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Leon Porter, Operations Manager at Sibelco Mole Creek, surveys the early stages of a rehabilitation area at Mole Creek Limestone Mine

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More time for Mole Creek lime mine

By Marguerite McNeill

A PROPOSED change in mining practices by Sibelco Australia could extend the life of the lime works at Mole Creek by 12 years giving it a life expectancy of 30 more years.

Currently the pit base of the mine is at the 200m level, with one more level to be retrieved before works stop at the required stage of 10m above the river level.

The proposal would

see excavation works at the mine move closer to the northern boundary of the mine that currently sits 50m above the Mersey River.

About 40m would be mined from the existing limestone wall leaving a 10m high solid limestone buffer about 50 metres from the river edge.

Operations Manager Leon Porter said that the economic and social benefits of the operation would be increased with site being mined progressively over 30 years.

The process would also result in a user friendly area in the final landform.

The work would involve progressively cutting the benches in 3 metre steps, in controlled explosions to limit the rock fall, until it reached the standard 10 metre level.

Mr Porter said that although working in 3m stages was more costly, it was a safer option that would limit environmental impact.

And with a greater usage of lower grade

materials, the mine could have a total life span of around 70 years by the time operations at the site ceased.

A side bonus of the project would be the chance to clear large rocks from the river that have been displaced during past mining activities.

The work would also include rehabilitating the area with native vegetation.

In order to dispel any concerns about the proposal Sibelco hosted a consultative meeting

last month to discuss the planned changes at the mining site with the local community and other interested user groups such as anglers and kayakers.

Approval from the appropriate Government bodies is also being sought.

Sibelco employs 29 people on-site as well as utilising contractors for freight and other services.

Boasting the only kiln and hydration plant for lime in Tasmania, the site produces about

100,000 tonnes a years of high quality lime and limestone products that is marketed almost entirely within the state.

Tasmanian farmers and industry have reaped the benefit of lime mined at Mole Creek for more than 40 years.

Though hidden from view and unobtrusive in its operation, the Mole Creek Limestone Mine returns about \$5million a year to the Tasmanian economy.

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In My Opinion...

By Joanne Eisemann
Managing Editor

IF YOU'VE been enjoying Meander Valley Gazette, then you may want to have a word into a politician's ear, because its future is under threat. In fact, this could be one of the last issues printed.

The paper has been in production via the goodwill of staff and volunteers from the Deloraine and Mole Creek Online Access Centres who have recently been informed they may not be funded past Christmas.

An estimated 20,000 people read the Gazette each month, mostly from Meander Valley, but more and more we hear stories of people from greater Tasmania enjoying what our paper offers and bemoaning the fact that they do not have a local paper like it.

The intention is for the paper to be self-funding, but that is still a few years away.

We already raise a good deal of our operating costs, as funding has not been indexed for some time but at this stage the small amount of funding received from LINC each year is still needed for both the Online Centres and the Meander Valley Gazette to continue.

State-wide, twenty one community managed online centres have been given the news that funding is uncertain.

Over the past seventeen years Deloraine and Mole Creek Online Centres have helped thousands of people

come to terms with life in the age of technology.

The Centres are used regularly by those without internet access at home, either by choice, financial constraints or inaccessibility due to their location (yes there are still places in Tasmania where you can't get an internet connection).

People who have had a technology meltdown at home are also common customers, needing to access the internet quite urgently to keep the wheels of their life turning.

As more and more people ditch computers and just have a smartphone to run their internet activities, we are seeing increased numbers of people dropping by to scan or print documents.

Then there are the many people get who stuck in the 'activation' process of their new device. This can be a challenge for the technically literate let alone for those who have little understanding of the process.

There are many government services that require online interaction these days and online centres provide technology shy people (there are still plenty) the assistance they need to cope with that.

If you would like to see your Gazette and the Online Centres continue to be a part of the fabric of Meander Valley please contact a politician and let them know how you feel. If you're not sure how to do that Online Centres can help with that too!

ly we noticed this stick-on notice in Hampstead, which seemed to be very effective in reminding careless dog owners to do the right thing and keep public areas clean.

Judith-AnneTahir

JUST WANTED to say how much I appreciate the large font size of the paper. Nice!

Julia Gosling

I WAS concerned to read about the local radio station's recent AGM in the previous edition of the Gazette.

I attended the meeting and what a straightforward meeting it was!

We heard reports from office-bearers, we elected a new committee, we had amicable and positive discussions about several issues. Then we had a cup of tea.

I am well aware that it sometimes happens that members of a voluntary organisation feel aggrieved about an aspect of that organisation but I believe that the best way to deal with the grievance is through the relevant procedures of the organisation.

I congratulate the past and present committee and members of the Meander Valley radio station for establishing and maintaining such an entertaining and vital facet of our diverse and fulfilling community. Long may the station prosper.

John Phelps

MEANDER VALLEY Community Radio was very disappointed to see last month's article written by the editor without a by-line. If the "facts for that article had been verified, it would not have been printed in the first place.

MVCR Inc had their AGM and all members were

welcomed with over 30 attending. The meeting was successful and three new diverse committee members were elected. If this much enthusiasm is generated from our AGM, imagine how much this little radio station could accomplish.

We have seen an increase in membership, tripling of our sponsorships and new programs on air with eclectic programming to suit the community's requests and comments. Community radio is an incredible resource as a one stop source for immediate information transmission of everything happening in the area, not to mention some great music as well, hence "you are the voice of the valley".

Being a volunteer organisation, we rely on grants, memberships and sponsorships to help with the day to day running of the station. Membership and sponsorship allow you to have your chance to help drive this community asset.

We understand there is a former member who is holding out that he has the authority to accept memberships on behalf of MVCR when he does not. By our Rules of Association, memberships are approved by the Committee. They are not approved at the AGM. Anyone who feels they have given money to this person without an official receipt sign by the Sec/Treasurer is asked to contact the station @ 6369 4969.

Feel free to come to the MVFM studios at the Deloraine Creative Studios, 59-61 Emu Bay Rd, meet other members and see for yourself what we get up to in Meander Valley.

Mira Kuperstein
President MVCR Inc



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Letters In...



LIKE BETTINA Litke (October 2015 issue) we've noticed dog owners seem far too nonchalant while exercising their dogs, leaving 'landmines' for those who also like to enjoy a beautiful environment, without having to constantly sidestep droppings.

When in London recent-

Contender for the cutest



Shantelle's pooch 'Rui' getting ready for a bath. If you have a cute picture of your pet you would like to share please email to editor@meandervalleygazette.com

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Libby Douglass and Agnes Beager of Westbury are dismayed at the prospect of losing their local paper. Read the editorial on Page 2 for more info. Photo by: Mike Moores

Major scientific symposium in Westbury

By Wendy Laing

TWENTY SEVEN scientists from across Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the United Kingdom met in Westbury to exchange information and discuss the two chronic diseases, type 2 diabetes and Alzheimer's disease, that are escalating across the globe.

The final wrap-up session was chaired by Guy Barnett MP. Panel members included: Professor Ralph Martins from Edith Cowan University. He was Western Australian of the Year 2010 and AO 2013 for services to

Alzheimer's disease. Professor Gerald Muench, Head of the Pharmacology Department at the University of Western Sydney, whose background is in drug-related research especially in type 2 diabetes and Alzheimer's disease, and Professor Velandai Srikanth from Monash University, who has a special interest in Diabetes and Brain Imaging.

Professor Srikanth is currently drawing together national and international experts to focus research efforts to combat the links between type 2 diabetes and

Alzheimer's disease.

All the delegates agreed that exercise and nutrition are very important, especially in older people, as these increase functions in the brain.

Some key indicators for type 2 diabetes are ageing in the brain and vascular problems mainly caused by obesity, smoking and processed sugar.

Both the nutritionists and scientists agreed that the risks could be lessened by educating children about the dangers of type 2 diabetes while they are still attending school.

Would \$3,000 help you with your tertiary study?

DO YOU know of a student who will be starting tertiary study in 2016?

