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Practising Kirtan in the park: Jon Perry plays harmonium, a type of reed organ that generates sound with bellows, accompanied by Alfred Franssen on drum.

By Joanne Eisemann

MANY PEOPLE would associate the word "yoga" with a form of physical exercise. Yet it actually means 'union' and is practised in many forms.

A group of people are meeting weekly in Deloraine to practise Kirtan. Pronounced "KEER-tahn", it is a form of Bhakti yoga, which is 'union through love and devotion'. And, like any other form of yoga.

it is a path to greater self-awareness.

Kirtan is a singing practice usually accompanied by instruments and sung in Sanskrit - an ancient energy language. During a session, a person calls to the group and its participants respond.

"It's designed to build up energy," says group initiator Jon Perry.

Jon started the gathering, as he believes this type of yoga is

equally as significant as the more physical forms.

"I passionately believe it is as important as hatha yoga," he explains and adds, "I wanted it to be seen in that light; doing it daily or weekly is good. Practising regularly is where the real benefits come."

He says Kirtan is a way of expressing reverence for whatever you hold dear in your heart, and that this practice has

provided him with many life-changing benefits.

"My life feels like it has got a meaning and purpose now. It is about becoming a better person; a better human being, serving and giving," he elaborates.

Jon refers to Kirtan as 'yoga of the heart' as "it gets you out of your head and further into your heart."

Group member Alfred Franssen says the music is an important factor in this for "it is this that appeals to the emotions".

"When you hear Kirtan, it really stirs things up. The chords, the tones and the melodies make you feel passionate," he shares.

Jon invites anyone who is interested to come along and join in at whatever level that feels comfortable, saying, "You do not have to be a good singer. There is no competition.

You can just come along and listen if you like, but you will get more out of it if you participate."

Kirtan runs Thursday evenings, 6:30 to 8pm, at Deloraine House on 12th, 19th & 26th November. Then at Deloraine Day Centre in December - 3rd, 10th & 17th. \$5 covers the room hire, and any extra is donated to charity. Email Jon for further information via jonparryuk@hotmail.com

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# In My Opinion...

By Joanne Eisemann Managing Editor

THERE HAS been some comment recently about the number of accidents involving someone who is texting while driving.

I was looking for a positive spin on this phenomena when I came up with the idea that drivers that are texting are drivers ahead of their time. They are in tune with a future when we will be using cars that don't need a driver anymore which, by some accounts, is not that far away.

I found this idea funny, although no-one else I mentioned it to thought so!

A common complaint about young people these days is that they spend too much time in front of a screen and not enough time doing 'real' activities or having 'real' relationships.

Sadly, I think we are the ones that have set our offspring up for this, ably assisted by our own parents and they theirs.

One of the things I don't feel so good about in my performance as a parent was putting kids in front of the TV as a kind of babysitter so I could get on and do all the things that I thought needed doing.

Sure, it was Sesame Street and Playschool - good educational programs - but at the same time I was teaching that sitting in front of a screen was a good place to be.

I read about a study recently that showed that once the technology is removed, it takes around 3 days for people to let go of the tension caused by hanging around all these screens and being constantly on call, whether it be to family, friends, work colleagues or clients; and that one of the easiest ways to let go of that tension is to spend time in nature.

We have an abundance of that close by in Tasmania. Perhaps we could consciously stem the push to join the rest of the world's rat race and set Tassie up as 'the place' where people can come to have a break from technology and get a bit closer to where we all began?

It would be relatively inexpensive to set up (no luxury hotels necessary), would preserve the aspects of Tasmania that most of us love and would bring in some dollars at the same time.



# Letters In...

AS A LUCKY Meander Valley resident and Pooch Lover/ Owner I have the privilege of walking our dog (used to be two until recently) along and around the river in Deloraine or equally beautiful at the Village Green and the Town Common in Westbury.

As our puppie is now 13 years old he loves to stop and sniff every other dog dropping of which there are more than ever along the way. I have noticed that our walks are taking longer and longer to complete, not only because of increasing slowness due to his age but also due to the ever increasing dog poos left behind by inconsiderate people. Given we all contribute to the \$\$\$\$ available for

our council and their generous supply of doggie bags and bins I would urge you to please be responsible and pick up after your pooches so we can all keep enjoying this pristine environment we live in.

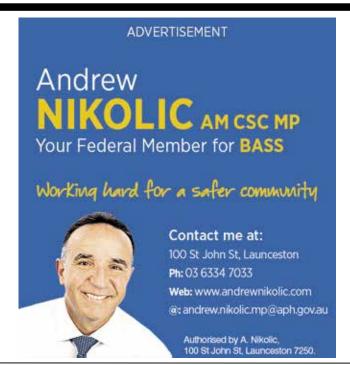
Wouldn't it be a huge loss if we could no longer take our dogs to these beautiful places?!?

Cheers, Bets (Bettina Litke)

MY SON took me to the new Cafe on William. We were both very impressed.

Well done and welcome to Westbury! We will be back and I expect so will many other residents of our beautiful Meander Valley.

Kathryn Ćulver



# Clearing the airwaves

SERIOUS ALLEGATIONS of deception and malpractice were made at Meander Valley FM's recent Annual General Meeting (AGM).

The police were called to be in attendance, membership applications were refused and tempers were clearly frayed.

A power struggle has been going on for the past year and a half that has seen the locks being changed, court action threatened, and regular programs taken off the air.

Several calls were fielded at *Meander Valley Gazette* from people who were upset that they attended the MVFM

AGM but had been refused entry despite an article published in the paper's September edition stating 'new members welcome.'

This was a reasonable assumption by the editorial team, given that MVFM took a 65mm x 102mm ad out in the July edition calling for new members.

The ongoing saga needs a positive closure. It would be a great shame to see the many years of diligent work that has gone into building a local radio station go down the gurgler.

# Have you got a pet picture cuter than Bonnie?



 ${\bf Email\ your\ favourite\ pet\ pictures\ to\ editor@mean dervalley gazette.com}$ 

I WOULD LIKE to extend my congratulations to Meander farmers Brian and Michele Lawrence who were named earlier this month as Australia's Dairy Farmers of the Year.

This is a magnificent achievement.

It is worth noting that Tasmania won four of the nine awards at the Australian National Farmer Awards presented on September 9.

Northern honey producer : Lindsay Bourke was named : the Plant Biosecurity Farmer : of the Year.

And, fifth generation Dunalley farmer Matt Dunbabin was named both Diversification Farmer of the Year and also Australian Farmer of the Year.

Additionally, Scottsdale's Cameron Moore was one of three finalists in the Young Farmer of the Year title.

It is hugely rewarding and inspiring to know that we have some of the best and most innovative farmers in the country.

Guy Barnett MP Liberal Member for Lyons I ARRIVED at Deloraine House to go to the MVFM AGM with some friends.

