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Beau Dance tries out Geoff Marsh's Harley for size in the lead up to the Deloraine fundraiser to help Beau move around more easily.

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## Beau wants to be an easy rider

By Lorraine Clarke

Geoff "Cowboy" Marsh is a tough-looking biker whose weatherbeaten exterior barely conceals a marshmallow centre.

His day job is building, but for over 30 years he chooses to spend his free time on a motorbike. Geoff is the State Manager for Freedom Riders Tasmania and one of their national managers.

Freedom Riders Australia is a Charitable Organisation which just happens to do its thing on bikes. They join in the annual Toy Run during November, when motorcycle clubs tour the State distributing toys and gifts to children along the way.

Ultimately, the bikes converge upon Salamanca Market where their

sacks of toys are donated to the Salvos.

During last year's Toy Run, the Freedom Riders stopped in Ross, where Geoff met some people running a couple of barbecues, selling hotdogs and hamburgers. He discovered they were a family trying to raise funds for young Beau Dance, a boy with cerebral palsy. The van

they had used for transporting Beau and his wheelchair had given up the ghost and they now travel in a small car. As Beau grows, it becomes more difficult for his dad Justin to lift him in and out of the vehicle. Geoff could see that what Beau needs is a wheelchair-friendly van, and that his home also needs modification

with wheelchair access ramps. Soft-hearted Geoff took up the challenge to raise funds for Beau to make life easier for him and his devoted family of carers.

Geoff has rallied the troops from across the country in a fundraising appeal, which will focus on a Twilight Rally at Deloraine Showgrounds on Thursday 23rd March. This coincides with the first national Freedom Riders Tassie Tour (19th - 25th March)

and will commence with a Day Ride on Thursday.

From 3.00p.m. till 1.00a.m. the Showgrounds will host numerous activities all supporting this appeal for Beau. Riders will camp at the Showgrounds before the Friday ride.

The fundraising Rally is seeking Car Boot Sale participants, musos to perform through the night, Car and Vintage Motorbike Club displays.

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## In My Opinion...

By Joanne Eisemann  
Managing Editor

WHILE LIVING in the Huon Valley I read the *Huon News* each week. The publication has a long history and often printed snippets from past editions; 25, 50 or 75 years ago.

I enjoyed the 75 yr old news the most. It consisted of things like Mr Shepherd lost the wheel from his cart while driving to town, or this person's child fell ill, or Mr and Mrs Such of Hobart holidayed with Mr and Mrs Blah in Glen Huon for two weeks.

It seemed a far cry from the news coverage of today where we are asked to engage in all manner of horrors that have happened to people we mostly don't know, except perhaps by reputation. Or is it?

For the large part the 75 yr old Huon News was, as happens today, reporting bad news in far

greater proportion to good.

I often hear people blaming this on the media, but I think the media are not entirely to blame. Like any business, they respond to the marketplace. They produce largely the stories that people want to hear and/or will pay for.

The question is, why in general do we value bad news over good? To me it seems that our society's obsession with bad news is on the increase, that year by year the level and intensity of fear inducing news grows bigger.

Imagine a world where that notion was flipped on its head. Imagine watching news broadcasts that began with the most positive news story they could find and the most negative were left to the end.

What would be the effect? Could it be that we would all start to feel better about each other, our community, and the world?

CREDIT SHOULD be given to Highland Haulage for creating much needed jobs in Deloraine following the collapse of Gunns.

The locally owned freight transport company has also upstaged the Meander Valley Council when it comes to street-scaping, with the old Gunns sawmill site looking immaculate and employing about 25 people.

Well done Highland Haulage.  
A.R. Trounson, *Needles*



Mountain Man

I WAS disturbed, and frankly appalled, to see that the Meander Valley Council would even consider removing the 'Mountain Man'.

Since moving to Tasmania in 2003 I have returned to Deloraine with every set of Interstate/Overseas visitors we have had, for them to have their picture taken sitting in the lap of that outstanding and whimsical piece of genuine art. If plans to remove it go ahead, we will no longer have any reason to stop in Deloraine let alone make the special trips there we have in the past.

Way to further depress a struggling town!

John Harris, *Launceston*

I OBJECT to Meander Valley Council's plan to remove the Mountain Man sculpture from the Deloraine riverbank.

According to the January meeting agenda when Cllr Rodney Synfield put the motion to remove it, Council staff estimate it will cost \$5000 to demolish Mountain Man and more than twice that relocate it - \$10,000 of our rates! I believe there are much higher priority things for our rates to be spent on.

Lisa Yeates, *Deloraine*

WHY CAN'T it stay! I don't see how people are being so stupid over a piece of art. If you don't like it, then don't look at it. How about you let the kids decide.

