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DELORAINE CRAFT FAIR TAKES SHAPE

James Dodson creating a kookaburra. There will be exquisite glass pieces to buy at this year's Craft Fair

Photo by Mike Moores

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MICHAEL KELLY

DEPUTY MAYOR & COUNCILLOR
MEANDER VALLEY COUNCIL

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Annual steam-up

FROM SATURDAY, 1st November to Monday, 3rd November Pearn's Steam World will be holding their annual Steam Up event.

Committee Secretary Anne Heazlewood said: "This weekend is our major fundraiser for the year, "We offer a three day program which provides something for everyone."

"Saturday is for tractor and vintage truck fanatics; Sunday is traditional family day. On Monday, we welcome classic car and motor bike enthusiasts."

Unbeatable food will be provided by the Anglican Parish of Quamby (who are fund-

raising to pay for repairs to a large stained glass window at St Mary's Church, Hagley) and Coffee Glorious Coffee.

Pearn's Steam World welcomes visitors from all over the world, with this annual Steam Up kicking off the seven day community activity program Westbury Week.

There is still space available for trade stalls.

Tractor, Truck, Car and Bike Exhibitors are welcome and there is free entry for all exhibiting drivers.

Gates open from 9.00am to 4.30pm and entry is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children which includes all rides.

All Enquiries to Anne Heazlewood on 6397 3458.

Ambos get an ELK



THE DELORAINE branch of Ambulance Tasmania has just taken possession of an ELK (Emergency Lifting Cushion) courtesy of a donation from the Rotary-Pratt Foundation.

This ELK is an innovative air powered cushion designed to lift a fallen person from the floor with a stable and stress-free lift so it is ideal when someone has fallen in a confined space.

In addition to lessening any risk of further injury to the patient, it also minimises the risks associated with moving and handling for the ambulance worker as it can lift up to 450 kg.

Previously only available in Launceston, Devonport or Burnie, this useful piece of equipment was welcomed by Craig Broomhall and Christian Francois from the Deloraine station.

Fish feast

THE LIONS CLUB of Westbury will be holding their annual Fish Feast at Quercus Park on Saturday 25th October at 7.30pm. This year, profits from the fundraiser will go to Beyondblue, the national organisation that offers hope, recovery and resilience.

Most people in Australia have some experience with anxiety and depression. Beyondblue raises awareness, reduces stigma and ensures people have access to the information they need to support them.

Each year, funds from the Westbury Lions Club Fish Feast, which has been running for about 15 years, have been given to charities and organisations which are either based locally or work with the local community such as St Giles, Down Syndrome Tasmania, Giant Steps, Appin Hall and Give Me Five for Kids.

Fish Feast is a night of food, fun and fabulous local entertainment. For \$30 per head, patrons get a big meal of fish and chips (provided by friendly fishermen from Tribunna) along with homemade salads and sweets. A bar will operate on the night.

Contact Phil Steers on 0419 858 880 to book your table. RSVP by 20th October.

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March	16th Feb	23rd Feb	6th - 13th Mar
April	23rd March	30th March	10th - 17th Apr
May	20th April	27th April	8th - 15th May
June	18th May	25th May	5th - 12th June

Red Cross is 100 years old

THE AUSTRALIAN Red Cross celebrates its centenary this year. Established on the 13 August 1914 in Melbourne, the Red Cross has become a resilient national organisation, well known for its blood donation service as well as its response to natural disasters and daily work to help those in need.

Members of the Deloraine unit celebrated the 100 year milestone with a social gathering on 1 September at The Deloraine Uniting Church Hall. Commemorative red roses have now been planted at the Hagley Recreation Ground,



Westbury Town Hall garden and Great Western Tiers Visitor Centre, Deloraine, to acknowledge the Red Cross units of those communities.

The Australian Red Cross relies on thousands of volunteers around the country. For more information on how you can get involved phone 1800 811 700 or email members@redcross.org.au

Submitted by the Meander Valley Council

Culzean opens up

THE WESTBURY Community Health Centre is holding its annual plant fair on Sunday 2nd November from 10.00am - 4.00pm.

This year this fundraiser will be held in conjunction with an open garden at 'Culzean', a rarely opened spectacular woodland garden at 1 William St, Westbury.

Culzean is a ten acre garden with mature trees set

around a large lake and a historic anglo-indian homestead. This is truly a wonderful old garden and well worth a visit.

A wide range of plants will be for sale, along with gourmet food, and useful things for the garden.

All proceeds will be used to support the activities of the Westbury Community Health Centre.

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Council elections voting is this month!

COUNCIL ELECTIONS will take place between 14th and 28th October. This time Councillors will be elected for four years, not two. Below are profiles of some of the candidates. Not all candidates replied to our request for information, so these are the ones that came through.

Craig Perkins

I BELIEVE I've been effective both as a Councillor and Mayor during the past five years.

I've led a stable Council; engaged organisations across the municipality, demonstrated strong representation at all levels, as well as taking a pragmatic and common sense approach to the role of Mayor. I hold several academic qualifications and am a graduate of the Aust. Institute of Company Directors.



Rodney Synfield

I'M FOCUSED on making a difference. I don't resile from difficult issues nor am I a 'rubber stamp' for bureaucracy.

Council's priority is to ensure basic services are met to a high standard but also to identify, encourage and foster opportunities for further job creation.

I don't support amalgamation with Launceston City Council for any part of our municipality as I believe it would result in significantly increased rates.



Richie Fellows

I COULD make bold statements & give false hope but I would rather earn your trust. We all want progress but most of all recognition for our opinions.

In my work I get to talk to all sorts of people with a range of views and the most common response you get is; the bloody council. This can't be good for progress. What happened to commonsense? Exercise your right and make your VOTE count.



Dawn Vallance

I BELIEVE it is the duty of all councillors to foster a "can do" attitude around the council table and within the employed staff, to encourage and facilitate appropriate development and deliver value to ratepayers. Employees and

councillors serve the people of their community and I would be happy to advocate on behalf of anyone having difficulty dealing with issues relating to council services.



Andrew Connor

COUNCILLOR SINCE 2011, I have worked to deliver better results to residents, particularly with online services and the NBN. I have spent 12 years with Lions Clubs, 7 years with the SES and 6 years as spokesperson for consumer group Digital Tasmania. I am results oriented, independent and approachable. Help me continue to work for the community as Councillor and in future as Mayor. www.Connor4MVC.org



Bob Richardson

IN 14 YEARS Council experience, fairness, equity, & social/natural justice have been central in my approach. These years complement my qualifications & lengthy volunteer community work. I seek your vote to continue to represent you. Council should work with stakeholders to encourage development and jobs. The challenge is to meet the demands of growth - roads, streets, recreational & social facilities.



Deb White

I AM committed to our communities as can be seen in the role I have played setting up several facilities such as the Meander Valley Health Centre and others. I support ideas for business or community development that sustain our quality of life and our environment.

As Councillor and Deputy Mayor, I will foster the development of a thriving, future-oriented economic network that provides rewarding work, while preserving our natural assets.



John Temple

I WANT our council to help residents and ratepayers prosper whilst preserving our beautiful environment.

I have operated the John Temple Gallery in Westbury for 12 years and lived in the Meander Valley for 28. I have served on, and chaired a number of community, government and business boards at all levels.

As a winner of several business awards, I know how to get things done.



Tanya King

A WORKING mother of two girls, living in the Valley, I want to see sustainable economic development and increased productivity for small business. I work for Taswater as a Water Quality Scientist. I have a sound background in the mechanics of Council operations, having been employed by NMC to operate the Longford Water Treatment Plant for more than 5 years. I volunteer on various committees and community groups.



New Director Infrastructure Services

COUNCIL IS pleased to announce that Mr Dino De Paoli commenced work with Meander Valley Council on Thursday 28th August in the position of Director Infrastructure Services, following the departure of Mr Ted Ross in early August.

