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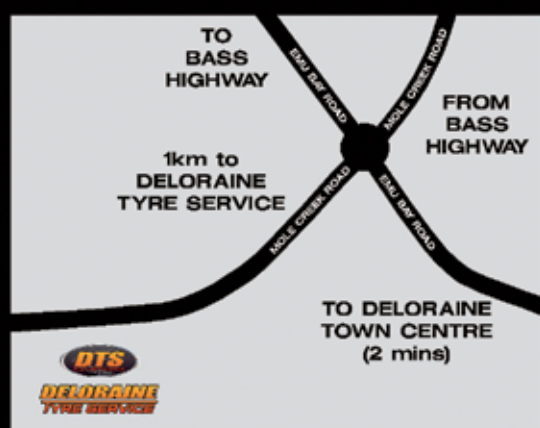
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DON'T TRY THIS AT HOME!

Most people steer well clear of bulls at the best of times. Few would think of sharing their food with one of them. But that's exactly what Elder Wilson, a Mormon Missionary, did with Rusty the bull at the recent Mormon Church Christmas party held in Exton.



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Clear vision key to future of Prospect Vale and Blackstone Heights

COUNCIL HAS now received the final structure plan for Prospect Vale and Blackstone Heights.

The document sets out a clear vision for the area, reflecting input from the community during the consultation period.

Population in the area is predicted to increase by an additional 1900 residents by 2031 - well above the state average. This will create a demand for an additional 1700 homes and presents a range of planning challenges.

"We know the area is expected to grow significantly", said Mayor Perkins. "The plan will help us manage the challenges that come with that growth, and identify new opportunities for investment."

Some of the issues raised by the community include:

- Providing a diversity of housing choices

- Creating commercial and retail opportunities to service an expanding community

- Developing new community focal points

- Creating a network of open space, pedestrian and cycling pathways

- Distributing road traffic to enhance safety

- Building on the area's environmental and scenic qualities.

Specifically, the plan addresses a new access road to Blackstone Heights; the availability of recreation grounds as Prospect Vale Park reaches its capacity; and opportunities for transition of Donalds Avenue and Westbury Roads from industrial to commercial over time.

It provides direction as to how to manage growth sustainably, guide investment in projects and community initiatives and it is a way to ensure amenity and function

of the area will improve when change does occur.

The vision also recognises the role Prospect Vale plays in the broader urban area of Launceston and is consistent with the recommendations within the Greater Launceston Plan. "It was really encouraging to see such strong community feedback", said Mayor Perkins.

"By listening to our community we've been able to create an integrated blueprint for development in the area over the next 10 to 20 years."

The Prospect Vale and Blackstone Heights structure plan is available on Council's website at www.meander.tas.gov.au.

For further enquiries please call Mayor Craig Perkins 0457 401 220

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We welcome contributions from all over the Meander Valley. Those living in Prospect Vale, Blackstone Heights, Travellers Rest and Hadspen are welcome to contact Sara via meandervalleysouth@gmail.com for assistance with story writing. For other areas, please contact our editor, Sheila, via editor@meandervalleygazette.com

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Hobart District Nursing Service celebrates first anniversary of hospice@HOME Project

IT IS ONE year since the launch of hospice@HOME (h@H) and Hobart District Nursing Service (HDNS) is excited to celebrate its success by announcing their win at the recent Tasmanian Aged Care Awards, receiving the Organisation award for 2014. The award recognised an organisation that demonstrates special or unique leadership, innovation and excellence within the sector.

h@H delivers wrap around packages of care developed in a unique manner that is fully inclusive of the client, their family, carers and the



Fiona Onslow state-wide Director of Care & Kim Macgowan Chief Executive, with their award

community in which they live. They are tailored to ensure that Tasmanians who would prefer to die at home are able to do so, and their priorities for care are known and appropriately communicated, with care delivered 24/7 365 days of the year.

h@H is providing services to clients in all corners of the

state. 85% of their clients are managed by the specialist palliative care service, and the h@H project is also brokering 45 existing service providers to provide extra services for their clients to support and enable them to stay in their own home.

To focus on increasing public awareness about the project, h@H are marking the anniversary with the launch of its advertising campaign and website at www.hospiceathome.org.au

For more information please call 1800 HOSPICE (1800 4677 423).

All referrals must go through TasCarepoint on 1300 769 699.

Bracknell grant

BRACKNELL PRIMARY School has been successful in securing a \$3000 grant through the Meander Valley council to complete a beach volleyball court.

This project will enable the school to integrate volleyball into the Health and Wellbeing program as well as providing a community venue for local teams.

Students who participate in the Outdoor Education program hope to complete the court in early 2015.

Meander Valley Gazette Schedule for 2015

Please find outlined below our advertising, editorial and distribution dates for part of 2015. If you are not receiving a copy of Meander Valley Gazette in the post, please email general@meandervalleygazette.com and we will check with our distribution team.

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March	16th Feb	20th Feb	6th - 13th Mar
April	23rd March	27th March	10th - 17th Apr
May	20th April	24th April	8th - 15th May
June	18th May	22nd May	5th - 12th June
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IT'S BEEN A HARD DAY'S NIGHT

Well done, Mr Klaus! Time now for a well-earned rest.

Photo by Mike Moores

When Santa came to Deloraine...

THE DELORAINE TRAIN Park area was awash with decorations and sunshine on Christmas Eve to herald Santa's very first picnic event. Families and friends relaxed in the riverside setting and enjoyed BYO food and festive music from the Launceston Railway Silver Band. Santa's elves led children's games and activities with the highlight being a giant 'Pass the Parcel'.

Santa arrived right on musical cue and delivered over 50 personalised presents that thrilled children and adults alike. These had been purchased by shoppers

at Deloraine outlets which then wrapped and delivered them in time for Santa's visit. Awards were also made to the best decorated house and shop window in Deloraine. These were won by Maureen and Graham at 121 Emu Bay Road and Vinnies of Deloraine.

The event's organiser, Megan Brinsmead, said "I am really delighted to see so many people here having Christmas fun. The idea and the setting has worked really well and I am sure we can build on this for an even bigger event next year."

The event was a Buy Local initiative created by the Meander Valley Business Association with support from Meander Valley Council and Tasmania Fire Service.

... and Hadspen

ON SATURDAY, 20th December at 2.00pm, Santa arrived on the fire truck at the Hadspen Lions Park and it was lovely to see how excited the young children were to see him and receive a couple of packets of lollies.

The Club did a free sausage sizzle for anyone who turned up and provided hot and cold drinks.

MV Primary School holiday program

MEANDER VALLEY Primary School's holiday program will run on Tuesday 27th and Thursday 29th January.

On 27th January children will visit the Devonport Aquatic and Bass Strait Maritime Museum. The bus will pick the children up at Westbury Health Centre at 9.00 am and Deloraine Visitors Centre at 9.15am.

They will return to Deloraine at 3.00pm and Westbury at 3.15pm. The cost will be \$10 per child.

On Thursday 29th January there will be sport with PCYC and Craft Day at Mole Creek Primary School between

9.00am and 3.00pm. Parents will need to provide their own transport for this and the cost will be \$5 per child.

Please contact Kylie Johns on 0400 780 189 to register or if you have any queries. Activity Consent forms and Annual Registration forms for 2015 can be downloaded from www.mvc.tas.gov.au or picked up from Meander Valley Council offices. Complete forms (1 per child, NOT 1 per family), with payment, should be returned to Council Offices by Wednesday 21st January by post (PO Box 102, Westbury 7303) or person at 26 Lyall Street, Westbury.

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All that jazz

By Ken LeFevre

JAZZ RETURNED in style to Deloraine in September with a riverside spree from the Big Band for the Deloraine Jazz Club.

A crowd of sixty or so enjoyed fine weather, their own picnics and a program of joyous music enhanced by the vocal talents

of Georgina Harvey.

