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## Rodeo fun for Rattle N Hum

Aaron Richardson takes a tumble from Rattle N Hum in the Bull Ride held at Carrick. After 56 buck outs, Rattle N Hum is testing the best of them with no-one yet managing to last the 8 seconds required to score points in a Bull Ride. The Bull Ride has now been running for over 10 years and this year had a record crowd of over 1000 patrons. Attractions included Barrel Racing, Team Roping, Breakaway Roping, Rope and Tie, Saddle Bronc, Bareback Ride, Steer and Bullriding as well as motorcycle stunt riders.

# In My Opinion...

By Joanne Eisemann  
Managing Editor

RESEARCH CONDUCTED in Toronto, Canada, published in June 2015, showed that residents feel better and have fewer health problems when there are more trees in their street.

The online health survey of 31,109 residents was combined with high-resolution satellite imagery and tree data.

It found that 'Having on average 10 more trees in a city block improved how someone rated their health by a level comparable to an increase in annual personal income of \$10,000, moving to a neighbourhood with \$10,000 higher median income, or being seven years younger.'

For me, that's pretty compelling evidence that planting more trees and shrubs in our towns and suburbs is a cost effective way of improving our population's health and wellbeing.

Perhaps, as Deloraine works with Council to prepare

a plan for the next twenty years, the idea of more greenery around the place could be included.

I've always thought that Deloraine's biggest asset (apart from its people) is the river and surrounding parkland. Wouldn't it be great if we could extend that feeling up the main street!?

The rendered image below gives an impression of what could be achieved.

Putting the powerlines underground and adding some greenery would make Deloraine a far more pleasant place to be; encouraging more tourism, more shopping and more chat over coffee.

Another idea; I'm not sure if Deloraine has a catch phrase, if it does it's not working very well, how about the one that photographer Mike has come up with 'A town for all seasons'.

Given the amount and variety of festivals and events that occur in Deloraine each year I think it fits well.

cans and bottles.

We were living in South Australia when the 5 cent deposit was placed on cans, bottles and containers and we listened to the usual groans and moans that arose from the public when they discovered they would have to pay an additional 5 cents for their beverages when other States of Australia didn't. However, almost overnight, the streets, parks and, most especially, sporting venues throughout South Australia became magically clean.

Private individuals, sporting associations, charities and many other organisations took up the hunt for these cans, bottles and containers and were paid quite sizeable amounts of cash for their hauls when they were delivered to the many newly established refuse sites; a practice which still occurs even today.

South Australia had never been as clean!

We hope the Tasmanian government introduces legislation so that a 5 cent deposit will be charged on all our cans, bottles and containers.

Only then will we see our State finally rid of this nuisance rubbish, as South Australia has been for many decades.

Colleen and Trevor  
Blackstone Heights

THANK YOU for last month's piece about sequestering carbon out of the atmosphere.

It seems that we have gotten ourselves into a tight bind in a very short space of time. Rewind the clock just a few generations and the whole notion of Gross Domestic Product and enduring economic growth was never the main story of the world we inhabited. Fast forward to today and our media, politicians and

collective mindset is relentlessly focused on this pursuit. If we are not 'growing' our economy we think we are failing and vote parties in and out of office accordingly.

I mention economic growth because the sheer scale of carbon we put into the atmosphere is a waste byproduct of our industrial economic system.

To sequester it instead is presently a grand gesture; especially as this complex solution has yet to be proven on any large commercial scale. Plus, it must not allow any of the stored gas to leak back into the atmosphere for millenia.

The idea also fails to address an inherent flaw which underpins our sacred economic model - that we *must* continue to grow. Of course, we can choose that pursuit, but let's be honest about the ramifications of doing so. A large effect is that we are fast altering the very world that sustains us.

We often hear the mantra 'recycle and re-use'. But the word 'reduce' is never presented as a way forward. Which is why we passed the earth's natural carrying capacity way back in 1986.

These past decades have seen us live beyond our means and the rates of consumption are staggering. For example, in just 3 years from 2011 to 2014 China used more cement than the United States used in the entire 20th Century (1901 to 2000).

It is sobering to know that 32 advanced civilisations have collapsed over the last 5,000 years due to unsustainable resource consumption.

As long as we hold steadfast to the notion that we must always consume to be prosperous, true happiness and health will elude us. And for our economic dream, the atmosphere, oceans and land will awaken us with some harsh longlasting realities.

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## Letters In...

BEING A CLIENT of the Deloraine House for the past twenty years and a friend of its founder, the late Annie Walker, I'd like to say a huge thank you to the House's third outward going coordinator Ros Albiston and welcome the House's fourth inward coming coordinator, Noelle Whatley.

It's people like Ros and all the wonderful volunteers that have helped develop the house into what it is today (Annie would be proud)

A R Tounson

ITS AN interesting observation to note that while areas like Golden Valley and

Mole Creek usually struggle with mobile phone and mobile broadband access, this was not so during the fire emergency.

How is it that we are constantly told by governments and telcos alike that proper mobile and internet access is too hard to provide in these areas, but during the fires we had access as good as anywhere in Tasmania?

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WE HAVE read with interest the article by Marguerite McNeill which featured Greg Hall's understandable concern about the littering of Tasmania by discarded drink



The main street of Deloraine would feel much friendlier with a few more trees and shrubs and a few less powerlines.



Photo by: Mike Moores

# The many talents of Mathew

Living the simple life. One of Mathew's favourite pleasures is sitting by his stove drinking tea.

By Joanne Eisemann

ONE OF the character traits Mathew Simms values is courage, and he demonstrated that when he moved to Deloraine. "When I came here I didn't know if I'd be able to pay 2 weeks rent, I just got through."

Feeling like it was time to expand his area of influence, Mathew moved from Sheffield where he lived for 14 years to Deloraine 3 years ago.

His main source of income in Sheffield was playing his windpipes in a local cafe.

Not one for taking government handouts, on moving to Deloraine Mathew took

up crafting wooden dolls. He hitched a lift to the Evandale Markets with a local stallholder and began selling them, scraping together enough income to pay his rent, feed himself and gather the materials needed to make more dolls while adding small oil paintings and beautifully detailed handmade smocks to his product range.

"I wanted to access a broader community, I thought this place might be within my price range so I came here. This is excellent, this is a good chapter I'm having, I love this," says Mathew of his move.

This year Mathew earned enough income over the

winter to purchase a car. Just as well too, as the lift he was getting dried up, "this is my total income, I'm so impressed that it's actually happening," he explains.

**"I don't always have an idea, I just start off and push paint on"**

Mathew finds the Evandale market a good place to sell his wares as it attracts many tourists providing new audiences for his work. Commenting on a recent encounter, "I think if Albert Einstein was still alive I would meet him there because you meet people from all through

society... I met a girl the other day, she said she likes painting and her grandparents were artists. I said 'would I have heard of them?' she smiled and said yes, Sidney Nolan."