Vanessa Ferguson  
MVG Facebook comment

RODNEY SYNFIELD'S motion to remove the Mountain Man sculpture is absurd and the six Meander Valley councillors who supported him should be ashamed of themselves.

Firstly, his justification to Council for the removal is: I don't like it there and neither do lots of other people. Where is his evidence? Poll numbers? Signatures on a petition? Is this the way our elected councillors make decisions these days? On the whim of someone saying, "I don't like..."? Every time I make a Council request I must have concrete information. So where is Councillor Synfield's?

Secondly, Council staff estimate it will cost more than \$10,000 to relocate Mountain Man - or \$5000 to demolish him. I'm annoyed that my rates, which I scrape together each year, will be used to carry out Councillor Synfield's frivolous whim. And Councillors Connor, Kelly, King and Temple, who supported the motion, should remember that the use of other people's money is a serious business.

Finally, I agree with Cllr Synfield on one thing: the establishment of the riverbank sculptures was a less-than-ideal process. I doubt it would pass today's community consultation requirements and the non-use of local artists still surprises me.

But after 15 years in position Mountain Man belongs here. To remove him is to take away the one riverbank sculpture I see attracting community interaction: kids sit on it and park their bikes against it and families picnic around it.

It ain't broke, don't use our money to fix it Councillors. Find something more useful to do.

Sharon Webb, *Deloraine*

LOOKS LIKE the fun police have had their way again with the removal of 'Mountain Man' from the riverside in Deloraine.

Granted it is no Henry Moore but in my view it is the most fun piece in Deloraine. It's also the artwork that is the most interacted with by children and adults alike.

Deloraine will be just that little bit sadder for its removal.

Name supplied

MEANDER VALLEY residents who are concerned about their health services loss may like to join the facebook group Save Our Rural Health Services.

We are trying to keep the pressure on political leaders to address the shortcomings of the changes to health services. Preventative health in particular seems to have been pushed aside. The group is open to anyone to join.

Julie Hargreaves, *Gowrie Park*

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## Letters In...

IN THE Meander Valley Council's undue haste to rid themselves of the responsibility for looking after the Meander Primary School they have created the troubling division that exists within our community right now.

For Mayor Perkins to blithely state that Teen Challenge has signed the lease for the school and therefore the residents who are justifiably opposed should take it on the chin does not absolve either him or the other councillors from correcting what was a truly deplorable decision.

If Tanya Cavanagh and Teen Challenge want to give something back to the people of Meander they could start by giving the school back into public hands. It is not right that a private concern should adversely take possession of a public asset just because the council wanted the problem to go away. The majority of the residents in Meander do not agree with the council's decision in spite of Ms. Cavanagh's erroneous assertion to the contrary.

Ed Tuleja, *Meander*

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# Meander protest continues



Protestors demonstrate, amid a police presence, next door to the concert and barbeque being held by Teen Challenge to thank their supporters. Photo by: Mike Moores

By David Claridge

ON A CLOUDY Saturday in the sleepy little town of Meander there were two gatherings at the closed down Meander Primary School.

One gathering was to celebrate its eventual reopening after two years. Teen Challenge, the soon to be new operators of the school were holding a concert and bbq to thank the locals for their support. The smell of bbq was in the air with children running around having fun, and people dancing in celebration.

A number of police were on scene for a while to ensure that everyone was conducting themselves appropriately,

tensions over this situation have been palpable for many months now.

Teen Challenge Tasmania Director, Peter Ferrall and Executive Director, Tanya Cavanagh, were pleased with the turn out.

"This music day is a big thank you to the community for their support, we're celebrating getting to this point." Mrs Cavanagh expressed.

In the paddock next door there was a different gathering - a peaceful protest, held by the Meander Area Residents and Ratepayers Inc, MARRA - for Meander residents to voice their concerns over Teen Challenge moving in and the processes behind their takeover of

the school. Around 80 people stopped at the site over the first few hours.

President of MARRA, Bodhi McSweeney explained that they would like to see the town grow as everyone does, but that the school should remain in public hands.

**In the paddock next door there was a different gathering, a peaceful protest held by Meander Area Residents and Ratepayers**

"We're not happy with the proposed use of the school next door. We would like to see it used for a better purpose than this drug rehabili-

tation centre, a purpose that will grow our community," Ms McSweeney said.

"We are protesting because the school was handed over to this group with no consultation. There was a survey conducted where only 36% of people thought that it would be a good idea for Teen Challenge to use the school, but the council voted before the results of the survey were tabled at the MVC council meeting in May last year."

Locals in support of Teen Challenge helped to organise the event and volunteered to prepare food, desserts, as well as stand on the road and direct traffic. It is understood that security guards were also

hired to attend the event.

