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Farewell to Mountain Man

By David Claridge

THE ARTWORK along the Meander River in Deloraine known as the 'Great Western Tiers Sculpture Trail' has been an attraction for tourists and local art lovers alike since 2002.

Lately, one of those pieces has polarised the local community, some of whom approached the Meander Valley Council. A motion was raised to remove the blue sculpture pictured called 'Mountain Man'.

Arts Deloraine Secretary, Annie Robinson understands that the statue can be an alarming sight at first. "But it's big and it's fun and the kids have loved it, I don't have anything against it at all, it doesn't worry me," Mrs Robinson said. "I'm amazed that people aren't happy with it, it has become part of the scenery."

Meander Valley Mayor, Craig Perkins, was able to voice the council's opinion on the matter. "It's fair to say that there are different views on whether it is good or bad but the council have decided that enough is enough and it's time to remove it," Cr Perkins said.

"In a recent council meeting, Councillor Rodney Synfield brought forward a motion to remove it and the majority of the councillors said 'Let's do that'.

Mountain Man artist, Tony Woodward, explained that he was not surprised to learn of the discussion about his art but did not know about the councils plan to relocate it.

"I made it as part of a project through Parks and Wildlife. It was a commission that I won, and I made the piece according to what I described in the submission," Mr Woodward said.

"It was designed with the idea that it was something that would attract people, particularly children, that was always part of the intention of the piece. It was controversial when it went in so I'm not surprised that there is ongoing discussion about it."

Councillor Rodney Synfield was contacted for comment but declined to add anything further on the subject.



Graham Hart and his dog Rosie are regular walkers along the riverbank. Graham says he didn't like Mountain Man at first but has grown used to it.

Photo by: Mike Moores

In My Opinion...

By Joanne Eisemann
Managing Editor

ONE OF my favourite doco's is the one about the investigation into the bombing of the Rainbow Warrior. I loved how the French fellows who landed on New Zealand shores illegally, could not go anywhere in the country without being noticed by someone.

I enjoyed how easy it was for investigators to put together the chain of events leading to the bombing just by speaking with people along their trail even though the perpetrators obviously thought they were being clandestine.

Such is the nature of country life, having more space gives us the chance to be a little more connected to the people and happenings going on around us.

In this ever-increasing technological age we tend to be living more and more in a virtual reality and less and less in what I would term the real world. This disconnection from reality becomes more apparent when we witness some of the bizarre happenings, such as a young person driving in a mall at top speed mowing down anyone in their path.

Technology is a tool that can be used to further

connection, health and well-being or, alternatively, it can increase separation and anxiety. It's up to us what we do with it.

It was lovely to receive the letter from the Meander Valley Community Safety Group (printed in the December edition) acknowledging *Meander Valley Gazette's* role in community building and cohesion.

The Gazette is only possible because of the technology that is available today. It's produced in two tiny offices 25km apart and relies heavily on technology such as the NBN, cloud storage, desktop publishing, digital photography and email.

Council's Meander Valley Community Directory is another great technological tool to assist in bringing people together in our community. It's a place where community groups can have their own webpage complete with photos at no cost, resources can be shared and events promoted. But, like anything of that nature, it only works really well when everyone joins in. All not-for-profit and community groups operating in Meander Valley are eligible. Check it out at www.meandervalleycommunitydirectory.com.au. For help to register, visit your local Online centre.

Letters In...

I AM hoping the *Meander Valley Gazette* can publish my offer to donate to any church or organisation within our district my 'Technics' electronic console organ. It is a lovely instrument, well suited to a small hall, and in like-new condition. I have had it about 25 years and as I no longer play I wanted to pass it along to a new owner, without cost.

I learned to play the organ when a child and my family always had a Hammond which in its day was considered the best sound in electronic organs. The "Technics"

was bought in Launceston in the 1990s. It was my one indulgence to have such a large instrument again in my home since moving to Australia in 1971. As an instrument, it has the sound of a true concert organ with added special instrumental effects



Dr Rawson remembered

22 January 1924 -12 January 2017

DR FRANK Rawson has recently died, a week off his 93rd birthday. 15 years retired, the General Practitioner in Deloraine for over 40 years had been presented 1993's Citizen of the Year Award on Australia Day.

Arriving from a comfortable 16 years' upmarket practice in Yorkshire, England, with his family, to a home and practice that had exhausted his savings. Frank immediately started work as he turned 42 in 1966; removing a drill piercing the late Nat Hancock's finger.

As one of countless emergencies he had gone on to attend to in Meander Valley, Frank became one early advocate for stationing an ambulance in Deloraine. And prior to today's well-trained paramedics, he and other Deloraine doctors had treated patients from the

moment the state emergency services' helicopter ambulance had landed them in the town's football ground.

Consequently, Frank had maintained the right choice he had made in answering the English newspaper advert placed by Dr Peter Wood about the practice in Deloraine; a decision propelled by memories of his Preparatory School music lessons in England, with world famous concert pianist Tasmanian-born Eileen Joyce.

Joining with Dr Ray Swannell's Westbury G.P. practice four years later had resulted in 24/7 call-outs from Gowrie Park to Westbury for Frank, demanding great effort and sacrifice. Yet in skill, kindness, compassion and care, he had found time to know his patients well.

And knew many he did. His son says, "Wherever he went in Tasmania, he met people he had brought into the world."



Dr Frank Rawson pictured at his 90th birthday celebration. Picture supplied.

such as piano, trumpet, violin, trombone and "walking bass."

It would give me great pleasure to pass on the "Technics" organ to a church or organisation here in Meander Valley. I only ask that the new owner(s) collect it from our home in Weetah as we cannot deliver it.

Janice Blakeney
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this a daunting and challenging time.

There can be a number of reasons why it might be hard to go to school: trying to make new friends, pressure to get the best marks, dealing with bullying, or perhaps going through a mental health issue such as anxiety or depression. These worries can make the next few weeks an uncertain time.

Whether you are a young person struggling, or a parent with concerns about your child, headspace is here to help. As the National Youth Mental Health Foundation, headspace provides support for young people aged 12-25 years old who are struggling with their mental health and wellbeing.

No matter where you are, you can access help at headspace either through one of our centres, or via headspace.org.au where you can receive online and telephone support between 9.00am and 1.00am (AEDT), seven days-a-week.

Dr Natalie Gray
Chief Medical Officer
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WHEN I think back to the start of a new school year, I can still remember the buzzing feelings of excitement, anticipation and nerves. Am I going to have classes with all my friends? Will I get better results than last year? Which teachers will I have?

Millions of young people across the country heading into primary and secondary school over the coming weeks may be facing similar feelings, whether they are starting another school year or commencing a new school for the first time.

Some students can adjust to the changes and settle into things quickly. However, some young people may find

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Chudleigh chompers



Chudleigh was the place to be for brekky on Australia Day. 400+ people attended and were treated to champagne or orange juice when they arrived, followed by a huge assortment of breakfast delights. Brothers Jordan (11) and Jesse (9) Oliver of Chudleigh enjoy a sausage at the Chudleigh Australia Day Breakfast. Photo by: Mike Moores

Australia Day accolades

By David Claridge

ON THE 25th of January, Australia Day for Meander Valley was celebrated at the Country Club Casino.

Attendees were part of witnessing the area's newest Australians sworn in at a citizenship ceremony. This was followed by awards presented to people who have stood out in the community as well as memorable performances by a local musical group, the Various Deaths of Weetah.

New Australian, Artem Filipovskiy, from Russia, was delighted to be become an Australian citizen. Now work-

ing in Westbury, he studied at the University of Newcastle.

"My wife and I originally travelled to America and we fell in love with the people and the values of western society," explained Artem.

"After some research, we decided to move permanently, so we came to Australia."

Among the award recipients were volunteers who have given countless hours of their time to the community and were recognised by the Mayor, Craig Perkins.

