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CHUDLEIGH SHOW WINS HEARTS AND MINDS

INTERNATIONAL VISITORS were treated to the experience of a quintessential Tasmanian Country Show at Chudleigh on 21st February.

More than eight hundred people attended the annual event.

Wood chips were flying, horses were leaping, antique machinery was chugging and runaway sheep were causing a stir.

The day was hot and humid. There was a strong whiff in the cattle section while pedestrians had to tread with much care.

In the midst of all this, Meagan Hamilton of Yolla and Jersey calf 'Lyric' (both pictured right) maintained a super cool air.

Although only eight years old, Meagan is an experienced handler having been around the show circuit since she was knee high to a Jersey calf.

Meagan took home second prize in the Junior Handler under eight years competition, and Lyric, won the Jersey calf under 6 months section.

One visitor commented that it was a great little show and was impressed with how friendly everyone was.

The first event took place in 1889 and has been held yearly ever since with the exception of two breaks - from the outbreak of WWI until 1928 and then again for WWII, 1939-1945.

Organised by the

Chudleigh Agricultural and Horticultural Society, this year was show number 126!

Society members must be congratulated for keeping this tradition alive when many agricultural shows in towns larger than Chudleigh have long been abandoned.

Launceston axeman Danny Arnold proved a cut above the rest in the woodchopping competition, winning two events and placing in several others.

Arnold won the 300mm tree-felling handicap.

The championship event was won by world champion Dale Beams of Winkleigh, who slugged it out once again with young gun Kody Steers from Gowrie Park. Meanwhile, Damien Rouse started the day as a novice, but easily banished his maiden status by winning both the 225mm standing handicap and the 250mm frontmarkers handicap.

The frontmarkers event also saw the debut of 14 year-old Tyson Rowe from Westbury who received generous applause from the crowd after completing his block.

At the other end of the age scale, veteran Stan Sainty showed the way in the 250mm veterans handicap, winning from Kelvin Youd and Terry Hodgetts.

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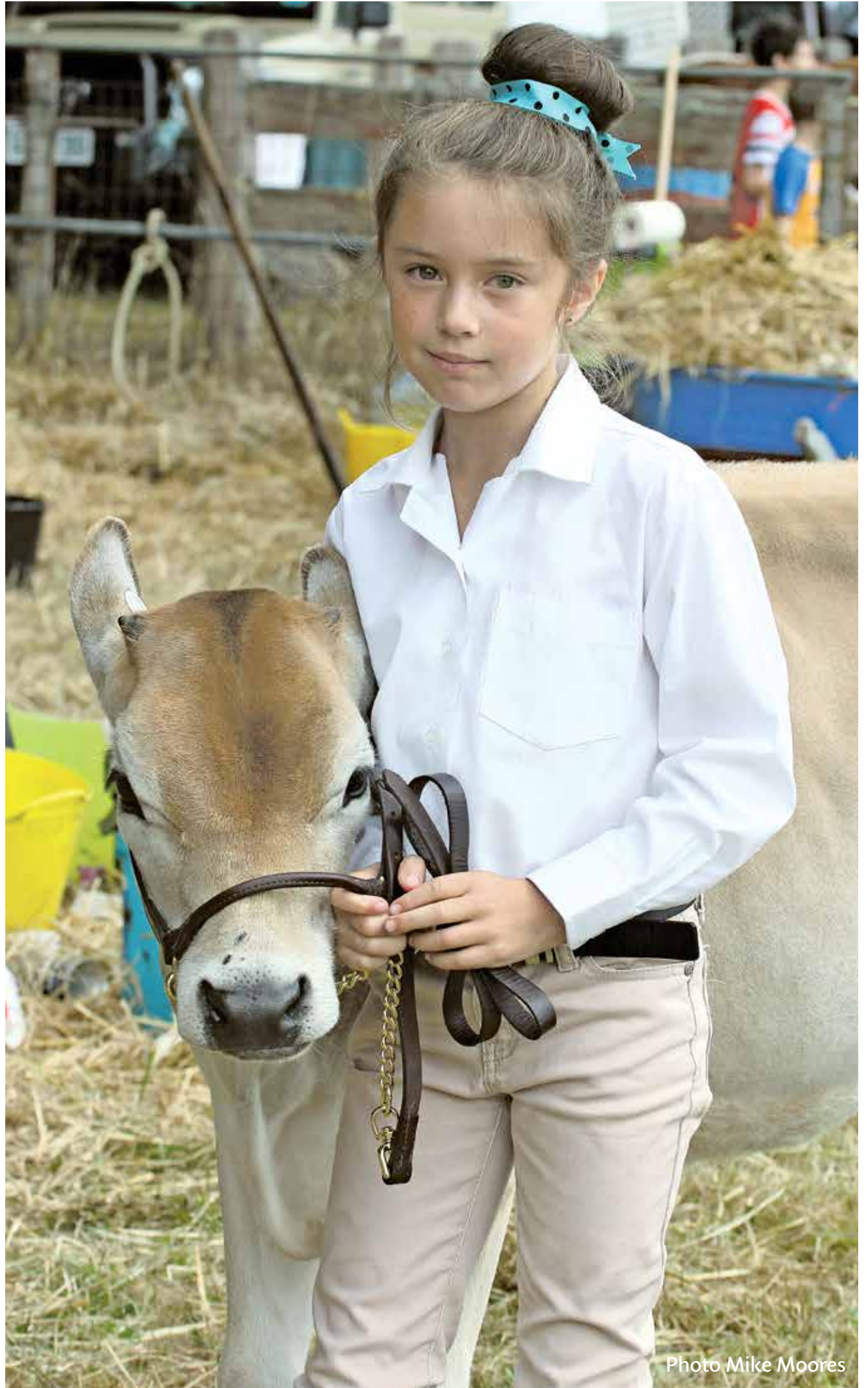


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In My Opinion...

What happened to choice?

By: Joanne Eisemann

ON THE whole I enjoy my shopping experience at Woolworths in Deloraine. It's a relaxed and friendly place, where catching up with friends and neighbours is almost as important as making a purchase.

Supermarkets in other towns seem, to me, like peak hour traffic with people tearing around, pushing and shoving and getting nowhere fast. The bigger the town or city the supermarket is in, the worse this phenomenon appears to be.

My appreciation for the friendliness of shopping in Deloraine increases each time I return from afar.

I've heard interstate guests comment more than once 'does anyone actually shop in that supermarket?' To them, the thought of chatting with someone in a supermarket does not compute in their action-packed lives.

But I wonder if all this bonding is making management think they can sneak away our favourite products without us noticing? It doesn't seem to happen as much in other stores.

Time and again I go

to collect a well-loved product from the shelf, only to find it has disappeared and been replaced with a 'Select' item.

Do they have any idea how long it took me to work out which product best-suited my family and I?

Where will it end? Will I one day walk into the supermarket to find only 'Select' items available for sale?

I know this experience is common amongst my fellow shoppers. I've heard them complain about it; if not to staff, then to each other.