Pictures are now Mathew's main selling item with some being sold to collectors.

Mathew draws inspiration for his paintings from people he has met through his life but admits he doesn't always know what he is going to paint when he starts.

"I don't always have an idea, I just start off and push paint on, I've got some idea of where the light and dark is and then it's like seeing pictures in the clouds - wow, that looks like a

person holding a dog!" Another of Mathew's talents is writing children's stories. He has written and illustrated (using his paintings) a series of 7 books, which he hopes to have published some day.

Although his lifestyle might suggest otherwise, Mathew supports the advancement of technology "We are better off having an affluent society and technology helps us. The handling of it doesn't interest me at all, but I'm really glad it's happening because I think the longevity of our species is pretty much reliant on finding out what is happening in this universe."

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The Four Roses ladies. L-R Jan Atkins, Dunorlan; Lexie Young, Deloraine; Sandra Atkins, Osmaston.

### Three roses for Four Roses

TASMANIAN FLOUR company 'Four Roses' took a new tack in advertising when it engaged three Meander Valley women in its latest advertising campaign.

The ladies: Jan Atkins, Lexie Young and Sandra Atkins are all life members of Deloraine Show Society and all keen cooks.

The ad was filmed in the old domestic science room at Deloraine High School.

"They wanted to use my

kitchen but couldn't fit the cameras in," says Lexie.

"We took all our own stuff to the filming because we didn't know what was there," shares Sandra.

No script was used, just the premise of three ladies getting together for an afternoons baking and the conversations they have.

The ad has been so popular they decided to make one for radio just two days before Christmas.

"We had a bit of trouble with that," says Jan, "the doorbell rang, then the birds were too loud and a wasp got in."

Feedback they have received has been overwhelmingly positive.

"People that don't normally watch ads are enjoying it," explains Sandra.

Jan says that she now sometimes gets her shopping basket scrutinised to see what type of flour she is buying.

She has also received comments like "My word, that is a good ad!"

## Small hall, Big impact

DESPITE THE thick blanket of smoke that covered the valley, Chudleigh Hall was filled to capacity for the 'Festival of Small Halls' performance.

Dancing and toe tapping were the order of the evening.

Organisers commented that the Meander Men were one of the best support acts they had seen around the country.

Jane Lamont from the Chudleigh Hall Committee commented in a letter thanking council for their participation in organising the event.

"Our little community being under siege for nearly a week and inundated and virtually

'taken over' by strangers was dispirited, anxious, dog tired and in no mood for this event. It appeared to be just another thing we didn't need right at that moment."

Jane went on to add, "What eventuated was that it was EXACTLY what we DID need!"

"The hall looked amazing and we burst with pride. It sounded amazing and we congratulated each other.

"The crowds were tremendous and we patted each other on the back.

"The concert was a HUGE success and we felt our spirits lift and our morale soar as we stomped, clapped, yahoo'd and danced with each other."



Canadian trio East Pointers perform at the Festival of Small Halls

## State grants to tennis and bowls clubs

TWO DELORAINE sports organisations have been the beneficiaries of recently announced Tasmanian Government Sport and Recreation grants.

The Deloraine Tennis Club successfully applied for

\$10,000 towards the resurfacing of two plexi-pave courts and the Deloraine Bowls Club will receive \$1302 towards sanding & re-sealing a wooden floor in the clubrooms.

"This is a great example of where regional sports organi-

sations, which are vital to the fabric of rural townships, can receive some help in keeping their facilities in good shape," Lyons MHA Guy Barnett said.

"In the case of the tennis club, the two courts were actually re-surfaced this week and are already being used which is an outstanding result.

"I understand the bowls club will complete their floor upgrade between the summer and winter seasons."

Thirty projects in Tasmania will share in \$130,401 under the Round 1 Community, Sport and Recreation grant.

### MEANDER VALLEY - GET INVOLVED

A sibling folk duo *The Acfields* will play original material at the Marakoopa Cafe natural amphitheatre on Saturday 13th of February.

Rythym Magazine describes the Acfields: "there's no denying the power of their sibling harmony and they have a striking ear for song crafting and instrumental arrangement"

*The Acfields* will be supported by *Velvet Sledgehammer*, a folk trio playing traditional songs with vocal harmonies.

The Marakoopa Cafe is near the Mole Creek Caves

ticket office, 186 Mayberry Road, Mayberry.

The music starts around 5:30pm and will end around 8:00pm.

Tickets are available by calling 6363 5033 or purchasing from the Marakoopa Cafe: \$10.00 for prepaid or \$15.00 at the door. Children under 5 yrs free, children under 12 \$5.00.

Tasmanian Beer, wine, hot dogs, soup, soft drinks and coffee will be available.

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# She Devils have get up and go!

L-R: Le-Anne Deckers, Debby Kemsley, Tara Ulbrich, Carolyn Scott-Burgess will walk 100km in 48 hours fundraising for Oxfam in April. Photo by: Mike Moores

IN THE coming months you might spot four local women tramping roadside day or night.

They are in rigorous training for the April 2016 OXFAM Trailwalker challenge. Look out for their bright orange "Meander Valley Tassie She Devil" T-shirts designed by team member and artist Le-Anne Deckers. Give them a wide berth and a friendly wave.

Training began last July when the team's earliest sessions were done in snow gloves and beanies.

Recent preparations have moved up a level with weekly walks of 20+km and in between, easy 10km walks, hill and strength training.

The support crew have also begun practicing, providing food and water stops, including tending the inevitable blisters.

Training will peak with a 50km walk scheduled for late February and then it will be a tapered program to the big event.

Local Branch of the Bendigo Bank has already provided some sponsorship to help

the team and their two-man support crew get to the Dandenong Ranges for the grueling 100km walk.

The team plan is to complete the event nonstop in order to come in under the 48hour maximum time.

Together they're raising money and awareness for Oxfam Australia, an organisation that provides humanitarian support in more than 28 countries, including Indigenous Australia.

Carolyn Burgess, Le-Anne Deckers, Debby Kemsley and Tara Ulbrich are hoping to raise well over \$1,400. And you can help by going to their team space <https://trailwalker.oxfam.org.au/my/team/22532> to make your tax deductible donation, or you can pop into the Deloraine Branch of the Bendigo Bank and donate there.

Asked what she will do after the event Debby Kemsley replied, "Just keep on walking!" Other team members aren't so sure, but they're all enjoying improved fitness and the chance to contribute to Oxfam's work.

## Vintage fun at Chudleigh Show

CHUDLEIGH SHOW-goers have been treated to displays of vintage agricultural machinery and tractors for many years.

Recently, the range has been extended to include vintage cars and motorcycles as well, thanks to displays organised by the Veterans Car Club, the Vintage Motorcycle Club, and Ulysses Motorcycle Clubs.

