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Great Western Tiers Visitor Centre crowned State's best

THE GREAT WESTERN Tiers Visitor Centre was judged the best Visitor Centre Experience at the 2014 Tasmanian Tourism Awards (TTA) held in Hobart on the 7th November.

The award is the second TTA accolade for the Centre, which won the silver at the 2013 event.

Housing both Yarns Artwork in Silk and the Deloraine Folk Museum, the Centre is owned and operated by Meander Valley Council but without the effort of its dedicated staff and 43 fiercely proud volunteers it would just be another Visitor Centre.

Visitors are welcomed by locals who share their passion for the area and impart their knowledge about the spectacular gems on offer in the Meander Valley.

Mayor Craig Perkins said, "The Great Western Tiers Visitor Centre is consistently recognised by our visitors as providing very professional and knowledgeable service wrapped up with a genuine willingness to help and a memorable smile."



Great Western Tiers Visitor Centre staff member Julie Self with visitors
Photo by Chris Crerar

"When you get the opportunity to meet our great staff and wonderful volunteers, you think ... no wonder our Visitor Centre won this award!"

The service certainly sets the Centre apart from the rest but it is also its community focus, roving ambassadors, and arguably the best look in the North which separates it from the others.

"Congratulations must go to all the staff and volunteers for their contribution to the tourism industry."

To be acknowledged by winning this award is recognition well deserved," said Mayor Perkins.

Open seven days a week, 362 days a year, the Visitor Centre is located at 98-100 Emu Bay Road in Deloraine, the heart of Meander Valley.

Over 43,000 people visited during 2013/2014. The majority of these were from interstate or international visitors.

Submitted by the Meander Valley Council

Christmas recycling and garbage kerbside collection



COUNCIL WISHES to inform residents that the collection for garbage and recycling over the Christmas period will not change from the scheduled days.

Also, the Westbury and Deloraine refuse disposal sites and the Mole Creek transfer station will be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

Magnetic collection 2015 calendars will be delivered

across January and February 2015. If, at the end of February, you have not received yours, please contact Council and one will be sent out to you.

Council has received a number of queries as to the collection times for kerbside garbage and recycling. As a rule, the collection time for your garbage and recycling bins will be fairly consistent; however there are circumstances where the collection contractor may need or wish to change the collection time in your particular area.

The collection contractor is under no obligation to notify residents of a change in collection route or collection time, (only the day cannot change without extensive consultation) and is not compelled to revisit a residence due to the bins not being out when the collectors have passed by. So it is imperative that your bins are placed at the kerb by 6:00am on the collection day to ensure they will be emptied.

Submitted by Meander Valley Council

New Doctor at Medical Centre

DELORAINÉ MEDICAL Centre would like to welcome Dr Stephanie Hargreaves to the practice.

Dr Hargreaves will work between 9.00am and 5.00pm each day except Wednesday, when she will be there between 9.00am and 1.00pm.

Stephanie has worked and trained in Tasmania and she is a great addition to the Practice team.

As usual, new patients are welcome and will be bulk billed.



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Westbury Show grabs everyone's attention

Photos by Mike Moores

Main photo: Fly Ball dog shows how it's done
 Inserts: top - an example of what can be done with a chain saw; middle - the ever popular show jumping competition; bottom - Shar pei dog too cool to show excitement

THIS YEAR'S Westbury Show returned to its simpler roots and was a definite hit. The weather cooperated providing blue skies with lots of sun.

Committee President, Shannon Barwick, summed up her thoughts about the

Show: "I think the highlights were the kids corner with the free face painting and pony rides. The Taiko drumming on the main stage was fantastic with the interactive crowd. The Pet Lamb Competition was fierce with huge numbers competing.

The fancy dress lambs were a hoot, there are some serious lamb costume designers in the Meander Valley. The fly ball dogs were also fantastic and so exciting to watch.

David Rockliff and the Fairweather Friends had their share of 'groovers' singing

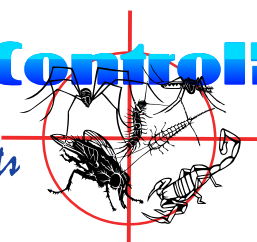
and dancing along on the main stage", added Shannon.

"Again, the number of entrants in the Show Jumping was massive and seemed to have people watching all day. The Yard Dog trials were fantastic and ran smoothly. The Draught Horses seemed to

draw a lot of attention also.

For the first time in a long time, I had a chance to have a look through the Home Industries section and was surprised by the amount and quality of the participant entries. The whole room looked fantastic!"

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Clippers out for cancer research

THERE WILL BE a buzz about the Christmas Hills Raspberry Farm Cafe at 9.00am on 16th of January as staff heads are shaved to raise funds for the Cancer Council.

They are aiming to raise \$5000 and are approaching the halfway mark. Some of the ladies will also donate their hair for wigs.

Cancer has touched the lives of each of those being shaved through watching the

battles of friends and family. Mary watched her best friend Leetz battle breast cancer last year and actually shaved Leetz's head during her chemotherapy.

This time Leetz will be shaving Mary's head.

Chef, Michael, saw his grandmother suffer with cancer. He is particularly interested in research into the effects of various diets in both the prevention of and recovery from cancer.

The Cancer Council Tasmania has endorsed the fundraising efforts at the Raspberry Farm.

While cutting off one's hair for charity is not something everybody is willing to do, the participants see it as something of a show of solidarity. Having watched others undergo essential treatment, a

side effect of which is hair-loss, it is a way to stand

alongside those who have no choice, while helping to raise funds for research.

The shave is shaping up as quite an event as spouses and friends take the clippers to the volunteers' heads. Donations to assist in reaching the target can be made at the Christmas Hills Raspberry Farm Cafe or by contacting The Cancer Council Tasmania.



Back - Trish and Michael; Front - Amber and Mary
Photo by Mike Moores

Making a splash

THE ROTARY CLUB of Deloraine has been running the Learn to Swim Program for almost 30 years as a free community service for the children of the Deloraine and district areas.

It is aimed at helping to save the lives of children who cannot swim sufficiently well to save themselves.

This year the program will operate from Monday 5th to Friday 16th January, with morning sessions from 10.00am to 1.15pm and afternoon sessions from 1.45pm to 3.45pm. Each class consists of a 30 minute lesson run by qualified instructors.