The Rotary Club of Deloraine invites those students commencing Tertiary education, from the Deloraine and Westbury district, to submit applications for a Tertiary Scholarship being offered by the Club to the value of \$3,000.

Written applications outlining academic record, intended study programme, and other

relevant information must be forwarded to Vocational Service Director Peter Griffin by Friday 15th January 2016.

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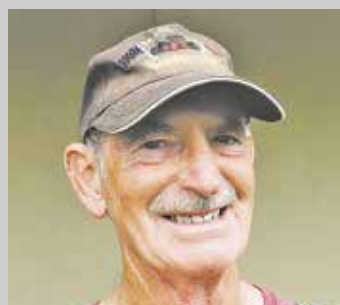
"I'm a bit annoyed that our government doesn't take care of our homeless first."
Robyn, Deloraine



"It maybe a good use of an under-used resource."
Simon, Deloraine



"Why not have somewhere else? This is for our boys."
David, Deloraine



"If it would attract more federal funds to the area then yes."
John, Deloraine



"I don't want our son to lose his job."
Anne, Deloraine



"I don't agree with it at all."
Natalie, Deloraine

Mine meets the people

THERE WAS a positive vibe when Sibelco Australia hosted a community meeting to discuss proposed changes at the Mole Creek limestone operation last month.

Around 50 people including local residents, farmers and business people, representatives from Meander Valley Council, the Environmental Protection Agency and Mineral Resources Tasmania met with Sibelco senior management staff to learn more about the plans and to

discuss any concerns.

The discussions and a display of digital images of the proposed works gave attendees a better understanding of the proposed changes and the benefits to the local area.

Operations Manager Leon Porter welcomed the community support that had fielded some good questions.

A small group concerned about the hydrology of the area has been invited to go on site to examine the proposals in more detail.

Bracknell School 150 years

BRACKNELL PRIMARY School will be celebrating 150 years in 2016.

A day of celebration will be held at the school. Memorabilia will be showcased as well as the current school. There will also be a day of activities such as wood chopping and sheep dogs etc followed by a dance at the town hall that night.

The organisers are look-

ing for old photos, school reports and other memorabilia to be scanned and returned to the owners.

The date of the reunion is Saturday 22nd of October 2016 from 10.00am to 3.00pm with the dance going from 8.00pm to midnight

Contact Marie Pearn on 0419 101 438, PO Box 15 Bracknell, or email marie.pearn11@gmail.com

Mole Creek market a hit

THE FIRST Mole Creek Hall market was a wonderful success with 39 stalls booked.

A wide variety of stalls are ensured, as Market policy dictates that only one of each type of stall is present, apart from garage sales, bric a brac, and plants.

Organiser Leanne Stephens says "People work hard to create their items and I feel it is only fair to them to not have another person selling some-

thing the same as they do."

Feedback from the stallholders has been positive. They appreciate that someone has taken the time to see things from the stallholder's perspective.

The market had a great vibe to it and the majority of the stallholders will be back again to the next market on 21st November. The two other markets planned are 12th December and 16th of January.

20 years of Hidden Talents

HIDDEN TALENTS Craft Group, which meets on Tuesdays from 10.00am - 12.00 noon at the Uniting Church hall, celebrated its 20th Anniversary during October.

The occasion attracted approximately 50 women who gathered to renew old friendships over morning tea.

Many had brought articles they'd made over that period, which were put on display.

Fay Woods has returned after a long illness & was presented with a bouquet. She and Shirley Lockhart, Founding Members, were recognised by Lexie Young, the current President.

Putting theory into practice

WINNER OF 2015 Deloraine & Districts Community Bank® Branch Tertiary Scholarship, Maighan Brandwood, describes her first year at the University of Adelaide studying a Bachelor of Development Studies.

Maighan has been living at St Marks Residential College. "Staying at St Marks has taught me how to balance my life, how to get good grades at uni and still watch the sports games on the weekend," says Maighan.

Maighan's studies have included Australian and global politics, Geography, Anthropology and Indigenous schol-

arship; with disaster relief and indigenous cultures two of her favourite topics. While studying the disaster in Haiti, Maighan says, "I was amazed at how quickly organisations responded but also the level of organisation it took to do the most simplest of things."

The Deloraine & Districts Community Bank® Branch will offer a Tertiary Scholarship for one student attending university for the first time in 2016. Applications open online 1st December. More info, plus some of Maighan's tips for university life, can be found on the Branch's Facebook page.

Pink Pedestrians



The annual pink walk along the Meander River was attended by approx 80 people. Pictured here are the organisers. Rear l-r: Zenette Tome and Elaine Baldwin. Front l-r: Katy Haberle and Maureen Holland.

MEANDER VALLEY - GET INVOLVED

THE INAUGURAL Meander Valley U3A Art Exhibition will be held in the Deloraine Creative Arts Studio, Emu Bay Road, Deloraine from Saturday 5th December to Sunday 20th December 2015. The official opening is scheduled for 4.00p.m. on Saturday 5th December.

This exhibition, entitled "Opening Doors", is designed to showcase paintings and mosaic works produced throughout the year by the thirty members participating in the U3A sponsored

art groups.

These artists have enjoyed the opportunity to learn new skills and work in the relaxed atmosphere of the Teaching Studio at Deloraine Creative Arts.

Art Group Leader, Linda Ireland, says that it has been a real privilege to watch the emergence of beginner artists and the reconnection of others whose art had lapsed over the years.

The Exhibition will be open daily for viewing between 10.00a.m. and 4.00p.m.

IN THE GARDEN WITH NELL CARR

SWEET CORN and zucchini are popular and versatile summer grown vegetables which should be in the ground before the end of the year.

If zucchini are sown singly in small pots and brought in on a sunny window or a plastic house, then planted out when all danger of frosts has passed there

should be a good harvest by Christmas time. Diligent daily harvesting is desirable, as they grow so quickly that they become pithy.

If saving for pickles, zucchini will keep well in the refrigerator if they are wrapped singly and closely with plastic film. Bread and butter pickles, made with either cucumbers or zucchinis, are delicious with meat or in a mixed salad.

They may also be grated and frozen raw, and used for vegetarian pies with sweet corn and other grated vegetables, grated cheese, eggs, oil,

herbs, and a little SR flour.

Sweet corn and zucchini enjoy similar conditions - plenty of moisture, which might be a problem if predictions of a dry growing season are correct, and plenty of organic matter and sunshine.

Mulching with pea straw will help to keep the soil moist for longer.

Sweet corn is best grown in a block of three or four rows 50 to 60 cms apart. In this way, the female flowers enjoy the best chance of fertilisation, as the pollen falls from the male "tassels" onto the immature cobs which grow half way up the stem.

To freeze, leave all but the outer husks, and place them in the freezer in all available spaces. Once thawed they are indistinguishable from fresh ones.

December is the last month for sowing dwarf beans in the cooler districts of Meander Valley.





Tina Brundle of Launceston with her companion 'Ellie' sharing a moment of quiet contemplation at the annual 'Blessing of the Pets' service at St Andrews, Westbury

Reverend Jo's flock

Story and picture Mike Moores
IF YOU WERE a pet, or pet owner, then St Andrew's Anglican Church at Westbury was the place to be. The annual 'Blessing of the Pets', under the guid-

ing hand of the Reverend Jo Pycroft was well attended by pets and owners. Following the prelude music, Puff the Magic Dragon, The Teddy Bears Picnic, and other well-chosen items,

the service got under way. All the pets were on their best behaviour, with not a growl or bark to be heard, except for Billy the lorikeet, who sang his little heart out in the rendition of 'All Things Bright and Beautiful.' There was a touching moment when canine sisters

met for the first time since being separated when puppies. It all happened quite by accident while sitting in the same pew, when their 'mummies' got into conversation. There was a very strong family likeness and after much wagging of tails and doggy smiles the service proceeded

without interruption. The Reverend Jo complimented the congregation on their impeccable behaviour, and after receiving a blessing, certificate and packet of biscuits, everyone went home. But not before making a date to meet at the same time next year.