"We've submitted all of our planning and building applications to the council. Depending on the processes after that we expect to be open this year," Mrs Cavanagh said.

Wooden signs with hand painted messages in protest of Teen Challenge's move into Meander were attached to the fence line beside the school.

"MARRA has organised an alternative proposal for how we would prefer to see the school used," informed Ms McSweeney.

Members of the group played their own music while more signs were made for each member of MARRA.

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# Happy house of hope

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Putting on a happy face. Kevin Sands of St Helens gets painted by Liz Walker, of Elizabeth Town, while Kevin's wife, Ellie Sands, looks on. The event was to celebrate the eventual reopening of the Meander Primary School site by Teen Challenge. Photo by: Mike Moores

## Find the facts about family law

By Beylara Ra

ARE YOU currently going through a divorce? Do you have kids and you're trying to figure out whether they'll live with Mum or Dad?

Do you want to know whether you have any other 'rights'? Are you a grandparent who wants to see your grandchildren?

These are some of the many questions put to Elise, the Launceston Community Legal Centre's (LCLC's) Family Law solicitor, on a regular basis.

There are a lot of myths floating around about family law. Have you ever heard that once a child turns 12 they can make decisions about where they want to live? The Launceston Community Legal Centre (LCLC) is running a free information session that will answer many of the common questions about children and family law. Come along to hear from a lawyer exactly what is fact and what is fiction!

The truth is, that each family is different, and it is important to hear how the law applies in your particular circumstance. What happened when your neighbours separated might be completely different to what happens

with your family.

There are no short answers when it comes to issues as big as family breakdown. Wrong information can cause unnecessary additional friction at a really difficult time for everyone concerned, and obtaining appropriate legal advice early can assist in avoiding this. The LCLC can help to sort through the maze and provide appropriate legal advice.

The free community talk will be on Monday 20th March at 10.00am at Deloraine House 112 Emu Bay Rd. Elise will also

be available to see people individually (by appointment) after the talk to give confidential specific legal advice.

LCLC solicitors assist parents and grandparents at no cost by providing legal advice, assisting with parenting plans and consent orders, and making appropriate referrals.

Morning tea will be provided at the talk. Anyone wanting an appointment with the solicitor should contact LCLC direct on 6334 1577 from 8.30am to 4.30pm Monday to Thursday.



Elise, Family Law Solicitor from Launceston Community Legal will give a free workshop. Photo supplied

### MEANDER VALLEY - GET INVOLVED

## Westbury - this is your town

NEWCOMERS AND long time residents of Westbury are invited to a free event to learn more about the town and what it has to offer at a special afternoon hosted by the Westbury & Districts Historical Society on Sunday, 9th April at 2.00pm in the Town Hall Supper Room.

"There are many relatively new residents in our lovely village and we would like to show and tell them something of the town's history and also advise them on what organ-

isations and events operate here" said Virginia Greenhill, the co-ordinator of the event.

Town maps will be on display and members will be present to answer questions. It is hoped that members of the community groups will also attend to give out information.

Anyone who would like to attend this free afternoon is asked, if possible, to add their name to a list held at the Post Office or to leave a message on 6327 4872. This will help with catering for afternoon tea.

## Win \$250 for your group

WOULD YOU like the chance to win \$250 for your community group? Your group will automatically go into a June draw if it has an up to date listing on the Meander Valley Community Directory ([meandervalleycommunity-directory.com.au](http://meandervalleycommunity-directory.com.au)).

If you're not sure how to go about listing your group on the directory, come along to a free information session on Wednesday 22nd March between 10.00am and midday

at Deloraine Online Centre.

If you have an email address that will be handy, so bring your password.

As with everything on the web, some pictures will make your listing much more attractive, so bring some of those along too on your phone camera or a usb stick. The session will be informal so feel free to drop in. The directory is open to all community groups and not for profits operating in Meander Valley. Ph:6362 3537

## Get smart with smartphones

GET MORE from your smart phone with free monthly sessions held at Deloraine Online Access Centre.

Learn about basic navigation, connecting to wifi, how to use social media and apps like the calendar, alarm clock, camera and gallery.

Sessions will be held from 2.00 - 3.00pm on one Tuesday each month, so keep your eye on the Events Diary on Page 13. The first one will be Tuesday 21st March at 2.00pm.

Drop-in or to book, call Deloraine Online 6362 3537 or Anne-Marie 0417 120 671.

### IN THE GARDEN WITH NELL CARR

STRONG COLOURS of red and yellow seem to dominate the garden scene in February and early March.

*Kniphofias* (Red Hot Pokers) abound in Meander Valley, most noticeably in older gardens. They make a pleasing combination of colours when grown in proximity with the equally indestructible blue *Agapanthus*. The latter, however, can become invasive if left to seed, and experience has shown that only a tractor equipped with front end loader will remove them. To prevent their spreading to undesirable spaces, the seed should be removed and sent to landfill.