Local sports enthusiast, Taneil Bloomfield was overwhelmed about receiving the

Sports achievement award. "Just to be nominated is a bit of a shock," she quipped.

Bracknell's, Sharmane Jones was awarded the 2017 Citizen of the Year award.

Mayor Craig Perkins was present to thank people for their contributions and to meet the new Australians.

"I don't think we can underestimate the toll that the fires and then the floods took in the past twelve months. As a community we have rallied behind those who have lost," Cr Perkin said.

"The Australia Day event was about recognising the amazing work that many people in our community do."

Cash for sporting clubs

OF THE more than \$73,000 in grants invested by the Hodgman Government to help sporting clubs and other not-for-profit community groups to recover from last year's devastating floods, arising from record breaking rainfall across much of Tasmania's North and North-West, \$13,600 were channelled to organisations within the Meander Valley.

According to Lyons Liberal Member of Parliament Rene Hidding, the up to \$2,000 individual grants were given for cleaning-up, purchasing equipment that

was damaged or destroyed and hiring new facilities if required, as these associations are "the backbone of the community."

Deloraine Junior Football Club Incorporated, Anglers Alliance Tasmania Inc., Apex Club of Deloraine Inc., Deloraine Football Club Inc., Westbury Pistol Club of the Sporting Shooters Association of Australia (Tasmania), and Deloraine District Pony Club Inc. each received the maximum available grant, while \$1,600 was granted to Deloraine Agricultural and Pastoral Society Inc.

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Suzanne Walters uses the 'AirRater' app to monitor and check air quality. Photo by: Mike Moores

Allergy app saves Suzanne sneezes

By Heather Summers

IT'S ALWAYS good to be part of something greater than yourself, and even better if that something has the potential to save your life.

The AirRater monitor is a phone app and research tool that could do just this. A collaborative project between the Menzies Institute for Medical Research, UTAS School of Biological Sciences, the EPA Tasmania, CSIRO and ANU, the app provides daily updates of pollen count, temperature and airborne articles across the state, as well as specific locales.

This information is helping people like Deloraine resident Suzanne Walters navigate their way through the Summer months, traditionally a difficult period for asthma sufferers. Suzanne, who started using the app in early

January, wishes she had known about it earlier; noting it would have been helpful prior to Christmas when the pollen count was quite high.

Having been referred to the app by a Doctor who was an allergy specialist, she has found it particularly useful in the mornings when planning her day. "I find out what the pollen count for the day will be, and that helps me determine which activities might not be a good idea, like gardening, hanging the clothes outside or spending the day outside."

The simplicity of the app is something Suzanne finds appealing, making it easy to use, along with its accuracy and local content. "I love that it's made by Tasmanians for Tasmanians."

And while, like most technology, it relies on good

internet coverage and battery power, Suzanne has found few downsides to using it as a daily guide. Her information is stored and correlated, making a profile of her respiratory symptoms over time, and the app sends an alarm warning of upcoming environmental conditions that may trigger those symptoms.

The information is then used by the makers as an invaluable research tool, a blend of citizen science performed by those who use it, and those who created it and go on to interpret the data.

"You can use the app without participating in the study and research, if you prefer," says Suzanne "but I think it's a fabulous opportunity to further science. If it can lead to a greater understanding and better treatments then I'm all for it!"

Devonshire Begonias

ENTALLY HOUSE Volunteers invite you to their Begonia Extravaganza on Sunday 19th February, 10.00am – 4.00pm. Housed in the Entally Conservatory, the Begonia display promises to be a riot of colour and scents.

The Conservatory was built in 1857, when glass houses came into vogue due to the influential Crystal Palace exhibition building.

Owners of Entally, the Reibey's arranged for the conservatory to be brought by ship in a flat pack; the very first flat pack known in Australia. They featured an array of exotic plants in the glass house, but none as impressive as the Begonias are sure to be! A Begonia in every hue will



be on display; a perfumed cloud will envelope guests as they enter. With approximately 200 varieties, their beauty is awe inspiring.

After having a wander amongst the gardens, visitors are invited to relax on the verandah with one of the Friends of Entally's famous Devonshire teas, and purchase some plants, if desired.

Plenty of car parking is available. \$5.00 entrance fee & a special price of \$5.00 for entrance to historic Entally House. \$6.00 Devonshire teas.

Historic Hadspen

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD Watch group of Hadspen is calling for contributions of the History of Hadspen.

The group is compiling material for a publication on the history of the town.

If you do have any information and/or photographic images that you feel are important, please contact Bev Sweetnam on 0408 936 448 or email bevsweetnam@bigpond.com

IN THE GARDEN WITH NELL CARR

THE HUGE continent of Gondwana began to break up 130 million years ago, leaving Australia, Antarctica and South America the only conjoined land masses.

With changing climates, and the eventual drift northwards of Australia and South America, many of the forests which did not adapt to drier conditions died out, or were confined to the wetter sections such as Western and South Western Tasmania.

Everyone knows the story of the onslaught on the immensely valuable Huon Pine (*Lagarastrobis franklinii*), until only those which remain are in reserves.

There is however, one of those ancient species, the Leatherwood tree, (*Eucryphia*), whose value depends on its survival, and is small enough to make it a desirable addition to home gardens. Leatherwood honey is a valuable export earner, and the jars are a familiar sight in our stores with their unique labels.

Wollemi Pine (*Wollemia nobilis*) is the most recent discovery of a long hidden Gondwanan species.

This was stumbled on by field officer David Noble in a hidden valley in the Blue Mountains NSW in 1994.

Now many thousands of the trees have been propagated via tissue culture and were commercially available in Australia, New Zealand and the US by 2006.

At Agfest in 2007 half metre high specimens were on sale for \$40.00 and those of 1metre height for \$70.00.

In the vegie patch.

February is the last month for sowing carrots, parsnips and beetroot. A seed tape saves much laborious thinning out of carrots.

Beetroot seedlings may be thinned out and the thinnings replanted, but will wither and die if not lightly watered every day for some days and protected with shade cloth during the day.

Make a friend

RED CROSS Social Circles visit people who are over 65 and are socially isolated

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2. NBN Co regards the proposed installation as a Low-Impact Facility under the Telecommunications (Low-Impact Facilities) Determination 1997 ("The Determination") based on the description above.
3. Further information can be obtained from Duncan Lewis on behalf of NBN Co, (03) 9696 4009, dlewis@kaw.net.au and at <http://www.rfnsa.com.au/7303001>
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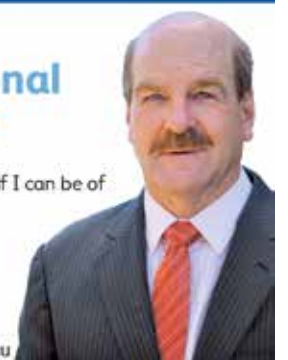
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Kids, kayaks & fun



Marine and Safety Tasmania in conjunction with Meander Valley Council held its annual Paddle Safe workshop on the Meander River in Deloraine on the 18th of January. A free program developed to improve the knowledge and skills of paddlers who have had little training, the session covered water safety, weather reports, safety equipment and correct paddling techniques. The event was attended by a flood of children and their parents, so many that kids had to share boats. Paddle Safe organisers said the Deloraine event has had the most attendees of any of the workshops they have run during the past several years.

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Natural muscle therapy : Medieval musicians

KINESIOLOGY uses gentle muscle-monitoring techniques to access the subconscious mind and gain accurate information about your current issues and what is needed to help your body restore balance.

Many of us are probably unaware that we have a world-renowned Kinesiologist who teaches his own version of Kinesiology called Kin-ergetics, living in Deloraine.

Phillip Rafferty has just finished tutoring 30 students who flew in from all over the world, India, Denmark, Ireland and Cyprus to learn more about his methodology.

The month-long workshop took place at the Rotary Pavilion in Deloraine.

During his 35 years in the field, Phillip has taught in 20 countries, His modality is respected and used by

medical Doctors, Physios, Chiropractors and complementary therapists.