We were refused entry.

There were between twenty and twenty five concerned supporters of the radio station in attendance when asked why we could not attend the reply was the paper made a mistake.

In all my years of community work I have never seen a policeman at an AGM.

In January 2013 I received a certificate for 3,000 voluntary hours from the Meander Valley Council for my work at the Radio station.

Grenoch and Kanangra rest homes were enjoying my programs.

My membership money has been returned and I have been rejected as a member of the station and have not had a good reason why I should not be a member, I had been a member since it started.

A committee member said the reason I am not doing my programs is on account of my health which is untrue.

Vera Wadley

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## **Barrelling along** to beat the clock.

PONIES PRANCED, stallions strutted and riders raced around the barrel course, all to the strains of Johnny Cash and Dolly Parton.

The Stallion Showcase and Equine Trade Expo held recently at Quercus Park, Carrick attracted a crowd in the hundreds.

Stallions were paraded for onlookers to assess their value as breeding prospects.

Exhibitions of 'horse yoga', pole bending, equine dentistry, and a miniature horse performance entertained while a number a trade stalls provided a range of horse goods for sale.

The Showcase and Expo was organised by the Tasmanian Pinto Society to provide a one- stop-shop for horse people.

Pictured is Shayleigh Ingelse, the winner of the Barrel Racing competition.

Barrel racing is a western event primarily for women in which a horse and rider attempt to complete a cloverleaf pattern around barrels in the fastest time.

It combines the horse's athletic ability and the horsemanship skills of a rider in order to safely and successfully manoeuvre a horse in a pattern around three barrels placed in a triangle in the centre of an arena.

**COINCIDING WITH Seniors** Week this year is a scientific workshop to explore two chronic diseases of major importance to societies across the globe that predominantly manifest in older people.

Taking place in the Town Hall in Westbury 14th to 16th October, 27 scientists from across Australia as well as New Zealand, the United Kingdom and Canada will dwell deeply on the emerging links between diabetes and dementia.

Discussion will include the understanding that mental decline evident in Alzheimer's disease can also happen to patients with Type II diabetes.

The workshop will conclude with a discussion on the implications of these findings, particularly in relation to devising strategies for combating and preventing Type II diabetes and Alzheimer's disease.

Dr Gil Stokes, the local contact for this seminar, says, "Given that this meeting is well received, there is an excellent opportunity that preliminary arrangements will proceed for an even larger meeting next March, 2016."

Westbury provides ideal, informal and relaxed setting to discuss great science.

# The world comes to Westbury: Half a century of excellence

Senior Accountant

By David Claridge

IN SEPTEMBER, Prospect High School celebrated 50 years of moving forward.

Around 450 past and present students, teachers and staff attended the twoday anniversary event, reflecting on how Prospect made them who they are.

"We felt very special, having a brand new school," Janette Scott nee Knox said of her being one of its first students in 1966. "I am proud to have gone through Prospect, we had some great teachers. I made some lasting friendships."

She also recalled loving sitting on its heated floor in winter, doing cross country runs through its surrounding bush land, and going down to Launceston High for Home Economic classes.

About 10,000 students have attended the school in 50 years.

Its Library Technician, Sonya Lanham, has spent ten years researching its history in preparation for this 50th anniversary.

She discovered former students who have become well known in the community including Penny Gray, who represented the Australian hockey team in the 1984 Olympics; Adam Gibson, who plays for the Adelaide 36ers in the NBL; and Will Robinson, one of the greatest cyclists of all time.

Sonya found ex-Principals' journals full of notes and newspaper clippings about goings on in the school.

She learnt that its original site was meant to be Mount Pleasant but in 1963 Prospect became the final site. Construction began in 1965 and took 12 months.

Reading those journals made Sonya realise it was the last high school built in Launceston.

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Westbury play gym rider Loui Moran 4yrs passengers, centre, Alice Moran & Connor Jensen both 2

# A tricycle for a trio of Westbury toddlers

By Sara Fawcett

LAST MONTH the Westbury Child Health Association Tasmania (WCHAT) celebrated receiving a grant from the Meander Valley Council Community Fund.

It allowed them to purchase new play equipment, including trestles, climbing frames, scrambler net, a walkway and a Tuk Tuk Trike.

CHAT provides programs and facilities that support the care of young children and their families.

Its Westbury branch offers a weekly play gym session every Thursday for o to 5 yearolds during school terms from 10.00 to 11.30am at Westbury Sports Centre.

It is free for children under one year old with a \$4.00 admission for older children who are CHAT members.

# '...the support and resources needed to raise healthy kids...'

CHAT also focuses on the nutritional and educational aspects of child wellbeing. For example, a program called Food Patch helps parents deal with fussy eaters and knows what a healthy diet for children involves.

This program has trained

355 volunteer peer educators across Tasmania.

A booklet of inspiring and informative stories has also been compiled and was launched in August.

CHAT offers parents the opportunity "to connect with each other through playgroups, pram walking groups, information sessions and the Family Food Patch program."

"These all aim to provide members with the support and resources needed to raise healthy kids through nutritional food choices and physical activity," secretary of WCHAT Rebecca Poulton said.

### **MEANDER VALLEY - GET INVOLVED**

152ND WESTBURY SHOW, 7th November 2015.

The Westbury Show, best known as the Family Variety Show of the North, will keep everyone entertained with free family fun and tailored amusements.

For the children there will be a Pet Lamb Competition and animal nursery as well as the popular 'Kid's Corner'.

The entertainment lineup is jam packed featuring Samora Squid, interstate Sword Swallower & Circus performer; David Rockliff, the singing farmer; and local talent Andrea Badcock, Fairweather Friends, Westbury Primary School Band.

There will also be motocross riders, working

dog demonstrations, awe-inspiring carvings, and reptile demonstrations.

This year will again see the Scarecrow Competition. All are eligible to enter, so start your Scarecrows now! Entry forms available from the website.

Youngsters can also join in a wheelbarrow race; so kids, grab your best mate and start practising!

Entry is \$20 Family (2 Adults/2 Kids), Adults \$10, Kids \$4 (under 16 years) and children under 5 years free.

Visit www.westburyshow. com.au for details on all the days activities or contact the Show Secretary, Shannon Barwick on 0438 636 149.

### IN THE GARDEN WITH NELL CARR

THERE ARE very few exceptions to the list of vegetables which can be sown in late spring, although if new potatoes and green peas are wanted for Christmas then it is far too late, as they take at least 12 weeks to grow to maturity.

Peas are best sown before the end of October.

The brassicas, cabbage, cauliflower and brussels sprouts may be sown in ground which has been enriched with manure or compost.

The following season, carrots can be sown in the brassica bed. Manure at sowing time for carrots causes the

roots to 'fork'.

