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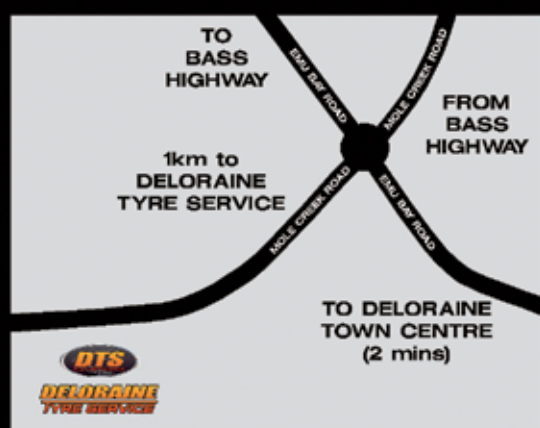
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Christmas Hills Raspberry Farm Café looked more like a barbers shop recently when staff shaved their heads to raise over \$5,000 for Cancer Research. The brave people are, from left to right Front: Amber Lefevere, Mary How, Trish Briggs, Mike Lambert. Back: Kiri Griffin.



They're Just All Good Eggs

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In My Opinion...

On Language

By: Joanne Eisemann

WHEN PUTTING together a newspaper, language and its use becomes a fairly frequent topic of conversation. We have heard, for instance, grumbles about the article 'Revisiting good old grammar' that appeared in the January edition.

I notice that everyone I speak with on this subject seems to have their own particular 'thing' they are pedantic about; whether it be spelling, the use of adjectives, certain words, phrases or punctuation.

For me it's Americanisms. I would like the language we use to have a few less of them. I refuse to use the word 'Hi' as a greeting and cringe every time someone refers to a group I'm involved with as 'you guys'.

My daughter has this too, but a little different. She doesn't mind being referred to as a guy in the plural but when her Dad teased her one day by calling her a 'guy' in the singular she did come in spinning.

I'm also glad that language evolves. English language today is now very different from ancient times.

Personally, I don't think I'd be that keen on speaking or writing Ye Olde English way.

In all, I enjoy the diversity of language in our community. As for the 'grumbles', well, that's diversity in action isn't it? TT4N (Ta ta for now).

On Littering

ON MY DAILY walks around the outskirts of Westbury, I am disappointed to see so much rubbish lining our roads.

The majority of this litter appears to be empty cans, and many of these are from alcohol. Because of the location of this rubbish, it would seem that it is being thrown from vehicles being driven through the area.

This shocks and frustrates me on two counts.

Firstly, after years of anti-litter campaigns and education, some people are happy to throw their rubbish onto our beautiful residential streets and countryside.

Secondly; are there still people willing to drink and drive after all the horror stories we see and hear on the news?

Nanette Steers
Westbury

Vinnies says "Farewell"

THE ST VINCENT de Paul Society has been a part of the Deloraine community for a number of years, operating their Vinnies centre to provide pre-loved clothing, household items, furniture and all sorts of interesting odds and ends.

Disappointingly, they are now leaving the Deloraine community as the lease on their current premises has not been renewed.

The doors will finally close on 11th February.

As they prepare to leave, Vinnie's wishes to thank all volunteers, past and present, who have so generously given of their time. It has helped so many people and without the volunteers, well, Vinnies wouldn't be Vinnies.

Thanks also goes to the wider community who have supported them in so many ways by donating items for resale, shopping at the store, emptying the collection bins, helping with the working bees, supporting fundraising events and generously including Vinnie's in the community.

It is a sad time for Vinnie's, but the hope is they'll be back. The Northern Regional Office will continue to provide support to those in need in the community.

Thank you, Sheila

IT IS WITH regret that we announce that Sheila Ferguson has resigned her position as News Editor of Meander Valley Gazette. Sheila has given an enormous amount of time & energy during the past year to assist Meander Valley Gazette become established. Thank you, Sheila.

We wish you well in your future endeavours!

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A Pool at Westbury? Jump right in, have your say

THE WESTBURY Pool group, which has been lobbying for a community pool at Westbury for some years, has engaged Moore Consulting (Burnie) to prepare a Business Case for a 25 metre heated indoor public pool at Westbury.

The Business Case follows on from a Feasibility Study (2013 -2014), undertaken by Lexie Brient, to dispute and rectify previous inaccurate, inadequate and misleading reports regarding swimming facilities for Westbury.

Westbury is the geographic centre of Meander Valley and the pool would serve the whole municipality. The Lobby group itself includes people outside of Westbury. Therefore, the name The Meander Valley (Westbury) Community Pool is being considered, as more appropriate than The Westbury Aquatic Centre.

The Business Case will be prepared in three stages: information gathering, information analysis, business case development.

The first stage will include consultation with local stakeholders - businesses, services, groups & individuals - and will begin almost immediately. A stakeholder is anyone who lives or works in Meander Valley municipality and could be affected by a pool in Westbury, especially any ratepayer or potential ratepayer.

Warren Moore wishes to consult with as many stakeholders as possible and to meet with anyone wishing to check out the situation or give their opinion. Whether you are for or against a pool doesn't matter. His contact details are: Warren Moore, Suite 4/26 Wilmot St, Burnie. Ph: 6432 1008, 0417 121 094 or email warren@mooreconsulting.com.au

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Main Photo: Descendants of the famed Jack Badcock, from left to right, Marilyn Atkins (daughter), Sarah and Archie Atkins (granddaughter and great grandson) Bevan Badcock (1st Cousin). Photo Top Left: Kallie and Isla (3) Westwood of Westbury with the Cricket World Cup; Middle Photo: Sam Cotton, Game Development Officer for Cricket Tas and Sophie Marston Age 9 of Westbury; Photo Bottom Left: Sam Cotton, of Cricket Tas and George O'Connor age 6. Photos by Mike Moores.

CELEBRATING PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE CHAMPIONS

WHEN JACK Badcock was at the top of his game he would never have thought cricket would evolve to its present megastar status. Or that he would be immortalised in a personal memorial strategically placed on Westbury cricket ground.

The ICC World Cup visiting Westbury on 20th January had special significance for his relatives.

Daughter, granddaughter, great grandson and 1st cousin (pictured above) all reflected upon the role their relative, Jack played in Australian First Class Cricket.

Jack was born in Exton, and was the second youngest player for Tasmania in first-class cricket at age 15. Jack played nineteen matches for Tasmania before transferring to South Australia

for whom he played till his early retirement in 1941. His highest score in first class cricket was 325 against Victoria in 1936.

Jack was also the first Tasmanian to reach a test century with 118 against England at the MCC in 1937.

Jack toured England with Donald Bradman in the 1938 Ashes Series. Donald Bradman described Badcock as

“a lovable and completely unspoiled personality – a great cricketer.”

Players from several junior cricket clubs came to have their photographs taken alongside the World Cup trophy.

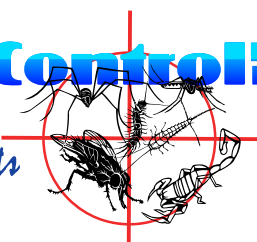
Sam Cotton, Cricket Development Officer, from Cricket Tasmania was on hand to give youngsters some handy tips on their bat

and ball skills.

