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# TIDINESS MUCH MORE THAN JUST A CLEAN SWEEP

Photo by Mike Moores

WESTBURY HAS been named Tasmanian Tidy Town for 2014. It will now represent the State at the National Awards and is looking forward to following in the footsteps of Sheffield which won the prize last year.

The Tidy Town awards are awarded by the Keep Australia Beautiful Council (KABC), a NFP organisation which came into being over 40 years ago and was originally little more than an anti-litter campaign. It has developed into much, much more.

Di Robinson, who initiated this year's campaign said: "Everyone thinks it's all about how tidy your town is. It actually isn't. It's really not much about that. It's about the promotion of the town and how your town works together."

To get the ball rolling, Di realised she had to engage everyone in the community. She approached each business personally and gave each a blank canvas to come up with an idea of how to promote their business. She believes that giving them carte blanche on how to present themselves as they saw fit, made people were much more willing to involve themselves in the project.

She and other participants worked long and hard to achieve this victory but Di feels that if you don't do a job like this properly then you shouldn't do it at all. A simple award does not reveal the huge amount of effort that went into the 350 page presentation.

She feels, however, that such an acknowledgement gives a huge boost to the Town's pride. As she says, "it's a wonderful promotional activity which costs you nothing."



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A major redevelopment of the site commenced in August 2002 with the two stage project completed in January 2004. This resulted in a new, much larger facility enabling services to be co-located and the ability to accommodate more visiting services.

Deloraine District Hospital has 20 inpatient acute beds requiring referral via four Visiting Medical Officers from Deloraine Medical Centre. The 20 inpatient beds are accommodated in 16 wards, (4 double rooms and 12 single

rooms) with ensuite facilities. 2 of the single rooms are set up for palliative care with extra room for families. All rooms have access to, and views of, the garden.

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If you require further information please contact Deloraine District Hospital and Community Health Services located at 17 East Barrack Street, Deloraine. Phone 6701 2111. Fax 6362 3012.

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## Making a house a home

OVER ONE hundred women aged from 18 years travelled from all over Northern Tasmania to gather at the Deloraine Meeting-house of The Church of Latter-day Saints on Saturday 18th October for a Women's Conference.

Members and friends made time in their busy lives to attend Workshops and listen to speakers advise them on

how to make a 'house' a 'home' and how important it is for all women to look after their own well-being, whether they have a family or not. They were



Lto R: Kelly Brown, S. Army; Gail Challis, President of Relief Society; and Anita Reeve, S. Army

reminded that rearing a family is not an easy job and that making the home into a refuge from the world is a goal to strive for.

Mrs. Deb White, then Deputy Mayor of the Meander Valley Council joined them for part of the meeting.

During the course of the day a presentation of over 280 hygiene packs was made to representatives from the Salvation Army to help in their work in the community.

These packs were produced and donated by Northern members of the Relief Society, the women's auxiliary of the church.

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**Correction and Apology:** In the October 2014 issue of the Meander Valley Gazette it was incorrectly reported that voting for local council elections was possible at polling stations throughout the region whereas voting could only take place by postal vote. We apologise for any inconvenience the information may have caused.

### Meander Valley Gazette Schedule for 2014/2015

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## Election result sees some old faces and some new ones

UNLIKE MANY of his peers on the council scene in Tasmania, Craig Perkins will not soon be ordering packing cases into which to empty his desk drawers.

He has been re-elected as Mayor of Meander Valley by a very comfortable margin. Andrew Connor failed in his attempt to become mayor but was successful in his bid for re-election to the Council. And it does mean that he doesn't have to find space in his wardrobe for the robes and necklace.

Deborah White, a hard-working community member, lost her bid to remain Deputy Mayor and has been succeeded by Michael Kelly,

a newcomer to the Council. She does, however, remain on the Council.

Other familiar faces who were successful were Ian Mackenzie, Bob Richardson and Rodney Synfield.

Tanya King and Rodney Youd are the new kids on the block, so to speak.

We extend our commiserations to Dawn Vallance who worked very hard to be elected as did John Temple and Tenielle McDermott.

We wish all the successful candidates well and hope they make the most of their celebrations. Soon they will be launched on the often thankless task of trying to pass by laws that ensure the

general populace of Meander Valley remains healthy and garbage free, has roads along which vehicles can move more or less smoothly, is prevented from running amok with DIY building projects, and generally takes on any task that communities believe is their god given right to hand over to government.

### The newly elected Council:

- Craig Perkins (Mayor)
- Michael Kelly (Deputy)
- Deborah White
- Andrew Connor
- Tanya King
- Ian Mackenzie
- Bob Richardson
- Rodney Synfield
- Rodney Youd

## Upgrade for gateway into Deloraine

COUNCIL APPROVED \$267,000 this financial year to undertake streetscape works to Meander Valley Road in Deloraine to improve the comfort, safety and convenience for both pedestrians and motorists.

The work will take place along Meander Valley Road between the intersections of Emu Bay Road and Railway Street as you head towards Launceston. It will include kerb and channel, footpaths, pedestrian ramps, traffic islands, drainage and landscape planting.

Council is still working on the concept plans for some parts of the proposed works. It is important to take the time to consider these elements given the existing com-

plex condition of the road and kerb levels. The details will be finalised following consultation with nearby property owners.

Other elements of the project are scheduled to commence following the Tasmanian Craft Fair and



all works are required to be completed by early March 2015, when the Department of State Growth will undertake work to asphalt reseal sections of Meander Valley Road.

Submitted by the Meander Valley Council

## Enjoy the plants

THIS YEAR the Longford Garden Club celebrates its 60th anniversary and has joined forces with Woolmers Estate, to make Launceston a horticultural hub on Saturday, 15th and Sunday 16th November. The Club will unveil a wonderful display of flowers at the Town Hall in Wellington Street, on Saturday between 1.45pm and 5pm, and on Sunday from 10.00am until 4.00pm. Schedules are available upon request for keen gardeners who wish to put their prize exhibits in the show.

The Longford Community Singers will perform at the opening on Saturday, and afternoon teas will be available both days.

Don't miss the club's popular Plant Stall, stocked with unusual varieties.

Hundreds of flower exhibits will be displayed, from expert gardeners and novices alike, so come along and enjoy this feast for the senses.

Entry is just \$2.

Enquiries to club secretary, Mrs Pamela Coleman on 6391 1663

## Or grow your own, please!

RECENTLY A number of thefts of plants from gardens has been reported. These hardly come into the "crime of the century" category but, nevertheless, they are profoundly annoying and, sometimes, distressing to the owners of

## Ad Blocking and Windows 8

Ever get tired of all those irritating ads while using the internet? Come along to Deloraine Online on Monday 8th December at 10.00am to learn how to install an Ad Blocker to hide those annoying ads.

Or perhaps you have recently bought a new PC/laptop and are finding Windows 8 a bit of a challenge. Don't worry, you're not alone.

On Monday 15th December Dale Geddes will host a "getting more comfortable with Windows 8" session at Deloraine Online. He will cover the bare metal basics of Windows 8, from working your way around the system to basic file management system maintenance (keeping your Windows 8 PC zippy). At the end of the session there will be time to answer any specific questions you may have.

Each session will last for two hours and will cost \$10 for adults, \$7 concession and \$5 members. Call 6362 3537 to book your place.

the properties concerned.

It can take several years to get a plant established and the discovery that some jerk has yanked it out of its spot can cause outrage. To make matters worse, moving can often kill the plant so the act is pointless and amounts to little more than vandalism. Most reasonable property owners would probably be more than happy to provide cuttings of any plant that caught the eye of a passer-by.

A short time ago, the Online Centre, where this newspaper is produced, joined the list of those discovering a hole in the ground where there was once a thriving rosemary bush. Rosemary grows easily from cuttings and one would certainly not have been begrudged.



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2:00 pm Sunday

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## To the class of '79

THE DELORAINE High School reunion, Class of 1979 will be held on Saturday 3rd January 2015 at The Bush Inn Hotel, Deloraine. The evening will start at 5.00pm for drinks and meet and greet, with the buffet meal at 6.30pm for 7.00pm start. An evening of catching up will then follow.

Teachers and past

students, including those that left the school a year or two early, and their partners are invited.

The cost of the evening will be \$30 per person. A deposit of \$10 is requested in advance to confirm the booking.

