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## Roos run riot over Redlegs

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All three Deloraine teams that played Bracknell in their recent home ground fixture got closer to gaining a finals position. Story page 16...

## OLD SCHOOL DILEMMA

By Marguerite McNeill

A PROPOSAL to demolish the old school building and toilets in the main street of Mole Creek has sparked a smouldering debate amongst residents of the district.

Since word spread about its possible demise, there has been a surge of interest weighing up the pros and cons of retaining the aging but neglected structure and how it might be used to benefit the community.

Debate has flared about the historic value of the property, how the land could be used for

another purpose and whether the building should be pulled down at all.

To dispel the tension, the Meander Valley Council requested the Education Department that owns the land and building, to defer the planned demolition to allow further consultation with the Mole Creek community.

That consultation came about early last month when the Mole Creek Progress Association called a community meeting to gather ideas.

Local resident Justin MacLeod facilitated the meeting.

He said that though

the number of people who attended was relatively small (about 15) there was good representation of the town and the meeting was very positive.

Mr MacLeod said in recent months an apparent breakdown in communications had left many residents feeling disillusioned about decisions regarding issues in the town.

"There was a general feeling that there was a lack of communication in the town," he said.

"The issue of the old school was like opening an old wound."

"We're hopeful that now a process has

started to help bridge the gap."

The majority of attendees agreed that the Old School building was of historical significance and that they would like to see it restored with the potential of becoming part of a community hub for locals and visitors.

Suggestions included use as a community meeting place for smaller groups, with space for community work, classes and services.

The grounds could be used to extend opportunities for recreational facilities in the town.

The meeting resolved to develop initiatives to



The old school is teaching the community to think about the future

increase and improve community cohesion and communication with regard to the future direction of the town.

It was also concluded that the building and land formed part of the local school grounds and therefore any decision regarding its fate

remained with the Education Department.

Attendees agreed that any move to restore the building would require some significant effort to raise funds and develop a solid working plan for its restoration and ongoing maintenance. Cont/d page 2...



# In My Opinion...

By Joanne Eisemann  
Managing Editor

BULLYING HAS been a topic on the national agenda for some years now.

I've always found it amusing that the way we began to address this issue was to pick on kids.

Sure, there are kids that bully other kids in probably every school in Australia, but a more serious problem in my life has been the teachers I was bullied by, rather than the kids.

In my experience, Australian communities are full of bullies. It's like a national sport, with people everywhere trying to win at someone else's expense.

I think we have little hope of changing this while we have leaders that use bullying as their *modus operandi*.

When they behave as they do in parliament many politicians, if not most, would be kicked off the footy field pretty quickly for playing the person rather than the ball. Plus, they would probably eat all the oranges at half time too!

These days it seems they have forgotten altogether about the issues that people care about. No real debate is being had publicly anymore.

Instead, we get some one-liner (fed to them by a spin doctor), repeated over and over again.

What happened to telling the truth or having a vision for the country?

I learnt a long time ago in some sociology lecture or other, that a group is only as good as its least functioning members.

On that score, I don't think Australia is doing very well. In real terms, one result of all this bullying is that we are ending up with a society where the rich get richer and the poor get poorer.

What happened to the social democracy we once had?

Do we really want Australia to go down the road of other countries where the number of homeless and destitute people is ever increasing?

I ask myself why people feel they need to bully others? The answer I come up with is that they feel they are not going to get what they want any other way.

Humans are really smart. If we can work out how to send a research mission to Pluto, surely we can develop a social system where everyone is included and everyone wins?!



## Letters In...

I HAVE BEEN a customer of the ANZ Bank for around 45 years and recently lost my ability to climb stairs and steps.

This disability has not presented a great problem around Deloraine business generally, as most have a scooter or wheelchair access point.

However, the Deloraine branch of the ANZ has a daunting barrier with steps required to be negotiated to their ATM and to access the tellers.

Despite my pleas to ANZ to fix this problem by providing a ramp, the only response to date has been that a ramp MAY be built in around 12 months time!

This response flies in the face of their own access policy which states "Premises & Facilities - Ensuring our branches and workplaces are welcoming and accessible for employees and customers with disability."

Let's hope the ANZ Bank may someday soon have some consideration for all its customers and provide a means of accessing their branch and ATM without needing to wave through the branch window hoping to attract the attention of a teller!

Come on ANZ, spend a little of your profits on treating

all your customers equally and with dignity.

Denis P Lyne



DURING A recent trip to the U.S., I shared several issues of the *Meander Valley Gazette* with friends, from Florida to Ohio and places in between.

All commented "what a great community newspaper" and they were also impressed with the layout and content of the articles.

Said one friend, in particular, "this really makes me want to move to the Meander Valley!"

Jan Collett

JUST WANTED to say how impressed we were with Joanne Eisemann's Editorial Opinion in the July issue. Well said!

Angela Fox

# TasNetworks fly over poles

IF YOU HAVE a sore neck from looking up, wondering what that helicopter is doing making low passes over the town, your 'Gazette' has the answer.

The chopper is operated by TasNetworks as part of their 'Fire Mitigation Programme.'

It involves photographing all the power poles in the area, registering their location and condition.

When a pole is found to be defective, a maintenance crew is sent to repair or replace it, so as to reduce the risk of fire or other damage.

This is an ongoing programme that TasNetworks hopes will improve the detection of problems before they become serious.

Avoid future neck problems. Just turn to the 'Meander Valley Gazette' instead.



# Community bank turns ten

DELORAINES & DISTRICT Community Bank® Branch celebrated its tenth birthday in July.

"Thanks to community support, and the hard work of our branch staff, we have been able to build the business steadily over the past 10 years," Chairperson Lyn Hayward said.

"We plan to continue to share this success with our community through future grants programs and shareholder dividends."

Since opening its doors, Deloraine & District Community Bank® Branch has

grown to boast \$104 million in banking business and 3800 customers.

Lynn Hayward said Meander Valley residents, traders and community organisations had all learned the benefits of banking locally.

"As our profitability grows, so too does our ability to channel our profits into much-needed community infrastructure and services," she said.

Our branch was set up by the community, for the community so we are always looking for ways we can help strengthen Meander Valley."

# Learn to relax your mind

IF YOU struggle with pain, stress emotional distress, anxiety, depression or feel discontent with your life, you may want to pop along to an 8-week program coming up at Deloraine Day Centre.

Mindfulness has been shown to significantly help people coping with physical pain, emotional stress and distress.

The program will support people to learn the skills of

Mindfulness through formal training and individual support to address specific needs.

Deloraine and District Community Health Social Worker, Libby Beyerle, will tutor the series of 8 free sessions to be held at the Deloraine Day Centre starting Thursday 24th September at 6pm.

Bookings are required, call 67012111 to register. For information, call Libby 670 2118.

# Old School Dilemma (cont'd from page 1)

...Meantime, accurate information on the status of the building and what is required to retain its historical value in the town is being collated and will be distributed to the community in several ways, including being posted on a new community notice board next to the Mole Creek Post Office.

A rough estimate prepared by the Meander Valley Council suggests that an initial \$110,000 investment would be required to make the old school building habitable.

Ongoing maintenance, operational and insurance

costs would be between \$5,000 and \$10,000 annually.

Director of Development Services, Martin Gill, said that Council was not in the position to take on the additional financial commitment but had offered administrative support and guidance for funding and grant bids for the project.

He said Council was keen to work with the local community and to understand local priorities and, where appropriate, contribute to upgrades and improvements to existing community assets, such as the Mole Creek Memorial Hall.

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Bailey Wells (14 yrs) Australian 44kg champion, sparring with his trainer Craig Tobler, in facilities behind the Italian Club in Prospect Vale.

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# Punching above their weight in Prospect

By David Claridge

WITH FIVE CURRENT State Champions and five current Australian Champions training at the Launceston Boxing MMA Club, there are plenty of reasons for smiles all round.

As one of two legitimate boxing clubs in Launceston, the active gym in Prospect Vale operates three nights a week.

"The good thing about boxing is that it doesn't matter about age or weight or gender.

We have a current three-time Australian female champion at 52kgs here at the gym," Coach Craig Tobler said.

**"All we're looking for in boxing is dedication to training"**

One of the coaches, Craig Tobler, spoke about one of their home-grown champions, Bailey Wells, 14 years old of Kings Meadows. Bailey is the current Australian Champion for his weight of 44kgs.

Bailey has been boxing for five years to keep fit after football season, he considers boxing to be a life-sport.

