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ABC news journalist Laura Beavis interviews Meander local, Bohdi McSweeney regarding plans for the old Meander School.

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By Marguerite McNeill

MEANDER VALLEY Council's decision to allow the establishment of a rehabilitation centre for women and children using the old school site at Meander has resulted in a surge of anger and disbelief for a large number of community members.

Council's apparent apathy to numerous concerns relating to the development has astounded many locals who believe that their rights as ratepayers have been ignored.

Twice, in as many months, the Council has

averted its gaze from the results of a survey where 64% of Meander residents and land owners indicated they felt that a rehabilitation centre would bring no benefit to the community.

Last month more than 40 locals and property owners braved the elements to discuss the issue and to pose for a photo in front of the old school.

The overriding concern was that the establishment of a rehabilitation facility right in the middle of the small village would not benefit the community but had the potential to cause an

avalanche of problems.

The proposed development by global Christian organisation Teen Challenge is for the old Meander School to be used as a live-in rehabilitation centre for women and their children whose lives have been disrupted by family violence and/or other issues including drugs.

Concerns have been raised about the lack of transparency as to the whole agreement with Council and the lack of a risk assessment covering both the personal and property safety of those who live in and around Meander.

Those sorts of problems are uppermost in the minds of one local family who lived in New South Wales not far from Bingie where a similar facility was set up.

The family is appalled that the same sort of centre has been accepted for Meander.

"There was no end of problems," one said.

"Violence, bashings, drugs, break and enter, it was mayhem."

Eventually the problems became so great in Bingie that community pressure forced authorities to close the institution down.

Meander resident Ken Philpott lives quite close to the old school and is totally against plans for its use as a rehabilitation centre. He has found the whole campaign run by Teen Challenge unacceptable. "I don't like their attitude. They will break the community in half," he said.

"We don't need city problems in the country," one person said. Meander Valley Mayor Craig Perkins said that he had no qualms at all about the establishment of a rehabilitation centre in Meander.

He said that results of the survey had been

well considered by Council before the Teen Challenge proposal was accepted. Mayor Perkins didn't believe that the centre would impact on property values and nor could he envisage any major problems that might follow its establishment in the centre of Meander.

Protesters against the planned rehabilitation centre have vowed not to let the matter sink and will keep campaigning to impede its development. The Meander School dispute has now caught the attention of several other media outlets.

In My Opinion...

By Joanne Eisemann

I FEEL like the idea of 'customer service' has been turned right on its head and dropped hard on the ground. Not so long back, customer service was something that companies provided to us. Do you remember when it was like that?

These days it seems that every large business I deal with I am having to be both the customer and provider of service.

It now requires an awful amount of level-headed effort to search for specific product information, seek redress for a warranty issue, track down a replacement part for something that is barely two years old, or choose between horribly complicated online, telephone and private healthcare deals.

And all of that effort rests squarely with us, dear customers, or perhaps a better term now is 'dear consumers'?

Seriously, how many of us can easily set aside a couple of hours of time to join a call centre queue and then remain composed enough to speak politely to the "Thank you for waiting, how may I help you today" operator on the other end of the line? And do that time and time again!

If businesses are bad, please don't get me started on government help or their online form filling. They're obviously living on a totally different planet to me and have completely forgotten they are meant to be here to *serve us*. After all, their existence is entirely dependent on our taxes.

Sadly, I think I know why this is all happening.

I think a group of bean counters got together and realised that paying wages to staff to maintain customer loyalty after a product has been sold or service given, was not directly adding to a corporation's bottom line (well, not in the short-term anyway - and short-term seems to be the only business cycle in town these days).

So they outsourced the whole customer service package onto us.

I accept that we ought to be responsible for being informed before making a purchase. *Caveat emptor* ('Let the buyer beware') still holds true, but the weights of time and cost have been clearly shifted onto our shoulders.

We now have to swipe our own groceries while being talked to by a 'polite' metal box, do all the leg work for our airline flights, manage our 'monthly' 28-day billing cycles (making sure we don't miss the deadline lest we lose our carefully accrued rollover credits), and patiently wait to chat to call centre personnel who are often in a really removed part of the world.

What's more, we are having to pay for the privilege of shopping like this.

'You get more for less' no longer means more product or service at a lesser price. Rather, it means we do more of the leg work while getting less support or satisfaction from the effort made.

It may be good for big business, but certainly not for us.

It's not just our hard-earned dollars we hand over, but also a big chunk of our personal time.

A grand helping hand

AFTER THE recent flooding the Meander Valley State Emergency Service (SES) were excited and grateful to receive a \$1000 donation from the Federal Group's Helping Hand initiative in recognition for their involvement in sandbagging, digging trenches, warning people who needed to evacuate, patrolling flood prone areas and assisting people to safety.

Usually Meander Valley SES Rescue Unit's main role is Road Rescue, using hydraulic tools like the 'jaws of life' to cut people out of the wreckage of vehicle collisions.

However, they may also help police, fire and ambulance services in other emer-

gencies, and are trained to assist in storm damage, flooding, traffic management, and searches as well. And this year has seen the team involved in a greater than normal proportion of weather-related incidents.

Members are volunteers who come from all walks of life including farmers, cleaners, chefs, nurses, sign writers, truck drivers, painters, factory workers and electrical workers, all contributing their unique talents to the team.

They train every second Thursday evening to ensure their continued preparedness for emergencies.

New members are welcome.



Shane Spencer (a member who is also a chef at the Federal Groups 'Country Club') hands over the 'helping hand' to Mark Gillies, Unit Manager and Andrew Sherriff, Deputy. Photo by: Karin Ketelaar

Letters In...

I NOTICE the Meander Valley Council recently received the Deloraine Development Plan from the authors JMC Engineers and Planners.

Amongst the recommendation in the report is a proposal to increase parking time limits in Emu Bay Road from 1 hour to 3 hours with the timing of implementation as immediate!

The principal reason for recommending this increase is to allow visitors more time to browse Deloraine Shops for an extended time without needing to move their car.

One wonders how much research has gone into making this recommendation. Has the local car parking public who try to park in Emu Bay Road daily, only to be frustrated by a lack of parking spaces, especially during the tourist season, been consulted?

I surely doubt it. I only hope Council thinks long and hard, with proper consultation with business owners and the average local shopper before making this change.

We have plenty of long term parking around Emu Bay Road in areas such as the train park, West Parade and West Church St. Please leave the limits as they are.

Denis Lyne

ONLY BEING new to the area, I have loved your paper. Seriously good quality.

Kath Goodwin

THE SINGLE-SPAN walk bridge (made in Canada) across the Meander River at the Caravan Park, Deloraine, cost the former Deloraine Council about \$70,000, the adjoining boardwalks taking the project to over \$100,000.

I remember at the time (early 90's) many town folk being quite critical about costs.

Some thought it was too expensive, others thought it would simply be washed away.

Having almost been totally submerged in the middle of the raging river during the recent record flood, I really didn't expect to see it still there. But there it was "undamaged".

Even the boardwalks were still intact. The former Deloraine Council works have stood the test of time (and what a test).