Surrounded by superior sound

WESTERN TIERS Film Society is pleased to announce the installation of the new sound system. It is the final addition to the new screening equipment which heralded the move to the Little Theatre

at the beginning of this year. The quality of the sound has greatly improved, adding an extra dimension to the whole movie experience. This latest equipment was donated by Studio B and

kindly installed by council. WTFS continues to screen films on the second Saturday of the month at the Little Theatre. In November, a bonus screening of *Step up to the Plate* will also take place on

Saturday 28th. This is a French documentary about the Bras legendary 3 Michelin Star restaurant located in the Aubrac region of central southern France. A supper will be provided after the film - though not of the Bras standard - but it will allow a chance to discuss the movie.

Although there are only two months to go until the end of the year, membership to the film society and access to the remaining films for 2015 is available for the princely sum of \$10.00. For further details please contact Deb White 0418 389 868 or email westerntiersfilmsociety@gmail.com

Nellie carved out her own heritage

By Judith-Anne Tahir
SEEN AT the Westbury Town Hall, one of three venues displaying Nellie Payne's astounding collection of wood carvings, were Nellie Payne's only grandson, Charles Payne (89), and her great granddaughter,

Deb West. Charles and Deb were amongst many visitors to Nellie Payne's Sesquicentenary Exhibition at Westbury, the place of her birth. He said on viewing her work that he was gob-smacked... he had no idea how many

carvings she'd done. He remembers, as a child, helping his grandmother polish some of the carvings, and how she tried to

teach him to carve wood. He also remembers a time when she had nothing to do,

so helped out by digging in their garden.




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Judy Crees-Morris, workshop participant, with \$6,500 french harp

Workshop strikes a chord

By Sara Fawcett

THERE WAS a lovely opportunity recently for anyone interested in the harp, to learn about it and play it.

The Harp Weekend in Westbury was put together at the Town Hall by the Harp Society of Tasmania (HST), with support from the Tasmanian Folk Federation, and was

open to all interested members of the public.

Many of its members were there that weekend, to showcase the different types of harps and ways of playing.

The musical instruments on display included the nineteen-string lap harps, the fully levered Celtic harps of various sizes,

a mountain harp, the pedaled concert harps and even a few chromatic or cross-string harps.

Throughout Saturday free-guided sessions were open to everyone wanting to try his or her hands at a harp.

For example, those on Harp For Beginners, involved learning a simple piece along with improvising on and warming up for the harp.

There were also plenty of chances to observe members of this harp society play its various instruments and even a group-based performance on Sunday afternoon.

Also on Sunday, was a Build Your Own Lap-Harp workshop. For the special price of \$200, participants could spend the day making a lap harp of their own from a wooden frame, nineteen strings and a cardboard soundboard.

According to HST's president, Emily Sanzaro, over eighty people attended the weekend, with several joining her harp society. Moreover, by the end of the weekend twelve lap harps had been made.

"We have already been asked several times when the next weekend will be held. Given the interest shown, the HST is planning to hold a further lap harp workshop," Emily said.

For more details visit www.harpsocietytasmania.org

Tribute to a champion

By Wendy Laing

ON 9TH JUNE, 2013 Geoff Woods received an OAM (Medal of the Order of Australia) in the Australia Day Honours List for service to the community through cultural, heritage, service and sporting organisations, and to local government.

He was the founding editor of the Western Tiers newspaper in 1980 and, after selling it to The Advocate, remained as editor and manager for six years before it ceased production.

In 1995, Geoff retired after 40 years in the Education Department, 26 of those as a Principal and during that time he had many interests in the Deloraine community.

Pat and Geoff Woods bought the late Victorian-Federation house 'Arcoona' in 1973 and spent their time renovating and researching the house. In November 1991 he compiled and published a book called 'Arcoona Deloraine, A Country Doctor's Residence' which told the story of the house from when it was built in 1892.

An interesting little historical is that Geoff was born at Arcoona when it was a hospital. Along with Geoff, third owner

and restorer of Arcoona died on 3rd September and Dr Frank Cole, who was the original owner who had it built, also died on the same day in a different year.

Mrs Woods explained how proud Geoff was when his son, Michael, decided to make music his profession and became the best trumpeter in Tasmania.

Geoff's research into the life of the racehorse Malua led to writing a book called *The Mighty Malua; story of Australia's most versatile champion racehorse and the three families who had owned him.*

It was launched on the 24th October 2009, the same time the statue of Malua was unveiled at the Deloraine Information Centre.

Geoff was also a Jazz Coordinator and Executive Officer for the Jazz Foundation of Tasmania.

Mrs Woods said that his great love of jazz led him to apply for a grant to revive a band in Deloraine...

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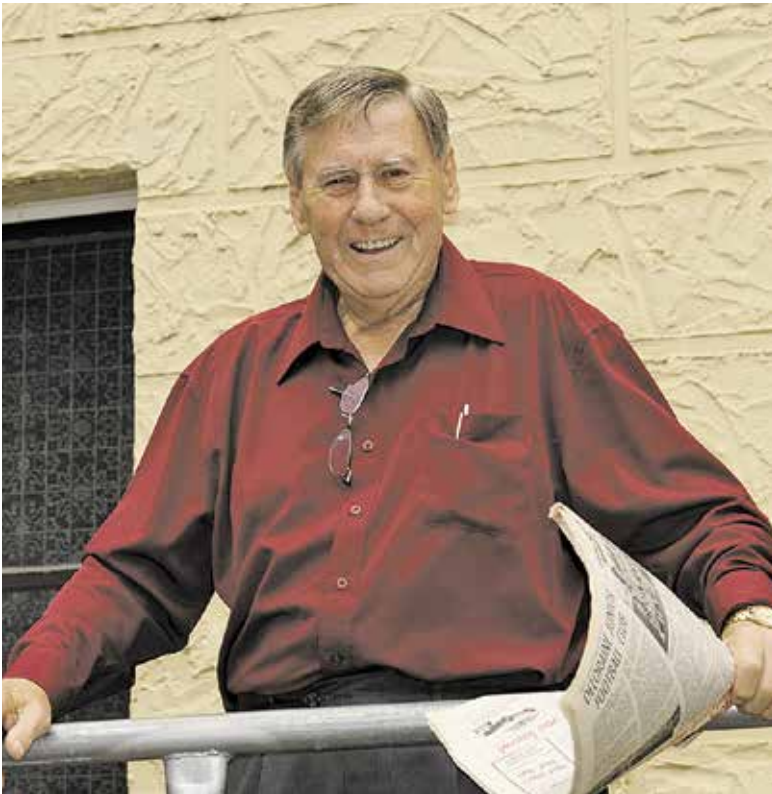
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Geoff Woods opens *Meander Valley Gazette* in 2014. Photo by: Jan Collett

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When it was granted, he and friends, Gordon Scott and Carlisle Sherriff, bought instruments, uniforms and hired professional musicians to teach band members to play them. *The Deloraine Community Band*, as it is now known, is still playing under the leadership of Gordon Scott's son, Cameron Scott.

Mrs Woods explained how

proud Geoff was when his son, Michael, decided to make music his profession and became the best trumpeter in Tasmania.

Geoff spent most of his life in Deloraine. He attended Our Lady of Mercy School where he matriculated.

At a fete to raise money for the school, Geoff put a mesh screen on a cardboard box and beamed a short film onto a mirror, which threw

Mopoke, small owl, big eyes and ears

By Sara Lloyd

THE SOUTHERN Boobook (sometimes called Boobook Owl or Mopoke) is a small mostly brown bird and one of only two species of owl that regularly occur in Tasmania. (The other species is the much larger Masked Owl.)

It nests in a tree cavity and roosts during the day in dense foliage or a tree hollow. Its 'boobook' call is often heard at night and it also makes a cat-like sound. It mainly feeds on insects but occasionally takes small birds and mammals.

Nocturnal birds have several traits that enable to function in the dark. Their eyes absorb 100 times more light than human eyes so for them the darkest night is like early

dusk and dusk is like bright daylight. Like other birds their eyes are immovably fixed in their sockets but their heads are very mobile. When they look at objects to the side they turn their heads – sometimes halfway around, or even upside down.