Westbury was a natural choice for one of the seven Tasmanian towns chosen for the trophy's visit, with its cricket heritage and rich history in first class cricket. All attendees had the opportunity to have their photo taken with the cup. Weighing in at 12kgs, the cup is made of gold and silver and valued at around \$100,000.

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Left to Right: Ellis Shaw, Mayor Craig Perkins; Nick Weare of Deloraine Stringfest Tasmania, and Kim Brundle-Lawrence

Our Australia Day Champions

OUTSTANDING contributors recognised at Council's Australia Day celebrations.

Mrs Kim Brundle-Lawrence of Carrick, was named Citizen of the year at Meander Valley Council's annual Australia Day celebration.

Mrs Brundle-Lawrence was recognised for her outstanding contribution to the Meander Valley community through her voluntary work with organisations such as the Carrick Fire Brigade, and the Red Cross. Of particular note was her voluntary work in the Tasmanian Emergency Services.

Her dedication led

her to be one of only 4 interstate volunteers brought in to assist during the Black Saturday fires in Victoria.

Other awards presented included: Community Event of the year - awarded to first-time event, Deloraine Stringfest Tasmania; and the Sports award - awarded to Mr Ellis Shaw, of Whitemore, in recognition of his outstanding involvement with many of Meander Valley's sporting clubs over many decades.

On behalf of the Council, Mayor Craig Perkins also thanked the many volunteers who tirelessly volunteer their time throughout Meander Valley.

'Volunteering is an integral

part of any community,' said Mayor Perkins.

Volunteers who contributed either 1000 or 3000 hours or exceptional service to our community were recognised.

'To put those hours into perspective it would take someone 3 years volunteering 2 hours a day, 3 days a week to complete 1000 hours and 9 years to complete 3000 hours!

What an amazing job our volunteers do,' said Mayor Perkins.

A ceremony was also held to welcome six new Australian citizens.

Article submitted by Meander Valley Council

Reduce your Energy Bill

COUNCIL IS holding a number of energy efficiency workshops across the municipality in March.

The workshops titled Save Energy, Save Money, Improve Comfort will be run by energy auditors, Harkness Consulting Services, who advised Council on recent energy efficiency upgrades at three Council-owned buildings.

Meander Valley residents are already benefitting from \$226,000 of energy efficiency upgrades at the Great Western Tiers Visitor Centre, Deloraine Community Complex and Council Offices in Westbury thanks in part to funding received from the Australian Government.

'Not only are we seeing a significant reduction in energy use at our buildings, visitors and staff are benefitting from more comfortable

conditions,' Mayor Perkins said.

Council is constantly looking for ways to become more efficient and reduce costs to ensure that its buildings are sustainable and affordable. The upgrades have so far reduced energy use over the 6 months to December 2014 by 25% overall, and as much as 41% at the Community Complex, as compared to 2013.

'It is really clear that you can make a difference to your energy use through changes to lighting, insulation, draft proofing, hot water and other simple measures. We've learned some valuable lessons during this process and we are excited to be able to share those with our community,' said Mayor Perkins.

The workshops will outline simple measures that could help local residents save

\$200-\$300 per year on home energy bills.

Bookings are not required. Tea and coffee will be provided at the end of

each workshop.

To find out more about the workshops or the project, contact Craig Plaisted, Project Officer for Meander

Valley Council on 6393 5324 or email craig.plaisted@mvc.tas.gov.au.

Article submitted by Meander Valley Council

Location	Address	Date	Time
Westbury Council Offices	26 Lyall St Westbury	Monday, 2 March	7-8:30 pm
Deloraine Community Complex	5 Alveston Dr Deloraine	Tuesday, 3 March	1-2:30 pm
Deloraine Visitor Centre	98 Emu Bay Rd Deloraine	Tuesday, 3 March	7-8:30 pm
Chudleigh Memorial Hall	54 Sorell St Chudleigh	Saturday, 7 March	1-2:30 pm
Mole Creek Memorial Hall	Caveside Rd Mole Creek	Tuesday, 10 March	7-8:30 pm
Bracknell Memorial Hall	Louisa St Bracknell	Thursday, 12 March	7-8:30 pm
Meander Memorial Hall	Meander Rd Meander	Monday, 16 March	7-8:30 pm
Hadspen Memorial Centre	Clare St Hadspen	Tuesday, 17 March	7-8:30 pm

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 7th Feb, 7.00pm	Mystery Masque Ball	Deloraine Bowling Club, gold coin donation
Saturday 7th Feb, 2.00pm - 4.00pm	Westbury Garden Club Summer Flower Show	Westbury Town Hall, Admission \$2 Afternoon Tea \$5
Saturday 14th Feb	Liffey Market	Liffey
Saturday 14th Feb, 8.30am - 12.30pm	Deloraine Farmers Market	AgriCorp Carpark, Deloraine
Saturday 14th Feb, 7:30pm	Western Tiers Film Society "Cloudburst"	Little Theatre, Deloraine
Sunday 15th Feb	Deloraine Districts Pony Club One Day Event	Deloraine Showgrounds
Thursday 19th Feb, 7.00pm	Northern Hunt Club AGM	Westbury Showgrounds
Saturday 21st Feb	Rupertswood Farm Crop 'Poppy' Maze	Open weekends. More info: rupertswoodfarm.com
Saturday 21st Feb	Chudleigh Show	Chudleigh Showground
Saturday 21st Feb	Westbury Market	Westbury
Sunday 22nd Feb	Seed Savers Swap, Golden Valley	Brenda Goddard: 6369 5538
Wednesday 25th Feb, 7.00pm	Best Barista Competition	Deloraine Deli. Bookings: 6362 2127
Saturday 28th Feb, 8.30am - 12.30pm	Deloraine Farmers Market	AgriCorp Carpark, Deloraine
Saturday 28th Feb, 12.00pm - 9.00pm	A Day at the Creek	Music Festival Mole Creek. Info: adayatthecreek.com
Saturday 28th Feb, 1.00pm	Down by the Riverside	Deloraine Jazz Club, \$10
Saturday 7th March	Showground Market Deloraine	Deloraine Showgrounds
Friday 13th March, 2:30pm	Westbury Cup	Carrick Park Pacing Club
Saturday 14th March, 8.30am - 12.30pm	Deloraine Farmers Market	AgriCorp Carpark, Deloraine
Saturday 14th March, 9:30am - 9.00pm	Westbury Irish Festival	Westbury Village Green, westburyirishfestival.com.au
Saturday 14th March	Western Tiers Film Society "Calvary"	Little Theatre, Deloraine
Friday 20th March	'Welcome to Stringfest' Dinner	Deloraine RSL, Bookings Essential, Laura 0437 075 266
Saturday 21st March 1:30pm - 4.00pm	Garden Party and Fashion Parade	Rawson House Deloraine, Bookings 6362 2829



Bounties from Bendigo

COMMUNITY FUNDING Forum is on again for 2015.

Each year the Deloraine & Districts Community Bank® Branch conducts a Community Grants Program.

Under the Community Bank® model, the Branch supports the community by allocating funding from its company profits to eligible groups and organisations.