The bridge was built for the people of Deloraine and handed over to them on the 16th June 1993 by Rotary Club of Deloraine president Michael Fahey, and provides a shady walk for locals and tourists alike.

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Bill Santalab of Lower Wilmot and Mike Epworth of Coolum, Qld make a chair in the style of Jimmy Possum. Photo by: Mike Moores

Will the real Jimmy Possum please sit down

By Lorraine Clarke

JOINERY MACHINES were idle while people from 9 years to go learned how to shape reclaimed timber with drawknives and simple tools to create primitive furniture in a workshop held at Deloraine Community Shed.

Mike Epworth and partner Bronwyn Harm had travelled from their home in Mount Coolum, Queensland, to run a course in constructing bush

chairs after the fashion of Jimmy Possum.

So who is Jimmy Possum? An exhaustive 1978 UTAS Honours study concluded that despite many stories, nobody really knows. All we have are the chairs he produced in the Meander Valley from about 1880 to 1900.

Deloraine's Folk Museum has several of his chairs on display, but no birth records, documentation or photos of the man exist. It is believed

that he may have been of aboriginal descent, as he utilised the traditional technique of burning holes in the timber to join components together.

Mike Epworth describes himself as an 8th generation Vernacular Australian Chair Maker. He has original documentation of his forebears, a continuous line of cabinet makers going back to the First Fleet.

Since first pulling apart and restoring one of Jimmy Pos-

sum's chairs in 1987, Mike has made over 1,000 similar chairs. Mike now uses some power tools on his "Bodja Chairs," a reference to the traditional craft of bodging, where woodsmen crafted furniture from green timber with handtools.

"I always think when looking at Heritage crafts, what is a benefit for now, and what is an implication for health and physical activity. What is right for now,

rather than fetishising the past," explained Mike.

As well as bush chairs, Mike creates a 2-seater settee. These are crafted from re-purposed timber which has a story to tell, then decoupage is applied to give context of the people and place from where the timber was sourced. An example is a chair made from old floorboards. When he pulled up the lino covering them, he discovered old newspapers beneath. Mike realised these papers told a story about the time when they were laid down, and the people who lived there. "There is something about being the first person to see those papers after 80 years," said Mike. Now, that story is there for all to read, decorating the chair.

Participants will be able to create their own Vernacular Furniture.

Mike, who has a degree in Archaeology and a Master's Degree in Visual Art, works with indigenous, refugee and farming communities to make chairs all over Queensland. This was his first interstate workshop, thanks to the collaboration of the Mountain Huts Preservation Society, and Roger Nutting of ABC Radio.

He intends to return during the Craft Fair in October where he will run one-day courses in using the drawknife, and again for about 6 weeks around Christmas, when he will run courses for those interested in making their own chairs using traditional techniques.

"No skills are required. That's the beauty of it. It's an old-new approach to woodwork. You can very quickly pick it up," he said. "For the price of a new chair, participants will be able to create their own Vernacular Furniture in a week-long course."

Mike is working on a Wikipedia project on Jimmy Possum, and starting up a Jimmy Possum Appreciation Society on Facebook. Email: mike.epworth@griffithuni.edu.au

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Dit Briggs will entertain at 'Reading Hour'.

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THE GREAT Western Tiers Tourism Association is seeking photographs to help promote the Great Western Tiers Touring Route.

Capture the history and mystery of the Meander Valley in a photograph and you could win a share of over \$1250 in cash and prizes.

Entries close on 31st of August, judging to take place in September followed by an exhibition of the 30 best photographs in Deloraine

during October.

There will be cash prizes for the best photographs in each of the following categories: Scenic landscapes in the Great Western Tiers, People in the Great Western Tiers, Create your own history & mystery in the Great Western Tiers (photo manipulation).

A People's Choice Award to be run on Facebook during September.

For more info visit www.greatwesterntiers.net.au

Go blogging in Westbury

DO YOU have a story to tell, a passion to share or an interest you would like to write about?

Get into blogging by attending a Blogging Basics workshop at the Westbury Library on Wednesday 31st August, 12.00pm to 1.00pm.

The session will cover: creating a plan and setting up, writing for a target audience, proof reading, tagging images, videos and widgets, tips, tricks, useful ideas

and marketing.

If there is enough interest, a blogging study circle will be set up for intending bloggers.

For more information call or text Anne-Marie on 0417 120 671.

To book your place go to Eventbrite: www.eventbrite.com.au

Or phone or visit Westbury Library 6393 1439.

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The session will be held at Deloraine House on Thursday 1st September, 1.00pm to 2:30pm.

For bookings go to Eventbrite: www.eventbrite.com.au, drop in or call Deloraine House - 6362 2678 or call Anne-Marie - 0417 120 671.

IN THE GARDEN WITH NELL CARR

PUMPKINS IN winter storage should be regularly monitored for signs of rot, particularly in the depression around the stalk.

January rain will have left a pool of water there and if not cleared, the rot starts there, and it's usually the biggest of the sweet greys which are affected. The rotten section can be cut out, and the pumpkin cut up in pieces for storage, although they will not keep well unless cooked and frozen, or used for pumpkin soup.

This can also be frozen, and there is a

deliciously moist pumpkin cake which keeps well.

Seedlings of the brassicas can be planted into soil enriched with compost or well rotted manure.

Seeds of garden peas can go in in August and September - if left too late, the pods develop an unsightly mould, but too early, there is a danger of the flowers getting frosted, and hence no crop.

The aim is to have fresh green peas by Christmas.

If a dry enough spot can be found, seeds of onions and spring onions can go in.

**Laugh at a hit from Dit**

BUT WHAT about the grownups?

This year Deloraine Library is participating in the annual Reading Hour for the first time, getting the adults involved too.

If you love a good read and a good laugh please come along and join in the fun on Tuesday 16th August between 12.00pm and 1.00pm.

Local poet, Dit Briggs will entertain with a number of her original poems, including her famous Gumboot Rap, and delve into the world of comic short stories.

Tap into your inner child and be reminded how wonderful it is to be read to.

Local poet, Dit Briggs will entertain with a number of her original poems, including her famous Gumboot Rap

Hear Dit read poems inspired by Pam Ayres and other poets who write to make us laugh.

Let the telling of humorous tales recharge your batteries.

Take a blissful hour out and have a laugh just for the sake of it and enjoy Reading Hour 2016.

More details are available through the Devonport LINC Facebook page or enquire at the library.

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L-R : Asuka Woods, 11 of Golden Valley, Camerson Steer, 11 of Westbury, Hayden Gardner, 11 of Hadspen and Aaron Fowler, 12 of Deloraine.

Photo by: Mike Moores

Meander Valley robotees : Windows 10 training

By Chere Kenyon

THE FIELD of Robotics has fuelled the imaginations of youth for generations but it has seemed beyond the reach of most regular people.

Not anymore. A unique club called *Metal Minds Robotics Team* was started 4 years ago by Harry Heathcote when he was 15 in his parent's garage at Evandale. Today it operates from its base at the Australian Maritime College in Launceston.

Metal Minds is composed of several different teams depending on age groups and each team operates differently. The Junior team is called the First Lego League (FLL) as they primarily build their robots using programmable lego bricks.