Joe Clippingdale, member of the Show Committee,

says, "This complements the Show's focus on fun, family and community."

Other patron-pleasers are the children's Pet Parade, a Kids' Corner with wind tunnel and jumping castle, and the Deloraine Big Band playing rousing music throughout the day.

Ron Morgan and Geoff Harvey will also showcase their horsemanship skills.

Since vintage motorcycles and cars were first introduced to the Show, as many as 30

vehicles from the early 1920's onwards, have been on display for patrons' enjoyment. The popularity of these vehicles has ensured that the event is now an annual fixture.

"Probably the oldest car there this year will be my 1917 Overland, with a few pre-1930 vintage cars, and a selection of classics," said Joe.

Don't miss Chudleigh Agricultural and Horticultural Society's Show on 20th February 2016.

## 157 years years of service to Hagley

By Chere Kenyon

HAGLEY UNITING Church has marked the end of an era with a special thanksgiving service on 31 January 2016 at 2.30pm.

157 years of church services have been held on the Tasmanian Heritage Registered site and the final Sunday in January saw the doors close for the last time. Officiating at the service was Rev. Brian Morgan and Mr David Reeve, Chairman of the Presbytery of Tasmania.

The service was followed by a bittersweet afternoon tea.

The Methodist Chapel,



which is now the hall, was opened in 1859, pre-dating some other well-known

historic sites in Hagley.

The current Uniting Church building was added in 1957.

Lack of members and the high cost of maintaining a small church has forced the closure and future services will be alternatively held at White-moore and Westbury churches.

The Uniting Church site was listed on the Tasmanian Heritage Register in June 2009. It is believed that the property may be sold.

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## Rotary sponsors water safety for local kids

THE ROTARY Club of Deloraine's "Learn to Swim" Programme ran for 10 days in January at the Deloraine Public Pool.

Almost 80 children aged 5 to 15 years and from beginners to advanced swimmers attended swimming and water safety classes under instructors Kali Bierens and Margaret Armour.

**"Natural pools and moving waters are a leading location for drowning"**

This programme has been running for more than 35 years as part of the Club's free community service for children of the Deloraine and District areas, given its dams on rural properties and a river running through pass

the Deloraine township.

It aims to help them avoid death by drowning, which The World Health Organization's 2014 report states is among the ten leading causes of children and young people dying.

Moreover, the Royal Life Saving National Drowning Report 2015 indicates that of the 291 people drowned in Australian waterways, nine occurred in Tasmania, while 99 happened in inland waterways, 72 in rivers, creeks and streams, and 27 in dams and lagoons.

This reports also finds that many Australians are surprised to hear that these various natural pools and moving waters are a leading location for drowning.

Therefore, it also stresses the need to increase the focus on prevention in regional areas, along major rivers and in remote Australia.



Photo by: Mike Moores

**Charlotte Wickham (9 years) of Meander and Clara Cunningham (11 years) of Deloraine learn to swim thanks to the Rotary Club of Deloraine's free program**

Kali Bierens says, "Here in Deloraine, we are fortunate to have a club like Rotary who cares about its young people, their families and their future."

And the Club's 'Learn to Swim' programme is so highly

valued, it has spread far and wide. Children who participated this year came from as far afield as Kimberley, Elizabeth Town, Mole Creek, Meander, Golden Valley, Reedy Marsh, Westbury, Whitmore, Brack-

nell, Hagley, Carrick, Hadspen and Deloraine.

Given its popularity, it is one the Club continues to provide, ensuring local families keep access to free swimming and water safety education.

## Sensitive aid for Nepal

By Wendy Laing

IN DELORAINE, Dr Lois Beckwith, International Director for the Rotary Club of Deloraine, is leading a band of volunteers for 'Days For Girls International' in making up kits to help girls in Nepal gain access to quality, sustainable feminine hygiene products.

Dr Beckwith is supported by Ms Lorraine Clarke who explained that these kits meant the girls, who normally would have to stay at home for at least five days every month, would still be able to attend school.

Ms Clarke said that their 'Days For Schools International' fundraising stand at the Tasmanian Art and Craft Fair last November was very successful.

Dr Beckwith will be delivering 550 kits to a school in Nepal in February this year.

Each kit consists of a draw string bag containing an instruction sheet, shields, pads, a washcloth, travel size soap, zip lock bags and panties.

Donations are always welcome and if you are interested in volunteering to help in any



**Le-Anne Deckers of Golden Valley and Lorraine Clarke of Parkham sew hygiene kits for young women.** Photo by: Mike Moores

way, 'Days for Girls International' meets once a month at the Rotary Pavilion to make up the kits.

You can contact Ms Clarke on 0473 194 880 for further information. To find out more about 'Days For Girls International' visit the website at [www.daysforgirls.org](http://www.daysforgirls.org).

## Accolade for Natalie

By David Claridge

AUSTRALIA DAY is a day to recognise people who achieve above and beyond, Natalie Dell of Blackstone Heights is one of those and was recognised with the Young Citizen's Award.

Presented by the Meander Valley Council, the award is one of several award winners and volunteers who were recognised.

"To me this award means that you have been a notable citizen by contributing and being involved in your local community activities." Ms Dell said.

## Windows 10

HAVING TROUBLE with Windows 10?

Join Alistair Carr at 10.00am on 9th of March at the Deloraine Online Access Centre.

Alistair will run a two hour

"I paid my own way to Vietnam in 2014 (aged 18) and volunteered, teaching English to University Students aged 19-30 at two separate schools."

The Meander Valley Council said on their website: "Ms Dell volunteers much of her time to help improving the lives of young people both in Meander Valley and overseas. She has been involved in several local leadership camps and is now a valued leader for the younger age groups."

Ms Dell has created a Summer Camp based in Launceston and hopes to turn it into a yearlong venture, attracting youth and families.

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# Montessori offers alternative

By David Claridge

IN DECEMBER last year, Prince William and Kate announced that their son George would be attending a Montessori preschool. While we don't expect to see Prince George there, a home-based

Montessori preschool has opened in Blackstone Heights. The Montessori approach to teaching was developed one hundred years ago by Dr Maria Montessori. Her philosophy was based on her own anecdotal observations of children during her experiences as a physician and teacher. Modern research has confirmed her beliefs. The Montessori Australia website states that 'The approach fosters children's love of learning and

encourages independence by providing an environment of activities and materials which children use at their own pace. This helps to build self-confidence, inner discipline, a sense of self-worth and instils positive social behaviour. The approach forms the basis for lifelong learning.'

Teacher of the new school, Angela Baldock wants to bring this approach to the community.

Mrs Baldock, an educator of eight years within the preschool level, became interested in the Montessori philosophy while working as a kindergarten teacher overseas.

**"empowering them to absorb the knowledge of their world"**

"There were Montessori schools operating in many countries and I was intrigued by how an educational approach could cross cultural and language differences," Angela explained.