When I've compared notes with others, I notice that the 'favourite' products they speak of are different to mine - from toothpaste to ice-cream, and coffee pods to toilet paper. Sometimes the products removed are the 'Australian made' brand that we have been trying to support to help keep food production here in Australia.

I get that owning suppliers or importing from overseas can lead to larger dividends for shareholders, but didn't we start shopping in supermarkets because of the many choices they offered?

If this keeps happening will I want to keep shopping there? It's a question I ask more often these days.

Messy huts

MANY YEARS ago, stockmen grazed sheep and cattle on the Highlands of Tasmania. Often being up there for months on end, they built huts and shelters, a few of which still stand today.

Those huts now, however, are often frequented by hikers who use the huts as refuges from bad weather. I am concerned that many of the people who visit this pristine area are ignorant and/or arrogant. For example, they take up unnecessary packaging, such as tins and drink containers.

I do a lot of hiking and on my last hike, every hut I went to was repulsive. I am not saying that huts should be immaculate, but there should be a written code of practice to encourage visitors to be respectful of the huts, the Highland environment and other people who will come after them, instead of leaving their mess for the volunteers of the Mountain Huts Preservation Society and/or Tasmanian Parks and Wildlife Services to clean up.

I also believe there should be a very large fine for littering or vandalism in the Highlands. Stockmen of the past would leave the huts empty, clean and undamaged, and ready for hikers, fishermen and other graziers, and I think we owe it to them to keep it that way.

Isaiah Ulbrich (15yrs)

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A bridge for forever... well, almost!

LOCALS AT Western Creek celebrated the new bridge installed on Western Creek Road by sharing a bottle of champagne with bridge works crew in February.

The bridge replaced the 100-year-old structure which had long been a scary crossing and was finally declared unsafe towards the end of January.

A promise was made to have it fixed within 4 days. Well, 4 days turned in to 2 weeks. This was fine for people who well knew the area, but for those who didn't the 'Detour' sign proved inadequate. No follow up signs were placed and many a bewildered soul was found wandering lost in Western Creek during that time.

Out of the Mouth of Babes

*"The Whole world is just like a long story... and when everybody is dead the story is over."
"Who is telling the story, Mum?"*

Draven Mansfield, aged 6 years, Mole Creek

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Luke Woodhouse of Ulverstone, winner of the 2015 People's Choice Truck of the Show.

Truck Show pulls a big crowd

THE LIONS Club of Deloraine Truck Show 2015 saw 100 trucks pull through the gates at Quercus Park on 15th February.

Truck Show committee chairman Bryan Watson said 'about 1000 people attended' the event.

This year's Truck of the Show Judges' Choice

went to a Kenworth prime mover owned by BR & KF Muskett of New Norfolk.

The People's Choice Truck of the Show was awarded to a Kenworth log truck owned by owner/driver Luke Woodhouse (pictured above) of Ulverstone.

Luke recounted attending

and entering every year since 2005. "This is my first win", Luke said, "I'm pleased."

An inaugural award, the Errol Nothrop Certificate of Appreciation, went to the Beckett family of Exeter, for service to the Truck Show.

Errol passed away in December; and his many years of experience helped to get the event going and make it sustainable.



More action from the Chudleigh Show: (Above) Mitchell Arnold of Launceston, placed 2nd in the 300mm Standing Handicap final - photo by Jan Collett; (Top Right) Chelsea Rushton (11) with miniature rabbits Sprite and Sailor and brother Jake Rushton (7) with bantam chickens, both of Westbury, 1st prize in rabbits and 1st prize in chooks; (Bottom Right) Sarah Woodberry with Rusty, Kayla Walters with Milky Way, John Walters with Holly - all from Mole Creek - photos by Mike Moores

Legacy benefits from a real good swing : Volunteers video competition

THE ANNUAL Legacy Golf Day was held at the Deloraine Golf Club on Saturday, 14th February.

A reduced field of 35 golfers braved the foreboding weather forecast and survived several intermittent showers throughout the day.

Upon completion of 18 holes, players returned to the club house to a welcome two-course lunch prepared by Alana Atkins and her kitchen crew.

Despite player numbers being only about half that compared to recent years, the day was a resounding success. Legacy Golf Days have been held at the Deloraine course for more than 30 years and during that time

nearly \$60,000 has been raised for Launceston Legacy. All proceeds support the widows and children of deceased service men.

The 2015 Legacy Trophy for the best score of the day was won by Jack Blair of Mole Creek. At just 14 years of age, Jack created a record as the youngest player to have ever won this trophy. Ironically, last year the Legacy Trophy was won by Jack's father, Todd Blair, which has probably created another record as the only time a father/son combination have won the prestigious trophy in consecutive years. Presentations to the winners were made by the President of Launceston Legacy, Mr Mac Kidd.

Special thanks goes to the following sponsors:- the Blair Family Sawmill of Mole Creek, Deloraine Squash Club, Deloraine RSL Sub Branch, IGA Supermarket, Mrs Patricia Carrier, Meander Valley Legacy Widows Club, Bush Inn Hotel, Kevin Horton, the Tracey family and Launceston Legacy. Thank you to the Golf Club and Grant Lee for assistance on the day and beforehand with player registrations.

Raffle winners were: 1st Jenny How, 2nd Jamie Lowery, 3rd Maddison Grace, 4th Kristi Rawley, 5th Jenny How.

Thank you to all raffle ticket buyers and sellers and to everyone who helped to make the day a success.

MEANDER VALLEY Volunteers are invited to join in a competition to make a 3-minute video as part of this year's Volunteer Week celebrations.

Use the opportunity to let judges know 'whats fun about being a volunteer' and be in the running to win some great prizes.

Entrants are encouraged to be creative in their story telling techniques. This is your opportunity to think outside the square.

Finalist videos will be shown at the Volunteer Expo to be held at the Western Tiers Community Club, Deloraine on 12th may from 11am - 1pm.

The competition follows

on from a similar competition held in 2014.

This year, however, there are no restrictions on the type of equipment used.

Videos can be made using mobile phones, tablets or cameras, for example. Closing date for entries is 10th April.

Email your entry to: whatsfunaboutvolunteering2015@gmail.com

If your file is too large to email, please use a memory stick and deliver to the Great Western Tiers Visitor Centre in a suitably named envelope.

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The pick of the bunch at Westbury Garden Club's Annual Flower Show



From Giant Dahlias to diminutive daisies, they were all there in their floral splendour at the Westbury Garden Club's Annual Flower Show. Renowned dahlia grower Chaz Smith (above left) journeyed from St Helens to display his magnificent blooms. Chaz has exhibited all over the mainland and judged flower shows in America. Chaz maintained his usual high standard by winning the 'Supreme Dahlia in Show'. Jordan Dane (above right of Westbury displayed flair and imagination to win four firsts in the flower arranging classes.

SWIM INSTRUCTOR DELORAINE



Devonport Aquatic Club is seeking an experienced swim instructor (Austswim or Teacher of Competitive Swimming) for afternoon sessions at Deloraine.

Swimmers ability range from LTS to Junior Squad. You will work with various groups of swimmers focusing on teaching and improving technique and endurance.