Lessons will take place at the Deloraine Public Pool, by the Meander River. Children must be over the age of five to be enrolled.

There is no cost for the lessons, but parents/guardians are advised to purchase rash vests and boys need to wear a proper bathing costume, not just shorts.

To enrol your child, you must attend the registration at the Deloraine Public Pool on Wednesday 31st December, 2014 between 10.00am and 3.45pm.

If you require any further information please contact Rotary's Learn-to-Swim co-ordinator, Gayle Gerrard, on 6362 3035 or 0407 875 756.

Brothers and sisters under the skin

ON FRIDAY 14th November the community's first interfaith dinner was held in honour of the International Day of Tolerance.

Over 60 people from around the Meander Valley, representing a broad range of faiths, gathered at the Deloraine Primary School Hall dressed in religious or cultural attire and bringing dishes representing their culture.

The tone of the evening was set by a video presentation on religious freedom. In the spirit of that message it was inspiring to see Christians, Muslims, Buddhists, Bhai's, Hindus and others sharing tables, breaking bread together and mingling in a spirit of friendship and mutual respect. Theological differences were set aside in favour of a celebration of common values.

Attendees were uplifted by the presentations and unified

by common values of faith, family and religious freedom. Many commented afterward that there was a special spirit at the gathering that continued to be felt at their regular worship services over the weekend. One couple commented that, "Tolerance had been lifted to a completely new level, not by talking about it but by doing it."

For an inspiring three minute video on religious freedom please go to <http://youtu.be/4h8W4sgpdoo>.

You don't have to be lonely at Christmas

THE COMBINED CHURCHES of the Meander Valley are issuing an open invitation to a Christmas Dinner to be held at 11.30am on Christmas Day in the Uniting Church Hall, Deloraine. Anyone who will be on their own over Christmas and lives in the Meander Valley can come.

Just contact Judy MacKenzie on 6491 1594 or email christmas@internode.on.net no later than 20th December (to allow the organisers to cater for everyone) to say you would like to

attend and you will be more than welcome.

When you reply to the invitation you can also book transport if getting to the Hall will be a problem.

The dinner is supported by local businesses and the turkey is always cooked at Deloraine Hospital's kitchens. Both the dinner and the transport will be free.

So, if you know someone who'll be alone, ask them if they would like some company and tell them about this. Or tell us, and we'll invite them.

Keeping the little ones occupied

FROM 18TH DECEMBER 2014 to 4th February 2015 Vonda Donovan and a team of educators will be running the local Outside School Hours and Vacation Care program. This is part of Centacare Childcare Services, catering for children aged 4 to 12 years, and operates out of Our Lady of Mercy School in Deloraine (OLOM).

All Meander Valley families are eligible to enrol and may also receive

the government Child Care Benefit.

The program operates between 8.00am and 6.00pm and is varied and fun with different activities each day. It includes a visit to Frog's Bakery, a day making mad mosaics, a celebration of Chinese New Year and an excursion to Tasmazia among many others.

A copy of the program and the booking form can be obtained by emailing ccs.admin@aohts.org.au or phoning the Administration office on 1300 119 455. Parents may also pick up the program

and booking sheet from Centacare's service at the school if they wish.

Bookings are essential and must be received by Monday, 15th December to ensure place availability.

During term time Centacare runs after school care from 3.00pm til 6.00pm covering OLOM plus Deloraine Primary, Mole Creek and Meander Valley Schools. A bus brings children up from the Deloraine Primary School but parents have to bring in the children from Mole Creek and Meander.

Events 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	Details
Saturday 13th December 7.15pm for 7.30pm	Opening of new cinema followed by film "Inside Llewyn Davis"	Little Theatre
Saturday 13th December 7.00pm - 9.00pm	Deloraine Carols by Candlelight	Deloraine River Bank
Saturday 13th December	Northern Hunt Club Christmas Trail Ride and BBQ	Dalness
Sunday 14th December	Birrlee Pony Club Rally Day	Birrlee
Monday, 15th December	Last day for booking Child care vacation services	See story above
Saturday 20th December	Northern Tasmanian Eventing Club Christmas Fun Day	Quercus Park
Thursday 25th December	Christmas Dinner at Deloraine Memorial Hall	See story above
Wednesday 31st December	Cut off date for enrolment for Learn to Swim program	See story above
Thursday 1st January	Tasmanian Turf Club Races	Longford
Monday 5th January	Learn to Swim program commences	See story above
Tuesday 6th to Thursday 8th January	Tasmanian Pony and Riders Club camp	Westbury
Saturday 10th January	Showing of WTFS film, "All Is Lost"	Little Theatre
Sunday 11th January	Northern Tasmanian Eventing Club ODE	Quercus Park
Friday 16th January	Head shaving at Christmas Hills Raspberry Farm	See above
Friday 16th January	Final date for submission of Rotary Tertiary Education grants	See page 13



Photos by Mike Moores

Something for everyone at the Deloraine Show

THE CHANGES made to the Deloraine & Districts Community Bank Deloraine Show this year have been hailed a success. The family friendly atmosphere and community feel made a day out for families that didn't need to cost a fortune.

The Animal Nursery was bright and colourful and had an area where children could sit and pat the small animals. The reptile display was

interactive and informative, drawing a big crowd at each presentation.

The community eating area was a great place for locals to catch up while being entertained by the Deloraine Big Band, a fashion parade or the displays in the Entertainment Arena.

There were lots of free and gold coin activities for children to be involved in such as gumboot tossing,

tug-of-war, a search and find activity, guess the weight of different animals, a ball pit, and needle in the haystack.

All the old favourites were there too and people spent a lot of time looking in Home Industries and at the animal exhibits.

The entertainment committee has already been seeking feedback and is planning to make next year's show even better.

Clockwise from main photo above: Ever-popular tug of war; A fun pony ride; Creating bubbles never goes out of style; A reassuring lick from mum in the cattle judging contest; Cody Cole, man-at-arms, enjoys a not-so-medieval dagwood dog; and jousting 15th century germanic style



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Profiles of past, present...

This is the third 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.

Made it...

IN 1984 WHEN Adam Egging left Deloraine High School he had, like most young people, no idea of what he wanted to do with his life.

