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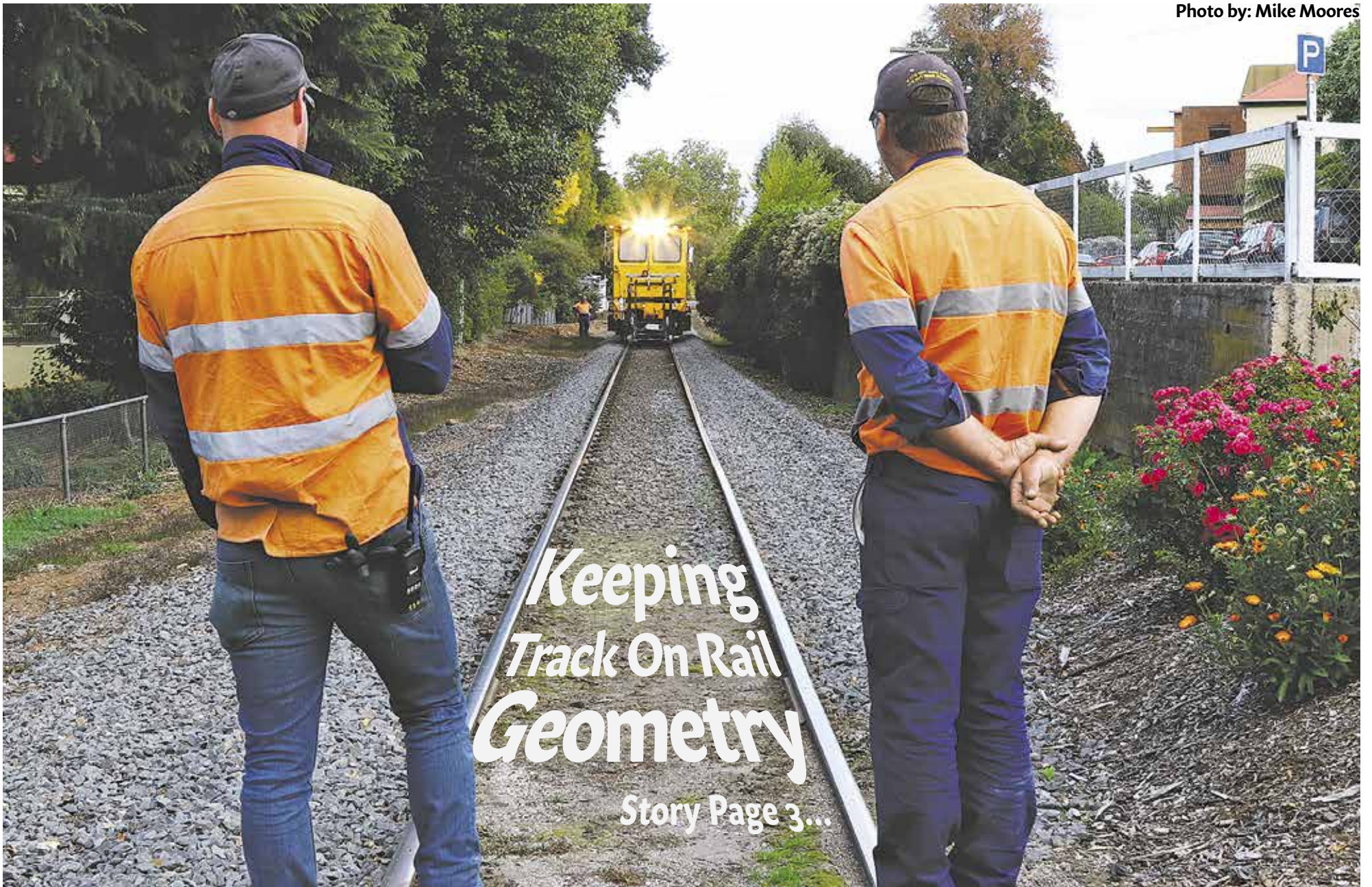
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Bush trail proposed for Meander riverbank

By Martin Hay

COLONY47 HAS put forth a proposal to Meander Valley Council on enhancing the northern bank of the Meander River along the walkway from the Train Park to the swimming pool.

The Launceston-based organisation's standing mission is to create a fairer community, eliminate disadvantage and improve the lives of Tasmanians. This includes working with the Meander Valley Aboriginal Community.

The proposal has a

two-fold aim. Firstly, it proposes to include a Bush Tucker-cum-Native food trail at several unused locations along the Meander River walkway, allowing the public to sample many of these plantings.

The sites proposed for the Bush Tucker stations are small in size and the organisation has consulted with and taken advice from professional experts in the horticultural field regarding suitable plantings and to make sure existing highly valued trees in the park will not be

impacted in any way.

The sites include two small areas either side of the rail and the Emu Bay Rd bridges and along the bank in front of the pool.

Secondly, to further promote Deloraine as the hub for arts and crafts, the organisation proposes four low-impact attractions:

- Eight life-sized Tasmanian native animal sculptures in bronze cast by renowned local sculptor John Parish.

- Earth-hued hand-made pavers bearing a motif to be designed

and made by an Aboriginal artist and Elder in conjunction with children from the Deloraine schools and another local artist.

- A discreet mosaic mural in softly muted tones to reflect the river's beauty, as well as enhance and beautify the existing concrete walls.

- An Aboriginal Healing-cum-Yarning Circle where people can come together and sit by the river to yarn or reflect.

This project is envisioned to have at its heart a community-wide

focus involving Council, community organisations, local schools, businesses and community members.

Colony47 has consulted and presented its idea widely with Council, Aboriginal Elders, community members and local schools, receiving many letters of support and a valued donation from Deloraine Rotary for the project. It has also secured a major funding source.

It aims to ensure its proposal fits in neatly and enhances the exist-

ing walkway and beautiful parkland already in place. There are no plans to alter existing vegetation along the pathway while achieving a unique, interesting and welcome addition to the area for community members and visitors.

To determine its project's positive community benefits, you are invited to attend Colony47's information sessions at the Deloraine Train Park on these dates:

18th May: 4.00pm - 5.00 pm; 25th May 11.00 am - 12noon.

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Deloraine Community Band look stylish in their uniforms as they march along Emu Bay Rd to the 11.00am Anzac Day service at the Cenotaph attended by over 600 people.

Lest We Forget

AS THE strains of the last post drifted over the town, a large crowd stood bare-headed in the warm

autumn sunlight in respectful silence to remember those that served the nation in conflicts all over the world.

The message from serving defence and former service members was one of peace and hope that in the future,

nations would learn to live in peace while still remembering who have sacrificed to preserve freedom.

Keeping track on rail geometry

By Joanne Eisemann
Picture on front page

YOU MAY have noticed some rather noisy machines working their way slowly along railway tracks in the Meander Valley lately.

They are a Tamper Machine and a Ballast Regulator and are "the most critical pieces of track maintenance equipment" according to TasRail's General Manager of Asset Management, Jonathan Drew.

The machines work their

way from one end of the line to the other with a crew of five taking around a year to make the trip.

Ballast (rock base of track) is replaced where needed then tamped and regulated by the Tamping Machine and Ballast Regulator to "maintain track geometry," says Mr Drew.

Maintaining the 611km of operational railway tracks and 232 km of non operational tracks is a rather large undertaking with 1.3 million sleepers, 106 active level crossings

(with lights and sound), 143 passive level crossings (with stop signs), 250 private level crossings, 3 tunnels and 355 bridges to oversee.

"There are daily inspections of all our networks," says Mr Drew as well as regular programs of sleeper replacement, rail replacement, removal and slashing of vegetation surrounding the tracks.

TasRail transports the equivalent of 200,000 heavy vehicle movements each year along the railway, not only keeping roads safer for all users but saving an estimated 12 million litres of fuel.

Centrelink visit

VISIT CENTRELINK'S mobile service centre to find out about Australian government payments and services for total families, older Australians, students, job seekers, people with disability, carers, farmers and self-employed people.

Staff from the ATO will be available to give advice on tax and superannuation.

On this trip, the Australian tax-

tion office will be available to assist with advice and information about tax and superannuation.

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By Wendy Laing

MRS DEBORAH Benson has been busy touring libraries throughout Tasmania to promote her novel, *A Judicial Murder*.

On the 14th April 2016, she gave an author talk at Westbury.

Organised by LINC Tasmania via the Westbury Library the talk was given in the Westbury Fire Station meeting room.