If another team needs help we will endeavour to help them, even if that means they beat us in competition

The young people in this group create robots, use mathematical calculations to determine movement, write programming script to make the robots perform these movements, learn teamwork and have fun.

Asuka Woods explains, "Jon is our teacher and we do stuff like a robot following a line and we calculate the circumference of a wheel. We do some maths, robots and programming. Some of us build robots, some of us program them."

The club embraces the principles of science, technology, electronics and mathematics in producing the robots and they teach Gracious Professionalism.

According to Metal Minds Coordinator, Kathryn Heathcote, "Gracious Professionalism is where no one person is more important than the next, each person on our teams has a role to play and they accept that they must work together to create a winning team."

This philosophy also extends to their competitors. Kathryn continued, "It is also about the other teams we compete with and against. If another team needs help we will endeavour to help them, even if that means they beat us in competition and the same applies in reverse. This is the ethos of all our teams."

Aaron Fowler added, "The best thing about the club is the teamwork and interaction with other club members. We don't argue and we work together."

FLL includes not just the fun of building robots, it also involves learning. Cameron Steer went on to add, "Some of the maths helps me at school. A lot of the time at school we have a robotics program and they sometimes call me in to help out when something goes wrong with the robot."

This is the first year for the junior club so they are coming up to their first big competition in Hobart.

The FLL team will receive their challenge in August and compete in the Hobart competition around November so they will have around 6 weeks to prepare.

If they win Hobart, they could potentially be eligible for the Sydney competition and from there, the world championships. Kathryn, the Coordinator, added, "We are working hard towards this goal because we are totally independent we

have to fundraise or look for generous sponsors."

If you would like further information please contact Kathryn Heathcote on 0415 866 058 or email metalmindsrobotics@gmail.com.



HAVING TROUBLE using Windows 10?

Join Alistair Carr at 10.00am on Tuesday 30th August at the Deloraine Online Access Centre or 10.00am Tuesday 6th Sept at the Mole Creek Online Centre.

Alistair will run two hour workshops with an overview

of Windows 10 and then a question and answer session. Cost \$15.00, \$10.00 concession, \$5.00 regular users.

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Wood smoke on a July morning in Deloraine.

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Walk off the winter chill and win

FOR THE past 5 years the Heart Foundation Walking Group of Deloraine has braved all types of weather for the love of walking.

In fact walking in a group is motivating, fun and a great way to meet people. It's also a great way to maintain a healthy heart.

Leaving from Deloraine House every Tuesday and Thursday morning they head off around the beautiful town of Deloraine chatting and laughing as they go.

You might have seen them walking around the river and wondered who they were and why they always look so happy and now you know.

In fact walking in a group is motivating, fun and a great way to meet people. It's also a great way to maintain a healthy heart.

Anyone can join the group and if you register with them before 31st August 2016 you will be eligible to win one of two Heart Foundation Walking Winter Warmer packs valued at over \$70.00.

Now that's sounds like a good reason to get off the couch and get some fresh air this winter.

New Laurel House Outreach Service

A NEW outreach service is coming to Deloraine. A worker from Laurel House will be available for appointments at Deloraine House every Thursday between 10.00am and 3.00pm.

Laurel House is a sexual assault support service that provides therapeutic services and support for women, men and children.

They can provide confidential, free counselling and support to people in the North and North West of Tasmania.

For more information about the services available please call Laurel House (North) on 6334 2740 between 8:30am and 5.00pm Monday to Friday.

To book an appointment with the outreach worker you can call Laurel House (North) directly or contact Deloraine House by phoning 6362 2678.

Minimising the wood smoke dilemma

By Wendy Laing

ON SATURDAY, 10th July 2016, air specialist experts from Tasmania, mainland Australia and New Zealand attended a three day workshop in Deloraine.

The workshop was opened by the Chair of the Environment Protection Authority (EPA), Mr Warren Jones.

Dr John Innis, the Senior Air Scientist, (EPA), was a speaker at the workshop.

This is the first time, he said, that a group of air specialists had gathered to discuss the common problems of smoke pollution caused by

wood heaters, planned burns and bushfires.

Delegates shared experiences on how New Zealand and different states in Australia were trying to minimise wood smoke levels, sources of pollution and the impact of wood smoke on people's health.

They also discussed strategies such as programs and policies that have been put in place to assist their communities.

Dr Innis showcased a mobile air monitoring station, which won an Award for innovation from the Clean Air

Society of Australia and New Zealand.

He was disappointed that the flooding rain had meant the Public Forum on 'Wood Smoke' that was to have been held on Tuesday evening, 12th July, had to be cancelled.

Delegates shared experiences on how New Zealand and different states in Australia were trying to minimise wood smoke levels, sources of pollution and the impact of wood smoke on peoples health.

He had been looking forward to demonstrating to local residents how the car-based smoke survey tool could be used in local areas of Deloraine to measure the air quality. Live data would then have been transmitted back to the Forum for interpretation and discussion.

There is a permanent air station at Deloraine, which was installed in 2014. Real time air quality data is transmitted to the Environment Protection Agency every day and readings can be seen on their website at <http://epa.tas.gov.au>.

\$8.5m high school redevelopment

By David Claridge

PROSPECT HIGH is undergoing a change for the better with an \$8.5 million redevelopment underway.

Prospect High was one of the schools identified as needing work by the state government in 2014, planning took place a year later and now a year-long project is being undertaken by Vos Construction.

I'm really proud where the school is going to be at in twelve months' time, we're going to have a wonderful new environment.

Principal, Cary Stocks, said that even though staff and students had done a fantastic job maintaining the school over 50 years that it was in

need of some work.

"It's really timely and welcome and I think it will position this school well in creating a modern 21st century learning environment that's comfortable, safe and has the amenities that we need to provide a quality education," he said.

"I'm really proud where the school is going to be at in twelve months' time, we're going to have a wonderful new environment."

"It's a really exciting time. Around two thirds of the school is undergoing treatment, most of it is general classroom areas in B and D block, the gym is also part of it, as well as the dance drama space and art space.

People familiar with the school will instantly recognise a new look to the gym, inside and out."



Photo by: Mike Moores

It's been a wild ol' winter in Meander Valley with flooding, snowfall and copious precipitation (rainfall). According to one of Meander Valley's faithful Bureau of Meteorology rainfall data collection volunteers, we are well on the way to an above average year.

Orphaned wombats find a loving refuge

By Elizabeth Douglas

DEBBIE EVERSON has been involved in wildlife rescue and care for about 30 years. From Queensland to the UK and now in Birralee, she fosters injured or orphaned wildlife until they can be released back into the wild.

Bare-nosed wombats are Debbie's speciality now, although she takes in any animal that needs care.

She explained that by concentrating on one species she is better able to anticipate the needs of young wombats, especially when in poor health and thus can increase their survival rate.

Her home and its environs can also be thoroughly wombat-proof as well. Enclosures can be reinforced against digging and unlike wallabies or possums, wombats do not need high fences or aviaries to keep them in!

Debbie also assists in the effort to reduce the prevalence of sarcoptic mange in the Tasmanian wombat population. Passed on by a small mite that survives in old burrows and reinfects later occu-

pants, untreated mange can precipitate a slow and painful death. Insecticide wipes can be placed at the burrow entrances or fence crossing points to swipe passing wombats and hence combat the infection.