Banking seemed a good idea at first but it took less than a year for him to discover that it wasn't, so he returned to college and, while studying, worked on a friend's parents' vineyards and found he had stumbled upon his vocation. He went on to Roseworthy, an agricultural college in South Australia from which he graduated as Dux Graduate in 1990.

His first job was in the Clare Valley with Eaglehawk to process vintage but he left when it was taken over by Mildara. To tide himself over he went to work in a liquor retail outlet and, as he said, "I was starting to wonder if I had done the right thing."

Then the phone rang and someone offered him a job in Tasmania. The Jansz Project was being started in North East Tasmania as a joint venture between Heemskerk Vineyards and famous

Champagne house Louis Roederer and the winemaker who was sent over from France wanted an assistant. Adam stayed there for two years until Roederer decided to pull out of Tassie.



He returned to Mildara as the Assistant Sparkling Winemaker of Yellowglen, based in Ballarat, rising to Sparkling Winemaker three years later and Group Sparkling Winemaker of Fosters two years after that. At the international Top 100 Wines Competition in 1997 three Australian sparkling wines made the top 100 – all three made by Adam.

After a couple of years at Rothbury he was hired by Taylors Wines and returned to the Clare Valley in 1999 where he has been ever since.

According to Taylor's website, "Adam's dedication to the craft, and passion for truly great wines was duly credited in 2006, when he was awarded Australian Winemaker of the Year by Winestate Magazine – and was a finalist again in 2007 and 2010!"

At this year's AWC Vienna awards where 12,352 wines from 1,885 producers from 40 nations were shown, Taylors Wines were named the best Australian Producer of the Year 2014 and were awarded the top ranking three star rating becoming one of only three wineries in Australia to win this accolade.

Says Adam: "I used to aspire to make the greatest wine on earth and, in truth, I still do".

For the wine industry Adam travels widely overseas and his team is now reaching out across Asia, central Europe and the Americas.

Not one to rest on his laurels, he is now doing an MBA at Adelaide University.

Adam lives with his partner, Cherry, three children, two cats and an annoying puppy called Monte.

...and future success

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.

...and making it

SARAH STEPHENS is a 21 year old indigenous woman who grew up in Mole Creek and attended Deloraine High School (Dux) completing Year 11 and 12 at Newstead College in 2010

She received an Indigenous Scholarship from the Department of Education and is in the final stages of a joint Bachelor of Mathematical Sciences/Bachelor of Educa-



tion at Federation University, Ballarat (with a high distinction average). Sarah started teaching during term four after her talent was spotted during practical placement and is excited to begin her teaching career.

While at University Sarah

has been a Pass leader (peer assisted study session) and is also student representative on the board of Faculty of Education and Arts.

She tells this story about who inspired her to become a teacher on her blog Teacher Tools & Tales

<https://www.retsim.com/ttt/>: ". . .there were two teachers who made a difference in my life. The first one I encountered in Year 8, and unfortunately he retired after that year. He was the teacher who made me fall in love with maths. ... The second teacher taught me Maths Methods in Year 11. After the first test, which I failed, I was ready to drop out. But his encouragement and the time he gave up ... led me to believe I can do anything I set my mind to. I just needed to work hard, and keep picking myself back up. ... the most important thing I gained was the belief in myself. And I knew that I wanted to do the same for others."

Sarah intends to spend the next few years teaching in Victoria. We wish Sarah well in her teaching career.

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The Canary Island Pyrethrum

By Nell Carr

THERE ARE SO many vegetables that can still be sown in December, although those which are frost tender and need a long time to maturity do run the risk of succumbing to an early frost.

Zucchini grow quickly if given plenty of water, and are harvested at the immature courgette stage, but potatoes and pumpkins (16-20 weeks) run the risk of destruction from an early frost.

If the Bureau of Meteorology warns of frosts then cover these plants with shade cloth, bags or old curtains the night before. Alternatively, hose off the frost in the morning before sun up,

as it is the moisture frozen in the cells, which expands and ruptures the cells when the sun falls on them, which causes the damage. Once the potato tops have dried up and lie on the tops of the rows, then they are quite safe. Potatoes should be hilled up regularly especially when the potatoes start to grow and are in danger of breaking through the soil surface. They can also be covered with a thick layer of straw. Choose only certified seed from reputable merchants, and if the seed is in small "chats", they may be sown whole. Larger seed may be extended by cutting each tuber into three, making sure there are at least

three "eyes" in each piece.

All of the brassicas, (cauliflower, Brussels sprouts and cabbages) like a heavily manured soil. Sow the seed in polystyrene boxes, and plant out in the evening. (To avoid wilting, cover with shade cloth when the sun is strong).

Carrots may be sown very sparsely but parsnips more lavishly, as their germination record is not very good. Choose a bed which has previously grown brassicas, as these have had plenty of manure. If manure is added with carrots or parsnips, the roots will divide.

Drought tolerant perennials. Plants which have silver or grey leaves such as Sant-



Canary Island Pyrethrum

olinas, Artemisias, and Verbascums are usually drought resistant. Tiny hairs on their leaves and stems capture any moisture in the air to assist in survival. Succulents with fleshy leaves such as the

Sedums are also very drought tolerant. The Canary Island Pyrethrum is a silver-leaved perennial which grows easily from cuttings. In November it bears a froth of tiny white daisies with yellow centres.

Pool safety and your responsibilities

DID YOU PURCHASE a portable swimming pool for your family this Christmas?

You are probably not aware but there is a good chance that you will need a permit from Council to erect the pool. More importantly you may also require a safety barrier around the pool.

As we know, pools are great fun but when they

are unsupervised they can also be a danger to children. Throughout Australia a number of regulatory controls have been developed to ensure the safety of pools in order to protect children.

A really good resource for information about pool safety is the Keep Watch website found at www.homepool-safety.com.au/

In Tasmania, state legislation states that a building permit and a pool safety barrier are required for any pool, spa, ornamental pond or any similar water body:

- larger than 9 square metres in area; or
- larger than 3.3 metres in diameter; and
- capable of retaining water to a depth of 300 millimetres.

Any constructed water body under this size but still capable of holding water to a depth of 300 millimetres does not require a building permit but it does require a pool safety barrier.

The regulations for the design, manufacture and erection pool safety barriers are quite complex.

There is an Australian Standard dedicated to the subject but it is recommend-

ed that you contact a certified pool fence supplier to confirm the requirements for your property.

