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Carl Bonk travelled from Victoria with his mini modified 'aftershock' to demonstrate some powerful moves at the Deloraine Apex 'tractor pull' event, Red Hills.

TREVALLYN DAM UPGRADE RUNS AROUND THE CLOCK

By David Claridge

A COMPLEX PROJECT is to be undertaken at the Trevallyn Dam from January to March, as Hydro Tasmania plan to replace three large dewatering valves.

The valves, installed into the dam when it was built in the 1950's have reached the end of their life and need to be replaced so that Hydro Tasmania can continue to safely release water and manage the

level of Lake Trevallyn.

Project Manager Andrew Rumsby will be overseeing the project.

"The most critical decision was to undertake the work during summer. We recognise this is a popular time for recreation users and visitors but it is also when there is the lowest chance of high rainfall and spill," Mr Rumsby said in a media release.

This project has been in the works for

many months, Hydro Tasmania has consulted people who live near Trevallyn Dam, to better understand how their work may impact the locals and what can be done to minimise it.

"Users of the surrounding area may experience some inconvenience as a result of the work.

We will endeavour to minimise this wherever possible, but there will be some

unavoidable impacts to ensure workers' safety, and we apologise in advance for any inconvenience," said Mr Rumsby.

"The safety of our people and the general public is a top priority and we have taken a number of actions to ensure their safety, and to protect the worksite during this project.

"We will be working around the clock so the

project can be completed as quickly as possible, but will limit noisy activities to daytime hours."

An impact on the flow through the Cataract Gorge is expected from mid-January to mid-February when the highest risk work is being undertaken. As a result, Lake Trevallyn will be below the normal summer level.

Hydro Tasmania recognises this is a busy period for visitors to

Cataract Gorge downstream from the dam.

As such, they will implement measures to ensure any flow stoppages avoid peak times when there will be the highest number of people enjoying the Gorge.

Information about the valve upgrade can be found on Hydro Tasmania's website: www.hydro.com.au/energy/upgrades-and-maintenance.

In My Opinion...

By Joanne Eisemann
Managing Editor

ONE OF THE things I enjoy about living in a rural area is listening to the practical wisdom of farmers.

A couple of years ago a neighbouring farmer explained climate change in the simplest way I'd ever heard.

He said, "the trouble is we've taken huge amounts of carbon from the earth and we've stuck it up there in the atmosphere. If we want climate change to slow down we have to work out a way of putting all that carbon back into the earth."

While reducing carbon emissions is certainly something we need to be thinking and acting about, sequestering carbon back into the soil is equally, if not more important. Yet the talk about this part of the equation is barely a whisper.

Why aren't Australians doing more to address this issue, especially as, per capita, we are the largest emitters of carbon into the atmosphere?

Apparently it is because we are in danger of damaging our economy. To me, this

argument makes little sense.

Climate change is already costing the economy plenty each year.

Think about how much an extreme weather event costs to residents, councils, and state and federal governments; and all of us indirectly through our insurance premiums.

Horrific fires and weather events are now occurring just about everyday in Australia let alone across the rest of the globe - and the cost of each one is phenomenal.

That is just the tip of the iceberg as far as cost is concerned. Growing conditions are becoming so tough and so unpredictable for farmers that food prices will inevitably rise.

Then you've got sea level rise and all the coastal mega dollar properties that are slowly becoming more and more unsafe to live in.

If we really care about our economy then urgent action is needed.

There is a lot of talk about innovation at the moment. Let's get creative about solving this problem; otherwise, I think, we are in for a rather uncomfortable future in more ways than one!

Greg wants 'money back' to help solve litter problem

By Marguerite McNeill

THE INCIDENCE of rubbish tossed out onto roadways annoys Western Tiers MLC Greg Hall so much that he has been lobbying for years to find a way that will make us all help to clean it up.

Mr Hall believes that Tasmania's Clean Green status is being hidden behind the far less worthy image as the most litter strewn state in the nation.

Many of us will remember the days when picking up empty drink bottles and cans was a handy way of making a bit of pocket money.

In the 60's, refunds on

in Tasmania since 2005.

He welcomed the article in last month's *Meander Valley Gazette* prompted by Simon Williams' concern about litter and the visual image of roadside litter that brought the ugly truth into the public eye.

"I am a keen road cyclist," Mr Hall said.

"So I do get the opportunity to have a good look at just what is on the sides of the roads. And it is a horror show."

Concerned by the apparent apathy of Government, Mr Hall believes that the introduction of a Container Deposit Scheme for Tasmania is long overdue.

He cited the success of



Greg Hall in his Deloraine office demonstrates a simple solution to the roadside rubbish problem in Tasmania

containers could be collected at milk bars. Then it became quite a serious business proposition when a bag full was taken to the recycling yard.

Some older people made a business out of collecting the receptacles. And the man at the yard was everybody's best friend when he doled out the cash.

Nowadays, people in Tassie don't get any money for picking up empty containers. Somewhere in the past few decades the collection scheme changed and the Government of today reckons that the cost of running it is just too dear.

In today's world, a lot of thoughtless people just toss those unwanted items out the window and our Tasmanian landscape is being despoiled by tonnes of unsightly litter.

Mr Hall has been lobbying for the introduction of a Container Deposit Scheme for Tasmania since initiating the debate in Government four years ago and is appalled by the figures of the Keep Australia Beautiful campaign that show a 24 percent increase in littering

South Australia's container deposit scheme that after years of operation now sees almost 80 percent of all containers sold being returned.

In today's world, a lot of thoughtless people just toss those unwanted items out the window and our Tasmanian landscape is being despoiled by tonnes of unsightly litter.

The Northern Territory's newer scheme is also gaining momentum with more than 50 percent of containers returned.

New South Wales plans to have the scheme up and running by 2017 and Queensland will follow soon after.

Mr Hall believes it is time Tasmania added its name to the list.

He believes that as well as reducing the incidence of littering, a container deposit scheme would provide a happy source of income to many people and organisations within the state.

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Letters In...

WHILE TRAVELLING with my husband around beautiful Tasmania on holiday recently, I was impressed and surprised by two things.

Firstly, what a truly lovely place Tassie is, where every turn in the road opens up a new vista.

Second, was the discovery of the *Meander Valley Gazette* and its unique blend of community news and very professional presentation.

I wish the MVG was my local paper. I have arranged for a friend to send me regular copies of your great newspaper.

Jenny Clark, Brisbane

IT WAS great to read about Simon Williams taking action to clean up our rural roads in the December edition of *Meander Valley Gazette*

I have long felt upset about the growing litter problem we have in Tasmania. It seems there is rubbish everywhere you go and nothing much is being done.

How dare we call ourselves clean and green.

When it comes to honouring service to the community why do we never seem to acknowledge wonderful people like Simon.

This fine young man puts his money where his mouth is and gets on with doing a great job.

Good on you Simon.

Peter, Prospect Vale

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Bill Frost surveys some of the collectables in his yard. Inset: Bill as he shares stories about his many experiences

Photos by: Mike Moores

BILL FROST - A 'WONDER OF WESTBURY'

By Joanne Eisemann

TRAVELLING OUT of Westbury towards the Bass Highway, you may have noticed pieces of antique furniture sitting in front of a paling fence. That would be Bill Frost's place.

Collecting for 25 years, Bill says, "It's all about recycling... I never throw anything out."