Please email jen-leonard@bigpond.com or call 0439 723 085 with your reply. Or mail to 5352 Bass Hwy, Deloraine NO LATER than Friday, 12th December 2014.

# Deloraine Show - revamped and renamed

THIS YEAR the Deloraine Show has entered into an exciting partnership with the Deloraine and Districts Community Bank and so will be known as the Deloraine & Districts Community Bank® Deloraine Show.

It will be held on Saturday, 22nd of November and the gates will open at 9.00am with the official opening by World champion axeman, David Foster OAM.

This year the organisers have focussed on returning the show to its roots and concentrating on making it an occasion the whole family can enjoy at a price which won't eat into the monthly food budget.

Tickets will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

A lot of the entertainment and activities will be free or gold coin donation.

The Deloraine Big Band will be playing in a marquee in which will be placed seats



Heavy horses, 2013 Deloraine Show

30 minutes including a Medieval Knight display, Taiko drumming performance, Western Tiers junior fire fighters and whip cracking demonstration and more; and the whole thing will finish up with a display of Circle Dancing.

In the marquee there will be a fashion parade.

Of course the traditional sections will all be represented – sheep, cattle, poultry, equestrian and heavy horses – and, naturally, there will be the animal nursery producing those aaah-hh... moments.

Then, for something completely different, Snakes Alive offers visitors, young and old, a chance to familiarise themselves with a few less lovable creatures and discover that they too, have their softer side.

When the children have finished flirting with animal husbandry, there will be lots of other things to keep the kids occupied: zorb balls, jumping castles, archery and much, much more.

'Toddle In' will be there and will have a small playground for very young children.

So everyone will be catered for.

Sounds like a great day. Don't miss this year's Deloraine Show!



## Schedule of Events at the Deloraine Show

10.30	Medieval display	Main arena
11.00	Whip cracking	Main arena
11.30	Medieval display	Main arena
12.00	Western Tiers Junior fire fighters	Main arena
12.30	Opening of show	Marquee
1.00	Fashion parade	Marquee
1.30	Taiko Drummers	Main arena
2.00	Whip cracking	Main arena
2.30	Western Tiers Junior fire fighters	Main arena
3.00	Taiko Drummers	Main arena
3.30	Circle Dancers	Marquee

Your Invitation to attend  
**Back to Mole Creek Day - Sunday November 30<sup>th</sup>**  
 Come along enjoy the day meet old & new friends. Various places to visit in the AM with refreshments available at local Cafes & Hotel – History Display at MCPS, Wesley Dale and Wychwood Gardens open.  
**Present this invitation for a 10% discount on entry fees.**  
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 Unveiling of plaques on trees planted for the family's service to the community and our original Pioneers.  
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# Events Diary

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

Date and Time	Event	Details
Saturday 15th (1.45pm-5.00pm) & Sunday 16th November (10.00am-4.00pm)	Longford Garden Club Flower Show	See page 3 for details
Friday 21st November 8.00pm	Ball at Birralee	Birralee Hall. Entry \$8, couples \$15, students \$5. Supper. Music by Deja Vu. Proceeds to Birralee Hall fund & selected charities.
Monday 17th November 12.30pm & 7.00pm	Film "The Way" and discussion	Deloraine Day Care
Saturday 22nd November 9.00am	Deloraine Show	Deloraine Showground; see article above.
Saturday 22nd November	WTFS Bonus Film - "The Trip to Italy"	See page 10 for details
Saturday 22nd November 7.00pm	Night of Original Performance by Deloraine Dramatic Society	See page 10 for details
Saturday, 22nd November 7.00pm	Tasmanian Guitar Trio concert	St. Mark's Anglican Church. Tickets \$15. Contact the Rev. Jane Lamont on 0429 967 785.
Saturday, 22nd November 6.00-8.00pm	Women's Circle	Deloraine House phone 6362 2678
Wednesday 26th November 10.00-11.00am	Pets and the law	Deloraine House phone 6362 2678
Thursday 27th November 11.00-2.00pm	Gluten free cooking with Mary Jane Gerson	Deloraine House phone 6362 2678
Friday, 28th November 7.45 pm.	3 Divas Concert	See page 10 for details
Saturday 29th November 7.30	Mole Creek Progress Association Christmas Dinner	Mole Creek Hotel
Saturday 29th November 9.00am-2.00pm	Wildwood Open Day	See page 6 for details
Sunday 30th November 11.00am	Back to Mole Creek celebration and unveiling of the plaques	See page 5 for details
Sunday 30th November at 2.00pm	Bon Accordé concert	See page 10 for details
Wednesday 3rd December 11.30-1.30pm	Free drop in first aid session	Deloraine House phone 6362 2678
Friday 5th December, 2.30 pm	Carrick Park Pacing Club race meeting	East Street, Carrick
Saturday 6th December 12.00-2.00pm	Picnic in the Garden	Deloraine Community Garden. Ref. Deloraine House.
Saturday/Sunday 6/7th December	Tractor Pull Day	See page 5 for details
Monday 8th December 10.00am	Learn to use Adblock	See page 3 for details
Friday 12th December	MVDE Christmas Dinner	See page 5 for details
Saturday 13th December	WTFS Film - "Inside Llewyn Davis"	See page 10 for details

### Celebrating Back to Mole Creek

ON 30TH NOVEMBER, Mole Creek Progress Association will be holding a Back to Mole Creek Celebration

The Association was formed with the specific aim of beautifying the neglected area that ran along Pioneer Drive, the main road that runs through Mole Creek.

Then, the roadside was overgrown with blackberry, gorse and weeds. Volunteers cleared the ground and planted all of the trees and garden beds that thrive there today.

Mole Creek has won the Tidy Town award several times and plaques were erected with each tree planted, to honour the contributions of individuals. At 1.00pm the latest memorial plaques will be unveiled.

However, the day will be more than just the unveiling.

At the Hall, there will be a pictorial display of the evolution of Mole Creek, the gardens at Wesley Dale and Wychwood will be open, Mole Creek Primary School will have a history display and there will be a restored Vehicle Display at R. Stephens Honey Factory.

Visitors presenting an invitation (on Page 4) will receive a discount on the entry fee to Mole Creek Caves.

### Interstate 'Pullers' at Red Hills



"Jaws" chews up Red Hills

ON THE 6th and 7th December, the Deloraine Apex Club and the Tasmanian Tractor Pulling and Vintage Tractors Association

are, for the fourth year, holding a tractor pull at Red Hills Apex Memorial Park (approximately 8km from Deloraine on the Mole Creek Road).

### Multicultural tucker

MEANDER VALLEY Dining experience (MVDE) held its first dinner in June 2013 in response to lack of dining opportunities in Deloraine. Its aims were twofold; first to offer the chance to experience food of different cultures and, secondly, to showcase local products.

In the past year French, British, Italian and Russian have been among the many themes presented. November will be an Aboriginal BBQ.

Venues vary also; among them have been the Meander and Chudleigh Memorial Halls and the Theatre Restau-

rant with the Deloraine High School Drama class and they are always looking for other suitable dining places.

The project has been well received and interest is gaining momentum; new participants are always welcome. People are seated at tables of 6 or 8 so it's an excellent way of meeting new people and, according to Laura Window, the Administrator, it has been welcomed by newcomers to the area for this reason.

For the first time, the Tasmanian Tractor Pullers and Vintage Tractor Association Tasmania (TTP&VTA) and Deloraine Apex will host interstate competitors who will provide demonstration pulls. They'll be out to showcase the popular Mini Modifieds and provide spectators with a display of strength and power (see www.austractorpull.com.au/pulling\_classes/mini\_modified).

Over two days local competitors will line up to compete against regular pullers to see who can pull the sled the longest total distance over a series of pulls. The event is aimed at

providing family fun with the popular Apex 'train' onsite and providing fun for the children while food and beverage will also be available.

Entry will cost \$10 for adults; children under 16 will be admitted free.

The Apex Club has pledged to donate \$1,000 to Give Me 5 for Kids, supporting sick children in Tasmanian hospitals.

The event is growing in popularity each year and proudly supports Tasmanian charities and community organisations.

For more information, please contact Paul Taylor on 0407 823 088 or Adrian Cox on 0417 053 285.

They are also always looking for new chefs or expert cooks to add their favourite cuisine to their repertoire.