One of his students, Germaine Byrne has taken a break from her teaching career in Ireland to study Kinesiology with Philip and is planning to set up a practice in Deloraine under his guidance.

To this end, Philip and Germaine are holding some free 'Alleviating chronic pain and arthritis' workshops at Deloraine House during February.

The public will be invited to have a 15 minute Kinesiology session with Philip or Germaine as part of the workshops.

Up-to-date information will be give about the benefits of eating foods with high magnesium content and the part regular water intake plays in maintaining good

health. Recent findings about the benefits of alkalising the body in reducing pain will also be discussed.

Germaine explains, "Kinesiology sessions are non-invasive, safe and relaxing. When they are combined with nutritional information, chronic health patterns are generally improved."

As part of the program Philip and Germaine will follow up with people attending to monitor how easy they found the information to follow, whether their ailments or level of pain decreased and the lifestyle changes they have made after attending the workshop.

Sessions will take place on 13th February from 6.00pm to 8.00pm and February 20th from 2:30pm to 4:30pm, and 6.00pm to 8.00pm.

TWO FANTASTIC shows will be coming to the Deloraine Little Theatre as part of Ten Days on the Island 2017.

Enter an extraordinary, rarely heard musical world where passion and talent soar as part of the Ten Days of the Island Festival. *Sequenza* is an ensemble of four musicians united by a mutual passion for ancient instruments, historically informed performance and innovation within their art form.

The haunting voice of world renowned soprano Helen Thomson forms a unique timbre with Brett Rutherford on viola da gamba, David Malone on lute and the percussion of Matthew Goddard. They present an eye-opening program that blends ancient music from the troubadour tradition with new works especially written by accomplished Tasmanian composers for the ensemble's

unique chemistry. *Sequenza* perform on Sunday 26th March at 2.30pm.

German storyteller Volker Gerling has walked 3,500km over 13 years and had thousands of human encounters in search of lost moments.

In his show, *Portraits in Motion*, Volker tells the stories of the ordinary and extraordinary people he has met in his travels through the use of flip books projected on a large screen coupled with narration. This unique, heart-felt show is full of laughter and moving moments as we get to know Volker and some of the many people he has met throughout his travels in the gentle meeting of cinema, photography and story.

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Rotary 'Learn to Swim' at the Deloraine Pool. L to R are: Andrew Guest (6), Jasmine Coles (5), Kanie Noordanus Whatley (5), Imogen Milne (5) and Dougal Folder (5), with Austswim Instructor, Kali Bierens.

40 years of free swimming lessons

ALMOST 80 children attended the Rotary Club of Deloraine's 'Learn to Swim' Programme, which ran from 9th to 20th January this year at the Deloraine Public Pool.

Ranging from 5 to 14 year-olds, and from beginners to advanced swimmers, young ones received free swimming and water safety classes from two qualified swimming instructors.

Deloraine Rotary Club has run this swimming program for the children of the Meander Valley almost 40 years. Rotarians and helpers joined in the fun in the pool, assisting the instructors. This year, children came from as far afield as Mersylea, Kimberley, Parkham,

Elizabeth Town, Mole Creek, Chudleigh, Meander, Needles, Golden Valley, Reedy Marsh, Exton, Westbury, Hagley, Whitemore and of course Deloraine. Some took the opportunity for a summer holiday with local relatives during the duration of the program.

Parents are rightly concerned about the hazards of farm dams and creeks which are a major cause of drowning deaths for rural children. This Rotary Community Project aims to reduce preventable drownings.

The 2016 Annual Report of the Royal Life Saving Society of Australia continues to identify drowning as one of the leading causes of death in children,

especially in inland waterways such as rivers, creeks, streams, lakes and lagoons.

Of the 280 drowning deaths in Australian waterways in 2016, 75 occurred inland, with 9 of these in Tasmania.

Deloraine Rotarians are committed to reducing the drowning statistics. \$5,000 of the proceeds from the annual Rotary Tasmanian Craft Fair funds the Learn to Swim campaign which covers Pool hire, swimming instructors and publicity. Additionally, Rotarians cheerfully clean and maintain the Pool for this purpose.

Deloraine's Public Pool was built by the Rotary Club as its first major project, early in its 60-year local history.

Outdoor theatre

ON THE 16TH of March the beautiful gardens of Villarett, Moltema will host a performance of *Frida and Derek*.

The play is a celebration of the lives of two of the 20th century's most idiosyncratic, charismatic icons: Mexican surrealist painter Frida Kahlo and English punk filmmaker Derek Jarman.

The lives of these striking individuals share surprising parallels. Both had almost mystical regard for colour, both practised their art with exuberant excess, opulence



Frida Kahlo. Photo courtesy of Wikipedia Commons.

and flirtation, and both kept exotic gardens.

Derek was a loud and proud gay activist, and Frida a committed communist.

Pain, injury and illnesses stalked Frida for her whole life, while Derek's final year was veiled in blindness.

The two hour performance is presented by Blue Cow Theatre in association with Ten Days on the Island.

Tickets are \$48.00 or Concession is \$28.00. Tickets are available at www.ten-days.org.au. Alternatively, you can phone 6210 5777.

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By Lorraine Clarke

RON MORGAN is one of a dwindling number of people whose lives span the era when horses made the world go round, and today, when they are used more for pleasure than transport or agriculture.

As a child, Ron rode the farm's draught horses, mostly in a head collar, and sometimes unbroken. He has shared over 70 years' with his horses, building a rapport even with those infamous for their wayward habits.

Ron is renowned for his public displays where it seems his horses will do anything for him. How does he persuade them to bow, play ball, lie down, or stand on a tiny box?

I've always had horses that did silly things

"I've always had horses that did silly things. Most horses enjoy doing it," he said. "It's been a challenge to get them doing it. For Chudleigh Show, I might give Charlie a wash the day before, and run him through one thing.

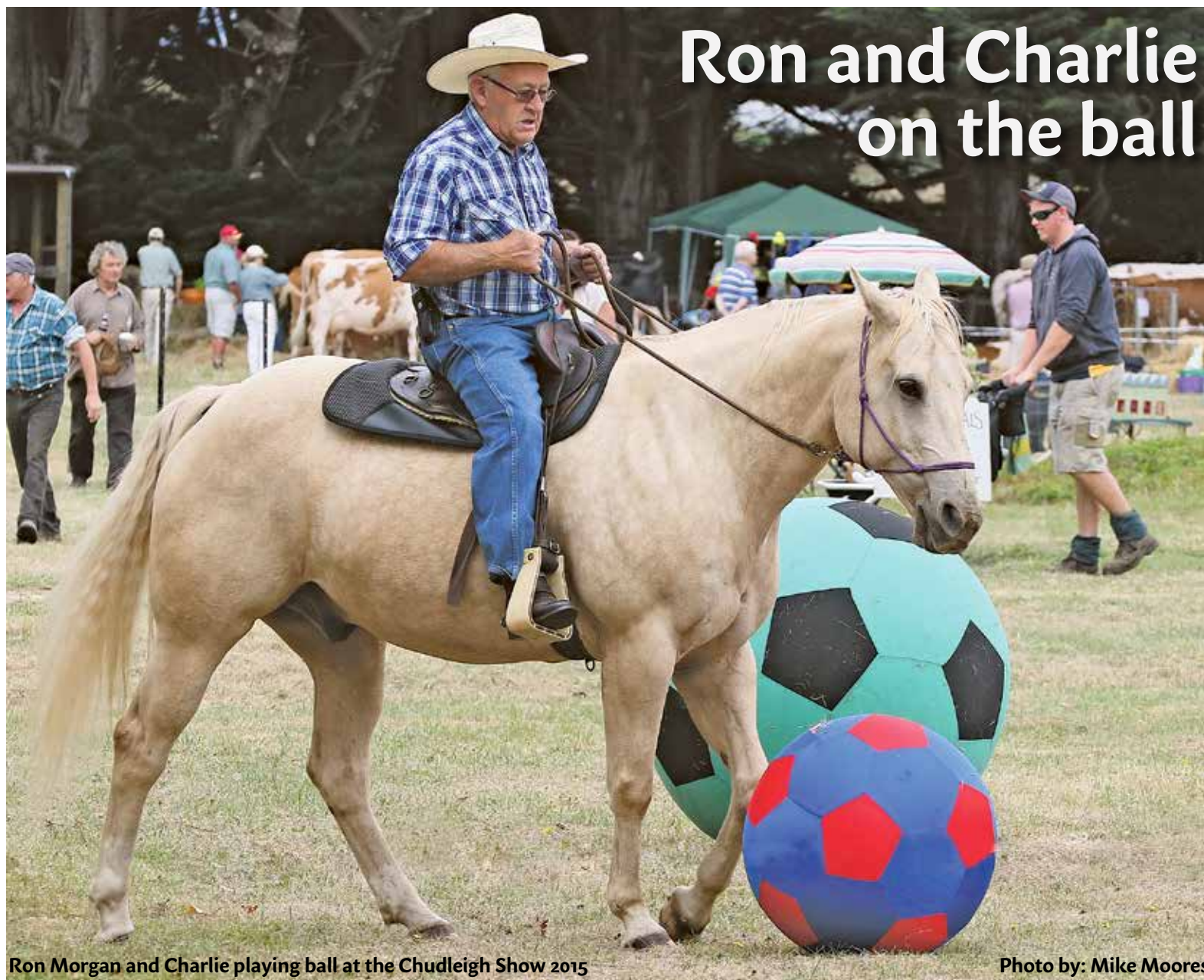
"They don't forget. When I was trying to teach Charlie to get up on a 45 cm square box one night, he couldn't get the hang of it. The other horse saw what was going on. He walked up onto the box and showed him how to do it."