Parsnips, however, can tolerate manure at sowing time.

The latter are much slower to germinate than carrots - three to four weeks, while carrots should emerge in 10 to 14 days, so long as the rows are kept moist.

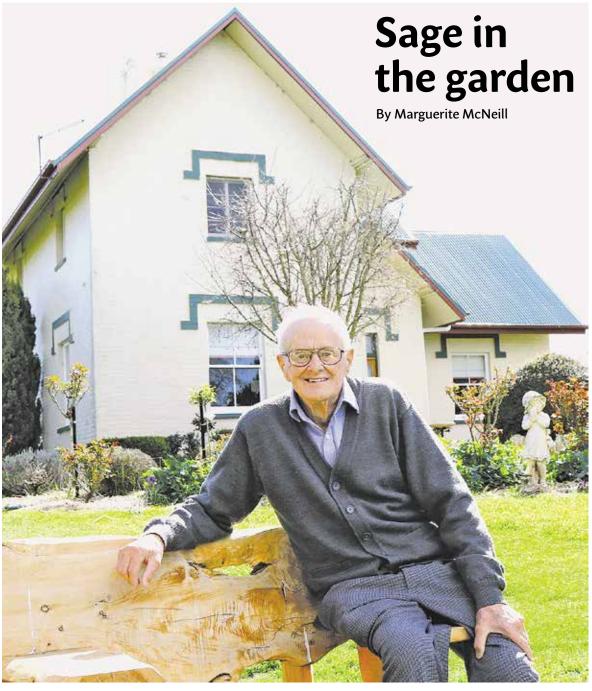
Green beans and butter beans: it is not advisable to sow these until November when the soil has warmed a little.

This is especially so in the Western end of Meander Valley, as it has been the coldest winter for 50 years, with a rare heavy snowfall on 2nd August.

# **Events Diary**

Planning an event? Then make sure everyone knows about it. Simply email the details to editor@meandervalleygazette.com - remember to plan in advance so you don't miss out!

Date and Time	Event	Details
Saturday 10th October 8.00am	Hadspen Lions Car Boot Sale & Market	Lions Park, end of Main Street, Hadspen \$10 per space Contact Leigh 0418 138 035
Saturday 10th October 7.30pm	Western Tiers Film Society	Little Theatre, 2 Meander Valley Rd, Deloraine: "Still Alice"
Saturday 10th October 10.00am - 4.00pm	Harp Society of Tasmania Workshop weekend	Westbury Town Hall Supper Room. Cost (incl kit) \$200.00 email secretary.harpsoctas@gmail.com to book
Saturday 10th October 11.00am	Basic Organic Gardening workshop	Deloraine Community Garden Bookings essential Ph: 6362 2678 Gold coin donation
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
Tuesday 13th October 12.00n0on - 2.00pm	Seniors Week Luncheon	Western Tiers Community Centre Cost \$10.00 Bookings essential Ph: Deloraine House 6362 2678
Wednesday 14th October 10.00am	Indoor Bowls Carnival - Open to all interested	Deloraine Community Complex Teams of Four \$20.00 per team Ph: Barry 6362 2243
Friday 16th & Sat 17th October	Del. Dramatic Society's Festival of One Act Plays	Little Theatre, 2 Meander Valley Rd, Deloraine
Saturday 17th October 11.00am	Annual Blessing of the Pets	St Andrews Anglican Church, Westbury Ph: Rob Menzie 0417 931 619 or robert.menzie57@bigpond.com
Saturday 17th October 10.00am	Annual Pink Walk for Breast Cancer	Meet at Train Park at 10.00am for a walk around the Riverbank Contact Maureen 0409 202 417
Monday 19th October	Blokes Day Out - BYO picnic lunch	Steppes Homestead Tour, Central Highlands & sculpture trail walk Ph: Deloraine House 6362 2678 to book
Sunday 20th October 12.00 noon	Hadspen Cricket Club junior registration day	Hadspen Recreation Ground, Clare Street, Hadspen Free BBQ provided Ph: 0407 071 852 Mr Reissig
Thursday 22nd October 7:00pm	Free Screening of 'Fair Food' the documentary	Little Theatre Cinema, Deloraine, Enquiries: Deb White 0418 389 868
Saturday 24th October	Skate tour to Devonport & Burnie	10 places available-Bring your board, blades, scooter & helmet. \$5.00 Call Vicki 0400 155 690 to register
Saturday 24th October	Garage Sale/Auction & Sausage Sizzle	Deloraine House (Tower Hill side of house) Ph: 6362 2678
Friday 30th October 9.00am - 5pm	Tasmanian Craft Fair (4 days of long weekend)	Various venues throughout Deloraine \$17.00 (Adult weekend pass \$25.00) Children \$8.00 (10-16 yrs)
Saturday 31st October 8.30am	Deloraine Fire Brigade Annual Car Wash	Deloraine Fire Station, Emu Bay Rd-Join in the fun and have your car washed by some hunky firies - Donation
Saturday 31st October 9.00am - 4.00pm	Steam Up Westbury (3 days of long weekend)	Pearns 65 Meander Valley Road, Westbury Cost \$10.00 Adults \$5.00 Children Enq. Anne 6397 3458
Tuesday 3rd November 12.3opm - 4.0opm	Melbourne Cup Day High Tea Luncheon	Meander Hall, Main Road, Meander \$10.00pp Fundraiser for LGH Childrens Ward Ph: Christine 0419 575 193
Saturday 7th November	Westbury Agricultural Show	Westbury Showgrounds Enquiries: 6392 2120 Mobile 0427 922 124
Friday 13th November	Meandering Art Exhibition begins	Country Club Tasmania, Country Club Ave, Prospect Vale (finishes 14th Feb 2016)
Friday 13th November 6.3opm for 7.0opm	Meander Valley Sings	Del. Community Complex, Alveston Drive. Entry Gold Coin donation Hear local choirs & smaller groups
Saturday 14th November 7.30pm	Western Tiers Film Society	Little Theatre, 2 Meander Valley Rd, Deloraine "Mr Turner"
Thursday 19th November	Blokes Day Out	Tas Glass Blowers & Windermere jetty, St Matthias Church & garden Ph: Di Hamilton on 0418 786 104 to book
Saturday 21st November	Deloraine Agricultural Show	Deloraine Showgrounds, Lake Hwy, Deloraine Enquiries Ph: President 6362 2533 or Secretary 0427 861 485



Graeme Davis outside Tahara Farmhouse in Grigg Street, Deloraine.

**Photo by: Mike Moores** 

AS A young man Graeme Davis helped establish a weekly newsletter for his school and wound up as chief editor for the school magazine.

A few years later he was pipped at the post for the position of cub reporter at one of the local newspapers.

But he kept on tinkering with the written word.

