is to raise money to fund community projects. There are only so many trivia nights, sausage sizzles, market stalls and raffles you can run.

And yet - in 2013 Pearns exhibits World came alive through new visual equipment. audio Football Club Deloraine renewed its sense of pride with new football guernseys. Juleesa Smith, of Chudleigh, completed her first year of Veterinary Science at university in Wagga Wagga, NSW. And every Volunteer Fire Brigade in the Meander Valley got its own defibrillator unit.

How did these community groups and individuals achieve their goals?

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Useful free software

By Alistair Carı

WITH SOME searching you can find plenty of useful free software on the web for doing all manner of things on your computer.

This software is often written by enthusiasts because they could not find exactly what they wanted or is used to promote a company's more comprehensive release.

This list is far from comprehensive but is what I have found to be useful or effective.

Web Browsers

Most people will be familiar with Internet Explorer (the blue E) that comes with Windows, but there are other browsers.

Firefox - http://www. mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/ new/

Google Chrome - https:// www.google.com/intl/en/ chrome/browser/

Opera - http://www.op-era.com/

Email Clients

Apart from Outlook Express (Windows XP), Windows Mail/Live Mail (Vista and Windows 7) and Windows Mail App (Windows 8 and 8.1) the most popular Email Client is probably Thunderbird - http://www.mozilla.org/en-US/thunderbird/

This has been developed by the same group that does Firefox and is probably the closest to the old Outlook Express.

Please avoid Incredimail - it is slow and, frankly, awful.

Antivirus Software

Avast Essential - http://www.avast.com/en-au/in-dex

You do need to register in the programme for a free 12 month licence, but they do not seem to spam the email address you use to register.

Avira Free - http://www.avira.com/en/avira-free-antivirus occasionally pops up a window with "information" alerts.

Comodo - http://antivirus.comodo.com/

Bitdefender - http://www. bitdefender.com.au/solutions/free.html

I have not used the last two so can't comment on how intrusive they may be.

I am no longer a fan of AVG as it has too much garbage such as useless tuneup utilities embedded in the software. It also has a detrimental effect on slower computers' performance.

Malware/Adware

Malwarebytes - http://www.malwarebytes.org/When installing untick the "activate trial" box to get the fully free version. The free version needs to be manually updated and run to scan for rubbish.

ADWCleaner - https://toolslib.net/downloads/viewdownload/1-adwcleaner/ - a nice little tool for removing various bits of adware and the like from a PC. Does not need installing - it just runs from the downloaded file.

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Time to talk about schizophrenia

By the Hon. Rebecca White MP Shadow Minister for Health

THE WEEK of 11th May was national Schizophrenia Awareness Week.

Schizophrenia is one of the most stigmatised conditions in Australia and a much more common illness than many might think.

There are around 230,000 Australians that have the condition and millions of Australians on whom it has an impact.

Two thirds of people with schizophrenia experience negative and offensive attitudes from others towards them.

There are many carers and

families supporting people with mental health conditions. Each and every one of them does incredible and untiring work.

50 per cent of people with schizophrenia are not seeking appropriate treatment

The week also coincided with National Volunteers Week which offered an extra reason to think about the unpaid support given in our community by so many, especially in the health and wellbeing field.

Within our local commu-

nity building awareness and understanding of mental health is vitally important.

Currently it is estimated that 50 per cent of people with schizophrenia are not seeking appropriate treatment.

There are many support services available for people affected by mental illness such as the MiNetworks program which offers a free phone service connecting people to local support services.

MiNetworks can be accessed on 1800 985 944 and anyone experiencing mental illness or supporting someone is encouraged to make contact.

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Going wild with mushrooms

By Rosa Kasteel

I TOOK part in a Gluten Free Bread Baking workshop this week run by chef Mary Jane Gerson at Deloraine House. Fantastic! She is prepared to do more workshops, but as numbers are limited to 6 people by the size of the kitchen, please add your name to the list at Deloraine House.