Their hearing is especially acute. They have large ear openings located near the facial discs and flaps of skin on each side of their heads. These features direct sound to the inner ears, amplify it and enhance the birds' ability to determine its direction.

Owls have wings that are

large and broad in relation to their weight. They move silently due to their slow flight and specialised features on their feathers. For instance, their first two or three primary feathers have a fringe that softens the contact between the air and the leading edge of their wings; and the underside of their flight feathers has a velvety surface which deadens any scraping sounds as they fly.

Sara has published a new must-read book for bird lovers titled *The Feathered Tribes of Van Diemen's Land*.



the image onto the box. He charged people to come and see the 'television' he had made. This, of course, was before television came to Tasmania.

Geoffrey Benjamin Woods OAM passed away on 3rd September 2015. He is sadly missed by his wife Patricia, his son Michael and the people of Deloraine who knew and respected him.

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"We are fun, real, and give more personal support than other training establishments," says campus manager Tanya Zaadstra. "We like to see students well prepared for the jobs they are going to take on."

One of eight campuses, CTA's Mole Creek location is rural residential and offers training in community services and childcare. With intakes throughout the year (next one in January), qualifications are diploma level and completed over 12 months through one week residential training blocks (from 4-6 depending on the course) with some home study in between.

"This model works really well," says Tanya. "Students are mentored by trainers, any issues they may have are

worked through, plus they get to make friends with other students from around Tasmania and the mainland.

"Community service and childcare courses are not the kind of thing you can study wholly from home, you need to have that ability to interact and empathise with other people," says Tanya.

A Dual Diploma in Childcare (CHC50113 Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care; and CHC50213 Diploma of School Age Education and Care) is offered through the Miss Pepper Australian Nanny School, allowing graduates to work with pre-school and school-age children.

Employment is available in childcare centres, out of school hours care programs or as a Nanny. Students can choose to travel as part of this qualification as CTA offers work placements with the famous Norland Nanny School in London.

Community service diplomas lead to paid employment also. "We don't want to train people up unless there are good prospects for gain-



Campus manager Tanya Zaadstra discusses options with Kerry in the Pepperry Cafe

ing employment. We have chosen to offer courses that provide that here in Tasmania," shares Tanya. Because Community Training Australia is a long-established Registered Training Organisation (RTO #31905), students can access VET fee-help via a commonwealth loan scheme that allows students to study now, and repay their loan once they are employed.

As a community services training organisation, CTA likes to practice what they preach and have a

strong community involvement ethic. They run the Mole Creek Guest House and Pepperry Café as a year

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round business providing accommodation and fabulous eating for local and passing

trade, employing a number of people in the process.

Their results are pretty impressive too; course completions are 60% higher than the national average.

"We really believe in what we do and are keen to provide students with the skills and opportunities to succeed," enthuses Tanya.

For more information, you are welcome to call 6363 2074, email molecreek@cta.edu.au or simply visit the Centre at 100 Pioneer Drive in Mole Creek.

Valleyviews

Mayor's Message

THIS MONTH I will have the pleasure to be involved in the judging of the Meandering Art Exhibition and launch this year's event at Country Club Tasmania. 55 applications were received this year and I'm looking forward to seeing how each artist has incorporated the theme 'Ties that bind' into their work. The exhibition will be on show at Country Club Tasmania from 13 November until 14 February next year. Community members are most welcome and admission is free.

Complementing the Meandering exhibition, artists from the Launceston and Meander Valley Art Societies volunteer their time to the Meandering 'Artists in Schools' program.

This year, students from Our Lady of Mercy, Deloraine, Bracknell, Mole Creek and Hagley Farm Primary schools; Deloraine High School and Giant Steps Tasmania have taken part - it is always a highlight to see works produced by the students presented at the official Meandering launch.

CONGRATULATIONS TO the Great Western Tiers Visitor Centre for being recognised as a finalist in the Visitor and Information Services category of the Tasmanian Tourism Awards for the second

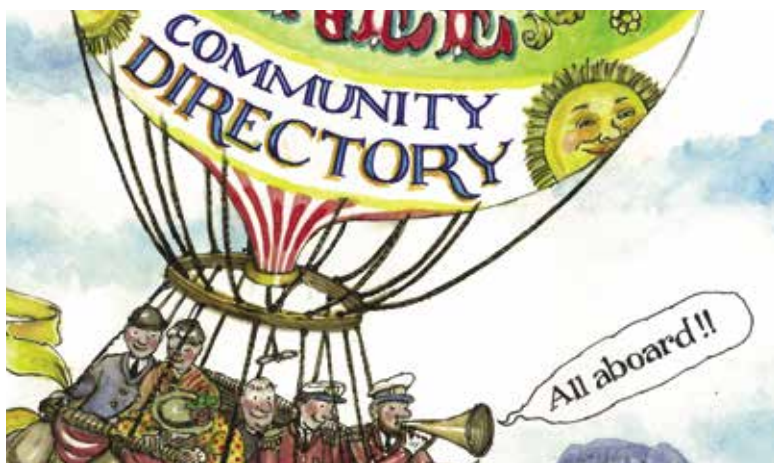
year in a row! By the time you read this, the winners will have been announced at a presentation on the 6 November in Hobart. We'll be crossing our fingers for a win for the team.

THIS MONTH WILL see the running of the 69th annual Deloraine Agricultural Show featuring many family friendly attractions. All the popular events will be represented at the Show - wood chopping; animal judging and breeder competitions; the animal nursery and lots more. We wish all those involved in the organising of this year's Show the very best for a successful day.

THE LONG WEEKEND has come and gone and what a weekend it was! Meander Valley was definitely the place to be, with a range of amazing events and activities occurring over the three days and into the following week. Well done to everyone involved in the staging of the Tasmanian Craft Fair, Pearn's Steam Up Festival, the Nellie Payne woodcarver exhibition and the many other events on across the municipality. And a big thank you to everyone who supported these fantastic local events.

Mayor Craig Perkins

Council Updates



Register your group with a little help from your friends

www.meandervalleycommunitydirectory.com.au

A FREE WEEKLY 'drop in' session is now available for any groups who would like help to register on the Directory. This will take place at the Deloraine Online Access Centre every Wednesday throughout November from 1.00pm to 3.00pm.

Representatives of community groups are warmly invited to drop in and help will be available. 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 free \$250 prize draw.

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

Bridges of Meander Valley

IN ADDITION TO roads, footpaths, drains and open spaces, Council is responsible for maintaining and replacing Meander Valley's 200 odd bridges and large drainage culverts.

Bridges, at the most basic level, provide the means to travel over obstacles such as waterways and railway lines, and in addition provide access and a give a sense of connection.

Council ensures that its



The Shalestone Road bridge, Mole Creek is one of six bridges due for renewal

bridges are designed and maintained to be reliable, functional and structurally sound, environmentally sympathetic and cost-effective.

Council officers are responsible for the inspection of all Council-owned bridges.

In this year's works programme, Council identified six bridges that have reached the end of their serviceable lives and need to be replaced:

Northern councils light the way

MEANDER VALLEY COUNCIL Officers will work with other northern councils on a programme to replace minor road lighting with Light Emitting Diode (LED) street lights, after Council supported the recommendation at its October meeting.

The replacement program intends to accelerate the phasing out of outdated, inefficient and expensive mercury vapour street lights on local roads.

The lights are owned by TasNetworks, but Council is financially responsible for all maintenance, replacement and energy costs.

Local Governments around Australia and the world are replacing old, outdated street lights with low energy LED technology and

realising the benefits.

'The switch to LED lights will reduce energy use and greenhouse gas emissions by around 77 percent,' said Mayor Craig Perkins.

This is expected to save Council around 40 percent of the costs to light local streets.

'In Meander Valley—where street lighting accounts for around 75 percent of Council's total energy bill—that's \$130,000 a year.