If you are interested in being added to the mailing list and getting advanced notice of events, please contact Laura at laurwindow@live.com.au to be added to the monthly email list

The next experience will take place in Deloraine on 12th December and the cost will be \$45. The theme will, of course, be Christmas.

Bookings are confirmed once payment is received. Don't leave it till the last minute - book and pay by 5th December and receive a \$5.00 discount. Bookings after 6th December are \$45.00 and will be accepted up to 9th December. Due to the need to finalise numbers for catering, walk up bookings cannot be accepted. You can pay by cash, cheque (made payable to Laura Window) or EFTPOS at Elemental Artspace, 3 Emu Bay Road, Deloraine. Alternatively, you can pay by bank transfer by emailing laurawindow@live.com.au for bank details. Or phone 0437 075 266.



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# A Quamby legacy - in four parts

By Danny Ross

ON THE 8TH August 2014 Australia lost one of its best loved and most prolific music composers, Peter Sculthorpe. Peter was born in Launceston in 1929 and became known for his orchestral and chamber music with such pieces as Kakadu (1988) and Earth City (1986).

Peter's music evokes visions of the Australian bushland and outback, bringing these to life for audiences both here in Australia and overseas.

His early works demonstrated an Asian influence which lessened during the 70's when he started to incorporate indigenous motifs in his work. This interest in indigenous culture probably stemmed from his father who told him stories when he was very young about the past wrongs in Tasmania.

Among his vast repertoire are 18 string quartets, one of which (No. 14) is known as the Quamby String Quartet and contains four movements namely the Prelude,

In the Valley, From High Hills and At Quamby Bluff. The work was commissioned by the Launceston Chamber Music Society in 1998 and was later arranged for chamber orchestra in 2000. In 2005 the Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra released a recording of the piece as part of their Australian Composer Series.

Peter's own words describe the theme and content of the piece very well. "When I was young, my father told me a story about Quamby Bluff, a rather forbidding mountainous outcrop in the highlands of northern Tasmania. There, according to legend, colonial government soldiers once drove a tribe of Aborigines to



"Most of my music is really seeking the sacred in nature, in the landscape." - Peter Sculthorpe

the bluff's edge. The Aborigines had the choice of being shot, or jumping. They chose the latter, and as they jumped they cried out 'Quamby! Quamby!' meaning 'Save me! Save me!' It was perhaps inevitable that my thoughts about this incident and this place would find their way

into a piece of music." Listening to this music evokes images of sadness and despair and a solemn realization of a cruel past. Peter Sculthorpe will be sadly missed but his imagery through music will continue to enthral and excite audiences around the world.

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## Nature on our doorstep

By Tim Biggs

WILDWOOD IS a reserve of 5.7 hectares (14 acres) which runs alongside the Meander River from just west of the Apex Caravan Park towards the Showgrounds and, although owned by the Rotary Club, is available for community use.

The land is low lying river flood plain with old growth native olive trees, swamp peppermints, deciduous beech, mature oaks and sycamore groves and even has a delightful sand beach.

It is a beautiful spot to

walk in, ride a bicycle, fish or exercise the dog.

In the middle of the 19th Century, the townspeople cleared an area the size of a sporting oval which they used



for cricket matches, football, footraces and social events. Nowadays, this area is often used by the local pony club.

So that the community can get a better idea of this

natural gem, Rotary is having an Open Day on Saturday 29th November from 9.00am to 2.00pm and invites everyone to come and have a look at what is right on the town's doorstep.

It is accessed through the Apex Caravan Park but, as there is limited parking, it is recommended to park your car behind the Commonwealth Bank, cross over the railway line near the swimming pool, turn right and just walk along the riverbank until you see the Wildwood sign.

For more information about Wildwood, call Chris Riley on 0455 575 976.

## Deloraine Bowlers in the Pink

By Danny Ross

A CHEQUE FOR \$3,511 was presented to Maureen Holland, the Regional Coordinator of Breast Cancer Awareness Australia, by Meredith Woods and Rita Eastley on behalf of Deloraine Bowls Club.

The money was raised by the club running raffles,

donations and a Fun Day of Bowls on Sunday, 12th October.

The local businesses of Deloraine and Westbury were very generous with support for prizes. A hundred people, both bowlers and non-bowlers, supported the day dressed in Pink.

The organisers would like to thank all donors from the

district as well as the players who came from Launceston, Deloraine, Wynyard, Devonport and Railton. They also thank the local community for helping to make the day a great success.

The Deloraine Bowls Club is a community based club. Anyone interested in joining should contact President Don Collins on 6362 4334.



# The Blessing of the Pets

By Mike Moores

IT COULD HAVE been a scene from the Vicar of Dibley, a church surrounded by tall trees in a quiet village next to the village green.

But it wasn't Dibley, it was St Andrew's Anglican Church at Westbury, where more than seventy of the good citizens gathered for the blessing of the pets, by the Rev. Josephine "Jo" Pyecroft.

The organ was playing "How much is that Doggie in the Window", as the pets (all dogs), and their owners made their way to the pews to get settled.

In the vestry "Rev. Jo" was donning her vestments. She tied her pet poodle "Jose-

phine" to a heavy antique chair, but the poodle, in her eagerness to get on with things, ran into the church dragging the chair with her. She would have made it to the front but was apprehended by the church warden.

Another Pyecroft dog "Bo", not to be outdone, slipped his harness and went cavorting around the church saying hello to all his new friends, till he was grabbed and held by the Gazette photographer and delivered to his "mother".

When everyone was settled, the service got underway with the congregation singing the hymn "All Things Bright and Beautiful" (first two verses), helped along by

some soprano yelps from the more vocal pets.

The Rev. Jo delivered a sermon about God's love for all the creatures of His creation to a very attentive audience, then the final hymn, "All Things Bright and Beautiful", (last two verses) was sung.

At the conclusion of the Service everyone went outside to receive their individual blessing, certificate and a packet of biscuits. Then with much sniffing and wagging of tails everyone, tired but happy, went home.

The Rev Jo, said "That this was the first time the blessing of the pets was held at Westbury, but it was such a success that it seems almost certain that it will be held again".



Meeting new friends

Photo by Mike Moores

# A Proud Jewish Heritage

By Liz Walker

THIS IS PART three of the brief overview of the spiritual lives of Krsna Das and Mira. Previous issues have taken us on a beautiful journey from Buddhism to Hindu and now to Mira's Jewish heritage.

Mira Kuperstein, born in New Jersey to Jewish par-

ents, remembers a childhood steeped in Jewish traditions. Mira born a Jew comes from a matriarchal lineage. All Jews are born Jewish if their mother is Jewish. It is a heritage ancestry. Mira is more in line with the conservative Jewish faith.

Mira's parents were holocaust survivors from Poland. They migrated to Israel after the war and later they migrated to America to get a better life for themselves. Their Jewish heritage was very important to them and they passed down the Jewish way of life to their children. This instilled in Mira the pressure of continuing the

Jewish line.

Almost all Jews practise the "high holidays", a holy event which consists of fasting and emptying your pockets of all sin and regret. Mira still practises that once a year. Mira still keeps the Sabbath, Friday night sunset to sunset.

Keeping Kosher is important to Jewish life, no cloven hoof, no shellfish, and

no meat products mixing with milk products. Before Passover the whole house is cleaned. Also every household has a mezuzah on the door, symbolising the lamb's blood.

Mira and her family now live happily in Jackie's Marsh, continuing their spirituality and helping in the community.

# Recipes (leftovers from the larder)

By Pauline Ross

WINTER IS OVER, so what to do with those cans of soup at the back of the pantry? Here are a couple of recipes that'll help clear out the cupboard, make a hearty meal for the family and come in very handy with those "what's for dinner tonight?" ideas.

## Creamy chicken and mushroom pasta

Serves 4

### Ingredients

- 450g packet fettuccine, spaghetti, or penne pasta
- 1 tablespoon of olive oil
- 1 heaped tablespoon of butter
- 650g chicken thighs, sliced
- 130g rindless bacon, diced

- 1 brown onion, diced
- 300g white mushrooms, sliced
- 1 x 420g can cream of chicken soup
- 1/2 cup light thickened cream or full cream yogurt
- 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 cup fresh parsley, roughly chopped
- Cracked black pepper to taste.

### Method

Cook pasta in a large saucepan of boiling salted water, following packet directions, until tender. Drain pasta. Keep warm.

Heat oil in a large non-stick frying pan over medium heat. Cook chicken in batches.