As promised, the music continues - this time at a first-time venue for the D.J.C., in the spacious rooms of the Community Club, formerly known as the Senior Citizens Club.

Band leader Cameron Scott, on drums, will be joined by Simon Deeth, bass, Bill Ravenscroft, saxophone and flute, and Georgina, keyboard and vocals to make up

our very own Deloraine Jazz Quartet.

Georgina is a highly versatile singer and musician, being one of the operatic Three Divas as well as featuring in the more bluesy Falls Festival.

Come along in your dancing shoes as there is a great dance floor to strut your stuff on.

Hope to see you on 16th January at 7.30pm.

Wild Caves competition

IN OUR November issue we wrote about a competition run by Wild Cave Tours in Mole Creek to celebrate their 25th anniversary. Entrants were asked to answer, "How can the things humans do on the surface affect the caves and the underground environment?"

The prize of a trip for two was won by Heather Pendleton with her response:

"Caves are almost like mother nature's lungs; they filter everything that is deposited above ground, you can literally hear a cave breathe.

Deforestation and climate change causing a lack of rainfall or too much rainfall would affect the humidity as well as acidity which would disrupt an integral part of the bacteria levels that sustain and maintain the caves."

Thank you to all entrants.

Australia Day Events Round-Up

COMMUNITY MEMBERS are warmly invited to attend Meander Valley's Australia Day celebrations on Monday 26th January 2015.

Council will hold the function at Country Club Tasmania from 4.15 pm to 6.00 pm (followed by refreshments). It will include the presentation of Australia Day Awards to Citizen of the Year, Community Event of the Year and Sports Award. Volunteer

Recognition certificates will also be awarded and a Citizenship Ceremony held.

Entertainment will be provided by Rino and Jade Morea of Deloraine and there will be an opportunity to view the Meandering 2014 art exhibition and students' work from the Artists in Schools program.

If you would like to attend this event RSVP to Lisa on 6393 5317 by Wednesday 21st January, as seating is limited.

CHUDLEIGH WILL be holding its annual Australia Day breakfast from 8.00am to 10.30am.

The village will be dressed with bunting and balloons to welcome guests to a great celebration.

As with previous Chudleigh Australia Day breakfasts there will be a sumptuous meal starting with champagne and orange juice. Guests can work their way through cereals, yoghurt and fresh fruit then plow

into cooked delicacies that include Spanish scrambled eggs, maple baked beans with smoked ham, kedgeree and tasty potato bits as well as the usual bacon, sausage and egg.

In addition there will be a wide selection of lamingtons, muffins, Danish pastries, toast and local jams and honey.

It is arguably the best Aussie Day breakfast you are likely to have.

Price is \$15 per person and children under ten are free.

BETWEEN 8.00am and 2.00pm the Lions Club of Hadspen South Esk will be hosting a family fun day to celebrate Australia Day at the Hadspen Lions Park on the river bank at Hadspen.

There will be a large range of family activities including a display by the Carrick Girl Guides, Summerdale Scout Group doing geo-caching competition and display and face painting by Eileen.

AUSTRALIA DAY, 26th January 2015, head to Poatina for a free fun family day festival, 10.00am-5.00pm. Activities include, "The Great Wheelbarrow race", live music by "Despite Ben", sausage sizzle, face painting, balloon sculpting, animal nursery. A sustainability tour is a new event including permaculture and the new community garden, also a raised bed workshop by Urban Farming Tasmania. The flag raising ceremony will occur at the Chalet at 11.00am. Local business will be open

The Launceston YMCA will provide activities, including their famous Zorb Balls. The Hadspen Neighbourhood Watch will have a display with calendars available. Entertainment will be provided at the Poets Corner, with other fun activities on the day.

The National Anthem will be sung at 9.30am by local vocalist Michaela Young.

The Lions are also holding a Car Boot Sale on the day,

for hot food and drinks.

Faith in the Arts was hosted in Poatina from 4-5th January 2015. Christians who are artists gathered there from all over Australia to train, inspire and nurture up & coming artists. Disciplines included painting, drawing, printmaking, hot glass, jewellery making, dance, music, creative writing, poetry and cartooning.

The artists not only build on their skill but taste the journey of letting the arts influence how they express their faith and let their faith influence how

with the cost of each site being \$10.00. Site holders will be able to set up from 7.00a.m. Monies raised from this activity support Lions Community projects. To pre-book a car boot site, contact the Lions Club on: facebook.com/southeskions.

There will be traditional Aussie fare of Damper with bacon and eggs for breakfast, and sausages and hamburgers for lunch.

they express their art.

This holistic event recognised that different areas of our life cannot be kept in separate boxes and that integrity is important in all areas of our life.

Each day trainers gave four or five hours on their discipline.

Mornings were a gathering time which explored themes on deepening the creative journey. Evening's artists shared their journey either through display or performance. For more information go to poatinaarts.org.au

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
Friday 16th January 7.30pm	Jazz Deloraine	See above
Saturday 17th January 8.30am-12.30pm	Deloraine Farmers Market	See page 12
Monday 19th January	Women on the Move visit to Clarendon House	\$10 per head. Bookings essential. Phone 6362 2678
Tuesday 20th January 8.00am-10.30am	Cricket World Cup at Westbury	See page 16
Wednesday 21st January 12.00 noon-1.30pm	Paddle Safe session	see page 9
Friday 23rd January	Applications for Community Bank Scholarship closes	See December edition page 13
Wednesday 21st January 9.00am- 4.30pm	MV Youth Holiday Program - Rock Climbing	Contact Nate Austen 0427 543 365 to register
Tuesday 27th January	Deloraine House reopens to Public	
Tuesday 27th January	MV Primary School Holiday Program	See page 3
Tuesday 27th January 11.00am-1.00pm	MV Youth Holiday Program - Bike Mechanics	Contact Nate Austen 0427 543 365 to register
Tuesday 27th January	Broadband for Seniors recommences	contact Deloraine House 6362 2678 to arrange time
Wednesday 28th January 11.00am-1.00pm	MV Youth Holiday Program - Bike Mechanics	Contact Nate Austen 0427 543 365 to register
Wednesday 28th January 10.00am-12.00 noon	Deloraine Online Centre - Maintaining your computer	see page 5
Thursday 29th January 9.00am-3.00pm	MV Primary School Holiday Program	See page 3
Thursday 29th January 9.30am-3.30pm	MV Youth Holiday Program - Mountain Biking	Contact Nate Austen 0427 543 365 to register
Friday 30th January 10.00am-12.00 noon	Playgroup and Toy Library recommences	Phone Deloraine House 6362 2678
Saturday 31st January	Annual Vandenberg Transport Carrick Cup meeting	See page 16
Monday 2nd February 12.00 noon - 2.00pm	Eating with Friends recommences	\$5 per head. Bookings essential. Phone 6362 2678
Tuesday 3rd February 10.00a.-3.00pm	Spinners Group recommences	Bookings essential. Contact Gem on 6497 2064
Wednesday 4th February 10.00am-12.00 noon	Deloraine Online Centre - Maintaining your tablet	see page 5
Friday 6th February 7.30pm	The World Hissstory of Great Serpent Art exhibition	see page 10
Wednesday 11th February 10.00am-12.00 noon	Deloraine Online Centre - Understanding Facebook	see page 5
Saturday 14th February 7.30pm	WTFS film "Cloudburst"	Little Theatre

Cyclists push their limits during the Boxing Day Criterium Cup at Westbury
Photo by Mike Moores



The Road to Victory

Scope for improvement

THE RESEARCH TEAM at Scope, a disability service provider, is inviting adults with a disability (and/or their carers or support workers) to complete the survey/s available online at www.scopevic.org.au/scopesurveys

The Scope Outcomes Project is a national, multi-year project to test some surveys designed to measure the

outcomes associated with disability services and social inclusion, as experienced by people with disabilities in Australia. The project will result in surveys that can be used by organisations involved in providing disability services in the future.