Swim programs will be provided by DAC. Exceptional hourly rate offered for the right person. If this position interests you, contact Leanne Edwards - 0417 303 102 or email: devonportaquatic@hotmail.com

Devonport Aquatic Club Inc. is a Not for Profit organisation

From Lone Pine to Liffey : Tales of magic and mystery truly delight

AS PART of the Anzac centenary this year, the old Liffey State School committee have decided to re-enact a tree planting ceremony that took place 97 years ago.

On September 14th 1918 a tree planting ceremony took place at the school to honour nineteen ex-pupils of the Liffey School that enlisted for the Great War.

The view is to replant a new batch of nineteen trees. The hope is that this will encourage a new generation in the small farming hamlet to care for its history into the future.

The tree planting will commemorate the service of Colin Saunders, Les Saunders, Allan Saunders, Walter Saunders, Lawrence Saunders, Jack Bennett, Arthur Lyons, William Swain, Eaton Bradmore, Eric Ping, Ern Bye, Frank Goss, Harold Cutler, Harry Bates, Jack Philpott, Thomas Preece,

Louis Cooper, Hubert Black and Leonard Slade.

Nine of these men lost their lives as a result of the war.

The day is planned to coincide with Liffey market day, the second Saturday of the month. It is suggested the date be the 12th September 2015.

The committee has received a thousand dollar grant to help purchase trees. Some fundraising and donations will be necessary to fulfil the cost in landscaping, protective fencing and plaques.

Contributions of information from families and friends of the men mentioned above, would be appreciated, to help make the day an historical event, where people can learn about some local soldiers that played a small part in a large war.

Please call Dennis Chilcott on 6397 3399.

WHAT'S MAGICAL about stories, nursery rhymes and action songs?

Watch the faces of the pre-schoolers who come to Story Time each week and you will discover and see the magic for yourself.

Dancing, singing, playing musical instruments and listening to stories is all about having fun and learning at the same time. There are smiles and giggles all about when Round and Round the Garden is on list.

Being a Jack-in-the-Box and Putting on Grandma's Glasses has never been so much fun. Reading and singing with children helps their listening skills and memories to develop as well as teaching new sounds and words.

Coming along to Story Time helps to get little ones into a lifelong habit of going to the library - a place full of resources to inspire their imaginations.

Story Time is great for parents and carers too; it's a place to meet and make new friends for grownups as well as children.

Westbury Library Story Time is on Wednesdays at 2pm. Deloraine Story Time is on Mondays at 10am during school terms.

There is no need to book. Just come along and discover the magic for yourself. Sessions are designed for children aged 0 to 5 years.

(Top left) Anne-Marie Loader; (Top right) Ada Robinson 2 1/2 with sister Patrice Elanor 3 1/2. (Bottom) Shelly with Zoe (18mths) Bentic - all of Westbury.



Junior Swim Meet - Deloraine

DEVONPORT AQUATIC Club Inc. is a not-for-profit organisation. The Club runs sessions for all swimmers out of the Deloraine Primary School Pool and has done so for three years. DAC's aim is to provide swimming opportunities to local children in a safe and friendly environment.

DAC is affiliated with Swimming Tasmania and is able to offer swimmers the opportunity to swim in competitive events if they so choose. Many of their swimmers do not wish to compete

at such a level, but they do enjoy these fun race events.

On the 28th March 2015 DAC is hosting a Summer Swim Meet at the Deloraine Primary School Pool. This is a swimming competition open to all junior swimmers 13 years and under in the region. Swimmers are not required to be members of DAC.

Events will cater for all levels of swimmers: Learn to Swim, Stroke Development and Junior Squad.

For more info, email devonportaquatic@hotmail.com or phone 0417 303 102.

On a Stringfest winner

DURING THE week-end of the 20th to 22nd March 2015, Deloraine will once again groove to the sounds of Stringfest as the township celebrates stringed instruments, Tasmanian fine timbers, luthiers and musicians.

The first event, organised in 2014, attracted 2,000 people. It was so successful it was awarded 'Meander Valley Event of the Year' at the Meander Valley Council Australia Day Awards.

Meander Valley Mayor Craig Perkins described last year's Stringfest, "It turned out to be a musical festival with a special twist, not only a celebration of players but of instruments too, and of luthiers, who make them from fine Tasmanian timbers."

The Mayor added, "For three days Deloraine was abuzz with street buskers, ukulele ensembles, concerts, workshops, displays and a community of makers and performers keen to share their art.

"The event not only attracted local performers but some world class performers from as far away

as the USA."

This year, many people in suits and three TV cameras were seen in Deloraine on 11th February when Deloraine Stringfest 2015 was officially launched.

Premier Will Hodgman (photo opposite) was the special guest of honour.

He acknowledged the work of the committee and the many volunteers who made the festival a success, last year attracting large crowds and are on track to do the same this year, but bigger.

He referred to the event as a "tremendous example of community spirit."

Premier Hodgman entertained attendees with his guitar playing skills in a duo with local player, Ed Teluja.

The launch took place in the old Harris building, Deloraine.

The new owners of the property, the Durham family, have generously donated the use of the building.

It has been affectionately named 'Stringfest Central' for the duration of the festival.

With some funding from State Government, as well as support from sponsors, this year's event promises to be bigger and better with more venues and more artists.

The performance line-up includes The Heartstring Quartet, David Malone, Fourstring Phil, Matt Bayes, Daniel Brauchli, Bon Accorde Tasmanian Guitar Trio, Hobart Old Time (Hot) String Band, Lyn Thomas, Michael Fix and Thom Jackson.


The Little Theatre will host the selection of Luthiers and Tonewood suppliers displaying their wares at the festival.

Some of the luthiers and suppliers are local, while others come from further afield in Tasmania and some from as far away as Brisbane and Western Australia.

More information about this year's festival can be found on the Stringfest website.