Many Pony Clubs and Adult Riding Clubs benefit from Ron's wisdom and experience.

"I go around the Pony Clubs and set up an obstacle course. Whenever they want me I do it for nothing. I do that for the kids, to get their ponies going for them.

"The pleasure I get out of it is seeing a kiddie who can't get anything out of his horse, teaching him to do something new. All that sort of thing is plain common sense. If you don't hit your horse he won't be afraid of you. If you reward him, hopefully he will want to please you again.

"I must start to taper off. I'm in my 70's and I have an artificial knee. The thing that keeps



Ron Morgan and Charlie playing ball at the Chudleigh Show 2015

Photo by: Mike Moores

me going is the kids themselves. When you get their pony going for them, their faces light up. There's very few horses you can't get going. Once you teach a horse something once, he will remember it, so you try to make sure you only teach him the things you want him to know.

"When I first got Apache, he was a 4-year-old outlaw that couldn't be caught. He cow-kicked for 12 months. We battled over it and neither of us won a round. But he came good and then would do anything for me. I would hold up the halter and call, and he would slide up into it to go and work cattle."

Besides his involvement with High Country Riders, the Tasmanian Trail and Mountain Cattlemen's Association,

Ron is Caretaker of February Plains, where they allow 30 horses in per year. "Tasmania has a lot to offer, but what annoys me is they suddenly make somewhere into a World Heritage Area and put a boom gate across it." He is an advocate for responsible horseriding access to our native areas. He has led groups of riders up the Mersey Valley, through the Great Western Tiers, Lake Rowallan, Bronte Park, and many places of natural beauty that most Tasmanians never see.

"I've been lucky in my lifetime. I reckon the problem with any horse is what's on its back, not the bridle."

Ron and his palomino mate, Charlie, will be performing at the Chudleigh Show on 18th February.

Windows 10 excessive data use

By Alistair Carr

IN THE last couple of months I have fixed several Windows 10 computers that were chewing up data at excessive rates.

In all cases, the issue came down to a stuck update in Windows 10; in particular, the 1607 anniversary update.

If you suspect this is an issue, you can check by clicking on the Windows 10 icon at the bottom left of the screen then click on the gear (settings) icon. In the window that opens click on Update and Security then update history.

Windows 10 does not allow users to disable Windows update totally, but there is a

setting to reduce data usage for those using a wireless connection between their computer and the internet router or mobile broadband puck.

To set a connection as metered, you have to be connected to that connection or have it saved as a remembered network.

Click the Windows 10 start menu icon then settings.

Select Network and Internet then click on Wi-Fi. Next select Manage Known Networks. Click on the connection you want to set as metered and select properties.

Scroll down to set as metered connection and slide the slider to the right to turn on.

CHUDLEIGH SHOW

Saturday 18th February 2017

- 7.00am Sheep Dog Trials
- 8.30am Jumping Events
- 9.00am Cattle & Sheep Judging. Horse events commence.
- 10.00am Entertainment, Vintage cars, bike and tractor displays.
- 11.00am Pet's Parade. Dog High Jump competition. Woodchopping.
- 11.45am Men's Muffin
- 12noon Dairy Heifer Competition winners announced.
- 1.00pm Opening by Mr Wayne Johnston (TFGA President), and Grand Parade.

Come along to the Chudleigh Show for a fun-filled family day. The Show will be opened by The President of the Tasmanian Farmers and Graziers Association - Mr Wayne Johnston.

Attractions include Royal Flying Doctor display, dog high jump, whip cracking displays, horse and equestrian events; sheep, dairy and beef cattle; chopping events, sheep dog trials, home industries; vintage tractor, bike and veteran displays.

Deloraine Big Band, children's pet parade, jumping castle, entertainment, men's muffin baking competition.



Entry Fees:
\$20.00 - 2 adults & 2 children.
\$10.00 - Adults.
\$2.00 - Children 13-16

VALLEY VIEWS



Mayor's Message

Photo: Mike Moores

Meander Valley Council is collaborating with five other Northern councils on the largest energy efficiency project of its kind in Tasmania. The project will see the conversion of approximately 9,100 street lights to LED.

With a reduction of 7,850 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions and a combined operational saving of \$16 million, this is a project of major significance. Meander Valley Council will be converting 1,104 lights, saving an estimated 930 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions over the life of the new lights.

For more details on the roll-out in your area visit www.northernlightstas.com.au

Once again, I had the privilege of presenting Australia Day Awards to members of the Meander Valley community. Thanks to all of you who contribute by selflessly serving others. Your commitment makes me proud to be part of this community.

Over the last few months Meander Valley Council has welcomed new staff members and farewelled others. Directors Malcolm Salter, David Pyke and Rick Dunn have all contributed years of dedicated service to Meander Valley and I would like to thank them, and wish them well in their future endeavors.

In addition, I extend a warm welcome to our new Direc-

tor of Community and Development Services, Lynette While. I am sure the Meander Valley community has already made you feel quite at home!

The oldest running show in the State, the Chudleigh Show, will be held on 18 February. With a new harness driving event, there will be horses and carriages reminiscent of bygone days. First held in 1889, this show has timeless rural appeal and something for everyone.

The Deloraine Street Car Show is also on again this year on Sunday 19 February. There will be live music, entertainment for the kids, stalls and of course, some of the best street cars around. Be sure to take a look.

For lovers of live music, A Day At The Creek, the Mole Creek Music Festival will kick off on 25 February. With a huge line up of entertainment it promises to be a big event. For more information visit www.adayatthecreek.com.au

A reminder that Clean Up Australia Day is on 5 March. The Weegen community has taken a lead and registered a site for a clean up. For information about Clean Up Australia Day, visit www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au It is a great time of year to get out and about and experience all Meander Valley has to offer.

Mayor, Craig Perkins

Weegen leads the way

When it comes to keeping Australia beautiful, the residents of Weegen are leading the way. The Weegen Hall Committee has registered a site on the corner of Bengeo and Dunorlan Roads for Clean Up Australia Day.

