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Proprietor Sharon Lunson of Trash Transformers holds a colourful vase destined for the landfill but now has another chance to shine on.

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SHARON FINDS TREASURE IN THE TRASH

By Joanne Eisemann

TRASH TRANSFORMERS on the outskirts of Deloraine lives up to its name. As well as providing a thriving tip shop and landscaping supplies business, each year the operation saves over 6,000 tons of 'rubbish' from going into landfill.

Started in 1992, owner and manager Sharon Lunson has worked for the company since 1995.

In 1997, when the previous owners began waste consultancy work, she started to managing the enterprise, eventually purchasing it in 2003.

Sharon is dedicated

to recycling and reusing what would otherwise end up in landfill and feels supported by the community in this, "the community really get behind this, the more you talk to them the more they will recycle things," she shares.

Together with the Deloraine site, Trash Transformers also manages the tip at Westbury and the transfer station at Mole Creek. All the salvageable items from this other tip come to the Deloraine tip shop, which has patrons visiting from far and wide looking for a bargain.

The tip sites are set up to make it easy for people to recycle.

There is a circuit for cars so people can stop to recycle at different points; be it plastic, glass, metal or paper, with the tip-face being the last stop. Sharon says that of the average 50 to 60 cars that visit the tip each day, 90% recycle.

The business also has a selection of gardening and landscaping supplies whereby customers can fill up their trailer or ute to take home.

The rubbish from weekly Council collections goes to the tip-face but another company handles kerb side recycling.

Sharon describes the landfill as a community

asset, "the more stuff you can keep out of it, the longer the landfill is going to last. It's better for the environment," says Sharon.

She adds that most of her ten staff have their own 'thing' they like to collect. Hers is sixties' style cupboards and she has "a verandah full of them."

Trash Transformers must be a good place to work. Staff turnover is so low that they "are all getting old and decrepit," laughs Sharon.

Keeping up with innovations in waste management is important to both Sharon and her husband, Tony Sullivan, who manages

the landfill operations.

"We went over to the waste and recycling expo in Victoria last week. We are always looking for new stuff to recycle and keep out of the landfill," Sharon explains.

Silage wrap is the most recent addition to the recycling repertoire; being recycled in George Town by Envorinex.

Waste oils are accepted at the tip sites and empty oil containers are picked up once every six months by VIP Packaging from the mainland.

The drumMUSTER program for clean farm chemical containers is at Deloraine the 1st Monday in the month

or ring for appointment if you can't make that day.

Glass is also separated into brown, green and clear. It is crushed onsite and sent to mainland Australia in 20-foot containers for making into new bottles.

Baled plastics are transported there too, where some are recycled and others go overseas for processing. Collected metals are shipped out of the country as well by a Tasmanian Steel recycler.

Trash Transformers applauds the Meander Valley community for their progression towards reuse and recycling of waste products.

In My Opinion...

By Joanne Eisemann
Managing Editor

IN THESE days of multinational business empires, centralised government, and talk of local government amalgamations, matters that affect those of us who live in rural or semi-rural areas seem to attract much less interest than those who live in major population centres.

With this situation in mind, many 'local' TV and radio stations have mounted a TV advertising campaign to highlight the problem. In doing so, they raise the question, "How much do you value your local media?"

At *Meander Valley Gazette* we are acutely aware of how much communities, such as ours, need a vehicle to voice the hopes, dreams and concerns of the region. Not to put too-fine-a-point on it, if we are to fulfil our function we need your help!

Letters of support, a steady flow of information, and advertising all go a long way toward ensuring *Meander Valley Gazette* is able to serve this community of ours. Many communities have suffered simply because they had no collective voice, and the work was too great for separate individuals to shoulder.

Meander Valley Gazette is a little different from most local newspapers in that it is run by a community-based organisation, Meander Valley Online Inc.

The focus therefore, is primarily on serving our community.

We are very lucky to have Mike Moores working with us. Mike worked as a photo journalist for some 40 years before taking on the role of photo editor for Brisbane's *Sunday Sun*, then moving on to teach photography at tertiary level and running his own agency.

In short, Mike is highly experienced when it comes to telling stories and promoting businesses through the use of imagery.

Mike is more than willing to assist community groups and businesses with ideas for pictures to go with stories, adverts and advertorials.

You can usually contact him each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday by calling the office on 6286 8212. If he's not there he's out taking pictures, so leave a message and he'll get back to you.

Together, we can advance the best interests of the residents of Meander Valley and ensure that our communities remain viable and healthy.

Letters In...

AS A resident of Westbury I was irked by Fairfax's unannounced pulling of the old *Meander Valley News* back in March 2013. At the time it felt like someone had carelessly taken scissors to the fabric of our community.

Happily, with the emergence of the *Meander Valley Gazette*, cuts have been mended and strengthened beyond recognition.

I'd like to thank the Gazette for its courage and conviction, and every voluntary contributor too, for helping to create a publication to be proud of.

I appreciate how daunting monthly deadlines might be, but to me, each edition seems to grow in assurance and quality. The Gazette is a celebration of localism reflecting our community and building it, too.

Patrick Gambles

YOUR EDITORIAL this month (August) is a cracker...made me feel good that someone is genuinely fearless enough to tell it like it actually is. Well done.

Beylara Ra

'Caring for Dying' workshops

FREE WORKSHOPS for anyone who works with, or has an interest in caring for, the dying will be held throughout northern Tasmania in September.

Topics will include:

- End-of-life care and the medicalisation of death
- Whole-person care/midwifing death
- Caring for an unconscious patient
- Communication, Grief & Self care

Presenters Michael and Ann Barbato have extensive backgrounds in palliative care - Michael as a specialist physician before moving into Palliative Care Services and Ann as a counselling psychologist

and bereavement counsellor.

The workshop will come to Meander Valley on Tuesday, 22nd September from 9.30am - 3.30pm at Prospect Vale Park, 28 Harley Parade, Launceston.

Other sessions will be held at Campbell Town, Scottsdale and St Helens.

To register online: www.surveymonkey.com/r/TAHPCBARBATO

For information, contact the Tasmanian Association for Hospice and Palliative Care Ph: 6231 2799. Email admin@tahpc.org.au

PLACES ARE LIMITED and REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL.

The workshop registration closes 15th September.



Keith Cole took out equal first place in the open section of Mole Creek Visual Arts monthly competition with 'Felix in the snow'.

Bowls Club round-up

THE DELORAINE Bowls Club volunteers have been busy during the winter months preparing both the artificial and the grass green for the coming pennant season.

The Opening Day for the 2015/16 season is to be held on Sunday 13th September 2015 commencing at 1.00 pm.

Members attending are welcome to bring friends who may be interested in becoming full or social members.

Mrs Rita Eastley, Secretary of the club, said that it was with sadness that two of the club's members have recently passed on.

Mrs Joycie Collins, who had been a member for over twenty-five years, was also a past president and committee

member. She was an A grade pennant player and winner of the club open pairs as well.

Patroness and Life member, Beryl Bakes, was a club member for fifty-one years. During that time she was president, treasurer and committee member. As an A Grade player she had won both Association and State A Grade pennants.