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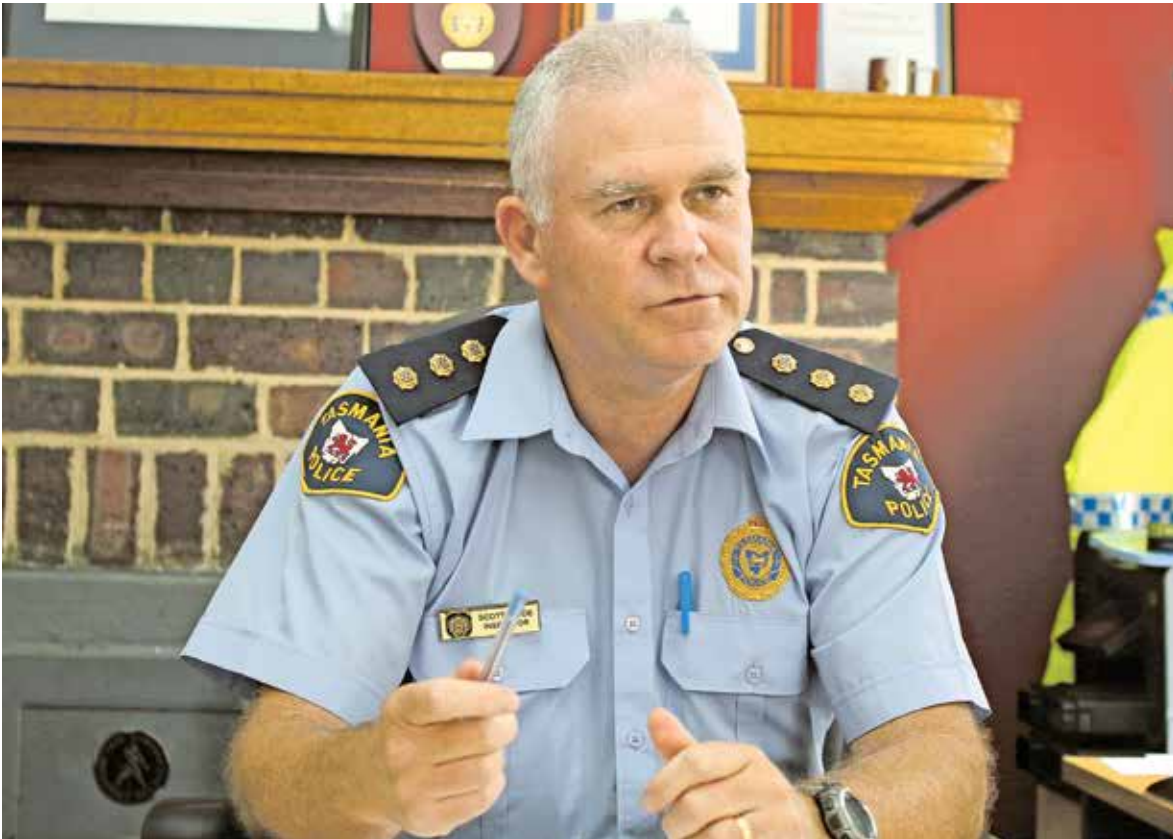
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Lets' talk it over, we're here to help

Story Joanne Eisemann Photo Mike Moores

INSPECTOR SCOTT Flude has worked for the Tasmanian Police Force for 35 years. He joined at 16, following in the footsteps of his grand and great grandfather.

An Inspector for twelve years, Scott has headed up the Drug Squad and Victim of Crimes Unit with Launceston CIB and has been Inspector in charge of Launceston Division.

Country policing as Inspector of the Deloraine Division is a new challenge, but one that he feels ready for.

The area is large, covering all of the Meander Valley, plus Northern Midlands, Kentish and West Tamar council areas. A total of 42,000 residents are in his care, with a staff of around 30 police.

"It's a large area but there

are not a lot of policing issues for us. The community is generally pretty well behaved."

Over the past couple of decades, Police have become involved in schools, councils and community programs. Scott credits this involvement with helping to change community perceptions towards police.

"I've only been here a few months, yet the locals quite happily come in to chat about

different issues that bother them, and it's good, because we can't respond to things if we don't know about them."

He encourages people to keep in touch with police and let them know of anything they think may be a problem.

Any serious crime or drug matters are dealt with by Launceston CIB who have a staff of 40 detectives.

Police are now involved in forming legislation; the government is listening to police and responding to changing needs.

One recent example is hooning legislation. Police were given powers to confiscate vehicles and the incidence of hooning, as a result, has reduced dramatically.

In his experience the drug problem in Meander Valley is not as bad as in other rural areas. 'Ice' is a growing concern everywhere and Scott expects to eventually face it here.

Although the crime rate in Meander Valley is relatively low, there has been a slight increase in business break-ins over the past 12 months.

"Thankfully we've caught most of the offenders for those incidents. But can I say, it is sometimes an issue with businesses not being attentive to security. If crooks work out that money is left

on the premises, they will go back. We are really pushing the message, that once you lock up your business leave nothing of value in it."

"The drug problem in Meander Valley is not as bad as in other rural areas; 'ice' is a growing concern everywhere"

"Another thing we ask people to be vigilant about is firearms, particularly the secure storage of firearms. Because guns have become easy to sell on the black market and some people are being targeted because they own guns."

On the issue of one officer patrols, Scott says they are fine if the officer understands the parameters they are allowed to operate within.

Most of the officers working in his division have been in the job for 10-20 years and have enough experience to make good judgements.

Scott is an outdoors person who enjoys fishing, camping and motorbikes with his young family, he thinks it is important to keep active outside of the job.

Scott travels when he has the opportunity, but always enjoys coming home saying, "there is no better place to bring up kids than Tasmania."

Deloraine Deli Bigger, Better, Best

ARE YOU looking for an intimate evening, with fine dining? Look no further. The Deloraine Deli has extended its traditional fare to include a gourmet experience on Friday and Saturday evenings and 10-4pm Sundays.

Deloraine Deli was one of the first, perhaps the first, café and provodore showcasing quality Tasmanian produce and has continued on that path for almost 18 years.

Owners Barb Harvey and Grant Ward were conscious to retain the integrity of their iconic business when they moved 'up the hill' to 81 Emu Bay Rd Deloraine, last July.

"We want people to feel at home when they come here"

They knew they had succeeded when one of their junior regulars commented "it even tastes like the Deli."

"One person has said they miss the quiriness of the previous premises" says Barb, "but with the extra space and full commercial kitchen we are now able to offer new meal choices and extra

customer comforts."

Now that the Deli has a license, Deli customers are able to enjoy wine, beer or cider with meals from a list carefully chosen to include Tasmanian producers that are well-respected, yet not widely known.

"Coming here for a wine and tasting plate on Friday or Saturday afternoon is now an option, as we are open from breakfast right through to dinner," offers Barb.

Chefs have been employed to create the eclectic and ever changing dinner menu presented at 6 pm on Friday and Saturday nights.

The 3 course menu has been designed with fresh Tasmanian produce in mind and includes a children's selection of 'good food'.

Catering to special dietary requirements is a speciality including coeliac, gluten free, dairy free, and vegetarians.

"We want people to feel at home when they come here," says Grant.

Visit on a Sunday and be treated to 'specials' that are not offered any other day of the week - a recent one being a

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'prawn and salmon omelette'.

With the extra space the new premises provides, Deloraine Deli is now able to cater for groups in separate dining areas or in 'the atrium' and continues to provide a catering service second-to-none.

"Weddings, parties, anything," quips Grant.

Grant and Barb are supported by a friendly and dynamic team.

Lyn Prove, Assistant Manager comments, "The thing about the Deli is there is a passion for the food and the

coffee and the people. The team is here to make this a happy experience'

Deloraine Deli is located at 81 Emu Bay Road, Deloraine.

For catering, phone orders or bookings, please call

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Ministering to the Valley

by Liz Walker

FATHER TERRY Yard was raised in Deloraine, attended Our Lady of Mercy for a year and then went to St. Vigils in Hobart where his desire to give his life to the church developed.

With nearly 50 years of service as a Catholic priest in Tasmania, and 15 years working in Meander Valley, Father Terry finds that he is often looked up by past parishioners to perform weddings, baptisms and funerals.

Father Terry lives his life by prayer and friendship.