"For many years the verges in this area have accumulated rubbish that has been casually thrown from vehicles. Most of the litter is derived from takeaway food wrappers, beverage cans and bottles. This road forms an alternative route for tourists heading to Sheffield or Cradle Mountain and the rubbish on the roadsides reflects badly," Weegen Hall Committee member Annie Robinson said.

This year, Committee members decided to tackle the

issue head on and responded to a suggestion from Council to register the site for the Clean Up Australia Day initiative on Sunday 5 March.

It is well known that rubbish breeds rubbish - where refuse is left to accumulate, the area quickly becomes an acceptable place to litter.

"The enthusiastic approach of the Weegen Hall Committee goes a long way in reinforcing the message that it is never acceptable to litter," Mayor Craig Perkins said.

Those wishing to become involved in the Weegen project are invited to register their interest. Contact Annie on 0419 134 946.



Embankment repair for Gulf Road

In June 2016, flooding caused considerable damage to both Council and Parks and Wildlife infrastructure. Work is still underway to reopen Liffey Falls to visitors.

Although repair works to the bridge on Gulf Road had previously been undertaken, significant water flow along the river and adjoining catchment caused erosion damage to the road embankment. This slip failure has reduced the road to one lane access.

At its meeting in January, Council approved the contract for the repair of the embankment at Gulf Road. Walters Contracting will undertake the works which will involve the construction of a rock filled gabion basket retaining wall. Council will assess the final extent of the retaining wall work to ensure the road embankment will be adequately protected in the case of future flood events. Work is anticipated to commence in March 2017.

Playspace back on track

The extended wet weather from May to September last year, the soft ground conditions and the complexity involved in the creation of some of the features have caused significant delays during the construction of the playground at Prospect Vale Park.

"The unseasonably high rainfall had an impact on the ability of the heavy machinery to enter the site and this had a knock on effect, even after the rain had eased," Mayor Craig Perkins said. "The good news is that contractors are now back on track and Council would

like to thank residents for their patience during this time."

The playground utilises natural elements such as timber, a carved sandstone wall, a water trough, sandpit and plants in combination with manmade structures including a giant basket swing, a hammock and a slide. This creates an adventurous environment for exploration, creativity and play.

One of the most significant aspects of the playground is that it will be an all-inclusive playground, where people of all abilities and ages can



New community bus is streets ahead!

The Meander Valley Community Bus, established last year with principal funding from the Deloraine & Districts Community Bank, has now received its full livery uniform.

This colourful 12-seater will be hard to miss as it journeys around our green municipality.

The Bus is available to hire by all volunteer groups that serve Meander Valley with priority given to activities that have a community or health benefit. Before use, a group is required to be registered as a Community Bus User.

Registration forms are available from Westbury Community Health Centre located at 89 Meander Valley Road, Westbury, or by phoning the Centre on 6701 2150.



play, socialise and learn together.

Naturally inspired play environments are extremely beneficial to the health and wellbeing of children and the community and we look forward to opening Council's first all inclusive playground.

All welcome at Council Community Forums

Council has recently undertaken to hold community forums across the municipal area.

Gatherings are intended to be informal and conversational by nature and are an opportunity for residents and community members to share achievements and discuss local issues.

"These forums will strengthen community relations and I am confident that they will lead to valuable and practical outcomes." Mayor Craig Perkins said.

A mix of Councillors and Council officers will be in attendance at the forums and all members of the community are welcome.

Feedback from residents enables Council to better respond to the needs of the community and these forums are designed to facilitate engagement.

Matters arising from relevant discussions will be relayed to the appropriate Council department or community network.

It is envisaged that the forums will be held quarterly with the first at Rosevale Hall on the 28 March at 7pm.

The focus of this forum will be the communities of Rosevale, Selbourne and Birralee.

For more information on the Council Community Forums contact Patrick Gambles on 6393 5334.



Community Radio

Meander Valley Community Radio has three new shows airing; Strings and Things, Music by Theme, and Classical Time. MVCR would like to announce that it will be having a fundraiser on the banks of the Meander River near the pool on Sunday March 5, 2017 from 11am-4pm.

Come and enjoy Sounds of Summer and maybe even win a prize in the raffle. For all our shows, community events and information please visit www.mvfm.com.au or drop in on Thursdays from 11am-2pm at Deloraine Creative Studios, 59-61 Emu Bay Road, Deloraine.

Makeover for Westbury Skate Park

The Westbury Skate Park will be receiving a makeover in late February.

It has been identified that some of the metal skate ramps at the facility may become hot to the touch during the warmer weather.

In order to reduce the overall temperature of the ramps, works will be carried out to repaint the surfaces in white, which absorbs less heat.

It is expected that it will take four days to prepare and paint the surfaces and an additional seven days for the paint to harden and bond to the metal ramps.

The works will commence in late February and during this time, the skate park will be closed to the public.

Council appreciates your patience whilst the works are completed.



Above: Mayor Craig Perkins with award recipients, Nikayla Eyles, Taneil Bloomfield and Sharmane Jones.

Community shines at Awards Celebration

Hosted by Cr Bob Richardson, on the 25 January, the Australia Day Awards ceremony was a wonderful reflection of the significant contributions made by those in our community.

Citizen of the Year was awarded to Sharmane Jones. Sharmane has worked tirelessly as Bracknell Primary School's longest serving teacher, mentoring students and providing support.

A committed Life Member of both the Bracknell Primary School's Parents and Friends Association and the Bracknell Football Club, Sharmane played an integral role in the development of the Bracknell Primary School's 150th Anniversary Celebration and demonstrates selflessness, endeavour and an inspiring community spirit.

The Young Citizen of the Year was awarded to Nikay-

la Eyles. Deferring her UTAS studies, Ms Eyles volunteered as a teacher of English in Burundi, Africa before returning home to develop a local after school program for children. She has been a tireless fundraiser for charitable organisations and has made a significant contribution to the community with her leadership and compassion.

Bracknell Primary School's 150th Anniversary Celebration received the Community Event Award. Approximately 1,000 people shared in the rich history of the Bracknell Primary School event, officially opened by the Premier of Tasmania, the Honorable Will Hodgman.

Taneil Bloomfield received the 2017 Meander Valley Sports Award in recognition of her outstanding contribution to junior sport including basketball, netball, soccer and football. Passionate about ensuring that young

people have access to sporting opportunities, Ms Bloomfield coaches, trains and umpires and has been inducted as a Life Member of the Deloraine Devils Netball Club.

Twenty volunteers from the Meander Valley municipal area were recognised for their community commitment, receiving awards for 1000 hours, 3000 hours and exceptional service.

"Each year I am humbled to present these awards. They reflect dedication and commitment to Meander Valley. Thank you to all who have contributed thousands of volunteer hours to serve others. This strengthens our community and your selflessness makes me proud to represent the municipality," said Mayor, Craig Perkins.

Meander Valley also welcomed seven new Australian citizens from various locations including India, the USSR, Latvia and Thailand.

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By Heather Summers

ON ARRIVING at mural artist Julian Bale's backyard studio in the small town of Kimberley, you will be greeted by a trio of Western Australian black cockatoos, painted larger than life on an external wall.

The morning he was visited by MVG, they weren't the only wildlife to have been seen on the premises. "I've had to evict a possum," said Julian, having accidentally left the door open the night before. Regardless of the unwanted visitor, the studio, newly converted from the town's original old service station, is looking industrious.

He now finds himself in the position of chief restorer of the now world-famous murals.

A new mural is in progress on the back wall, of the late Alf Rowe, inventor. An iconic local character, Alf invented the first coin-operated petrol bowser.

A new resident to Kimberley, Julian moved from Ulverstone six months ago. Things fell into place quickly. After four and a half months renovating the house and studio, the new workspace officially opened on 13th December, also marking the 30th year of Sheffield's Muralfest, along-

side the release of a new book commemorating the event.