Dino started his career in civil engineering in 1994, and worked predominantly in the land development indus-



try. He designed and documented large subdivision projects in Melbourne and also worked on the first

stages of the NewQuay development in the early days of the Docklands precinct.

As a consultant, Dino worked with the Victorian Treasury and Justice departments on several projects.

Dino returned to Tasmania in 2004 and worked with consulting firm SEMF providing engineering design and project management services for a number of clients across Tasmania and interstate.

After many years in the

private sector, in 2011, he moved to the George Town Council to undertake the role of Director Infrastructure and Development Services. Dino appreciates being able to work on projects that benefit for the community and he looks forward to being an integral part of the Meander Valley Council team.

Submitted by the Meander Valley Council

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| 9 th November | Understanding the Message of the Lord's Prayer |
| 16 th November | Who said, we go to Heaven when we die? |

Westbury Town Hall Supper Room
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Community Diary

Planning an event? Then make sure everyone knows about it. Simply email the details to editor@meandervalleygazette.com - remember to plan in advance so you don't miss out!

Date and Time	Event	Where
Friday, 17th October 3.30-7.00pm	Deloraine High School Fair a& car boot sale	Deloraine High School
Sunday 14th - Sunday 28th October	Polling for Council Elections	Polling centres across Meander Valley
Friday 17th October 7.00pm	Josh's Trivia Quiz Night	Meander Hall
Saturday 18th October 8.00-11.00am	Blessing of the Pets	St. Andrews Church, Westbury
Sunday, 19th October 12.00 noon	Birrlee Vintage Tractor Display	Birrlee Hall
Friday 17th & Saturday 18th October	Deloraine Dramatic Society - Festival of One Act plays	Deloraine Little Theatre
Monday 20th October	Deadline for entries for Meandering	Entry forms from www.meander.tas.gov.au or Council Offices, Westbury
Thursday 23rd October 6.00-7.0pm	Opening of Out of the Ashes Exhibition	Deloraine Creative Studios
Saturday 25th October at 7.30pm	Lions Club - Beyond Blue Fish Feast	Quercus Park, Carrick
Sunday 26th October	BBQ	Quamby Corner Caravan Park - for Golden Valley residents only
Monday 27th October 7.30pm	Meeting Westbury Historical Society	Westbury Town Hall Supper Room, Lyall Street
Monday 27th & Tuesday 28th	Council Hard Waste Collection	Deloraine, Meander, Mole Creek, Chudleigh, Kimberley & surrounding rural areas
Wednesday 29th & Thursday 30th October	Council Hard Waste Collection	Westbury, Exton, Hagley & surrounding rural areas
Thursday 30th & Friday 31st October	Council Hard Waste Collection	Prospect Vale, Blackstone Hts, Hadspen, Rutherglen, Carrick, Bracknell & surrounding rural areas
Friday 31st October	Craft Fair Circle Dance	Western Tiers Community Club
Friday 31st October - Monday, 3rd November 9.00-5.00 Fri-Sun; 9.00-4.00 Monday	CRAFT FAIR	Venues round Deloraine
Saturday 31st October`	Close of applications for 2015 Rural Women's Award	www.rirdc.gov.au/rural-women's-award
Saturday 1st November from 8.30am	Deloraine Fire Brigade Annual Car Wash	Fire Station, Deloraine
Saturday 1st - Saturday 8th November	WESTBURY WEEK	Westbury
Saturday 1st - Monday 3rd November 9.00am-4.30pm	Pearns Steam Engine	Westbury
Sunday 2nd November 10.00am - 4.00pm.	Westbury Community Health Garden day	Culzean Gardens
Friday 7th November	Circle Dance Wegeena	Wegeena Hall
Saturday 8th November 7.00am - 4.00pm	WESTBURY SHOW	Westbury
Sat 8th & Sun 9th November 10.00am - 4.30pm	Quilts in the Garden	Hawthorn Villa Estae, Carrick
Sunday, 9th November 2.00pm	Celebrating Daniel Burke	Holy Trinity Church, Westbury

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The first all-out election of Meander Valley Councillors

In October 2014 please vote for 9 councillors and send in your postal vote.

Dealing with 5 council districts over 8 years, as an Electorate Officer for Greg Hall MLC, has given me a strong knowledge base and the skills necessary to advocate for constituents.

Dawn Vallance is a strong independent member of the Meander Valley Community

People who endorse Dawn VALLANCE for Meander Valley Council:

Mark Shelton, Bracknell, former Mayor Meander Valley Council;

Ray Johnstone, Prospect, former Deputy Mayor MV Council;

Pat Frost, Westbury, councillor Meander Valley Council;

Jenny Dornauf, former councillor Meander Valley Council

Michael Polley former MHA; Richard Archer, Quamby Plains, Hagley;

John Loone (former MLC) and Leslie Loone, Deloraine

Lester Jones, Director of Nursing, Deloraine District Hospital;

Brian and Heather (Wig) Bramich, Bests Butchery Deloraine;

Christine Chillcott of Meander, President Aged Care Deloraine;

Peter McKenzie, Police Sergeant retired Deloraine Police ;

Penny Hickman, Pharmacist, Westbury Pharmacy

Mark and Julie Blackberry, Meander Valley Fruit and Veg;

David Elmer, formerly Roberts Real Estate, Deloraine;

Annette Viney, past President Rotary Club of Deloraine

Kelvin and Margaret Howe of Caveside, John Temple of Westbury, Lexie Flanagan of Chudleigh, Bev Ritchie of Chudleigh

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Profiles of past, present and future success

This is the second in a series of profiles of people who come from Meander Valley and have walked a successful path out in the wider world. They may not necessarily have made

a lot of money; but perhaps have won major competitions, become nationally or internationally recognised in their field or proven that someone from tiny Tassie can make it in a major city.

In parallel, we are writing another series that profiles young people under 25 who already have significant achievements under their belts or are showing every indication of gaining them.

Made it . . .

PENNY CHAPMAN (nee Yard) completed secondary school at St. Patrick's College in Launceston in 1990.

Her mother encouraged her to apply for Speech Pathology at university. At that stage Penny had no idea how diverse and specialised the Speech Pathology field was and assumed she would be working with children with communication difficulties.

She moved interstate to complete a Bachelor of Applied Science in Speech Pathology at Flinders University in South Australia.

Since graduating as a Speech Pathologist in 1994, Penny has worked at the Townsville Hospital, Wagga Wagga Hospital and Austin Hospital in Melbourne.

She has been working as the senior Speech Pathologist in Head and Neck Oncology at St. Vincent's Hospital Melbourne for the past 13 years. and is a lecturer on Head and Neck Oncology Management at the University of



Penny Chapman

Melbourne to Masters Speech Pathology students.

Penny is also recognised as a clinical expert in her field and is involved in various workshops to train metropolitan and rural Speech Pathologists in the specialist areas of laryngectomy management, swallowing and communication management following Head and Neck cancer surgery and chemo radiotherapy treatment. In December, 2013, Penny was invited to travel to Indianapolis, USA to train with Dr Eric Blom, an international expert in laryngectomy management.

She is passionate about

conducting clinical research in the area of Head and Neck cancer and completed a Graduate Certificate in Clinical Research at the University of Melbourne in June this year. Recently she presented her laryngectomy management Heat Moisture Exchanger (HME) and voice research findings at the New York and Darwin Head and Neck Oncology conferences.

After working in the Head and Neck cancer area she still loves helping patients and families through the various phases of their cancer journey. "Teaching patients how to adapt to their swallowing and communication difficulties following major cancer treatment is very rewarding" she says.

Penny is married with an 8-year-old son, Angus, and 5-year-old daughter, Charlotte. and looks forward to bringing her family back to beautiful Tassie for holidays and family celebrations.