"All we're looking for in boxing is dedication to training. We have a lot of kids that turn up and think they can learn a sport in five minutes." Mr Tobler said.

"The dedication in this sport is being able to turn up and train constantly.

"It's actually a real hard sport to learn," he said.

The club teaches boxing, kickboxing and mixed martial arts with specialised trainers for each discipline.

For more information, call "Twigs" on 0437 249 478.

# Extend your Facebook reach

IF YOU ARE thinking of promoting your small business or community group using social media, you may want to get yourself along to Deloraine Online Access Centre for two sessions being tutored by Jan Collett.

The first session on Wednesday 19th August, 'Intro to Facebook for Community Groups and Small Business' will cover how to create your own individual profile and then how to create the appropriate page for your business or group.

The session will suit those who have never created a

Facebook page or have started to create a community/business page but are floundering bigtime with settings.

The second session on Wednesday 26th August, 'Facebook for Community Groups and Small Business - the next step', will review the creation/settings but also explore how to get reach and look at the stats and some tips for making it successful.

Both sessions are from 10.00am till midday. Cost \$10.00, \$7.00 conc, \$5.00 registered users. Book by calling 6362 3537 or email deloraine.oac@education.tas.gov.au

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With a crowd of 100 people watching, the Aboriginal flag was raised at the Deloraine Cenotaph by elder, Uncle Viv Beeton, who has lived in Deloraine for 40 years, and Hank Horton.

## Elders raise flag for NAIDOC celebration

By Joanne Eisemann

AROUND ONE hundred people gathered to make history in Deloraine during the National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) week.

The local aboriginal community raised their flag for the first time at the Cenotaph.

One of the organisers, Greg May, commented, "We asked the RSL if it was okay to raise the flag here. They said it was fine to do that."

An aboriginal language welcome was translated for attendees as "Hello, welcome. We sit here today on aboriginal land, my land, talking here together."

Greg May spoke to the crowd of the history and importance of NAIDOC week, along with this year's

theme; which is "we all stand on sacred ground. Learn, respect and celebrate."

He then introduced Hank Horton who commented, "Under our dreaming law we have the obligation to look after and care for our country."

He also talked of the people who lived in Deloraine before white settlement, telling of a group of 20 people who had lived at Pumicestone Corner and had drawn much of what they needed from the Meander River.

Returning to the microphone, Greg outlined the decision to hold the flag raising at the cenotaph.

"For very many people this is their sacred ground. Today, when we raise our flag on this site we pay our respects not only to the traditional owners of this land but all the

peoples who fought together; to remember them, to learn from them, to respect them and celebrate them," he said.

A cultural lunch of roo burgers, kebabs and mutton-bird was prepared and served afterwards at Deloraine House.

Several dignitaries attended including Guy Barnett MP and his wife Kate, Greg Hall MLC, Meander Valley Council Mayor Craig Perkins and Councillor Deb White.

The Mayor said "He thought it was good that a tradition of celebrating the aboriginal community here has begun, particularly in the year that we are in the process of edging closer to a referendum for constitutional change and recognition."

## State conference discusses burning issues

By David Claridge

LESSONS LEARNED from serious fires and advancements in firefighting technology were some of the topics discussed at the annual state fire conference held at the Country Club Casino recently.

Around 360 career and



volunteer firefighters and staff as well as Tas Police, Tas Ambulance, and SES attended the conference.

**"The new bushfire protection plans I thought were the most interesting."**

Minister for Police and Emergency Management Rene Hidding provided the opening address for the conference.

"This is a great opportunity for the Tas Fire Service to bring together the operational arms all together as part of a family to talk through what

the Tas Fire Service is doing."

TFS Group Officer for the Western Tiers Errol Gleeson was also available to answer questions.

"I came to keep up with the latest information," he said.

"The new bushfire protection plans I thought were the most interesting."

Mr Gleeson also spoke about the fire risk for the region: "It has been quiet, but, the potential is there for big fires but touch wood it has been good."

"We do a lot of work with the public to do pre-planning of incidents, particularly in the vegetation areas."

## You're right, it's been horribly cold

A LOT OF people have been commenting on how cold the weather has been in Meander Valley this winter.

Of course, the final figures are not in as winter isn't over. But a call to the weather bureau has

confirmed that it has been unusually cold - a lot colder than normal winter temperatures.

We've had the longest consecutive run of cold nights since 2006. And 2006 was an extremely cold year.

Runs of 5 - 6 or 7 consecutive nights of very cold weather and clear skies combined with light winds has produced frost after frost.

Each day, on average its been 1.5 degrees colder than last year.

### MEANDER VALLEY - GET INVOLVED



THE MOLE CREEK Photography & Visual Arts Group theme for their July photography competition was 'Agriculture'.

Pictured above is the Category Winner, 'Lone Shearer', by Karen Miles. Next month's theme is 'Community Life'.

Meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of every month; 6pm at the Presbyterian Church, Cave-side Road, Mole Creek. An exhibition of some of the club's work is still showing at the Blue Apple in East Devonport.

### POLICE REPORT WITH INSP. SCOTT FLUDE

MEANDER VALLEY has had a great start to the financial year with decrease in the already low crime rate.

In fact last week we had no incidents of crime reported at all which is very rare but pleasing to see.

Road related incidents are also down which is great considering the very cold and

frosty weather we have had.

Always remember to drive to the road conditions and just because a posted speed limit is there, doesn't always mean its safe to travel at that speed.

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KidsMatter participants Will Barrett, 10 of Deloraine, Cecilia Wickham, 7 of Meander, Leo Triffitt, 6 of Weegen and Olivia Gleeson 10 of Deloraine. Photo: Mike Moores

## Caring for our kids' mental health across Tasmania

DELORAINE PRIMARY recently joined one hundred and thirty schools in Tasmania and launched their version of the 'Kids Matter' program.

KidsMatter is an Australian Primary Schools mental health initiative.

It provides proven methods, resources and support to identify and implement whole-school strategies to improve student mental health and wellbeing.

*"we believe we can do better at helping children to develop their self-esteem"*

Program focus is upon nurturing and developing happy, balanced kids with special attention paid to children's mental health.

Through KidsMatter Primary, schools undertake a two to three-year cyclical process in which they plan and take action to be a positive community;

one that is founded on respectful relationships and a sense of belonging and inclusion.

The 'people' jigsaw puzzle made by students at Deloraine Primary, part of which is pictured above, introduces the idea of connection as a school community.

"Mental health and wellbeing are essential for kids' lives and for their learning at school. Kids who are mentally healthy learn better, make sense of life's experiences and benefit from them, have good strong relationships with other people important to them.

As a school, we believe we can do better at helping children to develop their self-esteem, competence and help them through circumstances that may affect their learning, development and well-being" comments organising teacher, Justine Page.

More information can be found at [www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary](http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary)

## Game, century and match at Whitemore Club

WHITEMORE TENNIS Club enjoys a history of more than 100 years and is currently looking for some new players.

The club was originally built by community members. In recent years, in partnership with the Meander Valley Council, the club has been able to maintain three courts to a high level, with

two being under lights.

The club is presently involved with the Tennis Tasmania Midweek Ladies Competition and would happily welcome new or past players wanting to return to tennis.

The games are played on a Wednesday, with the roster for 2015/16 starting in September and finishing around

April 2016 with a break over the Christmas Holidays.

Teams need to be finalised soon. So ladies, please give them a call.

Social Games and tennis for Juniors are also available.

Anyone interested in more information please contact: Kylie Johns (President) on 0400 780 189 or Libby Lord on 0400 633 706.

## Meander open for fly fishing

QUAMBY FLY Fishers Club is holding its 7th Annual Open Day at the Meander Hall on Sunday 6th September from 10.00am to 3.00pm.

A warm invitation is extended to anyone currently involved in fishing, and those who would like to get involved in this wonderful pastime.

Quamby Fly Fishers Club is based at Deloraine on the Meander River in the central-north of Tasmania - a forty-minute drive west of Launceston or equal travelling distance east of Devonport.

Just 15 minutes away is Huntsman Lake and the Central Plateau Lakes in the Highlands are only an hour away.

People attending the Open Day will be able to obtain advice from experienced Club member.

Demonstrations will cover fly tying and entomology, casting, knots, gear selection, cleaning and filleting, where and when to fish, etc.

There will also be ample time for practice of some of these activities under expert tuition.