He is a regular visitor to Westbury Day Centre, Deloraine Hospital Aged Care, Kanangra, Grenoch, Giant Steps and Ashley Detention Centre.

Father Terry also works with L'arche, an international community that helps people with intellectual disabilities.

Plus he teaches an inter-denominational scripture lesson to the grade 5 and 6 class at Hagley Farm School.

Terry describes Pope Francis as a leader who is not afraid to speak his mind.

Recently the Pope can be quoted beseeching his cardinals to reach out to the disadvantaged and the poor, for

if they don't do this they will never find Jesus.

Recently Pope Francis washed the feet of youth in a detention centre that included Muslims and women.

Concerning recent sex abuse claims in the church, Father Terry said that it was important for transparency to continue in the investigations, and for restitution to be made and forgiveness sought.

About celibacy, Father Terry believes that this is something not to be taken lightly, yet by doing so men can fully commit their life to God and the church.

However, young men looking to become priests are given 8 years to decide if this life is for them.

Father Terry recognised that women have always had a prominent role in the church, with Mary Mackillop being the first Australian Saint.

In the future, women will have a more consultative role in the church.

All are welcome to attend Mass at the Holy Redeemer in Deloraine at 6.00pm every Saturday.

In Westbury it is at 9.00am at the Holy Trinity every Sunday.

Low Rainfall Gardening Options

By Nell Carr

RAINFALL IN Meander Valley in late summer and early autumn months is normally sparse, just the right conditions for succulent plants to thrive.

Their fleshy leaves store moisture to feed the roots for many months.

A dish of succulent plants, mulched with small white pebbles makes an excellent gift for young gardeners, and additional plants can be donated each birthday or Christmas.

“Remove the late flowering branches of tomato plants, as it is now too late to expect more fruit”

Eventually the plants will reproduce until the bed is too crowded, and more dishes or raised boxes can be added to house the overflow, as they are very easily transplanted.

Low growing succulents

Echeveria & Sempervivum - there are many hundreds



of variations of these neat and attractive rosettes, both of which will send up tall flower bearing stems once they become cramped in the confines of their beds.

Taller plants

Sedums, Crassula and Aeoniums are suitable for the back of the succulent bed.

Sedum “Autumn Joy” has masses of magenta flowers in late February and March.

Crassula has silver-grey foliage edged with red, and sends up at stem of tiny pink bells in February.

The plum coloured rosettes of Aeonium arboreum grow on the ends of the branches of miniature ‘trees’.

In the vegetable garden.

Remove the late flowering branches of tomato plants, as it is now too late to expect more fruit. Removing them will put more energy into those fruit which have already formed.

Tomatoes will ripen indoors. They do not require a sunny spot for ripening.

Leeks, which are essential for warming winter soups, may be sown now in seed boxes and planted into moist, well-manured trenches when they are 20cms tall.

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The clever world of Smart TVs

By Alistair Carr

I AM SURE most readers will have come across the phrase 'Smart TV' when looking at catalogues and junk mail from home media stores and the like. So what is a Smart TV?

At its most basic a Smart TV is a TV with a computer built into it that has either (or both) wireless LAN or wired LAN network access.

The majority of Smart TVs use variations of the Android operating system or the Linux Operating system.

You can also buy HDMI smart TV dongles (like an oversized USB drive) that plug in to an HDMI port on a standard TV to provide the same functions.

With either setup you can play various types of media and content that is on your home network or on the Internet.

Standard Smart TVs come

with various apps (applications) built-in such as: media players, internet browsers, Facebook, Skype and Twitter apps, dedicated links to YouTube, Vimeo, and other media services for streaming video and audio to your TV screen and speakers.

You can also download extra apps from various sites like Google Play. ABC TV and SBS have Android apps for their I view and SBS ondemand services. Whilst aimed at smart phones they should also work on Android Smart TVs.

Do note, you need a fairly fast internet connection for media streaming from internet sites. The faster the connection the better the quality. For high definition content at least 5 Megabits per second. Video streaming also uses a lot of data so keep this in mind when watching

streaming video.

Some of these services are free and others you pay a monthly subscription or per view fee for access.

The downsides to Smart TVs can be slow response to remote inputs, awkward input (remotes are really not designed for quick input of text even with an on screen keyboard), software crashing and the ever present security problems that plague any internet connected device.

It is worth keeping a regular check for updates for the TV. This can be done via the TV's settings menu. See your TV documentation for this.

For third party apps, only download them from reputable sources.

GooglePlay is the main source for Android apps and some of the Smart TVs will also have an on screen link to the manufacturers app website.

Photo comp at Mole Creek

THE MOLE CREEK Photography and Visual Arts Group holds a monthly competition as a lead up to this year's annual exhibition. The two winning images from each month then form part of the exhibition's display, where the public can vote for their favourite choice.

This month's winners are: Karen Miles in the 'Reflections' category, and Kim Howe in the 'Open' category. The exhibition takes place in September.

Deloraine House round-up

FREE COUNSELLING

Lynette from the Salvation Army Bridge program specialises in addictive behaviours, anxiety, depression and stress management. She will be available for counselling fortnightly from Wed. 11th March, 10.30 - 4pm. Phone the House or Lynette on 0419 495 557 to make an appointment. Drop-ins welcome.

Blockes' Day Out

This new group is open

to all men in the Meander Valley. The aim is to enjoy recreational activities and share experiences.

Volunteer Gardener

Needed to care for the trees, plants and shrubs of Deloraine House, Deloraine.

Community Garden

The Garden is looking for new participants.

For all of the above contact Deloraine House. Ph: 6362 2678 or email info@delorainehouse.com.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 6th March	International Women's Day Celebration	12-2pm @ Deloraine House RSVP 6362 2678
Each weekend in March	Hazelbrae Farm - Hagley	Entry: Adult \$10.00 Family \$35.00 Child U10 Free
Friday 13th March, 2:30pm	Westbury Cup	Carrick Park Pacing Club
Friday 13th March	Weekend or 3-day Yoga Retreat @ Western Creek	Contact Kristina on 6367 8241
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
Saturday 14th March & Sunday 15th March	2015 Poppy Crop Maze	Rupertswood Farm - Hagley 0403 075 766
Wednesday 18th March 11.00am - 1.00pm	Drop-in First Aid advice with Angela Enright	Deloraine House
Friday 20th March	'Welcome to Stringfest' Dinner	Deloraine RSL, Bookings essential, Laura 0437 075 266
Friday 20th - Sunday 22nd March	Deloraine Stringfest Tasmania	Deloraine - Various Venues
Saturday 21st March 1.30pm - 4.00pm	Garden Party and Fashion Parade	Rawson House, Deloraine Bookings 6362 2829
Sunday 22nd March 10.00am - 3.00pm	Tasmanian Garlic & Tomato Festival	338 Four Springs Road, Selbourne 0438 009 522
Sunday 22nd March	Northern Tas. Eventing Club - One Day event	Quercus Park, Carrick 3 phase competition
Wednesday 25th March 7.30pm	Alzheimer Symphony	Little Theatre, Deloraine \$30.00 Adult \$25.00 Conc.
Friday 27th March 6.30pm	MV Football Club Family Movies Night - Outdoors	\$5 Westbury Showgrounds - Bring your own blanket
Saturday 28th March	Devonport Aquatic Club Summer Swim Meet Junior	Deloraine Primary School 0417 303 102 Leanne
Saturday 28th March 7.30pm	Swamp Juice - Bunk Puppets - All ages	Deloraine Little Theatre \$25.00 Adult \$20.00 Conc.
Sunday 29th March	Northern Hunt Club Cubby Hunt - Introduction Hunt	Cluan Road, Bracknell
Friday 3rd April 7.00pm - 9.00pm	Gypsy Circle Dance	Weegena Hall \$5.00 Family \$2.00 single
Saturday 4th April & Sunday 5th April	Alpaca Expo 9.00am - 4.00pm	Deloraine Showgrounds, Quamby Pavilion
Monday 13th April	Eating with Friends at Deloraine House	12-2pm @ Deloraine House RSVP 6362 2678. Cost \$5.
Every Tuesday and Thursday	Heart Foundation Walking Group	Meet at Deloraine House just before 10am: 1 hour walk.