The Deloraine Bowls Club will be holding its 70th birthday party in December this year and past members are being invited to join in the celebrations.

Please contact Rita Eastley on 6362 2086 for further information about the 70th birthday party or if you are interested in becoming a club member.

Deloraine House to expand

THANKS TO state government funding for Neighbourhood Houses to upgrade their facilities, Deloraine House will soon undergo a makeover.

An extension to create a new, larger meeting room plus four new toilets is in the works.

Manager, Ros Albiston,

commented, "The (Health and Human Services) Department developed the concept plan but all the work will be carried out by local builders."

The new meeting room is estimated to provide space for 25 to 30 people to gather comfortably.

The extension is scheduled to be complete by end of October.

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What a Night it Was! The dance, themed 'The Great Gatsby', at the Little Theatre on Saturday 22nd August and put on by Arts Deloraine and the Deloraine Big Band was a huge success. Georgina Harvey, pictured above, was a star attraction on the night. With 150 people from as far afield as Burnie and Low Head, there were many bowties and tuxedos, gangster suits and flapper's shimmy costumes. The hall was transformed into a 1920's nightclub/speakeasy and the Big Band was brilliant. This was the fifth great theme night with the Big Band and their popularity just increases. Watch out in 2016 for the next (and best?) concert.

A new image for Carrick Westbury bowling into 2016 Let us eat cake

By Ros Renault

'ENHANCING CARRICK' is a community development initiative established by the Carrick Community Committee in 2014.

The aim is to reinvigorate Carrick as a tourism 'village' destination and to re-establish its traditional links with the Entally Estate.

Establishing trees at each end of Carrick was the first step and is now complete.

Thanks to Meander Valley Council who, with their horti-

cultural expertise, worked tirelessly to bring this first phase of the project to fruition.

Further plans include street-scaping of Carrick with trees to be planted along the main street, the re-introduction of the annual Carrick Produce Fair (est.1902) showcasing produce from the area, and making Carrick a focus for events such as club gatherings, vintage car rallies and other entities associated with Carrick's heritage.

By Wendy Laing

Rod Plunkett, President of the Westbury Bowls Club, said that he and the members were extremely pleased with the club's success last season.

The Saturday Division 4 pennant team won at both the Association and State levels, and Division 7 clinched the Association one. In their first year of competition, Thursday's Division 4 also secured the pennant.

Mr Plunkett explained that with close to 80 mem-

bers, Westbury will field four Saturday teams and two Thursday teams for the 2015/16 pennant season.

He also advised that the club would be holding their Opening Day on Sunday, the 20th September. It is a 1.00 pm for 1.30 pm start and members are requested to bring a plate.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the club, please contact the Secretary, John McNabb, on 0437 409 725 for further details.

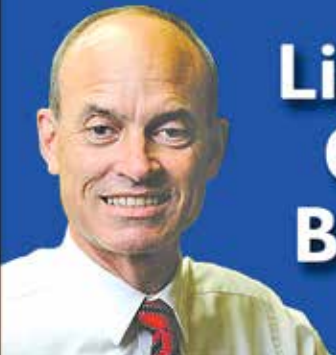
A SPECIAL MORNING tea and Birthday Cake will be held on Tuesday 13th October at 10.30am at the Uniting Church Hall, Deloraine to celebrate Hidden Talents 20th Birthday.

Anyone who attended or taught is invited to come along and enjoy the Birthday.

The new block commenced on 8th September with Bag Making, Coathangers and Crafty Corner being offered.

Enquiries to Helen on 6362 2658 or Lexie 6362 2615.

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What am I bid?

THE DELORAINE Show Society is getting ready for their next 'Almost Anything Goes' auction, to be held on Saturday the 19th September 2015.

One of the auction organisers, Julie McGregor, said that "all of the money that is raised at the auction is put towards improvements at the Deloraine Show Grounds, benefiting the local community."

The auction will be held at the Deloraine Show Grounds, starting at 10.00am. Viewing of the lots commences at 9.00am.

Goods can be dropped off on Saturday the 12th of September and Sunday the 13th of September between 1.00pm and 5.00pm.

Please contact Julie on 0427 861485 for booking enquiries.

Tassie She Devils

MEANDER VALLEY Tassie She Devils, Carolyn Burgess, Le-Anne Deckers, Debby Kemsley and Tara Ulbrich are holding a fundraiser at the Deloraine Showground Market on 3rd October and they need stuff to sell.

The She Devils are participating in the Oxfam Trailwalker 100km walk through the Dandenong Ranges next April.

Drop donations off at Tony's 13504 Highland Lakes Rd Golden Valley or Geoff's 41 Pumicestone Rd, Deloraine. For pick ups call Tony 0419 778 486 or Geoff 0411 232 612.



Recently recuperating from a broken leg at Deloraine Hospital. "If you have to be sick it's the best place to be," says Sandra Atkins

Auxiliary a great operation

By Wendy Laing

THE DELORAINE Hospital Auxiliary began in 1968. Its main aim was to raise funds to buy and update equipment that would benefit patients and staff at the hospital.

The Deloraine District Hospital is a 20 bed acute care facility that includes palliative and general medical care.

Mrs Joan Loone was an inaugural member of the auxiliary. She has been secretary and treasurer for forty six years.

She recalled that the first lunch they catered for in 1969 was a two course meal and cost \$2 a head. 'We still made a profit.' She said.

Mrs Helen Clayton is

another long standing member, and has been president for over twenty years.

Major items the auxiliary have donated to the hospital have included television sets and small refrigerators in all the patient and staff rooms. Three months ago, the auxiliary presented the hospital with a cheque for \$30,000 to be used mainly for upgrading items in the kitchen area.

'We have twenty four members at present,' Mrs Clayton said. 'We meet on the first Monday of each month and always welcome new members.'

For more information please ring Helen Clayton on 6362 2658

POLICE REPORT WITH INSP. SCOTT FLUDE

THIS MONTH I want to talk about crime in rural areas and ways everyone can help us as investigators learn what is happening, enabling us to deal with it in a positive and timely manner.

The importance of this was evident in a recent meeting with a local farmer and current president of the TFGA, Wayne Johnston.

Wayne and I sat down with the Police minister Rene Hidding to discuss all aspects of crime in the rural community, including perceptions of how good or bad it is and ways to help each other going forward.

From information relayed by Wayne concerning other farmers, it seems there are things occurring in rural settings that we as Police are just not aware of.

I think the public have a feeling we know everything that is happening and who is committing crimes but in some instances we don't, as

no-one has given us the information that is out there, as someone always knows.

My officers and I take pride in having and building on information about who is perhaps committing crime in our community and we continue to build a good rapport with the community whenever we can.

I have no doubt that some things do occur that are never reported to Police and I would like to ask everyone to keep an eye out and report things to us.

There is no such thing as bad information and as it comes in, we can build a picture on who may be responsible for any crimes or offences that are committed.

People in our community, not just our police, have a role to play in keeping everyone safe, and keeping a keen eye out for anything suspicious plays a huge part in being a responsible member of our community.

MEANDER VALLEY - GET INVOLVED

MEANDER Valley FM is inviting new members to help keep music and local news on the airwaves 96.9 FM.

There are opportunities to host your own program.

Current program hosts assure this is not as hard as you think.