At home, Debbie currently has five wombats in residence though this has sometimes increased to 10. From babies as small as 100 grams, Debbie will look after them until they are old enough to fend for themselves.

Bare-nosed wombats are Debbie's speciality now, although she takes in any animal that needs care.

When wombats are sufficiently independent, they are given a 'soft' release — the door of their enclosure is left open and they are free to come and go.

Eventually, a grown wombat should wander off and make a new life in the wild.

Nevertheless, some wombats never really leave. Jack, who was released three years ago, still comes back most



Debbie Everson of Birralee looking after baby wombat, Harry.

Photo by: Mike Moores

nights for dinner — he knows he is always welcome.

Debbie's in-residence wombats are Tucker, a grumpy 13kg, and two half-grown girls, Blossom and Maddie, both about 8kg.

A third girl, Poppy, was

recently released but has decided to hang around for now.

Baby Harry, pictured with Debbie is only 1.5kg, so has a lot of growing to do before he is ready to venture off on his own. And with all this love

and attention, who could blame him if he keeps coming back for more!

Debbie can be found on Facebook at www.facebook.com/wombat4rescue or on 0438 003 543 for 24/7 wombat rescue.

Simpson Desert odyssey



Danny Delvecchio, Jeremy Ford, Harry Ford and Dylan Barker crossing the Simpson Desert to Alice Springs.
Photo courtesy: Jeremy Ford

By David Claridge

DELORAINIE MOTORBIKE enthusiast Jeremy Ford and his sons have had an extraordinary trip on the mainland, riding their bikes across the Simpson Desert.

I wanted an adventure for the boys, to test our endurance.

Mr Ford said that the group rode their motorbikes 6000 kilometres to go and watch

the Finke Desert Race in the Northern Territory. He was joined by his sons, Harry, 18, Danny, 17 and their cousin Dylan, 21.

"It was something we wanted to do while the boys were still young," he said.

"I wanted to show them how big Australia is. It was amazing to travel through so many States in so little time.

"I wanted an adventure for the boys, to test our endurance.

The trip was planned six months in advance and totalled three weeks where they rode their bikes from Melbourne.

The group had a support vehicle to carry some fuel. Other than that, they were carrying their swags, clothes and food with them. All rode old XR Honda's, air cooled single cylinder motorbikes ranging from 1993 to 2001 models.

"Before that, the most we have ever ridden would have

Calling artisans - share your skills

By Chere Kenyon

THE YEAR is slowly winding down so that means we are once again nearing that busy time of year in Deloraine's crafting calendar — The Tasmanian Craft Fair.

Tasmanian Craft Fair (TCF) — the organisation working behind the scenes — is now inviting makers throughout the Meander Valley Area to demonstrate their talents by holding workshops immediately after the Fair.

TCF Director, Tim Biggs said, "The concept is not about making money but to promote the district as one of artistic excellence."

TCF will be doing the

advertising and promotion of the workshops for the fair. So there's never been a better time to take the plunge and show others your unique talent and to open up possible business opportunities.

Tim added, "This is a great opportunity for the wonderful Artists and Artisans of Meander Valley to take advantage of the many visitors to the area, to pass on their skills and to help further the festival atmosphere of the Craft Fair."

If you are interested in being a workshop trainer, or for further information, please contact Tim Biggs on 0488 011 284 for an Expression of Interest form.

been 200 kilometres," Mr Ford said.

"The biggest day we did was from just out of Maree. We slept in a railway carriage out the back of a pub, from there we rode all the way to Adelaide which was about 700 kilometres. It was on the edge of the Flinders Ranges that torrential rain came through. We couldn't stop or we would have been flooded in."

Highlights of their trip included riding through the

biggest cattle station in the world and meeting Toby Price, the only Australian person to ever win any class of the Dakar Rally.

I wanted to show them how big Australia is.

The Finke Desert Race is a two-day race held on the Queen's Birthday weekend every year. People come from all over the country to compete in and watch the race.

Valleyviews

Mayor's Message



Thoroughly enjoyed by all, the NAIDOC Week celebrations included a flag raising ceremony, a Welcome to Country and cultural food tastings. The events were developed by Aboriginal Community Pathways in co-operation with the Deloraine Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Community, Deloraine House and the Meander Valley Council.

This month as part of the National Parks centenary celebrations, entry to National Parks for the weekend of the 27th – 29th August will be free. This means that you will not be required to have a valid national parks pass when you visit during the free entry period. I urge you to take advantage of the opportunity to reconnect with nature and visit one of the spectacular national parks in our region.

Again we have seen some significant rainfall in the region. Recently, the Flood Recovery Committee was launched to help facilitate community led recovery at a regional level. For those still struggling with flood affected property, assistance and helpful recovery information is available by contacting the Tasmanian Flood Recovery Taskforce on 1800 567 567 or email floodrecovery@dpac.tas.gov.au

Advertising a community event?

THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE GROWTH has approved five new sites for temporary public event signage to help you promote your community initiative!

Remember, you will need to submit an application 21 days prior to displaying the temporary event sign. The Department of State Growth has guidelines in place for the use of temporary signage and a list of pre-approved locations.

North East

Meander Valley Road – Prospect Vale

Eastbound direction. Northern side of the road, 100m west of Westbury Road overpass southern roundabout.

Bass Highway – Westbury

Westbound direction. Southern side of road, 20m east of Meander Valley Road off-ramp.

THE LAST MONTH has brought with it some significant change. With the conclusion of the federal election I would like to take this opportunity to thank former member for Bass, Andrew Nikolic and former member for Lyons, Eric Hutchinson for their support over the last three years and welcome new members, Ross Hart and Brian Mitchell. I look forward to working with both of you in the term ahead.

Earlier this month Council's General Manager, Greg Preece commenced his retirement. Greg has worked in local government for 30 years, 11 of which were with Meander Valley Council. I would like to thank Greg for his dedicated service and wish him well in his future endeavours which I am sure will include travel plans and precious time with family.

Recently, the Deloraine Outline Development Plan was formally received by Council. After significant community consultation, I am pleased that the aspirations and values of the community are reflected in the plan and as a council, we now have a framework from which to work to prioritise future development and service delivery.

During July, I had the privilege of attending a smoking ceremony as part of NAIDOC Week celebrations. NAIDOC stands for the National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee and serves to celebrate and recognise Australia's diverse cultural history. The smoking ceremony is undertaken as a means to connect participants to the spirit world and symbolises peace, healing and justice.

Council Updates

A way forward for Deloraine

THE DELORAINÉ OUTLINE Development Plan has been formally received at the July Council Meeting. The Plan provides a framework for infrastructure and investment development for the next two decades.

The Deloraine Plan has been principally based on the results of a comprehensive public consultation process involving approximately 500 individual submissions from local resi-

dents and business owners. Throughout the consultation process, a number of key themes were identified that included the ongoing encouragement of tourism and the creation of a strong town identity, improvement of river walks and recreational facilities that included the development of a sports precinct, the possible repurposing of the race track, the construction of a central meeting hub and further support for the arts, disability and aged care services. These key themes have



been incorporated into a detailed implementation proposal that facilitates the prioritisation of strategies and actions and the associated cost estimates. A team of Council officers will be scheduling selected strategies and actions in order to deliver ongoing improvements that reflect the key themes and values of the Deloraine community.