Set aside.

Add onion and bacon to frying pan. Cook for 2-3 minutes adding more oil if necessary. Add mushrooms and butter and fry until mushrooms have absorbed all the butter. Cook, stirring occasionally, for 5 minutes. Return cooked chicken to pan and stir



to combine.

Add can of soup, cream or yogurt and Worcestershire sauce. Stir until well combined. Stir in chopped parsley and season with cracked black pepper. Add cooked pasta and toss to combine. Serve with crusty white bread.

## Beef Stroganoff

Serves 4

### Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon olive oil or butter
- 500g beef strips
- 1 medium onion, diced
- 2 teaspoons hungarian sweet paprika
- 1 tablespoon tomato puree
- 200g button mushrooms, sliced
- 1 small red capsicum
- 1 x 420g can of cream of mushroom soup

- 1/3 cup sour cream
- 1 tablespoon of chopped parsley

### Method

Heat oil or butter in large frying pan over medium heat. Add beef strips in batches and cook until browned. Remove and set aside. Add onion and capsicum. Cook 2-3 minutes or until soft. Add mushrooms and a little extra butter for frying. Add paprika and cook for 1 minute.

Return beef to pan, stir in well, then add can of soup. Mix until well combined.

Check for seasoning. Bring to boil, reduce heat to low, cover and simmer for 30 minutes. Just before serving add in sour cream. Stir to combine then add chopped parsley.

Serve with rice or boiled or mashed potatoes.

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# Under instruction underground : Prevention is better than cure

By Sheila Ferguson

EVERYONE READING this will have heard of King Solomons and Marakoopa caves at Mole Creek, but there are many more caves in the area much less well known.

Some people have the view that if caves are not fully developed and showcased then they must be 'rejects' and, therefore, not worth visiting.

This is not true; many unknown caves are, quite possibly, more challenging and exciting to visit.

Wild Cave Tours celebrated its 25th anniversary on 6th October this year and offers a very different cave experience for those who like to step off the normal tourist path.

The business is owned by Deb Hunter, an experienced caver herself, and focuses on teaching beginners about the joys of caving.

If you have little or no experience but are interested in exploring caves which are off the beaten track then Wild Cave Tours in Mole Creek is tailor-made for you.

Health and safety are among her prime concerns, so the cave excursions are conducted with these in mind. But that doesn't stop visitors from exploring and discovering jaw-dropping cave features such as the shawls and stalactites pictured here.

Most of her clients come from the mainland and Deb enjoys exposing them to the whole Tassie experience, giving them not only a glimpse of the glorious world under our feet but also the chance to savour Tasmanian local food product when they return above ground.

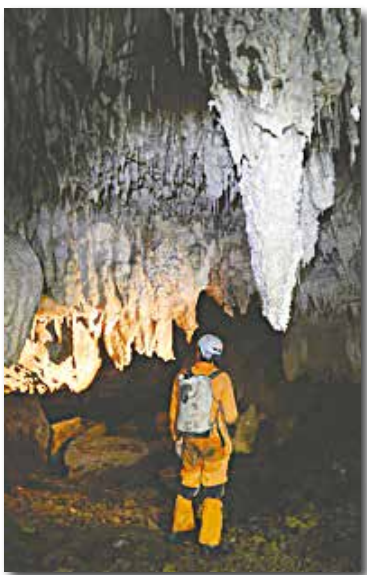
To celebrate a quarter of a century in business, Deb is running a competition for people aged 14 and over. All you have to do is to write no more than 50 words in answer to the following question:

"How can the things humans do on the surface affect the caves and the underground environment?" The prize is a trip for two, including gourmet lunch, to be taken this summer season.

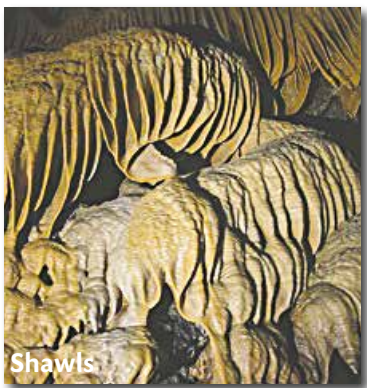
Send entries to debbie@wildcavetours.com. The winner and winning entry will be posted in the next edition of this paper.

To give yourself, or visitors from outside the Island, a memorable holiday experience visit Deb's website or contact her at the email address given above.

Alternatively, visit her facebook page called www.facebook.com/trogtasmania



Deb White illuminating some of the formations



Shawls

By Tracey Gatehouse  
Communications Advisor  
at TasNetworks

WITH BUSHFIRE season fast approaching, TasNetworks is reminding people that trees growing too close to powerlines are a safety risk, with the potential to cause fires, cut electricity supply and potentially leave wires on the ground.

Bushfire Mitigation Manager, Michael Emmett said "while our vegetation management program is successful in helping to prevent highly dangerous situations, we also rely on public information to assist in identifying vegetation posing a risk."

He added, "bushfires can cost lives, hurt communities, and cause millions of dollars of damage to electrical infrastructure and to private property. They also have a severe impact on the reliability of power supply to customers."

"It's everyone's responsibility to be safe around electricity, so it's important that



TasNetworks' Shaun Puke

home owners and occupiers ensure trees on their property are well clear of distribution powerlines all year round.

"If customers see trees or vegetation that are too close, or if there's a risk of branches falling on powerlines, please contact TasNetworks on 132 004,"

Customers are encouraged to get advice from their local nursery when planting trees and shrubs on their property, to ensure they select species that will not impact on any

nearby powerlines.

TasNetworks is committed to putting the safety of their people and customers first and see educating the community about electrical safety issues as a vital element of their community safety obligation.

For more information about trees around powerlines and safe growing practices please visit www.tasnetworks.com.au or call TasNetworks on 132 004.

## Monotremes

By Sarah Lloyd

TWO OF THE three extant (i.e. still living) monotremes, the platypus and short-beaked echidna, are among Tasmania's most distinctive animals. (The third monotreme is the long-beaked echidna of Papua and New Guinea.)

Monotremes (Gk monos single; treme hole) are egg-laying mammals that suckle their young. These ancient animals retain some reptilian traits: they have a cloaca (a single opening used for excretion and reproduction) and they lay soft, leathery-shelled eggs.

Platypuses are found in lakes, rivers, streams and farm dams in eastern Australia; they only occasionally venture into salt water. They have a streamlined, furry waterproof body, webbed front feet and the characteristic duck-like bill. Males are larger than females and have a venomous spur on the inside of their ankles capable of inflicting a painful wound.

Platypuses spend up to 18 hours a day feeding. They catch mainly underwater invertebrates - worms, shrimps and insects - and come to the surface to

breathe and chew their food. They dive when alarmed and will often retreat to thick vegetation or their burrows. They lack a pouch, and lay their eggs and raise their young in burrows, which have entrances just above the water level, often concealed by vegetation. The eggs take 1-2 weeks to hatch and young platypuses are weaned at 4-5 months.

Echidnas are solitary animals with a home range of up to 70 hectares. They use their short, powerful limbs to tear at rotting wood or soil in search of ants and other invertebrates. They have tiny mouths, toothless jaws and use their long sticky tongues to collect prey. Like platypuses, they have electro sensors at the tip of their snout.

Echidnas lay one egg that is deposited directly into the pouch. The egg hatches after 10 days and the young sucks milk from pores (monotremes lack teats). Young echidnas remain in the pouch until their spines start to develop at about 45 to 55 days. The mother then places the young in a nursery burrow and returns every five days to suckle it. The young are weaned at seven months. Echidnas have a lifespan of approximately 45-50 years.



ShortBeaked echidna

## Book Review

Reviewer: Nell Carr

Wychwood  
by Peter Cooper & Karen Hall

Published by Jane Morrow,  
Murdoch Books

"WYCHWOOD" IS a sumptuous book for garden lovers.

Coming from Queensland in the early 1990s to escape the heat, Peter and Karen were searching for a house and a piece of land where they could pursue their dream of self sufficiency. A farmhouse on a hectare of land on Den Road, Mole Creek, seemed to be the ideal spot. They had no idea that they would end up creating a Mecca for garden lovers from all over the world, which Leo Schofield describes as "the most beautiful garden in Tasmania".