'The LEDs will not only reduce costs they will reduce glare and increase visibility, making streets safer at night for pedestrians and road users.

'The project is really significant because it shows what can be achieved when councils take a truly collaborative approach.

'By joining forces we are able to offer light manufacturers, installers and even TasNetworks a viable project', Mayor Perkins said.

- Western Creek Tributary, Cheshunt Road
- Chittys Creek, Reiffers Road
- Mole Creek, Shalestone Road
- Coiler Creek Tributary, Brooklyn Road
- Quamby Brook, Byes Road
- Damper Creek, Montana Road

Council recently awarded the contract for construction of four of the six bridges to TasSpan Civil Contracting, with work to start on these in the New Year.

Council's works crew will begin work on the Quamby Brook Bridge at around Easter next year.

The contract for replacement of the sixth bridge, Damper Creek Bridge on Montana Road, will be tendered soon.

Information advising of works details and traffic management will be provided closer to the works starting.

For all other enquiries, please contact Steve Jordan, Senior Technical Officer on 6393 5300.

The project aims to be the largest local government sustainability initiative in Tasmania's history.

Residents can expect to see the replacement completed over the next two years.

Diary Dates

Meandering Art Exhibition Country Club Tasmania

13 November 2015 to 14 February 2016

Deloraine Show

21 November

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Chudleigh Memorial Hall

22 January 2016

www.festivalofsmallhalls.com

Markets



Deloraine Market Showgrounds

First Saturday of the month

Liffey Market

Old Liffey School

Second Saturday of the month

Deloraine Farmers' Market

MG Trading carpark

Second and fourth Saturday of the month

Mole Creek Market

Mole Creek Hall

Third Saturday of the month

(except second Saturday in December)

Westbury Market,

St Andrews Church

Third Saturday of the month

community

Council Community Grants

APPLICATIONS TO COUNCIL'S Community Grants Program are invited all year round.

Grants up to \$3,000 are available to community organisations for projects that

address community needs through special events, sport and recreation and/or community development.

Information and application forms are available from the Westbury Council Offices and Council's website.

Applications for consideration in the next adjudication round should be lodged by 31 December 2015.

Work in progress

IF YOU HAVE been travelling along South Esk Drive in Hadspen or Chris Street in Prospect Vale, you may have encountered workers resealing the roads with asphalt.

These works are part of Council's annual resealing programme and aim to re-waterproof the road pavement to maintain it's life and to provide a smooth, uniform and safe surface for road users.

The work is being done

by Venarchie Contracting, who were awarded this year's contract at the September Council meeting.

The Australian Government contributes to local infrastructure investment through the Roads to Recovery (R2R) program. The R2R funding is allocated on the basis of councils continuing to spend allocations of their own revenue on capital and maintenance road projects.

To ensure our Council meets the R2R guidelines,

additional funding has been allocated to the resealing program this year.

In addition to the work in Hadspen and Prospect Vale, it is proposed to allocate some of the additional funding to reseal Meander Valley Road in Westbury.

This will take advantage of the work being done by the Department of State Growth.

Other locations for resealing work will be assessed in the near future.

HeArt to Art

OVER THE PAST few months, we have highlighted a number of Meander Valley's community artists in a series of articles called *Heart to art*.

Recently a group of community members, including some of these artists met to establish a new Public Art Advisory Group. The Group aims to assist Council in its management of public art.

At the 7 October meeting, terms of reference were

drafted detailing the Group's role and responsibilities and some early goals around new and existing attractions.

The Group will next meet at Council Offices, Westbury, at 5.00 pm on Wednesday, 2 December. New members are most welcome to come along.

For information, please contact patrick.gambles@mvc.tas.gov.au / 6393 5300 or check out www.meander.tas.gov.au/publicart for updates.

Community News

Festival of Small Halls



The East Pointers set to play the Chudleigh Hall in January 2016.

COUNCIL IS DELIGHTED to announce a special community concert to be held on Friday, 22 January 2016 at the Chudleigh Memorial Hall. This will feature one of Canada's best folk music exports, 'The East Pointers', along with nationally acclaimed singer songwriter, Liz Stringer and Meander Valley's very own, 'Meander Men'.

This extraordinary event forms part of a National 'Festival of Small Halls'

and is delivered through a partnership between Council, Arts Deloraine and the Woodford and Cygnet Folk Festivals. It promises to be a rare evening of pulsating folk music and song.

Tickets, \$15 (13 and over) and \$10 (12 and under), are limited and subsidised so secure yours as soon as you can.

Available online at www.festivalofsmallhalls.com or local ticket sales from Council's office, 26 Lyall St, Westbury.

Have your say on Community Safety

Thurs, 26 November 2015
Kimberley Fire Station
Railton Road, Kimberley
7.00pm-8.30pm
Refreshments provided
THE MEANDER VALLEY
Community Safety Group
meets quarterly to progress

safety initiatives on a wide range of topics. The group includes Police, Health Services, Red Cross, Council and Community representatives. This year, meetings are being held in different townships to find out more about local safety issues. Please come along and share your thoughts.

GET TO KNOW NO ASBESTOS THIS NOVEMBER

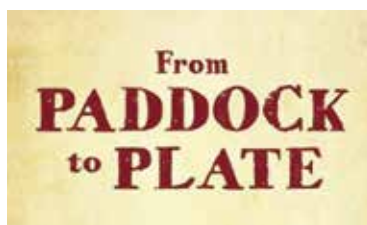
DID YOU KNOW that every home built or renovated in the years leading up to 1987 is most likely contain asbestos!

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Asbestos can be found in kitchens, bathrooms, laundries and under floor coverings such as linoleum and vinyl tiles, behind wall and floor tiles, in cement floors, internal and external walls, garages, ceilings, eaves, around hot water pipes, fences, extensions to homes, outdoor toilets and backyard sheds—it could be anywhere!

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asbestosawareness.com.au for more information.



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Deloraine Streetscape sculpture, *Farmer and Dog* by Susan Heywood

Your responsibility during the fire season

DID YOU KNOW?

A fire permit period has been declared for Meander Valley. If you intend to light a fire for burning of vegetation or for a similar purpose you must obtain a permit from the Tasmanian Fire Service.

Details about the rules for fires during the permit period can be found at www.fire.tas.gov.au.

A fire permit can be obtained by telephoning free-call 1800 000 699.

Are you a keen Master Chef?

DURING THE JANUARY school holidays Council's Youth Programs in conjunction with the Local Food Task Force will be running a Master Chef Challenge for young people in different age groups (12-25 years).

Watch for more details in school newsletters, on Council's website and in the Community News. If you are really keen you can register your interest now with Vicki on 0400 155 690.



Celebrate what's great!

Nominations due soon

LAST CALL FOR Australia Day award nominations in the following categories: Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Commu-

nity Event of the Year, Sports and Volunteer Services.

Nominations must be received by 4pm on Friday November 20, 2015. For more information visit our website or contact us on 6393 5300.



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A devil of a blacksmith

By Joanne Eisemann

PEOPLE OFTEN commented on Darren Davies' habit of growling while working at his forge.

"It is just the noise I make, like the Tassie Devils. Half the time they are growling but not unhappy," comments Darren, adding, "It is how my business got its name *The Growling Anvil* when I began 'smithing' twelve years ago."

"the money was not making me happy. I wanted to do something else"

"There was an open day for historic machinery and a working blacksmith shop in the Dandenongs," he explains. "I spent the whole day there, hounding the old guys to teach me."

The story of his move

from Victoria to Tasmania is a fairly common one. He was "driving to work to knock out some steel and forget about everything else when he burst into tears.

"I had a good job with the family business, good money, all the perks. I was running my own warehouse, but the money was not making me happy. I wanted to do something else," he shares.

Darren now lives on a bush block in Weetah and earns his living through crafting discarded pieces of metal into things people want. Hence, he "sources metal from scrap metal yards and the tip."

"It gives my work that extra bit of story behind it," he adds.

He draws inspiration from the metal itself or its previous life, and strives for a blend of function and beauty, even though he picks up "any rusty bit of metal."