I, for one, will need some 'wild mushroom' education for this month's recipe, which was suggested to me by friend, Jacqui Thomson from Liffey:

Ingredients

4 - 6 freshly picked Roma tomatoes, quartered.

Locally grown Mountain Pepper, ground & whole: sprinkle. Italian Parsley: in abundance,

chopped. Fresh Lactarius: one per per-

son, sliced.

Lactarius are wild mushrooms known as Saffron

rooms known as Saffron Milk Cap or Pine Mushroom. I saw Portobello Field Mushrooms at the supermarket recently, which could be used if you don't have access to Lactarius mushrooms at the moment.

Method

So simple; heat some butter in a pan, stir in all the

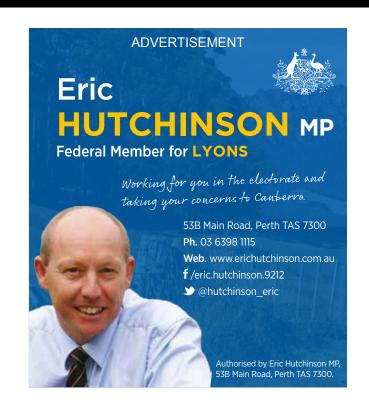


Lactarius mushroom

ingredients and gently sauté/fry till the mushrooms start to soften. Ready!

Great served with Fettucine pasta or just on a slice of bread.

NB. Surprise! Next month's recipes – chosen by, and prepared by, children!



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Empowerment through Yoga and Meditation

By Pauline Ross

WE'VE ALL HEARD about the benefits of exercise for good health and wellbeing and we've all been told or encouraged to find time do that exercise. Some play sport, go to gyms, take walks, jog or swim. Most of us need someone at some stage to encourage and motivate us.

What if you could do this without the aid of someone else and without leaving your home, to be able to go at your own pace, stop when you need to, and not worry about what you look like or how you perform in front of others? After all, we are, most of us, conscious of body image.

As a 58 year old who took up the practice of yoga six years ago and has never attended a class, I think I have found an answer.

First of all, I am very fortunate because I have my own yoga room, although just a corner of a room would be adequate. And I have the



essential equipment in my room, a small TV, a DVD player, some beginner yoga DVD's and the floor. There is a plethora of yoga DVD's out there for all types of yoga and levels; amazon.com is a great place to browse and review the array of DVD's and books on offer.

A suggested starting point would be Hatha Yoga as it is a combination of both Yin and Yang yoga, which means sun and moon, hot and cool, active and receptive. Begin slowly, never rush and really listen to your DVD. A good yoga DVD is a mine of information. You may

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fumble at first, misunderstand instructions, even fall over but the beauty of home yoga is you don't have to keep up with a class and you can stop, pause, rewind and start again.

A yoga lesson always starts with how to breathe properly, few of us are actually using our lungs to their full capacity. Once you start breathing correctly, everything seems to fall into place and the postures become easier, and when things become easier they are more enjoyable.

Once they become enjoyable you have a sense of achievement and that sense of self is starting to be felt. It is very empowering and yet very calming. You end all yoga sessions with a relaxation sequence (meditation) which will probably become your favourite posture.

It is truly restorative and you'll experience a feeling of lightness when you finish. This feeling of wellbeing comes from endorphins (the happy hormones) that are released from the brain.

After a while, with moderate practice, you will not only feel different, you will look different. You won't notice the change yourself at first but others will. The change starts within. You feel better as you are now breathing properly getting more oxygen into your blood stream. You will think more clearly and your concentration will improve. Your body will become toned and balanced as your core strength improves. You will feel more relaxed and be able to deal easier with difficult situations and you will probably start losing weight.

Yoga is not only an exercise but a way of life. Excellent for your body, mind and soul and can be practised at any age and at any level of fitness, and at home! It is truly an exercise for our busy and stressful times. And remember, it's not about how it looks, but about how it feels.

An exercise in community development

THE BRACKNELL District Boys and Girls Club was established in the early 1960s for use by the Bracknell community and surrounding districts and has been used over the years for a variety of purposes.