Brown Tree Frog in the vegetable garden, with native wasp on its nose.

Leave logs for frogs

by Sarah Lloyd

FROGS NEED water, but they don't live in water!

Healthy wetlands, dams, waterways and ponds are important breeding sites for some frogs. However, a characteristic of most Australian frogs is their tendency to lay their eggs in ephemeral pools or in areas that will become inundated.

After tadpoles turn into frogs, most leave the water and live almost everywhere provided there's suitable habitat. They inhabit deserts, tropical rainforests, sand dunes, eucalypt forests and woodlands, cleared farmland and alpine moorlands.

Frogs are extremely sensitive to drying out. To prevent this several species bury themselves deep in the ground, others hide in rock piles, under bark or at the base of sags, rushes or sedges. The high moisture content of logs makes them especially important as habitats and as vital refuges during and after fires.

Not only frogs need logs!

Standing dead trees, logs, small branches, twigs and leaves provide microhabitats for fungi, mosses, liverworts and lichen; habitat and shelter for insects such as ladybirds; and warm places

where skinks can bask.

Logs are hotspots of invertebrate diversity. In Tasmania nearly 500 beetle species, including many rare endemic stag beetles, are associated with decaying logs as are millipedes, velvet worms, springtails, mites and spiders, earthworms, flatworms and snails.

Birds such as scrubwrens forage on logs. Robins and cuckoos use them as look-out sites to survey the landscape for predators or scan the ground for insect food. Logs provide sheltered nesting sites for birds such as Brown Quail or Painted Button-Quail. Small animals use logs as pathways.

Crevices and hollows are important dwelling places for ants, skinks, dunnarts, echidnas, devils and quolls.

Logs, fallen branches, leaf litter and other organic matter (collectively known as coarse woody debris) are vital components of a healthy ecosystem. When left on the ground to break down (rather than being cleaned up or burnt) they release a bounty of nutrients. Most nutrients used by plants during their lives are returned to the soils as they decay. This decay is hastened by fungi, bacteria and invertebrates.

DELORAINE'S ANZAC 100TH

POLISH YOUR shoes and shine your buttons for this year's ANZAC services, but also get ready to Jitterbug, Jive, Swing or Shake as part of the day's events.

This year, the Deloraine RSLA Sub-Branch and local ANZAC Day Centenary Committee will be hosting an evening of music and dancing in addition to the Cenotaph Services during the day.

Themed 'Keeping the home fires burning', the evening dance in the main stadium of the Deloraine Performing Arts Centre, will offer a selection of music from the War years provided by the Deloraine Big Band with support from Eddie Tuleja, Kerry Cantlay and other local artists.

A highlight during the evening will be the chance to experience a simulated 'Bombing Raid'.

Volunteer patrons will be encouraged to take cover in the local 'bomb shelter' until the 'all-clear' siren is sounded. Ear plugs will be provided!

If you have content that may be suitable for inclusion in a 'Time Capsule'

the committee would love to hear from you as they are keen to provide a snapshot



'Lest We Forget'

of Deloraine in 2015 to be opened in 100 years time at the next Centenary.

For those of you attending the daytime Services at the Cenotaph, the following timings apply.

The Dawn Service will commence at 6.00am to be followed by an egg and bacon breakfast.

This year a Wreath laying ceremony will also be included at the Dawn Service.

The Main Service March will leave from outside the Deloraine Aged Care Offices opposite the British Hotel at 10.43am for the Service to commence at 11.00am.

This will be followed by a soup and sandwich lunch.

Both meals will be served at the RSL Club, with assistance from many community organisations including Deloraine Rotary, Lions and Apex Clubs, The Western Tiers Community Club and The Red Cross.

For more information about the day's events, please contact:

Peter Ashton (Pres) on Mobile: 0409 234 061 or by email: patasaust@gmail.com

Shirley Howe (Sec) on Mobile: 0409 199 721 or by email: deloraine.rsl@gmail.com

ANZAC DAY 2015

Deloraine Commemorates 100 Years of ANZAC



6.00am Dawn Service at Cenotaph

Guest Speaker: Mr Greg Hall MLC

11.00am Main Service at Cenotaph

Guest Speaker: Mr Peter Ashton DCM

Meals will be served at the RSL after each Service.

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Alzheimers symphony

DURING A PERFORMANCE of Shakespeare's King Lear, a renowned elderly actor forgets his lines. This is the beginning of his journey into the long twilight that is Alzheimer's.

As his memory fades, occurrences that would once have been shocking – such as finding a sock in his soup – are no longer questioned. His reduced living space is modified with numerous contraptions to meet his needs: pop up kitchen, shower, sports field and library. Although valiantly fighting, he succumbs to his fate and as thought slips away, feelings grow stronger and his inner

child is revived.

Performed by acclaimed Tasmanian artist Justus Neumann, this poignant work is punctuated by moments of genuine light-heartedness and humour that will take the audience on a rewarding and insightful emotional journey.

Written by Justus Neumann and Hans Peter Horner. Original Music by Julius Schwing. Designed by Greg Methe.

Little Theatre, March 25th, 7.30pm.

Tickets available from www.tendays.org.au/event/alzheimer-symphony/

Adults \$30, concessions \$25.

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Photo Mike Moores

Timber's timbre tells the story

Story by Joanne Eisemann

FOR EXPERIMENTAL Instrument and Furniture Maker Lee Pitman, 'playing' with wood is a way of life.

Now living in Westbury, he grew up in Echuca, "red gum country" as he calls it, and started working with timber when he was very young.

Lee enjoys living in Westbury, as he has the convenience of living not too far from the city and not too far from the forests.

Largely self taught, Lee has learnt some techniques from his uncle and other wood workers.

Working with recycled timber and forest finds, and scavenging has become routine for him.

"I've always been shocked at how much good timber is thrown away; the recycled part for me is using what has been thrown away and that's the same for pretty much everything I do.