"I began studying a Montessori teaching certificate with United Montessori Association in Seattle last year via distance and have completed observation periods in Melbourne as part of that study.

"The more I learnt and saw, the more my teaching practice was influenced to the point where I resigned from

my position of Early learning teacher to focus on a pure Montessori Preschool in my own home," she said.

Angela is adding to the growing use of the Montessori philosophy around the world.

"The North American Montessori Association estimate that there are over 20,000 Montessori schools world-wide.

"I have spoken with two Montessori teachers in Hobart. One is operating a family day care for all ages, another has recently opened a preschool for the three to six age group also.

"The children see a space in which they are free to choose how they spend their time, there are fun things to do, quiet places to relax, spaces to create art and music and there is a teacher who is available to them at all times. A caring, encouraging grown up, who treats them as the equals that they are. Teaching children how to 'do it themselves' empowering them to absorb the knowledge of their world."

The preschool is welcoming students Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

The preschool day is from 9:15am to 2:30pm in Blackstone Heights.

People interested can contact Angela on 0457 986 401, or by the preschool's Facebook page 'Araluen Montessori Home Preschool'.



Photo by: Mike Moores

Angela Baldock, Millie Buck (2 1/2 years), enjoy time together at Araluen Montessori preschool.

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## A DAY AT THE CREEK

'Show-casing some of Tasmania's own awesome music talents'

The Mole Creek Hotel is proud to present the 8th 'A Day At The Creek' music festival this year on February 27th & 28th, 12 noon start.

Mole Creek Hotel Proprietors are thrilled to be able to fill 2 days of music from mostly Tasmanian musicians.

The weekend will appeal to all ages with a beautiful setting and is positioned on the calendar when few other events are on.

The band line up will be:

**Dave Hawkins**  
Headlining this year is Northern Tassie's own. Dave has a great following of loyal fans because of his rare musical talent and his dedication to country music. He has earned the job of being our No.1 star over the weekend through his consistent high performances.

**Boil Up**  
Some people said that last year they stole the show from the

Wolfe Bros. With their awesome Polynesian Reggae style music, they had every one up dancing.

**Regan Tucker**  
The singing dairy farmer, who has burst onto the local scene this year with his great country style. Regan has even scored some success in the United States, with a song charting very well on the Independent Radio Network.

First time at ADATC

**Whiskey Rose**  
A talented duo with a very solid following, appearing here for the first time. They are extremely popular on the NW Coast and will definitely gain another crowd of fans with their great performance.

First time at ADATC

**The FIRMM**  
An original ADATC band, No.1 favourite, many years of Pub & Club performances in Hobart, started in the 60's.

**Adam Page**  
Hugely popular in Launceston and on the NW Coast, has a big voice singing out all the old favourites.

First time at ADATC

**3LD (3 Legged Dog)**  
Based in Sheffield, these guys are another original ADATC band, playing a lot of their own songs and some favourite covers.

**Gina Timms**  
An all-time favourite on the NW Coast and Northern Tassie, with her easy listening style of Country music.

More performers coming

The music starts on Friday evening, warming up with old favourites Kelvin Youd and Graeme Best.

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	2 Day	Adult	\$68.50	u/14	\$10
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# Valleyviews

## Mayor's Message

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL of Council's Australia Day and Volunteer Award recipients for 2016. Thank you to everyone for their outstanding contribution to our community. Thanks must also go to William Kelly for performing the National Anthem, Meander Valley Choir for their excellent performance and Councillor Richardson for 'MCing' the occasion. I'd like to thank Country Club Tasmania for their ongoing support, and Council staff for coordinating such a wonderful celebration. You can read more about our award winners in the article on the opposite page.

Other successful Australia Day festivities held in Meander Valley included the Rotary Club of Westbury's Community Breakfast, at the Westbury RSL Club, the Lions Club of Hadspen South Esk's Car Boot market, the annual Harveydale Rodeo, and the Community Breakfast held at the Chudleigh Hall.

AT THE TIME of writing this, the State is affected by bushfires. I would like to take this

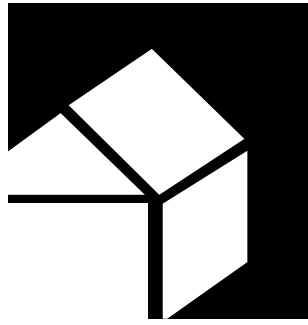
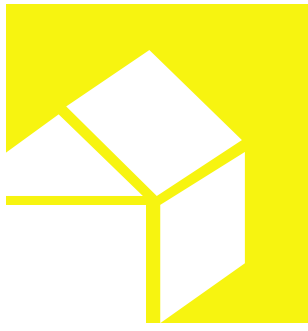
opportunity to say thank you to all our community members, and organisations who have, in whatever way, big or small, helped battle the fires or have supported those on the frontline across the State and in particular, in Meander Valley.

I had the opportunity to fly over the fire affected area in January. It reinforced the efforts and dedication many people have given, and the commitment that many will no doubt continue to give until the danger has passed.

IT IS PLEASING to note that Council's Community Concert, part of the Festival of Small Halls went ahead at the Chudleigh Memorial Hall during the threat of bushfires. From all reports, it was just what the community needed in a time of stress and uncertainty. Congratulations to all those involved in coordinating the event and we hope that a 'small halls' concert might become a regular feature on the Meander Valley community calendar.

**Mayor Craig Perkins**

## Thinking of selling your home?



FOR MOST OF us, preparing to sell our home involves slapping a fresh coat of paint on the walls, cleaning up the garden, dusting the horizontal surfaces and gritting our teeth as we decide to engage a real estate agent.

Some of us will go so far as to stop and look around the place and ask ourselves ...

*I wonder if I needed a permit for that outdoor living space with the fireplace that I added in 2003?*

Many of us over time have made some 'improvements' to our homes.

We add a shed to the property to store the unused Christmas gifts and the ride-on mower. We have a mate

who is a builder knock up an extra bedroom when child number three comes along or we add a roof to the deck to provide shade on a hot day.

But generally we don't think about permits and the 'legal status' of this type of building work.

Over the last couple of years, Council has had the opportunity to meet a lot of people under very stressful circumstances due to unapproved building works.

It usually goes like this.

Someone has made an offer on your house. Contracts are written up and the purchaser applies for a section 337 certificate from Council and contacts Council to con-

firm all buildings on property have permits. Council does a check and discovers that not all of the building works on your property have the proper approvals.

By this stage settlement is just days away, the purchaser tells you they will not proceed with the sale until the matter is resolved.

And then you contact Council.

Council tell you that it is going to take time and cost you money to get the relevant approvals.

So how do you avoid this happening?

Luckily it is easy.

The first thing to do if you are thinking about selling your property is to take note of what has been built. The second thing to do is to check the paperwork you have for the property. Then ask yourself the following questions:

Do you have permits for the things that have been built?