Training is offered along with a microphone and, if you

need one, a computer.

Pick up a membership form from the studio at Deloraine Creative Studios or phone 6362 4969.

Membership is essential to vote at the upcoming AGM, scheduled to be held at Deloraine House on Thursday 17th September at 7:00pm. New members are welcome.

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
Every Thursday 6.30pm - 8.00pm	Kirtan: Yoga for the heart	Deloraine Day Care Centre, 17 Lansdowne Place \$5.00pp Kids free Contact jonparryuk@hotmail.com
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
Saturday 12th September 10.00am - 2.00pm	Liffey Market	The Old School, Liffey Contact Quenton Higgs 6397 3670
Saturday 12th September 1.15pm	Replanting WW1 Commemorative Trees	The Old School, Liffey - Plaques unveiled by Eric Hutchinson MHR & Dick Adams Ph: Quenton Higgs 6397 3670
Sunday 13th September 11.00am	Rotary Club of Westbury Fun Run	Westbury Recreation Ground, 21 Franklin Street Register online or arrive early Enquiries to David: 63931510
Sunday 13th September 1.00pm	Bowls Club Open Day - New & existing Members	Deloraine Bowls Club, Meander Valley Road. Casual attire Ph: 6362 2086 or 0407 529 059
Sunday 13th September 2.00pm	West Tamar Band in Concert feat. Kerry Ellis	Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Westbury Traditional & Contemporary Brass Band Music Admission by donation
Monday 14th - 18th September 6.30pm	Deloraine Youth Drama Festival	Little Theatre, Meander Valley Road, Deloraine \$5.00pp \$15.00 per family Enquiries Ph: Clare 0438 090 635
Wednesday 16th Sept. 10.00am - 2.30pm	Parenting with love, kindness & security (8 wks)	Deloraine Day Care Centre Bookings necessary Ph: Libby Beyerle on 6701 2111
Thursday 17th September 12.00 noon	Aged Care Auxiliary Soup & Sandwich Luncheon	Deloraine RSL Club \$10.00 per head
Saturday 19th September 11.00am - 3.00pm	Spring into Spring Festival	Westbury Community Garden, cnr Jones & Dexter Streets Westbury Special Guest: Urban Farming
Saturday 19th September 10.00am	Almost Anything Goes Auction	Deloraine Showgrounds Viewing of lots begins at 9.00am Ph: Julie 0427 861 485
Tuesday 22nd September 9.30am - 3.30pm	Death & Caring for the Dying: Michael & Ann Barbato	Free workshop 'Midwifing Death' Prospect Vale Park, 28 Harley Parade, Prospect Vale. Bookings 6231 2799 by 15 Sept
Thursday 24th September 6.00pm	Mindfulness programme (8 weeks)	Deloraine Day Care Centre Registration necessary Ph: Libby Beyerle on 6701 2111 Cost: Free
Monday 28th September - 30th Sept	Stepping Stones Leadership camp Grades 9-12	3 days of fun, activities & learning Only 20 places available Ph: Vicki Jordan 0400 155 690 to book
Friday 2nd October	The Hottentots - launching their new CD	Clayton's Mill, 16 Beefeater Street, Deloraine
Saturday 3rd October	Parissa's Singing Workshop	Clayton's Mill, 16 Beefeater Street, Deloraine Ph: Bruce 0435 073 091
Monday 5th October - 7th October	Stepping Stones Leadership camp Grades 6 - 8	3 days of fun, activities & learning Only 20 places available Ph: Vicki Jordan 0400 155 690 to book
Wednesday 7th - 10th October	Australian Supreme Sheep Dog Championships	Meander
Thursday 8th October 10.30am - 3.30pm	Free Skate Training and Competition	Hadspen Skate Run Boards & Helmets provided Ph: Vicki Jordan 0400 155 690
Friday 9th October - Monday 2nd November	Who was Nellie Payne? Exhibition	Various venues around Westbury. Contact Pam at Fitzpatrick's Inn on 63931153 www.nelliepayne.com
Saturday 10th October 7.30pm	Western Tiers Film Society	Little Theatre, 2 Meander Valley Rd, Deloraine 'Still Alice'
Sunday 11th October 2.00pm - 5.00pm	Tasmanian Poetry Festival	Empire Hotel, Emu Bay Road, Deloraine Bookings not required just turn up ready to read or just applaud
Tuesday 13th October 10.30am	Hidden Talents 20th Birthday morning tea	Uniting Church Hall, West Barrack Street, Deloraine Ph: Helen 6362 2658 or Lexie 6362 2615
Wednesday 14th October 2.00pm - 3.00pm	Cancer Council - Deloraine Outreach Service	Deloraine RSL, 12 West Church Street Ph: Richard 6341 8407
Friday 16th & Sat 17th October	Del. Dramatic Society's Festival of One Act Plays	Little Theatre, 2 Meander Valley Rd, Deloraine



Anita Quin with a group of Giant Steps students who are now able to have some cold weather fun in the pool thanks to the new heating system Photo by: Mike Moores

Local bank pooling assets : Meander School awaits new challenge

IT'S ON occasions like this when the generosity of community grants comes alive.

For the children at Giant Steps it is a huge benefit to be able to use their pool all the year round to have fun and receive therapy at the same time.

\$28,000 grant from the Deloraine and Districts Community Bank has made this possible for Giant Steps.

The installation of a heating and ventilation system for the school's indoor pool has made an enormous difference according to school principal Tim Chugg, "Up until now we've only been able to use the pool 3 months of the year...now it's all year round. It's an enormous benefit to our students, increasing their

relaxation and well being."

Giant Steps is a 'one of a kind' school in Tasmania catering for children and adults with autism spectrum disorders.

The grant, one of a number made this year by the bank to local organisations, is a graphic illustration of how community funding can help worthy causes to progress and be of benefit to our community.

All up, a return of \$80,000 has been made to community projects this year by the bank, and the total over the past 10 years is \$840,000.

The more people that bank with Deloraine and Districts Community Bank the more money they are able to return to community projects.

By Marguerite McNeill

WHILE THE former Meander Primary School site remains empty it has captured the attention of a number of groups with a varied range of proposals for its future use.

In recent weeks the issue gained momentum and the Meander Valley Council requested Government to stop the sale process while it called a special meeting to learn more about a unique proposal from a group called Teen Challenge.

A global organisation, Teen Challenge has the aim of setting up a "Home of Hope" at Meander as a special centre for women and children whose lives have been disrupted by family violence

and/or other issues.

The aim is to provide a central base where those in need can undergo rehabilitation programmes to get their lives back into order and eventually settle back into society.

The proposal was orchestrated by the Western Australian branch of the organisation, where such a centre is already in existence.

Teen Challenge is affiliated with the Anglican Church and, if successful in its bid to acquire the old school, the Meander-based programme would be under the guidance of respected members Peter and Tanya Ferrall who would live on site.

The couple said that the Meander site would be

perfect as a base for Teen Challenge that would bring the programme to Tasmania in its entirety.

"We are keen to speak to people on the ground, Mr Ferrall said.

Mrs Ferrall was also very enthusiastic saying that the rural aspect of the site was perfect for their needs.