I just don't like waste, and in timber especially, because a lot of the timbers you find

at tips, you might not get anymore; stuff like Huon Pine, it's getting hard to get."

When travelling, Lee is always on the lookout for wood, if he sees an old pile of wood in someone's driveway, he knocks on their door.

Lee's philosophy when working with wood, is to let the piece of wood determine the project.

"It's about finding a bit of wood, playing with it, seeing what I can do with it, or seeing what it can do, as opposed to making it do something," he said.

He makes experimental instruments, such as his 'harp' currently on display in the Stringfest 'office' window in Deloraine.

It took Lee four years to make, the basis being a piece of blood myrtle he found in the Arve Valley (south of Hobart).

"It would have been burnt if I hadn't picked it up," he said.

Two more 'instruments' are on the go in his workshop and they promise to stretch the minds of those who come

into contact with them.

Lee also makes furniture pieces, shelves, hat stands, chairs and tables.

He started making furniture for himself, people saw it, liked it and asked him to make similar pieces for them.

"If people come along and like bits of timber, I'll try to turn it into something they want."

The satisfaction of taking something that's all grey and rotted and getting the best out of it is something Lee enjoys; his biggest joy though, is making things people like.

One of his chairs on show at Elemental Art-space in Deloraine (where Lee displays some of his furniture) is made from the front and back doorstep that was removed during renovation of a friend's house.

Linda, a gallery attendant at the artspace, bought the piece almost as soon as she saw it.

"It fits me perfectly and I love knowing the story of the timber that's in it," she said.

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Valleyviews

March 2015

Mayor's Message

I was fortunate to attend the launch of the *Deloraine Stringfest Tasmania* last month. *Stringfest* is a music festival with a twist. Not only is it a celebration of players but instruments too and the luthiers that make them from our fine Tasmanian timbers. For three days in March, Deloraine will come alive with concerts, workshops, buskers and displays. Congratulations to Artistic Director, Nick Weare and the volunteer organising committee and Arts Deloraine for championing such a great event. And thanks must also go to the State Government for their support. I wish everyone a very successful 2015 *Stringfest*.

The *Westbury Irish Festival* is on again this weekend, Saturday 14 March. Formerly known as the *Westbury St Patrick's Festival*, the name may have changed but the great entertainment remains the same. I wish the organisers all the very best for a successful day.

Council's final energy efficiency workshops are on Monday 16 and Tuesday 17 March at Meander and Hadspen, 7:00pm-8:30pm respectively. So, if you haven't had a chance to get along to one, you still have time. Three Council-owned buildings have recently undergone energy efficiency upgrades and we've learned some valuable lessons during this process. The workshops outline some simple measures to help you save money on your home energy bills.

If you're not able to make a workshop—fear not—we will make some of the case studies available via our website over the coming months.

Mayor Craig Perkins



Council Updates

Westbury Information Signs Now available for local notices

Have you seen the new information signs in Westbury? One is located at the Town Hall Car Park and the other is across the road from the Community Health Centre at the Recreation Ground. Each sign contains local information and a map of attractions and services. The rear of the sign is now available to promote local community services and events free of charge. To have your notice displayed, please hand in one or two copies to Council reception during business hours. Notices should not exceed A3 size. Both signs will be updated every Monday and Council reserves the right to determine appropriate notices and the length of time they are displayed.



Do you need to update your dog registration details?

If you have recently changed your address or phone number or if your dog is now desexed and/or micro-chipped or has passed away, please contact Council on 6393 5300 to update your dog's registration before the end of June.

National Youth Week - It starts with us!

Devonport's annual youth arts & music festival *Reclaim the Lane* will launch National Youth Week in Tassie for 2015. There will be free workshops, food, live music interactive stalls and more—Friday, 10 April from 3pm-5pm. A free bus provided by the State Government will run from Prospect to Devonport and return for 12-25 year olds.

Details will be available on Council's website and Facebook page from March 9.

All enquiries and bookings to Vicki Jordan on 0400 155 690 or vicki.jordan@mvc.tas.gov.au



Council news at your fingertips

You can now access up-to-date Council information via the free smartphone application, *My Local Services*. Find out about local news, events, emergency alerts and most importantly when you need to put your bin out! By choosing the 'Near Me' option, you can find information on parks, reserves, events and more. It also has a 'Report It' option which gives you the ability to upload photos and report on issues requiring Council's attention.

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



Community News

Your FREE online directory is taking off. Don't miss the ride!

Have you registered your community group or service yet? The Meander Valley Community Directory is a free website for every group large or small.

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phone 6362 3537 for help.



The Community Directory is a Meander Valley Council initiative in partnership with Meander Valley Online and supported by foundation sponsors, Deloraine & Districts Community Bank and Medicare Local Tasmania.

Last chance to view Meandering 2014!

The annual art exhibition where local artists present work based on images of Meander Valley is now on display at the Deloraine Creative Studios, Emu Bay Road until 31 March 2015. Take the opportunity to see this special body of work. Entry is free and artworks are available to buy - great original work at sensible prices.

Diary Dates

Westbury Irish Festival

14 March 2015
www.westburyirishfestival.com.au

Deloraine Stringfest Tasmania

20 - 22 March 2015
www.stringfesttas.com

Tasmanian Garlic and Tomato Festival

22 March 2015
www.tasmaniannaturalgarlicandtomatoes.com.au

Earth Hour Switch off to shine a light on global warming

28 March 2015, 8:30pm-9:30pm
www.earthhour.org.au

4th Rates Instalment due

Tuesday, 31 March 2015

Markets

Westbury Market, St Andrews Church

Third Saturday of every month, Saturday, 21 March

Farmers' Market, Deloraine, Agricorp Car Park

Fortnightly, Saturday 14 and 28 March

Deloraine Market, Showgrounds

First Saturday of every month, Saturday, 4 April

Liffey Valley Market, The Old School

Second Saturday of every month, Saturday, 11 April

Easter Public Holidays

Council will close for Easter on Friday 3 April to Tuesday 7 April (inclusive).

Kerbside rubbish will be collected as normal



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EDLINGTON'S DELICIOUS GARDEN OF EDEN

Story by Joanne Eisemann

SINCE RETURNING to Australia three years ago, after 33 years of living in Canada including 20 years of farming, Jenny Edlington has been growing vegetables on her property on the outskirts of Deloraine.

Jenny farmed in British Columbia, about 4 ½ hours east of Vancouver, close to the US border.

"Everybody views Canada as being a very cold country but there is a finger of semi desert that runs up from Colorado, Montana and Washington," explains Jenny.

Jenny farmed seven acres in British Columbia's 'fruit and vegetable bowl' and grew primarily garlic, along with some other vegetables.

When visiting Tasmania seven years ago she "was completely taken with the place", so when the decision was made to move back to Australia, Tasmania seemed an obvious choice.

Deloraine was chosen for its excellent soils and favorable growing climate.

On her property, a full summer garden selection is grown including garlic, tomatoes, potatoes, cucumbers, zucchini, corn, parsley, basil, dill, beans, summer onions, red onions, coriander, radish, beetroot, spinach, mazuna, tatsoi, rocket, carrots, pumpkin, strawberries, and raspberries.