The 2015 program will be launched at a Community Funding Forum at 6.00pm on Wednesday 18th February at the Deloraine Community Complex, Alveston Drive, Deloraine.

Representatives of community groups and charitable organisations are invited to attend, to discover what defines an eligible charitable project, the role played by project partners and how to complete an application.

"Projects may be large or small, and carried out in collaboration with other groups or organisations at any level," says Lynn

Hayward, Chairperson of Meander Valley Financial Services Ltd, the locally-owned company which operates the Community Bank®.

To date MVFSL has returned over \$700,000 to the Meander Valley community. Grant recipients in 2014 included the Bracknell Community Gym, Deloraine Rotary Club, Meander Valley U3A, Westbury Agricultural Society, Western Tiers Film Society and Mole Creek Caving Club.

Grants are administered by the Community Enterprise Foundation™ which is the philanthropic arm of the Bendigo and Adelaide Bank. On-line applications will open on Wednesday 4th March and close on Wednesday 1st April 2015.

More information about the Community Enterprise Foundation™ and grant applications can be found at <http://www.bendigobank.com.au/foundation/about-us/index.asp>.

It's Tucker Time at Chudleigh!

A BREAKFAST at Chudleigh Memorial Hall on Australia Day. People from as far away as Launceston, made up the crowd of more than 350 attendees.

Their bellies were filled from a vast selection of fast breaking delights such

as sausages, scrambled eggs, fried eggs, kedgeree, mexican eggs, potato patties, bacon, cereal, fruit, pastries, toast, tea, coffee with champagne or orange juice on arrival. The weather was beautiful and the company even better.

Top Left: some of the master chefs; L-R: Neon Ritchie, Dennis Crowden, Belinda Motton, Paul Ager. Top Right: Gerrard Gelston from Dunorlan gets into the spirit of the day. Bottom; L-R: Harry Grainger, Carole, Helen and John Tracey, and Mavis Granger all of Deloraine.



Photos by Mike Moores

SHOW TIME

- 6:00 am Sheep Dog Trials
- 7:30 am Horses
- 8:00 am Beef and Dairy Cattle, Home Industries
- 9:00 am Sheep
- 10:00 am Entertainment, Vintage Cars and Motorcycles
- 10:30 am Pets Parade, Kids Activities
- 10:45 am Men's Muffin Competition
- 11:00 am Vintage Tractors, Wood Chopping
- 12:30 pm Chudleigh Cup
- 1:00 pm Show Opened by ABC Breakfast host Belinda King. Grand Parade.

2015 CHUDLEIGH SHOW

Saturday, February 21

Our other main event this year is the CopRice Sheepdog Trial Finals. Come along and watch the best in Tasmania compete for a spot in the State final being judged by Australian champion Malcolm Taylor. The trials will be held across the road from the show grounds on Jones Street.



Entry:
 Adults: \$10.00 Children: 13-16 \$2.00
 2 Adults & 2 children: \$20.00



Bike Mechanic Nolan Fox with Daniel Berryman (14)

Junior Mechanics Make Better Bicycles

NATE AUSTEN from Westbury Community Health Centre has equipped and stocked a bicycle recycling workshop (in an old shipping container) using funds from Medicare Local's What's your Big Idea? Program for Primary Health.

The project is called Resource Cycles.

Nate has gathered a team of bicycle mechanics, volunteers and enthusiastic young people recruited through school

holiday programs and an in-school bike repair project.

Four Bike Mechanic sessions were held as part of the Meander Valley Council School Holiday Program, that tested the workshop to the limit.

Tutors were kept busy, bikes maintained, pulled to pieces to make new projects and bikes restored ready for resale to help fund the project.

'The project is cranking. We have been

inundated with bikes through donations and are slowly working through them to repair or restore them for possible purchase within the community,' he says.

Resource Cycles hopes to build on the success of establishing the bicycle workshop, by getting more people involved, more schools involved and being innovative with the bikes that are possibly beyond their use-by-date. One community group has sourced some parts to build a rickshaw.

'We hope to truly build the workshop into a community resource that can support the engagement and mentoring of young people, the supply of recycled bicycles, the transformation of metal waste and generally a hub for tinkerers of all kind,' comments Nate.

Currently the workshop lives in Deloraine, but as soon as funds allow, will be trucked to Mole Creek or Prospect Vale to hold Bike mechanics sessions in those areas.

Look out for them at the Deloraine Showground Market in the near future.

If you would like to get involved or have some spare storage space you could offer the project, contact Nate Austen 6701 2156 or email nathan.austen@dhhs.tas.gov.au

The Quest for the Best Barista in Meander Valley



WHO IS the best barista in the Meander Valley?

A Best Barista competition has been organised to find out who can lay claim to the title.

The competition is aimed at making Deloraine and districts a "serious coffee destination" for tourists and locals alike, as well as a way to reward the best coffee makers.

Tim Jarosz and Stu Grant of Ritual Coffee will judge local baristas on their expertise in making one cappuccino and one latte. Appearance, taste, technical skills and understanding of coffee will all being taken into account.

The best barista will receive a prize of \$350 and the runner-up a prize of \$150, both provided by the Rotary Club of Deloraine.

The competition will take place at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 25th February at the Deloraine Deli.

Friends and family of the competing baristas are encouraged to come along to the event. The Deli will be putting on a special pasta meal and glass of wine for \$30.

To book for yourself or a table, call Barb or Grant at the Deli on 6362 2127. Please RSVP by 18th February.

For barista entry and enquiries, ring Tim on 0428 237 078.

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A DAY AT THE CREEK With the Wolfe Brothers

THE SEVENTH 'A Day At the Creek' music festival will be held in the grounds of the Mole Creek Hotel, Saturday February 28th from 12 noon until 9pm.

Headlining the day will be Tassie's own Wolfe Brothers, returning again after their last year's enormous reception.

Mole Creek Hotel Proprietors and music promoters, Doug & Ramona Westbrook are getting really excited about this year's festival, which appeals to all ages, has a beautiful setting, and is positioned on the calendar when few other major events are on.

The band line up will be: Headlining band - the Wolfe Brothers - they have taken Australia by storm.

Boil Up - a Hobart-based big band with a Polynesian Reggae flavour to their music.

Motor Road - from Launceston. Another big band sound with a Country Rock influence.

The Firm - an original ADATC No.1 favourite! Hobart-based with years

of Pub band experience - legends all.

Stretch Kerwin - from Brisbane & part of the Foster Bros line-up. Sings with Jon English & Peter Cupples. Another music legend.

Big Dave Hawkins - from Cressy. Sang at Tamworth and won a few awards. Awesome local Country Rock singer.

Kelvin Youd & Greame - former members of the Urban Outlaws. These two great performers have ways and means to get you up and dancing.

3 Legged Dog - one of the original ADATC line-up. They sing their own songs plus covers, with a slightly heavy sound.

The music will start on Friday evening with a warm Jam for some of the band members out the back beer garden and then again on Sunday with a Big BBQ and a warming-down for the bands.