"We don't want to change the outside image, only the inside."

Other proposed uses for the Meander site include a rural education centre and a drug rehabilitation centre.

Meander Valley General Manager, Greg Preece, said Council would consider all proposals on merit and economic benefit to community.

PINK SOCKS. On Saturday 8th August the three Deloraine Football Club teams all wore Pink Socks for Breast Cancer Awareness to support Life Member and N.T.F.A. living legend Marilyn Young who has breast cancer. The Kanga Room was filled with her friends who made delectable pink goodies for the day. In conjunction with his, Marilyn and her mother held a soup & sandwich luncheon on 31st July for Life Members, supporters and friends with Lloyd Evans relating humorous stories and Marilyn told of her journey of breast cancer. A quilt donated by Deloraine Embroidery group was raffled and drawn at the Football match and was won by June Coleman of Deloraine. \$1,750 was raised from the 2 days.



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OLIVE JEAN McNeill (nee Bowman) 10th May, 1916 - 26th May, 2015.

Jean McNeill was fun loving, generous and caring. She found pleasure in the simple things and had an amazing capacity to adapt.

They were traits that gave her great strength and allowed her to embrace life with enthusiasm.

With a keen interest in everyone and everything, Jean liked to keep track of her observations and writing a diary became a lifetime habit.

Jean's diaries and a massive photographic collection paint an impressive picture of her life that spanned ninety-nine years.

Jean grew up at 'Cheshunt' in Meander where she is portrayed on her horse in front of the house in the Yarns silk display at the Deloraine Visitor Centre.

Her early schooling was as a weekly boarder at St Hilda's in Deloraine.

After further studies at Collegiate in Hobart, she enrolled in a 4-year nursing course at Launceston General Hospital, followed by a year of midwifery.

In 1940 she enlisted into the 2/5 AGH and in October that year boarded the Mauretania bound for the Middle East.

Stationed at Gaza Ridge, the Australian nurses lived



A very special lady

By Marguerite McNeill

and worked under very cramped and difficult conditions as indicated by extracts from Jean's diary and photos (many of which are documented in 'Veils and Tin Hats', *Tasmanian Nurses in the Second World War* by Peter Henning).

In 1941 Jean suffered personal loss when her only sibling, her brother, Alan Bowman, a commanding officer of RAF Squadron 39, was

shot down and killed. It was a loss that tormented her for many years and was only put to rest in 2005 when she was invited by the Government as the only woman representative in an Australian contingent that went on a 50-year commemorative visit to WWII memorials overseas.

A captain in her unit, Jean's nursing also took her to Greece and finally to New Guinea where

she met her future husband John McNeill.

In 1944 the couple married and lived on the outskirts of Deloraine for the rest of their lives.

Jean's diaries and a massive photographic collection paint an impressive picture of her life that spanned ninety-nine years.

Life in Deloraine must have seemed tame after the frantic pace of the preceding war years, but with six children in the family, it was never dull.

Jean enjoyed a wide range of hobbies and activities including camping, bush walking, golf, reading, knitting and sewing and had a grand passion for gardening.

She was also in the local Red Cross, marched on Anzac Day and played Mahjong with the local group, where her skill at the game is legendary.

Over the last 3 years Jean lived alone, welcoming friends and family with a smile and keeping in touch with her grand children's travels on her iPad.

Friends are invited to join the family of Olive Jean Bowman to celebrate her life at service to be held at St. Marks Church in Deloraine on Sunday 22nd November 2015 at 2.00pm.

ONLY WINDOWS 7 and Windows 8.1 users will notice a new icon of 4 white squares in their system tray at bottom right of screen – a Microsoft's advisory of upgrading to its Windows 10 operating system for free.

Clicking it downloads the OS for installation, after having backed up personal and important data, including Favourites and email folders, to an external hard drive via copy and paste, Windows 7

backup and restore, Win 8.1 File History or third party backup programmes.

Minimum PC or notebook requirements for Windows 10 are:

- Processor: 1 GHz minimum or SoC
- RAM: 1 GB for 32-bit, 2 GB for 64-bit
- Hard disk: 16 GB for 32-bit OS, 20 GB for 64-bit OS
- Graphics card: DirectX 9 or later with WDDM 1.0 driver
- Display: 1024x600

Upgrade or not? Windows 10.

By Alistair Carr

A satisfactory performance requires 4 GB RAM for 32-bit Windows and 4 GB or 8 GB RAM for 64-bit, and a 2 GHz dual core CPU minimum.

Upgrading gives you a fairly snappy OS, even on older notebooks. Its start menu beats the aggravating Windows 8/8.1's; popping up like Windows 7's while still using Windows 8's

style tiles and option to make it full screen.

Though Windows 10 has no Windows Media Centre and Windows media player, Microsoft provides free DVD video playback for upgraders.

After this OS upgrade, Microsoft accounts like OneDrive, Microsoft Office 2013, Xbox or Outlook.com sign-ins are needed to get the most out of it.

OneDrive offers cloud

storage for online backups and data sync across devices, Xbox Music and Microsoft's App store.

Being data synced allows signing in to any Windows 10 device for accessing all your personal files etc. This sync uses too much data on severely limited plans, like 3g/4g mobile Internet ones.

Hence, those happy with Windows 7 or Windows 8.1 can opt not to upgrade.

IN 2015 RESEARCHERS using remote camera technology 'captured' Sugar Gliders eating females, eggs and chicks of Swift and Orange-bellied Parrots and filmed one at the nest of a Forty-spotted Pardalote.

"Whether indigenous or introduced, the nocturnal Sugar Glider is now widespread in Tasmania."

The small marsupials (20 cm from nose to tip of tail) have also been photographed feeding on other cavity nesters including Blue-winged Parrot, Green Rosella, Tree Martin and Striated Pardalote.

The Sugar Glider is widespread on mainland Australia with some debate as to its status in Tasmania.

In his book *The Furred Animals of Australia* (1957) Ellis Troughton wrote that it was introduced in 1835 but its "wide distribution [in Tasmania] suggests that it may have been indigenous, and possibly overlooked because of its shy habits."

However, the absence of skeletal remains in subfossil deposits in Tasmania and lack of an Aboriginal name is regarded as further evidence that it was introduced.

Whether indigenous or introduced, the

Nocturnal sweet tooth

By Sara Lloyd

nocturnal Sugar Glider is now widespread in Tasmania. Its common name comes from the abundance of honey, sugar and jam eaten by captive animals and its ability to glide distances of up to 90 meters using the membrane that joins its front and back limbs.

In its natural habitat it is omnivorous and opportunistic and has been recorded feeding on invertebrates, acacia gum, the sap of eucalypts, lizards, small birds, nectar, acacia seeds,

bird eggs, pollen, fungi and native fruits.

Its long front incisors may be for tearing young branches to get at the juicy wood, or they may be for cutting bark to initiate a sap flow.

Wild Sugar Gliders exhibit a 'spit-fire temper' with biting and scratching — certainly not the temperament of the 'excellent pets' they are reputed to be.

The Sugar Glider is now implicated in sending threatened species closer to the brink of extinction.

But should the blame be apportioned instead to those management practices that have caused such a reduction in old growth hollow-bearing trees that all cavity nesters are being forced into ever smaller patches of forest?