The vegetable and fruit gardens were augmented by copses, flower beds and lawns to flow down the slope to the banks of the Mole

Creek. There, Peter has created a Scandinavian labyrinth from two levels of mown grass with a lichen-encrusted Gerald Makin sculpture in the centre. On every page are Peter's photographs - vistas through the intricate pathways between beds of closely grown flowering plants or close ups of individual leaves and blooms.

Karen's text is an amalgam of practical advice, recipes, and the humourously recounted story of the prodigious amount of work they both expended to achieve their vision. At the same time, she waxes lyrical over a favourite plant, or a particular view through the trees at certain times of the day. "...early morning rays peep through a woodland border, touching every little spring treasure, and gently reflecting off the opalescent young birch trunks" (p.122).

For Meander Valley readers, the book is on sale at the Great Western Tiers Visitor Information Centre, Deloraine.



Wychwood - a mix of the ornamental and the practical. Garden beds with hen enclosure behind)

Picture by Peter Cooper



# Computers 101: Part 2

## Shady Support Scams

By Alistair Carr

A REMINDER about phone calls purporting to be from some support centre. People are still being confused and worried about cold calls supposedly from Telstra, Windows or some other company claiming their computer has a problem and the caller needs remote access to the computer to fix it.

These are ALWAYS, without exception, scams.

There have, however, been a couple of recent variations. One is still a phone call, but now they claim if you do not immediately go to your computer and let them "fix" it your computer will not turn on the next time you want to use it or your internet will be cut off and never work again.

I cannot stress this enough, THEY ARE LYING. Do not listen to them; just hang up immediately.

The other scam is an

email claiming to be from Telstra, Microsoft or similar saying your computer has a problem and to phone the included support number. Do not phone this number. Again they want you to allow them remote access to your computer so they can "fix it". This is just a variation on the above scam.

If you are worried about such an email, get your internet or phone provider's phone number from one of your bills, the contract info they provided when you signed up, the white or yellow pages, or from the company website. Manually type in the company address in your web browser and do not click any link in the email claiming it will take you to the website.

To make things easier it is a good idea to have your Internet provider's support numbers stored in your mobile's contacts list or written down somewhere you can easily find it.



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The above also applies to any emails purportedly from banks, Paypal, Ebay, Gmail, Yahoo mail, Hotmail, Facebook, Steam, Origin (the last two for gamers) or any other site that requires a username and password. The link in the email will take you to a fake website where they record your username and

password. This gives them access to your account and they can empty your bank accounts, hijack your email, use the information for identity theft and so much more.

The above may sound alarmist but the simple fact is people get caught all the time by these fake links and end up in mess trying to sort

everything out.

Again it is a good idea to have your financial institutions' support numbers stored in the mobile or written down in an address book.

So, stop and think before clicking that link or following the instructions of that cold caller.

# 'Sacred Song' a hit at Choirfest

By James Sayers

ON FRIDAY 5 September the Second Meander Valley Choirfest was held at the Deloraine community complex. The purpose was for community and church groups around Northern Tasmania to come together and enjoy an evening of music. The theme "Sacred Song" was chosen to recognise the important role religion has in strengthening communities.

Choirs, small groups and soloists from Launceston right through to Burnie gathered to perform for the Meander Valley community. The programme was made up of choirs such including the Meander Valley Choir

and Del City Singers from Deloraine. There were also beautiful arrangements of LDS hymns from the Deloraine and Launceston wards. One of the most breathtaking performances of the night would have been the performance by Georgina Harvey singing When the Saints Come Marching In.

The performers enjoyed themselves and the reception was highly positive. Many in the audience were impressed with the quality of the performances. Each person made a gold coin donation with all proceeds going back in to the Meander Valley community to help support families in crisis.

Mark Shelton MHA

wrapped up the evening well with his closing remarks. He mentioned that he comes across a lot of people that are disconnected from society and it is great that things like the Meander Valley Choirfest can give people the opportunity to network with others.

It was an entertaining night with an opportunity for church groups, community musical groups and the Meander Valley community to mingle together. Because of its success this year and musical groups wishing to participate again next year, we look forward to another Choirfest in 2015!

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Matilda Page of Exton accompanying the Deloraine Mormon Choir

# The signs of the times



MAYBE WE SHOULD start this conversation with a bit of background.

Managing the number of signs and how they affect the look and feel of our public spaces is deeply embedded in the history of town planning.

As lawmakers in England started to put together legislation in the mid-1800s to respond to overcrowding, urban population growth and streets filled with unattractive and intrusive structures, controlling signs became a clear planning process.

In 2013, the Meander Valley Interim Planning Scheme was declared by the Minister.

This is the modern-day result of those historical

civic movements to provide better spaces and places for our communities through law. Managing signs continues to be an important element of planning.

Did you know that the Interim Scheme includes a Signage Code? This is a state code which sits in all planning schemes and provides controls for the orderly and safe display of signs.

Underpinning the Signage Code is a familiar purpose that has remained constant through the history of planning control and that is to: "ensure signs do not cause the loss of amenity or adversely affect the natural or built environment". This is especially true when applied to Business Signs or signs that advertise a business.

According to the 2013

Interim Planning Scheme, business advertising or business identification signs can only be displayed on the land where the business operates.

The only exception is businesses with tourist accreditation, which are restricted to using approved Department Of State Growth tourism signage. These are the yellow and blue, or the white and brown directional or information signs you see when you are taking the family for drive through the beautiful Meander Valley landscape.

Some of you are probably thinking, hang on a minute; I see signs all over the place that don't relate to the land they are displayed on ...

And you are not wrong!

Any sign that was erected before 1993 is exempt (and that is another story about

Tasmanian Planning for another time!)

Temporary signs or Public Signs which advertise public events also enjoy some relief from the controls of the planning scheme.

So, many of the other signs you see are illegally erected and Council continues to work with property owners to clean these up to reduce, what we call visual pollution.

The key message is, however, that if you own a business you can only display signs advertising your business at your business.

If in doubt, or if you would like to ask further questions, please contact the planning team at Council on 6393 5300.

Article submitted by Meander Valley Council

## It's all happening at Gallery 9: First this . . .

THE 3 DIVAS ensemble has become something of a music phenomenon in Northern Tasmania.

For the past four years, Tamsyn Stock Stafford, Carolyn Harris and Georgina Harvey have been amazing audiences with their remarkable singing talents and their range of music styles.

They have done this accompanied by Kent Furgame, arguably Tasmania's best piano accompanist. John Phelps, as director and master of ceremonies completes the ensemble.

And, they've got another



Left to Right: Georgina Harvey, Tamsyn Stock Stafford, and Carolyn Harris

concert coming up very soon.

Arts Deloraine will present the 3 Divas in their next concert at Gallery 9 in Deloraine on Friday, 28th November, starting at 7.45 pm.

The show, "Les Femmes Fatales" is a selection of songs about strong women who take their lovers on emotion-

al roller-coaster rides. The songs are from all music styles – classical, stage musicals, cabaret and the rest. Some are funny, some moving, some challenging: all are performed magnificently!

Patrons are advised to book early as past concerts

have usually been played to full houses. Bookings may be made at Elemental Artspace, 3 Emu Bay Road, Deloraine. Admission will be \$25 and for members of Arts Deloraine, only \$20.

For more information, contact John Phelps on 6362 4488

## Then this . . .

BON ACCORDÉ have only been playing as a group for about a year. Group member, Robert Henley says: "We have all played in various local groups and



Left to Right: Robert Henley, Alexandra Harris, Edrick Corban-Banks, Clare Corban-Banks and Alan Taylor.

always enjoyed the opportunity to play together."

While their particular interest is in music from the classical and romantic periods, they aim to present

a varied repertoire including works written for string duos, trios and quartets as well as pieces for guitar quartet and quintet. The programme will present a selection of works from Vivaldi, Handel, Halvorsen and McLean among others.

Tickets are only available from the door: \$20 for adults, \$15 concession; children free. The concert is on Sunday 30th November 2.00pm, Gallery 9, Deloraine.

## While over at St Marks, there is this . . .

ARIA AWARD winning guitarist Gareth Koch has created another musical success story.

His most recent initiative is the Tasmanian Guitar Trio, a highly eclectic and vibrant ensemble with a rapidly growing fan base and busy concert schedule.

Koch's unique arrangements and compositions generate the group's effervescent sound which is proving to be a hit with audiences.

