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Back to school at Bracknell

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Students past and present, teachers and families gathered in Bracknell in their hundreds to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the school. The day was rather chilly but that didn't deter those who attended. Reminiscing was the order of the day. There were old schoolroom displays, old uniform dress ups, and memorabilia was very much in evidence. Pictured above, enjoying the occasion, are Mandy Parker, Carol Spencer, Marie Pearn, all of Bracknell.

Social services on the slide in Meander Valley

By Marguerite McNeill

MEANDER VALLEY residents are encouraged to speak up loudly and take a stand to help retain existing Rural Primary Health Services in the Meander Valley.

Speaking out loudest is Westbury resident and volunteer Gina Linnemann who wants

people in the community to understand the value of existing services provided by health workers who are unable to voice their concerns publically.

Ms Linnemann can see no sense in discarding the federally funded Meander Valley Rural Primary Health Services program that has been running very

successfully for the past 12 years and introduce what she believes will be a less accommodating model in its place.

She said that funding guidelines for the new model have been altered to target people who are significantly unwell, rather than on services focussing on health promotion and illness prevention,

as in the past.

The proposed changes will see existing services cease on 31st December 2016.

Three full-time health workers in the Meander Valley (a Social Worker and Mental Health Worker at the Deloraine Hospital and a Youth Health and Development Worker at the

Westbury Health Centre) will lose their positions and the services they provide will cease.

There are also concerns that the changes will significantly reduce access to free and confidential counselling and support and, in turn, will compromise the health and wellbeing of the Meander Valley.

"There is nothing to replace personal interaction with one-to-one counselling and support," said Ms Linnemann.

"It's not easy for people to put their hand up and say 'I need help'."

"And it's not easy to lay out your personal struggles to a stranger."

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In My Opinion...

By Joanne Eisemann
Managing Editor

I KNOW governments have long been trying to attract more people to live in Tasmania, but personally I like living in a state with such a small population.

I like how, as a relatively small population, we have a much greater opportunity for connection than I ever felt while living in mainland states.

I enjoy how just about everyone who lives here loves the place and is strongly committed to its welfare, no matter which side of the political fence they may sit on.

With a small population we have developed some wonderful state-wide systems that you don't find on the mainland.

A good example of that being our Library system. For many years now its been possible to go online, look at the state-wide library collection, order just about anything you want and

have it delivered locally. What a luxury!

People worry about there not being enough opportunities here for our young people and a lot do leave for study and work purposes. Many of them though do come back, bringing their young families and spouses with them. When you ask them why, they invariably point to the relaxed lifestyle and the fact that Tassie is a great place to raise children.

There is an argument often put forward that we need more people to maintain and improve our domestic economy.

I'm no economist, but it seems to me all that needs to happen to keep an economy thriving is to find ways to encourage people to spend more money with each other locally, for everyone to be willing to give a little of their profits to the common good, and to produce things and services of such high quality that people from other places want to come and spend their money with us.

Letters In...

I HAVE yet to understand how ONE rate payer can get a double lane bridge, over a creek at the cost of approx \$240,000 at Denn Rd, Mole Creek to his private property, after the June floods and yet 17 plus residents in Liena, have had no bridge for 5 months.

So my question is, how does one person get priority over us?

The double lane bridge

in question goes to a single lane dirt road that leads to a private property.

What does the Meander Council have to say about this?

No excuses please! \$240,000 for 1 person. Not good enough Mr Mayor, please explain.

Ron Flowers

THANKS SO much for such a wonderful article and photo about Mel and U3A!

It is great publicity for U3A at a time when we need

Life membership for Audrey

WESTBURY TOWN Hall supper room was full to overflowing for the celebration of the 24th birthday of Westbury Ladies Probus Club.

The event was marked with a party and guests from other clubs attended to help mark the occasion.

One of the founding

members of the club and dedicated secretary for twelve of the club's 24 years, Audrey Morrison, was awarded a well deserved life membership.

Audrey said she was thrilled to receive the accolade and felt very honoured to be acknowledged in this way.



Audrey Morrison with her Life Member Award

more active members to keep us developing.

It's hard to know what to do when people still say "What is it?" or "I haven't heard of it!"

In my opinion, the Gazette is the best way to get messages out to people in the Meander Valley, so your assistance is very much appreciated.

Marg Leedham, Westbury

PRAISE SHOULD be given to the Deloraine Meander Valley Council worker who waded into a rising Meander River to help build up a native black swans nest recently. Both mother and her six cygnets are doing fine.

A.R. Trounson - Needles

WHILST GREG Hall's comments on Ashley Detention Centre and The Butterfly House may have some merit, they are incorrect on quite a few points.

Ashley is not serving its intended purpose, which is rehabilitating troubled youth. How long can the government continue to waste tax payer's money on something that doesn't work? A suitable alternative would be The Missouri Model, proving successful in the USA.

Mr. Hall stated that 'building a new centre would achieve nothing and cost many millions'. Ashley is already doing that. The Missouri Model states that it has 'eschewed large, prison-like correctional institutions in favour of smaller, regionally dispersed facilities'.

Last year, Robert Waterman of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement - Inquiry into

Crystal Methamphetamine 'Ice' suggested that a review of existing service models is warranted.

Current models have minimal effect on escalating numbers, extensive waiting lists and lack of continuity between detoxification and rehabilitation, continuity which builds trust between client and workers.

If the government leased AYDC to The Butterfly House Rehabilitation Centre, it would provide an essential service in the North of the state in an existing facility, which would in turn save money and offer a different model to those who need it most.

Jennie Wilson

I AM deeply concerned about the loss of the three social work positions in the Meander Valley, namely the Social Worker, Mental Health Social Worker and Youth Mental Social Worker positions.

These three positions have worked alongside our most voiceless and vulnerable residents. Their work may be largely unseen by the community, but not to those of us who work closely with the social workers.

Regularly the service that I work for receives referrals from these positions. The social workers enable their clients to get to a point where they can engage with other services, move forward with their lives and start to live and contribute back to our community through working and volunteering.

I'm not only concerned about the people that the social workers assist, but also their families...

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Entally Gardenfest

L to R: Friends of Entally, Ros Renault of Carrick, John (seated) and Sally Gunn of Blackstone Heights, and Jo Boniface of Hadspen.

Photo by: Mike Moores

By Sara Fawcett

FOR A CHANCE to further your knowledge about gardening or have a look inside a historic building for just a gold coin donation, head along to Entally House's Gardenfest on the 12th and 13th of November.

The house is part of Entally Estate in Hadspen which includes Entally Lodge, previously known as Rutherglen Resort.

Entally House, built in 1819, has quite a history. It was established by Thomas Reibey

(Snr) in the early days of Australia's European habitation. His wife, Mary, is the convict featured on Australia's \$20.00 note. Their son, Thomas Reibey, was the Premier of Tasmania from 1876-1877.

The estate includes a cricket oval, believed to be one of Australia's first, having hosted games even before Melbourne was settled.

It was, for a time, the training grounds of the 1884 Melbourne Cup winner, Malua.

This year is Entally's 9th annual Gardenfest and the

volunteer group, Friends of Entally will be assisting in the weekend.