Meander Valley food and photographic offerings celebrated in cookbook

By Wai Lin Coultas

THE MEANDER Valley, along with the rest of the North West Coast, is featured in the 2014-published cookbook, *Cradle Coast Pantry*.

The brainchild of chef John T. Bailey, and photographer as well as publisher, Philip Kuruvita, it showcases the Tasmanian landscape as well as a wide variety of produce and products.

Sources of inspiration includes 41° South Tasmania from Red Hills, White Rock Vineyard near Kimberley, and from Elizabeth Town, Ashgrove Cheese, Christmas Hills Raspberry Farm Café and Van Diemens Land Creamery.

These five businesses were selected for the standard and quality of their produce and products, after the Tamar Valley-based John Bailey had visited their companies and seen their operations.

“The food of these featured Meander Valley companies is the crucial source of creative inspiration...”

For example, John was impressed that 41° South Tasmania absorbs all fish waste produced into its wet-

land filtration system and Van Diemens Land Creamery makes their own ice cream, all within the Meander Valley.

The businesses grow their food for the production of their food products.

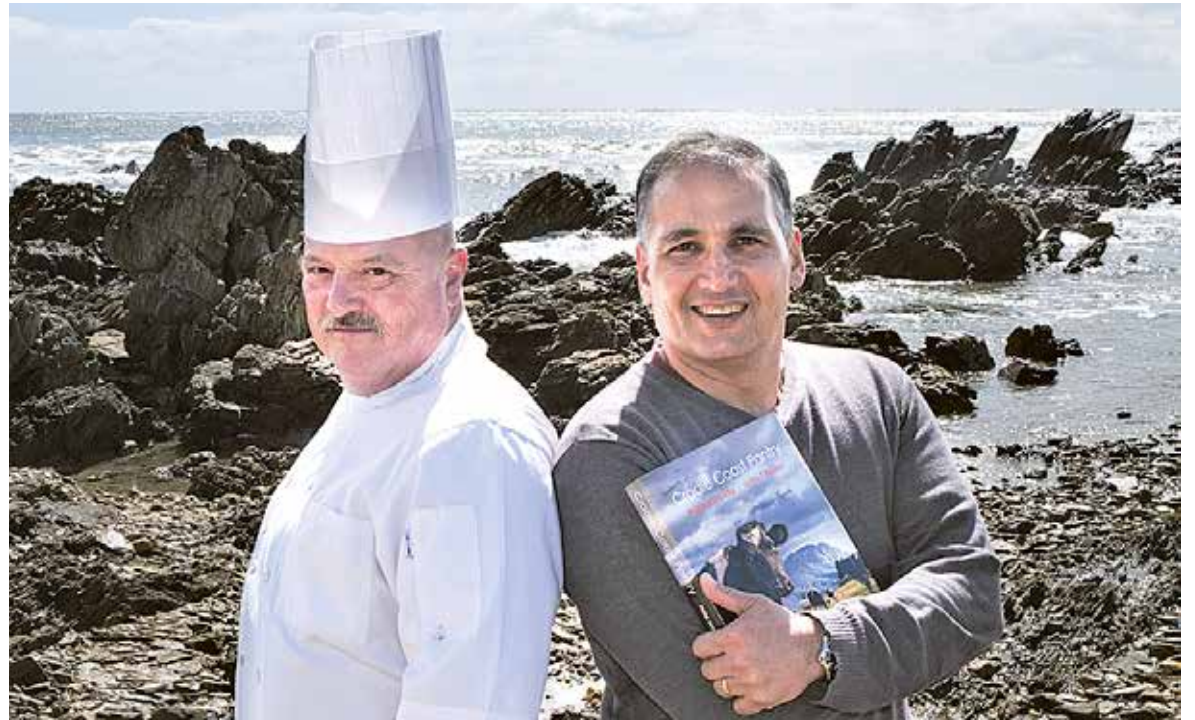
John particularly enjoyed their passion for knowing the origins of their products and why they do it that way.

Some were also selected for the book after he used their products for overseas assignments in Singapore, Hong Kong, Japan and Taiwan and while running The Banc Restaurant in Swansea, or having heard of their quality while consulting for a large cheese business.

The food of these featured Meander Valley companies is the crucial source of creative inspiration for John, who owns Dinner Is Served, to concoct the unique recipes in *Cradle Coast Pantry*.

Take 41° South Tasmania's ginseng spice. It is already renowned as a pairing with all kinds of fish. Hence, John has deliberately used it in his succulent Warm Lamb Loin recipe to show that it goes nicely with other kinds of meat, too.

With Christmas Hills Raspberry Farm Café, its owners knew what naturally paired well with their raspberries.



Chef, John Bailey, and Photographer, Philip Kuruvita, collaborated on the book, *Cradle Coast Pantry*.

Their knowledge crystallised the creation of John's luscious Warm Raspberry Marinated Chicken and delightful Baked Raspberry Cheesecake.

In other instances, John asked the companies if they had a product they would like to promote. For Ashgrove Cheese, it was their aged cheddar cheese and crème fraiche.

This became the basis for John's indulgent Baby Leek & Aged Cheddar Risotto and sumptuous Tassie Blue Mussels. John made it a point to source

all of the ingredients used in *Cradle Coast Pantry* from only within the North West - not a limiting ambition as the region offers a wide variety of produce and products.

The 33 food businesses featured in the cookbook are only a fraction of the quality food that is available within that area.

His extensive scouring of the cradle and coast of the North West firmed up John's belief that those businesses within the Meander Valley

are on par with the rest in the north-west region.

Besides John's recipes, *Cradle Coast Pantry* is lavished with a substantial number of Philip's location and produce photographs. This dual focus is deliberate, allowing the cookbook to be of interest to food lovers as well as those keen on the scenic landscapes of Tasmania.

For more information visit <https://kuruvita.com.au/index.php/shop-kuruvita/books-calendar>.



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Valleyviews

Mayor's Message

IN AUGUST, I joined Launceston City Council Mayor, Alderman Albert Van Zetten for the launch of this year's Garage Sale Trail—to be held on Saturday, 24 October. The Garage Sale Trail is a great way to sell those unwanted goods for some spare cash, reduce the amount of waste we send to landfill and join in the fun with your neighbours and friends. For more information visit www.garagesaletrail.com.au

Council hosted world bio-energy expert Andrew Lang for two days in August. Andrew updated Council on technology changes with regard to bio-energy and highlighted examples from Australia and around the world of how bio-energy can deliver benefits to local communities. He also provided some advice to Council on

what we might be able to do to encourage appropriate bio-energy opportunities for business in Meander Valley.

Council held a community 'Have your say' day in August to help guide our renewal of the childrens' play area at Prospect Vale Park. Thank you to those who provided feedback. If you would like to 'have your say' you still can by completing a short online survey at:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/PVPplayspace

Council recently received the results of our biennial community satisfaction survey. Once again, it was pleasing to see that on almost all measures we exceed the Tasmanian averages. Find out more in Council's article on page 9.

Mayor Craig Perkins

Council Updates

Be part of Council's Townscape, Reserves and Parks Special Committee (TRAP)

THE COMMITTEE MEETS on the third Wednesday of every second month at Council Offices, 26 Lyall Street, Westbury at 5:30pm.