Participation is voluntary and anonymous. No identifying information will be

collected and the project has ethics approval from Scope. The surveys are accessible to people with a wide range of abilities. There are standard and easy English versions of surveys and the website works with a range of assistive technologies.

If you have any queries, please contact the Scope research office on 9843 3000 or email research@scopevic.org.au

Come computing

ON WEDNESDAY 28th January from 10.00am to 12.00 noon Dale Geddes will take you on a tour of some computer mysteries.

Learn how to maintain your computer, inside and out, and how to perform a few simple fixes yourself rather than having to call "the man/woman" (or automated robot) every time something goes wrong.

On Wednesday 4th February between 10.00am and 12.00 noon, Dale will run a similar session for Tablets and Mobile phones. He will explain how to keep your Tablet/iPad or Mobile Phone running in optimum condition, what security measures are advisable and how to avoid dodgy apps.

On Wednesday 11th February between 10.00am and 12.00 noon, Jan Collett will share some of the wonders

of Facebook (the desktop version). In particular, how to get what you want on your newsfeed rather than what Facebook decides you should see. Jan will also assist you to review your privacy and security settings.

Computing Foundations is an introduction to computing course that runs over 11 weeks starting mid-February 2015 (please register your interest before end of January).

The course covers basic computer operation, word processing, spreadsheets internet and email. It's great for people who have been using a computer for a while but still don't feel confident. This course is available at both the Deloraine and Mole Creek Online Centres.

For more information or to book a place in one or all of the courses call 6362 3537 or email deloraine.oac@education.tas.gov.au

Practise, practise, practise

EX-L-ERATE
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EX-L-ERATE Learner Driver Mentoring aims to provide learner drivers in the Meander Valley with driving experience.

It is **not** a program to teach driving skills but to provide beginners with the driving practice required to obtain

a provisional licence and to offer road safety education to eligible community members, giving them the opportunity to obtain their drivers licence and have greater access to employment.

The program also aims to provide volunteer supervisory drivers with the opportunity of contributing to the community and individual needs.

There is no other such program providing this service to residents in the Meander Valley area.

Teena Hardinge will be working with the Westbury Community Centre to bring this service to the Valley so for more information in regards to being a mentor or learner driver please contact Teena on 0409 513 934 or email her at Teena.Hardinge@TL3.com.au



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All change!

By Sheila Ferguson

FROM THE beginning of the this school year Deloraine High School will come under new leadership. After eight years as Principal, Craig Brown left to go to Lilydale District School at the end of last year. "I've been here for eight years, I've done as much as I can do. The school needs to move forward and someone else can have the opportunity to take the next step. I really like Deloraine, I like the town, I like the School but I also don't want to stay too long. So when the opportunity came along I thought I should take it" he said.

Craig's been teaching since 1984 and sees education evolving to put a greater emphasis on individual student needs. He thinks the modern workforce needs different skills from those required in the past. For example, people need to be taught to solve problems and learn to be flexible and relate well with other people. This

last skill, he believes, used to be taught at home but this is often no longer the case and schools have taken over that role. However, he acknowledges that not every student will end up in a job where they are required to think independently or be creative, so subjects like the three Rs are still important. His goal is to try to ensure that students are taught a variety of skills so that, when they leave, they will have a range of options. He finds that, now, employers often want kids to write something by hand; so basic writing is still important.

He doesn't think that kids are smarter now than they were in the past but that they have a different kind of smartness. "They are much more open and more forthcoming. They can stand up in front of assembly and talk whereas 25 years ago they would have been much more reluctant to do so. To give their opinions and try to justify their reasons for saying that, is something that kids have developed." He believes this is a result of children

being encouraged nowadays to have their own opinions.

However, discipline has become much harder as less is imposed at home and schools have been expected to take up the slack. Craig says that only a small percentage cause problems; by and large parents are cooperative and all want the best for their children, although parents' ideas as to what is best and the schools' view may sometimes differ.

As far as bullying is concerned Craig doesn't think this is a big thing at the moment. "I think we've made good progress but you can't just do it and it's done; it's a thing you need to keep on top of," he said.

Several other staff members have also left the school including Toni Stephenson, Garan Lewis, Rory Mansell, Kellie Boyle and Hannah Papworth.

The new Principal will be Ben Frerk who comes from Exeter High School.

With such a new line-up Deloraine High will be truly making a fresh start in 2015.



Craig Brown farewells Deloraine.

Photo by Mike Moores



Barbara in her shop, Allsorts of Crafts

Photo by Mike Moores

Allsorts of...

A NEW STORE has opened in Deloraine called Allsorts of Crafts and sells just that - all sorts of crafts!

Its owner, Barbara Stubbings, came here from Canberra and her life was hectic settling in to a new home as well as opening a store with some exciting crafts just in time for Christmas.

As far as her plans for the future of the store are concerned, in addition to selling her own crafts, Barbara hopes to involve the community by providing shelf space for local craftspeople to offer their creations for sale. "There are already some wonderful crafts from Deloraine residents on the shelves and there is still room to add more" she says.


Barbara is also hoping to get more stock into the shop so that crafters can buy locally rather than having to travel to Launceston for supplies, so any suggestions would be appreciated.

In addition, there will be classes for children from 5 to 105 where they can, for example, learn card making and share ideas, do some scrapbooking or try knitting.

During the Christmas school holidays, the following classes are planned:

- Tuesdays, 10.00am for 5 - 10 year olds
- Wednesdays, 10.00am for 16 - 106 year olds
- Thursdays, 10.00am for 11 - 15 year olds

You will need to sign up for these classes as there is a limit of 8 at this stage.



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Computer terms 101 – part 4

By Alistair Carr

Personal Computer (or PC)

Most often used to describe a desktop PC that is not portable and requires a connection to mains power to work.

Laptop or Notebook

Used to describe a portable computer that has a battery of some sort for use for a few hours without mains power. Has a fold down lid with built in monitor. Diagonal screen sizes range from about 14 inch up to 15 or 17 inch size.

Netbook

These are just small notebooks generally with a screen size around 10 to 14 inch. Very portable due to their small size and light weight, but tend to be limited in usage because of their low power. Most netbooks do not have CD or DVD drives unlike full notebooks. Tablets are probably superseding these to some extent.

Tablet

These could also be called a PC as they are exactly that, just in a different form (so Tablet PC would be a good description). Tablets are single surface devices (normally referred to as a slate form factor) with no physical keyboard. Instead, everything is done via the touch screen, including typing. Most common brands would probably be the Samsung Galaxy Note and Galaxy Tab, Apple Ipad/Ipad Mini and Google Nexus, although I am seeing quite a few of the cheaper Pendo Pads around now. Screen sizes of these are normally around the 6 to 10 inch. Very limited connectivity due to lack of USB ports etc, but extremely portable, being very light, and battery life of around eight hours continuous normal use between charges (watching videos will affect this time). Some models even come with a built in 3g/4g mobile wireless SIM or mini SIM card slot so you can fit a phone or data SIM and have an internet

connection built in to the tablet.

As I mentioned SIM, I'd better explain that term. SIM stands for Subscriber Identity Module or Subscriber Identification Module and is the small rectangular card with a corner cut off that you fit to a mobile device - phone, tablet, mobile USB stick, mobile wireless hotspot - to authenticate and connect to a mobile wireless service. It has some embedded electronics that identify your device to the network provider so you can get access to their network. It also provides information to the provider about what services you can access. That is, phone and text messages (SMS), data or both.



2 in 1 Convertible Notebooks

There are a few of these around now like the Asus Transformer, Microsoft Surface Pro 3 and Lenovo Yoga 3 pro. These are basically a notebook or netbook style device that can be converted to a tablet style device. Various manufacturers have implemented the "transform" function in different ways.