Do you have an original plan that shows all the building on the property?

If the answer is no, or you are unsure, contact Council on 6393 5320.

We can help you get permits for the work that might have fallen through the cracks, or help you finalise the paperwork for a project finished but never signed off.

The most important thing is to give yourself time to sort out any issues BEFORE you go to market and get an offer.

## Council Updates

### Domestic Waste, Recycling & Organics

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2016

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Collection days are as follows: ■ RECYCLING DAY ■ ORGANIC COLLECTION (Blackstone Heights) ■ HARD WASTE COLLECTION (See website for specific area dates)

MONDAY Blackstone Heights, Prospect Vale (east of Westbury Road) and Travellers Rest  
 TUESDAY Prospect Vale (west of Westbury Road)  
 WEDNESDAY Hadspen, Carrick and Bracknell  
 THURSDAY Westbury, Hagley and Exton  
 FRIDAY Deloraine

Please have your bins out before 6.00am on your collection day to ensure collection. COLLECTION TIMES MAY VARY WITHOUT NOTICE. Do not place green waste or building materials in red lidded bins.



## Free household hazardous waste collection

THE NORTHERN TASMANIAN Waste Management Group is holding a free household hazardous waste collection on 27 and 28 February 2016. Registrations are limited to 60 at Deloraine and Scottsdale and 200 at Launceston.

All residents of Northern Tasmania including the Dorset, George Town, Launceston, Meander Valley, Northern Midlands and West Tamar areas can register to dispose of domestic quantities of

household chemicals.

Only registered materials will be accepted for disposal. Registrations are now open until Wednesday 24 February.

The types of chemicals accepted include:

- Solvents and household cleaners
- Floor care products
- Ammonia-based cleaners
- Pesticides and herbicides
- Poisons
- Pool chemicals
- Hobby chemicals
- Acids and alkalis

Date	Location	Contact
8.00am - 5.00pm 27 February	Lamont Street Invermay	City of Launceston Ph: 6323 3000
8.30am - 11.30pm 28 February 2016	3 Ellenor Street Scottsdale	Dorset Council Ph: 6352 6510
1.30pm - 4.30pm 28 February 2016	Alveston Drive Deloraine	Meander Valley Council Ph: 6393 5300



## Diary Dates

- Chudleigh Show 20 February 2016
- Deloraine Street Car Show 21 February 2016
- facebook.com/Delorainecarshow
- A Day at the Creek 27 & 28 February 2016
- www adayatthecreek.com.au

## 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



## 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 March 2016.

New applicants are particularly welcome.

## Council Individual Sponsorship

SMALL DONATIONS ARE made to individuals who have been selected on merit to participate or compete in an event of national or international significance.

Applications should be made by letter and include official verification of the in-

dividual's selection.

This should be sent to: The Grants Administrator, Meander Valley Council, PO Box 102, Westbury, TAS 7303.

For further information please contact merrilyn.young@mvc.tas.gov.au or phone 6393 5317.

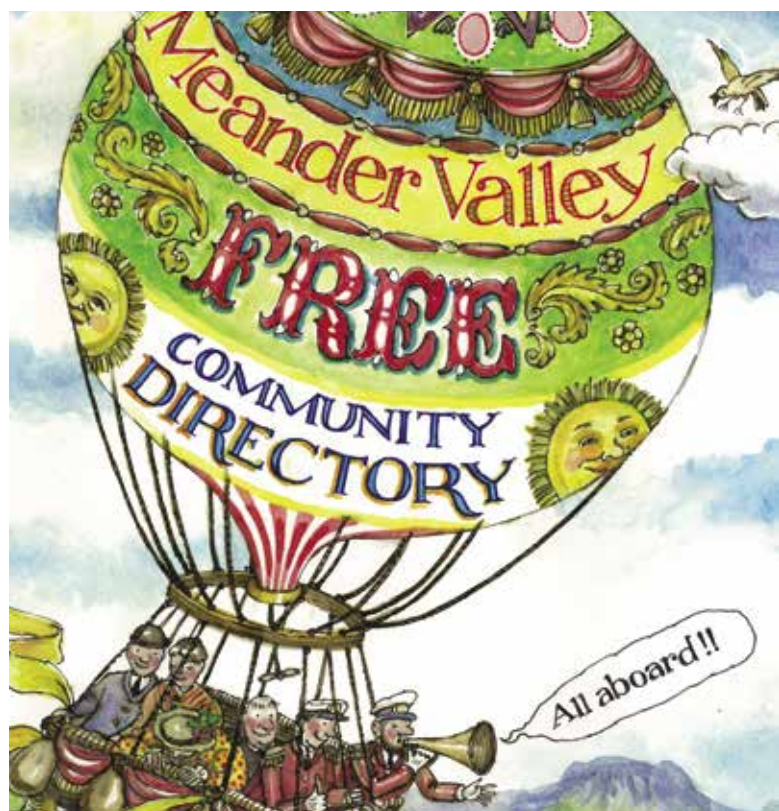
## Meander Valley Community Directory

The Meander Valley Community Directory is an on-line site and a free information hub for all non-profit, voluntary-run community organisations that serve Meander Valley. Registration is simple - is your group there? Visit [www.meandervalleycommunitydirectory.com.au](http://www.meandervalleycommunitydirectory.com.au)

A free weekly 'drop in' session is now available for any groups who would like

help to register themselves on the Directory. This takes place at the Deloraine On-line Access Centre every Monday 10am-4pm. 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.

*The winner of December's \$250 prize draw for registered groups was Chudleigh Memorial Hall. Congratulations - for being in it to win it! There will be another draw later in the year.*



Council is preparing an important document that will provide a blueprint for development of Deloraine over the next twenty years.

JMG Engineers & Planners, have been commissioned to prepare the Plan and, together with Council, will be conducting a community

workshop at the Community Complex, Alveston Drive, Deloraine on 25 February 7.00pm - 9.00pm

If you are unable to attend the workshop you can complete the online survey, available now on Council's website [www.meander.tas.gov.au](http://www.meander.tas.gov.au)



L-R: Citizen of the Year, Graeme Davis; Community Event, Jacqui Stacey from Arts Deloraine "Winter Fire" and Pam Swain from Westbury & Districts Historical Society "Who was Nellie Payne"; Sports Award, Danielle Whatley; Young Citizen of the Year, Natalie Dell; with Mayor Craig Perkins. Photo: Karen Lehman Photography.

## Exceptional locals recognised at Awards

MR GRAEME DAVIS, of Deloraine, was named Citizen of the Year at Council's annual Australia Day celebration.

Mr Davis was recognised for his outstanding contribution to the Meander Valley community through his involvement with organisations such as the Rotary Club of Deloraine, Deloraine Agricultural and Pastoral Society, and the Deloraine Dramatic Society and as a local history author.