For more information on the role of the TRAP committee visit Council's website or phone 6393 5316.

Please mail expressions of interest to:

Mr David Pyke
PO Box 102
Westbury TAS 7303,
by 30 September 2015.



Are you in this space?

COUNCIL IS SEEKING information on community activities that support cultural diversity in Meander Valley.

Its aim is to identify what is already happening and to see if things can be improved.

Cultural diversity refers to the differences between

peoples racial or ethnic backgrounds, language, dress and traditions.

If you or your organisation supports cultural diversity in Meander Valley, please register how you do this by completing a short survey via the link below or contact patrick.gambles@mvc.tas.gov.au by 31 October 2015.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BKPDHWV>

Used PCs available for local, Not-for-Profit community organisations

ALL HAVE BEEN tested and reset to their factory condition and pre-installed with Windows7.

A power cord and keyboard are included, but no monitor or mouse.

Applications are invited via the Community Grants application form available from Council's website or by calling 6393 5300. The opportunity is open until 30 September 2015.

Meander Valley Primary School Holiday Program

Monday, 5 October 2015

Craft & Sports/Games
Westbury Recreation Ground
9.00am – 3.00pm

OWN transport
\$5 per child



Young people aged 6 to 12



PLEASE BRING
OWN LUNCH
AND A DRINK

Thursday, 8 October 2015

Craft & Sports/Games
Bracknell Recreation Ground
9.00am – 3.00pm

OWN transport
\$5 per child

PLEASE NOTE CHANGES TO BOOKING PROCEDURE:

1. Ring Jodie Walters on 0439 596 850 to register (between 6.00pm – 8.00pm)
2. Download the Activity Consent form and Annual Registration form from Council's website (If you are unable to download these forms, copies are available from Council)
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Meander Valley Council

Community News

Meandering 2015 Art Exhibition Enter now!

DON'T FORGET TO get your entry in now for Meandering 2015.

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

This year's theme is 'Ties that Bind'. So get creative and come up with a winning idea and artwork!

There are some terrific prizes on offer - Council will award a \$3,000 first prize (acquisitive) and there will be seven additional prizes including a novice and encouragement award for de-

veloping artists.

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

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

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 2010 entrant, Michael Manhire's, *Westbury Heritage*

Meander Valley Community Directory

www.meandervalleycommunitydirectory.com.au

A FREE WEEKLY 'drop in' session is now available for community groups who would like help to register on the Directory.

This will take place at the Deloraine Online Access Centre every Wednesday through September, October

and November 1.00pm-3.00pm. All you need is an email address to get started.

All groups registered with a 'live' page by 1 December will be entered into a \$250 prize draw. The odds are quite favourable at present so do get on board in time.

Stepping Stones Leadership Camps

THESE CAMPS ARE for young people who want to share 3 days of fun, activities and learning. There will be music, cooking, outdoor education, challenges, consultation, choices and more.

Only 20 places in each age group:

Grade 9 – 12

28 to 30 September
(School holidays)

Grade 6 – 8

4 to 6 October (PLEASE
NOTE NEW DATE*)

18 to 25 years

27 to 29 November
(Weekend after exams)

Camps are supervised by staff and a team of volunteers.

Contact Vicki Jordan on 0400 155 690 to book your place.

* It has been necessary to change the dates for the October camp from Monday to Wednesday back one day to Sunday to Tuesday. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Diary Dates

Hard Waste Collections

Call 6393 5300 to register your items for collection.

Mon 26 – Tues 27 October

Deloraine, Meander, Mole Creek, Chudleigh, Kimberley

Wed 28 – Thurs 29 October

Westbury, Exton, Hagley,

Thurs 29 – Fri 30 October

Prospect Vale, Blackstone Heights, Hadspen, Rutherford, Carrick, Bracknell

FREE skate training & best trick competition

Hadspen Skate run, Thurs 8 October 10.30am-3.00pm

Markets



Deloraine Market, Showgrounds

First Saturday of the month

Liffey Market

Second Saturday of the month

Deloraine Farmers' Market, MG Trading carpark

Second and fourth Saturday of the month

Westbury Market,

St Andrews Church

Third Saturday of the month

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

Art to art with Sean Manners



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

Respected community artist, Sean Manners shares some thoughts:

"I have been a community artist since 1992 after attending a hands-on event that created a giant theatrical street performance from nothing. My roles have varied from being a participant to an instigator, a dreamer and imaginer, to coordinating community arts projects, and a builder of ephemeral art for parades.

The magic element in community art is ownership. As Niecy Brown said last month, not all public art is community art. Some pieces are commissioned and then created by an artist such as the pieces down by the River in Deloraine and others, like the mosaic in the Westbury community garden, are created and owned by the community. Art in the pub-

lic domain creates interest and brings forward differing opinion. It tells a story that is created and expressed by the community, and guided by artists who can transfer their skills to enable the piece to be built.

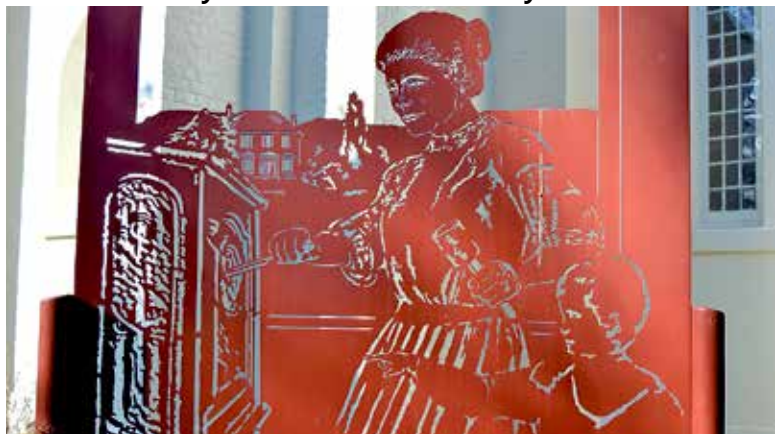
My personal favourite public art in the Meander Valley are the mosaic seats in Westbury (pictured). They tell a story and are practical and used every day. When they were made, they engaged a large number of people in many ways.

If community artists were included in the initial conversations about the building of Council infrastructure such as seating, bus shelters, buildings, rubbish bins, parks etc, the result may be that these mundane items might become alive and interesting."

To find out more about a public art advisory group for Meander Valley, please contact: patrick.gambles@mvc.tas.gov.au or 6393 5300.

Who was Nellie Payne?

Ellen Nora Payne - an incredible lady!



COME TO WESTBURY during October and help celebrate the life of one of Tasmania's most prominent woodcarvers, Ellen Nora Payne (known fondly as Nellie).

The Westbury & Districts Historical Society is holding an exhibition from 9 October till 2 November, open daily from 10.00am - 2.00pm.

The exhibition will be at three venues Westbury Town Hall, Fitzpatricks Inn, and St Andrews Church.

Admission is free.

Nellie was born on 7 January 1865 at Westfield, Westbury, Tasmania, twelfth of fourteen children of Thomas William Field and

died in 1962. During her long life she carved over 150 pieces-dower chests, World War 1 honour rolls throughout the state, pieces such as altars and prayer desks for many churches, lecterns and chairs for schools.