The growling anvil works a piece of recycled metal to make a fire poker. Photo by: Mike Moores

He gained recognition by starting a working 'smithy' out the back of Deloraine Creative Studios, as an attraction to bring tourists into the building when it first opened.

From there he moved to an old garage in the town before shifting his business back home to Weetah.

With his reputation as a blacksmith thus entrenched, much of his work is

commissioned, with more common items such as fire pokers and 's' hooks, sold at *Elf On The Shelf* in Deloraine and via his website www.growlinganvil.com.au

WHEN TAMSYN Stock Stafford and her husband moved from Perth WA to the Meander Valley six years ago, she was seeking more than a tree change for her children's sake.

By becoming caretaker of the Mole Creek Guest House, she was resolutely turning her back on a highly successful career singing for the Western Australian Opera Company.

While for the most part, Tamsyn loved working for this operatic company she was "heavily affected by the 'dark side' of the industry - (the) competitiveness, pride and jealousy."

"I lost my passion for the industry. I do not believe in singing for oneself (and) as a way of showing the world how good you are. I sing to connect with people and help them feel," she shared.

So she had found that her professional career in opera "was just not making (her) happy anymore".

Teaming up with Carolyn Harris and Georgina Harvey as the 3 Divas, with Kent

Tamsyn sings from a new libretto

By Wai Lin Coultas

Furmage at the piano and under the direction of John Phelps, has restored her joy in singing.

"When I perform with these

four other artists I am with kindred spirits. We are all on stage for the same reasons - our love of music and our passion to share this with the audience," she enthused.

With Georgina's gift as a cabaret and jazz singer and Carolyn's in musical theatre, Tamsyn thrives on matching their timbre and volume when singing a duet or trio from a

non-operatic genre.

"My favorite would have to be one of the songs *Die Junge Nonne*, or *The Young Nun*, as the poem is absolutely beautiful and never fails to move me," she shares.

"And the highlight for me is the Donizetti solo. It is incredibly challenging and extremely dramatic."

Its demands are further heightened as Tamsyn is expecting her fourth child in March next year.

"It is hard work singing, harder than it seems. And singing when one is pregnant is no mean feat!" she grins. "Having an added sixth on stage will make for some interesting stagecraft!"

You can enjoy the 3 Divas' 'Angels And Demons' ensemble at Gallery 9 on 27th of November at 8.00 pm.

Presented by Arts Deloraine, tickets are available from Elemental Artspace. Entry is \$25.00 for non-members and \$20.00 for members.



L-R The 3 Divas: Tamsyn Stock Stafford, Georgina Harvey & Carolyn Harris. Photo by: Mike Moores

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Fun and fantasy for the whole family



Zorb balls and pony rides are just a couple of the attractions at this year's Deloraine Show.

TAKE ALL the family along to a few new surprises at the annual Deloraine Show, sponsored by the Deloraine & Districts Community Bank. The action has been increased by staging Laser Tag and laugh-a-minute fun tumbling in the over-sized Zorb Balls that promise to challenge

the teenager in everyone!

If an adrenalin rush is not your thing, then visit the entertainment arenas.

Amongst others on show will be the popular Medieval Knight display, Taiko Drummers, Ron Morgan's Horsemanship Demonstrations, The Deloraine Big Band and

Fashion Parade.

Junior show goers will have lots of fun too with pony rides; free entertainment and activities; mini jeeps, merry-go-round, face painting and jumping castles along with the Snake Man in the child friendly animal nursery.

The Paringa Archery Club

will be in attendance with their target range for all to try. The Apex Train will continually circuit the showgrounds. Plus, there will be family competitions and a wide range of show bags.

After checking out the traditional livestock, horse and wood chopping competitions, Home

Industries and machinery displays, refresh yourself with some food delights and beverages in the covered seating area.

There's much to see and do this year. The Show starts at 9.00am on Saturday, 21st November with entry at \$10.00 Adults/\$5.00 Children and Children under 5 go free.

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'Gala' - a dairy farm where the cows milk themselves

By Joanne Eisemann

FOR THIRD generation dairy farmer Nick Dornauf, watching how the cows behave when working in a voluntary milking system is just as interesting as the robotics and technology running his dairy. "Yes, we could see that robots could milk cows. But, as a dairy farmer, the much

more exciting part of this technology is the cows volunteering to go freely to and from the paddock," reflects Nick.

"We find absolutely the cows prefer this system."

His interest in robotics was sparked while viewing the

first automated dairy system in Australia while he was at university, adding, "I think the whole industry has a fascination with what robots can offer."

At the time of installation, robots were working with herds of a couple of hundred. But Dornauf Dairies wanted to try a larger scale system of 600 cows.

Five years ago, 'Gala' at Quamby Brook, one of four Dornauf Dairies in Meander Valley, was converted from 'run off', a place where cows have their holiday and heifers are raised, to a fully automated 24 bail Automatic Milking Rotary (AMR) working with technicians, De Laval.

This voluntary system has cows choosing when they want to be milked. They bring themselves in from the paddock and put themselves onto the rotary dairy. This helps to reduce their stress and fatigue and so maximises production.

At the moment the cows choose to be milked 2.4 times per day. Nick says they prefer being milked by robots as they enjoy the consistency that it offers in terms of timing, noises heard and action as they get on.

"We find absolutely the cows prefer this system" says Nick and "the time they use the dairy best is outside our normal working hours, when there are no tractors, no dogs, nobody around."

Another advantage is early recognition of mastitis, a disease common amongst dairy cows. Computers analyse the milk and are able to pick up abnormalities before noticeable symptoms occur in the cow;

"We are able to treat them earlier which means a better cure rate and less drug usage. Also there's a lot less time out of the herd, so less lost production time" says Nick

His dairy aims for a steady flow of cows milking 24 hours a day to maximise the use of equipment, stock and pasture



Nick Dornauf

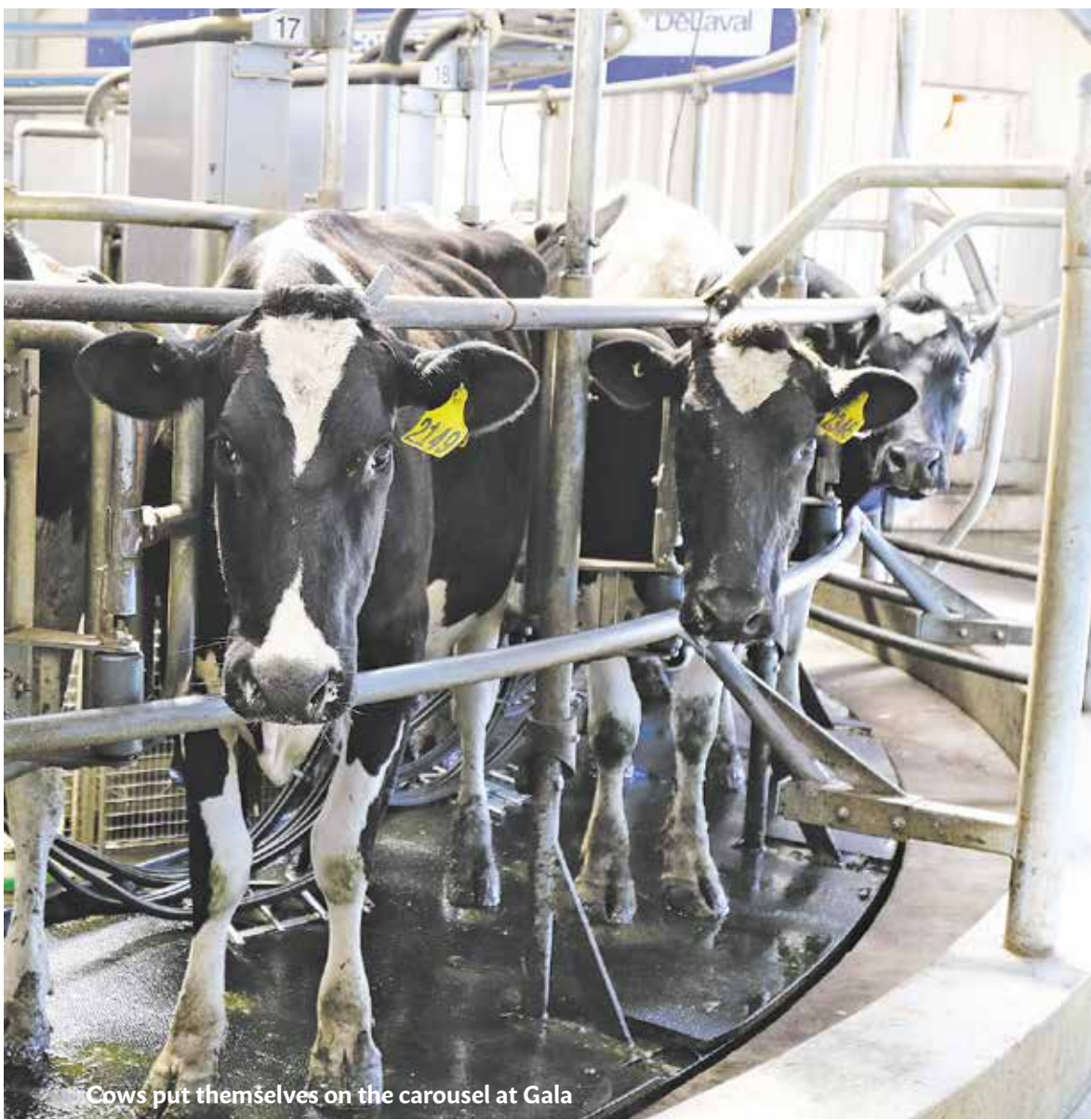
which, in turn, provides the best return from investment.