The building itself was originally a farm shed that was transported to Bracknell from a property called Logan at Evandale.

Living in a rural community is a great lifestyle in itself but it does have the disadvantage of being isolated from the city areas where there are more accessible facilities for people wanting to improve their health and fitness. Having no public transport also places a financial strain

on those who want to use gymnasiums on a regular basis.

The Bracknell Boys and Girls Club Committee strongly believe that it can assist the community with improving their general health and fitness by purchasing gym equipment and has managed to obtain Community Grants in order to do so.

The Committee is currently awaiting a response for a further grant which will allow for the purchase of more equipment and hopes that with further funding and continued memberships the facility will continue to improve.

There are some excel-

lent pieces of commercial gym equipment available at the Club and membership numbers have grown substantially since the introduction of this quality gym equipment.

Membership is available for a fee of \$150 per year per household and comes with a key to the facility which allows members to access the gym at any time they wish.

There are adult fitness classes run by Maryanne Gilbert which are held at the club every Monday and Thursday morning commencing at 9.00am and finishing at around 10.00am.

Anybody who is interested in membership should contact Chris Parker (President) on 6397 3481.

High Tea Extravaganza! Bracknell Boys and Girls Club

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Quality Gym equipment at Bracknell, with still more to come



Valleyviews

Mayor's Message

At the May Council meeting, the capital works program for 2014-15 was approved. Some of the program items include:

- \$396,000 for the replacement and development of new footpaths across the municipality
- \$500,000 to build the Vale Street roundabout on Westbury Road
- \$170,000 to continue the upgrade of Marriott Street including improved signage
- \$267,000 to upgrade Meander Valley Road, Deloraine from the bridge back towards Launceston to Railway Street
- \$1.3million on road resurfacing across the municipality
- \cdot \$1.6million on replacement and upgrading of wooden bridges to concrete across the municipality
- \$387,000 to upgrade stormwater to prevent flooding across the municipality
- \$120,000 on Prospect Vale Park to upgrade access and parking, and review ground upgrades

Council's next challenge is to consider the 2014-15 operational budget at the June Council meeting, including setting the rates. The Federal Government announced as part of the recent Federal Budget that the income Local Governments receive through the Financial Assistance Grants is to be frozen, with no increase for three years. Over the past few years, Council has been conscious to maintain a minimal rate increase. This year, Council will assess the impact of the Federal Government announcement on Council's operations and endeavour to deliver a fair and reasonable budget and rate structure.

Recently, I had the privilege of attending the Investiture of Ivan Heazlewood at Government House. Announced on Australia Day, Mr Heazlewood, from Whitemore, was made a Member of the Order of Australia for significant service to primary industry, particularly sheep breeding, showing and judging over many decades.

Until next month, take care,

Craig Perkins

Mayor



It may seem like the easy option, but not having the appropriate permits for your building or renovation can have serious consequences for you in long run.

Permits ensure works are performed to standards, have the correct regulations and safety measures applied.

Find out what building work can be carried

out where... and avoid the headache!

Council Updates

If you carry out work without a permit, an illegal building notice may be issued which will either require you to demolish the work or go through a potentially lengthy and costly permit process. In some cases it will also require you to do additional building work so your property can meet the standards of current regulations.

The process can really impact you when you want to sell your house. Any future potential purchaser will be advised that work has been done without a permit.

Council has observed first hand that this can lead to loss of sales, reduced offers, time delays and stress.

Community News

Westbury & Deloraine Community Cars

These Community Cars provide subsidised transport for local

residents to medical appointments in Launceston, Devonport and Burnie. They are run by a dedicated group of volunteers.

A set donation is required for each return trip which helps

expenses, maintenance and insurances. For bookings and

Deloraine: Roy Axelsen on 6362 2865 or 0418 326 792 Westbury: Evonne Blackley on 6393 5300 or AH 6393 2717

Applications to Council's Community Grants Program are

invited all year round. Grants up to \$3,000 are available to

needs through special events, sport and recreation and/or

are available from the Westbury Council Offices and the

tion round should be lodged by 30 June 2014.

community development. Information and application forms

website. Applications for consideration in the next adjudica-

community organisations for projects that address community

Council Community Grants 2013/14

to fund each car. Council provides assistance with operating

It's best to check with Council that all permits are in place before you start work on your house or if you are thinking of putting your house on the market.