Now, after several decades of dabbling and a few minor publications, the 90-year-old is about to launch his second book entitled In Pioneers' Footsteps - Exploring Deloraine's History and Built Heritage.

Inspired by a love of history, particularly that of his adoptive town of Deloraine, the book is a virtual progression from the walking and driving tours Mr Davis led a few years ago.

He said that the walks began as a result of a growing number of people wanting to know more about the town.

"I led the walks regularly for about 3 years," Mr Davis said.

"At the beginning it was mainly for people who had lived in the area for about 20 years or so."

"We did two long walks, one on the west side of the river and then on the following week on the town side."

"The enquiries originated at Deloraine House but then it spread to the Visitor Centre with people visiting wanting to do the tours."

As the interest grew, so did the routes and the tours evolved sometimes as car (and sometimes bus) drives to places of interest around the district and beyond.

The new book features a historical snapshot of 2 drives and 3 walks and includes about 200 photos of buildings and some streetscapes around Deloraine.

Saying that he was not an author or a historian Mr Davis added that he had done "a lot of swotting" to gather the facts and that a lot of different people had helped along the way.

He believes the warm reception and assistance offered by so many people is indicative of the nature of Deloraine that he embraced on arriving in the town more than 60 years ago.

He paid special tribute to his daughter Sandra, who transcribed 32,000 words of his hand written notes (including an overload of full stops) and helped with the research and photos.

A long-term Rotarian, Mr Davis is also grateful for the support of Deloraine Rotary and the opportunity to market his book at a stall during the Deloraine Craft Fair.

In Pioneers' Footsteps will be launched the night before the fair on Thursday, 29th October by Meander Valley mayor Craig Perkins in the Yarns auditorium at the Deloraine Visitor Centre.

# **Next project for Mountain Huts Preservation Society**

MEMBERS have already commenced their next undertaking - the rebuilding of Sandy Lake Hut at Lake Mackenzie.

The original hut was built

in 1903 to cater for anglers and tourists who visited the area. It was a wooden construction, comprised of two rooms with a large stone fireplace.

The hut fell into disrepair

and was subject to vandalism prior to being flooded when the Lake Mackenzie Hydro Electric Scheme came into existence in 1969.

The reconstructed Sandy

Lake Hut will be built wherever possible to replicate the original; however, as the previous site is now under water, a new position has been selected 250 metres away and well above the water line.

Timber and cement sup-

plies have been donated and stone for the chimney will sourced from the be local area.

MHPS is working closely with Parks and appreciates the assistance of Rob Buck (senior ranger) and his staff.



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# Heartfelt Thanks...

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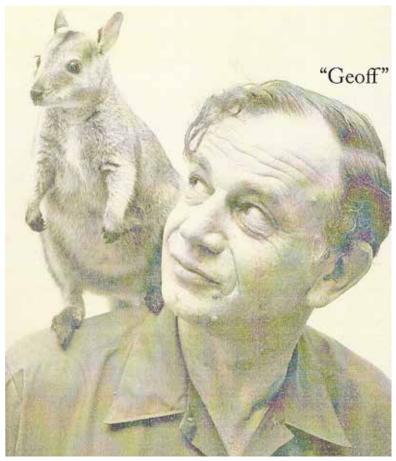
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**Geoff Sharman with Black Tailed Wallaby** 

# A life well lived

By Nell Carr

GEOFF SHARMAN who died peacefully at Grenoch, Deloraine, spent his early childhood on the family farm at Dunorlan, and attended Deloraine Primary School, and the Launceston Junior Technical School.

He joined the RAN in 1942 and saw service in the Pacific.

After the war, he resumed his matriculation studies and enrolled at the University Tasmania to study science with a Commonwealth Post War Reconstruction and Rehabilitation scholarship, graduating with honors in 1949.

Geoff appointed was

lecturer then professor in schools of Zoology in several Australian universities.

During his time at University WA he began research into marsupial genetics - the Rottnest Island rock wallaby was the chief subject of his discoveries - and he was awarded a Doctorate of Science.

While at the University of NSW he made an award-winning film "Birth in the Red Kangaroo", in which the embryonic young can be seen making its way through the mother's fur to attach itself in her pouch to complete its development into a fully formed young kangaroo.

Professor Sharman's final appointment was as Head of the School of Biological Sciences at Macquarie University, Sydney. On retirement he and his wife Barbara moved to Tasmania. Barbara predeceased him in 2011.

He is survived by his two sons, John and Robert and their partners, Pakau and Catara, grandson Michael and wife Jessica.

He was the son of the: late C.A. and J.H.Sharman, of Dunorlan, and the brother of Anne Tiffin (Devonport), Nell Carr (Dunorlan), Robert and brother-in-law of Lynn (Hobart), Claire Kearney and brother-in-law of Gerald (Deloraine), and Iris Greenhill (Northdown).

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# Take the shirt off a firie

DELORAINE FIRE Brigade October from 8:30 am. is holding their annual Car Wash fundraiser at Deloraine Fire Station on Emu Bay Rd on Saturday the 31st

Cars washed by donation.

Rumour has it, the firies take their shirts off if you pay a premium.

# **Red Cross Social Circles**

THE RED Cross Social relaxed. As a volunteer you Circles Program matches volunteers with an older person who would appreciate a visitor or friend. The volunteer supports that person by visiting each week or fortnight for a social catch-up.

The visits are social and

may simply sit and chat, share a cup of tea, play cards, discuss the newspaper or do whatever you and the person you visit are interested in doing.

Contact Julie Smith on 6326 0410 for further details.

# Walk by the river in Pink

THE ANNUAL Pink Walk and Mini Fields will take place on Saturday 17th October commencing at 10:00am from the Deloraine Train Park.

Held for the past 8 years in Deloraine the walk is run in conjunction with the Breast

Cancer Network.

This event is open to anybody, of any age and any fitness level.

The walk is self-paced and not meant to be a race at all.

For more info call Katy Haberle on 0409 774 492.

# Meander to a Cup lunch

HIGH TEA will be the feature of a Melbourne Cup Luncheon at Meander this year.

The event is aimed at revitalising social contact in the district since the school closure, and was instigated by Ange Geard and Amy Johnson who have rounded up a small band of local women to help organise the day.

The day will feature novelty games, prizes for the best hat, best dressed male and best dressed female, a silent

auction and a raffle.

Gourmet delights plus beer and wine will be available.

Children are welcome and all proceeds will be donated to the LGH Children's Ward.

Meander Hall, Main Road, Meander on Tuesday 3rd November 2015 commencing at 12.30pm.

Early tickets (until 27th October) can be purchased for \$10.00 from the Meander Store or at Good Sports in Deloraine. Door sales \$15.00.

# Giant scarf evolution

THE KILOMETRE long scarf knitted for the Craft Fair in 2011 is about to be re-purposed.