The Young Citizen of the Year was awarded to Ms Natalie Dell. Ms Dell volunteers much of her time to help improving the lives of young people both in Meander Valley and overseas. She has been involved in

several Stepping Stones leadership camps and is now a valued leader for younger age groups. She has visited Cambodia where she worked in an orphanage and taught English at a Vietnam university. Most recently Ms Dell worked in an American Summer camp for two months.

The other awards presented included Community Event of the Year; jointly awarded to the Westbury and Districts Historical Society exhibition, Who was Nellie Payne? and Arts Deloraine "Winter Fire". The Sports Award, went to Ms Danielle Whatley for her outstanding involvement in local, state and national equestrian for the past 16 years.

'On behalf of Council, I congratulate all our award winners, as well as those nominated,' said Mayor Craig Perkins.

'I am continually overwhelmed by the truly inspiring calibre of our award winners. Today's awards, make me not only proud to be an Australian, but proud to be a member of the Meander Valley community'.

Mayor Craig Perkins also thanked the many volunteers who volunteer their time and awarded certificates to those who contributed either 1000 or 3000 hours or exceptional service to our community.

A ceremony was also held to welcome five new Australian citizens.



THE ABOVE LECTERN, made of Huon Pine and Blackwood, was designed by Michael Thomson of Golden Valley and incorporates imagery of the Western Tiers and Meander River. It will be used for Council activities and can be made available to community groups for special occasions. For more information [patrick.gambles@mvc.tas.gov.au](mailto:patrick.gambles@mvc.tas.gov.au)



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# New arts, crafts, food shop for Chudleigh

By Sara Fawcett

ART FOOD Tasmania will be opening soon at 45 Sorell Street in Chudleigh and will specialise in Tasmanian art, craft and food - all of which are sourced locally.

Hence, its range of foods include Sweet-As-Home-made Rock Candy, I Love Chocolate and Chocolate Coated Almonds by The Tasmanian Honey Company, as well as Herbs Deloraine's jams and chutneys and Spreyton Fresh's vinegar.

**"Chris makes spin cast pewter jewellery on site... there is a viewing window into the workshop"**

The shop will display art and crafts like Michael Thomson's wooden chopping boards and trugs, Steve Blakeney's wooden bud vases and timber pen and paper holders, Bruce Bain's framed and matted photos of Tasmania, hand-made and dyed unique garments by Deb from Slow Sewn, and a huge range of gift cards by various Tasmanian artists.

The selection of products will be ever changing

and owners, Cindy Watkins and Chris Riley, will even be serving locally roasted Gioconda Coffee.

Its changing exhibited art and craft will also include Chris and Cindy's own creations.

"Chris makes spin cast pewter jewellery on site. And there is a viewing window into the workshop," Cindy said.

Despite the fact that their soon-to-be opened shop has come about largely as a result of Chris needing the space to make the jewellery, he has only been doing it for a little over eighteen months.

Cindy, on the other hand, is a Textile Artist, who had originally painted as her mother's many years of experience as a quilter did not interest her in any way.

Then she discovered the art quilt movement and got excited about the possibilities of stepping into a new area of art.

Art quilting, or more officially Quilt Art, for those who are not familiar with it, actually moves beyond traditional quilting as it creates artistic images rather than patterns. Hence, quilt artists often use techniques such as painting, printing, stamping, thread

painting, free motion quilting and appliqué.

Cindy has had enormous success with her textiles over the past eight years. She has won numerous competitions with her art quilts locally, nationally and internationally. Many of her quilts have also been sold nationally and internationally.

"I love working with textiles as the work is not only a visual medium. It is a tactile one as well," Cindy shared.

Moreover, she enjoys teaching her techniques and giving classes at Elemental Artspace in Deloraine, where some of her textile artworks are for sale, and where Chris has been making some of his pewter jewellery and figurines.

Cindy loves traveling to groups to teach as well. "Last year I taught on a cruise ship from Fremantle to Singapore. And in May I am teaching on Flinders Island," she added.

Chris and Cindy have been hard at work for over two years renovating and prepping Art Food Tasmania for its opening.

Chris's pewter jewellery and figurines can also be purchased online at [www.etsy.com/shop/deepeacestudio](http://www.etsy.com/shop/deepeacestudio).



Photo by Mike Moores

Cindy Watkins, pictured here at the 2015 Craft Fair where she won the Rotary Textile Challenge

# A princess seat for \$25

By Wendy Laing

MEMBERS OF the Deloraine Dramatic Society are busy doing a seating upgrade at the Little Theatre-Meander Valley Performing Arts Centre.

Mrs Catherine Smith, the Treasurer of the Deloraine Dramatic Society said the Society has bought 150 seats from the Princess Theatre in Launceston. They are now seeking sponsorship for these seats.

The cost is \$25 per seat, which includes a plaque with the

sponsors name on the back. She went on to say that so far the Society has received sponsorship for over 40 seats and for a little extra money, the seat that you sponsor can be personalised.

All the sponsors will be invited to a sponsor's celebration when the project is completed.

The Society has also been selling the old seats in the auditorium and has four rows of seats still to be sold.

Mrs Smith said that another project they have taken

on this year is upgrading the dressing rooms and back stage area of the Little Theatre which will enhance the productions of the long running Youth Drama Festival and Adult Festival of One Act Plays.

The Deloraine Dramatic Society meets on the second Sunday of each month at 4.00 pm and anyone interested in the theatre are welcome to come along. The next meeting is to be held in March, 2016.

If you are interested in sponsoring seats, or buying any of the old ones, please contact Mrs Catherine Smith on mobile number 0427 509 409 for further information.

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# Fire devastates wilderness around Lake Mackenzie

WHILE THE recent down-pour received in Meander Valley was welcomed after an extended dry period, the ongoing threat of fire to communities close to the Western Tiers has not yet subsided.

Having burnt an estimated 25,266 hectares at the time this paper went to print, the damage to world heritage areas is substantial and in some cases irreparable while many communities remain on a 'watch and act' alert.

The fire was first reported in the early afternoon of 19th January.

Residents from Bracknell, Liffey, Jackey's Marsh, Golden Valley, Meander, Dairy Plains, Caveside, Western Creek, Chudleigh, Mole Creek and Liena were given a 'Watch and Act' warning. For some, this was later upgraded to an emergency warning and many residents found alternative accommodation for themselves and their animals that night.

Meander Valley Council quickly responded by establishing an Emergency Evacuation Centre at the Deloraine Community Complex to provide information, registration and service support to affected residents.

The Evac Centre operated in partnership with Emergency Services, Red Cross and the Tasmania Health Service.

With more than 80 fires burning around the state Tas Fire Service resources were stretched to the limit.

Volunteer fire fighters from near and afar continue to put in many long hours to keep people and properties safe.

Smoke from the fires covered much of the north of Tasmania for almost a week, sending people with breathing conditions scurrying indoors and bringing an eerie feeling of impending doom to the Meander Valley area.