"I bought the house in 1964, I've lived in Westbury all me life, I'm 73", shares Bill, adding, "we'd been going together for about 4 years and we thought we'd better

save up for a house. I said to the missus how much have you got in the bank? She said two hundred quid, and I had a hundred, I had a pretty good job as a shearer and we rolled that over into cattle and sheep that we ran in the back blocks of Westbury. In two years we paid cash for the place."

Bill started his collection when he contracted chronic fatigue syndrome.

"I couldn't shear anymore so started collecting...the only day I didn't wag school was woodwork day. I used to love woodwork, so when I come

right, I thought 'I wont go back to work now, my back'll only get hurt some more; I'll just go in for restoring a bit of furniture' and that's where it all started and I've been doing it ever since."

"It's all about recycling...I never throw anything out."

"There is something here for everybody", says Bill of his eclectic mix, "even these rusty beds, some people like to put them in their garden or make gates out of them."

Everything, from wooden wheelbarrows, red telephone boxes and wagon wheels to old farming equipment, furniture and even a level crossing signal adorns the landscape Bill calls home.

Over the years community attitudes have changed towards Bill's collection.

"At one stage a chap told me they were going to try and kick me out or stop me doing this; in the end the judge gave me a special dealers licence."

"Another time they sent me some letters, 'you are having too many garage sales',

so I goes round to the council, pulled the license out and say 'well, you read that mate', so they read it and said, 'oh yeah you'll be right then.'"

These days Bill receives accolades from the locals.

In 2012 as part of 'Westbury Week', he was named a "Wonder of Westbury" and received a certificate saying as much.

Again, in 2014, the Sustainable Community Awards recognised him as 'A community collectable icon with his unique varied collection, community 'do drop in' & unofficial visitor tour guide.'

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Narelle Whatley and Ros Albiston survey the extension under construction at Deloraine House

New driver, same direction for 'the house'

By Joanne Eisemann

SADLY, DELORAINE is saying farewell to one of its 'movers and shakers' of recent years.

Due to health and family reasons, Ros Albiston, Coordinator at Deloraine House, is taking early retirement and moving to Hobart.

"I'm rapt that I'm not going before the extension is in process. I'd put that at the top of my list, getting this new space", says Ros of the things achieved in her time managing Deloraine House.

The extension was something 'the house' has been saving to construct but, as luck would have it, only a small amount was needed thanks to State Government

capital funding to Neighbourhood houses for upgrades.

Another milestone was taking over management of the Community Garden from the Regional Health Service and getting more people involved. A Colony 47 aboriginal community group has been involved for over a year now.

"It's satisfying to have broader involvement with the aboriginal community than just the one-off projects we've had previously", comments Ros.

"Another category I've developed is partnerships with a whole range of other service providers for all sorts of different one-off and longer term projects. There is a lot more of that happening."

One of those is the social

enterprise project, again funded by the state government, looking at what social enterprises can be developed around improving people's access to affordable and healthy food.

Her successor, Narelle Whatley, lives locally and in the past has worked with a local school as the school social worker.

More recently her work has been in the area of family violence in both practical and teaching capacities. Thrilled and a little daunted by her new position, Narelle explains, "I know that I'm moving into something that has been well built"; she adds, "the plan at this stage is to continue the good work that Ros has done and build on it where I can."

MEANDER VALLEY - GET INVOLVED

LEARNING ABOUT computers is not easy for everybody. That is one of the reasons online centres were set up around the state over fifteen years ago.

Over the years many people have admitted that learning about computers has been scary for them. The fear for new users continues even today.

Three times per year online centres with generous assistance from the state government and a partnership with

TAFE are able to offer FREE 3-month beginner courses in computing known as 'Computing Foundations.'

The learning environment is tailored as far as possible to meet each learner's needs and teachers have lots of patience.

Contact your local online centre for more info: Bracknell, Tuesday and Thursday 6397 3637; Deloraine, Tuesday to Thursday 6362 3537; and Mole Creek, 6363 2030 Monday and Tuesday.

IN THE GARDEN WITH NELL CARR

AS MOST of the vegetables planned for autumn and winter harvest need not be sown until late February, gardeners with water problems should hold off sowing until predicted good rains fall.

This includes the brassicas, apart from cauliflower, which should be in before the end of January.

Carrots and parsnips, silver beet and beetroot, can all wait until late February, and leeks until the end of March.

Bean fly. For the first time the depredations of bean fly have been noticed in gardens at the Western end of Meander Valley.

Signs are the dropping of the larger leaves at the tops of the plants, first blamed on birds, but continuing after nets have been placed over the young seedlings.

Reference to books seems to implicate the bean fly, normally only a pest in tropical and sub tropical districts.

According to Yates Garden Guide, the 'small adult fly lays eggs on the leaves and the

larvae ...tunnel into the young stems which swell and break.' The Guide recommends spraying with Rogor at weekly intervals until flowering.

In the ornamental garden. Callistemon citrinus (pictured), the Lemon scented Bottlebrush, has withstood the dry summer with only the very sparse spring and summer rainfall.

This is a native of the Eastern mainland states. Tasmanian Bottlebrushes don't run to bright red flowers.

All species should be trimmed back after flowering.

Non native species which have survived the dry are the spectacular silver Eryngium giganteum "Miss Wilmot's Ghost" (Sea holly), and the extremely hardy Agapanthus, a plant so beloved of earlier planners of public gardens, but now not recommended because of its propensity to become invasive.

To prevent this, spent flowers should be removed before they start shedding seed.



Stately tractors and macho modifieds

By Joanne Eisemann

DUST WAS flying and ears were covered as the Apex 5th annual Tractor Pull got underway recently at Red Hills.

"It was a perfect day for it," commented Apex Deloraine, President and eventual 'modifieds' class winner, Danny Saltmarsh.

"Apex was looking for something to do with the ground; Tas Tractor Pulling Association were looking for another venue up this way so we got on board, built the track, and it's been going for 5 years now."

The aim is for tractors to

pull a sled along a prepared track as far as they can up to 100m.

"100m is called a 'full pull'", adds Danny.

Whoever pulls the sledge the most metres over four 'pulls' is declared the winner of that class. "If everyone starts to get too far, they put more weight in the sledge to slow it down", explains Danny.

The weight can be up to fifteen tons and is varied by using water to fill the sledge, adding another element of difficulty, "as you go forward the weight comes forward and makes it harder to pull."

Sixteen classes were run over two days, including a lawn mower class for kids.

Local winners included Brayden Johnston, 51, of Meander - 60hp with his Inter A554; Gerard Gelston, 61, of Red Hills - 70hp Chamb 236; Theo Cresswell, 86, of Deloraine - 110hp Chamb 40K; Andrew Moore of Exton winning the heavy ute class with his landcruiser V8 and Tim Cresswell of Deloraine taking honors in the Open Class with a Tw 25.

Another attraction was the mini modifieds.

"We decided we needed

something a bit better to get the crowd in, so it's the second year we brought the mainlanders over", shares Danny.

Unlike the other vehicles at the event, these are just for fun and are not used on

farms. They bring their own 7 ton sled with them; "there is a lot more who want to come but the cost of bringing the vehicles over the stretch of water is prohibitive."

See picture front page.



Wayne and Vicki Bellinger with 1934 Ford Tudor (350 chev engine) and 1968 Mini Cooper S. Both cars will be at the Deloraine Car show Photo by: Mike Moores

His and Hers hotrods

SUNDAY 21ST February 2016 is the don't-miss date for the inaugural Deloraine Street Car Show!