Machinery is maintained using a preventative practice of replacing parts before breakdown as staying functional is critical in a 24 hour system as opposed to a regular dairy that may be used 6 hours per day.

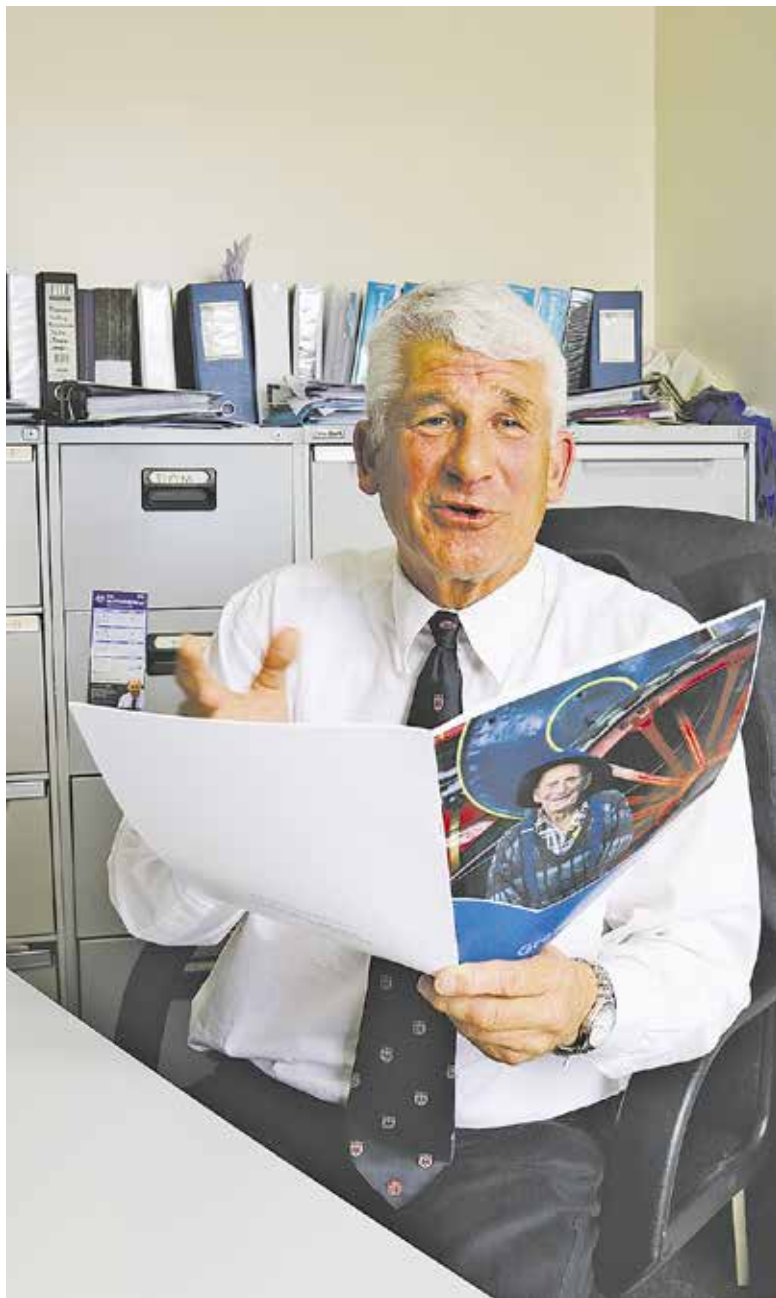
While principles of pasture management have not changed "instead of having 1 pasture rotation I now have 4 pasture rotations" explains Nick. "For the system to function we have to get our pasture right," he adds.

"If you have happy healthy cows, then you have happy healthy farmers," says Nick.

As a group, dairy farmers are aging. Nick is interested in attracting more people of his generation into the industry and thinks robotics may be one of the keys to doing this. "We never have someone leave here that doesn't say 'oh that's pretty neat'" says Nick. "Even robots can't operate without people," he chuckles.



Cows put themselves on the carousel at Gala



Richard Millen, Chair of the Great Western Tiers Tourism Assoc.

Tourism Association's new promotion plan

By Joanne Eisemann

THE GREAT Western Tiers Visitor Centre in Deloraine assisted almost 47,000 people during the 2014/15 financial year.

"Tourism in Meander Valley is on an upward trend, in line with the rest of the state"

An initiative of Meander Valley Council, the Centre has thirty-two volunteers who, along with staff, help visitors find accommodation, book tours, parks passes, fishing licences and bus tickets, along with providing information and maps free of charge.

A multi award winner, the centre's most recent accolade was winning the Tasmanian Tourism Award for Visitor Information and Services in 2014.

Another organisation looking after the interests of tourists and tourist operators in Meander Valley, is the Great Western Tiers Tourism Association. Chaired by Richard Millen, it involves sixty of the estimated one hundred Meander Valley tourism businesses as its members.

Members make up the

Great Western Tiers Touring Route and the association works to fulfil the function of Attraction Managers, ensuring smooth functioning and dissemination of information, as well as lobbying Council and Tourism Northern Tasmania in its interests.

"Being part of the association is the only way operators can get access to relevant information from Tourism Northern Tasmania," says Richard.

Tourism is growing in Tasmania, as the state becomes a popular destination with eastern seaboard and international tourists, particularly with the low Australian dollar.

Richard says that tourism

"Being part of the association is the only way operators can get access to relevant information from Tourism Northern Tasmania"

in Meander Valley is on an upward trend, in line with the rest of the state, but is looking to increase market share by improving the promotion of its assets.

In an effort to reach tourists who use the Internet to discover the places they would like to visit, the organisation

is about to launch a new campaign to promote touring in the Meander Valley area.

Themed as 'A Drive of History and Mystery', its vision is "for all stakeholders to be working on a collaborative journey to promote the Great Western tiers Touring Route as an attraction within the eclectic, boutique playground we call Northern Tasmania."

Richard adds, "With some great social media channels already established in Tasmania, it is possible for local operators to leverage by posting photos of our attractions that are truly worth sharing on Instagram sites, like #discovertasmania, #greatwesterntiers and #seeaustralia. Or by liking them on the Facebook page: Great Western Tiers Touring Route."

He also mentions that many local businesses not directly related to tourism receive ten to fifteen percent of their yearly income from people travelling through.