There will be plenty of food and drink stalls available, a Jumping Castle and Face



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All bus prices will be \$20 return. For more info call Mole Creek Hotel 6363 1102 or www.adayatthecreek.com

Real Men Make Muffins

THE CHUDLEIGH Show is on 21st Feb at the Chudleigh Showgrounds. One of the attractions is the Mens Muffin Making Competition

This is from their website: "Every year some of our more domesticated men participate in the Chudleigh Show Men's Muffin Baking competition. Our esteemed former president, John Dare, has managed to win many of the competitions. Many believe his success is due to 'creative persuasion (\$\$)!' Well, last year, despite

John's best efforts at persuading the judges, the Bennett family walked away with the top prizes.

Now, apparently, there are rules that apply to this competition:

- You must be a man
- You must cook the muffins yourself
- You must cook the muffins on the night prior to the show
- Training is legal, however, considered sissy

And then there are the 'deal clinchers' (also consid-

ered sissy ... but apparently the ladies reckon these help):

- Put them in one of those paper cup thingies...?
- Make them look 'shiny' (tip: polish/varnish doesn't work!)
- Stick something out the top which indicates the theme of the muffin (e.g. blueberry, cinnamon, 'Unsafe for Human Consumption' sign).

So there you have it, a competition for 'blokes' who can plan ahead, practice, cook, know what a 'theme' means ... yeah right!!"

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Grant Ward of Deloraine Deli contemplates a muffin recipe for a possible entry in the Mens Muffin Baking Competition

Computer Operating Systems : Don't Miss the Ride!

By Alistair Carr

A BRIEF description

The operating system is software that is installed to a computer, mobile phone, tablet or other device that manages how the hardware of the device works, how other software interacts with that hardware and allows some sort of user interaction or input.

Windows

This is the operating system that most people will be familiar with and has gone through numerous changes since Windows MS-DOS was introduced in 1981. Today, Windows 8.1 is the current version, although a lot of people are still using Windows 7 and Windows XP.

Please note, Microsoft Office is not an operating system. Windows is by far the most dominant operating system in use on personal computers and notebooks.

Windows 10 is in late stage development (Microsoft have skipped 9 for some reason) and Microsoft are aiming for a late 2015 release.

Windows Mobile

A branch or derivative of the Windows operating system designed for mobile smart phones and pocket PCs

MAC OS

This is an operating system developed by Apple Inc. for use on their MAC PCs and Notebooks and whilst it looks similar to the Windows operating system, underneath it is very different. There are also some differences in how the user interface works (the bit you see and click on) which can catch the new user out.

Windows software will not work on MAC OS and vice versa without doing some tricky things with other software. Current version is OS X 10.10 Yosemite although a lot of people have stuck with OS X 10.9 Mavericks and earlier.

On a side note, the name Macintosh is a variety of apple. Hence Apple (the company) and Macintosh (the computer).

IOS

This is Apple Inc's operating system for their range of iPhones, iPads, iPad minis and iPod touch.

Linux

This is an operating system developed by some computing enthusiasts (most notably Linus Torvalds) and is released under various open source and general public licenses. This operating system can be had for free.

There are hundreds, if not thousands, of different Linux versions out there (generally called distros, short for distributions) which will run on a bewildering variety of hardware - everything from full PCs to smart TVs, car engine management systems, mobile phones etc. You name it someone has probably tried to get Linux to run on it. Biggest drawback for the average users is protected media playback (commercial DVDs and Blu Ray disks) can be problematic, to say the least.

Android

This operating system is based on Linux and was specifically designed to work on touch screens and mobile devices and is the most widely used mobile OS world wide. Google acquired Android Inc. on 17th August 2005 which allowed for much accelerated development of the operating system.

If you have ever heard the term Android Phone or Android tablet then this is what the Android part is referring to.

Finally, if any readers would like me to try and cover specific computing topics please email the editor and they will let me know.

DON'T MISS the Ride - your free online directory is taking off!

Mayor Craig Perkins launched Council's new online community directory www.meandervalleycommunitydirectory.com.au at Council's Australia Day Awards celebration.

'The Meander Valley Community Directory is a free website for every group, large or small. It will be the 'go-to' place for all things community,' said Mayor Perkins.

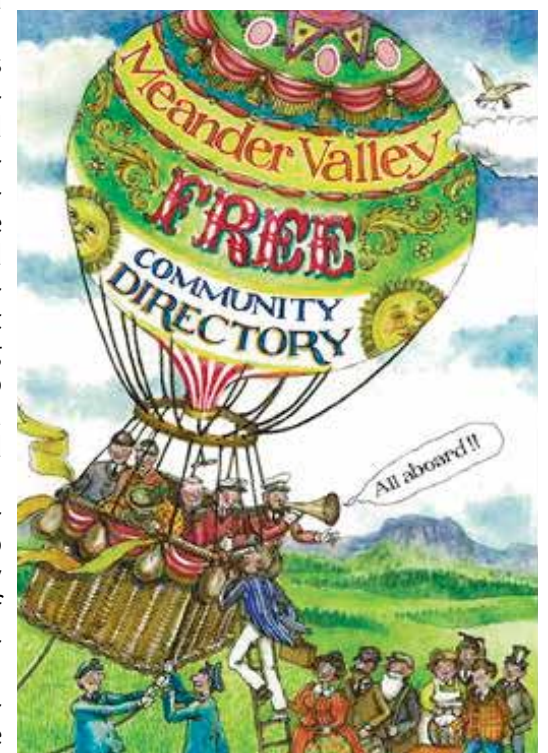
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Growling Grass Frogs

By Sarah LLOYD

THE LARGEST and most conspicuous frog in Tasmania is the green and gold frog; sadly, it is now one of the rarest.

Green and gold frogs used to be very common in northern Tasmania where hundreds could be observed in drainage ditches or crossing roads and backyard lawns on rainy nights. In the 1970s professional collectors could find over 100 frogs per night by spotlighting, and being a large frog, they made ideal dissection specimens in schools and universities.

Nowadays, these beautiful animals are few and far between. They are only occasionally seen in areas where they were once common and have disappeared entirely from some areas.

One of their 'hotspots' is the Westbury/Deloraine area where, on warm sunny days, they bask on floating vegetation on dams and other waterways, occasionally uttering their characteristic growl.

Like most animals, green

and gold frogs require several different habitats during their lives. They use a network of well-vegetated ponds and drainage lines for foraging and sheltering, and they prefer large periodically inundated wetlands with areas of deep water for breeding.

Habitat destruction is the main reason for their decline. Suitable wetland sites have been drained, filled in or changed into permanent water bodies; drains and ponds surrounding these areas have been 'cleaned up' or otherwise altered. Messy overgrown drains and paddocks that flood after a few days of heavy rain are important but fast disappearing habitats.

The green and gold frog is sometimes called the 'growling grass frogs'. This is a very appropriate name given its habit of hopping across lawns and other grassy areas, especially on rainy nights and its growling mating call described as 'a low modulated growl followed by several short grunts – craw-aw-aw-aw-aw ... crock... crock...crock.'



It's good to be ~~Irish~~ Irish



A ST PATRICK'S Day Festival has been held in Westbury since the early 19th Century. This year the festival is undergoing a name change.