She loves running and enjoys entering for a fun run or two each year.

. . . and making it

NINETEEN-YEAR-OLD Josh Flowers won the National Fly Fishing Championship in December 2013 after only three years in competition fishing. He started to learn fly fishing about five years ago from his father, Grant, who is president of the Fly Fishing Club in Tasmania.

In June next year he will be travelling to Bosnia with the six member Australian team, plus the captain and team manager, for the World Championships. He will be one of three Tasmanians in the team.

Taking part in this event will not come cheap. Josh estimates that it will cost close to \$20,000, A considerable part of which will be incurred buying the necessary gear as he has not been fishing for long enough to have all the equipment needed. Says Josh, "I've only got one rod that I use and everyone else has five and all the extras". This makes his achievement last December all the more praiseworthy.

Back in June this year the Quamby Fly Fishing Club held an open day, the proceeds from which went towards Josh's expenses.

Fly fishing is not like spinning as it does not use live bait. The weight of the line is what allows the fisherman to cast. Josh and his father catch some fish to eat and return the rest to the water.



Josh with the National Fly Fishing Championship Award

Competitions take place in fresh water and competitors use barbless hooks that can be more easily removed from the fish before it is measured and thrown back.

Josh is currently in his second year at the Australian Maritime College studying for a Marine Science degree, majoring in aquaculture. His long term goal is to run a private fishery and then teach others fly fishing.

In 2015 he is hoping to take a gap year as, not only will he be taking part in the World Championships, he will also be participating in the Oceania Championships in November. The venue for this is Victoria so he will not have so far to travel and will already be well kitted out. We wish him every success.

A snappy career

THE GAZETTE is fortunate enough to have been joined this month by Mike Moores, a press photographer of many years standing.

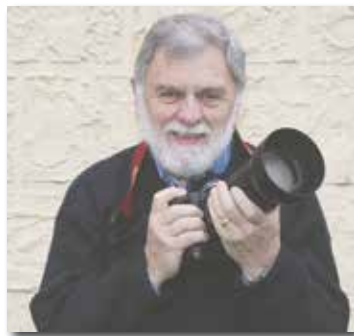
Mike started working in newspapers in the Manchester area in the UK. At the time Manchester had seven daily papers and two evening ones. This all changed with the arrival of television with papers closing or moving to London. As a fairly recent addition to the staff Mike was one of the first to be made redundant and decided to emigrate.

However, the UK's loss was Australia's gain when Mike moved to Brisbane

and started working for the Courier Mail where he stayed for 15 years before being head-hunted by The Sun. He soon rose to the highest level there and became Pictorial Editor of both weekday and Sunday editions.

At the same time he was teaching press and public relations photography at the Seven Hills College of Art before doing a spell at the University of South East Queensland at Toowoomba.

When Murdoch bought the Courier Mail, the Sun was closed as he wasn't allowed to run two papers in the same city, so Mike then opened a freelance business and ran this until his retirement and move to Tasmania.



During his time in Brisbane he won Press Photographer of the Year awards three times and came first in the Rothmans Press Photography awards as well as several state sporting photographer awards.

We look forward to working with Mike and foresee a strong improvement in the calibre of the paper's pictures.

A man for all reasons

DANIEL BURKE (1827-1927) lived to be 100 years old and during that lengthy span gave much to the community of Westbury.

He arrived in Hobart in 1830 having sailed from Ireland with his family. His father was a farmer and Daniel followed this occupation.

In 1857 he became a member of the Exton Road Trust his first step on a distinguished path in public life.

Daniel was a founding member of the Westbury Municipal Council in 1863 and went on to serve the Council for 60 years. He was first appointed

Warden (Mayor) in 1871 and held the position over forty two years until he retired, aged 95, in 1923.

During this period he was instrumental in establishing infrastructure and services in Westbury such as the School Board and Board of Health and Agricultural Society. He also found time to act as magistrate, coroner and Member of the House of Assembly for Cressy (1893 -1903).

As a colonist and loyal Irishman, it was Daniel who hid the legendary Irish Exile, John Mitchel, in 1853 and kept him from the clutches of the Westbury militia. Mitchel escaped to America and

wrote his famous text, 'Jail Journal' which had much to say in praise of Dan Burke.

For services to Tasmanian civic life, Daniel has no peers. His 65 years of commitment remains a record to this day. His ancestors still live in the Westbury area and gather on the Village Green each St Patrick's Festival to honour him.

A celebration event will be held to recognise Daniel's achievements on Sunday 9th November at the Holy Trinity Church, Westbury, commencing 2.00 pm. All are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to mail@mvc.tas.gov.au or 6393 5300 by 31st October to assist catering.



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Marsupials

By Sarah Lloyd

TASMANIA HAS 18 native marsupial species ranging in size from the tiny 7 gram little pygmy possum to the large 45 kilogram eastern grey kangaroo. There is one introduced species, the sugar glider; and one extinct species, the thylacine.

All marsupials have evolved specialised digestive systems to deal with Australia's predominantly hard, dry and leathery (i.e. sclerophyllous) vegetation. They also have various breeding strategies to cope with changing circumstances such as drought.

In 1816 the fundamental difference in the reproductive systems of female mammals was discovered. What are now called marsupials (Gk marsupion pouch) were originally named Didelphia (Gk di two; delphia uteri), a word that alludes to marsupials' two vaginae, two uteri and two oviducts. (Placental mammals have a single vagina, cervix and uterus and only the oviducts are paired.) This is what really sets marsupials apart from the placental mammals and monotremes.

Most marsupial species have a yolky egg with a thin shell from which the embryo is born after 10-12 days. The embryo crawls to the pouch and attaches to the teat.

Its lips grow around the teat and the structure of its mouth allows it to suck and breathe simultaneously.

The milk of marsupials changes considerably through the extended period of lactation. While it is supporting the initial growth of the tiny bean-sized young the milk is a dilute fluid with more sugars than fats.

By the time the young become independent animals at the end of lactation, the milk is rich in proteins and fats with very little sugar.

The constituent sugars, fats, proteins, salts and minerals change during the lactation in relation to the needs of the developing young; the sequence of changes seems to be constant for different species.

When there are several young in the pouch, as is often the case, the more advanced offspring will receive high-fat low-protein milk from one teat and the younger offspring will get high-protein low-fat milk from another teat.



Pygmy Possums

Delphiniums are delightful

By Nell Carr

DELPHINIUMS ARE now beginning to send up their tall stately spikes for their first flowering in November. If the spent flowers are removed and the plant cut back a little, they will bloom again in May/June.

Frost has no effect on these predominantly blue perennials. They are, however, intolerant of drought, and need a rich, well drained, fertile soil, to which plenty of organic matter has been added. November is often windy, so flowering heads need a stake, and shelter from north westerly winds. They may be lifted and divided every few years.

In the Meander Valley they should survive for many years, as they cannot tolerate very hot weather conditions.

Beetroot

Seeds of this versatile and increasingly valued root vegetable, along with others may be sown now, but hold off on green bush beans until the end of October, as they

fertiliser should be spread and raked in before sowing sparsely in drills 20 to 30cms. apart. If soil is very alkaline, or has been heavily limed, then half a teaspoon of boron per 4 litres of water may be



Crescent honey eater on delphinium

Photo by M. J. Brown

prefer a warmer soil in which to germinate.

Beetroot seeds will germinate more readily if they are soaked in water for a few hours first. A little mixed

added after sowing. Keep moist until seedlings emerge in two weeks, and thin to 5 to 8 cms. Beetroot relish is a delicious and easy way to preserve any surplus roots.

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Computer terms 101 - pt. 1

By Alistair Carr

IN RESPONSE to a letter to the Editor, in this issue I will explain a few of the more common technology terms as simply as possible over the next few months. So let's get started, beginning with connectors and peripherals.