On display in the town centre will be a wide variety of pre-1988 muscle cars, classic and custom cars and motorcycles.

Local business owners have organised this exciting event for Tassie, inspired by the iconic 'Cooly Rocks' event in Coolangatta, Queensland. It is primarily aimed at classic car and motoring enthusiasts, but will also showcase Deloraine as a destination of choice for state-wide and interstate visitors.

In this pedestrian-only, family-friendly static display, show vehicles will be angle parked along both sides of the street. Kids can bounce away in the jumping castle while Mum and Dad enjoy the vehicles.

Treat yourself to delecta-

ble refreshments from Deloraine's excellent hotels and cafés, to the background of live music played throughout the day by Ben and Josh Tome at the Rotunda in the cool, shady riverbank park.

"In this pedestrian-only, family-friendly static display, show vehicles will be angle parked along both sides of the street."

DJ Jack will spin nostalgia from the 50s - 70s at the top of the main street along with Kitty Martini and the Tom Collins Trio.

Emu Bay Road will be closed to traffic between Deloraine Hotel and ANZ Bank roundabouts from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Through-traffic will be well signposted, via West Barrack and Parsonage Streets.

All business owners in the

main street and surrounding areas are encouraged to open for the day to maximise the festive shop-front atmosphere for visitors.

Entry is by a note donation, of which a portion will this year be directed to the worthy Meander Valley SES, which is assisting in running this event.

Over a hundred vehicles have registered so far, but there is room for more.

Perhaps you have a treasured special interest vehicle in your own garage? Now is the time to buff it up and enter it for this event! Enquiries are welcome. Call Karl Mansfield on 0438 007 308 or Grant Evans on 0408 133 421. Mark your calendar!

Don't miss this relaxing, enjoyable day out. Take a stroll down memory lane.

Those enviable classic cars and retro music are sure to stir up many a story to tell over a latté or an icy beverage!

The perfect mix for Mole Creek Pool



ON SUNDAY 20th December Mr Leon Porter, CEO of Sibelco, presented a generous donation to the Mole Creek pool committee.

This donation was gratefully accepted by Ms Patsy Scott, President of the Mole Creek Swimming Association Inc., and has been used to purchase a pool self-chlorinator.

The swimming pool, known as the Jack Cox Memorial Pool, has been in operation for nearly 30 years.

During this time the chemical balance has been attended to manually on a daily basis from members of

the pool committee.

There have been combined efforts from members of the Swimming Pool Committee and the Progress Association of Mole Creek with several working bees to get the pool up and running for this summer.

Sibelco have been ongoing supporters for many years and this contribution to the community will be most welcomed by the many children and adults who enjoy this popular recreational facility.

The Swimming Pool Christmas Stocking raffle was also drawn and Leah Blair of Mole Creek held the winning ticket.

The swimming pool committee would welcome any donations, big or small, as the maintenance of the pool relies heavily on sponsors and donations.

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New community transport option



Bus coordinator, Eve Taylor, receives the keys of the new bus from Joe of Gowans Toyota Devonport

By Joanne Eisemann

THANKS TO A generous grant from the Deloraine and Districts Community Bank, Westbury has a new community bus.

"We'd been hearing from quite a few people that there was a need for additional community transport," says Annette Barrett, Manager of Westbury Community Health Centre.

A change in government guidelines for use of government-owned vehicles meant that much of the transport previously available to community groups was gone.

"We put a submission into Bendigo Bank which was successful and wonderful. That was back in May," shares Annette.

She added, "In the interim, bus licensing and accreditation requirements were changed. So, although we had the funding, we had to jump through quite a few hoops.

You have to be almost a public vehicle operator; that process has taken quite a few months. The bus has been backwards and forwards to Melbourne a couple of times."

Most of the funding came from the Community Bank who contributed \$38,500. MV Council chipped in \$2000, Deloraine Health Association added \$2,000 and the Westbury Community Health Centre contributed \$10,000.

Annette explains, "We don't want it booked up for regular users. The idea is for flexible users to have access. So, for example, Deloraine House, Blokes Day Out, Meander Valley Women on the Move, Scouts groups, exercise groups, U3A...those sort of groups who have difficulty accessing transport at the moment.

"It's coming today and they are fighting over who can use it tomorrow. Its first big trip is likely to be to Flinders Island, taking some young people to a MV Council Stepping Stones camp. Some youth from Meander Valley are going to spend time with some youth from Flinders Island to assist with the transition of going to college in Launceston."

To book the bus, call Eve Taylor on 6701 2150.

Men of Meander sing at Chudleigh Hall

GRAB YOUR chance to see 'Meander Men' sing at the Chudleigh Hall on 22nd of January as part of the Australia wide 'Festival of Small Halls'.

All talented musicians in their own right, 'Meander Men' came together around ten years ago to encourage boys at Meander Primary School to sing.

As in many schools, a reluctance to sing was prevalent amongst boys. Meander Men served to make singing cool for boys at school.

Boys from the school even began participating in singing festivals in Hobart.

Meander Men has stayed loosely together since then, with some members leaving and new ones joining.

Performances are rare but hearty, and offer the unique quality only a group of men singing together can provide.

The program will also feature 'The East Pointers' folk music exports from Canada, and Liz Stringer, nationally acclaimed singer and songwriter.

Council is subsidising this concert. \$10.00 for 12 years and under; \$15.00 for 13 years and over. Tickets are available at Council offices, Lyall St Westbury or online at festivalofsmallhalls.com



App for asthma relief

IF YOU have asthma, hay fever or another lung condition that affects your breathing you could benefit from the new AirRater app.

AirRater is a free smartphone app that gives you daily information about possible local environmental triggers for these conditions.

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tal triggers emerge, the app will notify you of these triggers and provide alerts when these are high.

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You can download the free app from www.airrater.org

Funded by the Australian Government through the Sense-T program, the AirRater project is conducted by researchers from the Menzies Institute for Medical Research, University of Tasmania, Australia National University, Tasmania EPA and CSIRO.

The AirRater app will not provide any medical advice. The management of the user's medical conditions will remain the responsibility of their usual doctor or health professional.

Making hay the old fashioned way

IN THESE days of automation and mass production, it's really nice to see some of the old ways persisting.

At one time, all hay was made in the fashion pictured right but now, due to the manual labour required, only those farmers keen to make high quality chaff use this method.

The oat crop is cut as normal. Along comes a binding machine, gathers the cut oats into bundles (about the size of a good armful) and ties them with string.

The bundles, called 'sheaves', are stacked into small piles called 'stooks' which are designed to let the

air flow through to dry the hay thoroughly.

Once dry, the stooks are picked up and stored in sheds or cut straightaway for chaff using a chaffcutter.

Hay that is cut, dried and stored properly, remains good quality food stuff for years.

Timing of hay cutting is critical in producing chaff of the highest quality. Hay is cut when the grain heads are in a watery ripe stage. This ensures that the majority of the plants nutrients are preserved in the stalk, increasing the palatability of the final product.

Chaff made from stooked hay is reputed to be the highest quality available.



Stooks of oaten hay start the drying process, near Exton

Photo Mike Moores



Photo by: Mike Moores

Florida Rickart, Michael Hall, Marjan Spencer all of Westbury enjoy a spot of croquet on the 'green'

From croquet to crosswords at U3A

CROQUET IS a sport that involves hitting plastic or wooden balls with a mallet through hoops embedded in a grass playing court. It became highly popular as a social pastime in England during the 1860s.