You are also encouraged to contact Council's Development Services Department by phoning 6393 5300 if you have any questions or would like any further information.

Submitted by the Meander Valley Council



Bandicoots

By Sarah Lloyd

THE MEANDER VALLEY is fortunate enough to have suitable habitats for two species of bandicoot: the southern brown bandicoot, an inhabitant of open forest; and the eastern-barred bandicoot, an inhabitant of grassy areas.

Bandicoots are solitary animals with no social structure. Young bandicoots grow faster than any other marsupial and they can easily move into areas that most other native marsupials avoid. For instance, they can respond quickly to favourable conditions by reproducing rapidly and colonizing disturbed habitats such as areas regenerating after fire, rubbish tips and gardens in country towns. They eat just about anything they find so have a widely varied diet of invertebrates, underground fungi, grass, seeds and plant roots.

Given their opportunistic lifestyles, it is surprising that many species of bandicoots in Australia have declined or become extinct since European settlement. The wide scale clearing of native vegetation for pasture, the competition for food from introduced herbivores (including cattle, sheep and rabbits) and the removal of vegetation cover that protects them from predators and the sun have taken their toll. The presence of foxes sealed their fate in many areas of the Australian mainland.

Bandicoots' reproductive success is attributed to several factors. They have a complex placenta more like that of the placental mammals than other marsupials. Their fast growth rate is probably because their milk is richer than that of any other marsupial. By the end of lactation bandicoots' milk has 55% solids - richer than that of all other placental mammals except seals.



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Should I stay or should I go?

THE BUSHFIRE season is upon us once again and is arriving earlier each year.

While Tasmania's fire fighters are prepared to put themselves at risk fighting fires when they occur, individuals can, at least, ensure that they don't add to their burden by having a Bushfire Survival Plan in place well ahead of any conflagration.

Tasmania Fire Service Chief Officer Mike Brown said, "The devastating bushfire events of the 2013 summer are still fresh in the minds of many Tasmanians. I urge everyone to learn from those experiences to reduce the effects of future disasters.

If you live in or near bushland, you, your family, and your home are at risk."

Mr Brown emphasised that it is essential for people living in or near bushland to have a Bushfire Survival Plan which details exactly what preparation and what action they will take if threatened by bushfire.

He continued, "A well prepared home increases its chance of survival. The plan must be in writing, practiced regularly and take into consideration the ages and physical capabilities of everyone in your household, including children and the elderly."

A key question is: should you leave early,

or stay and defend your property?

People should decide well in advance of a bushfire whether they will leave or stay with their homes to defend them and this decision needs to be part of the Bushfire Survival Plan.

There are two safe options when threatened by bushfire: leaving early, well before the fire arrives, or staying and defending a well prepared property."

Remember, leaving early is always the safest option. Staying to defend property during a bushfire always carries some risk of injury or death. When the fire danger rating is 'catastrophic', you should not plan to defend your home under any circumstances.

Nevertheless, defending a well-prepared home is a reasonable choice if:

- it is well-prepared
- you are physically fit and emotionally prepared, and
- fire conditions are less than 'extreme'

Do not flee at the last minute.

Fire services know that many people don't make timely decisions about what they will do when bushfire threatens. They wait until the fire is very close before deciding what to do. When fires



A bushfire can be upon you before you know it

are burning under 'severe', 'extreme' or 'catastrophic' fire conditions, this can be fatal.

Most people who die in a bushfire are caught by the fire in the open, either in their car or on foot. Others are killed or seriously injured because they crashed in poor visibility when they left too late.

Mr Brown stresses, "it's very important you do not flee a bushfire at the last minute. If your home is well prepared it may be safer to protect yourself from radiant heat by sheltering inside for the time it takes for the fire to pass."

Nearby Safer Places

However, even the best plans can fail. You must identify a number of safe

places you can relocate to at very short notice if all else fails; that is, if you are caught unawares by a bushfire or your plan to defend your home fails. A nearby safer place could be a well prepared neighbour's home, or a nearby ploughed paddock, a sports ground or a beach.

You should only rely on these places as a last resort. And if you can't identify some nearby safe places, you must plan to leave early. Remember, leaving early is your safest option.

For further information and to download your Bushfire Survival Plan Booklet visit www.fire.tas.gov.au or free call 1800 000 699.



Clear gutters of flammable material

Computer terms 101 - pt. 3

By Alistair Carr

FIREWIRE (IEEE 1394)

This is similar to USB but not often used now as USB has become more universal.

May also be called i.LINK (Sony), and Lynx (Texas Instruments). It looks very similar to USB but instead of being rectangular the plug is like a squashed D shape.

It is important to not force a USB plug in to a Firewire socket or vice versa.

Firewire was mostly used in older digital stills and video cameras and specialist video editing equipment as it had much faster data transfer rates than the original USB speeds.

As with USB, Firewire devices can be hot plugged. That is, connected and disconnected from a computer without shutting down the computer.

VGA/D-SUB (Video Graphics Array)

This is the old standard (although still in use) for connecting a computer to a monitor or other display device. It only carries Video. The plug has 15 pins and is rectangular with leaning in sides (trapezoidal). It is held in place by two screws.

DVI (Digital Visual Interface)

A newer standard for

connecting a computer to a monitor that can send uncompressed video to a display screen, hence better display quality. Unlike D-SUB, DVI can also transmit audio in the same cable so long as you have the right hardware. It can also be used for playing High-Bandwidth digital content protected (HDCP) media like some DVDs and Blu ray disks; although both the computer video card or media player and the display device (TV or monitor) must support HDCP to play content protected by Digital



Rights Management (DRM).

The plug is fairly large and rectangular with rounded corners. Held in place by two screws.

HDMI (High-Definition Multimedia Interface)

The latest standard for both Video and Audio connection to a monitor, TV or other display device.

HDMI is now on most TVs and a lot of monitors and computers. If buying a new TV it is best to check it has at least one (preferably two or more) HDMI inputs for DVD and Blu-Ray players. With HDMI you can just connect the PC, DVD, Blu-Ray or other media player to a TV with one lead and you have both video and audio working. It's quick and simple to plug and unplug as it has no retaining screws.

HDMI is HDCP and DRM compliant.