## Parenting skills

LEARN MORE about being a parent during an eight week program to be held at the Deloraine Day Centre starting 16th September.

Understanding your children's needs, encouraging your children to feel safe and feeling more confident as a parent, are some of the topics that will be covered.

The course will be held on Wednesday mornings from 10:00am to 12:30pm.

To book call Deloraine Hospital.

For more information call Libby Beyerle on 6701 2118.



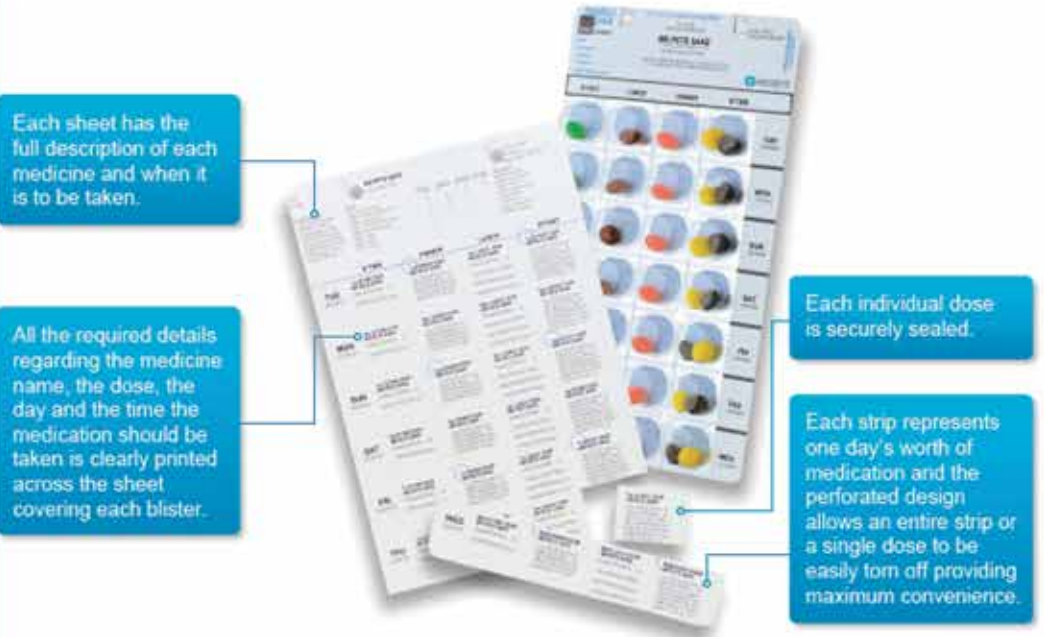
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# Mole Creek Primary School rejuvenates rural farm experience



Mole Creek Primary School students Kaleb Lee, age 11 and Chloe Onions, age 6, with Simone and Monique.

By Joanne Eisemann

ALL SEVENTY-FIVE children attending Mole Creek Primary School are involved with caring for the land and the animals on its farm.

Each class has a scrap bucket where all food leftovers are collected and fed to the chooks.

"I like the chickens because they lay eggs," shares prep student Oliver French and adds, "I like scrambled eggs."

Chloe Onions, a grade one student, enjoys the baby animals and says, "I like the little lambs."

The farm has been an integral part of the school's history but had become run down.

A few years' ago, a decision was made to revitalise it by once again using it as a learning tool for children attending the school.

"It is always good giving kids that extra experience of things outside the classroom," shares school principal, Nathan Rockliff.

Stocked now with steers, heifers, sheep and chooks, children get to experience firsthand many aspects of animal husbandry; from collecting eggs, shearing and raising orphan lambs to cutting hay and feeding stock.

"We usually feed the animals and move the sheep, if they need moving," comments Grade 6

student, Shaylyn Cooke, when asked of her involvement with the farm.

A successful grant application has meant that the part of Mole Creek that runs through the farm has now been fenced off.

**"...children get to experience firsthand many aspects of animal husbandry..."**

"We applied for money to support the rehabilitation of the creek area that was getting run down with stock running through that space. It was ruining the bank," explains Nathan.

Some trees have also been removed to make way for new tree plantings which the school hopes will encourage some native species back into the area and so provide new opportunities for outdoor science lessons.

Grade four student, Kaleb Lee, is particularly excited about this project and keenly awaits the return of native species.

Nathan points out that the community assists the school's farm by lending rams and donating stock as well as purchasing the animals when they are ready to eat.

"Without their help we couldn't run this farm," he says.

## Beware tax time scammers

By Alistair Carr

WITH THE financial year just ended, there will be a spike in phony Australian Tax Office communications.

Bogus ATO callers may say you have unclaimed money or, have breached tax laws, and will be taken to court or arrested if you do not pay up now.

They want your name, birth date, address and bank details, including PINs and passwords and will, thus, empty or launder money through your account.

The real ATO will not ask for bank details over the phone.

To get your money, this caller may ask you to buy cash to load the post office's prepaid Load&Go cards to pay your tax "liability".

If in doubt, get his name and extension number, hang up and then call the ATO on 13 28 69 and ask for the given extension and name.

Or call the ATO on 1800 060 062 (8.00am-6.00pm, Monday to Friday).

Fake ATO emails, with a

possible replica of the ATO logo, ask you to unzip and run the zip file attached to claim the refund ATO owed.

This installs Downloader. Upatre on your computer. The file then goes to its Web or FTP site to install nasty malware on your computer to steal personal info, send out its malicious file and email you scam advertising.

Another version, Infostealer.Dyre, checks your Web browser's URL (web address) for online banking services and intercepts your traffic with these sites to steal your user name and password for your accounts entered into their login forms.

Even when you have up-to-date antivirus and security programs to remove these opened files, delete them unopened. Then empty your email trash or recycle bins.

For emails with a link to a bogus ATO website that requests your personal and banking details, do the same, and avoid clicking the link.

Another common scam is someone calling or emailing you about detected problems on your computer, or a deceased estate owing you lots of money. The caller wants your name, address and bank details. Hang up. Delete the email.

**NOTE: Your bank will NOT refund lost money if you have given scammers access.**

## Family history research yields fame and notoriety

By Joanne Eisemann

DEREK THOMPSON of Moltema began researching his family history a year ago.

His efforts have uncovered around five thousand family members, deceased and alive, he did not know about.

He began this journey when he attended a University of the Third Age at the Family History Centre housed in the Mormon Church Deloraine.

Interest in the subject sparked "because (he) did not know anything about (his) family at all (as his relatives) never talked about (their) family."

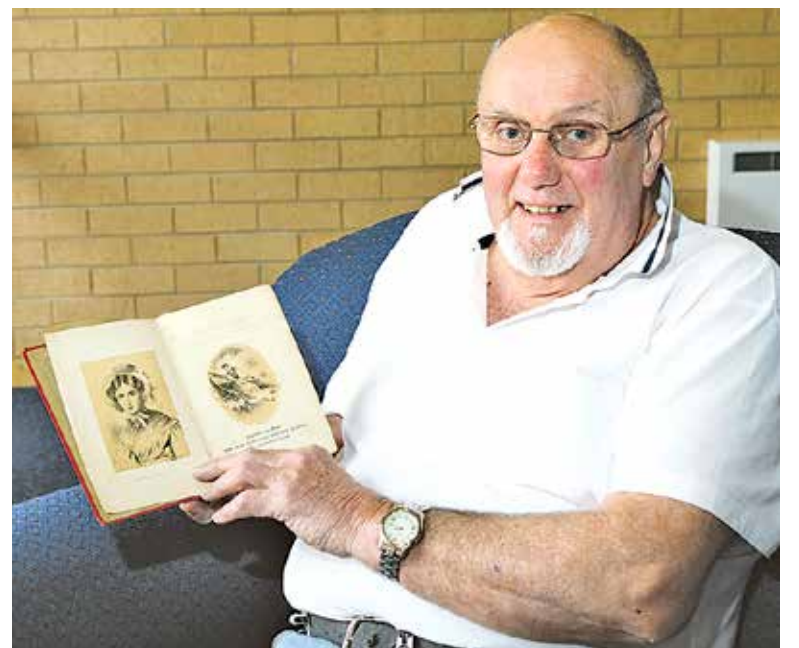
It turns out Derek is related to a famous figure in English history, Grace Darling. Her part in rescuing survivors from the SS Forfarshire when the ship was driven by a storm onto Harcar Rock, on the Farn Islands, in 1838 had brought her national recognition.

"Grace Darling (was) my great, great, great aunt," says Derek.