From now on it will be known as the Westbury Irish Festival.

The name change is part of rebranding the festival. The name has been made shorter to be less confusing.

The Festival will be held on Saturday 14th March on the

Village Green in Westbury.

A program packed with music and dance is planned. Starting at 9:30 am there will be a line-up of acts for both the music and the dance stage. The bands will include The Go Set, Ball & Chain and Mustang Sally.

For the children, some free stuff such as face-painting, a bouncy castle, and a games zone will be on offer.

Beer, food and drink stalls

will be there on the day, too.

This year the festival will be fully fenced off and have gated entrances.

Early bird discounted tickets are on sale until the 7th March and then normal online discounted tickets will be on sale until and including the day.

For more information about the festival, please visit www.westburyirishfestival.com.au

Working with Weeds

By Nell Carr

WHOEVER FIRST used the word "weedy" to describe a person of small stature was obviously not familiar with the annual weeds that shoot up in our vegetable plots after summer rains.

An hour or two spent on hands and knees digging them out between the rows, has been a regular chore this summer. Chickweed, mallow, and speedwell are quite easy to remove before they run to seed but others such as oxalis and clover present more difficulties because of their methods of propagation. Oxalis in small scattered populations can be carefully dug out, making sure that all of the tiny bulblets plus the surrounding soil are dumped in landfill.

Extensive infestations are more of a problem, as glyphosate-based weedicides burn off the tops, but leave the bulbs untouched. Turning large infested areas into lawn is one solution, constant mowing and competition from grass roots keep it under control, however, once the lawn is dug up for vegetables, the oxalis re-emerges.

Perennials such as twitch grass and clover, because their

rooting stems spread underground or along the surface, present much more of a problem. Weedicides only remove them temporarily, but they can be banished for a season by spreading cardboard, soaked to keep it in place and covered with thick chunks of straw. Pea straw is now available in small square bales for \$6 each from farms in the Meander Valley. Barley straw will be available after harvest in March/April.

Potatoes

The days are long past when an army of lowly paid farm workers moved up between the rows hoeing the weeds in potato crops.

Commercial crops on broadacre farms are planted very close together nowadays to suppress weed growth. They are left in the ground until the tops die off completely. Any of the taller weeds such as milk thistle which have managed to penetrate the leaf cover are then "burnt" off to facilitate harvesting. However this "cheek by jowl" method has its own drawbacks, as mildew becomes a problem, and the crops have to be regularly sprayed with fungicide after each irrigation.

Seed Swap

SUNDAY 22ND FEB 2015 at 2pm. All are welcome to the first Deloraine and surroundings swap. 13563 Highland Lakes Rd Golden Valley. For more information please call 6369 5538.

Jazz it Up

DELORAINÉ JAZZ Club will be 'down by the riverside' on Saturday Feb 28th from 1pm. The Big Band will play some old favourites and a slew of new ones too! Only \$10 per person.

Pssst!

RUMOUR HAS it that Premier Will Hodgman is visiting Deloraine on 11th February for the official opening of Stringfest 2015. Any chance he will give us a song?

Caring for Your Canine

Story and Picture by Jan Collett

WE OFTEN need to take our dogs somewhere in the car, whether to the vet, to attend training or just for fun.

When transporting dogs, canine car safety is paramount because a dog loose in the car can become a deadly missile in the event of a crash, and injure itself, passengers or the driver.

The Dog Control Act 2000 states, "The owner or person in charge of a dog must restrict the dog sufficiently while it is in or on a vehicle so that it is unable to leave the vehicle..."

Dog Control Regulations make "Failing to restrict dog in or on vehicle" an offence with penalties.

Unrestrained dogs can also cause distractions for the driver, especially if they are in the front seat.

When transporting your dog inside a car, confine it to the back seat and secure it with a lead to a sturdy anchor point.

The lead should be a length that allows the dog to sit and lie down comfortably but not reach out a window or climb over the seat.

A common method is to

use a travel harness. These harnesses typically come with an attachment that fastens to the seat belt by either clicking into the fastener or sliding along the seat belt webbing.

Make sure to get a harness the right size for your dog and adjust it to be tight enough so the dog does not slip out but not so tight as to cut off the dog's breathing.

Most pet shop assistants should be able to help you determine the right harness for your dog's breed and size and even help you fit it properly.

A harness is generally safer than attaching a lead to the dog's collar as this could strangle the dog or injure its neck or spine in the event of an abrupt stop or other sudden movement of the vehicle.

If you drive a wagon or SUV, locating the dog in the back and using a secured crate or installing a cargo/pet barrier is ideal, to prevent the dog from flying forward in the event of a sudden stop.

All dogs travelling in the back of a ute or other open vehicle must be secured in a

manner that does not allow them to reach over the sides of the tray/tub. The safest way would be securing them to a point against the cab and centred between the sides, using a lead with a length that does not allow the dog to reach the sides. The dog must be able to stand, sit or lie down comfortably.

Using a restraint that permits a dog to be strangled or otherwise injured, if it should fall in or from a vehicle, may be an offence under the Animal Welfare Act 1993 and result in a hefty fine or even imprisonment. Attaching the lead to a harness rather than the dog's collar, would help minimise the risk of injury to your dog.

Make sure other things you pack in/on the vehicle cannot fall or slide into the dog and cause injury.

And, one last thing, no matter how small or cute your dog or puppy is, never drive with your dog in your lap!

This column provides general information and suggestions only and should not be relied on solely in lieu of professional advice or consultation.



"Kiss me Kate" in the lap of luxury modelling her canine seatbelt

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Meander Valley Respite Forum

When: 20th February 2015
Forum from 10:30am – 2:30pm
Lunch included

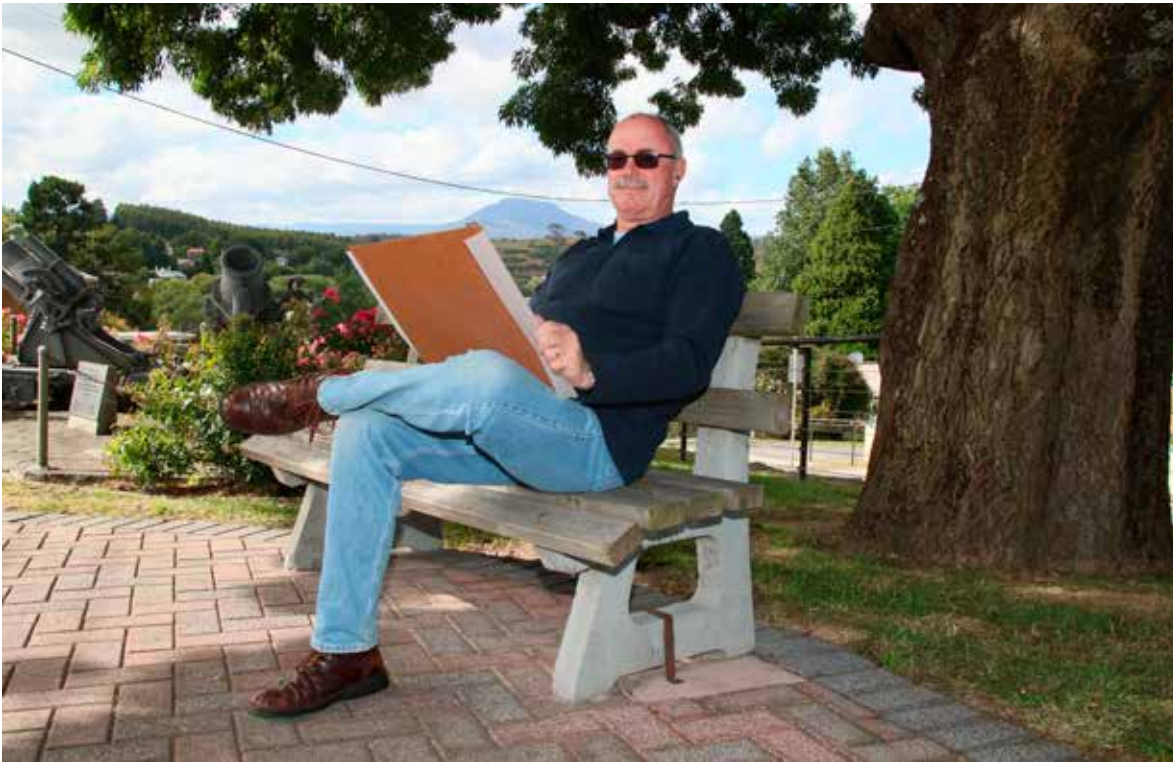
Where: Deloraine Rotary Pavilion
Alveston Drive, Deloraine