Contact the Development Department on 6393 5320, for advice.

Waste Management Strategy

Council's draft Waste Management Strategy sets out the who, what, when, where, why and how of waste management and resource recovery for Meander Valley over the next 5 years.

June 2014



We want to make sure we've got it right, so we invite you to share your ideas, concerns and general comments about rubbish!

To get all the dirt on the strategy, visit Council's website or come in and see us at Council's Westbury Offices. When you are ready, give us a call on 6393 5300 or email your comments to mail@mvc.tas.gov.au.

Prospect Vale - Blackstone Heights Structure Plan

The consultants are continuing to work on the options paper for the Structure Plan. We have allocated more time to this process to make sure the best possible options are presented to the community for feedback. If you'd like more information on the process, please contact Craig Plaisted at Council on 6393 5300 or at craig.plaisted@mvc.tas.gov.au.



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www.greatwesterntiers.net.au

Diary Dates

Meander Valley Primary School Holiday Program Monday 14 July and Wednesday 16 July For more details visit the Council's website or contact Kylie Johns on 0400 780 179.

Markets

Little Red Tractor Farmers Market, Deloraine Every two weeks, Sat 14 & 28 June ongoing

Westbury Market

Third Saturday of every month, Sat 21 June

Deloraine Market

First Saturday of every month, Sat 5 July



Great Western Tiers Visitor Centre (GWTVC) – Much more than a visitors' centre

Thinking of planning a Tassie break? Need some advice? Then let the team at the GWTVC point you in the right direction. Not just catering for tourists, they can book your accommodation and while they're at it, they'll let you in on a few special places to visit to make your trip even more memorable. Don't forget to ask the team about the latest

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Valley Views can be read at any time by visiting the website, click on Community, Culture and Recreation and then Community News.



WORKING TOGETHER

Profile of Vonda Maude Hardy

By Antonia Howarth

VONDA HARDY, now 83 years of age, is one of the senior Australians who have made a real contribution to the local community.

After completing commercial course, joined what was then The Bank of Australasia (now the ANZ), eventually becoming the first qualified female Bank Accountant and held that position from 1978 to 1986 when she retired.

She was asked to join the Board of Grenoch in 1982 and, two years later, the Board of



Vonda Hardy

St Mark's Homes and helped to oversee the construction of Kanangra in 1990. In 2012 she retired from the Aged Care Board having risen to become treasurer and being responsible for much fund raising and organisation of government funding.

In 1998 Vonda was awarded the Tasmania Day award from the Meander Valley Council for her work. In 2003 she received the Paul Harris Fellowship from the Rotary Club of Deloraine and in 2007 she became a recipient of the Order of Australia Medal. She founded the Kanangra Auxiliary and was founder of the Grenoch Auxiliary for which she raised funds for more than 10 years.

She has been listed in the Who's Who of Australia since 2009.



Community feedback required

FOR SOME time Deloraine on the Move Inc (DoM) has been discussing changes to the visitor information sign on the Bass Highway before the first exit ramp into Deloraine.

Concern was expressed that the current sign was too general in nature to be advantageous to businesses located in the town.

DoM has formed a sub-committee to design the new sign, aiming for installation in October 2014.

Initial thoughts are that there can, potentially, be 9 'lead up' panels with 7 of those used to highlight services and attractions, etc. and the other 2 with a map on one and possibly "Home of Tasmanian Craft Fair" on the other. The final 6 would have the main 'catch' 'grab' lines such as

"Discover Deloraine" to draw people off the highway.

Further designs community feedback to formulate a more detailed brief are currently being sought. Whether it concerns the existing display or ideas for a new sign, all thoughts and feedback are welcomed.