Peripherals are any part that is separate from a computer's CPU, such as a printer, a keyboard, monitor or USB.

USB:- Universal Serial Bus

The standard USB plugs are on the front and back of the computer case and are for plugging in various peripherals and gadgets like keyboards, mice, external storage, printers, cameras and so on and are rectangular in shape with a small plastic tab inside the plug to key the lead so it only goes in one way. On notebooks they are generally on the back or sides. USB provides a standardised interface for data connectivity and power supply to connected devices.

May be labelled as USB 1.0, USB 2.0 or USB 3.0 (3.1). The different versions have different data transfer speeds with USB 3.0/3.1 being the fastest and all versions are theoretically cross compatible. The advantage of USB is the standardisation of connection it provides and the "hot plug" nature of it which means devices can be plugged in and unplugged without switching off the computer. The device end of the USB plug can be several different sizes and shapes called Type A and Type B, standard, mini and micro.

As usual, Wikipedia gives a good explanation if you want more detail. Go to <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USB>

Bluetooth

This is a wireless standard designed for short and very short wireless communication between devices (e.g. two smart phones or headset

to phone). It is named after King Harald "Bluetooth" Gormsson, King of Denmark and later Norway around c. 960, credited with unifying Denmark and Norway. In use it is designed to be a quick and simple way of connecting two or more Bluetooth capable devices quickly and easily for a temporary or short term connection. Range is about 60 metres max.

LAN (Local Area Network)

This is your local network (wired or wireless) behind your internet router or modem with all your own devices connected to it via Ethernet or wireless LAN so they can share files, stream audio and video or just get an Internet connection. This is what most people with Internet connections now have. The Router/modem handles all the internet connection details rather than each device having to create its own internet connection.

WIFI (WI-FI)

This is the one that probably causes the most confusion for people. WIFI is a local area wireless communication technology designed to create a Wireless Local Area Network of devices (WLAN for short). It should not be confused with mobile wireless internet using mobile wireless towers, NBN fixed wireless Internet or Bluetooth. WLAN networks can be as small as covering a house or just a few rooms, or, with the appropriate hardware, out to several hundreds of metres. WI-FI range is generally greater than Bluetooth and is ideal for more permanent home connections for portable or mobile devices, or where you don't want Ethernet leads running.

However, due to limited channels it can often suffer interference from other wireless networks in the area.

Back in action - Deloraine Power Station

By Esther Fox

DATING BACK to 1907, the Deloraine power station was the first to have been built and operated by a local authority in Australia. Now it has been re-commissioned to, once again, produce renewable hydro-electricity. This may be the oldest operating power station in Australia. Historically, it was built by the local Council to power the township and nearby flour mills.

Owner, Paul Noor-danus has undertaken the high-quality restoration and construction work, while James Fox of Fox Design Pty Ltd has managed the project and designed and

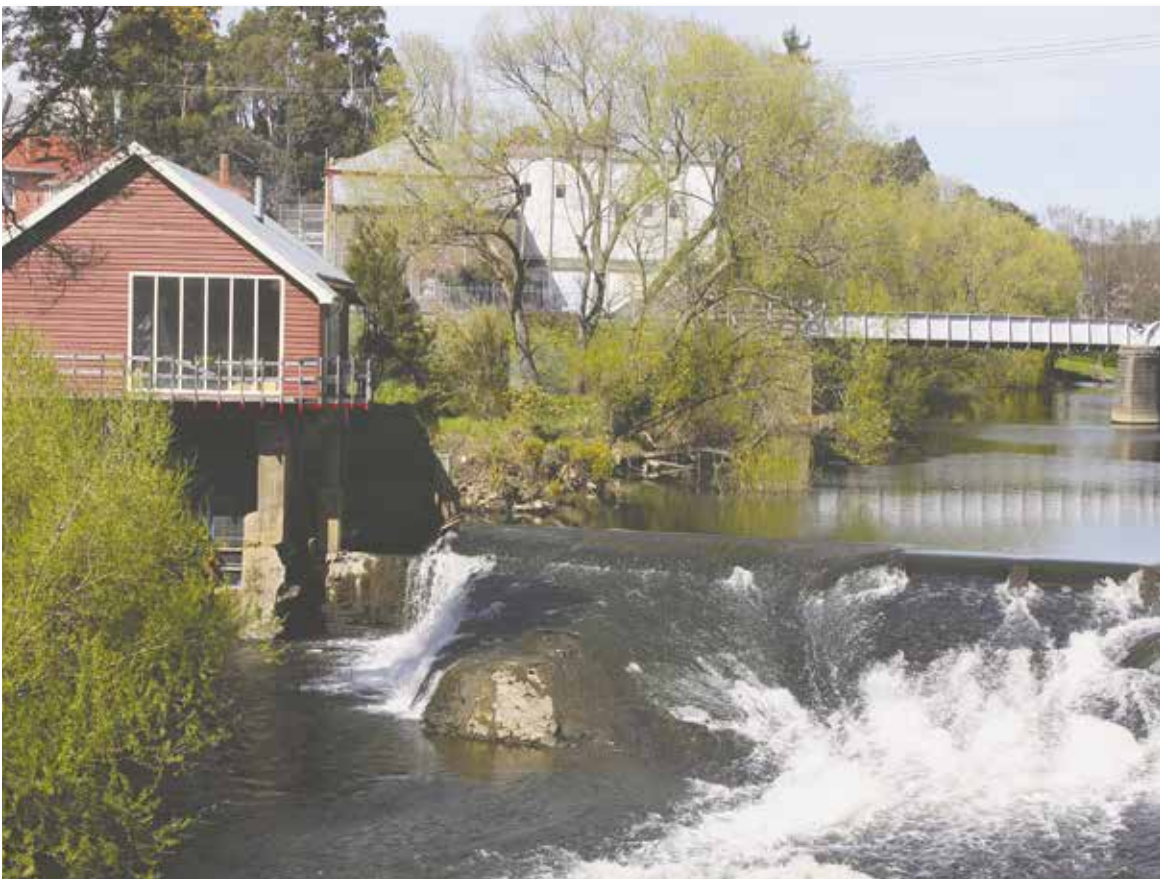
manufactured the turbine.

The Deloraine power station is a heritage restoration for the actual building, but when it comes to the power generation system, it is the latest technology. "This is a high-quality engineering project, thanks to the availability of skilled engineers and metal workers in Tasmania" says James. Altogether around 50 Tasmanians have worked on the project and the new stainless steel turbine was specifically designed for the site. It operates all year round, quietly and automatically, producing twenty kilowatts (kW), or enough to power 10 homes. Some of this will be used on the premises, with

a planned café and visitor's centre on site, the remainder is sold into the grid.

Small hydro power stations have a new relevance because they can be connected to the national electricity grid and the power they produce displaces dirty coal-fired power. The Deloraine power station will be eligible for renewable energy credits. It uses the existing weir and channel and provides an economic source of renewable energy to the community.

James Fox says "there is potential for this project to be duplicated across Tasmania. We have the expertise and the manufacturing industry right here in Tasmania."



Renewable power courtesy of the re-commissioned Deloraine Power Station.

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Eight star rating for Hadspen



A Hadspen resident celebrates 40 per cent cheaper power bills in Bondor InsulLiving house.

THE MAN who purchased Tasmania's first eight-star energy rated Bondor Insul-Living display home almost a year ago has good reason to celebrate – he is enjoying a 40 per cent reduction in his electricity bills.

Jason Gibson, 41, and his girlfriend bought the brand new, four-bedroom residence in Hadspen, in October 2013.

"We have been gob-smacked at the difference in our power bills since we moved in and how comfortably we've been living," Mr Gibson said.