PS2

The old standard for connecting mice and keyboards to a PC. Generally it has been phased out now as most keyboards and mice use USB to connect. The plug is a small round one with very easily bent pins.

Ports are normally colour coded. Purple for keyboard. Green for mouse. Not hot swappable. PS2 keyboards and mice have to be connected before turning on the computer.

Audio

Whilst audio is self-explanatory you may come across terms like 2.1, 5.1, 7.1 and surround sound.

A 2.1 audio system has two standard speakers (left and right like a stereo) and an additional speaker called a

sub-woofer. In this set up the two standard speakers carry all the normal audio frequencies whilst the sub-woofer (often shortened to just sub) is dedicated to the reproduction of low pitched audio frequencies known as bass.



The Sub is generally placed on the floor left or right of the screen, but it can be behind the listeners - "over the shoulder" - so to speak.

2.1 comes from two channels (L + R) plus a .1 for the sub.

When you hear a car or van going past playing that DOOF DOOF "music" you are hearing the Sub(s) thumping out the low frequencies.

5.1 surround (6 channel).

This consists of two front speakers (L and R) as above plus 2 surround speakers (left and right), a centre speaker often used for dialogue only, and a Sub.

The front and rear speakers are placed around the listeners (hence surround) with the centre speaker above or

below the screen. The sub is placed as per 2.1 audio.

The 5.1 surround sound system combines both surround and rear channel effects into the left and right back speakers.

www.sounddoctor.com/images/surround/2_master.gif shows an ideal 5.1 layout.

5.1 is used in a lot of cinemas and is also a common set up for home theatres.

7.1 surround (8 channel).

With 7.1 surround and rear channel, effects are split out to two extra speakers so you now have two front speakers, two surround speakers placed either side and slightly behind the audience and two back speakers behind the audience for added audio fill in and rear channel effects.

www.sounddoctor.com/images/surround/3_master.gif shows an ideal 7.1 set up.

Of course your computer, amplifier, TV or other audio source has to support 5.1 or 7.1 out, have the relevant output jacks and the media used must also have 5.1 or 7.1 audio on it.

2.1 can be used on anything with the usual stereo output, the frequency splitting is done by the circuitry in one of the speaker boxes or the sub box.

Taking a snappy photo for a newspaper

By Mike Moores & Sheila Ferguson

EACH MONTH we receive a number of stories with accompanying photos. Sadly, all too often, the pictures are unsuitable for various reasons and this article will try to set out points to bear in mind when taking shots that are intended for the paper.

First, make sure the image is sharp and not blurred. It is surprising how often this basic requirement is overlooked.

Secondly, if possible, avoid large group photos. These are fine for albums but of minimal interest to the paper as there is nothing about them to excite the reader. They are also difficult to write captions for as there are usually too many individuals to name. A picture with two or three people is fine given certain provisos set out below.

Thirdly, a good photo should be able to answer some of the question words:

Who? Why? When? Where? What?; but, more importantly, should draw the reader into wanting to read the story to find out the answers to the questions. Therefore if the shot contains a number of people or animals try to ensure that the subjects are involved in an activity or posed in a way that makes the viewer curious.

And, finally there's the aaaaww or aaahhh factor. They're pictures that capture

the attention because they evoke a warm fuzzy feeling.

Sometimes, of course, a straightforward photo that simply illustrates the subject of an article is perfect. A good example of this would be the pictures that we print each month from Sarah Lloyd in the features section. Sarah always writes about some form of Tasmanian fauna and accompanies each article with a clear shot of the animal concerned.

Below are some examples of good and bad shots, We're sure we don't have to point

out which are the good and which are the bad, the photos speak for themselves.

Another couple of important rules to remember when taking a photo (especially at an event like a Show). Don't be afraid to take a close-up. Sometimes being close can display more about the reason for the photo than standing back and trying to get too much in the frame.

And know your camera; if you know how to use your equipment properly you can then start to experiment and enhance your shots immensely.

Probably most important of all, enjoy your photography and have fun.

If you would like to learn more about news photography the Deloraine Online Access Centre does run occasional courses on this subject. You can ring 6362 3537 for information.



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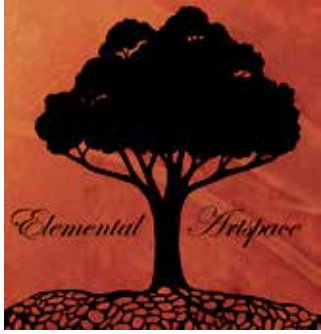
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Making Butter wins Award

CLARE HOLDER was this year's winner of the Acquisitive prize at the 2014 Meandering Art Exhibition official opening at Country Club Tasmania.

The artwork, titled Making Butter – Hagley Farm School captures the essence of this year's theme of 'Working Together'.

Ms Holder's work was one of 40 entries into the exhibition, the eighth consecutive celebration of Meander Valley through art.

Other recognised artworks included two featuring bees, well known for their industrious combined work ethic.

150 people attended the opening of the art exhibition last night. Mayor Craig Perkins was on hand to present

the major award.

This year only one theme was set for all entries and Mayor Perkins commented: "It is interesting to see how widely the theme 'Working Together' has been interpreted and how it has influenced the range of works.

The exhibition itself is the perfect example of the theme in action. Thanks must go to the Launceston Arts Society and the artists, Country Club Tasmania and the sponsors for making this year's event another success."

Meandering's main Acquisitive Prize (currently \$3,500) is provided by Council with five additional prizes from business sponsors.

Article submitted by Meander Valley Council

Film festival lands big crowd

By Todd Wilson

AFTER MONTHS of dreaming and a few weeks of frantic action by Ian Howard and Fraser Deeth, the Deloraine International Film Festival colourfully premiered with the screening of eleven short films.

The audience was entertained with an eclectic mix that included entries from as far afield as the Netherlands along with several very local productions. The event also included live music courtesy of the Deloraine Community Band, and the duet of Daniel Bicanski & Lasca Dry - also known as The Habits.

The judges looked at the originality, engagement, cinematography, scripting, sound & music, and performance of each film.

Without further ado the overall winners of the inaugural Deloraine International



Photo by David Deeth

Organisers (left to right) Ian Howard and Fraser Deeth open Deloraine's inaugural International Film Festival

Film Festival were:

'The Coveted Trout' Award was hooked by *Ingewikkeld*. 'The Salmon' was picked up by *Golden*. And 'Third Plaiice' was netted by *Once Upon a Pub*.