Many of her pieces are overseas and interstate but have been photographed and will sit alongside the physical pieces on display for the exhibition.

Nellie was this year inducted into the Tasmanian Women's Honour Roll.

For more information visit the website www.nelliepayne.com or find Nellie on Facebook.

Ray Johnstone Centre unveiled

SUNDAY MORNING WAS wet and windy at Prospect Vale Park on 16 August, but it didn't daunt multitudes of Prospect Hawks and Deloraine Football Club juniors from playing their beloved AFL game. Neither did it deter a special gathering of friends and family to witness the naming of the clubrooms facility in honour of local resident, Ray Johnstone.

Ray served as both Warden and Deputy Warden with the Westbury Council and Deputy Mayor and Councillor with the current Meander Valley Council up until his retirement in 2009 - after 35 years' service to local government.

In his early years, Ray was heavily involved in attracting the Federal Group to Prospect Vale and the development of Blackstone Heights. Anticipating the population growth of Prospect, Ray lobbied hard for sport and recreation infrastructure and was instrumental in this becoming a reality at Prospect Vale Park.

Mayor Craig Perkins said, 'Ray's commitment to Council and the Meander Valley community has been exemplary. He worked tirelessly for the sustainable development of Council's resources and assets. He listened and responded well to the needs of his

community. His straight shooting and determined style led him to champion many important causes and Prospect Vale Park is one that I know is very close to his heart.'

Prospect Vale Park is Meander Valley's premier and regional sports facility and Council, clubs and community are thoroughly delighted to name its clubrooms in Ray's honour. It is a fitting tribute for all Ray achieved as a councillor and as a caring resident of Prospect Vale and the Meander Valley community."

A gathering of over 100 people attended the unveiling of the newly-named, Ray Johnstone Centre.



Ray (third from the left) and family at the renaming ceremony.

Community Satisfaction Survey 2015

COUNCIL'S OVERALL PERFORMANCE has been rated above the State average in the 2015 Community Satisfaction Survey.

74 percent of residents were satisfied with Council's overall performance, compared to the 70 per cent State average.

The survey of 300 Meander Valley Local Government Area residents was conducted by Enterprise Marketing and Research Services (EMRS) in addition to a State-wide Community Satisfaction Survey commissioned by the Local Government Association of Tasmania.

It provides Council with feedback on how it is tracking in comparison with the State-wide average and also highlights any areas for improvement.

The survey divides Council's services and activities into 9 areas spanning the broad divisions of property services, community services and interaction with the Council. In all, some 35 elements were included in the 9 areas ranging from "Household Garbage Collection" to "Access to and availability of Council staff".

Satisfaction with Council staff received the highest score with 84% of residents

rating Council's staff as "being friendly and polite", and 82% responding that staff have a "professional attitude and presentation".

"The appearance of public areas in general" and Meander Valley's "sports-grounds and recreational facilities" also rated highly—receiving an 80% satisfaction score.

The "Planning and Development" area received the lowest satisfaction score

(60%), as was also the case in the State-wide results (58%).

Residents noted the following areas for improvement: roads, footpaths and traffic (17%), community involvement (14%) and waste management (10%).

Council received and noted the Survey results at the August 11 Council meeting.

The full report is available from Council's website: www.meander.tas.gov.au



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Dawn's island heritage

By Sara Fawcett

HOW DO people of one culture understand the art of another?

For example, how do we, as white Australians, understand the intentions and meanings represented by Aboriginal art?

Aboriginal painter Dawn Blazeley is a local Tasmanian artist who conveys her cultural history in a contemporary way for us to experience and perhaps understand.

In Dawn's words, this enables her to preserve the Aboriginal cultural heritage for future generations.

To assist her in this mission, Dawn has recently received a grant from the Australian government's Regional Arts Fund to participate in Master Printing workshops at the King Island Arts and Culture Centre.

Bass MP Andrew Nikolic has stated on his website that this fund supports local cultural organisations and artists to create artwork that not only speaks to the community but allows us all to participate in the process of creation.

Through this three day workshop and other exhibitions such as that at Deloraine Creative Studios, Dawn communicates the story of her homeland of Cape Barren Island and her tribe.

"My paintings highlight the strength and spirituality of the land, sea and its ability to sustain my people who inhabit it," Dawn said.

Dawn has been using painting as a means of expressing the Aboriginal story since having completed a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree at the University of Tasmania.

"I have been painting ever since," she said.

And she will be painting and expressing her story and that of the land for some time yet.

"When I started this artistic journey many years ago I did not consider I would spend my middle years of life painting and drawing, but I must say it has been a fantastic time of my life," she said.

Dawn's work can be seen at Deloraine Creative Studios: open 10.00am to 4.00pm daily.



Black Amps: Jasper Tabuyo, bass; Tristan Webb, drums; Zavier Webster, guitar. Photo Mike Moores

Black Amps battle for top spot

BATTLE OF the Bands has always been hotly contested at Deloraine High School and this year was no exception.

In front of an audience of over 200, six acoustic acts competed, with Hannah Beck and Zoe Robertson taking top place with their cover of 'Lonely Boy' by the Black Keys and their own composition 'Take the Highway'.

Runner up in the band section was Punk You, featuring grade 8 musicians Oscar Reeve-Palmer on drums, Zavier Webster on guitar, Leah Bryan bass guitar and Jasper Tabuyo the vocalist.

Stand out band and first

placegetters on the night was Efflorescence, a six-piece outfit. They used their great stage presence and interaction with the audience to maximum effect.

Its members; Ethan Sydes (grade 7) drums, Caleb Webster and Jack Blair both (grade 9) guitar, Clem Briggs (grade 10) bass guitar, September Fisher (grade 10) vocals and Brodie Eyles (grade 9) keys and synthesizer; will go on to compete in the Northern semi finals at Launceston's Club 54, along with Punk You and the acoustic section winners.

Of the six bands competing at Deloraine's battle,

Black Amps was the only band playing punk.

"We like the genre. It is simple and fun to play," says Zavier Webster, its lead guitar.

As with all the bands they played two covers and one original: 'Your Grandma's Your Bro'.

Jasper, its bass player and vocalist, wrote the lyrics but comments, "We have all contributed."

Music teacher, Georgia Stevens, says this is a big event for the school. Students prepare three months in advance, adding, "A live gig is the best experience ever for kids, especially with original music."

Youth drama

STUDENTS FROM all over the State are once again deep into rehearsals, getting ready to strut their stuff on stage for the 61st Deloraine Youth Drama Festival.

When: Monday 14th – Friday 18th September 6:30pm

Where: Little Theatre, Meander Valley Performing Arts Centre, Deloraine.

Tickets at the Door: \$5.00 per person, \$15.00 per family

Ph: Clare Thorne, Festival Director on 0438 090 635 for further details.

Hottentots

DON'T FORGET Hottentots house concert 2nd October Clayton's Mill, 16 Beefeater Street, Deloraine 0435 073 091.

Slam some more

THE FIRST poetry slam was so much fun they've organised another: 11th October 2.00pm - 5.00pm Empire Hotel.