"...she had uncovered overwhelming evidence showing there had been a miscarriage of justice."

Mrs Benson and her husband, Christopher Creek, own the picturesque Maldon Eaglehawk Motel in Victoria and it was here that she began her research into the background story of David Young, who was the first man to be hanged in the Old Castlemaine Gaol 150 years ago for the murder of 17 year-old Maggie Graham.

She started researching the information firstly for her own interest and then decided that she had uncovered overwhelming evidence showing there had been a miscarriage



Photo by: Mike Moores

Deborah Benson (L) with Bev Stevenson of Westbury

A murderous mistake?

of justice and he was innocent of the murder.

After two and a half years of research, she took a professional writing course and eighteen months later her historical-fiction novel became a reality.

During the author talk, Mr Creek read the very moving hanging scene from the book and Mrs Benson told her audience that the pic-

ture of David Young on the cover is a photo of his actual death mask.

A Judicial Murder has been accepted as a finalist for the Sisters in Crime 'Davitt Award'.

Mrs Benson is now endeavouring to clear David Young's name and gain him a posthumous pardon.

A Judicial Murder can be purchased through www.eaglehawkpress.com.

Precision agriculture project



Photo by: Mike Moores

Deputy Premier, Hon. Jeremy Rockliff gets a feel for some of the leading edge equipment on show at the expo.

THE DEPUTY Premier, the Hon. Jeremy Rockliff officially opened the Precision Agriculture Project Expo 2016 in Deloraine.

Demonstration sites across Tasmania are designed to increase awareness of the benefits of precision agriculture technology in farming.

The Project fosters the adoption of precision agriculture best practices.

Demonstrations provide advice on soil and crops,

climate and seasonal variability, management and protection of land.

By increasing and sharing knowledge and farming experiences, the Project aims to expand on-farm productivity and sustainability across the state.

More information can be found at www.utas.edu.au/tia/centres/vegetables/current-projects/current-projects-new/precision-agriculture.

Taekwondo

WORLD SHIMJANG Taekwondo Academy is expanding rapidly, with 12 branches across north-west Tasmania, from Smithton to Westbury.

Promoting fitness, fun, honesty and respect, classes are open to all ages and are held in Deloraine and Westbury with family discounts available.

For more information contact Master Instructor Darren Hyland on 0418 924 168 or go to www.shimjang.com.

MEANDER VALLEY - GET INVOLVED

Eat out with neighbours

THE MEANDER Valley Local Food Task Force project is aiming to increase awareness of fresh locally produced food, while finding ways of improving access to fresh healthy food by those who are currently more vulnerable in our community.

We never completely know what is happening for our neighbours and why.

Are they going hungry? Are they struggling? Do they need a hand?

Mostly we don't tell our neighbours if we are struggling or need a hand.

It is called good ol' Aussie Pride.

However, we know that everybody in a community can be vulnerable at different times.

Community is the key! By coming together and sharing food and friendship, together we can support each other in having access to affordable, fresh, healthy food.

So that's why some free community dinners are

being held to share food and friendship.

Two are in the planning; a dinner in Mole Creek on Saturday 28th May at 5:30pm and luncheon in Deloraine on Sunday 26th June at 12:30pm.

To book a seat at either of these meals, call Deloraine House on 6362 2678.

Help is needed with preparation of the meals.

If would you like to be involved, you could help chefs prepare food on the day, help with setting up, or clearing up afterwards.

Do you have excess produce to share?

Would you like to contribute that produce to a community dinner?

Would you like to be involved in a conversation about food choices and needs in your locality?

If so, Catherine Smith (Meander Valley Local Food Task Force, Deloraine House) would love to hear from you.

Phone: 0427 509 409 or email: MVFood@mail.com

IN THE GARDEN WITH NELL CARR

IN ORDER to preserve water quality on stream side reserves, and to prevent erosion, landholders are advised that stock should no longer be given access to permanent streams on their land.

In a few cases, there is still some remnant native vegetation along rural creeks.

Once stock are excluded, it might be possible to regenerate those few surviving native plants.

Swamp paperbarks (*Melaleuca ericifolia*) are not long lived, and regenerate by sending up fresh growth from surface roots.

If these young tender shoots are grazed, they will not survive, and all trees will disappear in a few years.

Once thick shade returns, then other moisture loving species, such as the many native ferns which populate those areas should re-establish themselves.

The Scented Paperbark, *Melaleuca squarrosa*, is another moisture lover.

The Woolly Tea tree, *Lepidospermum lanigerum*,

which grows along the Meander River, and Christmas Mintbush are two more flowering shrubs which would grace the banks.

All of these are available at a native tree nursery in Meander Valley, but they might have to be grown for landholders if stocks are not immediately available.

The picture below shows stream side reservation where stock have been excluded for two years. Half a dozen species of native fern, including the now rare King Fern *Todea barbara*, are flourishing in the shade of young *Melaleucas*.

Broad Beans. If Autumn sowings of broad beans didn't happen because of the unusually dry weather, they will mature at about the same time - November and December - if sown in September.

Some experts recommend spring sowing, as they do not grow so tall to be knocked about by the wind.

Cattle over the garden fence? Chop up your old sweet corn stalks and throw them over.





Ladies of Harley

Lynda Somers wearing her club colours is pictured here with her Harley.

By Wai Lin Coultas

LADIES WITH a keen interest in motorcycles would have heard of international organisation the Harley Owners Group (HOG). But may not be aware that they also sponsor a program to encourage female full or associate members to become more involved in Chapter activities and rides. This is Ladies of Harley (LOH).

The Tasmanian Chapter formed in 2002 is based in Prospect Vale, and offers its members many extra benefits, such as their very own embroidered LOH patch, a bronze pin for each year of membership, and extras such as the ABCs of Touring and the HOG Mileage Program.

“There is always a great spirit of support and encouragement for all new riders in the group.”

The Tasmanian HOG Chapter enthusiastically encourages women to join all their rides and events, whether on their own motorbike, riding pillion, or participating in social activities.

Men are always welcome to attend and support their ladies, and LOH members are actively involved in HOG organised events too.

In the early days, LOH organised special rides, picnics and dinners out, to which men were also invited.

That has developed to its current emphasis on greater friendship between members of the three regions in the island state.

HOG Tasmania has 331 full members and 80

associate members.

“All are genuinely interested in bikes and riding. HOG is a very social group, and not only for couples. We try to involve the whole family in events where possible,” said Lynda Somers, the LOH Officer. “Several times a year we have designated LOH rides.

This often finishes with a BBQ or a going somewhere for lunch. This year, the theme of our fun Annual Dinner will be The Wild West.”

LOH organise annual pizza nights and produced a 2015 calendar featuring ladies dressed in 60’s gear with their highly polished Harley bikes to support the Kidney Foundation. The 2017 calendar is themed Kids on Harleys to raise funds for Camp Quality. The photo shoot involved HOG members’ children and grandchildren posed on 9 Harley motorbikes.

“Our newest LOH member has bought a 500 Street, which is the latest model brought out by Harley Davidson to encourage learners to begin their riding journey on a Harley. The 500 Street is the first Harley to be Learner Motorcycle Scheme approved,” explained Lynda. “Ladies who buy their own new Harley are automatically invited to become a HOG member, and can then become a LOH at no extra cost.”

Ladies with a second-hand Harley who are not already HOG members are invited to contact the HOG committee about going along on a ride or to an event as a guest.

Lynda has observed that some ladies who do not normally ride very much, make the effort to join the LOH rides. “While all HOG rides

cater for riders of all levels of experience, the LOH ones are often a bit shorter and ridden at a more leisurely pace to ensure that all participants feel comfortable.

There is always a great spirit of support and encouragement for all new riders in the group. But particularly for

ladies who decide to ride with the HOGs.”

To sign up with LOH, contact Lynda Somers at loh@hogtasmania.org.au or go online to Harley Owners Group Australia, fill in the membership form and tick the LOH box.



Photo by: Mike Moores



Rest well, Peter Crowden

8th August 1949 - 9th April 2016

AFTER A brief illness, Peter Crowden recently passed away peacefully at the Deloraine Regional Hospital.

Peter was one of the world’s quiet folk who contributed significantly to his community. His many years’ of volunteering at the Mole Creek Online Access Centre is just one example of Peter’s local involvement and his presence at the Centre will be very much missed.

Meander Valley Online Inc.’s deep appreciation for his efforts over many years cannot be overstated.

Peter was also an avid indoor bowls player and maintained a keen interest in local history.