He also has blood connections to Ralph Darling, the notorious governor of New South Wales from 1825 to 1831.

Yet connections made are not all in the past.

"I have found a cousin I did



Derek Thompson discovered he was related to a national hero.

not know I had since I have been researching," shares Derek.

Also into family history, she has been working with him on their family tree even though they have never met.

However, he plans to change that soon. He will meet his cousin next year when he goes to New South Wales for his granddaughter's university graduation.

According to Derek there is no better place than the Family History Centre in Deloraine to work on family history.

There he has access to everything he needs on the Internet as well as support from the people who run the centre.

"I am not going to find any better information or any better people to help me find that information," comments Derek.

The Family History Centre operates from the Mormon Church in Deloraine every Tuesday from 10.00am to 3.00pm. All are welcome or give Graham Brown a call for more info on 0429 447 222.

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Maree Matanle, current Director of the Tasmanian Craft Fair

Photo by: Mike Moores

## Widen horizons with U3A

By Joanne Eisemann

WHEN LINDA Ireland moved to Deloraine a year ago she joined the Heart Foundation walking group. "When we walk we talk," she says.

When fellow walkers learned that she had been teaching art in Far North Queensland, they asked her if she would like to do that again for U3A.

She now spends three afternoons per week passing on her knowledge of mosaics and acrylic painting as a U3A tutor.

U3A (University of the third age) offers older people low-cost, educational opportunities in a pleasant, supportive social setting.

Beginning in France in 1973, and spreading worldwide, there are no formal entry requirements, no examinations and no 'awards'.

Run by volunteers, the Meander Valley version started in Westbury in 2012, thanks to the enthusiasm of Jo Boniface and Marg Leedham.

"It is a great system," shares Linda, adding, "With U3A, the only thing you have to do is pay an annual membership and you can participate in anything they provide. (So) you can be in half a dozen different groups."

Courses vary from the keeping gently fit like yoga, tai chi or social tennis to the cerebral like geography, philosophy and politics, and the more practical French, painting or memoir writing.

Tutors are drawn from the skill base within its membership.

"I am not a particularly wonderful artist but I am a good teacher," comments Linda. "I just love seeing people realise they have talent."

An exhibition of U3A students' work will take place early in December at Deloraine Creative Studios.

If you are interested in joining U3A, start by visiting their website at [www.mvu3a.org](http://www.mvu3a.org). Alternatively, call Marg on 6393 1075.

Linda Ireland in the process of creating a Mosaic on glass



## No glass ceiling at the Craft Fair

By Wendy Laing

DEDICATED TO the Deloraine Craft Fair, Maree Matanle is in her second term as Director.

Held annually, the Fair is recognised as being the largest display, sale and working demonstration of arts and crafts in Australia.

Part of her job description, she said, "was listening to ideas for artists and craft people."

"We want to develop Tasmanian interest and broaden people's knowledge about different types of art outside the norm," she elaborated.

This is now the Fair's 35th year in Deloraine. It began in 1981 and has grown from only a few craft stalls to the

220 that will be on display this year. During this time Rotary, as its management, has raised and given over three million dollars to the community.

All the Deloraine Rotary members volunteer their time to make this Fair a success. "We would not be able to cope without our volunteers, service clubs and schools, and sponsors," Mrs Matanle said.

She also researches to invite diverse artists to demonstrate their talents at this event. This further develops people's arts and crafts knowledge.

This year's featured artists will include Franklin's Wooden Boat Centre, which will be giving hands on demonstra-

tions for both adults and children, and Pamela Skurulis, a glass artist from Latrobe, whose love for Australia shines through every piece of glass she fires in her kiln.

Emily Valentine Bullock will also be there. She works with feathers to make interesting animals and clothing. Last September, she won "Garment with most 'WOW' Factor" at the World of Wearable Art in Wellington, New Zealand.

The Premier of Tasmania, Mr Will Hodgman, is hoping to open the fair on Friday, 30th October. The fair continues until 2nd November.

For more information, contact Maree Matanle by phone: 0402 692 066 or email [director@tascraftfair.com.au](mailto:director@tascraftfair.com.au)

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# Valleyviews

## Mayor's Message

I HAD THE pleasure to attend the Apex Club of Deloraine's 59th Annual Changeover Dinner in July. It was a reminder of the great work that the Apex Club does in and around Deloraine.

To all of the Meander Valley service clubs, I wish the new incoming presidents all the best for the year ahead and thank the former presidents and their teams for their efforts in, what I am sure, was a successful year just past.

Congratulations to the Deloraine and Districts Community Bank on their 10th Birthday. Since the CommunityBank has opened its doors, it has been able to return \$850,000 back

into the community through grants.

Speaking to many representatives of the community organisations at the recent birthday celebration, it was very evident that these grants are making a big difference.

Council recently won the Local Government Association of Tasmania's Award for Excellence (larger Councils category) for our recent energy efficiency project (see main article)

Well done to the staff involved in putting this project together and thank you to the many community members who participated in the program.

Mayor Craig Perkins

## Council Updates

### Meandering 2015 Art Exhibition

THE MEANDERING ART Exhibition is on again this year. The annual exhibition gives local artists the opportunity to present work based on images of Meander Valley.

Council will award a \$3,000 first prize (acquisitive) and there will be seven additional prizes including a novice and encouragement award for developing artists.

This year's theme is 'Ties that bind'.

Entry forms are available from Council's offices in Westbury, on Council's website and at other community outlets.

The application deadline is 9 October, but works are not required until 9 November 2015.

The exhibition will be held at Country Club Tasmania between 13 November 2015 and 14 February 2016.

A launch event will be held for invited guests on Thursday 12 November.

The Meandering Art Exhibition, now its ninth year, is provided through a partnership between Meander Valley Council, Launceston Art Society and Country Club Tasmania.



Meandering 2014 entrant Chris Bolton's Entally Autumn

### Community Road Safety Grants Program 2015-16

THE DEPARTMENT OF State Growth has announced the above funding program for councils, schools and community groups. Grants of up to \$25,000 are available to

support projects aimed at reducing serious casualties on Tasmanian roads.

[www.transport.tas.gov.au/roadsafety/community\\_road\\_safety](http://www.transport.tas.gov.au/roadsafety/community_road_safety)

## Nature play gaining momentum

THE CREATION OF nature play spaces is an emerging global trend—encouraging children to get in touch with nature and promote adventurous play.

Adventure play encourages children to explore and push their boundaries, connect with and develop an awareness of their surroundings and broaden their social skills.

Nature play spaces provide a range of play opportunities and can be used by children of different ages and interests.

They include familiar play equipment, such as swings, slides and hammocks and offer a blend of natural areas

and environmental features such as plants, water, and sand as well as boulders, mounds and pathways, inviting children to explore, learn and to use their imaginations.

Council plans to establish a new nature play space at Prospect Vale Park Playground.

The space will provide a variety of active and passive spaces for people to explore, get dirty, kick back and relax and gather for a picnic or BBQ.

The design will follow community safety principles and comply with playground standards.

To ensure we understand what it is that the community would like to see included in a nature-based

play space, we will be holding a 'Have your say' day at Prospect Vale Park, on Saturday, 29 August at 11am to 2.00pm.

Come along, view some design options and let us know what elements you prefer—and there'll be a sausage sizzle too!

If you are unable to attend the day, there will be a short survey available on Council's website, so we can still get your thoughts.

The funding of the new play space was approved as part of Council's 2015-2016 capital works program.

This is the first nature-based play space for Council – so watch this space!



Photo: Mike Moores

Oliver Green explores the Banksia trees at the site of the proposed Prospect Park play space

## Community News



### Meander Valley Community Directory

THE MEANDER VALLEY Community Directory is a free online information hub for all non-profit, voluntary-run community organisations that serve Meander Valley.

A free 'drop in' session has been scheduled for any groups who would like help to register themselves on the Directory.

This will take place at the Deloraine Online Access Centre on Wednesday,

19 August from 1.00pm to 3.00pm.

We encourage representatives of community groups to drop in, as help will be available—there will be a cuppa and cake too! All you need is an email address to get started.

We invite all groups large and small to register.

The directory can be viewed at: [www.meandervalleycommunitydirectory.com.au](http://www.meandervalleycommunitydirectory.com.au)

## Diary Dates

**FIRST RATES INSTALMENTS** are due and payable on or before **Monday, 31 August 2015.**

If you're finding it difficult to pay, please contact the Rates Manager on 6393 5300 to make alternative payment arrangements.