It's one of the many things on offer in this year's Meander Valley U3A programme. Other activities include tennis, bushwalking or more sedate pursuits like memoir writing, philosophy in film, cryptic crosswords, arts and crafts.

These are just some of the groups and classes being offered in 2016 by Meander Valley U3A.

MVU3A is the local version of a worldwide vol-

unteer organisation providing learning and social opportunities for the retired and semi-retired in the community.

There are no entry requirements, testing, or awards – just the enjoyment and personal challenge of trying a new skill or attaining new knowledge in a supportive environment while making new friends along the way.

U3A is also about sharing learning. People with a passion or interest to pass on are invited to lead a group.

Art classes proved particularly popular in 2015 and U3A is looking for mentors in this area.

The search for new activities to offer our keen members

from Mole Creek to Prospect Vale is ongoing.

The full program of classes for 2016 will be released in the middle of January, with personal membership and enrolment day on Tuesday 2nd February from 11.00am to 1.00pm at the Westbury Town Hall Supper Room.

People who become U3A members can attend any number of classes, and classes start on 15th February.

Keep up-to-date with everything through the Meander Valley U3A website: www.mvu3a.org or their Facebook page.

If you would like to be added to the emailing list, email meandervalleyu3a@gmail.com

Poodle finds a purchase

By Sara Fawcett

AS READERS of the November issue will be aware, the Mole Creek Hall Market has been recently established on Saturdays by members of the Mole Creek Hall Committee.

Initially, it was only being trialled for 4 months up to the next market day on 16th January, but due to huge success it has been extended until at least May.

The Mole Creek Hall Committee is a not-for-profit organisation. Funds raised from table fees, trade table, raffle and food prepared by the kitchen are all returned to the Hall to cover upkeep for these markets and other community events.

Leanne Stephens, coordinator of the market, is a local citizen with plenty of experience in the business of buying and selling at markets.

"I lived and raised my now adult children within the Mole Creek area many years ago," Leanne said. "I buy and

sell jewellery and have been trading my items at Deloraine Market for the last 7 years, and at other markets such as Mole Creek."

Leanne was happy to take on the role of coordinating and running the new market as a way of giving back to the community and developing an interesting Saturday event for the village.

"The market is run by volunteers – the members of the hall committee and myself who come together and prepare for the market, working to put on something wonderful for the town," Leanne said.

With the encouragement they have gained so far, they are excited to announce the possibility of the market continuing throughout the next year.

"I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has helped in any way. We have really enjoyed the days and met some beautiful people," she said.



Poodle, Leon Palfrey 13 of Chudleigh, decides on a purchase at the Mole Creek Market. Photo by: Mike Moores

Phoning for fire safety at Golden Valley

EARLY THIS SUMMER in 2015, Suzette Harrison the Community Development Officer from Tasmania Fire Service held a community get-together in Golden Valley on Bush Fire Awareness and Preparedness.

A topic of discussion on the

day was the establishment of a Community Phone Tree and a plan was initiated.

Suzette travelled from Burnie on numerous occasions throughout the year to guide Golden Valley residents as to how to put together and implement a

Community Phone Tree.

After a plan was made, locals Jan McNally, Niccy Brown and Tony Deckers took on the job of door knocking every household in their area explaining to the residents the advantage of creating an early warning System.

"The response was overwhelming," said Tony

In early December the first trial of the phone tree was conducted. "Within the first 25 minutes over 70% of people were contacted," Tony explained and added, "We know that we will never reach everyone on the list but in a situation of Fire Danger or local emergencies we now know we

can contact almost everyone in our area within the hour."

"This exercise has brought our local community together in spectacular ways. Many of us now know our neighbours better, and some we have never met. We have a common goal in helping each other protect our loved ones and property as well as assisting our neighbours too."

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Mayor's Message

CHRISTMAS AND New Year are over for another year. I hope that everyone had a happy and safe festive season.

WE ARE ALREADY mid-January and Australia Day is fast approaching. This year I will be once again attending the Chudleigh and Westbury Australia Day breakfasts. These events epitomise what I love about Australia and Australia Day – the chance to spend time with friends, family and the broader community to celebrate what makes us Australian.

In the afternoon, Council will hold its annual Australia Day Celebration. It's a special event where we announce the winners of our Australia Day Awards and I feel privileged to be a part of it again this year.

WHAT'S YOUR VISION for Deloraine? This year, Council is preparing a 20 year development plan for Deloraine with the help of an external consultancy. We want to hear from the Deloraine community as part of this process. Council is holding

two community workshops as well as providing an on-line survey and other opportunities to give feedback.

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage residents of Deloraine and those who have an interest in the future of the town to get involved and have your say. (See main article over page for further details).

THIS ONE'S FOR all the car enthusiasts! Council is pleased to be able to support the inaugural Deloraine Street Car Show through its Community Grants Program. The 21 February show will include classic and custom cars pre-1988, live music as well as entertainment for the kids. I'm sure the atmosphere will be humming in Deloraine on that Sunday.

AND JUST A reminder to continue to be fire-wise. It is so important we all understand our responsibilities during the fire season. Visit www.fire.tas.gov.au to keep up to date with local conditions.

Mayor Craig Perkins

Council Updates



Australia Day

YOU ARE WARMLY invited to attend Council's Australia Day celebrations on Tuesday 26 January 2016 and enjoy an afternoon of entertainment and celebrations at Country Club Tasmania from 2pm to 4pm (followed by light refreshments).

This will include the presentation of Australia Day Awards to the Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Community Event of the Year and Sports Award. Volunteer Recognition certificates will also be awarded and a Citizenship Ceremony will be held. Entertainment will be provided by the Meander Valley Choir. If you would like to attend please RSVP to Merrilyn on 6393 5317, as seating is limited.

THE ROTARY CLUB of Westbury's annual Australia Day Breakfast will start from 7.30am at the Westbury RSL Club opposite the Village Green. Entry is \$12 per person or \$25 for a family. Proceeds will go to supporting the Westbury Community Health Centre and White Lion Youth Programs for the Meander Valley Community.

THE ANNUAL CHUDLEIGH Australia Day Breakfast is on from 8.00am at the Chudleigh Memorial Hall. Cost is \$15.00 per person, under 10s are free. Come along and enjoy a healthy breakfast and support your community. All proceeds will go towards Hall maintenance and upgrades.

Hadspen Playground back in action!

FEDERAL MEMBER FOR Bass, Andrew Nikolic and Mayor Craig Perkins officially opened the replacement play equipment at the Hadspen Recreation Ground in December.

The new playground replaces the original equipment that was vandalised a year ago.

The equipment caters for

children between the ages of 2 and 10 in the Hadspen area.

The community provided feedback on their preferred equipment options through online survey and face to face consultation.

'We had such a great response to our replacement play equipment survey. It is clear that the play area at the Recreation Ground is very important to the Hadspen community,' said Mayor Perkins.

The project was jointly funded by Council and the

Federal Government's Stronger Communities Program.

'Meander Valley Council's Hadspen Recreation Ground Playground project received a \$10,000 grant, which required an equal or greater contribution from the applicant organisation,' said Mr Nikolic.

I'm delighted that this important community facility has been restored under the Stronger Communities Program and commend Meander Valley Council on its completion.'



Federal Member for Bass, Andrew Nikolic and Mayor Craig Perkins in action at the opening of the replacement play equipment at Hadspen.

Did you purchase a portable pool for your family this Christmas?