Arts Deloraine proposes to make a series of woollen bed rugs to donate to those in need of warmth as a gesture of support. It may be possible to send some to the villages in Nepal hard hit by the earth quake. They are also looking to present rugs to refugee arrivals in Tasmania as a welcome gift and to the

Winter Relief appeal here in Tasmania. A label telling the story and acknowledgment of community input will be sewn onto each rug.

A working session to make kits for people to take home and sew into bed rugs will be held on Saturday 7th November at Elemental Art Space 11.00am to 3.00pm.

Please call 0458818178 or leave your name at Elemental Artspace to volunteer.



## Introduction to Community Services

### **Possible Career Pathways**

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- Working with older

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CHCCS211B

Prepare for work in the Community Sector CHCCOM201C Communicate with people

accessing the servi organisation CHCORG201C Follow policies, procedures

CHCORG202C

and programs of the organisation Work with others

Participate in the WHS

HLTWHS200A

CHCADMIN201D

Undertake basic administration duties Work effectively with older CHCAC318B people

process

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NJL Launceston (03) 6334 4966 0409 169 953 or email tokonnah@njl.org.au Berice Van Der Aa **Deloraine Trade Training** Centre (03) 6362 8950 0407 936 391 or email Berice.van.der.aa@ education.gov.tas.au

Start: Tuesday 20th

Finish: Thursday 17th

Tues/Wed/Thurs

Where: Deloraine Trade

9:15am - 3pm

Training Centre

Troy O'Konnah

Deloraine

Contact:

December

Time:

www.njl.org.au National Joblink 1300 136 496 RTO number 60156

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# Harvesting backyard produce, a win win win

DELORAINE HOUSE has been working on a social enterprise project to help people have access to affordable fresh food.

While it is early days in its development, the aim is to set up a food co-operative based on harvesting fruit and nuts from backyard trees.

There is abundant and often wasted fruit growing on trees in backyard gardens where the owner is unable to either harvest or use all of the fruit. By putting together volunteer pickers with willing fruit tree owners, everyone will benefit.

The harvest will be shared between the owner of the tree and the volunteer pickers, with a portion to go into other food programmes or co-operative cooking sessions.

Not all of the harvested produce is going to be A-grade, so turning the seconds into jams,

chutneys, juice or vinegar will be a component of the co-operative too. Because bringing people together to cook and eat is also part of the social inclusion aims of the project.

These ideas are not entirely new – this is how people have historically harvested their produce in villages all around the world, calling on their friends and neighbours to lend a hand and share in the bounty. Translating this into

a social enterprise framework based on local produce is what is being worked on now.

Similar projects in other locations include 'Growing Abundance' in Castlemaine and 'Street Harvest' in Wodonga.

If you want to know more about the project, or want to be involved, contact Julie Hargreaves via fsseproject@ hotmail.com or 0409 936907, or call by the Deloraine House on a Tuesday.

With less than half of the Meander Valley population eating the recommended serves of fruit per day, and only 7% eating their veggies, yet with a quarter of residents classed as obese - there is a clear need for some conversations about what we eat and where it comes from. Watch out for more information about the MV Local Food Task Force.

# Students shine with the masters

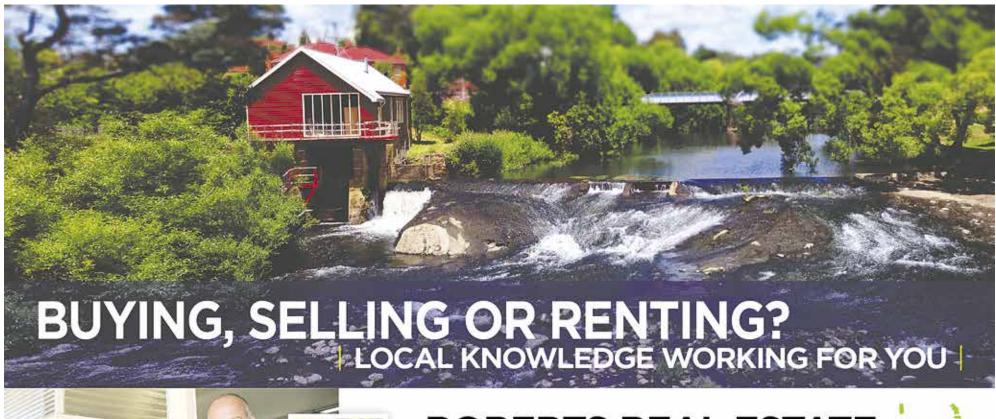
STUDENTS OF Deloraine High learned more about food preparation, explored some of Tasmania's fine food produce sites and celebrated with a Farm to Feast Taste Off complete with celebri-

ty chefs Ben Milbourne and Amy Luttrell in September.

Ben Milbourne offered two students a job and said " the food world is happy to pay a premium to what we wake up to every day"



Rachel Barber (centre), 13, displays the winning dish with Amy Lutteral and Ben Milbourne, former MasterChef contestants.





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# Valleyviews Mayor's Message

THE 2015 TASMANIAN Craft Fair is on at the end of the month. It is a huge event for Meander Valley. The benefits to the community are immense and it has put Deloraine on the map as a major

Best wishes to Craft Fair Director, Maree Matanle and all Rotarians and volunteers for another successful week-

arts and crafts centre.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Pearn's Steam World, for being a 2015 Agriculture Award semi-finalist in the Community Achievement Awards.

The museum has been operating in Westbury since 1987 and features a range of agricultural steam engines, related machinery and artefacts—collected by the three Pearn Brothers; Jack, Verdun and Zenith since the 1950s.

Pearn's Steam World host the very successful family friendly 'Steam Up Westbury' over the November long weekend. The Award is being judged as the October edition of the Gazette goes to print.

STAYING IN WESTBURY, the Nelli Payne, woodcarver exand other venues until 2 November and it's nearly time for the Westbury Show-7 November looks like it's going to be another great day with plenty of competitions, entertainment and a good selection of food stalls.

AS MAYOR, I am privileged to attend numerous community events and activities. This month I would like to acknowledge the work of all those involved in holding the Hagley Farm School 160th Anniversary celebration, the WW1 commemoration at the Old School Liffey Market and congratulate Brian and Michelle Lawrence, from Meander, who won the '2015 Dairy Farmer of the Year' award and Deloraine High School, who won the 2015 Anzac Day School's Award (secondary school).

DON'T FORGET TO get your nominations in for Council's Australia Day and Volunteer Recognition Awards, and register your hard waste for collection.

To find out 'what's on' in Meander Valley, visit www. greatwesterntiers.net.au/ calendar

**Mayor Craig Perkins** 

# hibition is on at the Town Hall

**Council Updates** 

# The weather is heating up and so are the BBQs!

DID YOU KNOW that if you are planning on holding an event selling food, like a sausage sizzle, you need to contact us about a temporary food registration?