A well-attended public service took place at the Chudleigh Hall, a building that long held a special spot in his heart. Rest well, Peter.

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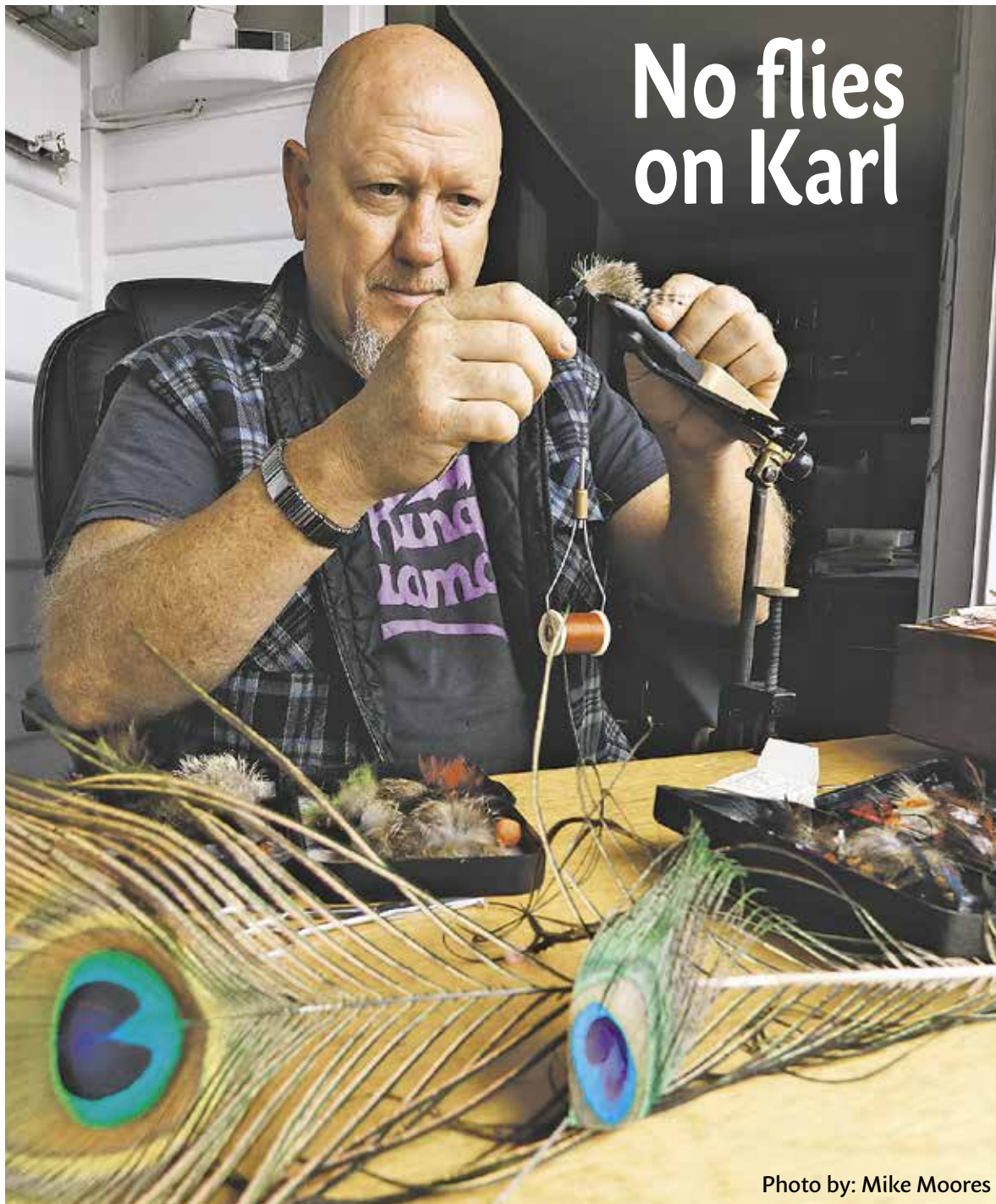


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No flies on Karl

By Karl Gammler

THE GENTLE art of fly-fishing can, at times, be the most frustrating endeavour you will ever embark upon.

But it can also be the most addictively and richly rewarding experience you will ever encounter. So much so, on several occasions, I have actually gone to bed, only to dream about fishing.

The sight of a trout slowly swimming up to inspect my offering can make me weak in the knees. The disappointment of him turning his nose up at my fly selection is acute. And if he lingers and stares while making his mind up, this stretches my anticipation to the unbearable.

Sometimes he will actually turn and swim away; then change his mind and come back to swiftly gulp it down. Even then, I am not home yet.

“The passion for fly-fishing does not have to end on the water”

It depends if it is a solid hook up. If happily it is, then all I have to do is land him. And as the four-pound tip-pee I am using has lost half its strength in unavoidable knots on my line, this has to be executed with some degree of patience - I truly have not outsmarted my quarry until he is either in my landing net or on dry land.

The passion for fly-fishing does not have to end on the water for there are numerous

other ways it can consume my time. Reading up on the art of this sport, for example, gives me that little bit of an edge for the next occasion.

The sight of a trout slowly swimming up to inspect my offering can make me weak in the knees. The disappointment of him turning his nose up at my fly selection is acute.

Then there are times I go to just practise my casting. Fun-nily, countless times I have casted like a champion all day until the moment I spot a fish. Unwittingly, my first back cast sees my fly in the nearest tree behind me.

And when I cannot be out on the water, I can still gain satisfaction by tying up our favourite flies as the patterns and combinations are endless. And it does not stop there - I can also invent my own pattern. Then there is the matter of ensuring the materials I use are of a quality superior to the commercial equivalent. This ensures I can make them stronger.

After all, there is a certain amount of satisfaction from catching a fish on a fly I have tied myself. And even more so when I have invented the knotting, especially when the money saved from not buying them can be put towards that next fishing trip.

Deloraine dancer in Don Quixote



EVER WONDERED what veterinarians do in their spare time?

Felicity Kerr, a senior veterinary physician from The Meander Valley Vet

Service in Deloraine, is taking seven weeks annual leave and returning to her home state to rehearse with the Victorian State Ballet (VSB) company in their upcoming season of Don Quixote.

“She is a bit of an oddity as far as the clinic’s client farmers are concerned”

Felicity started dancing when she was four and her love of ballet has continued through the years.

Since moving to Tasmania five years ago, she has continued her classes with the Kim Rowe School of Dance and has done some teaching, as well as local competitions and the very popular end-of-year pantomimes.

She is a bit of an oddity as far as the clinic’s client farmers are concerned - after seeing her covered in blood and muck from cow surgery in the animal’s yard it is hard to visualise her dressed in tutu and tiara!

Felicity, with the the VSB company, is performing at the Princess Theatre in Launceston on Saturday 14th May at 7.00pm. Tickets available at the box office: call 6323 3666.



Photo by: Ladislav Polak

Westbury hosts darts comp

By Stephen Briggs

OVER 200 ace shot darts enthusiasts gathered recently at the Westbury Sports Centre.

They were there to take part in the ongoing competition to see who is the best in Tasmania.

Those who come out on top will be selected for the state team set to play against Australia’s finest.

With nearly all of Tasmania’s regions represented at the meet, both men and women were throwing down their best in a bid to get a spot on the State team.

With selections approaching rapidly the stakes are high.

Each regional team is wearing their own unique

Jodie Jordan Jago of Devonport tries for a double top.



Kim Emmerton of Ulverstone team shirts, making them a colourful bunch throwing pointy things around and having a good laugh; brightening up the sports centre’s ambience.

Over all it is great fun to watch and we should all cheer on our State team when its members get selected.





Photo by: Mike Moores

A garden of autumn hues

By Lorraine Clarke

CULZEAN GARDEN is one of Westbury's treasures. Captain Edward Martin of the British Army in Madras, India, built the Indian Colonial design house in the 1840's.

Subsequent owners developed the garden, with the original plantings done in 1878 by a Mrs Joy.

Her legacy is the soaring conifers and spreading deciduous trees which give character and shelter to the garden.

Dinah FitzGerald and her husband Philip Leith purchased the property in 2012.

They began conservatively, removing blackberry and other weeds from naturalised bulbs beneath spreading oaks.

Yellowing foliage of Solomon's Seal promises drifts of nodding white flowers to come, alongside bluebells, daffodils and arums.

"We have all the deciduous conifers," said Dinah. "The Weeping European Larch, two Dawn Redwoods and the Swamp Cypress. They're just babies."