Flood recovery update

COUNCIL WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE staff have assessed flood damage across the municipality and implemented response actions to ensure safety is maintained across our road network and reconstruction of our assets can be achieved within a reasonable time frame.

A number of bridges will require complete reconstruction and a public tender process is currently underway for the largest of these at Liena Road on the Mersey River. Contractors have been engaged for the replacement of bridges on Union Bridge Road, Big Den Road and Parsons Road. Temporary works have been affected for a small bridge on Echo Valley Road, and another in Liena on Old Gads Hill Road requires further structural assessment but is currently inaccessible due to road wash-outs and landslips. There was significant damage to bridges across the municipality with vehicle railings and road approaches being impacted by flood waters.

Damage to our road network has included the

erosion of gravel shoulders around waterways at bridge and culvert crossings, stripping of bitumen and asphalt seals, scouring of roadside drainage swales and loss of gravel pavement materials. Gulf Road at Liffey and Old Gads Hill Road at Liena are still closed to public access as a result of landslips.

In addition, there has been some entrance road and footpath damage sustained at local parks and reserves and significant sand, gravel and debris deposition. Fortunately, the impact on buildings has been minimal in comparison to other assets.

Affected buildings include the Deloraine Football Club, Meander Valley Performing Arts Centre and the Deloraine and Caveside Swimming Pools.

Council officers have been in regular contact with State Government representatives to discuss available flood relief funding for the reconstruction and repair of Council's assets. Council's Works Department teams have done a terrific job in responding to the flood event and with the support of local suppliers are continuing to undertake required works to return our assets to their pre-flood condition.

TASMANIAN FLOOD RECOVERY

Meander Valley Flood Recovery

SERVICE PROVIDERS

The following service providers are available for residents affected by the recent floods.

Issue	Service provider	Contact
Environmental health and waste management	Meander Valley Council	6393 5300
Financial assistance packages	Tasmanian Flood Recovery Taskforce	1800 567 567
Financial counselling	Rural Business Tasmania	1300 883 276
Government services	Service Tasmania	1300 135 513
Insurance	Legal Aid Tasmania	6328 4000
Land and livestock management	AgriGrowth (DPIPWE)	6777 2233
Legal advice	Legal Aid Tasmania	6328 4000
Personal support	Social Work Services (THS) Tasmanian Council of Churches	6777 4155 0499 016 969
Planning and building	Meander Valley Council	6393 5300
Taxation advice	Australian Taxation Office	https://www.ato.gov.au/
Volunteering	BlazeAid	0437 397 665
	Tasmanian Flood Recovery Taskforce	1800 567 567
	Meander Valley Council	6393 5300
Local Community Support	Tasmanian Farmers and Grazers Association	6332 1800
	Tasmanian Women in Agriculture	0438 009 522
	Westbury Community Health Centre	67012150
	Deloraine House	03 6362 2678

Bass Highway – Westbury

Eastbound direction. Northern side of road, at end of closed layby area 100m east of Birralea Road off-ramp.

North West

Mole Creek Main Road – Deloraine

Southbound direction. Southern side of road, 100m west of Emu Bay Road roundabout (after Welcome sign).

Bass Highway – Deloraine

Eastbound direction. Northern side of road, 100m-200m west of Deloraine Info Bay adjacent to left turn lane.

For further information and application forms visit www.transport.tas.gov.au/road/permits/advertising.

Community News

Bush tucker, public art and a Yarning Circle – a unique cultural experience

COUNCIL has endorsed a proposal from the not-for-profit organisation Colony 47 for the development of a Bush Tucker Trail on the north bank of the Meander River in Deloraine.

The trail will incorporate aromatic, medicinal and traditional bush tucker plantings with sculptures and public art. The proposal will complement and greatly enhance the riverbank, whilst showcasing

Tasmanian Aboriginal culture. Interpretive signage installed throughout the trail will provide visitors with a valuable educational experience.


A highlight of the project will be the traditional Yarning Circle. Featuring a central fire pit, with a cover bearing an Aboriginal motif designed by Aunty Dawn Blazeley, the Yarning Circle will consist of nine stones placed in a circle, repre-

senting the nine Tasmanian Aboriginal Nations. Emulating the campfire experience, the Yarning Circle will provide a sense of place for members of the community to come together, reflect and 'have a yarn.'

Council has worked with Colony 47 in the development of the Bush Tucker Trail and will continue to offer support during the construction phase.

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Meander Valley U3A Term 3 Program is out now!

A copy of the Term 3 program and newsletter is available at www.mvu3a.org or email meandervalleyu3a@gmail.com for more information.

Local Markets

Deloraine Market

First Saturday of the month
Showgrounds, Highland Lakes Road, Deloraine

Liffey Market

Second Saturday of the month
Old Liffey School, 1443 Liffey Road, Liffey

Deloraine Farmers' Market

Second and fourth Saturday of the month

MG Trading carpark, 2 Racecourse Drive, Deloraine

Mole Creek Market

Third Saturday of the month
Mole Creek Memorial Hall, Caveside Road, Mole Creek

Westbury Market

Third Saturday of the month
St Andrews Church, 11 Lonsdale Promenade, Westbury

Council officers Durga Gopala-Krishnan and Katie Proctor with John Innis, EPA Air Division



Continuing to burn brighter

RECENTLY, Council's Environmental Health Officers presented at the Wood Smoke Workshop which was run by the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) in conjunction with the Clean Air Society of Australia and New Zealand. It was a good opportunity for Council to outline the results of phase two of the Burn Brighter this Winter initiative which was delivered as a joint project with the EPA in 2013.

Focusing on the suburb of Hadspen, the project was part of the Domestic Smoke Management Pro-

gram which was designed to educate and inform residents of the importance of managing excessive smoke emissions from their homes. After establishing air quality stations and conducting a number of smoke surveys throughout Hadspen, Council officers were able to collate baseline data that aided in the development of a targeted campaign aimed at improving air quality and public health outcomes longer term.

Council officers found that despite the implementation of a Communications Strategy which included an official launch, direct mail, media promotion and a number of engagement activities, the response from the community was mediocre. How-

ever, the Wood Smoke Workshop provided Council with an opportunity to review the overall effectiveness of the awareness program and highlight the barriers to behaviour change. As a result, the EPA is considering a number of strategies to improve the overall effectiveness of the communications material and the accessibility of the information for all members of the public.

As part of the initiative, a best-practice step-by-step wood heater operation guide was developed and can be found by visiting www.meander.tas.gov.au and search "Simple Tips to Burn Brighter This Winter".



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Inspiring AFL



activities, especially during school holidays and the Junior Girls AFL football program has been particularly successful.

THE PROSPECT HAWKS Junior Football Club has launched their first ever program for junior girls, aged 9 to 12 years old. Running from June until August, the program has a total of 38 recruits, 26 from the Meander Valley municipality, of which 10 have received sponsorship from Council to attend.