You'll find information about food safety, starting your own food business or having a food stall on our website or you can give one of our Environmental Health Officers a call on 6393 5300.



Mayor Perkins and Councillor Connor practice their sausage sizzling skills at Prospect Vale Park. Photo: Mike Moores

# **Finding your way at the Deloraine Cemetery**

ARE YOU RESEARCHING your family history? Did you know you can search the name of the person you wish to find in the Deloraine cemetery on our website? The search result will give

you a row and plot number. When you arrive at the cemetery find the corresponding row on the sign.

The graves aren't in perfectly straight rows but with the aid of the sign and the

information from the website you'll be heading in the right direction. Photos are also available of all the plaques and headstones upon request. Contact Council for details.

**Diary Dates** 

Who was Nellie Payne?

Exhibition, Westbury

22 October, 7pm

24 October

**Garage Sale Trail** 

9 October - 2 November

Fair Food, documentary Little Theatre Deloraine

Tas Craft Fair, Deloraine

30 October - 2 November

31 October - 2 November

**Hard Waste Collections** 

Contact us on 6393 5300

to register your items. Visit

our website for more details

Mon 26 – Tues 27 October

Deloraine, Meander, Mole

Westbury, Exton, Hagley,

Thurs 29 – Fri 30 October

Prospect Vale, Blackstone

**Markets** 

Deloraine Market,

Showgrounds

**Liffey Market** Second Saturday of the month

Heights, Hadspen, Rutherglen, Carrick, Bracknell

Creek, Chudleigh, Kimberley Wed 28 - Thurs 29 October

Steam Up, Westbury

**Westbury Show** 7 November

and exclusions.



The aerial view photo shows the plots within the Deloraine General Cemetery.

# **Nominate an exceptional Aussie**



Australia Day 2015 award recipients(L-R), Ellis Shaw, Nick Weare and Kim Brundle-Lawrence with Mayor Perkins.

ON AUSTRALIA DAY, Council recognises the exceptional contribution of its community members with the presentation of Australia Day awards in the following categories: Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Community Event of the Year, and the Sports Award.

Do you know someone who deserves an award? Then why not nominate them. Nomination forms are available on our website. Nominations must be received by 4pm on Friday November 20, 2015. For more information contact David Pyke on 6393 5316.

# Dog renewals now overdue

Register your furry friend to avoid a \$154 on the spot fine. The payment details are located on the back of your renewal notice or, alternatively, give us a call.

We are currently auditing unregistered dogs in the municipality, so if your dog is not registered, please contact us to obtain an application form, or you can download one from our website.



### **MEANDERING** 2015 Art Exhibition 13 November 2015 - 14 February 2016 Country Club Tasmania

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of the month Westbury Market, St Andrews Church Third Saturday of the month

First Saturday of the month

# **Community News HeArt to art with Kim Clark**



Artist Kim Clarke and helper Ming (from Taiwan) with his legendary 'aquaphonium at the GWT Visitor Centre.

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

Respected community artist, Kim Clark, shares some thoughts on public

"I've been active in community arts since completing a Uni drama course in 1989. Since then I've been lots of things: producer, director, playwright, composer, songwriter, artistic director, musician, actor, sound tech, lighting tech, puppet maker, craftsman, stonemason, group leader, workshop leader. Much of my art is in public places.

Public art enriches our world and expresses our sense of belonging. We care about beauty and we give it a place and a prominence in our built environments. Public art shows our visitors that creativity is important in this community, and we have a reputation as a tourist destination because of it.

I really like Deloraine's street sculptures, in particular Tim Whitely's 'skate boarder'. It has a sense of humour and he looks to be a daredevil with risk taking. The large number of sculptures means our town is 'visibly' creative.

The new 'public art group' will foster new opportunities for existing and emerging local artists to install works in new locations. Enough good art in the right locations is a spectacle worth traveling to see.

To find out more please contact patrick.gambles@ mvc.tas.gov.au or 6393 5300.



Volunteers Christine Pickett, Katrina Winzar, Wendy Huett and Rayma Wilson at the 2015 Australia Day awards celebration.

# **Celebrating Meander Valley's Volunteers**

COUNCIL RECOGNISES THE extraordinary contribution of individual volunteers through its annual Voluntary Service Recognition program. Nominations for these are open now.

The Awards are presented at the Australia Day function held each year on 26 January.

1,000 plus and 3,000 plus hours of service are

presented with a framed certificate. Council also seeks those volunteers whom are considered to have performed acts over and above normal volunteer work. These volunteers will be recognised with a specially engraved plaque.

For details visit Council's website or contact Merrilyn Young on 6393 5317.

# Room with a view

LOCATED IN DELORAINE at the Great Western Tiers Visitor Centre-the Folk Museum will provide you with a fascinating insight into the regions' pioneering past.

The Folk Museum encompasses the Family & Commercial Inn built in 1864 and a Pioneer Walk consisting of reclaimed and reproduction heritage buildings showcasing the lives, tools and farming equipment of early settlers.

The last exhibit in the Pioneer Walk is a unique viewing panel in the bar floor. It enables you to see the path the publican would have taken into the Inn's cellar. The ladder and cellar are from the original Inn. On display in the cellar are old bottles, kegs and storage items.

The cellar can also be seen from the outside via a viewing door as seen in the



Visitor Centre Manager Vicki Pryer in the original Family & Commercial Inn cellar. Photo: Mike Moores

picture above.

The bar was licenced from 1864 to 1896 and supplied with wine and ale from three breweries in Deloraine—the Beefeater Street Brewery 1869, Deloraine Brewery 1856-69 and theRetreat Brewery 1850-79—and Boags in Launceston. It is rumoured the cellar was once used as a morgue when the regular morgue was full.

Today, the Inn reflects the life of the country publican and his family.

The Folk Museum is open 7 days from 9.00am to 5.00pm. Entry is \$8.00 per adult, \$6.00 concession or \$18.00 for a family. All tickets include admission to Yarns.



WHY ARE FARMERS getting paid less than ever before for the food they produce? How can small producers survive the agribusiness regulatory burden?

CometoaFREEscreening of 'Fair Food-The Documentary' to find out, on Thursday, 22 October, 7:00pm at the Little Theatre Cinema, Deloraine. Bring a plate of locally grown food to share for supper. Bookings are essential:

http://fair-food-documentary. eventbrite.com.au or phone 6393 5300

• Fair Food-The documentary, produced by the Australian Food Sovereignty Alliance (AFSA), is the first Fair Food Week event to be held in Meander Valley.

For more information about AFSA visit www.australian foodsovereigntyalliance.org

Proudly supported by Meander Valley Council. Contact Deb White on 0418 389 868 for more details.