At almost 140 years, the girths and lofty heights of the oldest trees already inspire awe, but as some can live for well over 1,000 years, none of us will ever see them reach their maximum potential of more than 100 metres tall.

Culzean's 4 hectares is ideal for these specimens of the world's largest trees, which love to have their feet in water and heads in the clouds. Towering above alder, cedar, cypress, maple, oak, ash, beech, liquidambar, ginkgo biloba and many other exotic

trees, they rim the one-hectare lake created by veterinarian and passionate gardener Dr Harry Laker, who owned the property from 1965 – 2000.

A line of ducks scuttled single file around the water's edge, fossicking amongst the iris and beneath great spiky gunnera leaves.

"They're not supposed to be there," said Dinah. "They're frogging. They should be on the lake."

Garden seats beside the paths invite lingering contemplation of vistas framed by pendent boughs of richly-coloured foliage filtering the warm sunlight.



Deep golds, coppery browns and vivid magenta of deciduous trees are mirrored in the lake.

The papery flutter of yellow leaves floating from a tracery of silver branches against the blue sky, is almost the only sound to be heard.

Some trees are already bare, others various shades of green.

Graceful weeping willows stand above the water. Expanses of water-lily pads recede towards the banks as winter approaches, to reappear crowned in pink, white and yellow lilies next season.

Throughout the garden, crab-apple trees display glossy green, gold or red baubles as their leaves turn colour and fall.

Deep green rhododendrons and camellias sport fat flower buds.

A Bhutan cypress sheds enormous decorative cones, and the trail beside the oaks is thickly pebbled with acorns. Beneath a vast old linden is a carpet of violets, hellebores and cyclamen. Lines of Lombardy poplars and fastigate liriiodendrons give definition and autumn colour to the garden.

Emerald lawns surrounding the house are framed by trees and bordered with perennials. Purple spires of delphiniums and campanulas rise above clumps of goose-neck loosestrife against a backdrop of viburnums and magnolias. Behind the house is the Old Rose Garden, redolent with scent of late blooms. Dahlias still blaze, and apple trees bear heavy crops of crisp juicy fruit. "I've just put all the quince jelly away. The quinces were huge this year."

An avenue of Chanticleer ornamental pears edges the drive, giving dazzling foliage in autumn and a froth of blossom each spring. "My sister Jo lives in the front cottage," said Dinah. "She's doing a bee-keeping course, so we will soon have our own bees here."

Culzean will welcome the public again under the Open Gardens Scheme to raise funds for the Westbury Community Health Centre. "We want people to enjoy the Garden at its best in both, spring and autumn," said Dinah.

Coffee aficionado

By Stephen Briggs

SOME PEOPLE drink it for the taste, some for the buzz. For others it is what you sip when meeting up in town.

What is it? Espresso - also known as coffee. Your local neighbourhood knows it as Latte, Cappuccino, Flat White and Long Black as well.

But do you know what makes average B grade coffee into one making an A++ grading you really enjoy? And what are some tips and tricks to find that A++ coffee?

"Nothing says B grade coffee like an automatic machine."

It starts with beans. Most coffee is a blend of two types of beans, Arabica and Robusta. Arabica's main traits are lighter flavours and hints of nuts and fruit. Robusta has predominantly deep earthy tastes.

It is important to note that there are many different blends and we live in a world where every coffee shop worth its salt is a roaster.

As discussing beans and origins would take too long, you will have to find what you like the hard way. Moreover, my taste may not be what you like. However, there are many good Tasmanian roasters.

And they know the obvious no-no is tapping the tamp after compressing the coffee grains into the handle, as this creates small fractures in the coffee biscuit that the hot water will follow, burning that bit of coffee - making a B grade brew.

The milk wand, used to texture the milk, has

significant impact too. If it is dirty, or with old milk on it, the nice fresh milk for your coffee will also have a burnt tinge - again downgrading your drink to a B rating.

Then there is the mass-produced coffee from fast food or big coffee chains.

Nothing says B grade coffee like an automatic machine. It is synonymous to brewing coffee with no control to lift it to a higher ranking - a barista's worst nightmare.

And I should know. I am Stephen - a coffee nut and trained barista, who has spent endless hours learning about, making and drinking coffee.

My love for it drove such a need to know how to make this awesome hot beverage, I asked a friend of mine, Christian and an awesome barista, to teach me.

But after learning from him, I needed more. So I got my accreditation at TAFE.

Now I spend happy days working here and there behind a coffee machine honing my craft.

Stephen Briggs enjoys a coffee



Valleyviews

Mayor's Message



Commodore Bob Morrison (front) and Mayor Perkins addressed the ANZAC Day gathering at Deloraine. Photo: Mike Moores

I WAS PRIVILEGED to give the municipal address at the Deloraine ANZAC Day morning service. Australians and New Zealanders who fought, and continue to fight, for our freedom were commemorated at a number of ceremonies across Meander Valley, including Carrick, Hagley and Westbury. Large crowds were in attendance at services Australia-wide, once again proving that the spirit of the ANZAC is very much alive. My presentation from the day is below:

GOOD MORNING AND thank you for allowing me to address you as we remember those who have fought for us, and have fallen for us.

I wish to start by acknowledging the current and returned servicemen and women amongst us.

Only a week or so ago, the Director of the Australian War Memorial, Dr Brendan Nelson spoke at the Tasmanian District Rotary conference here in Deloraine. For those who were fortunate to listen to Dr Nelson, like me, many were moved by his recollection of the stories of war, and of the personal journeys that many of our country's young men took as they entered battle, fighting for the freedom of others.

For someone who has never had to experience war and conflict, it is somewhat difficult to relate to the enormity and personal toll that war and conflict takes. Young men and women put themselves at risk and many sacrificed their lives. Many made a deliberate decision, in the hope that it would provide us the freedom we are lucky enough to enjoy today. They chose a course of action that was likely to result in the sacrifice of their life, or physical injury and emotional scars, likely to alter their quality of life for the remainder of their days.

In his address, Dr Nelson

was able to create a personal connection between war and its impact. The message being, we do not want to wish the experience of war to be felt amongst our community again.

Allow me to try and make that connection real. Imagine for one moment, the young men, our friends, our family, that marched today representing the Deloraine Football Club. Imagine if those young Deloraine men and boys were in fact dressed in the uniform of an Australian soldier, and after the march were then to head off to an unknown country to fight a war against an unknown enemy, many unlikely to return. The impact of those young men leaving, with connections deep within our community, whatever their fate, would be long lasting and significant amongst us here today. That, I imagine, is what it would have been like watching loved ones march off to war, be it 100, 75, or 50 years ago. Fortunately, those young men and boys that marched today, will go and play a game of footy, and tonight, enjoy a meal with their family and friends.

My role here this morning is to provide the municipal welcome. In welcoming those gathered, I thank you for taking the time to come, listen and acknowledge those amongst us that have represented our community, our country, for the protection of our freedoms. And for those who have come here today to publicly reflect on a very private memory about loved ones, friends or family, who have and served our country for our freedom, I welcome you here and thank you for the respect you continue to show to our fallen ones and those affected by war.

LEST WE FORGET

Craig Perkins, Mayor

Council Updates Masterchef Cookoff

SIXTEEN YOUNG PEOPLE participated in a 'Cook Off' during National Youth Week in April.

Over two days, the budding chefs aged 12-14 years and 15-25 years, presented evening meals to around 50 guests, including Meander Valley Mayor Craig Perkins.

Judges from the Raspberry Farm, Deloraine Deli, and the Empire Hotel were impressed by the quality and creativity

of the cooking. The winners in each age group received a \$100 meal voucher to one of the above businesses.

The event was a joint initiative between the MV Harvest Co-Op, Deloraine Trade Training Centre and Council to encourage the use of local fresh food and to teach cooking skills.

Thanks to the businesses for their contributions, the Trade Training Centre for making the venue available and to Coordinator, Berice van der Aa, for the hours of work contributed to the project.



Our local Masterchefs cooking up a storm!



Help for Community Groups

Grants Information session

INTERESTED APPLICANTS FOR Council Community Grants are warmly invited to a Grants Information Session to be held on Wednesday 25 May at Council Chambers, Westbury from 7.00pm to 8.15pm.

This will be an opportunity to discuss project ideas and learn about what makes a good application. First-time applicants are particularly encouraged to attend. Please register by calling 6393 5300.