"The Friends of Entally raise money by offering Devonshire teas and conducting a raffle at this event," volunteer Pamela Gill said.

ABC Gardening Australia's Tasmanian presenter, Tino Carnevale will attend on Sunday

"The funds raised go into improving the estate in various ways. For example new pews for the chapel, cur-

tains for the drawing room etc," she said.

"The scones we serve have a reputation for being pretty good," explains another volunteer Ros Renault. "The money we make helps to keep some life in the old girl (Entally House)."

This group of volunteers also helps with the upkeep of the house including house keeping, gardening and welcoming and informing visitors of the House's history.

The Garden Festival this year will bring together stall holders covering all aspects

of gardening including garden ornaments, plants of all sorts, food stalls and many other items of top quality.

The display of plants will include those grown by TAFE horticultural students in the Estate's Conservatory which is, apparently, the oldest in the country.

Special guest, ABC Gardening Australia's Tasmanian presenter, Tino Carnevale will attend on Sunday.

Explore the historic site to the background of gardens, plants, good food and music - all for a gold coin donation.

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Angels, demons and three delightful divas

THE 3 DIVAS ensemble is something of a musical phenomenon in Northern Tasmania.

For the past six years, Tamsyn Stock Stafford, Carolyn Harris and Georgina Harvey have been amazing audiences with their remarkable singing talents and their range of music styles.

They have done this accompanied by Kent Fumage, arguably Tasmania's best piano accompanist. John Phelps, as director and master of ceremonies,

completes the ensemble.

Together, they have another concert coming up very soon.

Arts Deloraine will present this new 3 Divas concert at Gallery 9 in Deloraine on Friday, 25th November starting at 8.00p.m.

The show, *Angels and Demons*, is a selection of songs about good guys and bad guys! The pieces are from all music styles – classical, stage musicals, cabaret and the rest.

They are drawn from composers as diverse as Stephen

Sondheim, Andrew Lloyd Webber, Simon and Garfunkel, Donizetti, Billy Joel and Franz Schubert. There will even be a medley from the film *Sister Act*.

Some songs are funny, some moving, others challenging, yet all are magnificently performed.

Book early at Elemental Artspace, Emu Bay Road, Deloraine. Admission is \$25.00, with \$20.00 for members of Arts Deloraine.

For more information, contact John Phelps on 6362 4488.



L-R The 3 Divas Tamsyn Stockford, Georgina Harvey and Carolyn Harris Photo by: Mike Moores

Waste charges confusion

By David Claridge

THERE HAS been confusion and frustration over an annual \$46.00 waste charge that Meander Valley residents have been charged in their rates.

At first it was believed the charge covered collection of a property's rubbish. People who own multiple properties, some with land only, or who already have collection handled by other means were quick to seek an explanation.

Meander Valley mayor, Craig Perkins, wishes to explain that the flat fee, in fact, is necessary to fund the waste services in the area.

"The cost of our waste

management is \$600,000 a year on average to maintain."

"The nature of rates is to collect money to pay for the activities of the council. For those that have domestic collection, they pay an additional fee."

Mayor Perkins further said that the council decided three years ago to separate the waste management fee out of the general rates so people could see what it would cost them per property to manage.

"All rate payers make a contribution to all our activities, be it maintenance of our roads, our halls, parks and gardens."

"If everyone was charged 'user-pays' at the tip then nobody would be able to

afford it. From a waste point of view, you would get people starting to do illegal dumping because they couldn't afford to do it."

Rutherglen Residential Club, where 70 people live, have their rubbish collected by Veolia – who remove the rubbish to the Launceston tip.

Together, the Rutherglen residents pay \$3,000 a year through their rates towards the Meander Valley waste services.

Council is unable to control which disposal sites privately engaged waste collection companies choose to utilise.

They are, however, willing to discuss with Rutherglen residents other options that may be available.

We may only be 30 minutes from Devonport and Launceston, but for some of the clients supported by the social workers, they don't have the physical resources (car and finances) or the mental resources (resilience and knowledge) to get themselves to the city for support. I fear they will just give up.

As for the service that I work for, we are not social workers, we can't replace that service, but I suspect that the clients referred to us by the social workers will look to us for the support that they were once able to readily access

from the social workers. I can see my fellow workers and I being put under immense strain as we attempt to care for our clients in ways that we are not trained or resourced for.

I sincerely hope that the decision to axe these positions will be reversed. Meander Valley needs these people to care for our most vulnerable residents. How can a government of Australia take away something from a regional community like this without consultation and without any plan for support into the future?

MEANDER VALLEY - GET INVOLVED

Twinkle toes bowlers

THE WESTBURY Bowls Club will be hosting the Westbury Corporate and Westbury Community Group's Barefoot Bowls Challenge for 2016.

It will start on Friday 11th November for four weeks concluding on Friday, 2nd December.

If you think you are up for the challenge, enter a team.

No experience is needed as

experienced bowlers will be on hand to coach you and the bowls will be provided.

This is our way of trying to get our community together to laugh and have fun.

For further information regarding the challenge, please contact the Westbury Bowls Club Secretary, Marlene Shepherd, on 0437 932 802 or email westbury-bowls@telstra.com.

Avoid disasters, join Toastmasters

THE LAUNCESTON Toastmasters and Devonport Toastmasters clubs are holding a joint meeting in Westbury on Tuesday 29th November, from 6:30-8:30pm at the Westbury Community Centre, 89 Meander Valley Road.

There will be a shared meal, a lot of laughs and a chance to get to know about your local Toastmasters clubs.

This is a great opportunity for the Meander Valley

community to see what Toastmasters is all about and how it can assist them. Being in the middle of the two clubs' locations, members of the Meander Valley community have the choice of two excellent clubs to attend.

Toastmasters is an international volunteer-run organisation dedicated to helping people from all walks of life to improve their public speaking and leadership skills, and to build confidence.

Food, flowers and gardens

MARAKOOPA CAFÉ is opening their garden on Saturday 26th and Sunday the 27th November as part of the Mole Creek Valley Country Gardens weekend.

The Café will serve many delights including Tasmania's home grown and made boutique beer and wine, so no BYO's.

Music will be a feature of the weekend. Entry is \$8.00

and donations to buskers is greatly appreciated.

In a separate event, Tasmania's Simon Astley will launch an album on the evening of the 27th, doors open at 5.00pm.

Other gardens opening that weekend include 'Old Wesleydale', Wychwood Garden and Nursery; and Blackwood Park garden will open for the first time to the public.

IN THE GARDEN WITH NELL CARR

MELIANTHUS MAJOR, the Large Honey Flower, has been attracting Honeyeaters ever since its 2 metre high stems began flowering in early September.

Its most devoted visitor is the Tasmanian endemic Yellow Wattle Bird, whose rather repulsive, (to human ears), voice announces its presence from afar.

The flowers are described

as being "filled with honey" which explains the repeated visits of the Wattlebird, pictured, throughout the spring months.

If planted near a sunny window, householders are treated a fascinating spectacle through the daylight hours as the birds repeatedly call to feed on the honey.