# Westbury **Champions Parade**

### INDUCTION OF CHAMPIONS

Sun, 8 November, 2.30pm Westbury Recreation Ground (Giant Wickets) All welcome Afternoon tea will be held afterwards at the Westbury Bowls Club RSVP: Monday, 2 November Phone 6393 5300 or email mail@mvc.tas.gov.au



### MONDAY 12-SUNDAY 18 OCT

### **Meander Valley** Luncheon

Western Tiers Community Centre 13 October 2015 12.00pm-2.00pm, \$10 Come and enjoy good company, music and stories about positive ageing. **Bookings at Deloraine House** on 6362 2678.

### **Diabetes and Dementia**

scientific symposium will be held in Westbury 14-16 October exploring the link between diabetes and dementia. Local, national and international experts will present and discuss latest research and potential preventative/therapeutic strategies that target this relationship. This opportunity has been convened by Professor Ralph Martins of Edith Cowan University with Council support.

Visit the *COTA* older Australians website for more Seniors Week events www.cotatas.org.au



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# **Art honours Anzacs**

By Marguerite McNeill

DELORAINE HIGH School Grade 1/10 art and Grade 9 history students have put their own stamp on Anzac Day 2015 in a special way.

As part of the Anzac Day Centenary Commemoration



**Charles Crowden by Ella Steele** 

a number of students created portraits of a selection of local service people, while the history students researched the war time contributions of those same people.

The works displayed at the Combined Schools Anzac Service and then for several weeks at the Bendigo Bank in Deloraine earned community praise.

Last month, students and staff involved in the project invited family members of those featured in the display to a special afternoon tea and presented them with the original portraits.

Art teacher Julia Willis said that the students really enjoyed the exercise and had exceeded their own expectations in the work as well as gaining a better insight to the lives of those who served.



# Efflorescence achieves a shining victory

CONGRATULATIONS TO Deloraine High School band Efflorescence for taking out top honours in the high school band section of the state-wide 2015 Tasmanian Rock Challenge.

From the schools' own

'Battle of the Bands' the first and second place-getters went on to receive the same placings in the Northern semi final.

Competing against seven other schools, Deloraine High also gained second place in the acoustic section.

The final was held at Club 54 in Launceston. The prize includes an Ibanez electric guitar supplied from Barratts Music in Launceston, one day's recording time at the TasTAFE studio in Launceston, and a beautiful trophy.

# Young thespians receive popular acclaim

By David Claridge

PROSPECT HIGH School students were among many groups that performed in the Youth Drama Festival in Deloraine on 14th to 18th September.

Two teams went to the Deloraine Little Theatre with

performances titled 'Restaurant Chaos' and 'Villains'.

Grade Eight Drama Supervisor Rachael Hawkins had been preparing the students for their performances.

"We've got a group going to present two original pieces that we have been working on for the last couple of months," Mrs Hawkins said.

"One play was based around a restaurant and what can go wrong, the other group were doing a fantasy piece with superheroes, both are quite different."

"We do have an entry from time to time (in the festival), but we haven't done one for a little while though. It was nice to get back and have a really committed group of grade eights this year, this group has done the Launceston competitions as well. Deloraine is a bit of a natural progression from that," she said.

Gabriella Franklin of Devon Hills, a grade eight student, is part of the Restaurant Chaos performance, playing a few different roles.

"I've only started to enjoy drama since grade seven and eight. I like expressing myself and getting to act and be someone else," Gabriella said.

Callum Piper of Quamby Bend, also of grade eight, performed alongside Gabriella.

"I played Brad, the future fiancé of Gabby, because she is married to someone else while she was dating me," Callum said.

"Mrs Hawkins had been helping us out if we had trouble figuring out what to do in the drama piece, she would contribute ideas to help move it along," he said.

The groups performed well with Gabriella Franklin in 'Restaurant Chaos' winning runner-up best actress intermediate.

### **Youth Drama Winners**

JUNIOR Ensemble: Annie (St Thomas More's Catholic Primary School)
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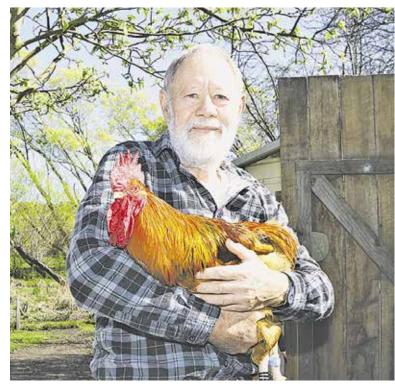
# Gil hatches new breed of super chook

By Joanne Eisemann

SOME YEARS ago Dr Gil Stokes was wondering what he could do with land at the bottom of his property in Westbury. Bill Mollison, of Permaculture fame, suggested he farm freshwater prawns.

chook; "a beautiful bird that breeds true, is robust and a good forager, matures fast, lays six large brown eggs each week and continues to lay prolifically and stay healthy over a long lifetime."

All this, plus climatically suited for northern Tasmanian conditions, is the brief



"Since it floods every year, I would lose my crop of prawns, so that was not on," shares Gil.

He then came up with the idea of breeding a new type of

Gil set himself.

Poultry have traditionally gained their name from the location in which they were bred so Gil decided to call his new breed the 'Quamby', on account of the Quamby Brook bordering his property, along with its view of Quamby Bluff.

The project has allowed him to combine his love of building with his expertise as a scientist. Gil taught biochemistry at University of Western Australia till 1987, followed by consultancy in research and development and then some research broking.

Wandering around his backyard you begin to realise that you are actually in the midst of a large-scale scientific experiment.

Gil has built all the coops, nesting boxes, egg storage boxes, incubators, hatching chambers himself; with his nesting boxes all fitted with an ingenious trigger that traps the hen once she enters it so that he can come along and mark her egg with its special code to allow easy identification on hatching.

After only three years, he is already breeding a bird that outdoes, by almost a third, New Hampshires - one bloodline he had introduced for its egg production qualities.

In one pen he has hens that averaged 310 eggs in their first year of production (New Hampshires produce an average of 220 a year) all in the context that no new heritage breeds have been developed

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since the early 1900s.

With industrialisation came large-scale egg and poultry meat production. Hence, breeding programs became the domain of agribusiness.

The birds bred by poultry farms are not necessarily useful in a backyard or smallholding as they tend to be reliant on controlled environments and medication to produce reliably. Thankfully, fanciers have maintained the heritage breeds throughout the last century, although many are now classified as endangered.

Even then, fanciers have selected breeding against the 'standard' for their breed;

meaning production has largely been sacrificed for beauty.

With the re-emergence of many backyard and small-holding poultry keepers, Gil could see the need for a new breed of bird. Hence, his 'Quamby', the result of a careful crossing of the American meatier New Hampshire, the old English Sussex and the Dutch Barnevelder.