For further information or to express your thoughts contact: Gayle Plunkett 0418 873 112 or email: deloraineonthemove@gmail.com

The Christadelphians

By Liz Walker **Religion correspondent**

THE NAME "Christadelphian," signifies "brethren in Christ." Those who bear the name, therefore, attempt to live by the true teachings of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and to preach the original gospel as He taught it.

Their basic doctrine is the personal, literal return of the Lord Jesus Christ to establish God's Kingdom on Earth; its capital being Jerusalem, as it was in the days of kings David and Solomon.

Christadelphians have lived in Tasmania since at least 1883. The Meander Valley Ecclesia was established in 2007.

The movement, in its current form, was founded by John Thomas, a doctor from England, who made an independent, life-long study

of the Bible. He voted his life to finding the "Truth" as was taught by Jesus and his apostles.

Christadelphians, The today, are to be found throughout the world. Those in Tasmania sponsor preaching, especially in East Timor. Local members have also preached in India, the Philippines, South Korea, Fiji, Jamaica and Panama.

Valley Meander The Christadelphians currently meet on Sundays and Wednesday evenings in the Westbury Town Hall Supper Room. The public is warmly welcome to attend any meetings.

Further information can be obtained from:

www.exploringtheBible. net, thebiblecourse@gmail. com or phoning Polly and Stephen on 0418 371 692 or : 0439 078 882.

Arts Deloraine

DELORAINE ARTS held its Annual General meeting recently and elected the committee.

Diana Tuleja is President with Tim Biggs as Treasurer and Annie Robinson as Secretary. Sean Manners, Jaqui Stacey, Margaret Tabor and Rosa Kasteel comprise the rest of the Committee.

Niecy Brown stepped down and appreciation was expressed for her, as well as Cat Smith's and Helen Hutchison's, efforts.

On 9th July, in collaboration with Lyn Hayward, there will be a wonderful night of the Spooky Men's Chorale! - a musical group from the Blue Mountains region of NSW who are returning to Deloraine.

Posters will be out in Deloraine and surrounding areas this month. Please

Our national winner



Sandra Atkins with her national award

IF YOU happened to read the May edition of the Valley Meander you will know zette, that Sandra Atkins, the Equestrian Tasmanian Volunteer of the Year, represented her State in the Eques-

trian Australia Volunteer of the Year awards in NSW.

We are proud to report that Sandra won the National award. We take this opportunity to offer her our best wishes and congratulations for a well deserved win.

come along to a really good musical event.

Material Girl, which encourages women artists to enter for a major prize every year, has become a Tasmanian institution. Each year there is a theme and this year it was "Tall Poppies". This year's winner was Fiona Francois from Deloraine.

Deloraine organised an exhibition of Material Girl and will be hanging this at the Delo-Creative Studios raine

Gallery in August. They hope to invite Fiona to come and talk about her work at the opening.

Ărts Deloraine The committee meets on the first Thursday on each month at 5.30pm in the meeting room of the Deloraine Hospital. This is an open meeting so anyone is welcome to come along. Elemental Art in Emu

Bay Road is Arts Deloraine Central and you can become a member there.

Deloraine Information Evening - Thursday 26 June



If you are interested in learning about Launceston Church Grammar's Academic programme, their extra-curricular activities, the Boarding House and the extensive range of scholarships offered, the Headmaster, Mr Stephen Norris and the Registrar, Mrs Lisa Pretorius will be at The British Hotel 80 Emu Bay Road Deloraine on Thursday 26 June 6.00pm – 8.00pm.

RSVP to Mrs Lisa Pretorius, Registrar,

on 6336 6052 or go to www.lcgs.tas.edu.au/events

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Bonus screening for Film Society

By Deborah White, President, WTFS

THE WESTERN Tiers Film Society is celebrating its successful first term by treating its 130 members to a bonus screening.

On Saturday 28th June at 7.30pm, there will be the showing of a locally-made documentary, "Shadow of Doubt". The film traces the mystery and anomalies surrounding the trial and subsequent imprisonment of Sue Neill-Fraser for the murder of her partner Bob Chappell in Hobart in 2009.