YOU ARE PROBABLY not aware but there is a good chance that you will need a permit from Council to erect the pool. More importantly you may also require a safety barrier around the pool.

As we know pools are great fun, but when they are unsupervised they can also be a danger to children. Throughout Australia a number of pool safety regulatory controls have been developed to protect children.

A good information resource about pool safety is the 'Keep Watch' website, which can be found at www.homepoolsafety.com.au

In Tasmania, legislation states that a building permit and a pool safety barrier are

required for any pool, spa, ornamental pond or any similar water body:

- larger than 9 square metres in area; or
- larger than 3.3 metres in diameter requires; and
- capable of retaining water to a depth of 300 millimetres.

Any constructed water body under this size, but still capable of holding water to a depth of 300 millimetres, does not require a building permit but it does require a pool safety barrier.

The regulations for the design, manufacture and erection of pool safety barriers are quite complex.

There is an Australian Standard dedicated to the subject, but it is recommended that you contact a certified pool fence supplier to confirm the requirements for your property.

Contact Council's Development Services Department if you have any questions or would like any further information.

Diary Dates

Meandering Art Exhibition
Country Club Tasmania
Until 14 February 2016
Chudleigh Show
20 February 2016
Deloraine Street Car Show
21 February 2016
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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 Memorial Hall
Third Saturday of the month
Westbury Market,
St Andrews Church
Third Saturday of the month

Community News

Festival of Small Halls



DON'T MISS OUT! Get your tickets now to Council's special community concert, 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 Coun-

cil, Arts Deloraine and the Woodford and Cygnet Folk Festivals.

It promises to be a rare evening of pulsating folk music and song. The show starts at 7.00 pm with a BBQ and Bar from 5.30 pm.

Tickets are limited and subsidised so secure yours as soon as you can.

Available now, \$10.00 (12 and under) and \$15.00 (13 and over), from Council's Westbury office, telephone 6393 5300 or online at www.festivalofsmallhalls.com

Water quality monitored for your peace of mind

COUNCIL WILL SAMPLE the water quality at the four popular recreational swimming locations listed below until March. This is to ensure the water is safe for public use and most importantly, human health.

- **Meander River**
Egmont Reserve
Birrale Rd, Westbury

- **Liffey River**
The Esplanade
Off Louisa St, Bracknell
- **South Esk River**
Lions Park
Off Main St, Hadspen
- **Lake Trevallyn**
Blackstone Park Dr
Off Kelsey Rd, Blackstone
If required, public health warnings will be issued via signage at the site, as well as on our website and Facebook page.

If you have any enquiries regarding Recreational Water Quality contact Council's Environmental Health Officers.



COUNCIL IS PREPARING an Outline Development Plan for Deloraine and we'd like

to hear from you.

The Plan will be a very important document as it will provide a blueprint for development of the town over the next twenty years.

Planning specialists, JMG Engineers & Planners, have been commissioned to prepare the Plan and, together with Council, will be conducting the following community workshops at

the Community Complex, Alveston Drive, Deloraine:

- **4 February**
BBQ 5.30pm – 6.00pm
Workshop 6.00pm – 8.00pm
- **25 February**
7.00pm – 9.00pm

Whether you prefer to complete a survey or meet face to face there are plenty of ways you can provide feedback.

The online survey is available now on Council's website www.meander.tas.gov.au



Rotary President Rob van der Elst, Mayor Craig Perkins and RSL sub-branch President Peter Ashton unveiling the commemorative plaque. Photo: Mike Moores

Tree planting dedicated to 100 years of ANZAC

A PLAQUE COMMEMORATING 100 Years of ANZAC was unveiled in Deloraine in December.

Collaboration between the Rotary Club of Deloraine, Meander Valley Council and the Deloraine RSL sub-branch has resulted in over 30 trees being planted at Deloraine's top roundabout, at the Mole Creek Main Road junction, as well as the

installation of a rock plinth with a commemorative plaque.

In time, the trees will provide an attractive avenue welcoming travellers to Deloraine. They will provide shade in summer as well as colour in both Spring and Autumn.

'This very practical act of remembrance, initiated by two of our district's most

prominent organisations gives real meaning to the words on the plaque, namely, 'Lest we Forget', commented RSL Sub Branch President Peter Ashton

'Council is proud to have partnered with both Rotary and the RSL on this project to commemorate such a significant event in our Nation's history,' said Mayor Craig Perkins.



Paddle safe this summer

DO YOU OR your family paddle a recreational kayak or canoe?

A Paddle Safe Program has been developed to improve the knowledge and skills of paddlers who have had little or no formal training. This free 90 minute session covers general water

safety, weather reports, safety equipment and correct paddling techniques.

Two Paddle Safe Programs will take place on the Meander River in Deloraine on Wednesday 27 January 2016 beginning at 12.00 noon and 5.00 pm respectively.

Participants are encouraged to bring their own boats and life jackets although some will be available.

These programs are intended for all ages over 12 years, although younger children may participate with parental supervision.

To register, contact patrick.gambles@mvc.tas.gov.au or call 6393 5300. This opportunity is provided through a partnership between Marine and Safety Tasmania, Meander Valley Council and Surf Life Saving Tasmania.



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Photo by Mike Moores

Smibert, The Tate and Turner

By Wai Lin Coultas

MEANDER VALLEY residents are proud of local painter and art gallery owner, Tony Smibert. But they may be less familiar with Turner, the much-loved 18th – 19th century landscape painter who preserved in watercolour and oils, the essence of the British countryside of his time.

Tony Smibert's private research into Joseph Mallord William Turner's watercolour techniques kept him returning to Tate Britain for 25 years. His findings so impressed this London gallery, that he was appointed an official Visiting Artist Researcher.

"I was very fortunate to meet Dr Joyce Townsend, the Tate Senior Conservation Scientist," shares Tony from his Smibert Studio in Deloraine. "Her doctorate is in Turner's painting techniques. Of how he had laid his paint down ... as a scientific process; not as an artistic one."

Hence, Tony's background as artist and art educator made him an ideal collaborator in her study of what Turner had painted in the 1700s and 1800s. The fruits of their joint labour include the publication of "The Tate Watercolour Manual" and the ongoing process of writing about Turner's oil painting techniques, along with investigations into the painting methods of other

artists during the golden age of British watercolour.

Tony's interest in Turner is anchored in his years' practicing Aikido. "I learnt very quickly that the best way to study anything is to look for and become apprenticed to the greatest master possible," he elaborates. "And Turner is the world's master of western watercolour."

"...it is to endeavour to be as explorative, adventurous, energetic and ground-breaking as he was."

This apprenticeship has taken him to Turner's exact painting locations to compare them to the English painter's actual work. "I make my own sketches there for comparison – to deduce how he did the things that he did," adds Tony. That meant standing on the very spots where Turner had stood to paint the landscapes. And Tony is able to pinpoint those precisely from the thousands of sketches and detailed journals the deceased artist had left behind.

This process has allowed him to get into the mind of the Turner who loved to paint, rather than the romanticised figure historians know.

Consequently, he "can apply Turner's painting techniques as he would have used

them". And if given a new challenge, can approach it the way Turner himself possibly would have.

This mastery, in turn, is driven by the question of why knowledge of Turner's techniques became lost and how Tony's research can restore this breach.

"I am a trained art teacher and I believe it is no good keeping information to myself," he confides. "So the best way for me to learn is to know how I can pass it on to somebody else."