Mr Gibson said he spotted the Hadspen house for sale online and was immediately taken with its spacious layout and modern design.

"These days, everyone wants to sell you on bats for insulation but when you have sandwich panels like this, which is steel either side of a polystyrene core, there is nothing better. From my background in caravans I also understood that, structurally, the steel would be incredibly strong.

"In summer, the house had also been remarkably cool when outdoor temperatures sometimes topped 30 degrees", he said.

Another benefit of the solid steel construction with double-glazed windows and solid timber outer doors was the high sound-proof level, which ensured peace and quiet.

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Cub picks up Grey Wolf

By Lyn Young

ON MONDAY 18th August, Madeline Fenner was the first member ever in the history of the Westbury Cub Pack to receive the Grey Wolf Award. This award is the highest level badge that a Cub Scout can achieve during their time in this younger section of Scouting.

To achieve this level a Cub Scout needs to have worked through the various levels of the badge scheme which sets out tasks, experiences and events in which they participate. Some of these tasks



Madeline tending her bushfire
Photo by Mike Moores

are guided by the Leaders, others the Cubs can decide on for themselves from a selection of Achievement Badges, which encompass areas of Art and Literature, Nature, Science and Technology, Sports and Recreation, Our World and from varied Special Interest Badges.

To gain the Grey Wolf level is not an easy task and in the last twelve months of a Cub's time in this section they need to have achieved the top Boomerang Level badge (Gold), taken part in a minimum of four outdoor activities (including an overnight camp), planned and led a bushwalk of at least two hours with a maximum of six Cubs participating and have completed four level 2 Achievement Badges from each of the categories mentioned above, as well as several other requirements.

Throughout her time in the Cub Scout Pack, Madeline has acquitted herself in a very capable manner. She has set a very good example and standard for our younger Pack members to follow and her willingness to help out at all times and take younger, newer members under her wing has been a great asset to the Cub Pack.

This Grey Wolf Award is a most worthwhile achievement and will stand Madeline in good stead and give her confidence in all she undertakes throughout her life.

The Leaders and Cubs of the Westbury Scout Group wish Maddie well as she moves on to other challenges.

as well as a youth ministry program, from which he has only just retired.

Currently the ladies from the Church are working hard to beat their record of 269 Samaritan Purse Boxes which contain clothing, hygiene products, educational items, and toys. Jean Palfrey, a member of the congregation commented, "It's a team effort". Helpers, Rosie Stafford and Ann Lefevre, added, "There is no team, without Jean!" The Church also helps support an orphanage in India.

The wider community is encouraged to donate to Operation Christmas Child "Samaritans Purse", as needed items and clean drinking water are distributed to needy children worldwide. Anyone wanting to donate can contact Jean on 6363 6182 by the end of October.

Getting them off to a great start with NCN

NORTHERN CHILDREN'S Network (NCN) has scooped the pool in the Excellence in Family Day Care Awards.

They have been named the best family day care service in Tasmania and their Deloraine educator Debbie Steer has also taken out the State Educator of the Year title.

Both are now in the running for the national service and educator awards to be announced in October.

Debbie is one of 25,000 family day care educators around the country.

This year the national



peak body received more than 2000 nominations from families.

Educators are judged on their professional approaches to early childhood education and care and Family Day Care Australia Chief Executive Officer, Carla Northam, said the awards acknowledged the

high standards of some of the most outstanding family day care educators.

"The Excellence in Family Day Care Awards showcase the innovative practices of family day care educators like Debbie who are committed to delivering the best out-

comes for the children in their care," Ms Northam said.

State winners will be announced next month with the National Award Winner to be revealed at the Visions for Leadership in Family Day Care Symposium in Adelaide on 25th October.

Del City Sings

IF YOU missed the Deloraine Choir Fest in September, then you also missed the launch of the Del City Singers, a new contemporary choir for the Meander Valley.

Del City Singers is led by newcomers to Deloraine, husband and wife team Bruce McNicol and Lisa Bartholomew, who were asked by friends to start the choir before they even arrived here.

Bruce has just completed twenty years at the Northern Rivers Conservatorium in Lismore, NSW where he led choirs, lectured in songwriting and conducting, and taught piano and piano accordion. He is also a composer and arranger of choir music.

The group began in March, sings a large range of musical styles in four or more parts, and is seeking more members.

If you're a soprano, alto, tenor or bass then come and have a sing. If you can't read music, bring a good ear and a good memory.

The choir rehearses every Wednesday during school terms from 6pm to 7.30pm.

The first week is free, and thereafter you can make a small contribution (if that's affordable) which covers your folder and all the music. For more information please ring Bruce on 0435 073 091.

Church of Christ, Caveside

By Liz Walker

"THE CHURCH in the paddock", as the Church of Christ Caveside is fondly known, is a combination of two buildings: one, a 100-year-old hand split building dragged from Western Creek and two, the 52-year-old Church of Christ hall in Caveside. Mr Alan Harvey, whose work continued for 40 years, was the first pastor.

Tony Parsons, the current Lay Pastor registered with the Church of Christ, began his Christian Education training with his wife, Desely, in NSW, studying evangelical Christianity on a cotton plantation in 1983.

Five years later, the couple returned home to the family dairy farm at Caveside. Since his return Tony has practiced lots of lay preaching from regular Sunday services to weddings and funerals,

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Film Review - The Angels Share

THE WESTERN TIERS Film Society offering for November is the Scottish film, *The Angels' Share*.

Directed by Ken Loach, this comedy/drama was awarded the Jury prize at the 2012 Cannes Film Festival.

David Stratton, of ABC's *At the Movies*, described it as "comedy, albeit a pretty off-beat one: the film has a rough and ready look, but the charm of its battler characters shines through and there's plenty to relish here, even though the plot gets



more and more improbable the further it proceeds." He awarded *The Angels' Share* four stars, with Margaret

giving it four and a half.

A synopsis, from imdb.com - "Narrowly avoiding jail, new dad Robbie vows to turn over a new leaf. A visit to a whisky distillery inspires him and his mates to seek a way out of their hopeless lives."

Max Nelson, writing for *Film Comment Magazine*, said "With this shaggy-dog tale of four petty Glaswegian criminals and their improbably successful scheme to steal the world's most valuable whiskey, Loach turns naïveté into a sort of moral philosophy."

Meandering on its way

MEANDERING 2014 is an annual art exhibition where local artists present work based on images of Meander Valley. This year's exhibition will be held at Country Club Tasmania between 21st November 2014 and 14th February 2015.

The Council will award a \$3,500 first prize and there will be six additional prizes including an encouragement award for novice artists.

"Meandering is a wonderful opportunity to see the many shades of our community through artists' eyes," said Mayor Craig Perkins.

"Our thanks go to Deloraine & Districts Community Bank, Quamby Estate, Bullock Consulting and

Quadrant Superannuation for their ongoing support," he added.

The theme for this year's exhibition is Meander Valley - Working Together. All works submitted should illustrate the artist's interpretation of



Lynne Hayward of Deloraine & Districts Community Bank presents Lynne Hutchins with the Agriculture Category Award - Meandering 2013

this theme. The deadline for entries is 20th October, but works are not required until 17th November 2014.

Meandering 2014, now in its eighth year, is open to members of the Launceston and Meander Valley Art Societies and all residents of the Meander Valley municipality. Entry forms are now available from www.meander.tas.gov.au or Council Offices, Westbury. Phone 6393 5300 for more information.

Submitted by Meander Valley Council

Stars of the show

THE 60TH Deloraine Youth Drama Festival was held from the 15th-19th September featuring over 350 students from across the state.

On Friday 19th September, winner of the 1956 Best Actress award, Gayle Gerrard, presented the awards.

Meander Valley locals were prominent among the prize winners and included: Ryan Drake from Mole Creek Primary School winning Best Actor in the Junior Section and Meander Primary School winning Best Junior Ensemble.