One problem is that the *Melianthus* is inclined to be invasive, so should either be surrounded by lawn or paths to keep it from smothering smaller plants in the vicinity.

In the veggie garden. There are very few seedlings or seeds which cannot be started in November.

Cucumbers, Zucchini's and Pumpkins are best sown in seed boxes, and planted when they are large enough to survive.

The soil should be warm enough to sow green beans, both dwarf and climbing, and sow beetroot with a pinch of boron.



Tasmania's Yellow Wattle Bird

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...Many have children dependent on them. Where are they going to go to access support now?

What will happen to their children? Will places like Deloraine House and the service I work for have even more stress put on them or will these people just fade away and take their children with them? Will there be more neglect and suicide? What will happen to their children?

I fear for our community.

Flaming Viking Ship

Photo by: Mike Moores



After a couple of false starts it was finally dry enough for WinterFire to go ahead. The event attracted a crowd of 750 people. A highlight of the evening was the burning of the Viking Ship constructed by Steve Shaylor-Appleton, a flautist led the lantern parade, oohs and ahhs were raised by the fireworks and slide show. Despite setbacks the Committee is aiming for bigger and better things next year.

'76 was a good year for Deloraine High School

THE LAST 40 years slipped away for a group of 1976 Deloraine High School students who attended their 40th class reunion at the Empire Hotel in Deloraine on 7th October.

Glee and chatter filled the air as everyone hugged, tried to remember who was who and enjoyed a great buffet by the Empire's helpful staff, under Mark and Amanda Flanigan's direction.

Deidre Christie Triffitt of Dunorlan came up with the reunion's concept a year

ago and asked Greta Thayer Watson of Glen Huon, and employed at the Huon News in Franklin, to put it together.

A Facebook page spread news of the event.

Ex-classmates without social media accounts were contacted by the few who have kept in touch with them, and by those working in Woolworths spreading the news.

Thirty six people attended the Friday night reunion, including four partners of the Class of '76, with two ex-

students coming from Queensland and two from Victoria.

The rest arrived from within Tasmania, with the majority living in the state's north.

On show at the function room were the PESH school magazine and snapshots of it, A3 size photos of those unable to attend, and shots of the 1976 Grade 10 Maria Island school camp.

As phones snapped away at the display attendees eagerly swapped stories in a laughter-filled atmosphere.

Saturday morning, a third

of the group toured the Deloraine High School with Berice van der Aa, coordinator of its Trade Training Centre, and were amazed at its transformation and awed by the facilities and opportunities given to today's students.

A handful of the reunion attendees concluded the weekend celebrations with lunch at the Deloraine Hotel.

Some wanted another reunion next year, but the general consensus was a 45th, in hope those unable to attend this year will in 2021.



L-R: Wendy Barwick Cresswell (Deloraine), Debbie McBain (Gold Coast, Queensland), Deidre Christie Triffitt (Dunorlan), Greta Thayer Watson (Glen Huon) and Deb Youd Glover (Hobart) visit their old cooking room.
Photo by: Steven Walker

Faeries in Westbury?

TIMOTHY MISON and friends Lauren and Liam, claim to have captured video proof of a faery while visiting Westbury.

The one-minute clip of a strange tiny creature flying round them, uploaded to Mison's Youtube channel (www.youtube.com/watch?v=wCJ8BOihu-8) was shot at night in a Westbury Cemetery.

Attracting attention from major publishers like America's Huffington Post and The Sun, and the Daily Mirror, it sparked heated discussion across mainstream media sites and many supernatural communities.

"The video's authenticity has been questioned more than once, and in our opinion it could certainly be a fake.

In all honesty though, we're not really sure.

Westbury does have a rich history when it comes to mystery and folklore," comments Meander Valley Mayor, Craig Perkins.

This ignited debate begs the question, "Are faeries real?"

The World Faery Society (WFS) (<https://youtu.be/SQJjmNCsTPE>), holds the largest collection of recorded faery evidence (<https://www.instagram.com/worldfaerysociety/>), and they may have the answer.

"We recently recovered several (1800s') artifacts that may... tell... how and why this faery is there. But (our research has) hit a dead end... and now we need the public's help," shares Arthur Beck, Head Researcher and President, WFS.

By making the evidence public, WFS hopes this new-found global interest in Westbury's faery can help unravel the mystery.

Memorable moments

MOLE CREEK Photographic and Visual Arts Inc. is holding an exhibition of their work on the weekend of 26 to 27th November in the Mole Creek Memorial Hall from 10.00am to 4.00pm. Entry is by gold coin donation.

The exhibition will feature work from around 10 members and is a way of sharing with the outside community some of the beautiful scenery that is to be found in the region as well as to showcase the diverse talent of local artists.

The club has also produced their own calendar of images from the region, which will be available for purchase during the exhibition - a great Christmas gift to share the wonders of the region.

Artists will be available to speak with and discover the stories behind their works. Various artworks will be available for sale.

Visitors will also have the opportunity to choose their favourite photograph from the club's monthly competition. A drawing competition from the local school children will also be on display.

Other attractions will be open on the day including local gardens Wychwood, Old Wesley Dale, Marakoopa Café and Blackwood Park Cottages.

For more information about the exhibition, or the arts group, please call Suzanne on 6363 1361 or email whattedickens@activ8.net.au.

Never too old

ABOUT 40 people attended the MADE (Mature Artists Dance Experience) workshop held at the Day Care Centre in Deloraine as part of the Creative Aging Festival held during Seniors Week.

Festival Director Alexandra Morse commented, "I was overwhelmed by the support, enthusiasm and participation at all of the events."

The largest attendance was at the opening of 'Grenoch Gallery' on Monday evening with over 80 people attending and 20 students from Deloraine high doing front of house.

The event has provided a catalyst for all service providers and community members who assist older adults in the community to come together and creatively support 'the whole person'.

During the week a number of organisations and individuals have raised their hands and want to contribute to next year.

The festival has provided a springboard of enthusiasm at Meander Valley Life and this culture will be nurtured throughout the year, not just over a week.

The creative ageing forum on the Friday at the Deloraine Trade Training Centre was extremely well received. One attendee stated "Wouldn't it be a lovely thing if all aged



Pamela Tankard (L) takes a twirl with a MADE facilitator.

care workers were exposed to such positivity, life-affirming and generally encouraging concepts about ageing?! I'm at the tail-end of my career and have come to this knowl-

edge through trial and error and fear. So I heartily endorse any future endeavours in reclaiming integrity, dignity and life for all of us who are inevitably ageing."

Local snappers exhibit talent

WINNERS OF the Great Western Tiers Photographic Competition were announced on Friday 14th October at the Tourism Association's AGM.

Entries were judged by a panel of two professional photographers and two tourism specialists.

The People's Choice award was selected by 'likes' of the photos on a Facebook page. Over 2,000 views of competition entries have been recorded.

The Landscape category was won by Jacqui Stacey's *Autumn Morning Overlooking Quamby*, and Jade Hallam's photo *Found a Fossil, Western Creek* took first place in the People category.

Kim's Place at Night by Konrad Steinmuller won the Enhanced category.

Bailey Sides' *Snowy Track*

came first in the Youth category, while Shauna Mayben clinched the People's Choice with her *Tiers Stag*.