The mystery arises from the fact that there was "no body, no weapon and no witnesses". The myriad unanswered questions gave rise to producer Eve Ash's award-winning documentary, which explores the handling of the case and the claims that crucial evidence

was ignored.

Capitalising on the connection between Committee member Lyn Prove and the film's producer, the WTFS has invited Eve and her team to be present at the screening and to lead a Q&A session after the film, giving members the chance to ask the questions that still remain unanswered.

In addition, everyone is invited to come early, enjoy some free nibbles and to vote for their favourite (and least favourite!) films of the first half year. In this way, all attendees get a chance to see what was popular and what was not!

It promises to be a great night.

Members will also be able to renew their memberships at this session, and new members will be able to join. Due to popular demand, membership numbers are being increased.

Please note that if using direct debit, the transfer must be identified by a name.

The Society has now set its schedule for July to December. The following films will be screening: July: The Triplets of Belleville August: Blue Jasmine September: Mr Pip October: American Hustle Dec.: Inside Llewyn Davis

The Western Tiers Film Society look forward to seeing you at these events and invites the audience to join together for a discussion after each film.

If you have any questions about these events, contact us at westerntiersfilmsociety@gmail.com



WTFS President Deborah White and Committee member Lyn Prove with the flyer for the Society's bonus screening "Shadow of Doubt"

Book Review

The Goldfinch by Donna Tartt

Published by Little, Brown & Co October 2013

Reviewer: Edna Carew

DONNA TARTT does not churn out books. Her readers have had to wait eleven years for her third novel, The Goldfinch, for which Tartt won the 2014 Pultizer prize for fiction.

A decade elapsed between her outstanding debut, The Secret History, and her second work, The Little Friend.

It is an irony that an 800-page work, that takes years of an author's life, is devoured by eager readers in 48 hours. That The Goldfinch is a page-turner is indisputable. There is much to savour in the story and in Tartt's writing. But the book would be

arguably better were it shorter. Too much rope is given to the protagonist's maudlin ramblings towards the end.

Up to that point, though, Tartt maintains a cracking pace, weaving a Dickensian-style epic around Theo, a New York boy who survives a terrible accident that turns his life upside-down. He is rescued by the upper-class family of a classmate only to be snatched away from comfort and stability by his feckless father.

Unwillingly transported to live in a soulless housing estate in the Nevada desert, he teams up with the urchin Boris, a stray whose childhood in Russia, Ukraine and Australia produces an idiosyncratic style of Englishthatprovidesoneofthe lighter touches in the story.

A constant is The Gold-finch, a painting wrought in 1654 by Dutch artist Carel Fabritius, just before he was

accidentally killed. Theo's relationship to – obsession with - the painting can be interpreted at many levels – an enduring bond with his art-loving mother, a comforting talisman, an unsettling reminder of danger.

Through the painting Theo gains entrée to the rarefied world of antiques as well as to an underworld of criminals and art thieves; routinely buoyed by alcohol and drugs, he drifts effortlessly between these contradictory realms.

Tartt's characters are neither totally evil nor totally pure. That holds our interest in Theo and his fellow travellers on the bizarre odyssey she creates. Out of kindness we reserve judgment on directionless Theo, who loses his anchor in life at thirteen.

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Graham Cox helping a student

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Responsible fishing Open Day

THE QUAMBY Fly Fishers Club is holding its 6th Annual Open Day at the Meander Hall Sunday 22nd June from 10am to 3pm. A warm invitation is extended to anyone currently involved in fishing or those who would like to get involved in this wonderful pastime.

The Club's name may suggest that it might be a bit elitist and interested only in fly fishing. However, Club President, Grant Flowers, stresses that this is not the case and that members use a whole range of fishing methods, including spinning, soft plastics and bait, depending on the conditions.