Council's Recreation and Community Officers have worked in conjunction with local providers to ensure that children in the region have access to a range of

It has been refreshing to see girls gain confidence in what is traditionally a male dominated sport and the girls have thoroughly enjoyed the experience and the sense of belonging that team building brings.

Presented by accredited coaches, the program aims to teach fundamental skills and incorporates a weekly practice game. By providing an encouraging and high quality experience, it has become clear that attendees are already motivated to continue playing next season. Go girls!



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Making a tenor vice, Kevin Lincoln of Christmas Hills (L) and Tim Spittle of WA.

Tassie timber strikes a chord

By Chere Kenyon

THE FIRST ukulele Kevin Lincoln made at Tim Spittle's Lutherie workshop has had him hooked on making wooden stringed musical instruments ever since.

Tim, a native of Western Australia and an experienced secondary technology school-teacher and business owner, has been holding these workshops in Tasmania for about 4 years.

Kevin, of Christmas Hills is one of his earliest Tasmanian students, and has been his workshop assistant ever since.

This July, the first Deloraine Lutherie workshop was held as Tim moved his Ukulele and Guitar-making workshops to their new home. Tim added, "We wanted a more central location (in Tasmania) and thought Deloraine was the perfect spot and we found

a good location at the Empire Hotel."

Tim intends to hold two ten-day Lutherie workshops in Deloraine a year; mainly focussing on the use of Tasmanian timbers such as Blackwood, Sassafras, King Billy, Celery Top Pine, Silver Wattle and Huon Pine.

Students often say... 'I never thought I could finish this' or 'I never thought I had the ability to do that'

Small class sizes enable personalised attention as he recognises that people have different skill levels and needs.

His students have ranged from musicians to people who have never played a musical instrument and those who like to work with wood.

Pat Hawkins of Ulverstone was completing his second course this July as he "got hooked on the first occasion,

doing a workshop at Stanley making a tenor ukulele," given the wonderful time with friends he had.

"I could not resist the temptation to come back, meet new friends and enjoy two weeks of wood work," he added, endorsing Tim's goal of "people being happy and excited at the end of the journey".

"Students often say... 'I never thought I could finish this' or 'I never thought I had the ability to do that'. They start by saying this is just too much. Then the components gradually come together," Tim shared.

He finds it gratifying to see his students leave contented and strumming on their instruments. The next workshop in January is quickly filling up. Book online through australianantonwoods.com.

You may also catch up with Tim at this year's Tasmanian Craft Fair.

A very long gallery

POSSIBLY THE longest art gallery in Tasmania, Windows On the Arts (WOAD), is back again for the upcoming Craft Fair

Held from Thursday 3rd November to Tuesday 8th November 2016 WOAD celebrates the work of Tasmanian professional and emerging artists.

Windows in the main street of Deloraine come alive with artworks.

The exhibition is facilitated and curated by Arts Deloraine who are now calling for artists to exhibit their work.

On offer is a unique art experience with exposure to the 20,000+ people who visit the Tasmanian Craft Fair.

The exhibition is located in Emu Bay Road shop windows and is known as 'WOAD 16 Street Gallery'.

Artists are given the opportunity to showcase their ongoing style/practice and are asked to submit the work, current or past (not previously exhibited in WOAD) that MOST represents them to the public in 2016.

Applications close 2nd September and notifications will be made by 7th October.

Set up will take place on the 2nd November with take down on the 9th or 10th November.

To apply please contact rebec.watson@gmail.com WOAD 16, Arts Deloraine in subject line.



New date for Winter Fire

THE JUNE flood event put a dampener on Arts Deloraine's 'Winter Fire' plans.

On Friday 3rd June two truckloads of donated mill waste was delivered to the bonfire site at the showgrounds.

On Sunday 5th June the first lantern workshop was held in the Furmage shed and the resulting lanterns hung up to dry.

The next day more than a metre of flood waters swept across the showgrounds, into the sheds and cut off Highland Lakes Road.

The bonfire wood was swept several hundred metres away resting in two piles by the riverbank and the show ring mixed up with the pony club jumps.

The lanterns fared better with only the larger ones having a little water damage on the ends.

With the showgrounds out of action, Rotary offered their pavilion for the second

workshop and MVC and DDS provided the Little Theatre for the finishing one.

The response to the workshops was amazing with 119 participants over the three Sundays and 50 lanterns produced.

Enquiries are still being received together with requests for more workshops.

Saturday 27th August from 4.30 pm.

The lantern workshops were made possible by grants from Deloraine House and Primary Health Tasmania.

Due to the flooding and damage to infrastructure, WinterFire had to be postponed.

The new date is Saturday 27th August from 4.30 pm. Please mark your diaries for a celebration of fire and what promises to be a magnificent lantern parade. All enquiries to Jaqui (Arts Deloraine) on 0428 237 078.

Festival for young thespians

By Marguerite McNeill

LITTLE THEATRE in Deloraine will light up next month when the 62nd Youth Drama Festival comes to town.

Each year dozens of young actors from around the state spend weeks and months perfecting their acts and arrive in Deloraine to experience the delight of performing in a real theatre in front a live audience.

This year's event will be even more special and more comfortable for theatre goers following the recent upgrade of the venue.

A long time supporter of the festival, Deloraine High School will again showcase

its talent along with other regular entrants from Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School and Exeter High School.

Also treading the boards will be students from St Patrick's Catholic School, Latrobe and first time entrants, students from the newly formed Stagesong Studio in Hadspen.

Stagesong Studio that opened at the start of this year is run by local performer Cara Tatnell, who wrote a script entitled "Off the Page" that will be performed at the festival.

The comedy/drama will feature eight students in the

junior section in their first ever performance in front of an audience.

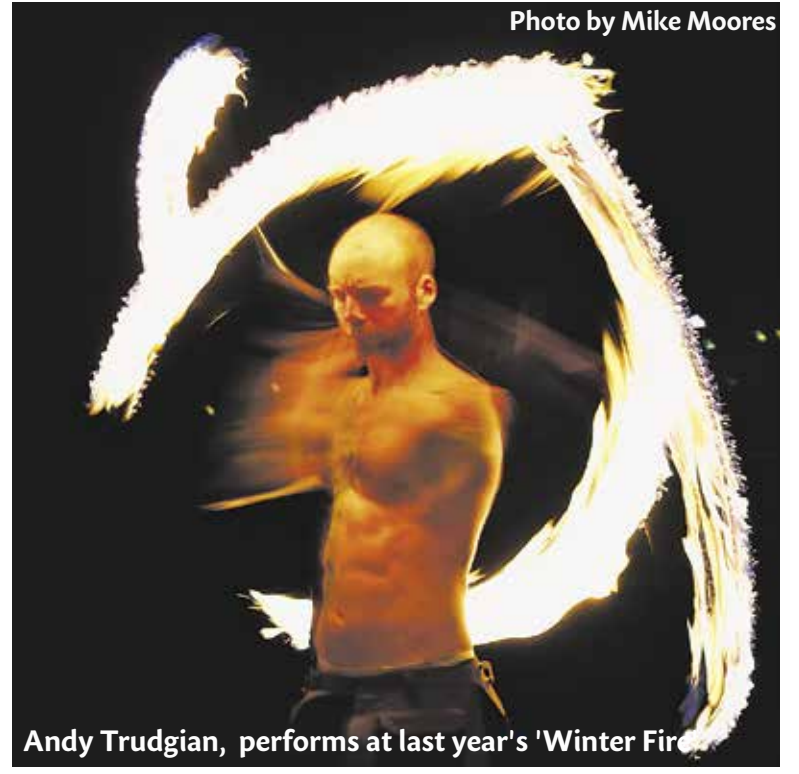
Festival organisers are excited to welcome back Louise Peters as this year's adjudicator.