## Markets



**Deloraine Market, Showgrounds**

First Saturday of every month

**Deloraine Farmers' Market, MG Trading carpark**

Second and fourth Saturday of the month

**Westbury Market, St Andrews Church**

Third Saturday of every month



## Small changes, big results

COUNCIL HAS BEEN recognised for outstanding achievement in local government, winning a 2015 Local Government Award for Excellence.

The award Delivering Excellence – Larger Councils (populations over 15,000) was presented at the Local Government Association Tasmania’s annual conference held in Launceston in July.

Council implemented simple energy saving measures at three of its highest energy consuming facilities, as part of its winning ‘Energy Efficiency Project’ entry.

The three buildings selected—the Council Offices in Westbury, as well as, the Visitor Information Centre, and the Community Complex in Deloraine — consume 85% of the total energy of Council-owned buildings.

The upgrades have so far reduced energy use over the six months to 1 April 2015 by 26% overall and as much as 47% at the Community Complex, when compared to the two previous years.

Mayor Craig Perkins said the project clearly demonstrated how being proactive about energy efficiency can result in huge dividends to the community.

‘Importantly, the savings we make from each of the three buildings will be re-invested into other energy saving initiatives throughout the Meander Valley.’

Council received funding of \$151,000 from the Australian Government in 2014 to help deliver its \$226,000 ‘Energy Efficiency Project’.

The Awards for Excellence aim to promote outstanding achievement and inspire leading management practice and continuous improvement within the Local Government sector.

## Art to art with Niecy Brown



Niecy Brown, speaking at YARNS Artwork in Silk’s 20th birthday celebrations in May this year.

COUNCIL IS LOOKING to establish an advisory group to assist its management of local public art.

Respected community artist, Niecy Brown, shares some thoughts:

“I began my work as a community artist in 1985 working with the boys of Ashley Youth Detention Centre to produce a series of fabric festival banners. Here I discovered the power of the first principle of community arts practice, Ownership. Ownership creates motivation, willingness to express ideas, inspiration and the will to solve problems as they arise.

Community art is generally public art but not all public art is community art. For example, the sculptures down by the Meander River in Deloraine are public artworks that have been created by individual artists, whereas the series of street sculptures in Emu Bay Road were created with direction from

local community artist, Bec Rowe, working with participants, some of whom were artists and some not. These are my favourite local public community artworks, along with Yarns of course.

Public art can give us a sense of community by creating focal points that inspire us. It can unite and also be the cause for dissension and awareness of difference. Public art is like all art; it is good for the individual and collective soul and spirit.

Having a group of arts and related enthusiasts to advise Council on our public artworks will hopefully ensure a sense of ownership, cohesiveness and integrity to works we see in Meander Valley, which already has a substantial and excellent collection.”

To find out more about a public art advisory group for Meander Valley, please email: patrick.gambles@mvc.tas.gov.au or telephone 6393 5300 / 0418 507 113

## Ember proofing your property

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PREPARING YOUR PROPERTY gives it the best chance of surviving a bushfire and is an essential first step in bushfire planning. Typically, houses are lost due to the effects of radiant heat, building to building ignition and ember attack. Ember attack may persist for hours and can be a tiring exercise to defend against. Now is the time to prepare your property for next fire season, here are some useful facts and general information to assist to prepare and defend against ember attack

Embers and ash from bushfires can rain down kilometres ahead of a fire front (over 20 kms under the worst of conditions). These embers can cause spot fires and secondary outbreaks for firefighters and property owners to contend with. They can also land in and on your house and land.

If left untreated, they have the potential to damage or destroy your property. Embers can easily ignite fine fuels around your property such as dry grass, leaves, dry plants, cob webs, outdoor furniture, door mats, pet beds even clothing on a clothes line.

You need to make sure your home is protected against ‘ember attack’.

Embers will build up on horizontal surfaces, particularly in corners. They can enter your home through small gaps around window and door frames, eaves, cladding and roofing. Timber decks can be ignited, particularly if

embers can build up beneath them.

Small gaps should be sealed with protection strips or non-combustible filler, and larger under-deck areas should be protected with non-flammable mesh screens.

Measures to ember-proof your home should be taken well before the beginning of summer.

This should be included in your Bushfire Survival Plan.

Some examples of ember traps –

- Under elevated floors, decks and balconies
- Roof gutters and ridge capping
- Brick vents, roof mounted air conditioners
- Fibre glass fly screen
- Gaps under access doors, exhaust fan vents
- Door mats, outdoor furniture and toy boxes
- Fire wood piles
- Pine bark and mulch garden beds
- Areas of dry grass, weeds and garden beds.

It is common to think Embers will float down gently, similar to rain or snowflakes. Unfortunately this isn’t true, with experienced firefighters often advising that embers swirl around in all directions, fanned by wind these embers blow into any small opening around your property.

Ember attack can occur for several hours before a fire front arrives. Embers may land in large groups or in smaller quantities. Mostly embers will land already extinguished or cold / black in appearance.

However most often embers will remain alight, glowing red or fanned by ground winds where they will

easily ignite whatever they land on.

One small ember can land on an outdoor seat and smoulder for several minutes then ignite the cushion of the seat. This seat then has the potential to ignite a timber deck, break windows if too close, and ignite a roof and extend to engulf your residence.

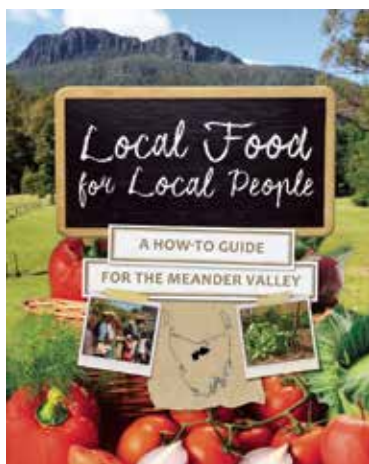
Embers can be easily extinguished if you’re there to extinguish them. Having several large buckets full of water and a floor mop is an easy way to extinguish embers so place several of these around your yard for easy access. Sprinklers may also slow down ember ignition but are very heavy on water usage.

TFS’ Free BUSHFIRE – Prepare to Survive DVD is a useful source of information with sections regarding ember proofing included.

For more information visit [www.fire.tas.gov.au](http://www.fire.tas.gov.au) or [www.bushfirereadyneighbourhoods.tas.gov.au](http://www.bushfirereadyneighbourhoods.tas.gov.au)



Tasmania Fire Service



THE MEANDER VALLEY Food Network book *Local Food for Local People* is now available to download via the Meander Valley Community Directory website.

The free resource book encourages readers to become more involved in gardening and offers tips and techniques for the Meander Valley climate.

The book is can be found in the News section at:

[www.meandervalleycommunitydirectory.com.au](http://www.meandervalleycommunitydirectory.com.au)



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## Anne's artistic adventures

By Wai Lin Coultas

THE JOY of sharing about the art at Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery in Launceston has kept Ann Robinson volunteering as its docent (guide) for 17 years.

This Weegen-based retiree is especially gratified by the fun that children experience when easels are set up in the portraits gallery so they can draw while their friends pose for them.

Ann also enjoys the challenge of engaging her audience with artworks she has chosen to focus on, by getting to the essence of the art.

"We don't want to do a 'monologue on the move', or just give a potted history of the artist," she emphasises. "It's a pitfall an art gallery guide can fall into!"

Besides spending time in the gallery to immerse herself in the works of art, Ann reads widely, researches all the exhibitions and discusses with the other docents, cura-

tors and artists on order to prepare her talks.

They do this each Friday morning at the Gallery by discussing guiding and reviewing last week's tours.

"Then we practice our delivery with each other," she adds. "(Our fellow guides are) our greatest critics!"

As QVMAG changes the exhibitions in its collections and has visiting shows too, Ann is frequently attending curator talks and researching the artworks, artists and their processes to tailor her walk-throughs to what is in season and whether she is guiding the regular Sunday tour or one specially booked by a visiting group.

"And of course my love and knowledge of art and artists have increased and deepened," she enthuses.

As QVMAG has just 12 volunteer docents, she has the flexibility of selecting what, how, who, when and how often she guides. At the same time, QVMAG values

the group's contributions.

"They give us parking vouchers for when we work, present us with certificates of thanks each year," she elaborates. "The curators always respond to our asking for their input too."

Information circulates through Friends of the Museum newsletters, word of mouth, the newspaper and even Facebook on what guiding at QVMAG actually entails and the commitment required.