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Hazelbrae Hazelnuts deliver the good oil on a range of products

By Joanne Eisemann

THEY ARE not scared of a bit of work, the farmers at Hazelbrae Hazelnuts.

Michael Delphin and Christie McLeod purchased the 74-hectare farm just before harvest in 2014.

Christie says, "I can count

at the national finals of the prestigious Delicious Magazine Produce Awards, after being up against a range of produce such as honey and salt.

New customers were also won from the meal served on the award night, as Christie explains, "They used our

to Hagley from Moriarty where they had a smaller mixed cropping and cattle fattening property.

"We wanted to get into something that was a little bit different and a bit more under our control. Rather than bowing to the pressures of big companies that just decide what they are going to pay you," Christie adds.

The property has 5000 hazelnut trees planted on eighteen hectares. Christie says that this year's harvest of over 10 tonnes of nuts was probably Australia's largest.

Hazelnuts are wind pollinated and so rely on having compatible varieties planted close by.

Hazelbrae has 3 varieties: one suitable for raw nuts, one for roasting and the third gets cold pressed yielding 50% oil.

"You can get 60% if you use chemical processing. We cold press because it is a cleaner healthier product," adds Christie.

Hazelnut oil can be used for anything a good olive oil can be used for, having similar nutritional benefits. It is high in vitamin E, so is good for skin.

All the nuts are sold shelled, as Christie and Michael are keen to ensure the quality of

their produce. When they do sell shelled nuts, in a low percentage of cases, they may be misshapen or affected by moisture.

"We wanted to get into something that was a little bit different and a bit more under our control."

Cracking and roasting are done on the farm. And with assistance from an Australian Innovation and Investment Fund Grant, a tasting centre is

currently under construction. "People will be able to come and see everything we can find to do with hazelnuts, have a coffee, light lunch, do a tour of the farm, we're even planning a hazelnut treasure hunt for kids" shares Christie.

The centre will open late November, operating nine months of the year. They expect to employ seven staff.

In the meantime, Hazelbrae hazelnut products can be purchased from the Hagley General Store and via www.hazelbrae.com.au



Christie McLeod proudly displays a range of the farm's products.

on one hand how many full days off I have had in the last eighteen months."

But the work has paid off with Hazelbrae's roasted hazelnuts recently receiving a medal in the 'From the Earth (Artisan)' category

produce on the night.

The chefs who used it were pretty happy with the quality of the product, so now they are buying ours instead of the imported Italian ones."

Not new to farming, Christie and Michael moved

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Heidi 12yrs and Tiernan Knightley 8 yrs, both of Elizabeth town, enjoy the fruits of Natasha's labour (Centre) Photo by: Mike Moores

Natasha paints faces for fun and profit

By Joanne Eisemann

DELORAINE ARTIST Natasha Schultz was recently awarded the top prize in Tasmania Body Art Competition's inaugural event.

She was delighted to receive the award and hopes to compete at a national level next year.

"I was just doing it for fun to begin with," says this professional face and body painter.

Natasha began her unlikely

career around nine years ago when a friend invited her to help paint faces at the annual Easter Festival held by the river in Deloraine.

Back then, she found painting faces was not as easy as she thought it was going to be, adding, "You know the worst face painting you ever saw? That was mine on that day. It was not good."

Not one to give up easily, Natasha spent time researching, found out everything she could and taught herself the

necessary skills.

She attributes her persistence to the joy she is able to bring to children when the painting is done; sharing, "I love seeing the smiles on their faces, the delight that I bring to them when I show them the mirror."

Designs painted are mostly of the children's choice as Natasha is skilled in a variety of designs.

Her favourite subject is the macabre. "I love special effects, all the silicon and

prosthetics that you put on the face" shares Natasha. "Gory gruesome things, warts and all, broken bones, eyes hanging out, I love all that."

Natasha has a regular gig painting faces on the Spirit of Tasmania's summer day sailings.

She also paints at festivals, corporate events and is a celebrity guest at many birthday parties.

Contact Natasha via her facebook page Natasha Schultz Face Painting.

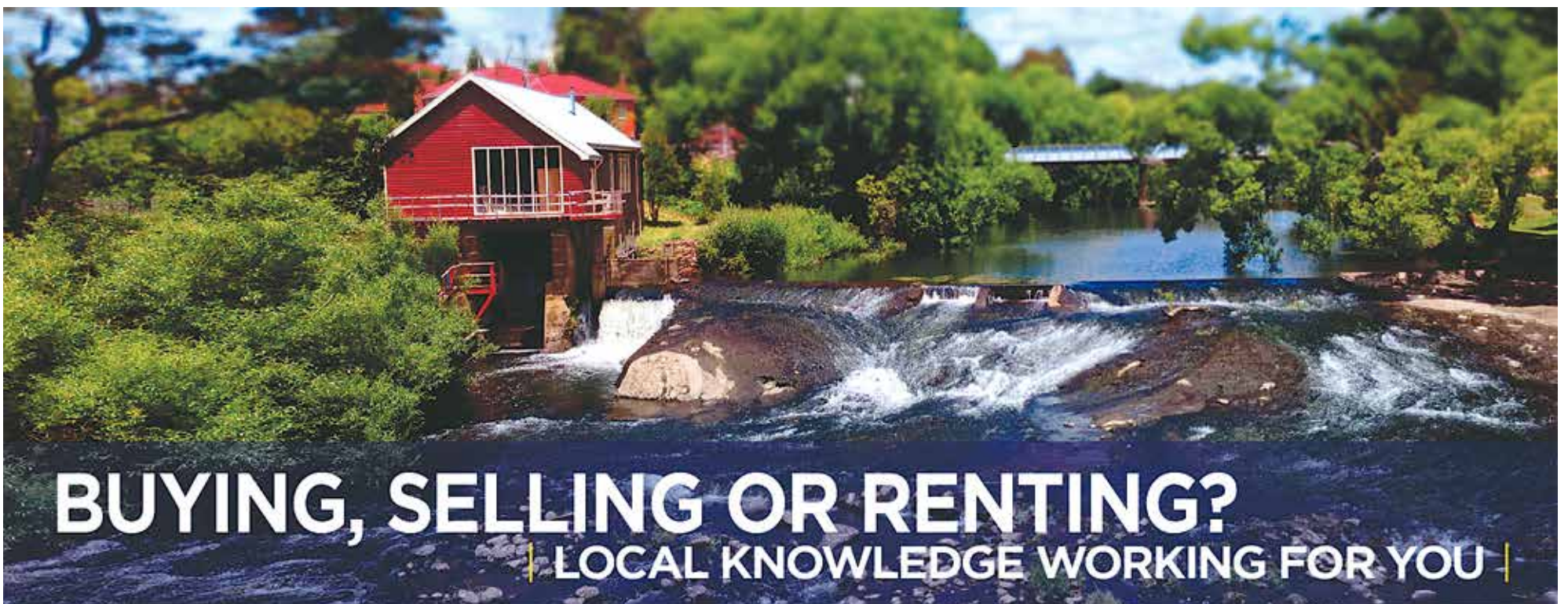


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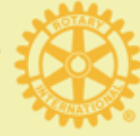
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