All 85 Pictures can still be seen on the Association's Facebook page, Great Western Tiers Touring Route, showing the range of talent and stunning scenery in this region.

Prints of the photographs were displayed at Elemental Art Space for the awards presentation, and photography will be used to promote the Great Western Tiers.

The presentation was attended by about 40 people including our local member Guy Barnett and tourism consultant Rick Martin.

Rick spoke to the meeting about the new tourism strategy for the Great Western Tiers, branding the route as one of History and Mystery.

Good food on a budget

THE AUSTRALIAN Red Cross are holding four weeks workshops over four weeks at Deloraine House.

The program is designed to teach participants how to cook delicious meals on a budget.

The workshops will cover things like food safety, shopping on a budget and how to choose good food options.

It will also cover Healthy cooking and basic cooking skills.

The workshops are free and will run for three hours a week over four weeks at Deloraine House starting on Wednesday 23rd of November from 10:30am to 1:30pm.

Booking are essential. Please call Deloraine House on 6362 2678.

The Meander Valley Christadelphians will be conducting Two Free Public Addresses World Events Sign of Christ's Return

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World Events Sign of Christ's Return

Glorifying the Gables

By Heather Summers
Photo by: Mike Moores



Estelle and Warren Virgen left Darwin after they fell in love with The Gables

THOSE WHO regularly travel through Deloraine may have noticed over the past year, a transformation taking place at the top end of Emu Bay Road.

Historic home 'The Gables' is under new ownership, and has been meticulously

ly brought back to life by Warren and Estelle Virgen.

Visiting the state from Darwin towards the end of last year, Estelle discovered the property serendipitously when driving from Stanley to Longford.

"I stopped in at Deloraine

to look at the silks on display at the Information Centre," Estelle said, when she noticed the property across the road was for sale.

"We had always wanted to restore an old building, and so it caught my eye." It all happened rather quickly

after that. The Gables was open for inspection the following Saturday, and on the Wednesday they signed the papers.

It was another 5 months before their home in Darwin sold, but after a three and a half day drive from North to South, the real adventure began.

The Gables had been a rental property for many years, and the disrepair was obvious. "It was a real mess," said Estelle, "just a mass of stuff!"

Moving in with the basic necessities (a fridge and a less than effective blow-up mattress) work began on the house that week, beginning with the safe removal of an asbestos shed.

They then moved onto what proved to be mostly demolition work, removing kitchen cupboards, replacing the verandah and scrubbing back the old cast iron.

"For 13 months it was a tradies house, from under the floorboards and into the roof," said Warren, who acted as chief labourer.

He and Estelle went on to say it was electrically 'rather interesting', having kept aside some of the museum quality wiring for posterity.

Taking it back to the bones of the building, including removing upwards of five layers of carpet, a false ceiling, and several layers of paint, many other interesting

discoveries were made.

They uncovered the old baker's oven, discovering that a period oven door they'd been given years earlier by a family member fitted perfectly.

Outside, the location of the old well was pointed out to them by former occupants from the Loone family.

Warren also uncovered a cattle grid, a reminder of the time livestock was grazed on common land, and grids installed to keep cattle out of private property.

Having made contact with the Loone family, owners of the property in earlier years, the Virgens gained access to the original paperwork for the building. The deeds helped date the original build to 1880. Today, all of the hard work has paid off.

Its dignity restored, The Gables is now a beautifully appointed home with a wonderful finish of natural wood, including floorboards recycled from the property, and bespoke furniture.

Upstairs is a wonderful space and studio for Estelle, a textile artist whose work is displayed throughout the house.

"We have always loved Tassie," said Estelle. The couple first visited 35 years ago, with several holidays in between. "We are really pleased with how it has all fallen into place."



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- 3 bedroom home in quiet cul-de-sac
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- Kitchen with quality appliances - gas oven
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VALLEY VIEWS



Mayor's Message

During October, I had the pleasure of attending the Bracknell Primary School's 150th Anniversary Celebrations. Bracknell Primary School first opened its doors in 1886 and while much has changed in 150 years of education, the sense of community that is at the heart of the school has remained a constant.

Despite Deputy Mayor Cr Michael Kelly and myself being beaten in the egg throwing competition by Premier Will Hodgman and Mark Shelton MP, the day was a huge success.

Congratulations to the organisers and school community for marking the celebrations in such a fantastic way.

Don't forget that Council Community Grants applications close on the 15 December 2016. This is a little earlier than usual to speed up the assessment process.

Grants of up to \$3000 are available to community organisations for projects that address community needs through special events, sport and

recreation and community development.

It has come to the attention of Council that there may be some misunderstanding around the contribution made by all ratepayers to the Municipality's waste management. Included in this edition of the Gazette is a breakdown of costs and contributions to help clarify this.

Recently I had the privilege of gaining some insight into one of Deloraine's most mythical innovators - Jimmy Possum. Who the real Jimmy Possum was remains one of the region's biggest mysteries.

The only clues lie in the unique chairs that remain his legacy. Expertly designed to be self-supporting and made by hand, the Deloraine and Districts Folk Museum has a number of these rare chairs on display, and some are more than 120 years old.

With links to the Mountain Hut making culture, this exhibition celebrates the creativity of human endeavour and is well worth a visit.

Mayor, Craig Perkins

Image: Mayor Craig Perkins and an iconic "Jimmy Possum" chair handcrafted in 1909.

NBN Rollout. What does it mean for you?

There will be two free NBN briefing sessions held during November to assist residents and businesses with information regarding the rollout.

Westbury

Wednesday 30 November 2016

10.30am – 11.30am, Westbury Community Health Centre, 89 Meander Valley Road

Deloraine

Wednesday 30 November 2016

4.30pm – 6.15pm, Deloraine Community Complex, Alveston Drive

A 'drop in' session with a presentation followed by questions from 5.30pm.

Science Meets Amazing Art in Deloraine



Amazing Tasmanian science meets beautiful art in Deloraine during November. Artists share the secrets and beauty of printmaking and showcase a wide range of colourful aspects of Tasmanian science.

Wildlife biologist and artist Bec Donaldson will be at the exhibition during

the Craft Fair to chat with visitors about Tasmanian science, printmaking techniques and how to become involved in art locally.

The exhibition opens on 4 November and runs until 30 November at Deloraine Creative Studios, 59-61 Emu Bay Road, Deloraine. Entry is free.

Waste Management in Meander Valley

Council has recently received some enquiries about waste management in the municipality. To clarify current arrangements information is provided below.

Waste management in the municipality costs approximately \$1.5m in total, annually. In addition to actual waste disposal, bin collection, tip operation, recycling and compliance, Council is also required to have sufficient funds available to rehabilitate landfill sites at the end of their life.

Almost half of this cost is met by residents who receive a bin collection service. Of the remaining balance, \$200k is met through tip and transfer station fees and the remaining \$600k is met through a

flat rate charge of \$46 per property.

The \$46 charge is a contribution made by all ratepayers towards the cost of waste management.

It is no different to contributions made by all residents through the General Rate for infrastructure and services that benefit the entire municipality such as our road networks, our bridges and for the provision of parks and recreational grounds.