This forum is being conducted for people with disability, their families, carers and service providers to discuss and explore respite options for people with disability within the Meander Valley Region.

RSVP: Lynne by the 16th February 2015
lynne.newton@ndis.gov.au

Please advise of any accessibility or dietary requirements.

Please contact Cathi (Local Area Coordinator) on 0455 084 327 if you have any questions.



Watercolour artist, Steve Howells

Watercolours Delight

By Sara Fawcett

DELORAINE APPEARS to have quite a diverse range of creativity, particularly when it comes to painting.

One of these sources of creativity is Steve Howells, a watercolour artist.

Steve grew up in Victoria where he gained much skill in bushwalking and bushcraft and a love of the Australian bush.

As well as capturing this love of the bush in his work, Steve aims to capture a joy of life.

"I enjoy watching people walk into my studio, look at a painting and then just smile with pleasure at what they see; when that happens I know that I have succeeded in getting the joy of life into the painting," Steve said.

However, the bush isn't Steve's only subject. Steve also does landscapes, seascapes and urban street-scapes in both traditional and contemporary styles.

Steve has studio and online galleries that display these two

different categories of works.

"As the name implies, my traditional gallery contains traditional style watercolour renderings of landscapes and seascapes, often done in soft, ethereal tones that seek to invoke the atmosphere or mood of the scene depicted," Steve said.

"My contemporary gallery contains paintings often of urban streetscapes, both big cities and small villages and also landscapes that I have rendered in bright colours with perhaps slightly exaggerated perspectives," he finished.

Steve's paintings are framed by Robyn Weare, a friend and fellow Deloraine artist.

She operates her own picture framing business and gallery in Deloraine, The Weare Gallery and Framers.

"She is a fine artist in her own right," Steve said.

When asked about Steve and his work, Robyn said she believes he is putting together an important portfolio

documenting the homes and landscapes of this region.

"His unique and accomplished style is refreshing, even playful at times, and captures very well the essence of scenes and structures familiar to us all," she said.

Steve's collection of works can be viewed at www.uniquelydeloraine.com or people are welcome to stop into Deloraine Creative Studios on Emu Bay Road.

Shadowy 'Swamp Juice'

SWAMP JUICE is a shadow puppet performance from acclaimed Canadian born performer, Jeff Achtem.

Using bits of rubbish and household items, Jeff creates stories in shadow puppetry.

All of the puppetry is performed in front of the screen, so the audience gets a peek at how each silhouette is made.

Swamp Juice is a simple story, told with no dialogue or text.

A man explores a swamp, interacting with the characters that he finds.

Swamp Juice is a playful and immersive puppet experience suitable for

all ages.

Warning: Swamp Juice may frighten young children. Recommended for ages 7+.

The performance is brought to you by Arts Deloraine in conjunction with Regional Arts Victoria and Tasmanian International Arts Festival 2015.

Swamp Juice can be seen at the Little Theatre, Deloraine on Saturday 28th March at 7.30pm.

Tickets are available from Elemental Artspace, 3 Emu Bay Rd, Deloraine.

Adults \$25, Arts Del/Conc \$20, Children \$10, Family (2 adults, 2 children) \$55

Welcome to Stringfest Dinner

MEANDER VALLEY Dining Experience is organising a "Welcome to Stringfest 2015 Dinner" to be held on Friday, March 20th at the Deloraine RSL.

Just a few days after St. Patrick's Day, the theme will be Irish. Using locally sourced produce, a traditional Irish meal will be served.

The chef for the event will be Bob Hedger. There will be

something to please everyone. The menu can be gluten free and dairy free.

Three course dinner and entertainment will cost \$45 per person. Bookings are essential, book early (before 13th March) and receive a \$5.00 discount.

For further information and bookings, call Laura on 0437 075 266 or email laurawindow@live.com.au

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Mayor's Message

Australia Day 2015

I would like to congratulate all the recipients of Council's Australia Day and Volunteer Recognition Awards for 2015. The *Citizen of the Year Award* was awarded to Kim Brundle-Lawrence of Carrick for her outstanding voluntary work with organisations such as the Carrick Fire Brigade, Australian Red Cross, and the Tasmanian Emergency Services.

The *Community Event of the Year Award* went to Deloraine Stringfest Tasmania and the *Sports Award* to Mr Ellis Shaw of Whitmore in recognition of his outstanding involvement with sporting clubs over many decades.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of all the volunteers who received certificates for 1000 and 3000 hours and plaques for exceptional service to their communities.

I would also like to thank Megan Deeth for performing the National Anthem, Rino Morea for excellent entertainment and Councillor White for hosting the event so well.

Thanks, as always, to Country Club Tasmania for their ongoing support, and to Council staff too for coordinating such a wonderful event.

Other successful Australia Day events held around Meander Valley included the Rotary Club of Westbury's Community Breakfast held at the Westbury RSL Club, the South Esk Lions Club's Family Fun Day at Hadspen, the annual Harveydale Rodeo, and the Community Breakfast held at the Chudleigh Hall.

Mayor Craig Perkins



Council Updates

Public Art Advisory Group

Are you interested in being part of an advisory group to help Council manage public art in Meander Valley? Council recently created a policy to help manage its public art. This policy supports establishing a Public Art Advisory Group. The aim of this Group is to help Council promote, commission, decommission, and maintain its public art. Members may be from the arts, business, education or community sectors. Artistic skills are not essential. The Group will meet every three months beginning in early February 2015. All members will be volunteers.

For information please contact patrick.gambles@mvc.tas.gov.au or 6393 5300 / 0418 507 113.



The Aquaphonium at the Great Western Tiers Visitor Centre is one of the public art works Council maintains.