"In some cases this represents their profit margin, so it's in everyone's interests to promote Meander Valley," says Richard. Contact the Great Western Tiers Tourism Association by emailing mvecinc@bigpond.net.au

Trek from the Tiers to the Cradle?

AN ICONIC walking track linking the Great Western Tiers through the Walls of Jerusalem to the Cradle Mountain Track was one of the suggestions raised at a community meeting in Deloraine during October.

The community meeting was hosted by Lyons Liberal MHA Guy Barnett and the Great Western Tiers Tourism Association and involved about 45 local councillors and community representatives. It was also addressed by the Tasmanian Premier, Will Hodgman.

The idea of an iconic new

walking track was raised by councillor Rodney Synfield in a bid to capitalise on the popularity of walking tracks and also the World Heritage values of the Western Tiers.

The Premier told the group that he was delighted that the election promise of replacing bridges on the Meander Falls Walk was underway and that there was close co-operation with Tourism Northern Tasmania to develop a unique brand for the region as a touring route.

Mr Hodgman said that "Tasmania is enjoying record numbers of international


and interstate visitors, who are looking for experiences the Greater Meander Valley region can offer."

"As the Meander Valley is able to produce outstanding food and agribusiness offerings for tourists, it is ideally placed to leverage off increasing tourism numbers, many of whom were looking for foods of such quality," Mr Barnett added.

Moreover, "there were proposals to emphasise the region's history and pioneering heritage and the desirable lure of the Meander River."

Guy Barnett MP


State Liberal Member for Lyons



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Events Diary

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

Date and Time	Event	Details
Saturday 7th November	Westbury Agricultural Show	Westbury Showgrounds Enquiries: 6392 2120 Mobile 0427 922 124
Sunday 8th November 2.30pm	Westbury Champions Parade -Induction	Westbury Recreational Ground Afternoon tea at Bowls Club RSVP essential 6393 5300
Monday 9th November 12.00pm - 2.00pm	Eating with Friends	Deloraine House Bookings essential Ph: 6362 2678 Cost \$5.00
Friday 13th November	Meandering Art Exhibition begins	Country Club Tasmania, Country Club Ave, Prospect Vale (finishes 14th Feb 2016)
Friday 13th November 6.30pm for 7.00pm	Meander Valley Sings CANCELLED	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"
Saturday 14th November 10.00am-4.00pm	Open Gardens	Old Wesley Dale, Mole Creek (6363 1212) & Marakoopa Café (near Mole Creek Caves) (6363 5033)
Sunday 15th November 10.00am-4.00pm	Open Gardens	Old Wesley Dale, Mole Creek (6363 1212) & Marakoopa Café (near Mole Creek Caves) (6363 5033)
Wednesday 18th November 3.15 pm	Let's Connect Meander Valley Twilight Fest	Deloraine High School Assembly Hall, further info Bianca Templar: biancat@colony47.com.au
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 8.30am - 1.30pm	Westbury Market	3rd Sat. every month 11 Lonsdale Prom. 0417 931 619 Rob
Saturday 21st November	Deloraine Agricultural Show	Deloraine Showgrounds, Lake Hwy, Deloraine Enquiries Ph: President 6362 2533 or Secretary 0427 861 485
Saturday 21st November 9.00am - 1.00pm	Mole Creek Market	Mole Creek Memorial Hall \$10 per table – for bookings and enquiries call Leanne on 0409 713 240
Friday 27th November - 29th November	Stepping Stones Leadership camp 18-25 yrs	3 days of fun, activities & learning. Only 20 places available Ph: Vicki Jordan 0400 155 690 to book
Saturday 28th November 7.30pm	Western Tiers Film Society	Little Theatre, 2 Meander Valley Rd, Deloraine "Step up to the plate"
Friday 27th November 8.00pm	Kent Furrage + 3 Diva's	Gallery 9, West Barrack St. Deloraine
Saturday 5th December 9.00am - 1.00pm	Deloraine Showground Market	Deloraine Showgrounds, Highland Lakes Rd, Deloraine Phone: 03 6369 5321 or 0409695321
Saturday 5th December 8.00am	Hadspen Lions Car Boot Sale & Market	Lions Park, end of Main Street, Hadspen \$10 per space Contact Leigh 0418 138 035
Saturday 5th December 2.00pm	Kent Furrage with Don Chorale - "Messiah"	Gallery 9, West Barrack St. Deloraine
Sunday 6th December 7.00pm	Annual Westbury Carols on the Green	Westbury Town Hall. Call Brian Morgan 0419 933 938 to discuss your interest in singing, dancing, puppetry.
Wednesday 9th December 2.00-3.00pm	Cancer Council - Deloraine Outreach Service	Deloraine RSL, 12 West Church Street Ph:Richard 6341 8407
Saturday 12th December 7.30pm	Western Tiers Film Society	Little Theatre, 2 Meander Valley Rd, Deloraine "The Illusionist"
Saturday 12th December 9.00am - 1.00pm	Mole Creek Market	Mole Creek Memorial Hall \$10 per table – for bookings and enquiries call Leanne on 0409 713 240
Saturday 12th December 8.30am	Deloraine Farmers Market	MG Trading Car Park, 2 Racecourse Drive, Deloraine
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NETBALL

DELORAINE DEVILS Netball Club have been representing the Deloraine and greater Meander Valley community in the Northern Tasmania Netball Association (NTNA) for 9 years.

In 2016 they will be celebrating their 10 year anniversary season.

Starting with just one team, the club continues to grow and prosper and this season have fielded three teams across multiple divisions in the NTNA.

The Deloraine Devils

Netball Club gives local women a pathway to further their netball through playing, umpiring and officiating.

The 2015 season was particularly successful for the Deloraine Division 5 team, coached by Louise Hanson.

The ladies played an extremely competitive Grand Final game against Clovers Netball Club to come away Premiers, in a 48-45 points victory.

Deloraine 'Centre' Brooke Elmer enjoyed additional success, being named the Most Valuable Player in the Final and also equal runner-up Best and Fairest for the Division 5 season.

Furthermore, Dani Creswell (Division 3) and Emily Frost

(Division 9) also achieved Top 5 finishes in their respective divisions Best and Fairest awards for the season.

If your sporting club has some news to share, send it to editor@meandervalleygazette.com

Deloraine Devils Division 5 Team Photo.
Back (L-R)- Leah Earley, Teegan Philpott, Melinda Bramich, Jordan Kenney & Amy Groves
Front (L-R)- Melanie Sparks, Brooke Elmer, Sophie Squires & Louise Hanson (Coach)
Photo by: Hannah Earley



SPORT

Photo by: Mike Moores

RICHARD IS THE WHEEL DEAL



By David Claridge

HADSPEN SKATEPARK came alive recently with enthusiasts taking part in a skateboard workshop.

Melbourne skateboarder Richard Flude and his business partner, Devonport's former junior Olympian, Rachel Delphin, hosted the event.

"It's school holidays and it was about having free

activities for participants that would allow new people to get involved in skateboarding," Mr Flude said.

"We bought boards and helmets, played some music and had a lot of the locals come throughout the day who picked up the boards and we were there to provide the expertise."

"In the afternoon we had Best Trick Comp: 1st. Lachlan

Lee, 18, Relbia; 2nd. Thomas Grey, 20, Beaumaris; 3rd. Sam Bartley, 16, Hadspen. "They were really good," he said.

Richard has some advice for those who are interested in taking up skateboarding.

"What you find when people first step on the board is that they go gung-ho and don't know how to step on it right, that's usually when the worst injuries can happen."

"It's all about standing wide and being relatively ambidextrous so you could be looking one way then you could be looking the other way and your stance would be pretty even."

"Also, not to be too tense and fearful, better off to go loose and into a roll to avoid breaking your wrist," he said.

Richard and Rachel are part of *Ownlife*, their

Facebook page says that "*Ownlife* represents the colourful, unique journey every one of us travels. Skateboards and events are our preferred medium to spread the awesomeness."

There have been other workshops recently around the state, including Latrobe and Port Sorell.



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