Our Lady of Mercy student, Neve Clippingdale, was runner up as Grandma in 'The Patchwork Quilt'.

Deloraine High was also very

successful in the Intermediate Section, taking out the Best Dance/Movement Award with *The Fight For Hope*, featuring grade 8 students: Clover Ward, Zoe Howard and Jordyn Lindsay. Sarah Woodberry won Best Actress in 'A Modern Take on Macbeth' with Bianca Murray the runner up and an Honourable Mention awarded to Zoe Howard in the same production.

Festival Director, Clare Thorne, stated she was extremely impressed with the quality of the performances and it was great that there were full houses every night. "We are so lucky to have such dedicated teachers in our schools who really go above and beyond to help make such a Festival possible".

Almost ready to go

ARTS DELORAINE and the Window on the Arts (WOAD) 14 team want to say a big thank you to the Meander Valley Community for support in preparing another showcase of creativity in Emu Bay Rd during the coming Tasmanian Craft Fair.

Niecy Brown and Sean Manners, working with community members on the street installations, will continue until the last week in October. "We are so grateful to the many contributors who have been beaver away for months now" said Niecy. "I'm hoping there might be 3 or 4 more "busy people" to help out for a few hours on

Wednesday 29th or Thursday 30th to place all the works that have been made. Just let us know by ringing 0458 818 178 or 6369 5280".

Deloraine Primary School pupils have had fun getting into the spirit of WOAD and have prepared hundreds of sheets of special paper that will cover the walls of the Post Office; and Deloraine High students are assisting Sean to create a wind sculpture.

Arts Deloraine received support from Deloraine and Districts Community Bank Branch, the Tasmanian Craft Fair, Deloraine Primary School, Deloraine on the Move and Meander Valley Council, plus many participating artists and retail traders.

Out of the Ashes exhibition

ON JANUARY 4TH 2013, a catastrophic bush fire raged through the communities of Forcett, Copping, Dunalley, Connolly's Marsh, and the Forestier and Tasman Peninsulas.

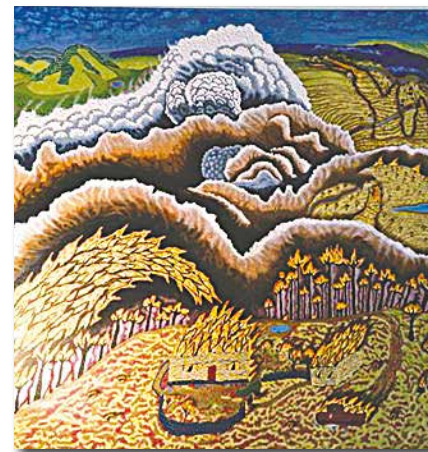
The firestorm left destruction and chaos in its wake and when it finally ran out of puff it left communities devastated.

The 'Out of the Ashes' exhibition, which will be shown at the Deloraine Creative Studios (DCS) in Emu Bay Road, opposite the Amcal Pharmacy, from 17th October to 28th November, showcases photographic images from members of the community, drawings from children evacuated at Port Arthur Historic site and art works by a number of respected Tasmanian artists.

Often after such a catastrophic event, when a community is struggling to re-build and find new hope and purpose, it can't always fully appreciate how far it

has come. The emphasis of the 'Out of the Ashes' exhibition is on 'recovery' and 'regeneration'.

From day one after the bushfire the recovery process began and the images, art works and stories chart this momentous journey, capturing 'precious moments' throughout the recovery process.



Arts Deloraine will be hosting an opening from 6.00pm to

7.00pm at the DCS on 23rd October which is open to all. This will be followed by a dinner at The Deloraine Deli. The theme for the dinner is "Blackened" so expect a layered meal consisting of small dishes with plenty of salads. "Blackened" could mean Cajun, BBQ, Blackened and Caramelised.

Bookings and payment for the dinner can be made at Elemental Art Space. The cost is \$50. The Deli is now licensed. For enquiries, call 0428 237 078.

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Council's Message

At the recent Scouts Tasmania AGM, three local Westbury residents were recognised for their contribution to the Westbury Scouts Group with a Special Service Award by the Tasmanian Scout District. Congratulations and thank you Amanda Berryman, Phillip Berryman and Pamela Brown for the work you do with the Westbury Scout Group. Also, it was an honour for Council to be present at the posthumous investiture of The Medal of the Order of Australia for the late Bob Loone at Government House.

The 2014 Tasmanian Craft Fair is on at the end of the month. The Fair has become a huge event for Meander Valley. The benefits to the community are immense and it has definitely put Deloraine on the map as a major arts and crafts centre. Best wishes to Craft Fair Director, Maree Matanle and all Rotarians and volunteers for another successful weekend.

At the conclusion of the Tasmanian Craft Fair, work will commence on the reconstruction of Meander Valley Highway in Deloraine from the bridge back towards Launceston to Railway Street.

It's nearly time for the Westbury Show. It looks like it's going to be another great day with plenty of competitions, entertainment and a good selection of food stalls. We wish Show president, Toby Ritter, and his committee all the very best for a successful Show day.

Speaking of Westbury, the upgrade of Marriott Street will begin mid-November and we will soon start speaking with the major users of the Westbury Recreation Ground to plan the upgrade of the club rooms.

Finally, just a few reminders! The construction of the new roundabout at Vale Street/Westbury Road in Prospect Vale is well underway. Don't forget to get your nominations in for Council's Australia Day Awards, and register your hard waste for collection. For the artists among us, you need to have completed your Meandering art exhibition entry form by the 20 October. It's a very busy time!

Why not come along to the Tasmanian Craft Fair in Deloraine at the end of the month!



Council Updates

Local Government Elections 2014 - Don't Forget to Vote!

It's your opportunity to shape your Council and elect the people you want to represent you.

You will receive your postal ballot pack in your letterbox mid-October. Complete your ballot and return it so it can be included in the count. Polling period is open from 14 October to 28 October. Make your mark and vote local!



Council's Annual Hard Waste Collection will take place at the end of October

This year you need to register your items for collection. Contact Council now on 6393 5300 to register or visit Council's website for specific details and conditions.

Your trash is another person's treasure!

Before you register your items for Council's Hard Waste Collection, why not hold a garage sale as part of the National Garage Sale Trail to off load those items that are just too good to throw away. The national sale will take place on 25 October, just before Council's hard waste collection.



To register your sale or find out more visit the Garage Sale Trail website at www.garagesaletrail.com.au

Council Roadside Spraying Program

Council recently commenced a roadside shoulder spraying program on the majority of the sealed roads within the rural areas of the municipality. The program will reduce the growth of vegetation next to the road and improve the visibility of guideposts, signage, culvert headwalls and drains. It is intended that this work will

be a recurring program and will complement current maintenance activities such as roadside slashing and drainage. A shoulder grading program will begin following this initial work.

Council will also undertake a spraying program that will target weeds such as gorse, blackberry and heath. This program will start soon and be ongoing between September and April each year.



Gulf Road, Liffey, looking a little overgrown

Council News via Twitter

Council now has an official Twitter account. Simply follow @mvcouncil to find out the latest Council updates.

Community News

Westbury Open Day Celebrating Seniors' Week 2014

To celebrate Seniors' Week, Meander Valley U3A is holding an event on Wednesday 15 October, 10:30am to 3pm. There will be information booths, entertainment, activities and complimentary refreshments at the St Andrew's Church Hall, Village Green. All ages welcome.

Mole Creek Online Access Centre

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Online Access Centre at Mole Creek

Westbury Week 1-8 November

Annual Village celebration to showcase Westbury's many attractions to visitors and residents alike. Program available from Council's website.