The repertoire ranges from Renaissance, Rock, Flamenco, Latin and Celtic right through to many original compositions.

Gareth studied at the prestigious Vienna Academy of Music, holds a PhD and has performed throughout Australia, Europe, Asia and the US.

Trio members Darcy O'Malley and Oliver Marshall, still in their teens, are amongst the most promising guitarists ever produced in Tasmania.

The Trio will be giving a concert at St. Mark's Anglican Church on Saturday, 22nd November starting at 7.00pm.



Left to Right: Oliver Marshall, Gareth Koch, and Darcy O'Malley.

Tickets are \$15.00. For further information, please contact the Rev. Jane Lamont on 0429 967 785.

## Originals Only Night on again

ORIGINALS ONLY Night is happening again at the Meander Valley Performing Arts Centre on Saturday 22nd November at 7.00pm.

Many people are unaware of the talented people, be they musicians, poets, singers, dancers or storytellers, quietly working away in our smaller communities.

For the past six years the Deloraine Dramatic Society has been hosting the Originals Only Night, supported by Tasmanian Regional Arts, in order to provide a space for these people to share their creativity. For some performers,

Originals Only Night will be their first time on stage in front of an audience - an exciting time for all - and the reason this event continues to be run.

You never know what delightful surprises you'll get at an Originals Only Night, which includes a supper of scones and other delightful treats.

So if you haven't experienced Originals Only Night, come along and enjoy your community's amazing talent.

Entry will cost \$8.00 per person and tickets are only available at the door. For further details, please call Cat on 0427 509 409.

## Dream comes true for Film Society

By Deborah White

THE WESTERN TIERS Film Society (WTFS) is gearing up for the move to its new home in the newly-refurbished Little Theatre Cinema. With grants from Bendigo Bank and Meander Valley Council's Community Grants program, the Society obtained sufficient funding to purchase and install a new screen and projector, while their partnership with co-located Studio Be provided the speakers necessary for surround sound.

"Being housed in the Little Theatre, with its comfortable seating and access to the kitchen for a follow-up cup of tea and a chat, is going to make the whole experience more appealing to our members," said WTFS President Lyn Prove. "We've always got tons of ideas for special events such as classics weekends or Sunday matinees,

and now that we have the benefit of the extra seating and facilities of this venue, these can become a reality."

The Society acknowledges the excellent project management by Council's Property Manager, Kris Eade.

Their first screening in their new home will be "Inside Llewyn Davis" on Saturday 13th December. The film is set in the 60's and features traditional Irish, English and American folk songs, so to help celebrate the move, local musicians Rob van der Elst and Eddie Tuleja, who know and love the songs featured in the film, will play them for the audience in a special mini-concert before the screening.

For any enquiries re membership or the 22nd November bonus film "The Trip to Italy" (at the Primary School) contact the westerntiersfilm-society@gmail.com

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## Council's Message

### Great Western Tiers Visitor Centre

Congratulations to the Great Western Tiers Visitor Centre! The team has been recognised as a finalist in the Visitor and Information Services category of the Tourism Industry Council Tasmania, 2014 *Tasmanian Tourism Awards*. By the time you read this, the winners will have been announced at a presentation on the 7 November in Hobart. We'll be crossing our fingers for a win for the team.

### Deloraine Show

This month will see the running of the 68th annual Deloraine Agricultural Show featuring many family friendly attractions. All the popular events will be represented at the Show - wood chopping; animal judging and breeder competitions; the animal nursery and lots more. We wish all those involved in the organising of this year's Show the very best for a successful day.

### November long weekend

The long weekend has come and gone and what a weekend it was! Meander Valley was definitely the place to be, with a range of amazing events and activities occurring over the three days and into the following week. Well done to everyone involved in the staging of the Tasmanian Craft Fair, Pearn's Steam Up Festival, Westbury Week, and the many other events on across the municipality. And a big thank you to everyone who came along and showed their support.

### Council on Social media

Council now has an official Facebook page and Twitter account. Visit the Council website and click on the Facebook or Twitter button to go directly to the applicable site.

## November 2014



Great Western Tiers Visitor Centre, Deloraine

## Council Updates

### Nominations for Council's Australia Day Awards close soon

On Australia Day, Council recognises the exceptional contribution of its community members with the presentation of Australia Day Awards.

The Awards are offered in the following categories: Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Community Event of the Year, Sports Award, and Volunteer Services Recognition Awards.

Do you know someone who deserves such an award? Then why not nominate them? Simply complete a nomination form available on our website.

Nominations should be received by 4pm on Friday 21 November 2014 (Volunteer Services Recognition Awards close 25 November).

For more information contact David Pyke on 6393 5316.



### The weather is heating up and so are the BBQs!

Did you know that if you are planning on holding an event selling food, like a sausage sizzle, you need to contact us about a temporary food registration? You'll find information about food safety, starting your own food business or having a food stall on our website or you can give one of our Environmental Health Officers a call on 6393 5300.



### Advertised Development Applications

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## Community News

### Meandering 2014

Meandering is an annual art exhibition where local artists present work based on images of Meander Valley. Council will award a \$3,500 first prize (acquisitive) and there will be six additional prizes including an encouragement award for novice artists, presented on at a ceremony on the 20 November.

The paintings have been created in response to this year's theme *Working Together*. The exhibition is open to the public from 21 November 2014 to 15 February 2015 at Country Club Tasmania.



2013 Heritage Award Winner - Lolita Warboys - Old Plough at Cheshunt

### Meander Valley Business Association

Deloraine On The Move has changed its name to Meander Valley Business Association and seeks new business members from Westbury eastwards to Carrick. It intends to create a valley-wide 'buy local' campaign across the municipality. If you would like to be part of the Meander Valley Business Association contact Richard Millen at the Meander Valley Enterprise Centre on 6362 3456/0419 623 455 or [mvecinc@bigpond.net.au](mailto:mvecinc@bigpond.net.au)

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## Diary Dates

### Meandering 2014 Art Exhibition

21 November 2014 to 15 February 2015

Deloraine Show, Saturday 22 November

## Markets

### Westbury Market

Third Saturday of every month, Saturday 15 November

### Little Red Tractor Farmers' Market, Deloraine

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### Deloraine Market

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### Liffey Valley Market

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# TFGA? What can it do for me?

By Kim Haywood,  
Policy Advisor, Tasmanian Farmers & Graziers Association

FARMERS WHO are not members of the Tasmanian Farmers and Graziers Association (TFGA) often ask what the value of the membership is to their businesses.

According to their website: "the TFGA represents big and small farms. We make no distinction among farms or farm-

ers. Our role is to provide a single, strong voice to deal with governments at all levels and with other industry bodies. Our prime aim is to ensure that the agricultural base of the state remains competitive and profitable."

It is hard to quantify the value of what they do on an individual business basis, but on an industry scale the overall benefits to all farming businesses are significant.

It might help to look at some of the benefits TFGA has delivered the past year.

They completed 43 national and state submissions, in which they argued against unfair and costly regulations and undertook numerous lobbying efforts to stop increased regulation making farming more difficult.

For example, TFGA lobbying efforts resulted in the continued use of conventional ear tags for processing calves, saving the Tasmani-

an dairy industry \$200,000 in direct costs. Dairy farmers in other states have to pay for expensive electronic ear tags.

TFGA lobbied hard for the implementation of agreed management strategies to achieve a reduction in the requirement for calving induction, helping to overturn

the decision to ban the practice demanded by animal activists.

They successfully blocked proposed changes to the Water Legislation Amendment Bill and the AgVet Chemicals legislation, which would have added huge cost burdens to farm businesses.

They lobbied successfully to initiate a review of the Firearms Act to ensure dairy and livestock farmers are free to use, transport and store firearms that are needed, on occasion, for animal welfare reasons.

Farmers, across the state, are under unrelenting pressure from urban encroachment, restrictive regulation and rocketing input costs that threaten their viability. It is clear that, unless these issues are successfully addressed, the positive economic benefits, to Tasmania, of a strong agriculture sector will be seriously threatened.

The Primary Industry Activities Protection Act (PIAP) - the so-called "right-to-farm" legislation - which came into effect in 1995 - attempted to address these issues and is currently under review by the State government. TFGA has just completed a detailed submission on the PIAP in light of the issues that have arisen since the legislation came into force.

In times of natural disaster, TFGA is there to ensure farmers receive the assistance they need to start down the path to recovery.