The three developmental prizes went to: *Dead Soul* and *Soundscape* - each winning Wide Angle Tasmania memberships for one year and Wide Angle Tasmania gear hire vouchers - and *The Unseen* which won a Studio Be gear hire voucher.

There was a People's Award too, which was voted on by the

audience. Two films tied for first place in the voting: *Frozen Stars* and *Golden*.

"Having a festival is a good way of attracting to and building upon what is already here," said Ian Howard after the screening.

"We like what has been happening in New Zealand with the film industry there. It's a big job creator and economic booster and Deloraine could be the spot where that could be done as well.

We'll be definitely aiming for a bigger and better festival for 2015, he said."



Acquisitive prize winner Clare Holder with Mayor Craig Perkins

Little Theatre in Hot Demand

By Deborah White, President WTFS

EVEN BEFORE the new Little Theatre Cinema has its opening night for the Western Tiers Film Society (WTFS) on 13th December, requests are coming in from other community groups keen to make use of the facility.

Beating the Film Society to the inaugural punch, the Deloraine International Film Festival provided a test run when it held its highly successful and innovative event in the Cinema on Sunday 23rd November.

Shortly, the first film in the Theatre for the Society, "Inside Llewyn Davis" will screen, with a mini-concert of local guitarists Rob van der Elst and Eddie Tuleja playing songs from the movie before-

hand, followed by a free glass of bubbly for members to go with the supper afterwards.

Once settled in, the WTFS will make the cinema available to groups such as U3A, Anzac Centenary Committee, and Film Schools.

WTFS is considering increasing its screenings to fortnightly sessions towards the second half of 2015. Deciding which night would suit a fortnightly program will be determined via a survey that is coming up in the New Year. This will allow new, existing and prospective members to indicate their preferences.

For enquiries regarding new memberships, renewals and the 13th December screening, contact westerntiersfilmsociety@gmail.com

2014 Award Winners	Artwork	Sponsor
Essence of the Valley	Judy Nelson Taking Care of Buzz-ness	6th Degrees (formerly Bullock Consulting)
Highly Commended	Lynne Hutchins Tending the Gardens - Entally Estate	Quamby Estate
Highly Commended	Margaret Baker "Hi Honey, I'm Home"	Deloraine & Districts Community Bank
Highly Commended	Phillip R. Austen Big Need - Big Task - Big Feed	Quadrant Super
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Local Government Election

The nine councillors elected at the recent Local Government Elections were officially declared at the November Council meeting - welcoming new faces: Tanya King, Rodney Youd and Deputy Mayor Michael Kelly and those re-elected: Deb White, Ian Mackenzie, Rodney Synfield and Andrew Connor. I was honoured to be re-elected as Mayor and we all look forward to continuing to represent the Meander Valley community for the next four years.

Meandering 2014

Council is the major sponsor for the Meandering Art Exhibition and I had the pleasure recently to be involved in the judging and launch of this year's event at Country Club Tasmania and was amazed at the high quality of work. The major prize went to Clare Holder for her pastel artwork titled, Making Butter - Hagley Farm School. The full exhibition of artworks is now on show at Country Club Tasmania until 15 February 2015. Everyone is welcome to come along and admission is free! Thanks must go to Bullock Consulting, Country Club Tasmania, Deloraine and Districts Bendigo Bank, the Launceston Arts Society, Quadrant Superannuation, and Quamby Estate for their generous sponsorship and support of this exhibition.

Lastly, the year has almost come to an end and I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and merry Christmas and look forward to a happy and prosperous New Year.

Mayor Craig Perkins



Council Updates

The signs they are a changing!

Westbury now has two new 'you beaut' public signs promoting itself to the world. Located at its Town Hall Car Park and Recreation Ground, these custom-made creations have been designed to reflect the historic nature of the town and to map its many attractions and services.

'As Tasmania's most recent Tidiest Town, it's perfect timing for Westbury to promote itself in this way. Even the backs of the signs have been made accessible for local notices and events,' said Mayor Craig Perkins. This project has been coordinated by Meander Valley Council with input from Westbury businesses and community organisations.



Mayor Craig Perkins and Councillor Tanya King with one of the new signs in Westbury.

Australia Day Celebrations

Council's annual Australia Day and Volunteer Awards celebration will be held at Country Club Tasmania on Monday, 26 January 2015. Everyone is welcome - come along and enjoy an afternoon of festivities. Details will be available in the January edition of Valley Views.



Christmas/New Year Office Closure

Council Offices at 26 Lyall Street, Westbury will close on Wednesday, 24 December 2014 at 1.00pm and re-open on Monday, 5 January 2015 at 8.30am.

Our Works Department will be operating a reduced works crew from midday Tuesday, 23 December 2014 until 7.30am Monday, 12 January 2015.

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Community News

Deloraine Swimming Pool

The pool is open for business and play! Located at West Parade, Deloraine - the main 20 metre outdoor pool is solar heated. There's a small children's paddling pool too. It's only \$2.00 for children under 16 and \$3.00 for adult entry. For details visit our website.

School Holiday Program - 27 and 29 January. Check our website for activity details.

Walking Groups

Walking in a group is motivating, a great way to meet new people and maintain a healthy heart. Everyone walks at their own pace, no pressure.

Deloraine Group meets at Deloraine House, Tuesdays and Thursdays 10.00am. Westbury Group meets at Westbury Health Centre, Sunday and Wednesday nights, 7.00pm. For details contact Deloraine House 6362 2678



Deloraine Walking Group going through their paces.