Future planning

COUNCIL IS OFFERING a free and practical 2-hour session in organisational planning.

Does your group have a

plan to guide its activities over the next few years? Has it identified what its main direction and priorities are?

For information please contact patrick.gambles@mvc.tas.gov.au or call 6393 5334 or 0418 507 113.

Council Community Grants

COMMUNITY GRANTS APPLICATIONS 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 the next adjudication round should be lodged by 30 June 2016.

Meander Valley Council recount completed

FOLLOWING THE RESIGNATION of Councillor Rodney Youd on 14 April 2016, a recount was completed on 26 April 2016 to fill a vacancy on the Meander Valley Council. Three candidates nominated to contest the recount. Mr John Temple has been elected to serve as Councillor until the 2018 Ordinary Election.

Mayor Craig Perkins wished Councillor Youd all the best and thanked him for his contribution to the Council and Meander Valley.

"I welcome John to Council and look forward to working with him on behalf of our local community," he said.

Stepping Stones now on in May!

Take the challenge ...

A STEPPING STONES leadership Camp is on in Meander Valley from 20 to 22 May

The camp is for young people aged 18-25 years who want to share three days of fun, activities and learning through music, cooking, outdoor education, challenges, consultation, choices and more.

The cost is just \$25 per person which is significantly subsidised by Council.

Camps are led by Council staff and volunteers. Contact Vicki Jordan on 0400 155 690 to book your place.

Diary Dates

'Then & Now' photographic exhibition

Part of the Heritage Festival Throughout May 2016
Deloraine and Districts Folk Museum
98 - 100 Emu Bay Road
Deloraine.

Markets



Deloraine Market
Showgrounds

First 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

Community Safety

THE MEANDER VALLEY Community Safety Group meets quarterly to progress safety initiatives on wide topics. It has Police, Health Service, Red Cross, Council and Community representatives. Its next meeting will be held at the Australian Italian Club, Prospect Vale, on Thursday 26 May from 7.00pm to 8.30pm.

Community members are warmly invited to come along and share thoughts on local safety issues. Residents of Blackstone Heights and Prospect Vale are particularly welcome. For information and to register contact patrick.gambles@mvc.tas.gov.au 6393 5334.

Meander Valley women on the move

HELD ONE MONDAY a month, Women on the Move is a social day out for women, visiting historic locations, gardens, museums, going shopping etc. Come along and meet other Meander Valley women, enjoy morning tea and lunch and stay connected. Bookings are required. Please contact Libby Beyerle on 0400 622 461.

Get the tools for life



WANT TO GET back into study or training in 2016, but not sure what to do? Come and have a chat to Anne-Marie at LINC Tasmania in Deloraine or Westbury. Need to update your resume or need a hand with a job application—or just want to brush up on your reading, writing and numbers skills? Come and have a confidential chat and find out about how we can help. All programs are free and private. Call or text Anne-Marie: 0417 120 671.

Want even more privacy? Call the 26TEN hotline 1800 00 2610 www.26ten.tas.gov.au

Meander Valley U3A Term 2 program out now!

GET YOUR COPY of the Term 2 program and newsletter from www.mvu3a.org or email meandervalleyu3a@gmail.com for more information.

Your guide to a quiet neighbourhood



WE ALL MAKE noise, but if it can be heard in a room of another house, it can be considered a nuisance. Noise is generally deemed unreasonable if the volume, duration or intensity is considered disturbing. The time, place, and circumstances of the noise should also be considered.

Why is noise a problem?

We all know noise can be disrupting. Scientists agree that it can cause disruptions to sleep and the nervous system, as well as eventually damaging hearing.

What can I do to help?

By observing the Tasmanian Regulations for noise, you are not only preserving your own environment, but also keeping peace with

your neighbours.

What if my neighbours are noisy?

Often, the best thing you can do is talk to your neighbours about the noise to resolve the matter yourselves. This works well as most of the time they are not making the noise on purpose, and may not even realise they are disturbing you.

How can I make a complaint?

If talking to your neighbour doesn't work, contact Council on 6393 5300 during business hours. If the noise occurs outside business hours contact your local police station. If the problem occurs repeatedly you are entitled to contact the Environment Protection Authority (EPA).

Remember, when you

make your complaint ensure you know the address of where the noise is coming from, the type of noise, and its duration. Keeping a diary of the noise will assist with the investigations.

What will be done about my complaint?

The complaint will be investigated by an Authorised Officer. If they deem it to be an environmental nuisance, they can issue an infringement notice. Depending on the circumstances of the nuisance, fines can be up to \$39,000.

What if my neighbour continues with the noise?

On the spot fines can be issued by the Officer, as well as additional infringements up to \$7,200 per day that the nuisance continues.

What times are considered reasonable?

Chainsaws

Monday to Friday: 7am to 6pm
Saturday: 9am to 6pm
Sunday & Public Holidays: 10am to 6pm

Lawn mowers, garden maintenance equipment and power tools

Monday to Friday: 7am to 8pm
Saturday: 9am to 8pm
Sunday & Public Holidays: 10am to 8pm

Musical instruments and sound amplifying equipment

Monday to Thursday: 7am to 10pm
Friday: 7am to midnight
Saturday: 9am to midnight
Sunday & Public Holidays: 10am to 10pm

Motor vehicles, motor vessels and outboard motors (For sport or recreation purposes)

Monday to Friday: 7am to 6pm
Saturday: 9am to 6pm
Sunday & Public Holidays: 10am to 6pm

Portable apparatus (Percussion instruments, pumps, compressors, generators, cement mixers)

Monday to Friday: 7am to 6pm
Saturday: 9am to 6pm
Sunday & Public Holidays: 10am to 6pm

Mobile machinery (Fork lifts, tractors, graders, rollers etc)

Monday to Friday: 7am to 6pm
Saturday: 8am to 6pm
Sunday & Public Holidays: 10am to 6pm

THE DELORAINE AND Districts Folk Museum presents, *Then and Now*, a photographic exhibition to celebrate the Heritage Festival, in May.

The exhibition includes Deloraine images from

the early 1800's compared to those taken in 1999.

Visit the exhibition at 98-100 Emu Bay Road, Deloraine. Open 7 days, 9am to 5pm during May. \$8.00 entry or \$6.00 concession.

DIVERSITY IS THE theme for Tasmania's 2016 Seniors Week program held this year from 17 to 24 October.

The popular annual events and activities program for seniors has always sought to provide a range of events that appeal to different skills, demographics and cultures.

Seniors Week registrations are open until 1 July. For general enquiries or assistance with

event development contact admin@cotatas.org.au or call 6231 3265.

Local Food for Local People

COMMUNITY DINNER COMING to Mole Creek, Saturday 28 May.

Would you like to be involved in a community dinner? Do you have excess produce to share?

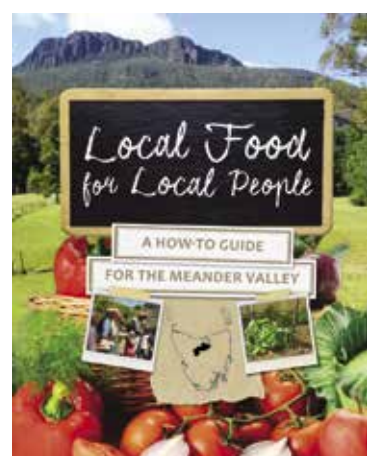
Would you like to contribute that produce to a community dinner?

Would you like to be involved in a conversation about food choices and needs in your locality?

We'd love to hear from you! The Meander Valley Local Food Task Force project is aiming to increase awareness

of fresh, locally-produced food and improving access to fresh produce by those who are more socially vulnerable

Contact: Catherine Smith MV Local Food Task Force, Deloraine House Phone: 0427 509 409 email: MVFood@mail.com



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Valley Views can be read at any time by visiting the website. Click on Community, Culture and Recreation and then Community News.

By Sara Fawcett and David Claridge

ARTIST BRAD Quinn is progressing in his art career. Living in Westbury, he has just taken on a small studio in Deloraine Creative Studios.

Already off to a good start, Brad has sold three paintings in two weeks after opening.

"Taking a studio space in Deloraine is a big step for me," Brad said.

"I've been interested in painting and drawing ever since I can remember.

I was good at art in school and just stumbled into studying graphic design at RMIT. Now I have spent most of my career as a freelance illustrator."

"I don't believe that paintings need to have a message or meaning. My main interest is trying to re-create the effects of light on objects — landscapes, still lifes, interiors — in the simplest way possible," he said.