The head guide and the education officer interview docent applicants, and successful ones undertake 3-months of training. This is followed by mentor training.

The programme is comprehensive; so an arts background is not always necessary.

"An interest and desire to interact with people and art is what's important to have," adds Ann.

If you wish to volunteer as a docent at QVMAG too, contact Sally Coltheart, the Guides' Coordinator via [sally.coltheart@gmail.com](mailto:sally.coltheart@gmail.com)



## Dance The Great Gatsby

THE DELORAINE Big Band and Arts Deloraine have come up with another fantastic night which features the music of the Roaring Twenties, the Jazz Age and of the "Flapper."

Based on the book 'The Great Gatsby', written by F Scott Fitzgerald, it celebrates a wild and carefree time period in America when Prohibition couldn't stop the free-living spirit that

came about with the end of World War 1.

Bring your dancing shoes (and dress for the part).

It's on at the Little Theatre, starting at 7.30pm on Saturday 22nd August. The cost of \$30 (\$25 for Concession Card holders and Arts Deloraine members) includes a delicious supper spread.

Tickets at Elemental Art-space or book online at [www.trybooking.com/148571](http://www.trybooking.com/148571)

1920's actress, Norma Talmadge. Photo: US Library of Congress



## Become Australia's next sonnet slamming superstar!

WOULD YOU like to be Australia's next slam champion?

For the first time ever, the Australian Poetry Slam is bringing a heat to Deloraine.

Since 2004, this competition has brought poets together from cities and regional areas to compete in the Grand Final for the opportunity to perform their own work, all expenses paid, at writers festivals in China, Bali, Sydney and Byron Bay.

The Empire Hotel on Emu Bay Rd will host the Deloraine heat on 25th August.

Everyone is welcome to participate all you need is your voice.

Speak, scream, howl or whisper your poems, stories, lyrics and monologue.

This is a literary performance with a difference, the audience is the judge!

Contestants are given a microphone, a live audience and two minutes to impress the judges with their original spoken word, poetry, hip hop, monologues and stories.

Slam heats will be held in city and regional venues across Australia.

The cost is \$5.00 for participants and audience members.

Slam host, Yvonne Gluyas, is a Tasmanian writer, poet and three-times National Slam Finalist.

Three placegetters from the Deloraine heat will join with other Tasmanian heat winners (Launceston,

Hobart, Burnie) to compete at the Tasmanian Final in Launceston on 15th September.

The first and second placegetters from the final will then head to NSW for the National Final at the Sydney Opera House on Sunday 11th October 2015.

**Speak, scream, howl or whisper your poems, stories, lyrics and monologue.**

As well as return flights and hotel accommodation (on the 11th), the winners will also be given a Festival Pass to the 'Word Travels Story Festival', three days (Friday 9th – Sunday 11th) of spoken word, poetry, stories, lyrics and monologues.

Judged by randomly chosen members of the audience, one person will be named Australian Poetry Slam Champion 2015 and will perform their own work, all expenses paid, in 2016 at the China Bookworm Literary Festival (China – March), Sydney Writers' Festival (May), Byron Bay Writers Festival (August), and the Ubud Writers and Readers Festival (Bali – October).

Dinner is available from 6:00pm and the Slam starts at 7:30pm.

Make a booking by calling the Empire on 6362 1029 and say 'poetry'.

## The Hottentots

A HOUSE CONCERT featuring The Hottentots is scheduled for Deloraine in October.

Australia's definitive coffeehouse couple, Carl Cleves and Parissa Bouas, aka The Hottentots, weave stories with songs, touching a deep vein of humanity.

Classic folk melodies combine with strong lyrics and an international flavour to produce amazing songs, featuring Parissa's 'sweet rich and soaring' vocals and Carl's 'warm rustic baritone'.

The date set is Friday 2nd October, at Clayton's Mill, 16 Beefeater St. Deloraine.

Apart from being an excellent performer and singer, Parissa has an innate ability for teaching.

She will be running a two hour singing workshop on Saturday 3rd October at Clayton's Mill.

For more details, contact Bruce on 0435 073 091.

## New Gallery

ELEMENTAL ARTSPACE have opened a new gallery.

Business partners Cindy Watkins and Laura Window envision the 'Durham' Gallery to be utilised by a variety of artists and organisations to hold exhibitions.

The space is flexible and offers the benefit of being able to accommodate small or large exhibitions.

For more information, call Laura on 0437 075 266.



# Women discover wonders of fly fishing

By Wai Lin Coultas

IN THE traditionally male dominated sport of fly fishing, women make up less than 5% of fly fishers.

This makes Karen Brooks, Owner, Director and Head Guide at Driftwater in Deloraine, an extra special woman; she loves to fly fish.

"Fly fishing takes us on a journey of discovery," she says. "It puts us in touch with and develops a respect for nature. It is challenging yet rewarding. (It) allows us to escape from our everyday lives."

Karen finds that this form of catching fish takes her "through a range of emotions - anticipation, expectation, frustration, determination, contemplation, disappointment and elation."

Karen looks forward to the first Saturday in August with anticipation; that is the opening of the fly fishing season.

"The experience of being back out on the water enjoying what nature has to offer and the people that my fly fishing and guiding will put me in touch with over the coming season thrills me," she elaborates.

These feelings are a total

contrast to the emotions she experiences when the season closes on the last Sunday in April.

Karen explains, "There is a sadness, some reflection and perhaps an emptiness... but I believe it is important to respect the trout and allow them the time to run their spawning cycle without interruption."

Karen was first bitten by the fly fishing bug 20 years ago, "Coming from an outdoor background of hiking, horse riding and surf fishing it was an easy step to immersing myself in fly fishing. Since that time my passion has grown," she explains.

**"...it is important to respect the trout and allow them the time to run their spawning cycle..."**

"What I enjoy about it has changed over the years. In my early days of fishing, the importance of catching a trout was paramount."

Now Karen feels she "does not need to measure a day's fishing by the quantity of fish caught."

Instead, she immerses

herself in "the sounds of the stream running (and the) glimpses of wildlife as they forage by the river."

"To catch a trout is the bonus," she adds.

This is a joy she so wishes to share as a fly fishing guide. And she is currently studying to become a Certified Casting Instructor. When she gets this certification, Karen will be "only the third woman in Australia to be certified."

An initiative started by Karen at Driftwater, after a fly fishing trip through the USA in 2010, was to offer lessons in fly fishing to women as well as men.

"I was amazed and inspired by the number of women who fly fished, or were involved in the industry as guides or instructors," she shares. "I decided I would like to encourage more women in Australia to fly fish."

Driftwater opened its doors in January 2014 with fly fishing lessons tailored for women, and a lodge set up to offer a comfortable and welcoming environment.

"Women generally have the capacity to make great fly fishers," Karen shares.

Karen's new business



Landing a wild brown trout in the Mersey River for client, Gaye, of Hobart. Photo courtesy of: Driftwater

caters for women who may feel more at ease with a female instructor and provides male and female guides to accompany couples who both wish to learn to fish.

Workshops can be arranged for groups of women covering all facets of this sport, including learning to cast, entomology, selecting and tying flies, reading the water and understanding the trout habitat.

For those with limitations

in height and strength for wading in rivers, or restricted mobility in their later years, Driftwater has drift boats which are designed for fly fishing from a very stable and comfortable platform.

Driftwater provides a full range of gear available for their clients use.

Further information may be obtained by ringing Karen on 0408 427 767 or visit the Driftwater website at [www.driftwater.com.au](http://www.driftwater.com.au)

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Peter is ably assisted by Katy Haberle who will be available at our Deloraine office during the week to help with your enquiries and to make your experience as enjoyable as possible.