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Meandering 2014 Art Exhibition

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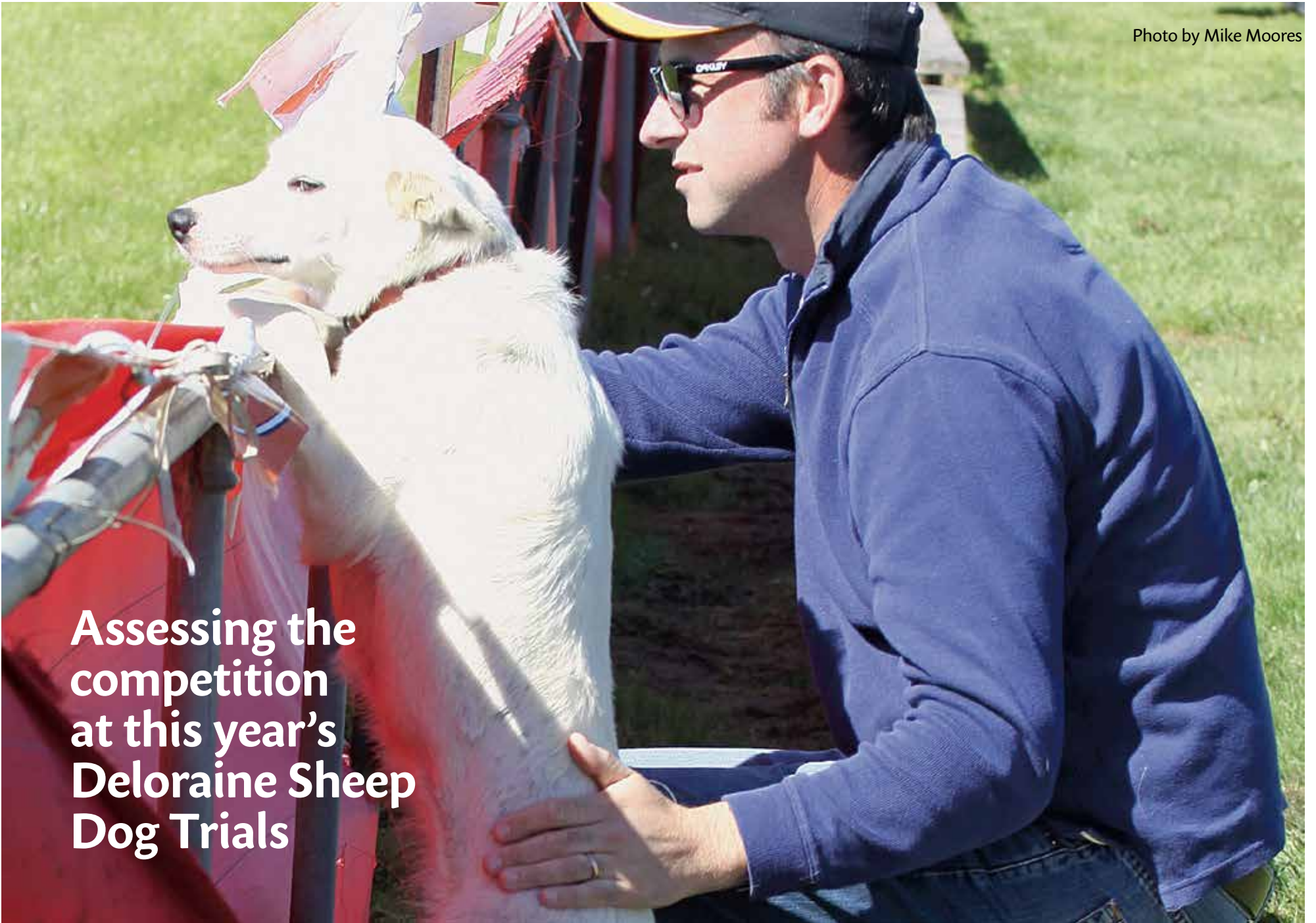


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Assessing the competition at this year's Deloraine Sheep Dog Trials

Getting into step with the rest of the World

By Sheila Ferguson

MENTION HEMP and the mind automatically jumps to "cannabis!" or "drugs!". But, like many plants, cannabis comes in a number of varieties. The chemical that makes cannabis psychoactive is called THC (tetra-hydrocannabinol). Industrial hemp seed is almost completely free of this chemical and therefore cannot be used as a recreational drug.

However, its legal status remains strange to say the least. It is quite legitimate to grow the seeds for use in things like cosmetics but illegal to

of hemp-based food.

For several years people like Phil Reader, who pioneered hemp seed production in the State, have been struggling to get this inconsistency straightened out. The Tasmanian Government has been supportive but, at Federal level, where the changes have to be made, bureaucrats seem to have left it in the "too hard" basket although the research confirms that hemp oil contains virtually no TNC and is quite safe.

Hemp has been grown throughout history. The oldest proof of human industry is a piece of hemp fabric from about 8000BC, found in Turkey. For thousands of years, pulped hemp stalk was the world's major source of paper. The original modern-day version of

The Bible, called the Gutenberg Bible, was printed in the 15th century on paper made from hemp.

England's fleet in the 17th and

18th centuries used vast volumes of hemp for ropes, sails and uniforms because it was strong and resistant to sea rot.

Uses for industrial hemp are manifold. It can be used in cosmetics, fashion, as biodiesel, as a substitute for petroleum in plastics production and, of course, as a healthy ingredient in food such as ice cream, bread and snack bars.

The hemp grown for fibre grows better in the warmer climate of Queensland and northern NSW but Tasmania is in the best latitude and has the optimum climate to grow hemp seed from which hemp oil is extracted. And it is with hemp seed that the problems arise.

Tim Schmidt, owns a 330 hectare property on the Red Hills Road near Deloraine

and is one of those trying to change the legal status of hemp seeds. Last year he planted a few hectares of the crop and found the results extremely satisfactory.

He was able to sell the whole crop with no difficulty and would like to plant more because, as he says "it's got a great future if only the bureaucrats could get themselves organised."



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Ricky Costello

They found Sunrise Trailers whilst searching online for business ideas and opportunities. After getting in touch with the owners and

confirming that Ricky's skills were sufficient, they went to view the business on the 19th November 2010 and by 10th December they were the new owners.

In February 2012 Sunrise Trailers relocated the busi-

ness into their current premises at 111 Emu Bay Road. This was a huge transition for the business, going from operating from a private

workshop with only a very few costs to a commercial property with a significant rise in overheads. After a shaky period in April 2012 after the GFC, they were given the offer to exhibit at Agfest that year, after which orders, quotes and sales increased, returning Sunrise Trailers to a profitable position.

Ricky and Michelle currently employ a staff of four and hope they will be able to expand the business over coming years so that they will be able to create more employment opportunities.

Their aim, as Tasmanian small business owners and operators, is to deliver outstanding customer service and satisfaction, and also to have high quality Tasmanian products with competitive low prices.