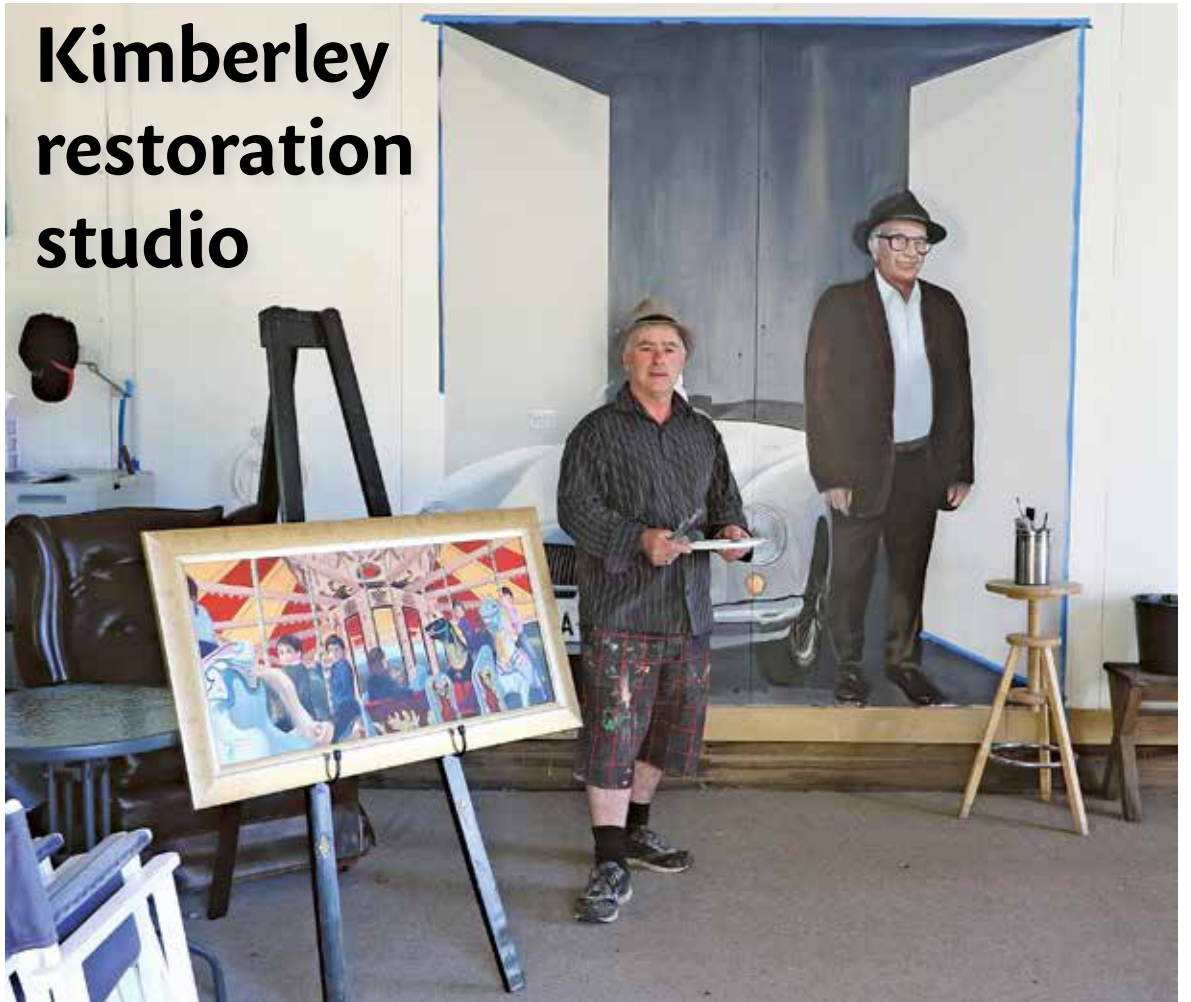
Julian's involvement with the Sheffield festival goes back 22 years, and he now finds himself in the position of chief restorer of the now world-famous murals. He finds it interesting that the paintings, many of which feature historical events, have become an important part of Sheffield's history in their own right, something he doesn't take lightly.

When restoring the work of other artists, a lot of research is involved in order to recapture their technique and retain the integrity of the original piece.

In the course of restoring work by prominent artist John Lendis, Julian was pleased to have had access to video footage depicting the artist at work. "I could even see the way he mixed paint, using the lid off the tin as his palette."

Considering his history of working outside, it may seem incongruous for a mural artist to need a studio. However, things have changed a lot in the field over the years. A large percentage of murals are now painted on large panels, which are then installed. "Last year, weather restricted a lot of the work on restoration" he said, happy to have proper lighting and a controlled environment.

Kimberley restoration studio



Julian Bale works on a mural at his new studio in Kimberley

Photo by: Mike Moores

"A studio is a good idea. You have better light, everything is at your fingertips."

Having recently returned from a trip to Italy, Julian found Murano, North of Venice, particularly inspiring, highlighting the long history

of frescoes and the way skills were passed on from generation to generation. To this end, Julian also intends to hold workshops in his new space, passing on the craft.

"In an historic part of Kimberley, near the old school-

house and saddlery, the studio is in a beautiful spot. 'It's a nice atmosphere for artists to come and work.'

For information on Julian Bale's work and workshops, visit www.julianbale.com.au or ring 0447 370 008.

Pointers favour Chudleigh

THE EAST Pointers are returning to Chudleigh Hall.

The air was full of smoke with choppers landing in the back field when they played there last year but that did not dampen the spirits of the

200 strong crowd.

These 3 young men from Prince Edward Island (eastern Canada) are Tim Chaisson (fiddle) and his cousin Koady Chaisson (banjo) plus guitarist Jake Charron.



Tim and Koady are members of a 7 generation musical dynasty dedicated to preserving and renewing the cultural and spiritual heritage of their island home.

Think a mixture of Irish, Scottish, Acadian and French Canadian folk music as a mix of beautiful songs, free-wheeling feisty instrumental jigs, stomps and reels and heart-breaking harmonies with a modern hip twist.

So mark your diaries for Friday 3rd March. Arrive at 5.00 pm for BBQ and bar in the garden. Hall doors will open at 6.30 with the concert starting at 7.00. Tickets are \$20.00 available online at www.eastpointers.ca For enquiries contact Sheryl on 6367 8190.

Bombshells big impact

NORTH-WEST Coast drama teacher Michelle Best takes 20 minutes each to play Meryl, Tiggy, Theresa and Winsome in celebrated Australian writer Joanna Murray-Smith's *Bombshells* at Deloraine's Gallery 9 on 17th February, 7.30pm.

First performed by the Melbourne Theatre Company in 2001, it has since run twice in London's West End.

The play was described by *Arts Review* as exploring women "balancing... inner and outer lives with humour and often desperate cunning."

Meryl, the hilariously frantic, running-on-empty self-deprecating wife and

mother, struggles with being the all-in domestic goddess, while Tiggy, the cactophile, movingly grabbles with being spurned by a lover.

Plain-speaking Aussie bride Theresa tussles with doubt - and the odds of emerging financially intact from divorce - all the way to the altar, as widow Winsome refreshingly embraces being compromised with a young sightless man while doing community work reading books to the blind.

Bombshells offers light refreshments without an interval, at \$20.00 tickets from Elemental Art Space or www.sticktickets.com.au.


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By Lorraine Clarke

ROB DENT is passionate about growing grass. Little wonder his 600 acre Oaks Road property, overlooking a panoramic view of the Great Western Tiers, is called Ardent Farm.

For 3 decades the farm has been devoted to growing and breeding superior grass and clover species to suit Tasmanian conditions, in conjunction with the Tasmanian Institute of Agricultural Research

Rob is fifth-generation on the farm. He came home after leaving school to a mixed farm with dairy and cropping. He then studied Ag Science at university, doing honours in ryegrass growing, before returning to the farm full time.