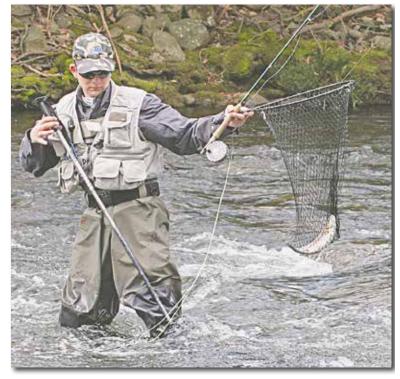
Mr Flowers went on to say "The Club is keen to promote responsible fishing including the concept of catch-andrelease. This does not preclude taking home a feed of trout for tea but it does encourage the idea of not killing everything that is caught and maintaining a sustainable fishery into the future."

People attending the Open Day will be able to obtain information from experienced Club members about all things fishing at any level from the rank beginner to the experienced angler. Several members have competed in fly fishing championships at international, national and state level so they have a wealth of knowledge to draw on. Demonstrations and advice will cover fly tying and entomology, casting, knots, gear selection, spinning, cleaning and filleting, where and when to fish, etc. There will also be ample time for practice of some of these activities under expert tuition.

A feature of the day will be the attendance of Josh Flowers, the 18 year old Club member who won the Australian Fly Fishing Championships last year. Josh is keen to help people with casting and fly tying or just talk fishing. Proceeds from the Open Day will go towards Josh's expenses when he represents Australia at the World Fly Fishing Championships in Bosnia in 2015.

Another opportunity, not to be missed, will be to learn some tricks of the trade from Club member and commercial fly tier, Trevor Berne, who will discuss the insects that trout feed on.

President Grant Flowers concluded by saying "There will be something for everyone so please come along, make the most of the opportunity, and at the same time support our own Australian Champion. If possible, please advise one of the contacts below if you are coming, but otherwise feel free to just turn up on the day."



Australian Fly Fishing Champion, Josh Flowers

FACT FILE:

When: Sunday 22nd June Time: 10am to 3pm

Venue: Meander Memorial Hall, Meander

Cost: Entry - gold coin donation

Lunch: BBQ - gold coin donation.

Inquiries:

Grant Flowers 0407 555 291 Chris King 0407 687 033

Indoor Bias Bowls finals win to Esk

ON SATURDAY 24th May the finals for the Northern Tasmanian mens and ladies fours and the junior singles were played at the Deloraine Bowls Club.

Twenty seven indoor bowlers from the Launceston, Esk and Deloraine Indoor Bowls Associations competed on the day with the successful teams progressing to the State finals to be played at the Deloraine Community Complex on Saturday 31st of May.

Teams from Esk were successful in both the mens and ladies events, with Katelyn Cawthen successful in the junior singles event.

Results

Men. Esk 22 d Launceston 5. Launceston 20 d Deloraine 14. Esk 17 d Deloraine 14.



Junior Singles Competitors Britney Richards, Shenaye Zaporozec and Katelyn Cawthen

Ladies. Esk d Launceston, Launceston d Deloraine, Esk d Deloraine.

Indoor Bias Bowls, also called carpet bowls, is played throughout the Meander Valley region in Community

halls, and at Bowls, RSL and Seniors clubs.

There are Indoor Bowls clubs at Carrick, Whitemore/ Bracknell/Bishopsbourne, Westbury, Deloraine, Meander, Mole Creek, Dairy Plains and Chudleigh playing in a weekly pennant competion from April to August.

In the sport of Indoor Bowls players can progress from club to association, division, state and national level. In 2013 Tim Saltmarsh, Rowen Donohue, and Guy and Scott Zueschner from Deloraine, Red Hills, and Whitemore clubs members of the Tasmanian team at the Australian National Championships in Toowoomba.

Coming Events in the region:

Saturday 31st May -

State Singles and fours finals at the Deloraine Community Complex.

7th/8th June -

State Open Mixed Fours at the Longford Complex. 14th/15th June -

State Team selection trials at the Deloraine Complex. 20th July -

John Taylor Memorial Day at the Deloraine Complex.

If you are interested in playing indoor bowls or would like further information please phone one of the following numbers: 6362 3247, 6363 6153 or 6397 3138.

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