Hence, he has embarked on giving lectures, writing publications and appearing on television and in art museums with 'painting-like-Turner' demonstrations in the United Kingdom and Australia.

All the research and demonstrations have yielded personal benefits. Tony has been artistically inspired by Turner's eventual venture into the abstract.

"The point of studying Turner is not to paint things that look like he had done them. Rather it is to endeavour to be as explorative, adventurous, energetic and ground-breaking as he was."

To make an appointment to view Tony's own artwork, email his Deloraine studio: tony@smibert.com.

Alternatively, call 03 6362 2474 or 0409 474 622.

'High Contrast Tasmania' at the Durham

HIGH CONTRAST Tasmania is an exhibition by emerging local artist, Deborah Lynch.

Her first solo exhibition, following completion of a Bachelor of Contemporary Arts at UTAS, Deborah has lived at Western Creek for over 30 years in the shadows

of Tasmania's 'spine': kooparoonia niara, the Great Western Tiers.

Elemental Artspace's Durham Gallery in Deloraine is the venue from 13th January 2016 until 6th February 2016.

Subject matter is sourced entirely from the 2014

World Heritage extension in the Tiers.

"It is a political project. It situates me in the natural world where I feel the invisible, physical, mental and emotional reminders that I am, but a minute part of a planetary ecosystem," says Deborah.

Melodies in the Marsh

By David Claridge

A NEW, unique event is coming to Jackeys Marsh, 'Marshmelody', a solar powered music and arts festival to be held from 23rd to 25th January.

From the website: 'In the picturesque valley of Jackeys Marsh, beneath the Great Western Tiers, Marshmelody is a sustainable, solar powered music and arts festival for the whole family, showcasing wild, original entertainment, fresh local and organic produce and outstanding boutique Tasmanian beverages.

A great range of Tasmanian and interstate talent will be performing, including Clare Bowditch, Jeff Lang, as well as circus and cabaret performers and the Amazing Drumming Monkeys for the kids.'

Event Co-Director Rory Cadman has been busy preparing the event.

"The focus is on sustainability in all aspects of the festival." Mr Cadman said.

"So we are removing generators and replacing them with a solar power array and battery bank system. Also eliminating waste by using reusable bar cups, plates and eating utensils, as well as not selling anything in cans or bottles."

"We also want to focus on

families. Aside from a music festival we are also a family festival, there will be lots of activities, lots of shows and interactive things they can do," he said.

Marshmelody is taking over from the Jackeys Marsh Forest Festival held in recent years, a community festival that was run as an environmental campaigning event.

"We want to continue to run a festival, but just focus on the music while sticking with the environmental integrity of doing it as sustainably as possible."

"We will have an all Tasmanian bar, with local beer, wine and spirits, and non-alcohol options. Same with the food - local, fresh, organic, Tasmanian."

"Jackeys Marsh is completely surrounded by mountains, forest, world heritage area, isolated from mobile reception, electricity and we're doing something unique which ties in with that landscape."

Camping is included in the cost and people have the option of arriving early on Friday the 23rd of January.

Tickets are for sale on the website marshmelodyfestival.com.au/tickets

Multi-award winning movie

ON 14TH JANUARY, Hobart's famed Museum of Old and New Art celebrated the success of BIRDMAN, the 2015 winner of the Best Picture, Best Director, Best Original Screenplay, Best Cinematography, (Academy Awards), and Best Film, Best Direction, Best Screenplay and Best Actor (AACTA – International), by screening the film after a live performance of the drums-only score by its composer, jazz drummer Antonio Sánchez.

While the Western Tiers Film Society would be hard pressed to offer the same to their audience, they are nevertheless hugely excited to be

screening this hilarious but heart-breaking film, directed by Alejandro González Iñárritu, at the Little Theatre in February. Birdman, a dark satire of show business and fame, is about a washed-up former superhero actor, played by Michael Keaton, and his struggle to make a comeback.

A technical showpiece, it stood out among eight nominees to receive the film industry's highest honours.

Showing at the Little Theatre Cinema on 13th February at 7:30 pm sharp, MA 15+.

To join the WTFS, contact westerntiersfilm-society@gmail.com or call 0418 389 868.



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Duncan Heazlewood of Heazlewood Seeds with white clover seed

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Local seed germinates international trade

By Joanne Eisemann

WALKING AROUND Heazlewood Seeds, you get the sense that they know what they are up to - from the sensitive renovation of the circa 1870 farm shed, now used as offices and reception area, to the construction of the ultra modern seed cleaning facility that will increase output by over a third this season.

It's no wonder, the Whitmore business has been growing and selling seed since the 1930's.

Duncan Heazlewood explains, "about 1980 dad and his brother and father put in the first small cleaning plant here; initially it was just to clean our own seed, then we started doing work for neighbouring farmers and as the seed industry has grown in Tasmania so have we."

With reliable water supply,

Whitmore is one of the best places in Australia for growing seed explains Duncan's father, Brenton. He says most of the seed they clean, dry and export is grown within a fifty kilometre radius of their operation.

From small beginnings the family business is now an international exporter working with major seed companies.

"We will clean anything, but the big products are ryegrass seed, that mostly goes all around Australia for the pasture market, dairy and beef pastures...clover seed, predominantly white clover seed, that's mostly exported to countries like China, Europe and North America and carrot seed, that is all exported to Europe" says Duncan and adds, "The idea is to bring it up to the contract standards

of purity and germination."

After weighing, each paddock of seed delivered to the facility is stored in a separate silo to ensure traceability.

"then we started doing work for neighbouring farmers and as the seed industry has grown in Tasmania so have we."

Weed seeds, straw and light seeds that won't germinate are cleaned from the seed before it is either stored in huge boxes for drying or packed into 25kg bags.

Independent labs then test seed for purity of germination.

"It's all certified seed, each crop is a particular variety developed by a seed company, they own that variety and it is unique from other varieties," explains Duncan.

Once all standards are passed, the seed is tagged, ensuring it can be tracked back to the grower from anywhere in the world.

All this requires meticulous record-keeping throughout the process.

One of the more unusual seeds they clean is buckwheat.

"By volume, buckwheat is quite a small thing for us. A Japanese flour miller came down here and did some work with the DPI about the possibility of growing buckwheat in Tasmania and we were approached to partner with him and that has continued."

Timing is critical in the seed business; harvest starts in December and gets busy in the new year.

"For example, ryegrass will be harvested right through January and we will have it all processed by the end of April.

It's all got to be done to meet the autumn sales; autumn is a big selling period when people are sowing down new pasture."

Slowly expanding over many years, this year Heazlewood has recently taken a leap constructing a huge new 45m x 32m x 9m shed to house two new seed cleaning machines imported from Denmark and a bag stacking machine imported from Holland.

"This will give us increased throughput at the peak period" says Duncan; he estimates production will increase by over a third.

"Timing is critical in the seed business"

"It's been in the planning since this time last year; construction started in September, all our contractors know that we want to be able to put seed through here by Christmas time," Duncan says of the rapid rate in which it's been built.

All self-funded, Heazlewoods are not interested in looking for government assistance with their expansion plans preferring to do it themselves.

Duncan stands in front of the new seed cleaning machines and beside the new bag stacking facility



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Lady Maggie Graves of Weetah and Lynne Staff of Mole Creek prepare for fun on Australia Day

Deloraine dances a different beat on Australia Day

BUSINESSES IN Deloraine are planning an Australia Day celebration on the 26th of January.