Photo by: Mike Moores

Community Bank® Scholarship again on offer ...

THE DELORAINE and Districts Community Bank® Branch is again offering a Tertiary Scholarship worth \$5,000 for a student attending university for the first time in 2015.

To be eligible students need to reside in the Meander Valley, demonstrate outstanding academic achievement and community involvement, and be able to show evidence of economic/social disadvantage or challenging circumstances that may prevent them undertaking further study.

The Scholarship is designed to assist with accommodation costs and/or other expenses directly related to study such as course fees,



Bendigo Bank Scholarship winners (L to R) Juleesa Smith (2013/14) and Hayley Purcell (2014)

materials and equipment such as textbooks, and tutoring. A second year of funding may also be available, subject to academic achievement.

Previous winners are Juleesa Smith, of Chudleigh, who has just completed her second year of dual Bachelor of Veterinary Biology and

... as is Deloraine Rotary's.

THE ROTARY CLUB of Deloraine invites those students commencing tertiary education in 2015 to submit applications for a Tertiary Scholarship being offered by the Club to the value of \$3,000.

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Written applications outlining academic record, intended study programme

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and other relevant information are to be forwarded to Vocational Service Director, Peter Griffin, by Friday 16th January, 2015.

Interviews of short-listed applicants will be held late January, early February 2015.

Please post applications to: Peter Griffin, 270 Dunorlan Road, Dunorlan 7304. For additional details, please call Peter on 0419 348 448.

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Researched by Wendy R Laing

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Mr. James Rattray's tender was accepted, and the contractor commenced work and expected to have the stand completed in time for the Easter meet. It would seat 350 people, and underneath would be a ladies, gentlemen's, stewards and weight rooms. There would also be a lunch room and a bar. It was understood that everyone who patronised it would have an uninterrupted view of the races from start to finish.

At the meet on the 8th

April 1890, visitors praised the handsome grandstand and spacious saddling paddock, although they were not quite completed.

On News Years Day, 1891 the race course was busy again with the annual Deloraine Athletic Club sports day. There were some delays before a few of the events while the officials rounded up the starters.

The Deloraine Band gave a great performance and helped pass the time between events. Mr. J. McCormack had a booth on the ground, and the bar and luncheon facilities in the now finished grandstand were very popular.... as were the betting stations.

IN 1899, A NORTH West Coast cricket team toured the North playing at Dunorlan, Deloraine, and Westbury.

At this time, cricket was played under very primitive conditions. There were no cement wickets and the grass ones were very rough. There were also problems with cricketers swearing and smoking while fielding.

The Deloraine football club was formed in 1894

and various junior football competitions were held at the race course ground between 1894 and 1929. Between 1902 and 1909 the Senior Football side won an incredible eight consecutive flags.

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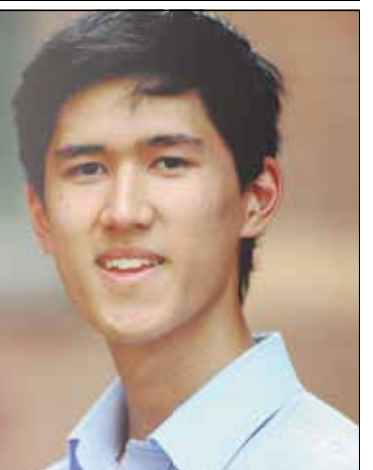
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SPORT

Charity Golf Day a huge hit...



at Country Club Tasmania



Story and photos by Danny Ross

Pictures clockwise from top left: Nelson Da Silva (Manager, Quamby Estate) tees off at the Country Club, three of the refreshment marquees set up on different holes around the course, and a well-earned rest for a tired Heath Garratt (General Manager, Tasmanian Walking Company)

FOR OVER 25 years the Country Club Tasmania has hosted one of the biggest charity events on the golfing calendar, the Country Club Tasmania/LAFM Charity Golf Day. Both the Country Club Tasmania and 7LA/LAFM have been the major sponsors of this event since its inception and hold the naming rights to the event; however Boags has also contributed to the day throughout this same period.

The Asthma Foundation was a beneficiary of the event for many years and then in 2006 the Tasmania Police Charity Trust was invited to be the beneficiary of the day. The big day has since been organised by the Tasmania

Police Charity Trust with the proceeds being shared with various charities including St. Giles, Heart for Kids and Give Me 5 for Kids.

In 2013 White Lion was invited to share the proceeds of the day. White Lion is an organisation that deals with disadvantaged youth and does its best to keep young people out of the justice system. The Tasmania Police Charity Trust's main focus is to assist disadvantaged Tasmanians, so both organisations have a common link.

The 2013 event raised approximately \$8000 which was shared equally between the two charities.

On Wednesday 12th November the 2014 event

took place with 37 teams of 4 players registered for the 4 Ball Ambrose event.

Prior to starting play at noon players were invited to partake in a sumptuous buffet style lunch in the Country Club's Links restaurant.

Once out on the course players were able to enjoy beverages during their round at any of the numerous marquees set up on several of the holes. These refreshment stops were manned by volunteers, with the free food and drinks being supplied by Boags (XXXX Gold mid-strength), Gatorade (donated by IGA) and water (donated by Schweppes) and, it must be said, they were all kept busy with the weather

being sunny and warm and conducive to some very good scoring.

The winning team for this year's event was Launceston Mitsubishi on 54.38. Each team member received a night's accommodation for 2 persons at Country Club Tasmania and a round of golf.

Second-placed team was Pacific Aluminium (Broad) on 54.50. Each player received a Hisense 120litre bar fridge valued at \$169 and donated by Scott Langford of Harvey Norman Electrical. Harvey Norman Electrical have been significant sponsors of the golf day and of the Tasmania Police Charity Trust since 2006.

The Third-placed team was Launceston Kitchen

Centre on 54.75. Each player received a Russell Hobbs Toaster (donated by Cripps Nubake) and tickets to the Hawthorn Premiership cups evening at Sporties Hotel on 13th November 2014.

As well as these prizes there were raffles drawn at the end of the day and a multitude of great prizes were distributed to the lucky winners. The Sponsor of the Day award was announced and the \$1,500 prize went to Island Batteries.

This year's event raised just over \$9,000.

If you would like any information about this annual event contact John Parker on 6777 3860 or email john.parker@police.tas.gov.au.