Previously, this charge was embedded in the General Rate and its actual cost to each resident was based on their rateable property valuation.

Three years ago, the decision to separate this charge from the General Rate was agreed upon by Council.

As a result of this decision, this \$46 phased-in cost became a transparent flat-rate charge that is evenly distributed amongst all ratepayers regardless of rateable property valuation.

For residents who do not receive a bin collection service, this \$46 charge is listed under the General Rate on the rates notice.

For residents who do receive a bin collection service, this \$46 charge is combined with the bin collection charge and is listed under the General Rate on the rates notice.

Community Directory

The Meander Valley Community Directory is a free online information hub for all non-profit, voluntary run community organisations that serve the Meander Valley municipality. The directory can be viewed at: www.meandervalleycommunitydirectory.com.au

To find a group:

Visit the site and scroll down to either browse or enter key words to perform a search.

To register your group or organisation:

By registering, your group or organisation can create a personalised homepage with photos, information and contact details. Registration is easy and there are step by step instructions available on Council's website. Visit www.meander.tas.gov.au and search "Community Directory".

You will need an email address to get started and if you require extra assistance call in to the Deloraine Online Access Centre, 21 West Parade, Deloraine on Mondays between 10am - 4pm.

New Bridge for Pitts Lane

Council has approved the contract for the replacement of the existing one-lane timber bridge on Pitts Lane.

It will be replaced with a dual-lane reinforced concrete bridge. The existing timber bridge was constructed in 1999, and has been load limited since early 2016.

The new bridge will allow for heavier vehicle loads in line with current Australian Standards and oversize agricultural vehicle movements.

Council has engaged the contractor TasSpan and work is scheduled to commence on Wednesday 9 November, with an expected completion date of Wednesday 30 November.

Pitts Lane will be closed to



Existing bridge on Pitts Lane.

Capeweed Campaign

You have probably noticed yellow daisy-like flowers around this spring in lawns, parks and on rural land holdings.



These are from the Capeweed plant. Not native to Tasmania, Capeweed is an invasive perennial or annual that grows in rosettes, sending out stolons that enable it to spread across the ground quickly.

The leaves are lobed or deeply toothed and are covered with white woolly hairs, especially on their undersides. The plants bear daisy-like flowers with small yellow petals that sometimes have a green or purple tint surrounded by white or yellow ray petals extending further out from the flower centres.

Council has taken active steps to control Capeweed in the municipality however,

through traffic during the construction period.

The Pitts Lane bridge construction is one of many projects that have been undertaken by Council in recent months as a result of the June flood event.

Pitts Lane is part of an important dairy truck transport route.

TasSpan's next project will be to undertake repair work at the Bracknell Lane bridge that spans the Liffey River.

This work will involve the replacement of the two existing downstream timber wingwalls with precast concrete.

The value of the combined works is approximately \$268,000.

residents are encouraged to take action at home to help reduce the spread of this plant.

For smaller infestations, Capeweed can be dug out by hand. Larger areas will require the treatment of a selective herbicide that is safe for use on surrounding grass. A follow-up treatment in Autumn is recommended to ensure effective eradication.

If you choose to apply a selective herbicide please contact your nearest rural supply agency or hardware retailer for more information and remember to always follow the instructions on the product's Label of Use.

Subsidised Training for Volunteers

Meander Valley Council is offering subsidised Traffic Management Training to volunteer organisations. Traffic Management Training is compulsory for any volunteers who direct traffic on a public road.

This nationally accredited training normally costs \$170. After the subsidy it will cost just \$50.

There are a maximum number of 15 places available - up to two on offer per volunteer organisation.

Held in the Westbury Town Hall Supper Room, the course will run on the 7 December from 8.30am - 4pm with a light lunch provided.

If you are interested in attending, contact Council on 6393 5300 to register.

Meandering 2016 Opens in Deloraine



Gerry Jenson, *Day's End* (detail) 2016

The 2016 Meandering Art Exhibition has made it's way to Deloraine.

From November 2 - 30, these wonderful artistic interpretations of this year's theme "Vital Signs" can be viewed at Elemental Artspace, 20 - 22 Emu Bay Road Deloraine during business hours.

Artworks will be for sale and admission is free.

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

Mole Creek Market

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

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Council Community News



Did you know that Council produces a monthly email news bulletin called 'Council Community News'?

It is a listing of Council news, local events, development opportunities and information resources. Council Community News is available to community groups and interested individuals. To receive your copy, simply forward your email address to patrick.gambles@mvc.tas.gov.au

Back copies are available for viewing in the 'Community' section of Council's website, www.meander.tas.gov.au

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Beautiful science

By Wendy Laing

THE DELORAINE Creative Studios will be the venue for the Amazing Tasmanian Science Stories until the 30th November, 2016.

Ten artists, using a variety of printmaking techniques, are holding an art and story-telling exhibition. Each piece of art will be accompanied by a short, interesting Tasmanian science tale.

The aim of the Amazing Tasmanian Science Stories is to give people a new way to be delighted and inspired by beautiful art and science together.

Wildlife biologist and artist Ms Rebecca Donaldson said that the printmakers have taken inspiration from unusual and crazy science stories to create their works of art.

Some of the narratives describe the science behind cheese making and the latest technique in pasture science as well as tales of Tasmanian animals, lost treasures, beautiful plants and mysterious life-forms.

Ms Donaldson went on to say that she and the artists want the exhibition to appeal to everyone who loves art and stories and will be surprised to learn interesting information about science in Tasmania.

The exhibition is also a chance for the artists to share the secrets and beauty of printmaking and to discuss opportunities for people who live in the Meander Valley to become involved in art in their community.

A People's Choice vote will be available throughout the exhibition.

Super cool spider

THE BUREAU of Meteorology received over 800 photo entries from all corners of Australia for their 2017 'Australian Weather Calendar', and Meander Valley resident Leanne Osmond of Leeo Photography is among its thirteen finalists.

Her *Frozen Spiderweb in St Marys* is featured for its month of December.

Taken in mid-winter 2014 in St Marys' township on Tasmania's North East Coast, Leanne had used a Canon EOS 7D camera and Canon 100mm macro lens that morning.

As a member of the Mole Creek Photographic and Visual Arts group, this photo entry is on display at its exhibition on 26th and 27th November in the Mole Creek Memorial Hall from 10.00am to 4.00pm.

Hailing from the Adelaide Hills in South Australia before 2015, Leanne passionately captures the Meander Valley, the Great Western Tiers and the North East coast's stunningly natural unique environment,

untamed and farmed flora and fauna.

She loves combining photographs with digital enhancement techniques too, producing images that highlight nature's beauty.

Yet it was only buying her first digital camera in 2005 that she found the perfect expression for her love of nature.

Her arresting images have been featured in South Australia council calendars, a book about the Adelaide Hills, the Sydney Morning Herald and Gardening Australia, as well as on the front cover of a tourism magazine, numerous business websites and on television's *Postcards* in South Australia, when she appeared as its guest.

Purchase the Bureau of Meteorology's 2017 'Australian Weather Calendar' from <http://shop.bom.gov.au/t/wttl>.