"I am an organic farmer but am not certified; I was certified in Canada for 20 years and I've chosen not to be certified here," says Jenny. She adds, "I'm following organic principles in production. I'm not calling my food organic, I'm calling it 'grown using organic methods'. In Australia you are not allowed to use that term unless you are certified."

Growing vegetables intensely on a small scale,



Jenny Edlington tends to her 'Cinderella' pumpkins, also known as Rouge Viv D'Etampes, a very old french heirloom variety common in Parisian market places in the 1880's.
Photo by Mike Moores

requires a lot of attention and hands on work. Jenny makes her own compost.

"Basically I try to use what is available, I apply it on a very small scale; if I plant a tomato for instance, I would dig a hole and put a handful of compost in, then plant into that," she says.

Jenny also uses cover crops, grown over winter and ploughed back in to the soil in spring. Crop rotation is also employed.

Some Canadian tools and farming methods are used because she finds them more efficient. Where she

farmed in Canada the land holdings were small, mostly 5 - 10 acres and this engendered information and innovation sharing.

An example is the 'wheel hoe' Jenny uses - it allows weeding to take place as fast as you can walk; or 'remag', a material used in road making that allows light, water and air in but not predatory insects; "great for the white moth invasion," Jenny adds.

In Canada there are many more options where people can buy their food.

Jenny notes, "I made a really good living on 7 acres in

Canada and am finding it a lot more difficult to do that here. I think Australia has been somehow manipulated by the big chains; the supermarket hold here is just phenomenal."

Jenny's focus is and always has been, to grow good affordable food and to encourage people to grow their own food. So she hasn't gone down the road of marketing her product to high-end restaurants as many small producers do.

She says, "Tasmania is an incredible food magnet at the moment, a lot of that food

is very expensive and elitist for want of a better word; most people can't afford it; I am trying to keep good food affordable to everyone."

People wanting to purchase food grown by Jenny can do so at the Deloraine Farmers Market, once per fortnight; Liffey Market once per month; or visit the self serve shop near the gate of her property, 40 Quamby Brook Road, Deloraine (look for the lions on the gate posts) - open 9:30 - 5.00pm most days except some Tuesdays.



Alpacas send foxes packing : Tomatoes & garlic galore!

THE NORTHERN Alpaca Breeders Network will hold their Annual Alpaca Expo on Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th April.

Held in the Quamby Pavillion at the Deloraine Show Grounds, the Australian Alpaca Association will be celebrating 25 years in Australia.

The Alpaca is an interesting farm animal, as it is a protector of other farm animals.

Alpacas have herded sheep into a dam during the Melbourne fires and protected a calf from an eagle. There are numerous stories of alpacas

attacking foxes and yet they are a docile animal when it comes to humans.

Alpacas eat grass by nipping the blades rather than pulling, which allows a quicker recovery time for a paddock - a lot sooner than with most other animals.

Being immigrants from high altitude areas of South America, they feel quite at home in the cold climates of Tasmania where their fleece is highly sought after.

All are welcome to attend the expo to meet with breeders and stock. For more info call Ken Manning 6362 2343.

A TASMANIAN Garlic and Tomato Festival will be held at 338 Four Springs Road Selbourne on Sunday 22nd March from 10.00am - 3.00pm. Come along to taste over 50 varieties of tomato and six types of garlic.

You can also learn more about cooking and growing tomatoes and garlic. There will be guest speakers, food and produce stalls and entertainment. To learn more, email info@tasmaniannaturalgarlicandtomatoes.com

Visitor information at its very best



Great Western Tiers visitor centre staff member Julie Self with Visitors



2014 Winner
Visitor Information
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Photo by Chris Crerar

DID YOU KNOW Meander Valley has an award winning Visitor and Information Centre?

The Great Western Tiers Visitor Centre, located in Deloraine, won the Visitor and Information Centre category at the 2014 Tasmanian Tourism Awards in November last year.

The highly regarded award recognises the achievements and quality of the services provided by Tasmanian Visitor Centres.

The Great Western Tiers Visitor Centre's win is a result of more than just providing amazing information, itineraries, tour and accommodation bookings, after-hours services, and visitor services.

It is a result of the tireless work of its staff and fiercely proud volunteers who have a wealth of experience and willingness to share it with visitors and locals alike.

It is also a result of many successful relationships. The Visitor Centre has a strong community focus which has helped it form strong relationships, create partnerships and develop trust with many community groups,

businesses and individuals.

The prestige of winning the 2014 Tasmanian Tourism Award is not just for those directly involved with the Centre but for the greater Meander Valley community.

And it doesn't stop there. As the winner of the 2014 Tasmanian Award, The Great Western Visitor Centre will now vie for the title of the best Visitor and Information Centre in Australia as a finalist in the 2014 Australian Tourism Awards.

Meander Valley Council Mayor Craig Perkins said it perfectly when asked about the success of the Centre.

"The secret behind the Great Western Tiers Visitor Centre's success can be attributed to many things - the dedicated staff, the wonderful volunteers, the breadth and depth of the services on offer, and the support from local residents, businesses and industry stakeholders ... in my mind there is no wonder our Visitor Centre is an award winning centre. Thanks must go to everyone who plays a part in making it the best in Tasmania."

The 2014 Australian

Tourism Awards Ceremony is to be held in Adelaide on the 10th April 2015.

The Great Western Tiers Visitor Centre is open 7 days a week, 362 days a year at 98-100 Emu Bay Road, Deloraine. Visit www.greatwesterntiers.net.au to find out more.

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Valley-wide Whispers

Seppenfelts is on the move, apparently to the old Vinnies shop on Emu Bay Road where they will have a lot more room to display their many treasures!

Good Food Company renovations are taking a bit longer than expected. They're now looking at opening in early March.

The British Hotel has been put on the market.

The ABC Open Producer is negotiating with Deloraine Online to provide an opportunity for small business, community groups and individuals to learn more about self promotion.

In two sessions of 3 hours each, participants will be taken through the basics of shooting a video story with their smartphones and tablets.

Simple script writing, shooting and editing the video with a mobile device will be covered using free apps. Stories will be published on the ABC open Website. Dates have not yet been decided, express your interest by emailing deloraine.oac@education.tas.gov.au - workshop places are strictly limited.

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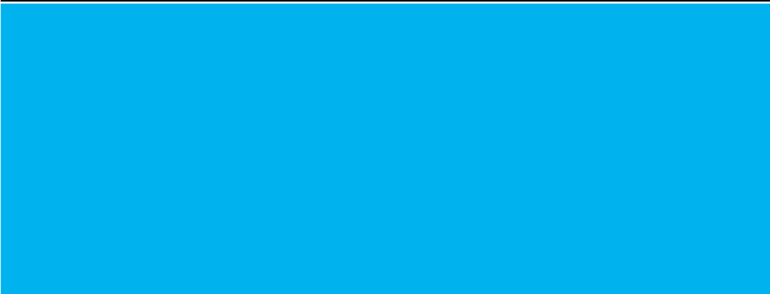
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