Much of the fire was burning in areas difficult to access. Remote area teams and other crews from the mainland were brought in to assist.

**"Our local water systems may be affected as a result of the fire"**

Caveside resident and president of Friends of Great Western Tiers, Kooparoona Niara (aboriginal name of the Tiers), Deborah Hunter says that some of the areas that are burning will not regenerate after the fire, particularly



Photo by: Mike Moores

Stefan Kadareanu and James Darbyshire of Hornsby Brigade, NSW rest near the Mole Creek Hall

those growing on peat soils.

"Peat soils consist entirely of accumulated organic matter.

They can take thousands of years to form and were not routinely burnt by the first Tasmanians, otherwise they would not be there," comments Deborah and adds "Factors that coincided to cause these large fires include a record dry spring and early summer conditions followed by high frequency of forked lightning attack.

Deborah says our local

water systems may be affected as a result of the fire.

"Extensive areas of peat exist on the Central Plateau, acting like a sponge, release water gradually to our streams and hydro storages. This is known as an ecosystem service. Should substantial areas of peat be burnt, the hydrology will be adversely effected."

She also sees an impact on tourism not just locally but statewide.

"Ecosystems that are important to tourism branding will have been lost and the

tourism asset degraded, making Tasmania less attractive."

With these implications in mind, Deborah would like to see a more coordinated strategy in the approach to fires in wilderness areas saying "Experts from the various emergency services and Tasmanian fire ecology experts should meet to develop preventative, emergency response and remedial strategies that take into account the predicted increasing frequency and severity of extreme climatic events."

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By David Claridge

WHEN YOU ENTER the Tasmanian Copper and Metal Art Gallery in Carrick on Church Street you are right away captivated by the countless pieces of metal artwork lining the walls and shelves.

This art is the tireless efforts of a family whose story started in the Czech Republic - a man named Mirek Marik came to Australia to live in the land of opportunity.

After living in Sydney, Mirek eventually chose Carrick, Tasmania - a place he loved - to set up shop because he wanted to make his art away from Launceston but still be close enough to it.

A large, old desiccated brick structure looms over the cottage store. This 120 year-old building, known as Archer's Folly, was the old gallery, studio and workshop. Catching fire in 1978, it, Mirek's tools and materials, along with all of his hard work, were destroyed.

That did not stop him though. He started again from nothing.

In the 1980s Mirek's creations featured in the Bicentennial Art Exhibition in Brisbane, alongside work by Pro Hart, Sidney Nolan, John Glover and Arthur Boyd.

To everyone's surprise, his son Tom came back and took up his business. When Mirek



Photo by: Mike Moores

## Tom's art blossoms out of the ashes

passed away in 2000, Tom has kept it running to this day with his wife Gail by his side.

"I came into (it) when I was

21. I left the job I was in and came to work with dad," Tom said. "Being an only child, I thought I should take the

opportunity to learn from him in case something happened."

He had the good fortune of working with him for five

years before Mirek passed away.

"My father always tinkered with metal as a young person in between jobs in Europe," he added. "He had a creative flair. He could draw really well and always had a fascination for it."

Looking through the gallery today you can see Tom's creative range - from Tasmanian icons such as the Devil and Tiger, the Defender, to even blue wrens and jewellery.

"I make art on demand as well as from customer feedback," he shared.

"Two years ago I bought myself a computerised plasma cutter," he enthused. "It has enabled me to do house signs, names - such as (that used in) Nick's Bar. I can do that in stainless or rusted. Or I can paint it."

In addition, his gallery has a range of other gift lines that he does not make - "such as three dimensional free standing birds, wind chimes, ornamental knives and swords".

The gallery is open Monday to Friday every week from 10.00am to 4.00pm, or beyond by appointment. On 5th March from 10.00am to 3.00pm, you can enjoy 20% off all purchases.

Tom is also willing to talk to shops interested in selling his artwork. Contact the gallery on 6393 6440 or visit [www.tascoppermetalart.com](http://www.tascoppermetalart.com).

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Date and Time	Event	Details
Saturday 13th February 2.00pm - 4.00pm	Westbury Garden Club Summer Flower Show	Westbury Town Hall, Lyall Street, Westbury Admission \$2.00 Afternoon Tea \$5.00
Saturday 13th February 7.30pm	Western Tiers Film Society	Little Theatre, 2 Meander Valley Rd, Deloraine "Birdman" Rated MA 15+ Drama 109 minutes
Saturday 13th February 5.00pm - 8.00pm	"The Acfields" folk duo (186 Mayberry Road)	Marakoopa Café Prepaid \$10.00 Door \$15.00 (\$10.00 Con.) Under 12 \$5.00, Under 5 Free, Bookings 63635033
Saturday 13th February 3.00pm - 5.00pm	Southern Raiders Junior Soccer Registration Day	Harley Parade, Prospect Vale For further info contact southernraiders@gmail.com
Sunday 14th February 8.00am - 3.00pm	Tasmanian Truck Show (Deloraine Lions Club)	Quercus Rural Youth Park, Carrick Admission \$10.00 per Adult. \$5.00 per Pensioner U14 & Show drivers Free
Sunday 14th February	Blokes Day Out - Tasmanian Truck Show	Quercus Park, Carrick Bookings essential Contact 6362 2678 to book and for bus departure times
Thursday 18th February	Blokes Day Out	Forager Foods & Huntsman Lake BBQ Ph: 6362 2678 or Di Hamilton on 0418 786 104 to book
Saturday 20th February 6.00am - 6.00pm	Chudleigh Show	Chudleigh Showgrounds, 50 Sorell Street, Chudleigh Ph: 6363 2047
Saturday 20th February 3.00pm - 5.00pm	Southern Raiders Junior Soccer Registration Day	Harley Parade, Prospect Vale For further info contact 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
Monday 22nd February 1.00pm	Meander Valley U3A Annual General Meeting	Westbury Town Hall Supper Room, Lyall Street, Westbury
Thursday 25th February 6.00pm	Stress Less	Deloraine Day Centre, Lansdowne Place, Deloraine. Free 3 week 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 <a href="http://www.meander.tas.gov.au">www.meander.tas.gov.au</a> for more info
Saturday & Sunday 27th -28th February	A Day at the Creek Music Festival	Mole Creek Hotel Earlybird tickets available till 7th Feb <a href="http://www.adayatthecreek.com.au/tickets/">www.adayatthecreek.com.au/tickets/</a>
Sunday 28th February 10.30am - 4.00pm	Island Care Aged Care Expo	Ulverstone Wharf Complex. Free Entry showcasing Portrait Painting, Wine Bar, Pop up café and much more
Wednesday 9th March 10.00am to 12 midday	Windows 10 Workshop	Deloraine Online Access Centre 21 West Parade Deloraine, Ph:63623537 to book \$15.00, \$10.00 conc \$5.00 reg
Saturday 12th March 7.30pm	Western Tiers Film Society	Little Theatre, 2 Meander Valley Rd, Deloraine "The Young and Prodigious TS Spivot" Rated M Drama
Thursday 17th March 6.00pm	Mindfulness Program - Retrain your Brain	Deloraine Day Centre, Lansdowne Place, Deloraine. Free program Bookings essential 6701 2111
Thursday 17th March	Blokes Day Out	Waddamana Power Museum & Miena Ph: 6362 2678 or 0418 786 104 to book
Every Monday 10.00am - 10.30am	Story Time for Preschoolers 0 - 4 yrs	Deloraine Library Ph: 6701 2100 Westbury Library 1.00pm 6393 1439 during school term
Every Tuesday 10.00am - 12.30pm	Rowdy Ruggers	Deloraine House, 112 Emu Bay Road, Deloraine Hook rug group Donation \$2.00 Child friendly
Every Tuesday and Thursday	Heart Foundation Walking Group	Meet at Deloraine House just before 10.00am for an hour walk.
Every Wednesday 1.00pm - 4.00pm	Indoor Carpet Bowls, Deloraine	Western Tiers Community Centre, Parsonage St. Deloraine Ph: Barry 6362 2243
Every Wed during School Terms 3.30pm	Keep the Beat - All welcome	Westbury Health Centre \$10.00, \$5.00 Concess.
Every Wed f'night 7.30pm - 9.00pm	Prospect Youth Group 12-16 yrs - \$3.00	Community Centre, Primary School, Stanley St, Prospect Ph: Vicki Jordan 0400 155 690
Every Wednesday 10.00am - 1.00pm	Mah Jong \$5.00	Uniting Church Hall, Deloraine. Ph: Roma 6362 2380
Every Thursday 6.30pm - 8.00pm	Kirtan: Yoga for the heart	Deloraine Day Care Centre, 17 Lansdowne Place \$5.00pp Kids free Contact jonparryuk@hotmail.com
Every Thursday 7.30pm	Alcoholics Anonymous	Westbury For more information call Chris on 0437 355 401
Every Friday 3.00pm - 4.00pm	Relaxation Tai Chi with Jenny \$1.00	Western Tiers Community Centre, Parsonage Street Deloraine Ph: Barry 6362 2243
Every Saturday 11.00am - 12.00pm	Produce Swap	Deloraine Fountain (near the Library)
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**PUBLIC MEETING**