To view Leanne's images visit www.redbubble.com/people/Leeo.



Frozen spiderweb in St Marys

Photo by: Leanne Osmond



Rebecca Donaldson with one of the prints that will be on display. Photo by: Gavin Price

Little theatre hosts the originals

THE DELORAINE Dramatic Society (DDS) has once again opened its doors to the work of original performers; holding their 18th Original's Only Night on 19th November at 7.00pm.

Mostly locals, and some not so local performers from the Coast and Hobart, will share their original works on the Little Theatre's stage for an entertaining and lively evening of music, instrumental works, punk rock bands, poetry, singing and songs.

The Mistress of Ceremonies is Lisa Yeates and the performers work to her schedule, ensuring the evening has variety and musical colour.

Sci-Fi Filmmaking

A DYSTOPIAN future, Alien invasion, magic spells that transform you into another person. In film you decide what the future will be and you are limited only by your imagination.

Transistor Youth Arts, Launceston City Council and Interweave Arts have teamed up to offer a very special filmmaking opportunity for young people aged 9-13 years.

Students will not only learn

With heightened enthusiasm from artists wanting to performer this year, the stage is set for a big night that includes a number of younger music bands from the area amongst the singer-cum-songwriter musicians and performance poets.

This evening was first devised by the late Maggie Nichols. A DDS committee member and singer herself, she saw an opportunity to share the talents of musicians and artists who had works to present but lack the audience to do so. There is, after all, nothing quite like being on-stage, and getting feedback on your work

from a live audience.

The Dramatic Society understood the need to continue their role of providing a supportive space to the arts in general, and the Original's Only Night was born.

If you like surprises and an evening where you will more than likely be moved by the skill, sound and courage of new works by new artists, mark your diaries: the 18th Original's Only Night takes place at Meander Valley Performing Arts Little Theatre, with \$8.00 per head tickets at the door. Supper is available during the evening.

Exhibitions

Elemental Artspace has three exhibitions currently featuring in the Durham Gallery.

Daughters from the Quarters sculpture by Mel Doliver runs to the end of November.

Meandering 2016 is on display till 30th November, as is *An Age to Grow* - an exhibition featuring 6 local artists presenting a variety of works including textiles, ceramics, timber sculpture and fine furniture.

how to write and use professional broadcast quality equipment but they will write and make two short Science Fiction films that will be screened at REMADE 2016.

Workshops are 19th, 26th and 27th November. Thanks to the support of Launceston Council workshops will cost only \$50.00 per person.

For bookings visit: www.eventbrite.com.au/e/script-to-screen-sci-fi-ages-9-13-years-launceston-tickets-28566675696?ref=ebtn.



Cheerful chooks make better eggs

Danny Tubb checks on 'the girls' at his Meander Free Range Eggs farm near Mole Creek.

Photo by: Mike Moores

By Joanne Eisemann

PEOPLE WANTING to be sure their eggs come from a farm operating with high standards of hen welfare, may soon be asking the question "Are your eggs pastured?"

In a move to separate themselves from the new national standard for free range eggs, smaller producers using mobile hen shelters to move their hens regularly to new pasture, are beginning to market their eggs as 'pastured' rather than 'free range'.

The national standard adopted earlier this year, allows for 10,000 birds

per hectare and meaningful regular access to an outdoor range, but as Nan Tubb of Meander Free Range Eggs comments "What does that mean? Its meaningless really, they are still in barns, they put the food inside and they put in a little door for them to go outside into a dustbowl."

Nan, with her husband Danny, have been producing pastured free range eggs on their 58 hectare property near Mole Creek since their move to Tasmania four years ago.

They came with a plan to grow eggs as part of an integrated pasture management system that involves chooks,

cows and sheep.

"Ideally, the cattle eat the grass when it's long, the sheep follow and mow it down some more, followed by the chooks who then clean up the bugs, spread the animal manures and fertilise the area," explains Danny.

Their plan has been a little thwarted by the need to keep the chooks fairly close to the house to protect them from eagles, but the recent introduction of roosters into the flock who warn the hens of an impending eagle attack seems to be working well.

For Nan and Danny,

their birds' ability to live a natural and happy life is of prime importance.

"As a fun thing we call it 'the happy chook farm'" says Danny "because we try to make the chooks happy and let them live as close as they can to their natural environment."

Currently they run 400 'Australorps', a hardy docile Australian breed that don't lay as prolifically as the commercial 'Hyline', but produce for longer.

Not wanting to get "too big" they intend to increase their flock over time to a maximum of 600 layers.

New birds were once purchased from a hatchery at Wynyard at 'point of lay' (16 weeks old) and would start producing almost immediately, but the closure of that business has meant bringing chickens in from Queensland as 'day olds' and raising them to production age on farm.

As a fun thing we call it 'the happy chook farm' because we try to make the chooks happy and let them live as close as they can to their natural environment

Pasture and grubs are supplemented with a high protein feed made in Railton.

"We don't use anything artificial, so we don't use artificial lighting in the winter to stretch the day out so they lay more, its not fair on the chook" explains Nan.

Natural methods of mite and parasite control including apple cider vinegar and garlic are employed.

Nan cleans, grades, stamps and packs all the eggs by hand and spends a couple of days per week delivering the eggs to outlets in Launceston (Alps & Amici on Abbott Street, Earthy Eats, Kingsway,) and Ulverstone Nuthouse Fruit Barn, Patrick St and attends the Cradle Coast Farmers Market 8:30 to 12:00 on Sundays.

"Our target market is to people who appreciate a good quality egg," says Nan adding "people often tell us that our eggs taste the best." Learn more at www.facebook.com/meanderfreerangeeggs/.

Showtime in Deloraine Bushfire action plan

THE DELORAINE & Districts Community Banks Deloraine Show is 70 years strong and still providing a great day out with its winning formula of a fun, diverse and safe family outing. This year's show gears up on 19th November.

Featured will be a sheep shearing display, an interactive drum playing show, *Keep the Beat*, and a wandering Magician out and about delighting the crowd with his tricks.

The ever-popular Animal Nursery returns complete with cute, cuddly fur and feathered babies. The 'Chilli Fun Zone' is dedicated to kids' play, and competitions to Zorb Balls and Belly Bumpers beckon the bigger children.

Ron Morgan's Horsemanship Demonstrations is back again, along with a Surf Life-saving display and heavy machinery to look over.

Other old favourites include the Deloraine Big Band, Mini Jeeps and Jumping Castle, a

Tug-of-War competition, as well as a Puppet Show and Face Painting.

The Apex Train continues to carry little passengers around the grounds, and the variety of food stalls surrounding the Entertainment Area will satisfy all needs, including that of covered seating.

Its Pet Parade, with loads of prizes to be won, returns to delight the children. See details at your child's school or on the Deloraine Show Society Facebook page or visit www.deloraineshow.com.au.

Returning too are the traditionally, well supported exhibitions and competitions in the Livestock, Heavy Horse & Home Industries sections, along with Equestrian events in the Main Arena.

The Deloraine & Districts Community Banks Deloraine Show opens at 9.00am with entry Adults \$10.00, Children \$5.00, and under 5-year-olds free. There is plenty of parking for the Show.