With some like the Asus Transformer and Microsoft Surface Pro 3 the screen actually detaches from the keyboard base and becomes a stand-alone tablet device. With the Yoga 3 Pro and a few others the keyboard/screen hinge allows a full 180 degree fold so the keyboard portion is on the back of the screen out of the way. Yet others like the Fujitsu Lifebook T904 Convertible use a single central swivel hinge on the screen so it can spin 180 degrees to face

the other way and then folds down flat over the keyboard leaving the screen uppermost. ASUS have another convertible notebook called the TAIC-HI which has two screens, one either side of the screen frame. Use it as a normal notebook with physical keyboard when the screen is open or close the notebook to use the screen on top in slate form.

E-Reader

These look similar to Tablets but use a different technology for the screen often called E-Ink or electronic paper. They have some web browsing capability depending on model but are primarily aimed at displaying electronic books. The advantage of the E-Ink screen is it normally has no backlight (what makes a normal LCD computer screen viewable). As such, they are much more usable in bright conditions, but you cannot read them in the dark. For that you need an external light like a reading lamp. Kobo now has the Glo and Amazon has the Paperwhite which have built in front lights to allow the display to be read in the dark.

The E-Ink screens are much easier on your eyes compared to a normal computer screen. Mostly the screens are dark grey or black text on an off white background, although there are a few colour ones around now. Battery life can be days without a recharge. Some E-readers can also play audio books if you connect a set of headphones. Brands include Kobo and Amazon Kindle.

Screen sizes are around 6 inches to 8 inches. Depending on their internal storage and book file size they can store 1000's of books at once.

Most of the book retailers now offer the option to purchase electronic books and LINC Tasmania (State Library) offers the option of borrowing some of their books electronically.



Mirror, mirror. Two majestic eagles at Trowunna Wildlife Park almost mirror one another in this intriguing photo by Mike Moores.

Council now just a button away

MEANDER VALLEY residents can now access up-to-date council information via a free smartphone application.

The My Local Services app uses residents' addresses to provide a range of location specific information.

The app can send users notifications about local news, events, emergency alerts and, most importantly, when you need to put your bin out.

By choosing the Near Me option, users can find information on parks, reserves, events and more.

It also has a Report It option which gives people the ability to upload photos and report on issues requiring councils attention.

My Local Services is a specialist smart phone application developed by the Local Government Association of South Australia.

To download the free app, simply search My Local Services in the App store on iPhone or Google Play on your android

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Pardalotes

By Sarah Lloyd

PARDALOTES ARE diminutive birds. Though rarely seen, their breeding songs and contact calls are uttered repeatedly as they forage amongst the foliage of eucalypts. With their short, stout, partially notched bills, designed to peck substances off leaves, pardalotes are among the most specialised feeders in eucalypt forests and woodlands.

The foods they mostly seek are psyllid insects and an associated exudate called lerp.

Psyllids are sap-sucking insects associated with eucalypts. They exude a sweet sugary substance that hardens to form a protective covering known as lerp. Because lerp are rich in carbohydrate, they provide an important high energy food source for pardalotes, thornbills



Spotted Pardalote

and honeyeaters.

Tasmania has three pardalote species. The Striated Pardalote is migratory and returns to mainland Australia after breeding in Tasmania. Spotted and Forty-Spotted Pardalotes are residents, but the once widespread endemic Forty-spotted Pardalote is now confined to restricted pockets in the island's southeast.

All pardalotes are cavity nesters. Spotted Pardalotes nest in tunnels in the ground; Striated Pardalotes usually nest in tree hollows but also in steep banks, particularly riverbanks. Forty-spotted Pardalotes nest in hollows in trunks, branches, stumps, fence posts or fallen wood and occasionally in wall crevices or banks.

Spotted and Striated

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Pardalotes are common in the Meander Valley where, after breeding, they wander in search of lerp. In years when eucalypts don't flower or flower sporadically, outbreaks of lerp are also important sustenance for large honeyeaters that

aggressively defend the rich food source and chase away the tiny Pardalotes.

The unpredictability of lerp outbreaks and the difficulty in locating them away from their familiar home range can sometimes lead to mass mortality.

It's All About Discovering Your Own History

By Graham Brown

THE DELORAIN Family History centre situated in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at 153 Emu Bay Road, Deloraine, near the Mole Creek Road roundabout has had its most successful year ever.

By the end of November, there had been 458 patron visits including 43 visits by people coming into the centre for the first time to start researching their family histories.

Graham Brown, the centre director, commented on the excitement people feel as they connect with their ancestors and find out their details.

"It's always exciting to see the look on a patron's face when they make that first link backwards to a part of

their family they knew little about. One of our regular patrons not only found links backwards to the early 1700's, he also found a cousin living in New South Wales that he didn't know existed," he said.

"Almost every week he finds more details of his family tree both here and in Great Britain and literally bubbles with excitement at the new information he can now share with family members."

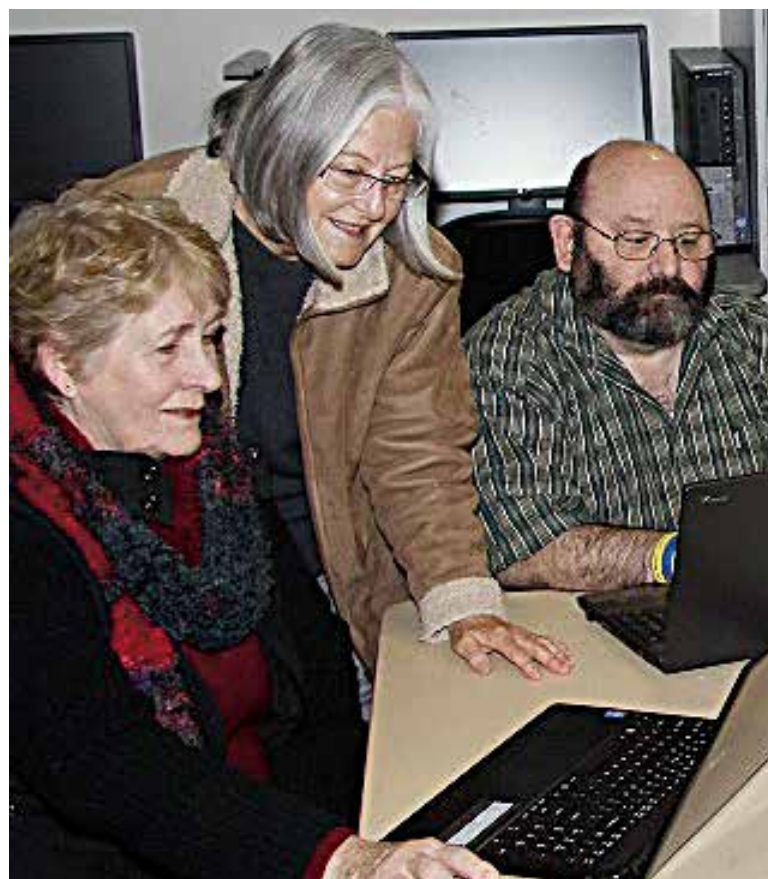
Free resources available at the centre are: Wi-Fi, access to Ancestry.com, FindMyPast, MyHeritage and the enormous online resources of FamilySearch.org. Links to the research resources of the State Library and other online sources such as the National Libraries "Trove" index of Australian newspapers are also available.

There are three computers and a microfilm/fiche reader available for patrons to use for their research.

Microfilms and fiches are available from the vast storage vaults of Familysearch for those areas of research where online resources are not yet available.

Assistance is available from friendly family history consultants whether you are a beginner or a more experienced researcher.

So if you want to learn how to research your family tree and don't know how or where to begin, come to the Centre, with whatever information you may already have, on Tuesdays from 9.30am to 3pm or call the Centre Director on 0429 447 222 for more details.