Future plans for Prospect Vale and Blackstone Heights

The final Prospect Vale Blackstone Heights Structure Plan is now available on Council's website or can be viewed as a printed copy at Council's Offices, 26 Lyall St, Westbury.

The Plan is an important document that will guide Council's investment to improve the amenity and functionality of the area. The next steps towards achieving the strategic vision are to:

1. Review the actions within the Plan; and
2. Identify priorities to be implemented.

Thank you to everyone who provided valuable input to the project. Please feel free to contact Craig Plaisted, Project Officer on 6393 5324 or email craig.plaisted@mvc.tas.gov.au if you have any questions or comments relating to the Structure Plan.



Community News

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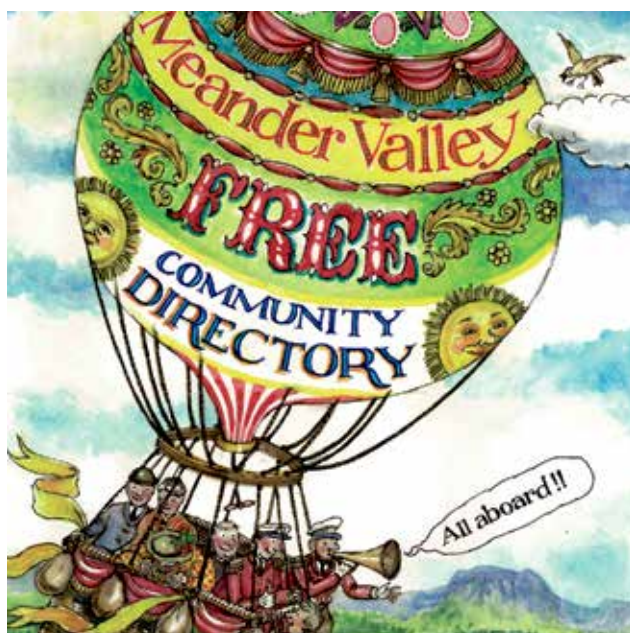
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Community Funding Forum

Wednesday, 18 February 2015, 6pm

Deloraine Community Complex, Alveston Drive

The Deloraine & Districts Community Funding program supports projects in Meander Valley. Charitable and Not-for-Profit organisations can apply for funding for projects and activities that offer clear public benefit, such as enhancing community welfare, environment, health, education and culture.

The Forum will provide organisations with information on the eligibility of potential projects and on the application process. RSVP on 6362 4801.

Apply for a Council Community Grant Now!

Did you know that applications to Meander Valley Council's Community Grants Program are invited all year round? Grants up to \$3,000 are available to community organisations for projects that address community needs. This might be a special event, through sport and recreation or community development. You can pick up a form and get more information from Council Offices, Westbury or visit Council's website. Applications for the next round of grants need to be in by 31 March 2015.

Diary Dates

Tasmanian Truck Show

15 February 2015
www.tasmaniantruckshow.com

Chudleigh Show

21 February 2015
www.chudleighshow.com.au

Deloraine Stringfest Tasmania

20 - 22 March 2015
www.stringfesttas.com

Markets

Westbury Market, St Andrews Church

Third Saturday of every month, Saturday, 21 February

Farmers' Market, Deloraine, Agricorp Car Park

Fortnightly, Saturday 14 and 28 February

Deloraine Market, Showgrounds

First Saturday of every month, Saturday, 7 March

Liffey Valley Market, The Old School

Second Saturday of every month, Saturday, 14 March



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The giant poppy maze at Rupertswood Farm in Hagley. Aerial Photo by Martin Eadie Photography

Be very 'amazed' at farm in Hagley

A GIANT POPPY has been discovered on a farm in Hagley, Tasmania. The poppy, an iconic feature of the rural Tasmanian landscape, has been etched into a five hectare crop of sorghum by local farmer, Rowan Clark.

The design, in the form of a Crop Maze, has been developed as a tribute to the memory of those Australians who fought in World War I.

The bespoke Poppy was designed by international Maze specialists, Mazescape, and will be open to the public in the form of an innovative Crop Maze venture.

The Poppy Crop Maze is the second such project for Mr Clark. In 2014, he successfully developed a Tasmanian Tiger (thylacine) Crop Maze and opened the innovative agri-tourism venture to the public, attracting more than 2,000 visitors to his farm.

The Poppy Maze features two different designs, the poppy plant as the central maze and a leaf 'mini-maze' for younger visitors. The Maze attraction will also feature a Summer Garden, in which families are encouraged to forage for vegetables within the towering walls of the sorghum crop.

The Poppy Crop Maze is scheduled to open to the public from Saturday, 21 February for four weekends only. However, as crop growth is dependent on specific weather conditions, visitors are encouraged to confirm dates

on the Rupertswood Farm website prior to their visit. The Crop Maze will also be available mid-week for pre-booked group and school bookings only.

In developing this unique Tasmanian event, Rupertswood Farm Crop Maze gratefully acknowledges the support of the Tasmanian Government through Events Tasmania.

For more information on the Rupertswood Farm Poppy Crop Maze, please visit the Rupertswood Farm website (www.rupertswoodfarm.com) or find them on Facebook ('Rupertswood Farm').

For further information: contact Anna and Rowan Clark, "Rupertswood Farm", PO Box 13, Hagley TAS 7292. M: 0403 075 766; E: info@rupertswoodfarm.com or visit www.rupertswoodfarm.com



Part of the Tasmania Tiger maze created in 2014

Jambalaya Ryelands lamb is a proven favourite

Story by Joanne Eisemann, Photo by Mike Moores

JAMBALAYA RYELANDS Stud began almost seven years ago, not long after Julie and Malcolm Gully moved to Mole Creek.

Ryelands is a heritage breed of English Sheep traceable to the 12th Century. Currently there are no more than 600 breeding ewes in Australia.

A feature of the breed is their hard, dark, feet making them highly suitable for the sometimes wet ground at Mole Creek. Known as the Wagyu of the sheep world they are also recognised for muscle marbling - fine threads of fat through the muscle, bringing extra flavour to the meat.

Management practices differ a little from the mainstream. They have been accredited as being clear of Johne's and Brucellosis, so don't need to be inoculated for those diseases. A tea-tree oil preparation is used as a guard against fly strike. Regular preparations are used for worm control and careful attention is paid to withholding periods, so that no chemicals are found in the meat when sold.

As mentioned, Ryelands have hardy feet; so only one foot bath has been required

in the time they have been growing into adult sheep.

When weaning, natural weaning is practiced. The ewe decides when she wants to wean her lamb. It is found that this practice is conducive to flock health and harmony.

The sheep are culled to prevent in-breeding but Malcolm also selects for temperament, good feet and the ability to produce twins.

The farm's lambing rate is over 180%, due partly to a small flock and the extra care they are able to give at lambing. And a high percentage of twin births is another feature the Ryelands breed is known for.

"You learn as you go" says Julie. They started off by asking neighbours for advice and now are shocked to find neighbours asking them for advice! "Maybe that's because we do things a bit differently," suggests Julie.