This year, Tasmania copped the full wrath of Mother Nature's fury.

The Tasmania Fire Service (TFS) is warning residents that the worst could be yet to come as summer is the riskiest time of year for bushfires.

To ensure that Tasmanians are prepared as possible for these harsh events, the TFS has launched its 2016/17 Bushfire Safety Campaign.

TFS Chief Officer Chris Arnol said as well as preparing your property, it was essential for people living in or near bushland to have a Bushfire Survival Plan, which detailed exactly how to prepare, and what action to take, if threatened by bushfire.

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Extensive damage to the road leading to Marakoopa Cave. Photo courtesy of Tas Parks & Wildlife

Marakoopa Cave flood damage repairs

By David Claridge

THE JUNE floods were several months ago but the effects are still being felt.

The Marakoopa Cave at Mole Creek have been undergoing major repairs so that tourists can visit again.

Once the water receded it was discovered that the cave was no longer in a state for people to enjoy it, prompting necessary repairs.

Parks and Reserves Manager Central North, Rob Buck, has said that the

damage to external infrastructure included the access road, access bridge, the creek banks outside the cave entrance, and the pump station providing the water supply to the visitor centre and toilets.

"Within the cave, there were large amounts of debris and the cave's lighting system was damaged beyond repair, requiring an entirely new specialised cave lighting system to be designed and installed," he said.

"As the Mole Creek caves are a major tourism drawcard for the area, we are aware of the impacts of this closure on local businesses and are doing our best to ensure that Marakoopa Cave can be re-opened to the public as soon as possible."

Workers have already made headway, repairing the road bridge to allow contractor access. The pump station has been replaced, the lighting system is being replaced, and

Social services on the slide in MV

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"IT TAKES time to build up a rapport and to develop confidence and trust."

"There's nothing to say under the new model that people will see the same social worker each time."

"We already have the challenges of living in a rural area. If it means travelling to Launceston for services, up to 50kms away, many people have no car or license. Working around the transport service could be too hard and they might not go."

"There could be dire consequences."

The changes could also see the end of many related activities such as Blokes Day Out, Meander Valley Women on the Move, Exercise Groups, Stepping Stone Camps and Nordic Walking, that all contribute to the health and well-being of community members and their families.

Ms Linnemann has contacted politicians and health officials from Hobart to Canberra and is frustrated by the mostly fragile response to

the concerns she is voicing on behalf of the entire Meander Valley community. She is now encouraging others to join in the fight and add their names to a petition "Federal Health Minister: Save the Meander Valley Rural Primary Health Services Program."

Visit www.change.org/p/federal-health-minister-save-the-meander-valley-rural-primary-health-ser

vices-program.

The petition will be forwarded to the Federal Minister for Health, Sussan Ley and to State Health Minister Michael Ferguson.

Copies of addresses for the various contacts that you can write to and a letter template are also available at Seppenfelts in Deloraine and the Meander Valley Council offices in Westbury.



Gina Linnemann is concerned over the loss of MV health staff.

New fingers on the pulse

After 12 years of ownership by David Roufael, The Deloraine and Westbury Medical Centre's have been sold.

Dr Johannes Schonborn brings 20 years' of general practice experience from a variety of regional, rural and

remote settings.

Goran Mujkic has 10 years' of professional practice management experience as a general manager of a medical centre.

Dr Roufael will assist during the period of transition.

JusteWaste just right

CONGRATULATIONS TO JustWaste Consulting of Blackstone Heights who recently received Launceston Chamber of Commerce's 2016 Business Excellence Award for Best Environmental Practice.

The award sponsored by Natural Resource Management recognises businesses and organisations that have made a strong commitment

to environmental improvement as part of their day to day operations.

Lisa Jones of JustWaste commented "We are honoured with this achievement and we look forward to further integrating Justin's vision for increased awareness, behavioural change and improved processes regarding waste within industry, businesses and community."

rocks and silt within the cave has been removed, allowing natural water flow to continue through the system.

The repair project is expected to continue until December.

Nearby King Solomon's Cave wasn't affected and remains open for guided tours.

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Events Diary

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Date and Time	Event	Details
running to 30th November 9.00am - 5.00pm	Daughters from the Quarters exhibition	Elemental Artspace 20 Emu Bay Rd, Deloraine An exhibition of Sculptural works by Mel Doliver
running to 30th November 9.00am - 5.00pm	An Age to Grow Exhibition & Meandering 2016	Elemental Artspace 20 Emu Bay Rd, Deloraine 6 local artists feat. textiles, ceramics, fine furniture etc
Every Wednesday 1.30pm - 3.00pm	Memoir Writing Group	Deloraine House, 112 Emu Bay Road, Deloraine Ph: 6362 2678 Bookings essential
Friday 11th November 4.00pm - 11.00pm	Deloraine Primary School Fair	Deloraine Primary School, East Barrack Street, Deloraine
Saturday 12th November 7.30pm	Western Tiers Film Society	Little Theatre, 2 Meander Valley Rd. Deloraine "X + Y" Drama UK 111mins
Sat. 12th & Sun 13th Nov 10.00am-4.00pm	Gardenfest	Entally House Gardens, 782 Meander Valley Road, Hadspen Entry Adults \$5.00 Children Free Ph: 6393 6201
Sunday 13th November 9.00am - 4.00pm	Festival of Roses	Woolmers Estate, 658 Woolmers Lane Longford Adults \$10.00 or \$15.00 for 2 Children Free
Thursday 17th November	Blokes Day out	Scottsdale Military Museum Entry \$5.00 Bookings required Ph 6362 2678 Bring lunch, drink & coat
Saturday 19th November 7.30am - 5.00pm	Deloraine Show	Lake Highway, Deloraine \$10.00 Adults Children \$5.00, Under 5 years free. Ph: Julie McGregor, 0427 861 485
Saturday 19th November 7.00pm	Originals Only Night	Little Theatre, 2 Meander Valley Rd. Deloraine Ph: Suz Haywood on 0409 695 200 Tickets \$8.00
Saturday 19th November 6.00pm	Westbury Catholic Cemetery Fundraiser	Westbury Bowls Club, 9 Franklin Street Dinner & Auction night \$20.00pp 2-course meal Ph: 0417 024 760
Saturday 19th 26th & 27th of November	Sci-Fi Filmmaking workshop for 9 - 13yo L'ton	www.eventbrite.com.au/e/script-to-screen-sci-fi-ages-9-13-years-launceston-tickets-28566675696?ref=ebtn
Saturday 26th November 7.30pm	Western Tiers Film Society	Little Theatre, 2 Meander Valley Rd. Deloraine Bonus Term 2 " '71" Drama UK/Irish 99mins
Wednesday 23rd November 10.30 - 1.00	Food Ready Program	Deloraine House, 112 Emu Bay Rd, Free Learn cooking on a budget Bookings essential Ph: 6362 2678
Thursday 24th November 7.00pm	Deloraine House Fundraiser Movie Night	Little Theatre, 2 Meander Valley Rd. Deloraine "Embrace" \$20.00 (incl supper) Bookings essential 6362 2678
Friday 25th November 8.00pm	3 Diva's concert 'Angels and Demons'	Gallery 9, West Barrack St Deloraine, book early at Elemental Artspace \$25 more info 63624488
Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th November	Mole Creek Valley Country Gardens Weekend	Open gardens include Old Wesley Dale, Wychwood Garden, Blackwood Park and Marakoopa Cafe Garden
Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th November	Photography & Visual Arts Exhibition	Mole Creek Memorial Hall, Mole Creek Gold Coin Donation 10.00am - 4.00pm
Tuesday 29th November 6.30pm - 8.30pm	L'ton & Devonport Toastmasters Clubs meeting	Westbury Community Centre, 89 Meander Valley Rd. Chance to get to know your local Toastmasters clubs
Friday 2nd December 3.00pm - 11.30pm	Carrick Park Pacing Club meeting	Carrick Park Pacing Club, East Street, Carrick Pacing race meeting with Santa attending & music till late
Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th 11.00am	Apex Club of Deloraine Annual Tractor Pull	Red Hills Apex Memorial Park, 525 Mole Creek Road, Red Hills For info: Danny Saltmarsh 0409 965 712
Monday 5th December 12 noon	U3A Christmas Lunch	Function Centre, Westbury Showground A 60's theme Enquiries: meandervalleyu3a@gmail.com
Monday 5th December 12 noon - 2.00pm	Eating with Friends Christmas Lunch	Deloraine House, 112 Emu Bay Rd, Deloraine \$5.00 Great meal with great company
Saturday 10th December 7.30pm	Western Tiers Film Society	Little Theatre, 2 Meander Valley Rd. Deloraine "Youth" France/Italy/Switzerland/UK Rated MA 15+
Thursday 15th December	Blokes Day out	Ben Lomond - Mountain Wildflowers Bookings required Ph: 6362 2678 Bring lunch, drink & coat
Saturday 17th December 6.00pm	Deloraine Christmas Carols	On the River Bank near Rotunda Fun & Games 6.00pm, Free Sausage Sizzle 6.30pm Carols start 7.00pm
Every Tuesday 10.00am - 12.00pm	Hadspen Playgroup (School Terms only)	Uniting Church Community Centre, cnr Claire & Main Sts Hadspen Call Anna on 0423 939 304 for info