Story Time - Sessions for Pre-schoolers



Share stories and sing rhymes and songs every Wednesday 2pm at Westbury Library and every Monday 10am at Deloraine Library during school term. No need to book. Enquires welcome at both libraries.

Diary Dates

Tasmanian Craft Fair, Deloraine

31 October to 3 November

Westbury Show, Saturday 8 November

Deloraine Show, Saturday 22 November

Markets

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Second Saturday of every month, Saturday 11 October

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Rural Bank nurtures Meander Valley farmers

By Sheila Ferguson

IN 2000, as the major banks were closing branches all over rural and regional Australia, a banking licence was granted to Elders Rural Bank which formed a 50/50 partnership with the Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Group to fill the need for a specialist Agribusiness bank.

In 2010 Elders sold its share to Bendigo, and Rural Bank is now a wholly owned subsidiary. However, its remit has not changed – merely expanded. The Bank exists to offer financial assistance and advice to farmers all over Australia.

Rural Bank is mostly funded with stable retail deposits which means it is not at the mercy of volatile international markets. This, plus its strict investment guidelines for its liquid investments, means that its balance sheet has proved resilient during times of drought and economic upheavals.

At a time of ever-increasing globalisation it is comforting to have a wholly owned Australian bank with relationship officers who understand



Deloraine Branch Manager, Darren Rumble milks Ruby, the Rural Bank's mascot.

Photo by Mike Moores



David Robertson



Jo Davidson



James Cameron

farmers' requirements and priorities and can keep their customers informed of any developments.

In addition, the staff is proud of the fact that the bank has returned money to the local Meander community in the form of grants for local bodies which has, so far, totalled \$750,000.

The local team is small. David Robertson and James Cameron are the Relationship Managers, both of whom grew up on farms and have had many years' experience in rural services.

They are ably supported by Jo Davidson, who is visibly enthusiastic about her job and strives to ensure her clients are given as much support as they need.

Growth for Rural Bank in the Meander Valley area has been remarkable. From July 2013 to June 2014 lending grew by 45% and deposits increased by 25%.

In the first two months of this financial year, lending has grown by 10% and deposits have increased by a whopping 325%.

Bigger does not mean better

AFTER FIVE weeks of visiting farms, farmer's markets and festivals across western Canada and USA, Tasmanian Rural Women's Award winner, Annette Reed, has returned home with one clear message: "It's not about the size of your farm but what you do with it that matters."

"A lot of the places we visited there are only two or three acres and they are thriving businesses," she said.

"And when you're dealing with such a small parcel of land, you can't just do what everybody is doing – you can't produce masses of anything because you haven't got the space."

Annette will share what she's learnt from her trip at a series of one-day workshops around Tasmania. Each day is intended to be low key, relaxed, informative and grass roots in its approach.

Each workshop will include presentations from other women in successful small farm businesses as well as a farm tour. All are being supported in some way by NRM, Sprout and Tasmanian Women in Agriculture. For workshop & festival updates visit www.facebook.com/SmallFarmBigIdeas



Annette Reed and Sen Richard Colbeck

She says her trip has hammered home the need for small farm enterprises to have a point of difference and convinced her that the family's own business is on the right track.

"We don't do conventional tomatoes – everybody might have tomatoes but they don't have tomatoes like ours," Annette said.

Project.

But before that Mrs Reed has plenty to do. At the end of September, her family company, Four Springs Produce, took over the popular Tasmanian Natural Garlic, as its founder and current owner, Rosie Mackinnon retires. From October, TNG will be known as Tasmanian Natural Garlic & Tomatoes.

Quilts in the garden

On Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th November there will be a display of quilts made by the Devonport Quilt & Patchworkers group in the historic 1870's Hawthorn Villa Estate Gardens at Carrick.

Proceeds from the event will go towards supporting the MS Society of Tasmania.

There will be a large variety of stunning quilts displayed in and around the gardens. There will also be a raffle, drawn at 4.00pm on Sunday, for which the major prize will be a quilt.

The display will be open between 10.00am and 4.30pm. Entry fee will be \$6 for adults.

Getting ready for bushfires

ONE YEAR ago, lack of support threatened to close the Golden Valley Volunteer Fire Brigade which has been serving the community for nearly 30 years.

However, a recruitment drive has boosted numbers and the brigade now has 13 volunteer firefighters on call to respond to any fire incident that occurs. Golden Valley is one of several Tasmanian communities that have been recently assessed as at high risk of impact from bushfire.

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The 151st Westbury Show

ON 8TH November the 151st Westbury Show will take place with free family fun and tailored amusements. The Show prides itself on having retained the core values of a true agricultural show. "It would be nice to see the Show keep the traditional 'Ag Show' theme and provide an exceptional day out for the local and visiting guests," says Shannon Barwick, the new Secretary of the Show's Committee "and I think the kid's corner with free entertainment is a huge draw card."

For the children the celebrations will include the Pet Lamb Competition and animal nursery as well as the popular "Kid's Corner" featuring face painting, balloon twisting, clowns, PCYC Mobile Activity Centre and pony rides all for FREE! Parents can relax, have a coffee and a bite to eat from one of the many exciting food stalls while watching their children being entertained.

Deb Matthews, past Secretary, says "The day is a celebration of community, agriculture, arts, crafts and competition." She goes on to say, "The Westbury Show has re-invented itself and returned to family values and good old fashioned fun where families don't have to have their hands in their pockets all day, a show where variety and entertainment for

the majority is free"

The entertainment line-up at this year's Show will include David Rockliff (the singing farmer), local talent Amber Clark, Taiko Drummers, the Westbury Line-dancing group, Eddie Freeman (chainsaw carver), show jumping, draught horse pull, carriage driving, steam trains, animal nursery, all about reptiles and a long list of stallholders.

This year there will also be the Flyball Dog team and a large display of vintage tractors, steam engines and vintage cars.

The central arena will highlight most equestrian disciplines including the State's premier show jumping competition. As well there is the Cattle Comp - both beef & dairy - Draught Horse competitions, kennel classes; and The State Championships of the Yard Dog Trials will be contested.

Entry is \$20 family (2 adults/2 kids); adults \$10; kids under 16 years \$4 and children under 5 years free. Gates will open at 7.00am, entertainment will kick off about 9ish and the show will wind up around 4.00pm

Visit www.westbury-show.com.au for details or contact the Show Secretary, Shannon Barwick on 0438 636 149 or email her at Shannon.barwick@rabo-bank.com.

The Tasmania Fire Service has recently assigned Community Development Officer, Suzette Harrison, to work with Golden Valley residents in preparing bushfire readiness and response strategies.

A Community BBQ will be held at Quamby Corner Caravan Park in Golden Valley on 26th of October for residents in the Golden Valley

response area.

TFS personnel will attend and will present introductory information. Invitations will be delivered shortly and anyone not receiving one can call Suzette Harrison on 0418 451 954.

For more information on the Bushfire Ready Neighbourhoods program visit www.fire.tas.gov.au/

Meander Valley Women in Business Awards

By Sallie Brazendale

ON THE 29TH August 2014 the inaugural Meander Valley Women In Business Success Stories Launch was opened by the Mayor, Craig Perkins, with around 70 local people attending including Eric Hutchinson Member for Lyons and Greg Hall MLC.

The Launch was sponsored by: 41⁰ South Salmon and Ginseng Farm, Ashgrove Cheese, The Alpaca Shoppe, Christmas Hills Raspberry Farm, The Deloraine Deli, Tasmanian Truffles and Three Willows Vineyard.

Francis, the owner of The Deloraine Florist, created some amazing living flower art which brightened up the venue on the night.

The launch showcased two Success Stories: The Deloraine Deli Story, was presented by Barb



From L to R: Jeanette Manning, Lyn Koitka and Lynne Staff with an example of one of their throws

Harvey on behalf of herself and Grant.