Lambs were sold either as stud stock to other breeders or through stock sales at Quoiba until Julie and Malcolm noticed that everyone they fed their lamb to at dinner, said it was the best lamb they had ever tasted.

The taste difference is attributed to meat marbling and low stress. The animals



Malcolm with newborn twin lambs

do not travel far and are not chased by a dog. "They are just happy sheep," Julie said.

The farm now sells through the Deloraine Farmers Market, and they turn off 2 or 3 sheep every fortnight for sale at the market during the autumn and winter.

Rather than sell via the saleyard auction price, Malcolm & Julie decided to take more control of where their sheep would be destined to travel to, and to minimise yard waiting time.

Malcolm's view is "when

the sheep grow better you get a better price. It's important to have good control over what happens to them."

Jambalaya meat is killed and processed through Swifts at Quoiba. It is then sent direct to Bests Butcher in Deloraine for preparation, which includes smoking the lamb in Beechwood smoke.

The meat is then cryovac-ed into packages of various sizes ready for sale. The meat goes through all the normal inspection processes.

According to Malcolm, the experience with selling at the market is quite different to selling at stock sales.

"We get a little bit of value add and there's fun in meeting the public ... and when you are out there getting to meet people you share ideas."

You can buy Jambalaya lamb from the Deloraine Farmers Market held Saturday's once per fortnight in the Agricorp Carpark. Be early, as they are usually sold out by 10:30am.

Managing your credit card

By Sam Horsman,
Business Principal,
PJS Financial

AT THIS TIME of year many of us are just starting to receive our credit card statements that have many of our Christmas purchases showing on it and wondering how we are going to pay for it.

Credit is often considered negative; however, most of us need to use credit at some point in our lives – to purchase a home, buy a car or business.

Not all credit is created equal and it's important that you use credit, especially credit cards, wisely, to ensure that you won't find yourself in debt beyond your means.

Credit cards essentially offer a high-interest loan for you to purchase just about any item you want within your credit limit, and there are some steps you can follow to make sure you don't get into credit card debt.

Understanding how credit cards work

Credit cards offer consumers the ability to conveniently purchase items without

paying for them immediately. This can definitely work in your benefit if you pay the card off monthly, because you are essentially using the bank's money interest-free for up to a month (depending on the terms). You also get a variety of other benefits, which can include a record of all of your purchases, reward points, consumer protection, and convenience.

But, fail to pay off your entire balance in one month, and you'll quickly notice the benefits fade away.

Sometimes, if you carry a balance, your interest free period disappears and you'll find yourself paying interest on your purchases starting on the day you make them. Interest compounds (i.e., you'll pay interest on interest owed) on credit cards, so before you know it, you could owe more interest than the original purchase.

Exercising restraint when using credit cards

To use credit cards wisely, only make purchases you can afford.

You should have enough money in the bank to pay off

the purchase when the bill becomes due.

Tempting as it is to buy the things you want now, hoping that you'll have enough money in the future to pay them off, living on credit is an expensive, and uncertain, habit to get into.

In fact, you may find that you've paid the bank more money in interest than the item actually cost!

In addition, to avoid late fees or interest fees, make sure you pay off the card well before the due date.

Using your bank's website to pay your bill will help ensure your payment is received on time.

If you are unable to restrain from reckless spending or make payments on time, consider a debit card linked to your saving account. By doing this you'll still have a record of your purchases but won't pay interest or late fees and can only ever spend the money you have.

Although using credit can be useful, if not managed and used carefully, it can become a stressful burden which can often lead to bankruptcy.

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

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Good Food Company comes to the Valley

Story Joanne Eisemann

BROOKE AND Tim Bennett's shop La Petite Boutique, A Grand Amour (Little Shop With Big Love) has been open in Emu Bay Road Deloraine for the past 12 months and is currently undergoing transformation to become The Good Food Company Café and Homewares.

Tim and Brooke are dairy farmers from Elizabeth Town who successfully ran a similar shop in Launceston, but then decided to create an online store (willowandmoore.com.au) and move the physical shop to Deloraine where they

saw a gap in the market.

The Good Food Company Café and Homewares will open in the newly renovated shops next door (formerly Artifakt Gallery and the Bookshop).

The building has been opened up to the rear with large windows revealing a view of the river and surrounding parklands.

"We think there is a market for a different selection of food, so that is what we want to bring to the community and the customers that shop here. We think the more businesses that open in Deloraine the better it is, as it will bring more people out

here, which is what we all want," says Brooke

Tim and Brooke expect to employ ten people locally, as they are passionate about employing local people and using Tasmanian produce.

A mixture of shabby chic, vintage, and some provincial homewares, clothing by Elk, Holiday and Spencer Lacey, make up the range of homewares, gifts and clothes and shoes that will be available.

The menu on offer will be based around healthy food all made with fresh local produce: some Paleo style dishes, rice paper rolls, Californian rolls, fresh baguettes, toasted



Brooke and son Harry (2) enjoy their new shop space

panini's. There will also be a wood fired pizza along with a fresh juice and smoothie bar.

The café will serve Bruno Rossi coffee and be BYO until early April when it becomes licensed.

Brooke's family has been in hospitality for over 30 years, so she understands

the business.

"We've got a good clientele base in Launceston and I'm sure people will follow us here to check out what we are doing. If we offer them good service and good food they will keep coming back."

Photo by Mike Moores

Deloraine & Districts **Community Bank**® Branch

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Invitation



The Deloraine & Districts Community Grants Program is a management account of Community Enterprise™ Charitable Fund. ABN 12 102 649 968. The Bendigo Centre, Bendigo, VIC, 3550. CEF32 (236411_v1) (19/01/2015)


Date: Wednesday 18 February

Time: 6.00 pm

Venue: Deloraine Community Complex, Alveston Drive, Deloraine

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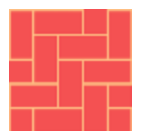
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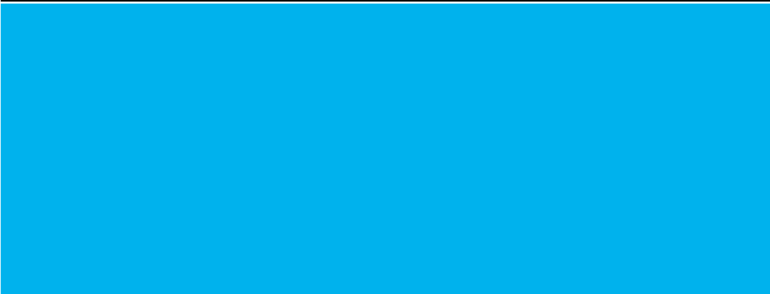
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There have been 32 rescues from paddle craft since October 2013 that are known about, and one paddler drowned in Dover (southern Tasmania) in August 2013.

The workshop was aimed at providing valuable skills to inexperienced recreational, part time paddlers. Some of the topics covered included safety equipment, paddler visibility, weather, tides and currents, as well as paddling techniques.

An impromptu race was held at the end of the session, ably won by Chloe McFarlane.

For more information on Paddle Safe visit mast.tas.gov.au/paddle-safe-program-2/ or call Ian Ross, Recreational Boating Project Officer, Marine and Safety Tasmania on 6235 8859.

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