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SPORT



Lifting wheels, screaming engines.

The first official demonstration of 'Late Models' in Tasmania was held at the first Carrick Speedway meet for the season.

Photo by: Mike Moores

By David Claridge

CARRICK SPEEDWAY was action packed for the season opening race meeting held in October.

Spectators were treated to the biggest ever list of events at the speedway where veterans came to keep their titles while new drivers

wanted to show what they were capable of.

Speedway Manager, Andrea Cox, commented that the crowd were impressed to get such a huge night of action that flowed with very little wait time. Indeed, the crowd got their money's worth.

"Many came along to see the Late Models have their

first official demonstration in Tasmania. Late Models are new to Tassie and Carrick Speedway is getting behind them to help them get off the ground," explained Mrs Cox.

"In only 6 months car numbers have grown to about ten, so it won't be long before we see them on the program as a regular racing division.

"Overall, it was a great night's racing that was full to the brim.

"This season there are seven state titles including two inaugural state titles, one Australian Title, eight memorial races and the second annual CJD Equipment Truck Show.

"It is going to be another huge season at Cranes Com-

bined Carrick Speedway," said Mrs Cox.

Funding from the Meander Valley Council community grants project has helped improve the family-friendly track with increased safety lighting for spectators and improved water supplies to all areas of the facility.

Modifieds cut the mustard Prospect of good golf

By Marguerite McNeill

BIG TRACTORS, little tractors, vintage and modified tractors and even a kids-size pedal tractor will be put to the test at this year's

Saltmarsh said that competitions involve pulling a weighted sled as far as possible across a 100 metre distance. Sleds are weighted according to the different class of the tractors.

The two-day event will feature four competition runs (distance pulls) where the horsepower of machines is pitted against the weights determined by the Tractor Pull Association.

For children there will be a jumping castle and the Apex Train will be running. Youngsters can also test their skills in the pedal tractor pull with a weighted sled.

Food and refreshments will be available from the Apex food and coffee van and the kiosk.

The bar will open at 1.30pm each day.

The Deloraine Tractor Pull will be held at Red Hills Apex Memorial Park (on the Mole Creek Road), Saturday and Sunday 3rd and 4th December from 9.30am. Tractor Pulls begin at 10.30am.

Entry is \$15.00 single, \$25.00 double, children under-16 go free.

Tickets are available at launcestontickets.com.au or at the gate.

The Prospect Vale Golf Club will be represented in the women's section of Australia's largest and most successful pro-amateur team's event, the Holden Scramble Championship Final.

Hosted by the Mowbray Golf Club, and led by PGA Professional Bryce Gorham, a host of teams were held off by Tammy Hall, Sally Gibb, Penny Hewitt and Deidre Panton to grab the one spot available at the State Final.

The team scored a net of 56.1, easily defeating the other teams in the field.

The Holden Scramble Championship final will be played at the Twin

Waters Golf Club in Queensland between the 25th and 28th November.

The team from Prospect Vale will play four days of golf in full tournament conditions against teams from around Australia.

Bryce Gorham said that the Holden Scramble is one of the most highly anticipated events on the calendar, and Prospect Vale Golf Club was thrilled that it would be in the Championship Final.

Since its inception in 1992, and managed by the PGA of Australia, the Holden Scramble has become Australia's largest and most successful pro-amateur team's event.



Modified tractor raising dust at the Deloraine Apex Tractor Pull, Red Hills 2015

Deloraine Apex Tractor Pull. It is the 5th year the club has hosted the event that is now the biggest tractor pull show in Tasmania.

This year's competitions will feature 7 mini-modified tractors which includes 5 from Victoria. There will also be three big modified tractors from Devonport, Wynyard and Deloraine and around 30 vintage tractors vying for honours.

Apex spokesman Danny

As the tractor advances, the weight moves forward. Given the increasing weight, the challenge is to get the tractor as close to reaching the end of the course as possible.

He said that the modifieds and vintage tractor pulls were a big drawcard for many.

"The crowds like it when the tractors start blowing black smoke, stand up on the back wheels and make a lot of noise," he said.

Pacing pow wow

The popular Carrick Park Pacing Club hosts its first meeting for the season on 2nd December with their focus on the traditional pre Christmas race. The action gets underway at 3.30 pm at East Street, Carrick.

There are loads of enjoyable activities, including an appearance by Santa with free give-aways for the kids, a boy's and a girl's bike to be won, free face painting and a Christmas raffle.

The Club runs full bar facilities and a well-stocked kiosk, selling the best steak sand-

wiches money can buy. Relax and enjoy the music with friends till the wee hours of the night.

Visitor numbers have increased in recent years due to the family focused atmosphere. The club offers a very generous membership package. Just \$20.00 for the season admits two, with a free can of soft drink or stubby of beer at each meeting, and the opportunity of winning a minimum of \$500.00 at each meeting's draw.

For a club membership package contact Sandra on 0400 635 070.