Launceston Church Grammar School's head drama teacher Ms Peters last adjudicated the event in 1999.

The Festival will be held from the 12th to 17th September at The Little Theatre in Deloraine.

Evening sessions will be held from Monday to Saturday from 6.30pm with a matinee session held on Saturday 17th at 1.30pm.

Photo by Mike Moores



Andy Trudgian, performs at last year's 'Winter Fire'

Hounds hungry for...aniseed

By Joanne Eisemann

THERE ARE many good reasons to go hunting according to Life member of the Northern Hunt Club, Sandra Atkins.

"The thrill of being on a horse, galloping across properties that you would never get to ride on otherwise, jumping whatever comes, training horses for competition during the ride, and its just great fun, you make new friends and they are all there just to have fun, no competition," explains Sandra.

Established in 1953, the club does not hunt live game but follows a 'drag'.

The 'drag' rides 2 -3 minutes ahead of the field, laying the scent by dragging a wallaby skin anointed with a small amount of aniseed essence that makes a trail easy for the hounds to follow.

"A lot of the English clubs are now following a drag because they are not allowed to chase foxes," comments Sandra.

"We have a maximum of 12 hounds which are called 6 couples," says Sandra.

Hounds are cared for by the 'Master' of the club assisted by the payment of hunt fees.

The 'Master' can be male or female and is in charge

of the hunt, a 'Master' must have good horsemanship and hound control skills.

Hunts are run over 2 to 3 hours and are organised in a series of 2 - 3 km 'runs', with a break of 5 to 10 minutes in between each run to give the hounds and faster horses a rest and the slower members of the field time to catch up.

"The break is just enough to stop the hounds and horses from puffing and they are ready for the next one," comments Sandra.

It's good fun for the riders and hunting makes the horse a better ride, if they are safe on their feet, then you are safe on top.

Two 'whippers in' ride with the 'Master' close by the hounds, the rest of the field are asked to stay behind the 'Field Mistress' (or Master), who is appointed on the day to ensure that no-one rides over a hound.

The course is checked before the hunt takes place.

"You've got to know where you are going is reasonably safe," says Sandra.

Many of the items of traditional hunting dress have a purpose; the stock that was

once worn around the neck (these days a smaller version is worn) is a long bit of material that could be used as a sling, the long boots help prevent a rider being dragged if a fall occurs, the whip used in England has a hook on the handle that you can pull a gate shut with.

Hunting is suitable for riders of all ages, occasionally even small children attend.

"My grandchildren started hunting when they were 5 or 6 years old as soon as they could canter," says Sandra and adds "I had them on the lead at the back of the field, they were cantering, I was only trotting, they would jump limbs on the ground, they learn through the winter with hunting to just take what comes and to deal with it. A great accomplishment for a child or a beginner rider."

"It's good fun for the riders and hunting makes the horse a better ride, if they are safe on their feet, then you are safe on top."

The Northern Hunt Club is grateful for the support of the property owners who allow hunts to take place on their land.

For more information see their facebook page.

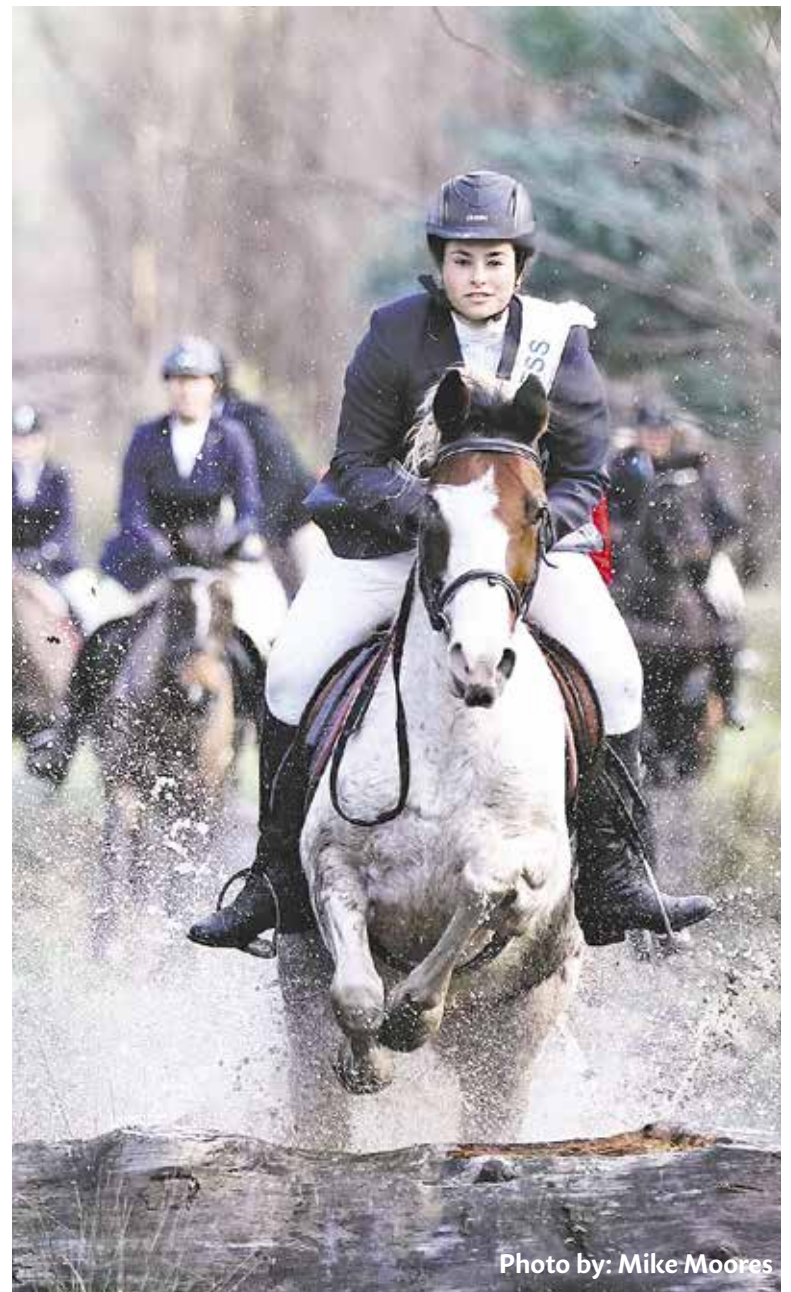


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Field Mistress, Izzy Collier makes a splash during the recent hunt on Birralee properties Glen Rowan and Park Lea.