Brad's work is mostly in oils, creating a style that most people would describe as realistic or impressionist.

"It's hard to describe exactly how this is done. I spend a lot of time experimenting and looking at how other

artists work.

The internet is a fabulous tool for examining other paintings in detail and so many contemporary artists are very generous in explaining their materials and techniques," he said.

"Some of my paintings never get finished because they are not working.

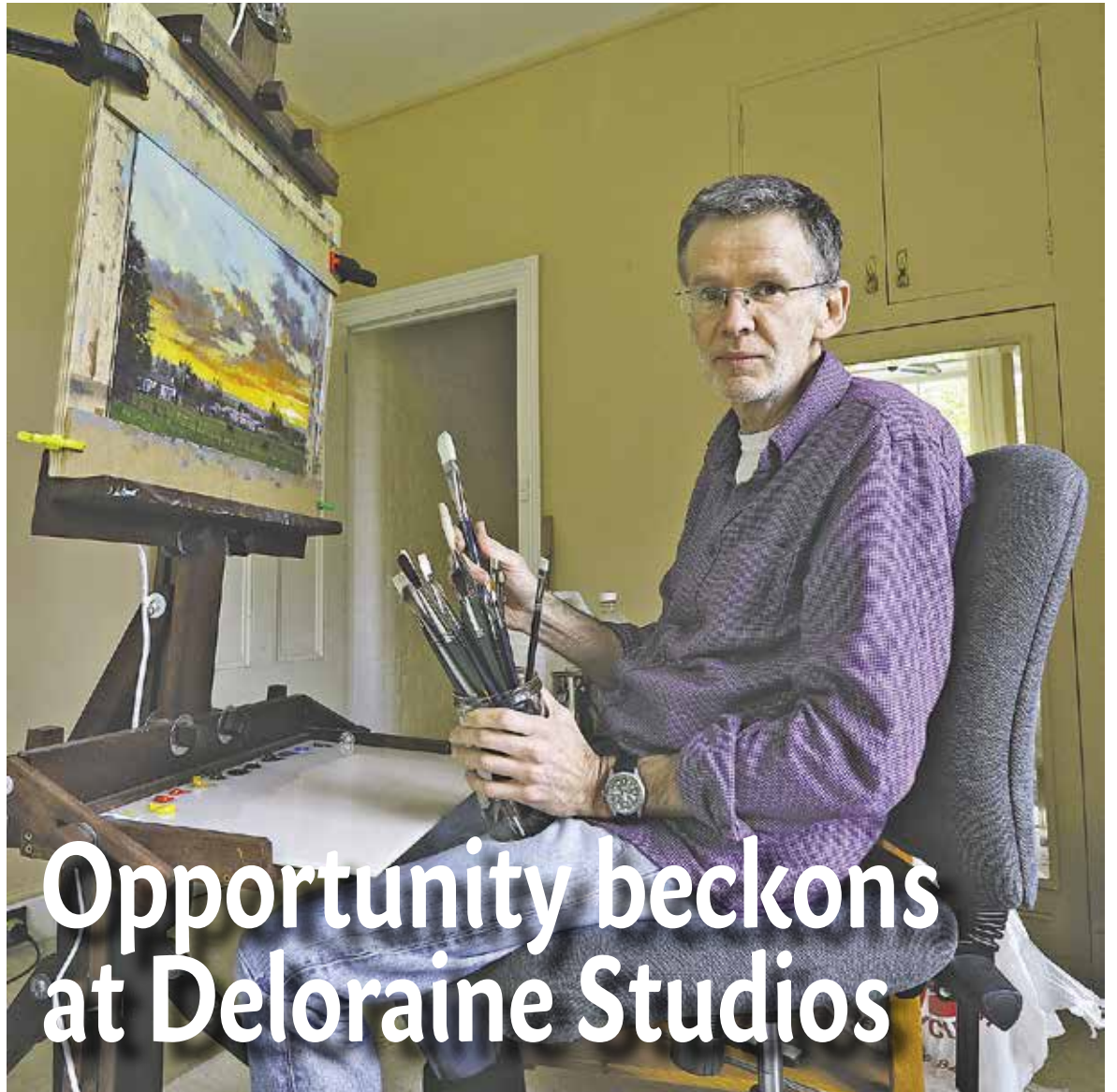
"Taking studio space in Deloraine is a big step for me"

Others get finished but don't feel right, so they get hidden away."

"But when a painting works and I am happy with the final result, there is still the question - does anybody else think it is good enough to want to own it?"

The Deloraine Creative Studios explain on their website that they give people the opportunity to observe and talk with artists and craftspeople as they weave their magic, creating authentic Tasmanian products including painting, weaving, sewing, making jewellery and woodcrafts.

You can visit the studios seven days a week.



Westbury artist Brad Quinn

Photo by: Mike Moores

Opportunity beckons at Deloraine Studios

Dress circle seating for Little Theatre

By Deborah White

In another round of exemplary community co-operation, the Deloraine Dramatic Society and the Western Tiers Film Society have enlisted the help of the Deloraine Community Shed to complete the re-setting of the new seats for the Little Theatre in Deloraine.

With Shed Co-ordinator Tim Whiteley overseeing the hands-on activity, volunteers from the above organisations, along with Studio Be personnel and MVC Property Manager Kris Eade, met to tackle the time-consuming

task of converting rows of 9 seats into rows of three, so that the seating remains movable, as required by the varied uses of the Theatre.

"Although volunteers ...chipped in, the project would have floundered if not for the contributions of 'The Sheddies'"

By also gluing carpet to the undersides to prevent scratching the polished floor, the team has eliminated the long-standing problems that Little Theatre users have become familiar with – as well

as providing comfy, safe seats at long last!

Although volunteers from the above groups chipped in, the project would have floundered if not for the contributions of "The Sheddies" – who, while giving generously of their time and skill, probably considered getting their workspace back on completion of the project an additional bonus!

The Sheddies, along with all those who contributed to the project, will be honoured guests at the "Seat Celebration" party when the project is complete, in early June.

Tim Whiteley of Golden Valley and Keith Anderson of Deloraine work on the seats refurbishment



Photo by: Mike Moores

Learn how to make a lantern

AS PART of Winterfire 2016 come and participate in the free lantern making workshops being held at the Deloraine Showgrounds then be part of the WinterGlow Lantern Parade at Winterfire.

These hands on, fun workshops are suitable for any skill level and aimed at families, children with supervision, groups and solo adults.

The workshops are from 1.00pm to 4.00pm on 5th, 12th and 19th June at the Deloraine Showgrounds.

Winterfire 2016 will be held on Saturday 25th June.

The gates will open at

4.30pm, fireworks begin at 7.00pm followed by the lantern parade to the big bonfire.

There will also be music, poetry, marshmallows around the firepots, great food, fantastic fireworks and drumming. Come and celebrate Winter.

Entry to Winterfire is \$10.00 for adults and accompanied children are free.

To book or enquire, do email artsdeloraine@gmail.com or phone 0428 237 078.

WinterGlow is an event made possible by a community partnership between Arts Deloraine, Primary Health Tasmania, and Deloraine House.



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Former lawyer's mobile sheep boutique

By Joanne Eisemann

YOU DONT need to spend much time with Susan Gunter of Reedy Marsh, before her love for sheep becomes obvious.

They are treated with all the gentleness we normally reserve for our nearest and dearest.

When *Meander Valley Gazette* caught up with her, Susan was shearing six sheep for Jessica Marston on her small holding in Westbury.

"the more Aikido I do the easier the shearing gets because doing Aikido you don't fight"

A former lawyer, Susan has been shearing for sixteen years.

"I'd been shearing before I finished my law degree" explains Susan and adds "I'd look out the window and think, you know somewhere out there someone is shearing sheep."

"That went on for 10 years and I thought, right I've had enough."

As a young woman Susan's first experience of sheep was with her parents flock in Gippsland Victoria, there she learnt to crutch and later on to shear.

While working in Hobart, a friend who knew of Susan's shearing background asked if she would shear her small flock as the person who normally did it wasn't available.

"I agreed to do it, she told her friends and it sort of just

went from there really.

I became very busy on weekends, as at that point, I was still working as a lawyer

I used to fleece people during

feet trimming, drenching and delousing.

"I was most impressed when I rang Susan and she said she could do the drench-

when a wool buyer down near Hobart told me about small mobs often having lice, making life hard for the big fellas because these little guys were

are some very interesting animal health issues about sheep, I spend quite a bit of time researching that and trying to understand," says Susan.