Shops will be open and the street will be coming alive in Deloraine on this public holiday.

"There will be Artisans in Action at various studios on Emu Bay Rd", said Jeanette from The Alpaca Shop.

"I've walked up and down the street asking shop keepers if they'll open on that day and I've had a really enthusiastic response.

There's networking in process and ideas flowing to make the day worth coming to Deloraine for."

To join in or find out more contact Jeanette at the Alpaca Shop on 6362 2420.

As an added attraction, the Little Laneway Fringe Festival will be happening again between Seppenfelts and The Empire Hotel.

If you missed it during The Craft Fair now it is your chance to catch Live Performing Arts in the laneway and spilling out onto the street.

Musicians, poets, buskers, performers are all welcome.

Call Seppenfelts beforehand on 6362 4242 to get your name on the programme or keep your ears and eyes open for the open mic sessions and blackboard concerts.

If numbers are sufficient, Anthony form Keep the Beat will run a drumming workshop.

"We had such a good response from the Little Laneway event during the Craft Fair, that we're happy for an excuse to do it all again," said Isabel from Seppenfelts.

"We're celebrating good times ahead and giving the opportunity for our talented people to strut their stuff."

Have a drink or a feed from The Amble Inn or The Empire Hotel, sit back and relax to live local performances or bring your instrument or piece of writing to perform in a really friendly, welcoming and non-threatening environment.

This initiative is supported by the Meander Valley Business Association.

Training ensures continuing high standards

By David Claridge

AN INTERVIEW with Bede Clifton, Sales and Marketing Manager, Country Club Tasmania.

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What are the benefits/perks of working for such a company?

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- reward and recognition program
- employee assistance program - just to name a few!

What do you look for in people when hiring/ what skills/ qualifications are required?

As a privately owned company, the founding Farrell family see our employees as the heart of our business.

Our core values of respect, integrity, teamwork and passion are how we work

and behave – much more than words.

We believe if you have the right attitude and the same values as us, we can teach you the rest.

Of course, if you join us with hospitality skills, then you have a head start.

Certain roles have qualification requirements such as Responsible Service of Alcohol or Responsible Conduct of Gaming, of which you will need to obtain before commencement of employment.

What can you say to people who are interested in working at the country club in the future?

All of our current vacancies are listed on our careers page – www.countryclubtasmania.com.au/careers. If you see a position you are interested in, applications must be made online via the website. If you have any queries, you can contact our Recruiter on (03) 6335 5738 or email careers@countryclubtasmania.com.au.

What goes on at the Network Gaming training centre near Bass Country Club Villas?

Network Gaming provide free training to all hotel and club staff in the operation of TASkeno and Gaming machines.

There are 4 training courses we cover: Keno Writer and Senior Writer, Gaming Machine Attendant

and Supervisor.

The northern training centre is used to train all staff from hotels and clubs from Smithton to St Helens and everywhere in between.

We run courses 2 -4 days a fortnight. We run courses out of our southern training centre on alternative weeks.

From November to mid-December we train every week at the centre as venues have an increase of staff over the holiday period.

We train over 500 people a year at the centre, plus any

one-off training that may be required (if a new venue opens and we need to train a full complement of staff outside our scheduled training roster or a new operator takes over a hotel – they need to be trained to get a licence).

I also use the room for staff meetings with my two northern Business Development Executives or when we hold state-wide marketing and service program meetings.

We have had a training room located at this building for over 15 years.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

There are a number of pathways to a career in Hospitality.

If you are seeking a role at Country Club Tasmania, previous experience in any type of customer service offering will be highly regarded.

At Country Club, careers can also be built alongside Hospitality qualifications such as Certificates in Hospitality, Kitchen Operations and Cleaning Operations.



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Volunteering Helps Make Tasmania Strong

It may surprise you to learn that volunteering contributes significantly to the social and economic well-being of Tasmania.

According to a 2014 Report by Volunteering Tasmania, volunteers donate on average 7.1 million hours per year. Without this work, the cost to replace the services undertaken by these volunteers would be at least \$2.5 billion.

The report highlighted that volunteering brings a total benefit to the community to the value of \$4.9 billion.

To put this in context, its contribution outweighs all our other major industries including forestry, tourism and agriculture.

16.7% of Tasmanians volunteer informally and 63.1% volunteer through an organisation. In 2014, Tasmanians aged 65-74 years of age volunteered the most, donating on average 22.8 hours per month. However, research shows that all other age groups (aged 15 years and over) donated 12.5 hours per month.

Information from 'Volunteering in Tasmania: The Facts, February 2014', www.volunteeringtas.org.au

Events Diary

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

Date and Time	Event	Details
January 12th - 28th January	Youth Holiday Program for 12-25 year olds	Westbury Community Health Centre For more info or to register call Nate Austen 0427 543 365 or 6701 2150
Saturday 16th January 9.00am - 1.00pm	Mole Creek Market	Mole Creek Memorial Hall \$10.00 per table – for bookings and enquiries call Leanne on 0409 713 240
Sunday 17th January 1.00pm	Deloraine Jazz Club Summertime Jazz	"Glendalough" 4 East Barrack Street, Deloraine BYO Members \$10.00 others \$15.00
Wednesday 20th January 7.00pm - 9.00pm	Ecological Affordable Co-Housing Each Inc.	Western Tiers Community Centre, Parsonage Street, Deloraine (Information evening)
Wednesday 20th January 10.00am - 12.00am	Introduction to Instagram	Deloraine Online Access Centre 21 West Parade Deloraine 7304, Ph:63623537 \$15.00, \$10.00 conc \$5.00 reg
Friday 22nd January - 24th January 5.30pm	Community Concert & BBQ Limited tickets	Chudleigh Memorial Hall Tickets \$15.00 (13 & over) \$10.00 (12 & under) Limited tickets available Ph: 6393 5300
Saturday 23rd January 8.30am - 12 noon	Deloraine Farmers Market	MG Trading Carpark, 2 Racecourse Road, Deloraine
Saturday 23rd - 25th January	Marshmelody Festival (Family friendly)	669 Jackeys Marsh Rd, Jackeys Marsh Tickets on sale now at www.marshmelodyfestival.com.au
Monday 25th - 29th January 1.00 - 6.00pm	Masterchef Boot Camps for 12 - 25 year olds	Register NOW Ph: Vicki Jordan 0400 155 690 Free 1 day cooking sessions
Tuesday 26th January 2.00pm - 4.00pm	Australia Day Celebrations/Awards	Country Club Casino, Prospect Vale RSVP to Merrilyn on 6393 5317 by Wednesday 20th January
Tuesday 26th January 8.00am - 10.30am	Australia Day Breakfast	Chudleigh Memorial Hall \$15.00 per person. Children under 10 years old Free
Tuesday 26th January 7.30am - 10.00am	Australia Day Breakfast (Westbury Rotary Club)	Westbury RSL Club Entry \$12.00 per person or \$25.00 Family - All welcome (Gluten free available)
Tuesday 26th January 9.00am - 1.00pm	Australia Day Car Boot Sale & Activities	Lions Park, Hadspen (Lions Club of Hadspen South Esk)
Tuesday 26th January	Harveydale Rodeo	"Harveydale" 11k's from Westbury on Birralee Road
Tuesday 26th January	Deloraine Celebrates Australia Day	A selection of artisans and music throughout Deloraine + Little Laneway Fringe Festival Ph: 6362 4242
Wednesday 27th January	How to recognise a facebook scam	Deloraine Online Access Centre 21 West Parade Deloraine 7304, Ph:63623537 \$15.00, \$10.00 conc \$5.00 reg
Wednesday 27th January 12.00pm + 5.00pm	Paddle Safe Program for recreational kayaks	Meander Riverbank, Deloraine Bring own canoes & life jackets To register call 6393 5300 Patrick Gambles
Saturday 30th January 3.30pm - 7.30pm	Carrick Cup Race meeting	Carrick Park Pacing Club, Carrick
Tuesday 2nd February 11.00am - 1.00pm	MV U3A membership and enrolment day	Westbury Town Hall Supper Room, call Marg 6393 1075 for more information
Saturday 13th February 3.00pm - 5.00pm	Junior Soccer registration day	Southern Raiders Junior Soccer Club, Prospect Park, Harley Parade, Prospect Vale, southernraiders@gmail.com
Saturday 20th February	Chudleigh Show	Chudleigh Showgrounds, Sorell Street, Chudleigh
Saturday 20th February 3.00pm - 5.00pm	Junior Soccer registration day	Southern Raiders Junior Soccer Club, Prospect Park, Harley Parade, Prospect Vale, southernraiders@gmail.com
Sunday 21st February 10.00am - 3.00pm	Deloraine Street Car Show - pre 1988 cars	Emu Bay Road, Deloraine below ANZ roundabout. Entry by "note" donation Live music & Entertainment
Thursday 25th February 6.00pm	Mindfulness Program - Retrain your Brain	Deloraine Day Centre, Lansdowne Place, Deloraine. Free program Bookings essential 6701 2111
Thursday 25th February 7.00pm - 9.00pm	Planning for the future of Deloraine Workshop	Deloraine Community Complex, Alveston Drive. Refer www.meander.tas.gov.au for more information
Saturday & Sunday 27th- 28th February	A Day at the Creek Music Festival	Early bird Tickets available till Feb 7th http://www adayatthecreek.com.au/tickets/