"I'm delighted with the look of these birds and the way it is all going," says this 74 yearold. "This will be the legacy I leave for future generations."

For more information or to purchase Gil's birds email drstokes@bigpond.com

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# Facebook reveals secrets to Alfred

By Joanne Eisemann

IN A ROOM filled with eagerto-learn people, Jan Collett, Facebook-guru and a volunteer of Deloraine Online Centre, ran two sessions on how this social media could help spread the word about business or community group services.

This is because only around 50% of businesses in Meander Valley have a presence on Facebook, some more successfully than others.

"You have to remember that Facebook is the social aspect of your business. It is not necessarily going to be your core web presence for selling things," advises Jan.

Marketing research shows that 80% of Facebook users click the 'About' icon on a business page. It is one of the first things they do to learn "more about the philosophy behind their commerce and who the proprietors are."

Facebook is also designed to encourage spending on advertising through them, so many posts will hardly be seen.

"The average quantity of stuff that will come across

your 'friends' or 'fans' who have liked your business page is 6% because of the news feed and the way the Facebook algorithms work," explains Jan.

Moreover, "this percentage can be increased by encouraging more people to interact with your page."

'Seppenfelts' owner, Alfred Franssen, attended Jan's workshops at Deloraine Online Centre to learn more in order to give his partner, Isabel, a hand to promote their business through Facebook a social media she already

But he does not find the move to social media easy, as he is "still a bit in denial about it."

"You have to remember that Facebook is the social aspect of your business."

"It is not really my habit to go sit behind a computer everyday and communicate that way. It is too indirect for me," he explains. "But I can see it has got a really good place in our world. It is efficient if you want to put messages out there really quick."

"But it is easy for people to get overloaded with all that information," he adds. "That is why I think this shop, (with the) face to face, is always going to stay relevant and important."

Yet Isabel has found using Facebook a great way for her to let her customers know that 'Seppenfelts' had moved to a new location on Emu Bay Road.

That successful start in this social media has led her into experimenting with ways she can continue communicating with her customers through Facebook.

Even then, she is cautious about not overdoing it as she does not want to be "like the shops that post every new item they bring into their store."

Her experiments with different types of posts has led her to discover what works for their company; like how to schedule posts so that she can work more effectively with the flow of the business.

Jan advises that each enterprise is going to be slightly different. What works for one might not necessarily work for another and while listening to the marketing experts is useful, working out what works for your business is a matter of experimentation.

If you would like to learn more about Facebook, call 6362 3537 to register your interest for the next course at Deloraine Online, scheduled when numbers allow.

# **Trade on eBay**

INTERESTED IN learning more about how to buy and sell on eBay?

Deloraine Online Centre has a new volunteer who is a bit of a whiz and has offered to share his knowledge with those who are interested.

The first session will be on Thursday 29th October from 10:00am to midday.

Cost is \$10, \$7 conc, \$5 registered users. Book early as these courses fill fast. For more details phone 6362 3537.

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# Deloraine Llama ambles off and the Career Hub arrives

SERVICES are CAREER about to get a whole lot better in Meander Valley thanks to Community Training Australia's (CTA) new Career Hub in Deloraine.

Unlike other services available, CTA will offer FREE assistance to everyone, not just those receiving Commonwealth benefits.

The Career Hub, formerly the Deloraine Llama, located on Emu Bay Road next to the House of Hair and the Good Food Company, will provide free of charge services including;

- Résumé support
- Job search
- Career suitability testing Career coaching
- Interview skills
- Handling job knockbacks
- Résumé writing
- Training options (including information on available training for Tasmanians in a range of occupations)
- Up-skilling/personal development opportunities
- Business coaching/small business discussion groups
- Free speakers and networking with other services involved in business and career support

Community Training Australia transforming hearts & minds

Toni Mehigan, Director of (CTA) says the Career Hub will provide an excellent opportunity for people to get support with their next career move.

"This service will be ideal for young people wanting to find their next step or for the not-so-young who are looking for change/direction or advancement in career or job search," she explains.

### "There are just so many new career opportunities in Tasmania"

Community services training is CTA's specialty, they provide nationally accredited qualifications in counselling, youth work, childcare, case management or alcohol, other drugs and mental health.

Graduate options include family dispute resolution or relationship counselling.

With eight locations in four states, CTA's model of operation is a little different from other training organisations, as they also provide relevant community services.

Staffed by students and these graduates, services "help students to create career connections and find jobs" says Toni and assist students to 'live what they learn', Community Training Austral-



Julia Batterham of Mole Creek speaks with Laura Beer, Career Advisor, at the new Career Hub

ia's motto.

The new Career Hub in Deloraine is one of these.

CTA counselling graduate Laura Beer will oversee the Career Hub.

All counselling courses include studies in Career Counselling which Laura is looking forward to putting into practice.

"There are just so many new career opportunities in Tasmania" says Laura, "I'm looking forward to helping people get in touch with

those," she adds.

Meanwhile, the Deloraine Llama is moving to Launceston and will be re-branded as 'Launceston Counselling and Mediation Clinic'. The location and time of opening is yet to be established.

CTA wishes to thank wonderful massage staff for their great work in the local community and their caring and quality massage service including: Donna Casey, Susanne Rebecca Wilkes,

Bronwyn Usher, Tamsyn Stock-Stafford, and Sonja Pointing.

If you would still appreciate a massage from these wonderful ladies, individual business cards will be available from The Career Hub.

Maybe you would like to contribute time to the Career Hub? Encouragement is a gift we all need.

For more information about the Career Hub contact Laura Beer on 0437 663 263 or email: laura@cta.edu.au

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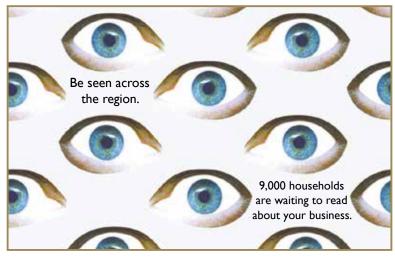


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MARGARET YOUD, the treasurer of Deloraine Tennis Club joined the club some forty years ago.

She says "I've always made Wednesday my tennis playing day, my day for me. I like the social aspect and it gets me out."

The courts are owned by the Council and leased to the club for a nominal fee, and since forming in the fifties they have made many improvements to the facility. New courts, clubroom extensions plus safety

fencing have all been completed and paid for via many, varied fundraising efforts over the years.

The club caters for differing interests with several teams fielded in the Tennis North Midweek Tennis competi-

tion, social tennis and even a farmers group.

An unexpected but very welcome bonus of nearly \$10,000 was recently received.

A member who took out a mortgage with ANZ bank nominated the club as the community beneficiaries in a new ANZ program.

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