Honey bees don't really like to work red clover. We are trying to get permission to import long-nosed bumblebees

"We grew a seed crop one year and sold out, so we expanded," said Rob. Dairying became less viable in the area and now, the farm exclusively produces seed crops. Some sheep and heifers are agisted when there is too much feed in winter. Seed used to be cleaned off farm, but as the business grew, it was more convenient to have their own seed cleaning machinery, and now they also provide various services to other farmers.

"We are very vertically integrated here," he said as the giant 25-foot front header trundled along the lane.

Accessing irrigation water



Photo by: Mike Moores

Rob's looking over a 4 leaf clover

Rob Dent of Tas Global Seeds in a field of 'RUBYTAS' clover. This variety produces many 4 leaf stems.

through the Whitemore Scheme has allowed more clover seed to be grown. Two 100-acre central pivot irrigators are used as well as travelling irrigators. About 20 varieties of grass and clover seeds are grown here, focusing on crops which are very hardy and highly productive in Australia's dry conditions.

20 hectares is devoted to RUBYTAS, a new stoloniferous true perennial red clover that is a worthy replacement for

the old favourite Cowgrass.

The knee-high clover field was literally buzzing, with 40 beehives placed for optimum pollination of RUBYTAS' prolific blossoms. "Honey bees don't really like to work red clover. We are trying to get permission to import long-nosed bumblebees from New Zealand for improved pollination and seed set," explained Rob.

Rob collected this unique variety from the wild in Spain. All-traditional plant breeding

techniques are used at Cressy Research Station. Raw collections are sown in Tasmania, crossed in the field with other varieties by bees, selected and rogued out then bred up, to fix desirable traits.

RUBYTAS survives dry conditions better than other clovers, yet it also thrived last winter. "It got very wet, but went way better than we ever expected," said Rob. Being about 25% hard-seeded, a bank of seed remains in the

soil to germinate much later when conditions are suitable. It is fairly fine-stemmed, so very palatable to stock, and less bloating than other varieties. Ardent's highly productive upright white clover variety Arrotas is bloat-free, and delivers much improved liveweight gains over traditional subclover pastures. Good companion species are Exceltas Brome and Megatas Cocksfoot.

Ardent concentrates on developing varieties which will succeed in dryland areas of the Midlands and the mainland.

Uplands Cocksfoot is a particularly successful export to New Zealand's Blenheim area, where it is widely sown in vineyards. Growing this winter-active, fine dryland species between grapevines allows grazing in winter, yet being summer dormant, the grass does not compete with the vines in summer.

Another successful species is Talish clover, originally collected in Azerbaijan and Northern Iran, and now being grown in New Zealand.

Clover produces about 700 – 800kg seed per ha, and is cropped for two successive years before being ploughed back into the soil to benefit the next crop of grass seed with its high nitrogen content. Local growers are also contracted to produce seed for Ardent to help meet the growing demand.

More information about this growing business and its unique products can be found at www.tasglobalseeds.com

Joe's reminiscences, no bull

Photo and story by Hayley Manning

JOE PARSONS, and his late wife Win, have lived a long and happy life in their Cave-side home surrounded by lush pastures and the low-lying Great Western Tiers.

Their house was built by Joe's grandfather, Joseph Parsons, a pioneer of the region who gained his vast knowledge of the bush through snaring and trapping.

But life wasn't always easy. Following the passing of his father, Joe was left to work the farm with Win and his mother.

"There were no tractors in those early days, just the draught horses," he said.

Joe and Win took on the restaurant at the Mole Creek Wildlife Park for five years; in addition to running a saw mill, milking the cows and raising a family of two boys and a girl.

It was through his work at the Park, that Joe came to be invited to take part in what he describes as "the most magical thing that happened in his life."

In the early 80's Peter Wright, Wildlife Park

owner at the time, asked Joe if he would take part in a new tourism venture that involved tracing one of the original Cobb & Co routes from Melbourne to Bathurst, near the Blue Mountains.

Mr Wright had a team of eight draught horses at the Wildlife Park; an ideal number for pulling the big double horse wagon and the other heavy and light cart.

Once Joe had stated his terms and conditions: including all wage and transportation details, he set about training the horses over the next three months.



When people have asked Joe how he got the horses across the Bass Strait, he has replied with tongue in cheek:

"We led them out as far as we could, then they swam the rest of the way" or "We didn't go that way!"

Joe's initial duties were to drive out the big wagons but he soon found himself becoming a farrier, vet, horse dietician and roving navigator on a motorbike.

Joe said he got plenty of practice riding a motorbike during his courting days with Win, when he would drive to Exton to collect her for a date at the Deloraine Movie Theatre.

A large oil painting takes pride of place on Joe's lounge room wall.

The painting features a young man bearing a strong resemblance to Joe, leaning against a draught horse.

Joe said his Cobb & Co companions had pooled together to purchase the painting as a parting thank you gift for him.

"They presented me with that at our farewell get-together; they were fantastic people," said a visibly moved Joe before he continued on with

more amusing tales from a trek that was indeed magical.

Cobb & Co coaches, set up in Australia by Freeman Cobb and George Mowton in 1853, were seen as a 'lifeline' to otherwise isolated communities, as they increasingly brought a connection with other country towns, settlements and stations, with supplies, news, and passenger transport.

Restoration aid

FLOOD AFFECTED landholders and communities are being encouraged to apply for funding through the Tasmanian Government's \$2 million Agricultural Landscape Rehabilitation Scheme. Natural Resource Management will be delivering the program and are the primary point of contact for information. Call 1300 043 116 or www.nrmnorth.org.au. Closes 31st March.

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Photo by: Mike Moores

Miss World entrant Karley Beer 18 of Deloraine gives Isaac Woolley 8 of Reedy Marsh a trim

Karley cuts to the chase

ENCOURAGED BY the modelling agency she works for part time, Deloraine beauty, Karley Beer has entered the Tasmanian section of the Miss World Competition. Karley began modelling with the Sue Rees modelling agency in September 2015 and has

modelled for Bridal expos in Melbourne and Launceston. You may know the 18 yr old from her work as a hair dresser at Edge Salon in Deloraine. Pictured here cutting 8 yr old Isaac Woolley's hair, Karley started hairdressing through a school based apprentice-

ship at Deloraine High in 2013 and has almost completed her training. Karley says of her entry, "I am very excited for the opportunity and very proud to be entering the competition with four other girls from the Sue Rees agency."

\$50 million for fish food factory

By David Claridge

LOCAL MEDIA outlets have recently reported that an aquaculture feedmill facility is to be built in Westbury for Ridley Corporation, creating jobs and business to the area in the process.

Ridley Corporation currently supply food to Tasmania's salmon industry from Queensland. This new mill will lead to reduced supply costs and shorter delivery times.

The \$50 million investment is expected to create 20 full-time jobs and is estimated that it will provide work for up to 250 contractors and an \$85 million boost to the economy just in the production stage.

Ridley's Group Manager Briannon Avery took the time to answer some questions about what we can expect from the mill.

David: "What sort of training will people who want to work at the mill need?"

Briannon: We will require a range of skills amongst the

employee group at Westbury. This will range from trade qualified people through to experienced plant and equipment operators and warehouse staff. A strong focus on safety, leadership and knowledge of competitive manufacturing principals will be well regarded.

David: "What sort of local products will the mill be accessing to make feed with?"

Briannon: "Fish feed is made from a range of ingredients, including grains such as wheat, and protein meals from both animal and plant based sources. If local raw materials are available that meet our quality requirements, Ridley will look to engage those suppliers."

David: "Where will the produced feed likely go to once produced?"

Briannon: "Feed manufactured at the Westbury facility will primarily supply the Tasmanian Salmon industry, with some feed also supplying interstate and New Zealand producers."

Ridley's Managing Director and CEO Tim Hart has explained in a media release that the company's commitment to a new state-of-the-art feedmill in Tasmania supports their focus on growing with their customers along with the sustained growth of aquaculture production in the region.