The Alpaca Shoppe Story, was presented by Jeanette Manning, Lyn Koitka and Lyn Staff (see story below).

Katrina Thorpe also showcased her business "The Meander Valley" all natural jute shopping bags. These are available for wholesale and retail sales. For further

enquiries call 0434 022 339.

Originally an initiative of Deloraine on The Move, Meander Valley Women In Business was formed a few months ago. It meets on the last Thursday in every month at 6.00pm at the Meander Valley Enterprise Centre, for an informal get together.

All women in business in the Meander Valley are welcome. For further enquiries, please contact the Co-ordinator, Sallie Brazendale on 0408 548 533.

The Alpaca Shoppe opens new doors

THE ALPACA SHOPPE is now working with the Waverley Woollen Mill to produce their own Tasmanian Alpaca Throw Rugs.

In 2001 when Jeanette Manning and her husband Ken first started their Alpaca Farm they had no idea the fleece was so sought after.

They joined two other breeders, Lyn Koitka, and Lynne and David Staff, who shared their enthusiasm for Alpacas and began to produce yarn, then progressed into all types of products, which can be worn.

At first, they sold at the local market, but as requests for Tasmanian made products increased, they opened

their own shop. The fact that the fleece was home grown was an additional bonus.

Two and half years ago they approached Keith McLaughlin at Waverley Woollen Mills.

After shearing, sorting, cleaning and baling the fleece, the Waverley Mill is now making Tasmanian grown and made Throw Rugs.

Come along to No.1 Emu Bay Road, Deloraine and examine the products and feel for yourself, how soft, warm and lightweight the Throw Rugs are.

They would like to take this opportunity thank the local residents who have supported them throughout their journey.

Elf on the Shelf

SELKI TOMBS has been a felt sculpture/fibre artist for several years and done her fair share of markets and festivals. Her creatures are now all over the world, from monsters in India to dragons in England.

After a year in Deloraine, she realised there were not many shops catering for children. So, when West Barrack St came up on offer, it was the perfect opportunity to display her work, along with other local Australian artists. Selki and the elves are going to be catering for all, with families very welcome.

The range of stock is continually growing including gnomes, homespun clothes, hand-woven baskets, and eco friendly/handmade toys

for starters. Nothing in the shop will be sold without the 'handmade' label being researched fully.

Selki has also opened a plant nursery which will specialise in herbs and natives, along with a birdhouse or two.

Next year she plans to start having story telling days once a week with live puppetry; also a range of workshops will be offered.

Being new, Selki is still seeking artists to fill the spaces.

The welcome from the neighbouring businesses and locals has been wonderful.

With monthly Elf On The Shelf competitions there is always something to see and do. Come and have a browse, look for the baby dragons and share a yarn sometime.

"Being creative isn't a hobby, it's a way of life", says Selki.

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THE MEANDER community is hosting a Trivia Night for Josh Flowers (pictured below), the current Australian Fly Fishing Champion.

The event is to help support his representation in the Australian Team competing in the World Fly Fishing Championships in Bosnia in June 2015.

Details:

Date: Friday 17th October 2014

Start: 7:00pm

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THE CIRCLE DANCE Band will be playing gypsy, Appalachian, and Celtic tunes on Friday 31st October, starting at 7.00pm and finishing at 10.00pm, at the beginning of Craft Fair weekend at the Western Tiers Community Club (ex Senior Citizens club).

This event will be supporting our local SES group and is a joint effort of the Gypsy Circle Dance and Deloraine's Social Dancing. Supper and dessert will be available. Call 0417 081 671 for more information.

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SPORT

Big year for Deloraine FC despite Grand Final loss

By Danny Ross

DELORAINE FOOTBALL CLUB was looking to top off an outstanding year when it faced South Launceston in the NTFA Grand Final on Saturday 20th September. It was a big turnaround for the Club which, for the past 5 years, has been closer to the bottom of the ladder than to being a finals candidate. The last time the Seniors team played in a Grand Final was back in 2005 and the last time they actually won a Grand Final was way back in 1979.

The day didn't start well for the Kangaroos when they lost the toss and started the match kicking into a very stiff breeze. Unable to score in the first quarter meant that at

the first break the Kangaroos were down by 35 points and it proved to be a day of catch-up footy after that.

Although Deloraine was playing far below its normal standard they fought hard throughout the game and there were some notable stand-out performances. Coach Rory Mansell, who had led the team brilliantly throughout the whole season and excelled during the finals games, was magnificent, as were Ryland Coombe and Dylan Riley. Other notable performances came from Matty Mitchell, Brad Crowden, Shaun James and Josh Cameron, all very good contributors.

In the end the fresher legs

of the South Launceston Bulldogs proved the winning factor on the day as they ran out 52 point winners, 16.13.109 to 8.9.57. Best players for the Bulldogs were Adam Viney, S Page, Shane Wager, J Laskey, J Mountney and D Patten.

Despite the disappointment of losing the Grand Final, the Deloraine FC has had a big year on and off the field with the Seniors in the Grand Final, the Reserves through to the 2nd Semi-final, where they were nudged out by just 3 points, and the Junior Club also having a great year with the Under 14s making it into the finals for the first time in many years.

Off the field the support through sponsorship and volunteers has been remarkable with so many people eager to help out at the Club. There has been work to improve the sponsor's box and the trainer's room as well as the installation of a new cool room. And as Shaun Donohue, President Deloraine FC, says "We are very lucky that we have so many great volunteers wanting to make the Deloraine FC a better place to be."

For further information about the Deloraine Football Club contact Shaun Donohue on 0489 099 726, or email shaundonohue@bigpond.com.



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Government turns on lights at Bracknell FC

By Danny Ross

THE BRACKNELL Football Club is an incorporated non-profit community organisation whose main focus is the ongoing management and support of all aspects

of the region's three football teams. The Club has been established for over 80 years and is based at the Bracknell Recreation Ground.

The Bracknell FC utilises the ground and their

clubrooms for a range of community activities, celebrations and fundraising events and also allows a wide range of other community organisations such as the Bracknell Boys and Girls Club and the Bracknell Primary School to use the facility for their own activities.

The Club's chief source of funding is through the operation of a kiosk and bar on football home game days, the provision of meals to community members on home game nights, and fundraising activities in the local community. Its policy is only to spend funding in line with monies available and consequently it never operates in deficit.

The club has a number of major sponsors including the Bracknell Hotel, McLean's Health Care, and William Adams who provide funding to support game costs

such as guernseys, umpire costs, player fees, insurance etc. Although the Club is in a strong financial position all monies available are required to make the Club viable for the 2015 season and beyond.

The Club is currently undertaking the upgrading of the lighting around the Bracknell Recreation Ground. Adequate lighting is paramount for training at any footy club and Bracknell is no exception. The last major upgrade was conducted in the year 2000 and subsequently the lights no longer meet expectations for players playing in the second tier football of Tasmania.

The redevelopment of the lighting around the ground will be a very significant benefit to the Bracknell FC and the community. It will enhance the facility and the Club greatly and, more importantly, will ensure the ongoing viability of the

football club.

While the population of Bracknell is only approximately 450, the Club is a regional one and supports a far greater population. The football club itself has 300 members from around the surrounding areas. Consequently it is a focal point for the area and vital to the wellbeing of the local community.

The Bracknell Football Club is extremely grateful to local MP Mark Shelton for his work and commitment to the Bracknell Football Club and to the Government for keeping their election promise of \$25,000 to make the upgrade of the lighting a reality.

In a Government Press Release, Mark Shelton stated "These works are important to ensure that the Club can continue to be competitive and play an active role in the community long into the future."



(Left to right) Mark Shelton MP with members of the Bracknell Football Club Committee, Nicole Jones (Treasurer), Siah Adams (Secretary) and Neil Philpott (President)