Researchers and Instructors (L to R) Beverly Scott, Phyllis Moores and Graham Brown

Recipes (an old favourite)

By Pauline Ross

THIS RECIPE comes from my husband who got it from his mother. It's a big cake with strong flavours and has always proved a hit with family and friends whenever served. It also freezes well, so you don't have to eat the whole cake straight away, you can save some for another day.

Pound Cake

Ingredients

500g butter
500g sugar
600g plain flour

1400g mixed fruit (sultanas, raisins, currants, glazed cherries)
75g almonds
3 teaspoons mixed spice
10 eggs
½ teaspoon Bi-carb of Soda

Method

Cream butter and eggs in a large mixing bowl.

Add eggs and mix thoroughly (electric hand blender works well). Add the flour (sifted), Soda and mixed spice and mix again until smooth and soft. When all is well combined add the fruit and almonds and mix thoroughly again.



I find a 5cm deep large roasting pan (27cm x 37cm approx.) the best dish for the cake. Grease the pan and line with baking paper before spooning the cake mixture into it. Use a spatula to smooth out the mixture.

You can place a few almonds around the top of the cake mix before placing it into the oven if you wish, even create a decorative pattern of nuts over the top of the cake.

Pre-heat the oven to

around 150C to 160C (not fan-forced).

Place the cake onto a tray in the centre of the oven and cook for about 1 hr 15 mins to 1 hr 30 mins, depending on your oven.

It is a good idea to turn the cake a couple of times during the cooking and use a skewer to keep checking whether or not it is done.

You may want to add a little fire to your cake by adding a dram or two of fine whisky to the mix but my husband never does, although he does say that a wee dram of Single Malt is a perfect accompaniment when having a slice of the finished cake.



Paddle safe this summer

DO YOU or your family paddle a recreational kayak or canoe? A Paddle Safe Program, has been developed to improve the knowledge and skills of paddlers who have had little or no formal training.

This free 90 minute session covers general water safety, weather reports, safety equipment and correct paddling techniques. A Paddle Safe Program will take place on the Meander River in Deloraine on Wednesday

21st January 2015 from 12.00 noon. Participants are encouraged to bring their own boats and life jackets, although some will be available.

To register, contact patrick.gambles@mvc.tas.gov.au or call 6393 5300. This opportunity is provided through a partnership between Marine and Safety Tasmania, Meander Valley Council and Surf Life Saving Tasmania.

Submitted by Meander Valley Council

Keep it short & to the point

IN DECEMBER'S edition we offered tips on how to take a photo that you may wish to see in the paper. This time we make a few suggestions on how to write an article you would like published.

Firstly, the most frequent mistake is to write too much. Aim to write about 300 words. The article may still be cut if space is limited, but at least you will be spared the agony of seeing your carefully crafted story heavily edited. Keep it short; keep it to the point.

So, what to leave out? If you are writing about an event (usually the case) then, as with photos, you need to answer the basic questions:

Who, why, when, where, and what? What is the event? When and where is it taking place? Who is organising it or who is present? And why is it taking place?

Omit non-essential words; adjectives are generally acceptable but adverbs are often unnecessary. Unsure about adjectives and adverbs? Read the article below. But even adverbs are preferable to similes. A simile is where two things are directly compared because they share a common feature. AS or LIKE can be used to compare the two things, for example: as cold AS a dog's nose.

Remember, keep it short:

They were busy – good
They were very busy – not so good, but better than:
They were as busy as bees in the summer.

Save yourself time. There is no need to write an essay and you are not aiming for literary excellence. Life stories, unless the subject of an article, would be better shared with close family and friends.

If the subject is an organisation or a group it is tempting to give a detailed description of its origins. This may be interesting, but, again, keep it to a minimum by letting the word count guide you. This article is 325 words.

Finally, newspaper editors are granted special dispensation to break the rules!

Revisiting good old grammar

ANYONE WHO has tried to make sense of instruction manuals written for goods from overseas will know how difficult it is to understand bad English. Good writing should be clear, simple and correct.

Fairly or not, people are often judged by the way they write, especially if there has been no face-to-face contact; such as with a job application. If your writing is full of grammatical errors it can create a negative impression.

This article is intended to cover some basic, but common, mistakes. There are many web sites that

explain grammar usage if more detail is required.

Let's start with what are called the parts of speech. These are the ingredients of a sentence and we'll only cover the four main parts: nouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs.

Nouns: are the names of things. Sometimes things you can see and touch, sometimes ideas, feelings or big things like countries or cities e.g. mother, Tom, Australia, happiness, theory, violence, particle, love, and cow.

Verbs: These are words used to describe an action e.g. walk, work, do. They

change depending on when the action takes place; so you have walked/are going to walk, worked/will be working, were doing/did, or used to believe/believes.

Adjectives: These words describe nouns. A *great* day, an *active* person, *hard* work.

Adverbs: These words are more difficult to define but, simply put, they express manner, place, time, or degree and add something to adjectives and verbs: she *gently* lifted the baby; *yesterday* I walked to the shops; I'm *very* sad that you are leaving.

Next month, the difference between *it's* and *its* will be explained.

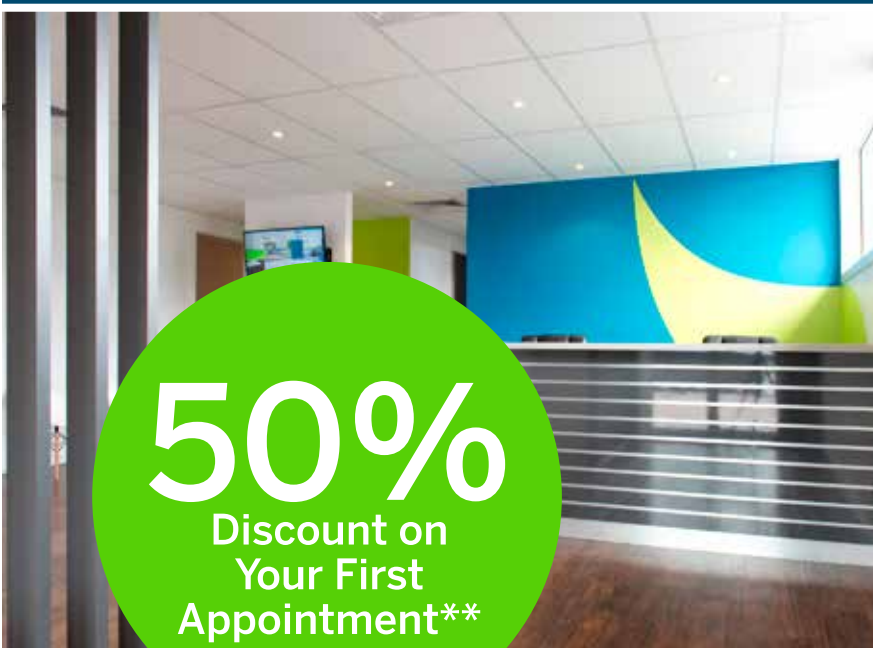


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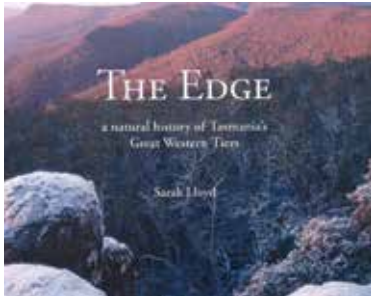
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Living life on the edge

The Edge
by Sarah Lloyd

Published by Friends of Jackey's Marsh



By Nell Carr

THE EDGE is a detailed description of the flora, fauna, geological origins and composition of the Great Western Tiers. This provides a diverse and unique habitat for numerous and fascinating flora, fauna, and fungi and forms the Northern ramparts of Tasmania's central plateau, and makes the southern backdrop to the plains of the Meander Valley.