"The Westbury region is ideal due to its proximity to raw materials supply, with its location enabling the service of customers' expansion much more efficiently," Mr Hart said.

"The feedmill will provide significant local employment opportunities, not only during the period of construction but also for the mill operators and local supply chain, including opportunities for local primary producers to supply the mill with inbound raw materials."

The Tasmanian Government will provide \$2 million towards the project to attract business and jobs to Tasmania as part of its Business and Jobs attraction initiative.

One off fashions for Deloraine

ADDING YET more diversity to Deloraine's craft and cultural reputation is successful handmade textile and clothing producer SHANDI Art2Wear's relocation from St Marys in Tasmania's North East.

Shandi is owned and operated by Shenn Woodward and Andi Mara who individually contribute their creative talents to their products.

Shenn creates apparel by combining a variety of fabrics and quality preloved materials. Each is individually designed and constructed, featuring rich textures and detailing.

Andi produces one-of-a-kind knitted items using a variety of machines and his own original stitches and patterns. He is following a family Indonesian tradition, but at the same time is creating his own style and techniques.

His talent as a drummer, recognized by UNESCO, dovetails with his knit wear creations, and will be an added benefit to the local musicians.

Both collectively focus on handmade, hand woven, multi-textile, art pieces to wear, such as winter weight warm coats, jackets and ponchos et cetera.

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Date and Time	Event	Details
Various days in March	Ten Days on the Island	To purchase tickets - Book online at www.tendays.org.au #ontheisland or phone: 6210 5777
Friday 10th February 9.00am - 5.00pm	CORES Suicide prevention training	Deloraine House, 112 Emu Bay Road. Free 1 day training. Bookings essential Ph: 6362 2678
Friday 10th February 5.00pm - 7.00pm	"Svend Madsen" exhibition opening night	Deloraine Creative Studios, Emu Bay Rd RSVP 6362 4455. Exhibition to run through February.
Saturday 11th February 1.30pm - 4.00pm	Westbury Garden Club Summer Flower Show	Westbury Town Hall, Lyall Street \$2.00 Afternoon Tea \$5.00 Convenor: Ros Groom 0417 568 804
Saturday 11th February 11.00am-4.30pm	Family Community Music Day in Meander	Home of Hope, 137 Main Rd, Meander. Free entry. Alcohol & Drug free event BBQ. Bring chair/picnic blanket
Saturday 11th February 3.00pm - 5.00pm	Southern Raiders Jun.Soccer 2017 Registration	Prospect Park Clubrooms, Harley Parade southernraiders@gmail.com www.southernraidersjsc.com
Sunday 12th February 11.00am - 4.00pm	Kimberley Country Muster	Kimberley Recreation Ground, Kimberley Adults \$10.00 Children Free. Proceeds Kimberley Improvement Assoc
Sunday 12th February 9.00am - 3.00pm	Deloraine Lions Annual Truck Show	Quercus Rural Youth Park (Agfest site) nr. Carrick Entry \$10.00 adult \$5.00 Pensioner U14 yrs Free. Info 0427 430 355
Monday 13th February 6.00pm - 8.00pm	Alleviating Chronic Pain & Arthritis Workshop	Deloraine House, 112 Emu Bay Road. Free information & Kinesiology balances.
Wednesday 15th February 6.30pm	Game On (Board Games night)	Deloraine House, 112 Emu Bay Road. \$5.00 includes Supper
Saturday 18th February 6.00am - 6.00pm	Chudleigh Show	Chudleigh Showgrounds, 50 Sorell Street Ph: 6363 2047 or www.chudleighshow.com.au
Saturday 18th February 3.00pm - midnight	Carrick Park Pacing Club Carrick Cup	Carrick Park Pacing Club, East Street, Carrick. Fashions on the Field, live band, celebrity guests Info:6393 1705.
Saturday 18th February 7.00pm - 11.30pm	2nd Tasmanian Open Dance Championships	Deloraine Little Theatre, 2 Meander Valley Rd. Bar facilities, raffles etc. For Entry Forms Ph: 0419 722 273
Sunday 19th February 10.00am	Deloraine Street Car Show (Pre 88)	Main Street, Deloraine. Four live bands - Jumping castle - stalls - raffle Ph: 0408 133 421
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Monday 20th February 2.30pm - 4.30pm	Alleviating Chronic Pain & Arthritis Workshop	Deloraine House, 112 Emu Bay Road. Free information & Kinesiology balances. 2nd session 6.00pm - 8.00pm
Thursday 23rd - 25th February 1.00pm	Junior Beef Expo	Deloraine Showgrounds, Highland Lakes Road. More info www.facebook.com/events/269130723429768/
Sat. 25th & Sun. 26th February 10.00 - 4.00pm	Rupertswood Maze (1st Weekend)	Station La. Hagley \$15.00 Adults, \$10.00 4-16yo, \$55.00 Family Food available Vegie Garden open to buy produce
Sunday 26th February 3.00pm - 5.00pm	Southern Raiders Jun.Soccer 2017 Registration	Prospect Park Clubrooms, Harley Parade southernraiders@gmail.com www.southernraidersjsc.com
Monday 27th February	Expressive Art Workshop	Deloraine House, 112 Emu Bay Road. Facilitated by Sally Williams. For more info call 6362 2678
Friday 3rd March BBQ & Bar open 5.00pm	East Pointers Concert starting at 7.00pm	Chudleigh Memorial Hall Tickets \$20.00 online www.eastpointers.ca Enquiries - Sheryl Crowden 6367 8190
Sat. 4th & Sun. 5th March 10.00am - 4.00pm	Rupertswood Maze (2nd Weekend)	Station La. Hagley \$15.00 Adults, \$10.00 4-16yo, \$55.00 Family Food available Vegie Garden open to buy produce
Sunday 5th March	Clean - Up Australia Day Main Event	Wherever you want
Sat. 11th & Sun. 12th March 10.00am - 4.00pm	Rupertswood Maze (3rd weekend)	Station La. Hagley \$15.00 Adults, \$10.00 4-16yo, \$55.00 Family Food available Vegie Garden open to buy produce
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Hadspen's Hard Hitter

By David Claridge



Longford (yellow) play Hadspen (black) in a Charity Cup match at Hadspen.

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IN JANUARY, the Hadspen and Longford cricket clubs met to not only play for points but to raise money for a good cause.

Following the match where Longford won the premier league Charity Cup match 1/214, to Hadspen's 8/210 there

was post-match entertainment with live music and a silent auction, monies raised went to support gastroparesis research.

Hadspen Cricket Club President, Corey Martin, was pleased with the \$2,200 raised at the event and emphasised

how the club has had a more community directed focus this season.

"This season we have tried to engage more with the community than in the past," he said.

"Lately, we've tried to do a few more community based

activities, we also held some free BBQs for Christmas.

Despite the loss to Longford for the premier league team, the Hadspen Cricket Club are having a good season so far, two of their teams are hunting for a spot in the finals, including their premier league

team who were sitting second on the ladder towards the end of January.

One of the biggest teams in the TCL, Hadspen Cricket Club are always looking for new people in a manner of roles across the junior and senior teams.

Cup fever at Carrick

THE CARRICK Park Pacing Club's final meeting for the season on 18th February is a run of the Vandenberg Transport Carrick Cup at East Street, Carrick.

Promising a great afternoon of family entertainment with the very popular Fashions on the Field competitions with classes for ladies and children competing for the \$1,000 in cash and prizes, it also features the ever exciting

Tug of War competition where teams of five test their strength to take home the \$500 first prize.

Action entertainment by the Tasmanian Polocrosse Association involves a demonstration match on the inside of the track and the women's turn to take part in the celebrity pony race, which will see Judy Kilby (Order of Australia Medal), fashion icon Sharee Marshall and

Meander Valley Councillor Tanya King among those participating.

Besides its usual pony trots, children will be amused with free face painting and a jumping castle running all afternoon, and adults with the very popular *Midnight Rendezvous* band playing late into the night.

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