"I try to inform people or at least refer them to websites."

Susan also shears goats and alpacas, she says the techniques she uses for each type of animal are different according to skin type, fleece/hair type and temperament.

As a fairly small person Susan has learned to work with animals rather than try to force them into position for shearing.

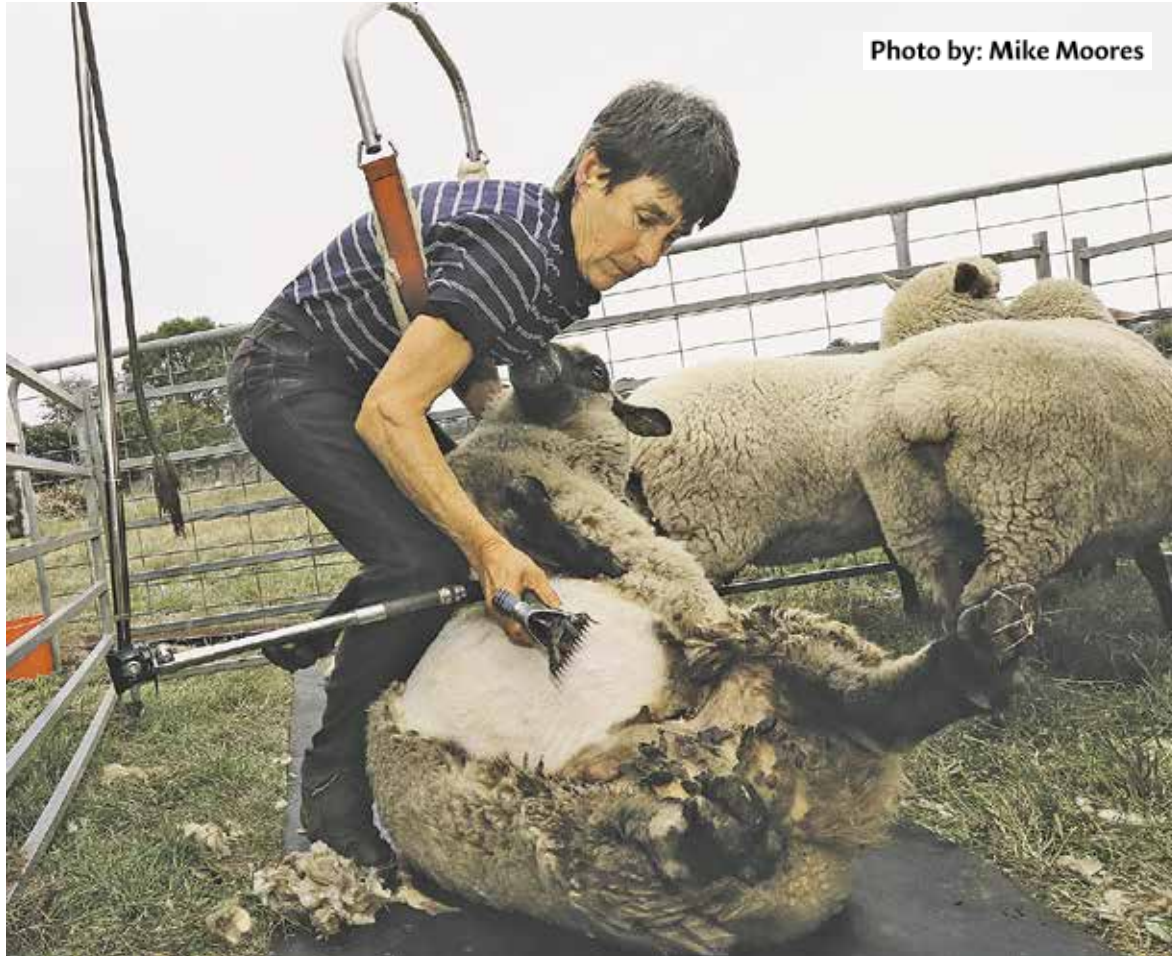
This has become easier for her since taking up Aikido, a Japanese martial art; "the more Aikido I do the easier the shearing gets because doing Aikido you don't fight, you're just working with whoever's there, same with these guys you learn how to use your energy, you learn how to work with their energy."

Contrary to popular opinion, Susan says sheep are smart "you know sheep can remember 40 faces," she comments.

Pet sheep "usually have more of an attitude," says Susan, "usually a bit more wriggly but not all the time."

But Susan doesn't mind a bit of attitude she just enjoys her work, commenting "every day is like a fresh joy really."

You can contact Susan on 0429 705 146.



Susan Gunter of Reedy Marsh shears Jessica Marston's ewe Sparkle at her property in Westbury

the week and fleece these guys on the weekend," laughs Susan.

Working predominantly with small mobs, often pets, Susan offers a 'one stop service not only shearing but

ing, trim their feet and delouse them" shares Jessica. "It's expensive to buy all that stuff when you only have a few sheep."

Susan adds "I started to do it

lice incubators so I bought some backline and went and did an Ag Dept course to learn how to apply it."

"I've learnt a lot about sheep by doing the small lots. There

Trowunna gets more room for Raptors

By Chere Kenyon

IN THE last twelve months alone, there have been thirteen eagles electrocuted by powerlines.

Recognising the risk its infrastructure poses to endangered species, TasNetworks has partnered with Trowunna Wildlife Park to build a new bird of prey rescue, repair, rehabilitation and release facility.

"Since opening the new facility, Trowunna has already seen five bird of prey species enter their care"

On 4 April, TasNetworks' CEO, Lance Balcombe, along with Androo Kelly, Trowunna's Director, proudly opened the new centre.

"Each year birds of prey are killed by electrocution as a result of flying into live power lines or perching on power poles," acknowledged Mr

Balcombe. "Along with other mitigation strategies we are voluntarily offsetting our impact, by supporting the development of these new facilities here at Trowunna Wildlife Park."

The new enclosures include a free-flight aviary and a walk-through rehabilitation area so that people can view the birds up close.

"The Park has more than 30 years' experience in the successful rescue, rehabilitation and release of various species of birds of prey and this program is one of the most significant during that time," stated Mr Kelly.

"We already have four permanently injured eagles here at the Sanctuary, two

of which were injured when they hit power lines."

"It is a credit to TasNetworks for addressing this issue. We are pleased to partner with them to promote positive conservation outcomes for our native bird of prey species," he added.

Emily Duggan, Trowunna's Sanctuary Manager, would love to have the support of local residents.

"I would encourage people to come out and have a look at the big changes that have occurred over the last several years and get close to these endangered birds."

Since opening the new facility, Trowunna has already seen five bird of prey

species enter their care. "Four of the five are endangered; one critically," advised Ms Duggan.

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Trowunna is an Aboriginal term meaning "heart-shaped island" and "wildlife sanctuary".

The name is well deserved as the 96 acres of bushland, comprising the park, provides a wildlife corridor to many animals in the area as well as a hospital to injured wildlife.

In the event that you come across an injured bird of prey you can contact DPIPW on 1300 827 727.



Trowunna opens new bird of prey facility

Happy to be in Hadspen

By David Claridge

ANYONE WHO has visited the Hadspen Post Office and Newsagency recently would have noticed a couple of new faces.

Scott Arthur and Terri Kewish, from Penguin, have followed their dream of owning a store.

"We regretted not buying the Penguin post office when it was for sale," Terri said. "(When) the Hadspen store came up in our price range, we decided to take a risk."

"People have been suggesting what magazines, services and other things they want the store to have available"

Prior to the purchase in February, they were both working part time. Terri was a teacher's assistant. Then Scott had a back injury and could not continue his bus driving work.

They loved Hadspen when they first arrived. And seeing

the store made them realise that they had found a place they could make into their new home.

Moreover, "the customers have continued to visit since we opened. It is building up faster than we anticipated.

We thought it would probably take twelve months. So we are really happy with it," Terri shared.

The store offers gifts, caters to babies, children and men, too. At the same time, they plan to make the store bigger and better, as it was quite run down and with little stock when they took it over.

Making it a "work in progress" means they are "relying heavily on customers to tell them what they want to see in there, to help them make it a better place to visit".

People have been suggesting what magazines, services and other things they want the store to have available.

Scott and Terri also plan to bring in a coffee machine to offer tea and coffee along with snacks to make it more modern and serviceable to the community.