Tasmanian geology has little in common with Mainland Australia, although both were part of the huge Gondwanan continent. The upheavals of the Jurassic age, with their resultant earthquakes and volcanoes, which caused the melting of the earth's crust, are believed to have resulted in the break up of Gondwana over millennia. The liquid magma from these upheavals "cooled and solidified to form a sill of dark-coloured rock, dolerite; the central plateau is believed to be the largest such sill in

the world." Tasmania, South Africa, and Antarctica are the only places where dolerite has been found to be such a major part of their geological composition.

The first Tasmanians were sustained by the vegetation and fauna of the Tiers - which the local indigenous community calls Kooparooa Niara, and, in her introductory verse, the writer Nunarng (Aunty Phyllis Pitchford), refers to them as "a natural living pantry, from plateau to forest floor."

Excerpts from the writings of European observers of the time are interspersed through the text, most notably those of George Augustus Robinson, who, despite his role in the exile and ultimate extirpation of these people, lived amongst them, and recorded so much of their means of sustenance, and their customs. "Various are the fungus that the natives eat, and all are known to them by different qualities which they possess, and all are known by different names" (1831, Cape Portland).

The book is lavishly illustrated with photographs, from the larger animals and birds to the tiniest invertebrates - mostly taken by Sarah, but the contributions of several others have been acknowledged.

Available at Seppenfelts and the Western Tiers Visitors Centre in Deloraine.

Cover photo by Rob Blakers



The spreading cheeseberry is an endemic plant common on dolerite mountains in sub-alpine areas
Photo by Sarah Lloyd

Having fun with s-s-s-snakes

By Cindy Watkins

AT THE ELEMENTAL Art-space at 7.30pm on Friday 6th February 2015, a unique exhibition will be displayed.

Every painting will feature snakes!

The World Hisssstory of Great Serpent Art exhibition by the Snake Artist will depict paintings which echo the styles of great masters such as Van Gogh, Dali, Michelangelo, Da Vinci and Whistler to name but a few.

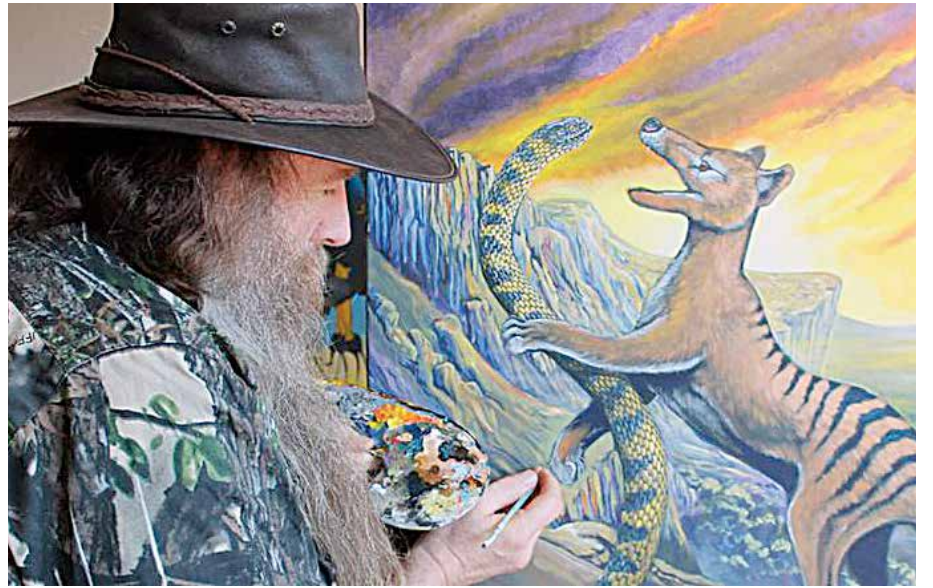
"While art often takes itself seriously, this exhibition is intended to be a light-hearted and fun view of snakes which form an important part of our eco-system" says the Snake Artist. "Art can often evoke deep emotions, why not the emotions of humour and laughter?"

The Snake Artist wants people to experience positive emotions while looking at snakes, to help dispel loathing of these important reptiles.

The Snake Artist, also known as Bill Flowers, is a wildlife artist and conservationist who has the tough sell of trying to change attitudes, enabling people to put aside their fear and hatred of snakes and learn to

to have such positive emotions while looking at pictures of snakes.

On the opening night Flowers will lead a tour around the gallery, talking about each painting and why he has painted it.



The Snake Artist, Bill Flowers, and his art

admire and understand the 'solar powered rat catchers', as he calls them.

"With a few small precautions, I believe humans and snakes can live together in peace."

The Exhibition is designed to make people smile or hopefully even laugh out loud. It is good therapy

This will be a golden opportunity for someone trying to get over their snake phobia to come along and have a few laughs.

It is also a great opportunity for snake enthusiasts to emerge, enjoy some snakey fellowship and trade snake tales.



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Valleyviews

January 2015

Mayor's Message

Happy New Year! January has rolled around again and with it a few milestones.

This time last year I was congratulating the staff and community for producing the first edition of the Meander Valley Gazette. On this occasion I am very pleased to be wishing the Gazette team a very happy first Birthday. It has been fantastic to see the growth of the paper over the last 12 months. It always contains a great mix of stories from across the municipality and now it is being delivered to all households in Meander Valley – a fantastic achievement in just a year! Well done to everyone involved.

2014 was another busy, challenging and rewarding year. No doubt this year will bring another set of challenges and, on behalf of Council, I look forward to representing your interests and working together to grow and strengthen our community.

In the 12 months we have produced Valley Views, we have included both Council and community news to keep you informed. In July last year, Council entered the world of social media. If you haven't already 'liked' us on Facebook or followed us on Twitter please do – it's another way we can keep you up-to-date with what's happening in Meander Valley.

And finally, I wish everyone a safe and prosperous 2015 and remember, if you have any comments about Valley Views or feedback on any Council-related matter, we are always pleased to hear from you.

Mayor Craig Perkins



Council Updates

Water quality tested for your peace of mind

Council will test the water quality at the four popular recreational swimming locations listed below until March 2015.

Testing is to ensure the water is safe for public use and most importantly, human health.

Meander River	Egmont Reserve, Birralee Rd, Westbury
Liffey River	The Esplanade, off Louisa St, Bracknell
South Esk River	Lions Park, off Main Street, Hadspen
Lake Trevallyn	Blackstone Park Dr, Off Kelsey Rd, Blackstone

Warnings will be issued, via signage on site and on our website and Facebook page, if necessary.

If you have any enquiries regarding Recreational Water Quality contact Council's Environmental Health Officers on 6393 5300



Lake Trevallyn at Blackstone Park

Ragwort mitigation

During January, Council is working with the State Government to address long-standing community concern over the widespread presence of ragwort in the Deloraine to Elizabeth Town area. In addition, Council is seeking the help of private landowners in the area, with ragwort, to join in with the clean-up.

For information contact Stuart Brownlea on 6393 5321.



Visitor Centre summer opening hours

From January to March the Great Western Tiers Visitor Centre's opening hours are extended to 8:00am to 6:00pm on weekdays and 9:00 am to 5:00pm on Saturday and Sunday. Don't worry if you arrive in Deloraine after hours, you will find accommodation, services and

emergency information available at the front window of the Visitor Centre to help you find your way.

Community News

Australia Day Celebrations



Monday 26 January 2015

Council's annual Australia Day and Volunteer Awards celebration will be held at Country Club Tasmania.

Enjoy an afternoon of festivities and great local entertainment. For full details, please see the main article in this month's Gazette or check our website.

The Rotary Club of Westbury's annual Australia Day Breakfast will start at 7.30am at the Westbury RSL Club opposite the Village Green. Entry is \$12 per person or \$25 for a family. Proceeds will go to supporting Mental Health initiatives for the Meander Valley Community.