After the fires in 2013, TFGA's efforts secured more than \$300,000 from the state government to assist affected farmers to replace fences. TFGA coordinated the fencing program, which provided 566km of fencing material, worth \$256,000, to 37 property owners. They also worked with the Tasmanian Prison Service who provided two work

crews which erected 96km of fencing, as well as assisting farmers to plant tree shelter belts, construct fire breaks, remove bushfire debris and erect stock yards.

In addition to this, almost \$1 million was provided directly to farmers in clean up and restoration grants.

They have repeatedly drawn government's attention to the inequities evident in many local government areas, with councils imposing



Fence after the 2013 fires

Photo courtesy of Tasmanian Country

much higher rates on rural properties than on residential and commercial zones. One council was forced to rescind such a decision.

**"Farmers, across the state, are under unrelenting pressure from urban encroachment restrictive regulation and rocketing input costs"**

Recently, they successfully lobbied the Federal government to deliver \$15 million to help farmers with expansion plans and low interest finance packages. TFGA's role in the program is to assist potential applicants to understand the loan application forms/process, eligibility/assessment criteria and other required documentation.

They also helped many individual farmers work

their way through the maze of government regulations. This has meant sorting out issues with Telstra, Aurora and Transend, water authorities, local councils and agencies such as the ACDC. They can't guarantee a positive outcome every time, but they are there to deflect much aggravation from bureaucrats.

Importantly, they also offer members the opportunity to have input into the development of policies that will impact on their business into the future.

This is just a very small insight into what TFGA does and they would hope that these efforts are acknowledged by all dairy and livestock businesses.

# Milk Matters at Tasmanian Dairy Products

By Sheila Ferguson

TASMANIAN DAIRY Products' (TDP) \$80 million milk processing facility at Smithton was officially opened in March last year.

With processing capacity of between 250 million and 300 million litres of milk per annum, it is producing full cream milk powder, skim milk powder and anhydrous milk fat for export to the Middle East and Asia.

Australia's largest dairy company, Murray Goulburn, is the majority shareholder in TDP at 76 per cent, demonstrating the company's significant confidence in the future of the state's dairy industry. Japan's Mitsubishi Corporation has a 24 per cent stake.

While much of the state-of-the-art processing facility is automated, TDP employs 40 people and takes milk from about 80 dairy farmers (most of whom are located within 50 kilometres of the processing facility).

The company has recently extended into the Meander Valley region in terms of milk supply.

Peter Korpershoek, TDP's field services officer, said the company felt it was worth

travelling as far east as Deloraine from its Smithton base to source milk.

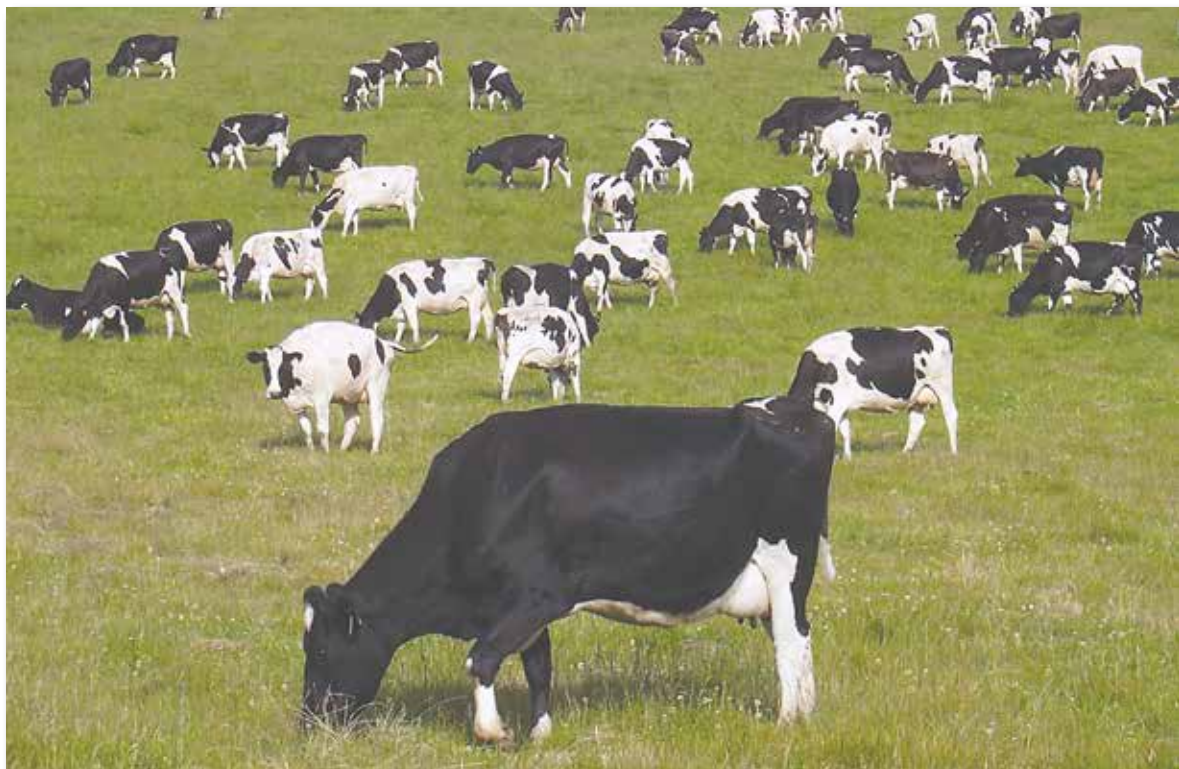
"We want to work with and support young farmers, farming families and new entrants into the industry,"

he said.

"And we are happy to speak to anyone interested in supplying milk to us."

Chris Haynes is the field services manager for TDP. Peter "Knobs" Korpershoek works closely with Chris. Knobs retired from dairy farming five-years-ago and

his son now runs the farm. Chris grew up in western Victoria where his family had dairy interests. He came to Tasmania straight from university and joined TDP in June 2012. When asked how he feels about his job his reply is simple: "Couldn't be happier."



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# Transition to retirement

By Sam Horseman

THE YEARS before you retire can be challenging. While you are probably looking forward to having more time to do the things you enjoy, you may not be ready to stop working just yet. A transition to retirement strategy can help you ease into retirement and boost your superannuation in a tax effective way.

Transition to retirement strategies are designed to give you greater flexibility as you move towards retirement. Once you reach what's known as your 'preservation age', you can access superannuation by drawing down a pre-retirement pension.

A pre-retirement pension allows you to draw a regular income from your superannuation while you're still working, provided you have reached your preservation age.

A pre-retirement pension gives you flexibility to draw an income and, at the same time, contribute to your

superannuation e.g. through salary sacrifice, in a way that may be more tax effective than just relying on your salary alone. In most cases, you'll pay less tax on your pension income than you would on the same amount of salary or wages.

You do not have to stop work to start a pre-retirement pension. In fact transition to retirement strategies are most effective when you continue to work and contribute to your super while you draw a pre-retirement pension.

If you would like to ease your way into retirement, a transition to retirement strategy could enable you to reduce the number of hours you work, while still maintaining the same level of income (via your employment and superannuation).

Transition to retirement strategies aren't always suitable. You should discuss the following factors with an appropriate advisor when deciding if a transition to retirement strategy is

- right for you:
- Whether you have sufficient superannuation to support drawing a pre-retirement pension
  - Whether or not your employer will:
    - Allow you to work part-time
    - Allow you to sacrifice salary
    - Agree to continue to pay your superannuation at pre-salary sacrifice levels
  - Your taxation position
  - Your financial objectives and retirement needs
  - The costs associated with the strategy.

Professional advice can make all the difference and help ensure you are not disadvantaged from a tax perspective if you decide to implement this type of strategy.

If you have any questions in relation to this or any other financial matters, please contact our office.

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

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# Having a very local Christmas

DELORAINES is a very lucky town this year. Santa is making an extra special visit to hand out gifts at the Train Park this Christmas Eve. Folks wanting someone special to receive a gift from Santa on the night should see participating Deloraine stores for details.

Organisers Megan Brinsmead and Jeanette Manning felt that more should be done to encourage people to shop locally this Christmas, to support local businesses and keep Christmas spending in our town.

Megan Brinsmead says that each year Deloraine is losing money to the major chain stores at the expense of the local shops. "To have a vital main street, we all need to

support each other," she says.