A public meeting is being called by concerned supporters of MVFM 96.9 at RSL Club on March 20th at 1.00pm. MVFM's many problems and how to correct them will be discussed. Everyone welcome. You do not have to be a Member to attend. Enquiries Steve Wells 6362 3198 or Vera Wadley 6362 2366.

**SPORT IN BRIEF**

**CHARITY GOLF**

By Danny Ross

IN FEBRUARY 2016, four Tasmanian mates will be setting off on an epic golf journey around Tasmania. 'Carts FORE a Cause' is the brainchild of golf-mad mates, Andrew Main and Bernie Klasen. A chat about their love for golf led to the idea of playing every course in Tasmania and what it would take. Two more mates were recruited - Luke Atkin and Jason Love - and they soon realised the adventure could

serve a much greater purpose. The foursome have all been touched by depression in some way - be it personally or seeing the effects of depression on others. It was decided the tour would support *beyondblue*. The journey is called Carts FORE a Cause and the plan is to play every golf course in Tasmania in just one month and at the same time raise much-needed funds and awareness for *beyondblue* and its fight against anxiety and depression. With three million Australians living with anxiety or depression, this journey will not only raise money to support their programs but will also encompass their

ethos, especially their Man Therapy campaign. What better man therapy than a month of golf! There are two very important aspects to the journey. Firstly, the 81 courses and 850+ holes will be completed in a mere 30 days. The second aspect, which makes it even more extraordinary, is that the journey will be undertaken in two golf buggies. All 2,600km of driving and approximately 250km of golf (depending on how straight they hit the ball) will be completed driving golf buggies. There are three golf courses in the Meander Valley: Deloraine, Quamby Estate and Prospect (based at the Coun-

try Club Tasmania), and all three clubs will be taking part in the Carts FORE a Cause event and assisting the four players in their quest. The times for the rounds at each course are as follows: Quamby Estate - Thursday 11th February at around 7:00am. Prospect - Thursday 11th of February at around 10:30am. Deloraine - Friday 12th of February at around 10:30am. The four mates will travel the length and breadth of this beautiful State playing every hole on every golf course, all with one aim in mind, to raise \$100,000 for a very worthy charity. They are hoping all golfers and non-golfers will sup-

port the Golf FORE a Cause and show their support by coming along to one of the golf days, just to spur the four players along. Any information about the event, including the itinerary of the playing days, can be obtained by contacting Andrew Main on 0400 343 811 or email andrew@cartsforacause.com.au, or Danny Ross on 0487 659 317 or email quambygolfshop@gmail.com. If you would like to make a donation you can do so at [www.cartsforacause.com.au](http://www.cartsforacause.com.au)



# SPORT

## Aerial acrobatics



Photo by Mike Moores

The crowd at Carrick Bull Ride were wowed by the team of aerial acrobatic stunt riders from Downunder Freestyle FMX Entertainment. Pictured is Jayden Bailey flying high above the powerlines at Quercus Park. Downunder Freestyle FMX Entertainment is based in Launceston. They began riding together professionally in December 2015 after many years of training, and are now performing at events around the state and on the mainland with the aim of promoting FMX (freestyle motocross).

### First hole in one at Quamby Estate course : Junior Soccer in Deloraine

By Danny Ross

THE FIRST ever Hole-in-One on the Quamby Estate golf course has finally been achieved.

Mike Watts, a Quamby Estate Member, produced the outstanding shot on the 14th hole, a 168 metre par 3.

Although many Quamby Estate members have been very close in the past, including two who have actually put the ball into the hole from the tee only to score a par (their first shot went into water and they teed-up again for their third shot), there has never been an ace on either of the two par 3s on the course.

To mark the

event, Robyn McInerney (Quamby Estate Manager), presented Mike with a voucher for a night's accommodation for two people in the historic and prestigious Quamby Estate House. Mike also received a ball-mounted trophy for his effort, a prize that will surely take pride of place on his mantelpiece.

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Contact club registrar Tenielle on 0459 032 169 or attend training Wednesday afternoons from 3.30 to 5.00 at Deloraine High School.

Photo by Howard Smith



Mike Watts with his treasured 'Hole In One' trophy

- 7:00am Sheep Dog Trials
- 8:30am Jumping Events
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- 10:00am Entertainment
- Vintage Cars & Bike Displays
- 11:00am Pets Parade
- Vintage Tractor Display
- Woodchopping
- 11:45am Men's Muffin
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