Scott Arthur and Terri Kewish of Hadspen Post Office and Newsagency are pleased to provide services for their local community. Photo by: Mike Moores

Enterprise Centre shuts up shop : Real estate winners

AFTER 25 years of assisting small business in the Meander Valley and playing a significant role in many community organisations in the district, the Meander Valley Enterprise Centre closed as of 4th April this year.

"I would like to thank members of the Meander Valley community for their support"

A lack of funding support compelled its Board to decide on permanently ceasing operation.

The board thanked Richard Millen, its Manager Facilitator, for his contribution

over the last seven years, especially for his efforts to keep the Centre open over the recent three years.

Richard commented "I would like to thank members of the Meander Valley business community and community at large for their support and welcoming approach to me.

I have become a passionate supporter of Meander Valley and intend continuing my support where I can."

Richard can be contacted on 0419 623 455 or email richarddmillen@gmail.com.



Facilitator Richard Millen thanks supporters in the wake of the closure of the Meander Valley Enterprise Centre.

FIRST NATIONAL Real Estate Deloraine was recognised for its achievements at the Victorian and Tasmanian General Excellence and Marketing (GEM) Awards held by First National in Melbourne recently.

Brian Claridge, Principal of the Deloraine office, stated "Our staff have worked and trained hard to maintain a leading edge and the results have been impressive."

At the gala awards evening, First National Deloraine received an award for the "highest number of exclusive rural listings" and "highest gross rural sales commission."

Brian also received the same awards for his individual performance.



Brian Claridge (R) receiving the awards for Deloraine First National Real Estate

Statistical information gatherers needed

IN MAY, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) will be recruiting Field Officers from across Tasmania to carry out Australia's Census of Population and Housing on Tuesday 9th August.

The ABS is looking for dedicated, enthusiastic self-starters to fill up to 800 positions, with approximately 15 jobs available in the Meander Valley area.

If you're tech-savvy, know your community well and are eager to make a difference, the ABS wants to hear from you.

TAS Census Director,

Georgia Chapman, said that working on the Census is a great way to contribute to your community.

"The data you help collect provides an important statistical snapshot of Australia.

It supports planning, policy and funding decisions for a range of local services and infrastructure—from housing and transport to health and education."

A few things have changed since the last Census. In 2016, the majority of households are expected to complete the Census online; however, paper forms will still be available for

households who need them.

Field Officers play a critical role in facilitating these changes by visiting households, encouraging online participation but most important of all, ensuring everyone makes the count.

The positions are casual and most of the work will be conducted during August and September. People from diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

For more information or to apply, go to www.abs.gov.au/careers.

Applications open on Monday, 2nd May.

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Events Diary

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

Date and Time	Event	Details
Monday 2nd May - 1st July	Seniors Week Event Registrations	General enquiries & assistance with event development Ph: 6231 3265
Thursday 5th May - 7th May 8.00am - 5.00pm	Agfest	Quercus Rural Youth Park, 415 Oaks Road, Carrick Adults \$15.00, Children 5-15 \$5.00, Under 5 Free
Friday 6th May 8.00pm - 11.45pm	Old Time Dance déjà vu band	Deloraine Bowls Club, 36 Meander Valley Rd Couple \$18.00 Single \$9.00 Supper included
Saturday 7th May 10.00pm	Ben Tome' Band	Deloraine Football Clubrooms \$10.00 entry
Tuesday 10th May 11.00am - 1.00pm	Meander Valley National Volunteer Week Party	Western Tiers Community Club, Parsonage St. Deloraine Lunch incl. Gold Coin donation Ph: 6362 5280
Thursday 12th May 9:30am - 2:00pm	Centrelink Mobile Service visits Deloraine	Woolworths Car Park, info on payments, services, tax and super
Thursday 12th May 10.30am - 11.30am	ICL Tas -talk & display of assistive equipment	SES Training room, Lansdowne Place, Deloraine. Free RSVP to ILC Tas on 1300 885 886.
Friday 13th May 8.00pm	Old Time Dance	Rosevale déjà vu Band Ladies, pleate of supper please. Ph: Gwen 6396 6151
Saturday 14th May 7.30pm	Western Tiers Film Society	Little Theatre, 2 Meander Valley Rd, Deloraine "The Secret in their Eyes" Rated M Drama 129 minutes
Wednesday 18th May 4:00-5:00pm	Bush Trail Information Session	Colony 47, Deloraine Train Park
Saturday 21st May	Westbury Agricultural Show Horse Committee	Freshmans Show Jumping Day Westbury Showground Information on Show Website or Ph: 0407 807 876
Sunday 22nd May 10.00am - 2.00pm	Car Boot Sale	Bracknell Primary School-To book a space or Enquire Ph 6397 3288 or Bracknell.Primary@education.tas.gov.au
Tuesday 24th May 7.00pm - 7.30pm	Westbury RSL AGM	Westbury RSL Club Function Room, 7 Lonsdale Promenade, Westbury
Wednesday 25th May 11:00am - 12:00noon	Bush Trail Information Session	Colony 47, Deloraine Train Park
Thursday 26th May 10.00am	The Big Morning Tea (for Cancer)	Rotary Pavillion, Alveston Drive, Deloraine \$7.00 For further details Ph 6362 4994 Sally Dawkins
Saturday 28th May 5.30pm	Community Dinner	Mole Creek Hall, Caveside Road Free For one of 50 tickets call Catherine Smith 0427 509 409
Sunday 5th June 1.00pm - 4.00pm	Winterglow Lantern making (for Winterfire)	Deloraine Showgrounds Free, fun workshop to make your lantern for Winterglow Parade at Winterfire 2016
Saturday 11th June 7.30pm	Western Tiers Film Society	Little Theatre, 2 Meander Valley Rd, Deloraine "Midnight in Paris" Rated PG RomCom 94 minutes
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Saturday 25th June 7.30pm	Western Tiers Film Society (rescheduled-July)	Little Theatre, 2 Meander Valley Rd, Deloraine "The 100 year old Man" Rated M Comedy 114 minutes
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SPORT IN BRIEF

BASKETBALL

THE 50TH Anniversary of the Deloraine Amateur Basketball Association was celebrated with a dinner on 30th April.

Current President Shaun Donohue said "We currently have over 370 players this season.

Our roster is growing and we'll soon need to consider options to expand our stadium.

The 2015/16 season Grand Final saw some hotly contested games in both the Men's and Women's competitions.

The Committee have been really excited about the standard of competition."

BOWLS 70th

ON SATURDAY evening, the 9th April, 2016 John Gleeson, the President of the Deloraine Bowls Club welcomed 94 distinguished guests, past and current members and families to the clubs combined presentation night and 70th birthday celebrations.

After presentation of the trophies, the 70th Birthday cake was cut by the Patron, Mr Graeme Davis, OAM and President John Gleeson.

Mr Davis then gave a talk about the club beginnings and changes that had occurred over the years.

The President thanked the

organising committee, Sylvia Bartlett, Maureen Buckingham and Rita Eastley for the time and work they had done to make the 70 birthday celebrations a success.

At the end of the evening, the President thanked everyone for attending and invited the guests to view the past and present uniforms and memorabilia displayed throughout the clubrooms.

from L to R - Club Patron, Graeme Davis, OAM, Vice President and member of the organising committee, Sylvia Bartlett, and Deloraine Bowls Club President John Gleeson



SPORT

ROSEVALE CHOP RESURRECTED

By Stephen Briggs

AFTER 20 years, the wood cutting competition has returned to Rosevale. With some of Tasmania's elite axemen at the event, it was set to be a competition full of skill and big hitters.

Some of the competitors had just returned from the Royal Easter show competitions in Sydney, with local Matthew Gurr taking second place in the world 300mm tree felling championship. Hence, they were set to bring the sport back to this small community.

The Rosevale event was an important lead up for any axeman who wants to represent Australia in Germany later this year, with the selection being at the Stihl timber sports Australian series held at Agfest from the 5th to the 7th of May. For axeman Dale Beams, this will be his opportunity to be selected and put on the green and gold again. Being part of the Australian team to compete in Hungary in 2014 had him wanting more.

With Zack Beams taking out the 250mm standing and Dale Beams the 275mm, Michael Maine took first in the 300mm underhand. There were many more winners throughout the day.

Over all, it was a lovely sunny day to reopen the event. The turnout of people was good and a family BBQ topped it off. Why would you not get behind the next Rosevale woodcutters' competition?



Winkleigh man, Zack Beams, wins the 250mm standing chop at Rosevale.

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