Deloraine on the Move – now the 'Meander Valley Business Association' – is supporting the project, along with the Meander Valley Council and the Deloraine Fire Brigade.

Look for the 'Buy Here' signs in participating store windows throughout December and share a little Christmas cheer. Be at the Deloraine Train Park from 5.00pm Christmas Eve with a rug, a picnic or BBQ. There will be music, a sausage sizzle, games for the kids, a trophy for the best decorated shop window, a prize for best lit house and, of course, a visit from Santa! This will no doubt make this a Christmas Eve to remember.

Four maps of the local decorated and lit homes will also be available in stores and on Google maps during December and on the night.

See participating local stores during December to register your special someone to receive a gift from Santa. Gifts purchased will be gift wrapped and stored in-store, and then collected just before Christmas ready for Santa to hand out on the night.

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## Meander Valley Horse Riders Winners in the West

KARLEY BEER from Deloraine and Bailey Elias from Bishopsbourne were part of the Tasmanian team to take out third place at the recent National Prince Philip Mounted Games in Perth, Western Australia.

The team consisted of Karley Beer and Alarna Fraser (Mersey Valley Pony Club), Bronte Page (Kentish Pony and Hack club Inc), David Gardiner (Circular Head Pony Club), Bailey Elias and Reserve Emily Hirst (Tasmanian Pony and Riding Club) and chaperone Andy Dekaste.

Coached by Liz Murton, the team trained tirelessly on the weekends in the last two months leading up to the event held at the Perth Royal Show on 4th October 2014.

The Tassie team led the grand parade at the show and competed in front of a very large crowd.

The horses were supplied by the Pony Club Association of WA. Each rider changed horses every third game. This meant getting to know a horse quickly adding to the difficulty of the competition.

The Tassie team sat in third place after the first three games, slipping to fourth place after 15 games. However with strong finishes in the last five games (all seconds and firsts) the team finished in third place overall - the best result for the Tasmanian team since 1998.

Article submitted by Meander Valley Council.



Left – Right: Andy DeKaste, Karley Beer, Bronte Page, Alarna Fraser, David Gardner, Bailey Elias and Liz Murton

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## Northern Tasmanian Axemen's Association Results (First State title for 2014-2015 Tasmanian woodchopping season, held at the Longford Show)

- Tasmanian 300mm Underhand Championship: K Steers, 1; S Foster, 2; M Gurr, 3. Time: 17.4 secs.
- 450mm Double-Handed Sawing Longford Show Championship: Dale Beams and S Read, 1; K Steers and Daniel Beams, 2; D Foster and S Foster, 3.
- Langdon Statewide Junior Series 250mm standing handicap: M Direen, (handicap 5 secs), 1; Josh Bakes (57), 2; Jesse Bakes (64), 3.
- Langdon Statewide Junior Series 250mm underhand handicap: M Direen (8), 1; D Gurr (25), 2; Jesse Bakes (30), 3.
- 250mm standing handicap: D Arnold (19), 1; A Kelly (29), 2; S Read (31), 3. Time: 26.5.
- 300mm underhand handicap: M Arnold (26), 1; A Kelly (29), 2; S Read (31), 3. Time: 26.5.
- 375mm single-handed sawing handicap: J Richards, 7, 1; D Foster, 25, 2; S Kertesz, 17, 3. Time: 42.0.
- 300mm tree felling handicap: Jesse Bakes, 70, 1; S Cook, 61, 2; D Gurr, 134, 3. Time: 2:58.0.
- 250mm veterans standing handicap: S Sainty, 5), 1; B Baker, 5, 2; T Hodgetts (17), 3. Time 41.0.
- 450mm double-handed sawing handicap: Josh and Jesse Bakes, 9, 1; D Beams and K Steers, 11, 2.
- Jack and Jill 375mm double-Handed sawing handicap: K Steers and T Steers, 1; S Rattray and A Slater, 2. Time: 21.0.
- 300mm standing handicap: S Cook, 25, 1; K Steers (33), 2; A Kelly, 29, 3. Time: 31.0.
- Axeman of the Day: Kody Steers.

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# SPORT

## Shannon Barwick, a very unique sportswoman

By Danny Ross

SHANNON BARWICK was born and raised on her parent's dairy farm in Chudleigh. She was educated locally in Deloraine and later completed some external courses including an Agri-Lending Certificate in June of this year.

She has had some interesting and varied jobs over the years including legal secretary, cabinet maker/joiner, dairy farmer, track rider, interstate truck driver and for the last three years has been a full-time employee at Rabobank in Launceston filling the roles of Finance Officer and support to the Marketing Manager for Tasmania.

Shannon is a committee member with the Tasmanian

Cattlemen's Association and in 2013 was nominated for the Rural Ambassador Award. She is also a volunteer fire fighter and co-secretary/treasurer with the Westbury Fire Brigade and still finds time to be a committee member and events co-ordinator with the Midland Hunt Club where this year she took home the coveted Perpetual Trophy which is awarded to the Club all-rounder for the year.

On top of all of this, Shannon is managing to fit in the planning and preparations for her upcoming wedding in February next year.

Shannon loves nothing more than to spend time with her animals and is



Shannon with her pride and joy "Bubba"



Shannon and her "Little Man"

currently training her Kelpie, "Little Man". "I'm hoping to get to my first yard trial competition this year" she says.

She also has horses, one of which is named "Bubba" and is probably her most prized possession. Shannon's own words describe what Bubba means to her. "I bred Bubba 8 years ago and broke her in myself. She has done lots of different things including show jumping, hack classes, cattle work, trail riding and hunting. She is very versatile and pretty much bomb-proof, I would not trade her for the world."

This year Shannon has taken on the role of Secretary of the Westbury Agricultural Society Inc. She had been a member of the Westbury Show Horse Committee prior to taking up this position.

Deb Matthews, Past Secretary of the WA Society Inc. says "The Committee is most fortunate to have acquired the services of Shannon, particularly in a time when most volunteer organisations are ageing and struggling to find new members, especially younger members."

A big part of Shannon's time this year has been helping with the prepa-

rations and organisation for the 151st Westbury Show held on November 8th this year.

As part of the 150 year celebrations at last year's Show, Shannon's name and achievements were added to the contents of the time capsule created for future reference. The capsule will be reopened in 50 years time and Shannon is hoping to be around to witness the event.

It is people like Shannon who inspire younger members of the community to participate in community events and to go on to become the administrators in the future.

## Kody steers his way to State chopping title

NORTH-WEST COASTAL axeman Kody Steers has got the jump on his fellow competitors by claiming the first state title of the 2014-2015 Tasmanian woodchopping season, winning the 325mm Tasmanian Underhand Championship at today's Longford Show.

In a final field packed with talent and wood suiting the brute strength and technique of the Gowrie Park teenager, Steers won the final in 17.4 secs to edge out defending champion Stephen Foster,

of Devonport, and Deloraine veteran Matthew Gurr.

The Longford Show woodchopping programme proved to be fertile ground for Steers, who was also named axeman of the show, after also showing his versatility by placing second in both the 450mm double-handed sawing show championship and 450mm double-handed sawing handicap finals and then combining with his sister Taylor to win the 375mm Jack and Jill sawing handicap final.

Steers' partner in the show championship was Winkleigh's Daniel Beams, with the final won by Beams' father Dale Beams, and Stuart Reid, of Brighton. Steers also cut a close second to Cygnet's Sam Cook in the final of the 300mm standing handicap, in another talented field, packed with backmarkers.

Only 10 seconds separated the field on handicap, with Cook taking advantage of his front mark of 25 seconds to hold out Steers (33 secs) and

visiting Victorian axeman Andrew Kelly.

The show programme also featured the first round of the Langdon Statewide Junior Series, with handicaps in 250mm standing and underhand logs.

Southern youngster Mitch Direen, of Cygnet, took an early lead in both series, winning the 250mm underhand and 250mm standing handicaps.

Gowrie Park cousins Josh and Jesse Bakes were placed in both finals as well as

winning the 450mm double handed sawing handicap in open company, holding out the more experienced team of Daniel Beams and Kody Steers.

Launceston brothers Danny and Mitchell Arnold also had a good day at the show, with Danny winning the 250mm standing handicap final and Mitch taking out the 300mm underhand final as well as placing in a number of other events between them.

**Full results on Page 15.**