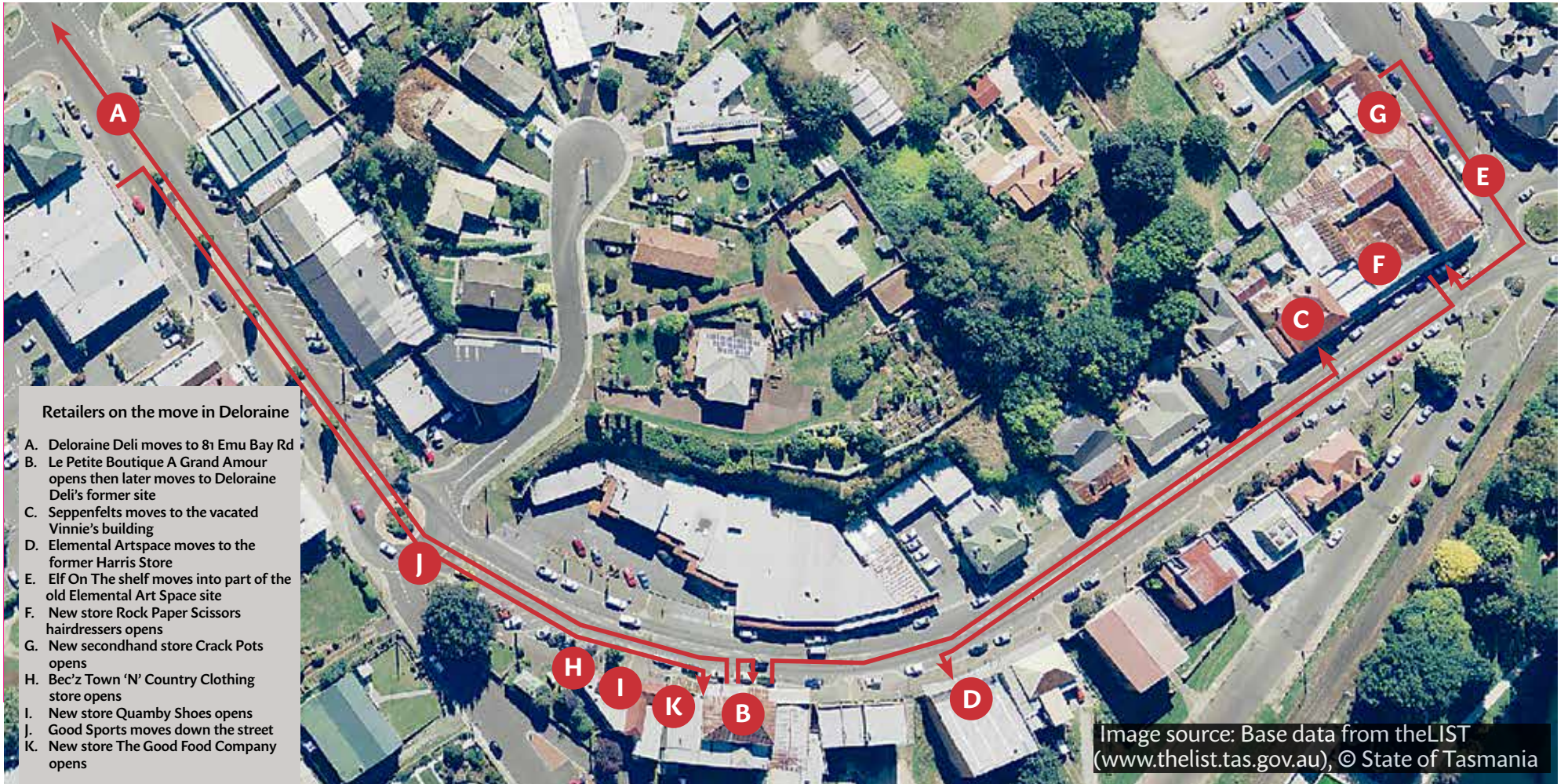
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**Retailers on the move in Deloraine**

- A. Deloraine Deli moves to 81 Emu Bay Rd
- B. Le Petite Boutique A Grand Amour opens then later moves to Deloraine Deli's former site
- C. Seppenfelts moves to the vacated Vinnie's building
- D. Elemental Artspace moves to the former Harris Store
- E. Elf On The shelf moves into part of the old Elemental Art Space site
- F. New store Rock Paper Scissors hairdressers opens
- G. New secondhand store Crack Pots opens
- H. Bec'z Town 'N' Country Clothing store opens
- I. New store Quamby Shoes opens
- J. Good Sports moves down the street
- K. New store The Good Food Company opens

Image source: Base data from theLIST (www.thelist.tas.gov.au), © State of Tasmania

In recent months retail change has been happening at a frantic pace along the main street of Deloraine.

# Deloraine is 'On the Move'!

DELORAINE DELI recently celebrated a year in its new location with belly dancers, music, fine food and drinks.

Their move seemed to be the start of activity in the township that began as a slow trickle but in recent months has progressed to a frenetic pace.

La Petite Boutique A Grand Amour, moved into where the Deli once was and began plans for renovating the two shops next door.

Seppenfelts took over the store that Vinnies had occupied for many years and set

new standards for shop front displays in Deloraine.

Then Elemental Artspace took over the old Harris Store with a lightening quick move considering how much stock had to be transported up the street.

Elf on the Shelf moved into part of the old Elemental Artspace shop with new hairdresser Rock, Paper Scissors taking up the

remaining part of the lease and new secondhand store Crack Pots moving into Elf on the Shelf's previous location on West Barrack St.

Meanwhile, Bec'z Town 'N' Country Clothing moved in next door to Deloraine

Llama, while renovations for the Good Food Company continued.

La Petite Boutique A Grand Amour moved again into the old Seppenfelts store next to the newsagent, Quamby Shoes opened up on the oth-

er side of Deloraine Llama.

Good Sports moved down the street to be next door to the Good Food Company which finally began trading recently after many setbacks.

One wonders what is in store for the rest of the year?

## Property market sees improvement

By Wai Lin Coultas

THE PROPERTY market in Meander Valley has picked up substantially over the course of this year.

Daryl Smith, Business Owner and Director of Harcourts Real Estate Deloraine and Meander Valley, says his office has seen a 20% increase in sales of both residential and rural lifestyle properties this year, beginning in January.

He adds that even though the Meander Valley has a diverse range of property groups and price ranges, "all buyer groups have seen significant interest, with the lower bracket of \$200,000 to \$250,000 being the fastest moving segment of the market, in both town and village residential, and lifestyle rural, small acreage."

Brian Claridge, Director and Sales Consultant at First National Real Estate Deloraine, has "seen an increase of 30% in commercial, residential and rural properties in the last financial year."

He adds, "All types of housing have shown an increase in buyer enquiry. Enquiry for commercial is limited with few

people willing to invest; the main criteria (for securing sales) is secure tenancies in place."

Moreover, Mr. Claridge finds "the extra business created is translating into a consistent cash flow for his agency, with settlement times varying from 30 days to 9 months."

Mr Smith attributes these escalating sales to "a combination of low interest rates, greater buyer confidence, a more stable state and federal government but, more importantly, more realistic pricing from vendors."

Mr Claridge agrees, "the increase in sales can be attributed to correct pricing of property. Buyers are aware of previous sales of both individual properties and sales in the area." He adds, "the historically low interest rates are assisting with investor interest. However, they are not translating as the driver for residential sales."

All these factors have brought to Harcourts Deloraine, buyers with profiles that "change with each micro area of the Meander Valley."

"Deloraine has almost a 90% interstate buyer market,"

says Mr Smith. "Westbury has only a 30% share of this market, with the remainder being Greater Launceston (at) 30%, and existing locals are the remaining third."

At First National Deloraine, Mr Claridge finds "buyer profiles are across the board; from first home buyers to professional investors and business people."

Mr Smith believes that this increase in property sales will continue through the winter as "...June and early July are busy times... with June recording record sales figures on some occasions."

He assures that, "while not at a record run this winter, it is shaping up to be a brisk property-trading period, with good sales in the first three weeks of the winter season."

Mr Claridge concludes, "The overall main street business area is buzzing with confidence with arrival in town of new investment and new owners. The doom and gloom appears to have run its course. I am confident we will continue to see an improvement in property sales as we go into 2016."