Cricket World Cup is coming to Westbury!



Tuesday, 20 January 2015, 8.00am – 10.30am

Westbury Recreation Ground

Have your photo taken with the ICC Cricket World Cup Trophy, test your batting and bowling skills and show your support to the 14 nations competing in the ICC Cricket World Cup 2015.

Don't miss this rare opportunity to be involved when the Cricket World cup comes to Westbury. For further information about Trophy Tour locations or the ICC Cricket World Cup 2015, including ticket information visit www.cricketworldcup.com

Fire Season

Did you know, that if you are intending to light a fire to burn vegetation or for a similar purpose you must obtain a permit from the Tasmanian Fire Service? Details about the rules for fires during the permit period can be found at www.fire.tas.gov.au

Diary Dates

Cricket World Cup Tour - Westbury
Tuesday, 20 January 2015

Primary School Holiday Program
27 and 29 January. Visit our website for activity details.

3rd Rates Instalment due
Friday, 30 January 2015

Meandering 2014 Art Exhibition, Country Club Tas
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Markets

Westbury Market

Third Saturday of every month, Saturday, 17 January

Farmers' Market, Deloraine, Agricorp Car Park

'A community initiative'

Fortnightly, Saturday 17 and 31 January

Deloraine Market

First Saturday of every month, Saturday, 7 February

Liffey Valley Market

Second Saturday of every month, Saturday, 14 February



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Agriculture opportunity beckons for Tassie undergraduates

THERE IS STILL time for agriculture undergraduates to apply for the prestigious Horizon Scholarship before applications close at the end of next month.

According to its website: "The Horizon Scholarship has been developed to support the next generation of agricultural leaders, who will take up the challenge of farming for the future. It is for young people who are passionate about agriculture, with a keen interest in the future of our industries and who are ready to expand their networks and learn new skills."

The Scholarship is an initiative of the Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation that, in partnership with industry sponsors, supports undergraduates studying agriculture at university by providing:

- A bursary of \$5,000 per year for the duration of their degree

- Professional development workshops and mentoring
- Annual industry work placements that give students first-hand exposure to modern agricultural practices, and
- Opportunities to network and gain knowledge at a range of industry events.

Eligible students must be studying an agriculture-related degree, including but not limited to the fields of agricultural science, rural science, livestock and animal science, agribusiness, plant science, agricultural economics, resource management, sustainability and food security.

For more information about the Horizon Scholarship visit the RIRDC website www.rirdc.gov.au/horizon.

Applications close 5.00pm on 30th January 2015 with the winners being announced in March.

Look out, look up

TASNETWORKS AND agricultural safety group Proactive Agricultural Safety and Support (PASS) are reminding farmers and agricultural workers to be aware of the dangers posed by overhead powerlines. Together they have launched the Look Up, Look Out campaign which "seeks to educate customers about the dangers of overhead powerlines and precautions they can take to avoid serious injury - or even death - when they go about their day to day activities," according to TasNetworks CEO, Lance Balcombe. "The safety of staff and customers is TasNetworks' number one priority," he said.

"Awareness of the dangers of overhead powerlines is growing but every year we still have several near misses."

PASS was formed in 2007 to provide information to farmers and to stimulate safe practices on Tasmanian farms.

"Farmers, contractors and their service providers are highly skilled professionals and a scarce commodity," PASS chair Anne Taylor said. "We can't afford to lose any of them to foreseeable or preventable accidents.

Customers and members of the public are urged to report unsafe practices, fallen powerlines or any other dangerous situations, such as irrigation near powerlines, to TasNetworks' 24-hour emergency Fault Centre number, 13 2004.

"Look Up, Look Out

targets customers who own and operate irrigation equipment, operate heavy equipment such as excavators and all people in the farming community," Mr Balcombe said.

"But anyone can be affected whether they're fishing, flying a kite or moving tall objects like ladders."

Objects don't even need to touch power lines to cause a shock or fatality. It's everyone's responsibility to be safe around electricity. When you're working, driving or doing anything close to power lines - stop, look up and look out. Irrigation pipes, plant or machinery should NEVER be

Objects don't even need to touch power lines to cause a shock or fatality.

stored under power lines.

It is essential that people and equipment are kept at least three metres away from any overhead powerline to remove the real risk of electrocution and electric shock, power interruptions and also to prevent bushfires caused by fallen powerlines.

Never approach fallen powerlines.

In an emergency situation where someone or something does come into contact with power lines, customers should first call 000 then TasNetworks on 13 2004.

For more information contact Luke Edmunds on 0499 990 232 or TasNetworks media line on 6271 6271.



Alexander Madama from Uganda with this season's pick at the Christmas Hills Raspberry Farm

To market, to market

TASMANIA IS blessed with some of the finest food grown anywhere, with an abundance of enthusiastic producers. One consequence of modern life has been the disconnect that has occurred between food producers and the consumer. Farmers' markets give back that connection.

A 2010 inquiry for the Victorian Government found that farmers' markets offered valuable benefits to the community: a regular meeting place for growers and consumers; the opportunity for people to learn about seasonal produce; and the chance to find out how to cook foods not tried before.

Saturday 13th December 2014 saw the opening of the Deloraine Farmers' Market at the AgriCorp Pacific carpark. The Market is a not-for-profit

community group that aims to help local farmers and food producers develop ongoing relationships with consumers.

The market has started out on a shoestring, but is building up solid support from businesses and individuals who hope that the Market that will evolve into a regular hub of activity in Deloraine and become a part of communal life. Specific mention should go to Deloraine Bean Counter who paid for the road signage, graphic designer Carol McLean-Carr, and social media and marketing consultants Freya Su and Pearl Maya.

Organiser, Marion Curtain, said that a number of people have made cash donations which have made a big difference to the practicalities of setting up the Market.

There is still much to be

done. Growers and producers are being contacted and more formal funding opportunities sought. Says Ms Curtain, "Until this paperwork has been established, the familiar place, dates and times will be maintained."

"Ideally, the market can become a regular feature on the communal calendar and, perhaps, in the future, we can move to a weekly agenda. The Market, especially the stallholders, cannot continue without the enthusiastic and regular support of the community. On the flipside, we need to make sure we build a Market that addresses some of the needs for our community - it goes both ways."

The Deloraine Farmers' Market happens every fortnight starting this Saturday 17th January from 8.30am to 12.30pm. You can stay up to date with all of the happenings by following the Market on Facebook.



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Completing the cycle

By Sheila Ferguson

AFTER BEING unoccupied for almost two years, the Empire Hotel is once again open for business. It was bought by Mark Flanagan, his brother Terry (who owns Deloraine Equipment Hire) and James Squires (the licensee). Terry came here about five years ago and, after coming down for holidays, Mark also decided this was the place for him. The hotel will be managed by Virginia Griffith.

Since the place had been untenanted for so long, its return to business has been a gradual process. So the hotel has not so much opened as gradually come to life. However, it is now fully operational with only some cosmetic work required on some of the bedrooms.

Mark aims to set up the Hotel as a hub for cyclists from interstate. A keen cyclist himself, he says "Deloraine and Meander Valley generally have got a fabulous road network where you can get off the main road and ride through some spectacular landscape

which is suitable for all sorts of riders. If you want to ride flat roads you've got a nice bit of country round Westbury or you can come to Deloraine and Meander where there are more hills and it's a bit more challeng-



Mark Flanagan being served by Joel Squires
Photo by Mike Moores

ing. If you want to do some serious cycling, you can ride up to the Great Lakes or to Cradle Mountain."

Mark plans to target urban

professionals who want decent accommodation after a good day's ride.

Coincidentally, the site of the hotel used to be a bicycle factory manufacturing push-bikes which were exported to the Mainland.

Continuing the cycling theme the restaurant will be called "Cycles", a play on words reflecting the targeted market but also highlighting that it will offer dishes that are in season, thus representing the cycles of the year. The aim is to use as much local produce as possible.