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A stitch in time for Alaqua

By Chere Kenyon

ALAUQA SAUVAGE is a 14 year-old dressmaker who is running her own Sewing Studio in Deloraine, as a home economics school project.

Alaqua's mum was the inspiration behind opening the shop. "Mum said it would be good if we could start up our own shop to sell off our excess stuff." But Alaqua added with a laugh, "I didn't get my sewing skills from my mum."

Sewing is considered by many to be a lost art. Alaqua's father passed his sewing skills onto his daughter. "My dad taught me how to look after the sewing machine. His mother was a sewer. He just taught me what she taught him."

But the rest is completely self-taught. Alaqua gets her inspiration from books,

fabric and friends. Her favourite styles include 1900's and 1920's clothing.

She started designing clothes and sewing them at the tender age of 9. "When I was about 9 I was doing doll's clothes. When I was about 10, I got my sewing machine and mannequin and I was making skirts and tops."

In addition, Alaqua doesn't generally use patterns for her own designs. "I just take a piece of fabric I like and pin it and sew it", she added.

In her spare time she also helped to put on a fashion show at Deloraine's Little Theatre. "I started going to a local youth group. Since a few of the girls were into fashion and I opened the shop, we thought we would put on a fashion parade in the school holidays."

With help from the youth

group and the Dramatic Society they modelled some of Alaqua's clothing and costumes from the Dramatic Society, for the show, in mid-June.

Alaqua's Sewing Studio offers alterations and mending, off the rack custom clothing, creations from patterns, costume and gown creation, etc. Alaqua added, "I would like to bring back the older style ball gowns but make them more modern, for the formals and balls that we have in Deloraine."

"I enjoy helping people and doing things for people that they can't necessarily do for themselves. If they need something fixed or mended or made then I'd be happy to do that for them."

Please visit Alaqua at her shop on Emu Bay Road or by appointment on 0487 397 362.



Photo by: Mike Moores

Alaqua Sauvage, 14, has opened a dressmaker shop in Deloraine

Hair-raising fundraising!

By Elizabeth Douglas

MARK KOLODZIEJ and the workers at Kolmark are busy cultivating beards while they work.

Over several months, this hirsute pursuit will contribute funds of around \$100 per beard to Phil's Dive for a Cure - an annual event held in memory of Phil Malkin, a member of the Tasmanian diving community, who died in January 2015 after a courageous three and a half year struggle with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia.

Phil's Dive for a Cure aims to raise money for, and awareness of, the Leukaemia Foundation.

The Foundation funds vital research into blood cancer and related blood disorders as well as providing no-cost support services for patients and their families.

Kolmark was a corporate sponsor of the inaugural Phil's Dive for a Cure, held at Bicheno last year, and will be so again this year, when the second event is held on 13th November.

Kolmark employees have decided to grow beards to raise more funds for the Dive to fight leukaemia.

Kolmark is a major Tasmanian-owned Stainless Steel fabricator, based in Westbury and employing over 30 people. They are a specialised supplier of high-quality stainless steel products to the pharmaceutical, metallurgic and food industries.

Mark has been involved with Phil's Dive for a Cure

since the inaugural Dive. As a friend of Phil, Mark was also aware of other leukaemia sufferers, a work associate's wife who had also died and a young apprentice who is suffering from a similar blood disorder and faces an ongoing battle with no cure at this stage.

So this year, Kolmark employees have also decided to grow beards to raise more funds for the Dive to fight leukaemia.

Over nine employees, including Mark himself, now proudly display a range of facial hair, all for a very good cause.

The 2016 web page for Phil's Dive for a Cure should be accessible in August, but in the meantime, Phil's Dive for a Cure can be found on Facebook.



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Back row (L-R): Mark, Zac and Brad. Front row (L-R): Ryan, John and Lyndon.

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Date and Time	Event	Details
Saturday 13th August 7.30pm	Western Tiers Film Society	Little Theatre, 2 Meander Valley Rd. Deloraine "Teheran Taxi" Comedy/Doco Iran Rated M 81 mins
Sunday 14th August 10.30am - 3.30pm	Chocolate Winterfest	Latrobe - Latrobe's wickedly delicious festival celebrating all things chocolate Ph: 03 6426 4444
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Wednesday 17th August 10.30am - 1.30pm	Sausage Making workshop (home-made)	Deloraine House, 112 Emu Bay Rd, Deloraine \$10.00 Bookings essential Ph: 6362 2678
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Saturday 20th August 5.00pm	Concert - Bity Booker & Guests	Marakooa Café Limited Tickets \$10.00 so get in early. To book Ph: 6363 5033 Door sales \$20.00 on day
Friday 26th August	Windows on the Arts in Deloraine Entries close	Contact WOAD16 Curator, Bec Watson rebec.watson@gmail.com or Phone 0408 210 819 by 26th August
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Thursday 8th September	Women's Health Week activity	Westbury Community Health Centre Bookings required Ph: Di Hamilton 0418 786 104
Saturday 10th September 7.30pm	Western Tiers Film Society	Little Theatre, 2 Meander Valley Rd. Deloraine '45 Years' Drama UK Rated M 95 mins
Monday 12th - 16th September 6.30pm	Deloraine Youth Drama Festival	Little Theatre, 2 Meander Valley Rd. Deloraine
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SPORT IN BRIEF

FOOTBALL

By David Claridge
Four players from the Prospect Hawks Junior Football Club were selected to represent Tasmania in the under-12 and under-15 Australian Schoolboys Championships in late July.

Under-12 ruckman Brayden Fellows, midfielder Conall McCormack, under-15 key position player Leiwyn Matson-Jones, and midfielder Jordan Talbot went to Maroochydore, Queensland.

The club was able to provide support for the players fundraising to cover the levy to participate.

Club President, Chris Ryan, said that the Prospect Hawks Junior Football Club have a proud record of having players selected to represent Tasmania and they are very committed to helping players and their families to take advantage of football and personal development opportunities. He said, "Whatever the outcome of the games, they are already great role models for all out junior and youth players (boys and girls)."

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By Chere Kenyon

THE DELORAINE Junior Basketball Club (DJBC) runs an Aussie Hoops Program for 6 to 7 year olds to teach them ball skills, but recent floods and the closure of the Deloraine Community Complex courts has put a dampener on things.

The Deloraine courts where the Hoops Program is usually run were, unfortunately, closed down due to safety risks. The risks included slipping on the surface and inundation during the floods. This caused an issue called "cupping" which creates an uneven surface.

As the courts may be out of action for some time, DJBC will need to consider a change of venue.

DJBC is hoping that the program will be up and running again in early August and they are working hard to ensure that the full program runs in time for the finals on 20th August.

It is easier for senior programs to overcome these hurdles but much harder for juniors without adequate support.

Rachelle Holland, the Aussie Hoops Coordinator, runs the program with the help of volunteers, and they currently have approximately 25 students.

According to Rachelle, "The Hoops Program is an introduction to basketball for young children. It teaches them some basic skills, to have fun, to get them involved in the game and give them a taste of what basketball is all about."

Parents are welcome to, and quite often do, watch the program which consists of modified versions of the game of basketball.

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