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23rd and 24th January 32 Weston Street, Deloraine From 8.00am includes house hold items, Collectables, tools and old cupboards.



SPORT IN BRIEF

CARRICK PARK Pacing Club will hold its final race meeting of the season on Saturday 30th January. Anticipate some exciting racing as the glossy-coated horses' pounding hooves speed their sulkies past the winning post in a flash of dazzling silks!

The Vandenberg Transport Carrick Cup and the Cressy Transport Tasmanian Country Championship will be the day's highlights. The Club caters for everyone with plenty of free entertainment. Competitions run at the

meeting include Fashions on the Field and Tug-o'-War. These are always very well-contested with some great cash and prizes to be won. Entries are taken on the day. The popular band "Ball and Chain" will play following the final race till late, so come prepared to party!

As well as free facepainting, there is a free jumping castle for the children which always takes a pounding. Members of the Committee have once again undertaken to improve facilities at the track, with the bar having had a major face lift for this season's racing. It will be a great day out for the entire family.

SPORT



Stephen Pearce from Darwin Cycling Club (centre) makes his move during the penultimate lap to win the veterans race at Westbury

Photo by: Mike Moores

Westbury welcomes international wheelers for evening racing

A PEACEFUL sunny Monday morning in Westbury gradually built up into a wave of anticipation as cyclists, media and spectators slowly drifted into town for a late afternoon of world-class cycling - the Westbury Criterium.

The Criterium series helps build the ongoing success of the Tasmanian Christmas Sports Carnivals and the Tour of Tasmania - enticing world class cyclists to visit Tasmania each year.

Late afternoon saw locals and cycling enthusiasts gathering on the village green and staking out vantage points on street corners as the race circuit was set up and small groups of cyclists tested out the course before the main events.

This year, the Criterium added a veterans' and women's stages to the elite mens' race to give three thrilling races around the historic town centre and the green - 30 laps of a 1.3 km circuit.

Mens' and women's cycling teams from New Zealand and Japan, individual riders from overseas and interstate provided fierce competition for the many local riders who competed in each race.

Pieter Bulling of NZ won the elite race, but by only 0.06 second, with four riders crossing the line together - South Australia's Alex Edmondson and Alex Porter with Ryo Chikatani of Japan in fourth place.

Georgia Baker of WA

won the women's event and Stephen Pearce took the prize in the Masters, with Tasmanians Tim O'Shannessey (City of Burnie CC) in second place and Adrian Adams (Launceston City CC) in third.

Colin Burns of Cycling Tasmania praised the event and the local community for their contribution to promoting cycling in Tasmania. "(There were) 10 world champions taking part across the three races and I reckon plenty of these Japanese riders will

go to the next Olympics ... it's a great event with a very supportive local council (Meander Valley)."

The 2015 Criterium series continued with the second and third stages at Sheffield and Burnie. Track, cycling, athletics and wood chopping completed the Christmas Sports Carnivals 2015-2016 with events held in Latrobe, Devonport and Launceston.



Hawks lure new Deloraine juniors : Register to become a Raider

A TRAINING session with three current Hawthorn players is in the planning for Deloraine Junior Football Club (DJFC) during February (following Hawthorn NAB cup match, either Friday 20th, Sat 21st or Sun 22nd, date to be confirmed).

The day will be hosted by Deloraine Football Club, together with Beyond Blue and Rotary Deloraine at the Deloraine Football Club ground.

All junior players, Auskick participants, and junior aged football lovers, not currently registered, are invited to attend.

It will also provide the chance for young would be players to find out more about the Deloraine Junior Football Club.

Registrations are currently

open online, (http://www.foxsportspulse.com/club_info.cgi?client=1-3915-49546-0-0).

Registration payments can be made on the day and anyone new wanting to sign up, can do so.

Club uniforms will be available to order or purchase.

President of Deloraine Junior Football Club, Michael Wood said this will be a great opportunity for young footballers to pick up some valuable tips and skill development practices from those with years of experience in the big league.

Children play football because it is fun, challenging and exciting.

Most kids love being part of a team.

Football teaches coop-

eration and team work, helps develop positive social skills and teaches respect for others. It helps build self-confidence, a positive self-image and self-worth.

It enables a child to improve upon and develop a broad range of motor skills like throwing, catching, running, kicking, balance, agility and coordination.

Because a large variety of skills and physical abilities are required on a football team, there is a position for every child to play.

Deloraine Junior Football Club re entered the Northern Tasmanian Junior Football Association (NTJFA) in 2002 and fields teams in this competition each year.

THE SOUTHERN Raiders Junior Soccer Club is a community-orientated club which seeks to provide a safe, fair and inclusive environment for players, both male and female, aged from 5 to 16 years.

The club competes in the Northern Tasmania Junior Soccer Association (NTJSA) roster.

Focus is on building skills, teamwork through competition, fitness and health as well as having fun in a safe and enjoyable environment.

Developing a sense of belonging, team spirit and sportsmanship is also a priority.

A dedicated team of coaches and committee offers

positive support for approximately 150 players from the base at the Prospect Park Sports Precinct.

Get your Game On, Junior Soccer registrations are now being taken for the 2016 season.

Registration days will be held at the Prospect Park Clubrooms, Harley Parade, Prospect Vale on Saturday 13th February 3.00pm to 5.00pm and Saturday 20th February 3.00pm to 5.00pm

Online registrations will be available via the club website from early January.

For further information please contact by email southernraiders@gmail.com or visit www.southernraiders-jsc.com