Although catering primarily for interstate visitors, Mark and his partners very much want the hotel to be used by local residents. He sees no conflict between being a hotel for visitors while accommodating people living in the area.

The hotel will also be a casual live music venue. Joel Squires, the son of James, is a member of a popular local group called Element and they will be a regular feature. But other local musicians will also be performing there.

Instilling good habits early

By Sam Horsman, Business Principal, PJS Financial

IT'S NEVER too early to learn about the real benefits of saving and investing for the future. It can start with something as simple as the gift of a moneybox, coupled with some words of encouragement about how quickly small change can add up to a significant sum that the child can use towards a major purchase. Incentives can also be useful at this time in encouraging children to maintain a regular savings plan. Motivation in the form of rewards for saving is especially important for children who may be too young to grasp the concept of patience.

For example, helping them by offering to match their investment dollar for dollar or setting a deadline (Christmas or birthday) will inspire them to persevere with their goals. Explaining the value of taking the long view on savings is also worthwhile in helping children understand how a desire to spend \$5 on lollies today will affect their goal of having a new \$300 surfboard next summer. If you're planning to match their deposits, you can be firm and stipulate what your share can go towards.

A half and half approach often works well (for

example, half of the birthday money can be used at their discretion and the other half towards their long term goal) and will make the task less arduous. Above all, make children part of the process. Involve them, as much as is practically possible, in setting out their financial plan. A calendar or chart with targets they can mark off as they go is enough to begin with. Then ensure you provide encouragement along the way.

Parents and grandparents can also provide practical suggestions for children that will help them to increase their savings beyond what may be achievable through pocket money alone. Finding extra jobs they can do around

their home or in their local community – earning extra money by taking on some housework or gardening, a paper round or babysitting – will not only bring in welcome cash, it also helps children build a sense of independence so they're not always relying on mum and dad as their main source of funds.

Beyond the moneybox

Children, like adults, go through a series of life stages that dictate their financial goals and you can be there every step of the way as driving lessons and cars replace bikes, or new shoes are swapped for gap year holidays and the expense of further education and training. You can start from birth by setting up a separate savings account for them to which you contribute independently. It's also wise

to have a conversation with your children, because the goal posts will change over time and you want to make sure everyone is working towards a common purpose.

For example, you might decide to dedicate a savings account to cover your children's school and university fees. Your children's accounts can then be geared specifically towards youthful pursuits as part of an ongoing, holistic financial education that will set them up to achieve grown up goals like saving for a home of their own, professional development and starting a family. With the benefit of your wisdom and experience, your children will discover how easy it is to plan for a bright future by thinking ahead, setting realistic goals and making savings a family affair.

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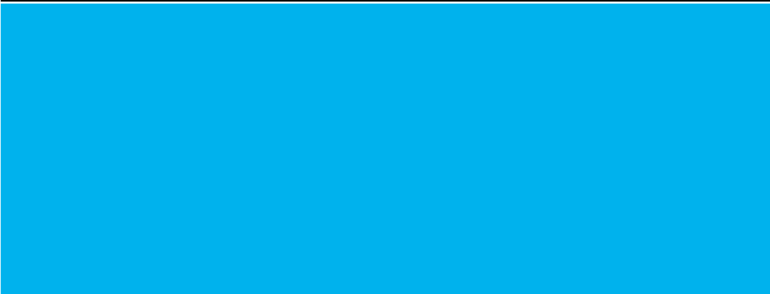
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ICC World Cup Trophy Coming to Westbury

By Danny Ross

MILLIONS OF CRICKET fans will have the chance to get up close and personal with the ICC Cricket World Cup trophy during national tours of Australia and New Zealand leading up to the event in 2015.

In Australia, the perpetual trophy will visit 65 towns and cities over three months.

A customised semi-trailer packed with World Cup information and activities will take the trophy around New Zealand, while in Australia an open-topped double decker bus has been specially kitted out to travel from city to city and even through the Outback.

Both tours will invite visitors to take part in fun cricket activities, get a photo with the trophy, enjoy

giveaways and maybe meet a World Cup legend. The trailer and the bus will carry special inflatable nets and speed guns to see how fast people can bowl and throw.

"We are taking the World Cup to the people," said ICC Cricket World Cup 2015 chief executive John Harnden. "We are working with local cricket clubs to create fun community events around both countries. This is a once in a generation opportunity to enjoy a World Cup in our countries and to inspire future generations of cricket players and fans."

The ICC Cricket World Cup is one of the biggest sporting events in the world and, in 2015, is being played across 14 host cities in Australia and New Zealand from 14th February to 29th March 2015.

The tournament will be bigger and better than ever before as the best players from the best nations come together to compete for the ultimate prize.

More than a million people are expected to attend matches and more than a billion to watch on television.

To celebrate the Cup's return, the ICC Cricket World Cup 2015 Trophy Tour will be visiting selected locations across Australia.

Seven locations were chosen in Tasmania with Westbury being one of the fortunate towns.

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Carrick comes alive with Pacing Under Saddle...



Pacing Under Saddle, one of the Cup Meeting attractions

By Sandra Rybarczyk

THE TOWNSHIP of Carrick will come alive on Saturday 31st January when the Carrick Park Pacing Club holds their Annual Vandenberg Transport Carrick Cup meeting. The club has planned a great day out for the entire family with many competitions and attractions organised for the day.

These include the very popular Fashions on the Field competitions with adults and children of all ages able to compete for the \$1,000 in cash and prizes.

If you would rather try something a bit more exciting there is the Tug of War competition where teams of five people will test their strength trying to win a \$500 first prize.

Well known thoroughbred trainers Mick Burles (the Cleaner) and Scott Brunton will be competing in the Celebrity Pony Race, which should provide plenty of entertainment for the spectators.

Special broadcaster for the day, Peter Gilligan, will call the races and add to the atmosphere.

Other attractions include

Pacing Under Saddle exhibition race, Pony trots, a dance display by the Bee Bop Dance Studio and a crayfish raffle. There will also be free face painting and a jumping castle, which will keep the kids amused for hours. And don't worry, the adults have been well taken care of with the very popular band "Ball and Chain" playing well into the night.

There promises to be something for all members of the family so head along to Carrick and enjoy the pacing action and have a great day.

...and Speedway under lights

By Yvonne Pope

SPEEDWAY NIGHTS are on again in Carrick and the action promises to be fast and furious. Old and new rivals will stamp their authority on what they call their playing field, where rules are pushed to the limit, in the hope of seeing the chequered flag wave as they cross the finish line.

There are many divisions, including open wheel (sprint cars, lightning sprints and formula 500s) and sedans (super, modified, street stock, AMCA, and juniors).

All the above are good to watch and bring their own

highlights to any race night but, without doubt, the "KINGS OF WINGS" (the sprint cars), the boys with the big toys, are the ones that make this sport worth watching. They are unpredictable as the pedal goes down and the power is passed through drivetrain to diff and onto the track.

A full list of race dates is available on the Carrick Speedway website.

The Carrick Speedway is situated in East Street and has good amenities, grandstands and a variety of food. The track is run by the Carrick Speedway Drivers Association and the

Tasmanian Formula 500 Association, together with a loyal group of volunteers and the local Lions Club.

Carrick is not the only venue available to watch these petrol-powered rev heads do their thing as there are tracks at Latrobe and Hobart so, once addicted, your weekends could be full of dirt and petrol fumes coupled with good times and an experience to tell your friends about.

Some dates to keep in mind are: 7th & 8th March is the South Pacific Sprint car Classic and 3rd - 4th April (Easter) is the Australian Modified Sedan Title.



Thrilling action at the Carrick Speedway

The best way to enjoy your night at the speedway is to go prepared as it can get quite cold on some

nights and don't forget your safety glasses to keep out the dust when the track dries off.