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Date and Time	Event	Details
Monday 10th - Sat 15th August	Overload Art Exhibition	Deloraine Hospital Gallery, West Barrack Street, Deloraine (Haemochromatosis Awareness Week)
Wednesday 12th August 7:00pm	Meander Valley Suns Netball Meeting	Meeting for interested people at the Carrick Pub contact Mel 0407 851 913
Saturday 15th August 8.30am - 1.30pm	Westbury Market	3rd Sat. every month 11 Lonsdale Prom. 0417 931 619 Rob
Wednesday 19th August 10:00am - 12:00pm	Intro to Facebook for Community Groups & Small Bus	Deloraine Online Access Centre \$10, Conc \$7 reg users \$5 book a place ph: 6362 3537
Wednesday 19th August 1:00pm - 3:00pm	Community Directory casual info session	Deloraine Online Access Centre, lots of cake tea/coffee provided phone Joanne 6362 3537 for more info
Thursday 20th August	Blokes Day Out (open to all Men in the Valley)	Pearns Steamworld (\$7) Automobile Museum (\$9) or City Park Radio Station Ph: 6362 2678 or 0418 786 104
Saturday 22nd August 7:30pm	The Great Gatsby Dance (feat. Del Big Band)	Little Theatre, Deloraine \$30.00 includes Supper (\$25.00 Concession & Arts Deloraine members)
Saturday 22nd August	Deloraine Farmers Market	MG Trading Car Park, 2 Racecourse Drive, Deloraine
Tuesday 25th August 7:30pm	Australian Poetry Slam - Deloraine heat	Empire Hotel, 19 Emu Bay Road. Dinner available from 6.00pm Bookings essential Ph: 6362 1029 say 'poetry'
Wednesday 26th August 10:00am - 12:00pm	Facebook for Comm Groups & Small Bus next step	Deloraine Online Access Centre \$10, Conc \$7 reg users \$5 book a place ph: 6362 3537
Thursday 27th August 7:00pm - 8:30pm	Community Safety Group quarterly meeting	Australian Italian Club, Prospect.
Saturday 5th September 2.00pm - 4.00pm	Spring Flower Show - Westbury Garden Club	Westbury Town Hall, Lyall Street, Westbury. Admission \$2.00 Afternoon Tea \$5.00 Ros Groom 0417 568 804
Saturday 5th September	Deloraine Showground Market	Deloraine Showgrounds, Highland Lakes Rd, Deloraine Phone: 03 6369 5321 or 0409 695 321
Sunday 6th September 10.00am - 3.00pm	Quamby Fly Fishers Club 7th Annual Open Day	Meander Memorial Hall
Saturday 12th September	Deloraine Farmers Market	MG Trading Car Park, 2 Racecourse Drive, Deloraine
Saturday 12th September 7.30pm	Western Tiers Film Society	Little Theatre, 2 Meander Valley Road, Deloraine "My Old Lady" starring Maggie Smith and Kevin Kline.
Sunday 13th Sept. 10.00am - 2.00pm	Liffey Market incl replanting WW1 Comm. Trees	The Old School, Liffey. Contact Quenton Higgs 6397 3670
Wednesday 16th Sept. 10.00am - 2.30pm	Parenting with love, kindness & security (8 weeks)	Deloraine Day Care Centre Bookings necessary Ph: Libby Beyerle on 6701 2111
Every Tuesday and Thursday	Heart Foundation Walking Group	Meet at Deloraine House just before 10am for an hour walk.
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Every Wednesday 1.00pm - 4.00pm	Indoor Carpet Bowls, Deloraine	Western Tiers Community Centre, Parsonage St. Deloraine Ph: Barry 6362 2243
Every Wed during School Terms 3.30pm	Keep the Beat - All welcome	Westbury Health Centre \$10.00, \$5.00 Concess.
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Every Wednesday 10.00am - 1.00pm	Mah Jong \$5.00	Uniting Church Hall, Deloraine. Ph: Roma 6362 2380
Every Saturday 11.00am - 12.00pm	Produce Swap	Deloraine Fountain (near the Library)
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# SPORT

## Best of British : Roos whitewash Redlegs

ONE OF THE main fixtures on Deloraine Golf Club's calendar, the 'British Open' was recently enjoyed by a field of 67 players.

Stephen and Robin Green, new proprietors of the British Hotel, were welcomed by President Errol Bakes, along with players and visitors.

Errol thanked Stephen and Robin for their support and commented that the 'British Open' has been an annual event for twenty years and always attracts a large field.

The British Hotel also provided a barbecue for the players.

The winning team consisted of locals Grady Boxhall, Shaun Toohey and visitors Peter Nielsen and Nathan Marshall, who turned in an impressive score of 56.



Golfer at the 'British Open'

By Shaun Donahue

The Deloraine Kangaroos played 3 very important games up against the Bracknell Redlegs at the Deloraine & Districts Community Bank Sports Oval at the end of July.

U/19's got off to a very good start with an inspirational come-from-behind win against 3rd placed Bracknell.

The young Roos were 16 points down at 3/4 time and got up by 2 points in a thriller.

Blayne Lehman kicked 3 goals and Aaron Walker 2 in a Best on Ground performance with Aron Donohue, Adam Berne, Jack Durack and Ashdyn Heathcote also in the best.

Inspired by the U/19 result, the Reserves team came out all guns blazing and put the game beyond doubt by half time, being up by 52 points.

Matty Stewart and Jerome Whiteley both kicked 4 goals for the Roos with Josh Smith, Mitch Kenney and Dean Kasper amongst the best, in the 92 point win.

The main game was a much

anticipated one, as it was a very important game for both Clubs. Bracknell to keep their finals chances alive and Deloraine for two reasons.

The first, to stay up in the top two and, secondly, the huge milestone of Club captain Bradley Crowden playing his 250th Senior game.

Brad 'Bub' Crowden has been the captain of the senior team for the past 5 years and has been a true leader both on and off the field over many years.

The game was very up and down with The Roos being up at half time by 20 points. Bracknell clawed their way back after half time with scores level at 3/4 time.

The last quarter was all Deloraine, with the boys really stepping it up and playing great team footy, running out 39 point winners.

Tyson Gardam and Rulla Kelly-Mansell both kicked 3 each with Tyson, Matty Mitchell and Coach Rory Mansell among the best.

## The sun shines twice

'One banner, one facility and one club' is the motto of the Meander Valley Suns who are now sharing their soon-to-be-redeveloped clubrooms and their name with a ladies netball team.

The first year netball team is joining forces with their local football team to assist in the development of sports activity, social inclusion and family involvement for the region.

Meander Valley Suns Netball Team coach, Melanie French, is seeking support

from the local community for the future development of the team.

The club welcomes interest from potential players, umpires and anyone interested in assisting with the organisation of activities and matches. There will be a meeting and information evening on Wednesday 12th August 2015 at the Carrick Inn commencing at 7pm.

For further information contact Alex Wadley on 0417 637 172 or email: mvsunsnetball@outlook.com.au



William French (6years) nominated for NAB AFL Auskicker of the year with Hamish McLachlan. Photo courtesy ASL Media

## Whitemore Will's a winner

WHITEMORE LOCAL, William French, was the envy of all kids after winning the most coveted prize in NAB AFL Auskick, a nomination for 'NAB AFL Auskicker of the Year'.

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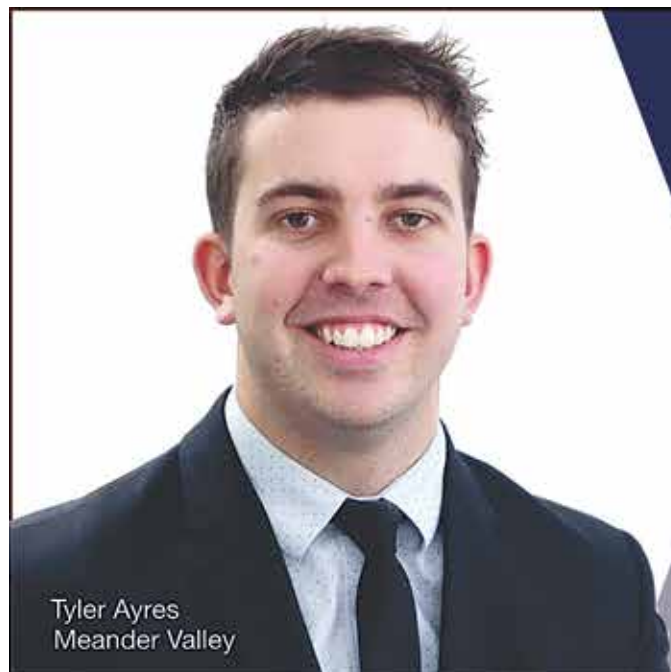
He will join 21 other lucky NAB AFL Auskickers in Melbourne for an unforgettable experience that will also include walking in the 2015 Toyota AFL Grand Final Parade and playing on the

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It only gets better for William. He is now in the running to win \$5000 in a NAB Reward Saver account, plus have Geelong Captain and superstar, Joel Selwood, as his personal footy mentor in 2016.

Joel Selwood, said the competition was every kids dream and encourages all Auskickers from around the country to enter in 2015.

William is hoping to see his favourite team, West Coast, play on the biggest stage of all and cannot wait to rub shoulders with the stars of the game.



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