The deep red tubular flow-

ers of *Cestrum elegans*, so beloved of honey-eaters, is in flower now, but an early frost will make short shrift of the flowers. Other late summer bloomers are *Geum* 'Mrs Bradshaw' (red), the bright yellow *Coreopsis* (Tickseed) and *Heliopsis* (pictured).

Propagation - Geums send up dry seed heads after flowering, and these can be scattered on a tray of seed raising mix. *Heliopsis* and *Coreopsis* have multiple rooting stems and it is advisable to separate and transplant these every few years to prevent their losing vigour

**Vegetables** Sow broad beans, leafy lettuce, spring onions, and the bulbs of shallots.



Heliopsis from Nells garden

# Hagley hosts Hawthorn heroes

Photo by: Mike Moores



Several players from the Hawthorn Football Club found out they are much better at playing football than they are at herding sheep when they visited the Hagley Farm School recently. Pictured is Cyril Rioli whom, after struggling to fit in the small desk, learnt some new lessons with Lindsay Clark and Felicity Carer, both aged 7. They were joined by local MP Guy Barnett who is also chair of the Friends of Hagley Farm School to promote the 'Looking after ME program' which encourages healthy eating and living. The students received the footballers with enthusiasm and when Hawks players were offered a choice between a 'D' for dunce hat or the cane, they took the hat!

## Health: If it's not broke, don't fix it! Sites of Love and Neglect

By Elizabeth Douglass

OVER A hundred people, from every corner of the Meander Valley, attended the public meeting hosted by Meander Valley Council in response to cuts to rural health services.

Concerned locals, councillors, health workers, volunteers, community group representatives those who access preventative care, and local politicians were keen to share experiences and voice opinions on the replacement of previous services by the new Primary Health Tasmania tenders.

Brian Mitchell MP agreed with local resident Graham Dent who summed up the evening's theme, "If it's not broke, don't fix it!"

There were many questions about the funding shift from preventative care to chronic

health management. Mayor Craig Perkins was well-supported when he expressed the Council's deep concern about the inevitable consequences of cutting funds without a safety net for transition.

Locals stressed the valuable contributions made to Meander Valley health outcomes over the past decade or more. Many were fearful of a backward slide now these contributions are cut.

### **He acknowledged a lack of prior local consultation and the unavailability of relevant local data**

Examples ranged from additional educational opportunities in local schools, seniors' activities for improving mental and physical fitness, mental health and socialisation strategies

combating rural isolation, to youth suicide prevention.

A common thread was anger at the lack of local consultation.

PHT CEO Phil Edmondson made a clear response, explaining that federal government policy and Department of Health funding is now directed towards chronic health management and the PHT tendering process must reflect this.

He acknowledged a lack of prior local consultation and the unavailability of relevant local data. It was unclear whether this was considered a failure by local organisations to make their case beforehand or by the federal government to consult at a local level.

By the end of the evening it was clear that the situation is unchanged, although further local consultation was promised.

State and federal politicians all expressed regrets, and gave assurances that the need for local preventative health measures was on their radar. Rather than any particular political strategy, federal budget restraints and health bureaucracies seemed to be held responsible for the new chronic health focus, sidelining preventative care.

Community buses, community activities, preventative education and care strategies no longer fit within new funding streams, so local communities will need to find other ways to pay for them.

After the meeting, some further comments were directed towards the promises made by PHT and attending politicians.

Meander Valley Council and interested locals will be expecting these to come to fruition, hopefully before the next election year.

WESTBURY'S HOLY Trinity Catholic Church is one of the venues for the visual arts project 'Sites of Love and Neglect'.

Curated by Jane Deeth, a group of artists have worked with the communities and natural and built environments of nine sites around the state, reflecting the intriguing secrets, forgotten stories, lost memories and neglected places of Tasmania.

Inspired by the ambience of the church organ in a contemporary world, artist Dylan Sheridan's work connects the church organ with the extensive system of caves that exist below the surface.

It is on display from Friday 17th March until Sunday 26th March. Entry is free and part of the 10 Days On The Island program.

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By David Claridge

IF YOU happened to be around Deloraine on the 19th February and didn't know there was a car show on you would have got quite a surprise, as around 500 classic and custom cars filled the main street and gave the public an amazing event.

The idea for the show began with Deloraine business owner and car enthusiast Grant Evans and others who formed a committee to create the street car show. After getting council approval to use the main street to display the cars, last year was their first event.

This year, with bad weather predicted, many car owners and enthusiasts chose not to come for what turned out to be a fantastic day as the classic car gods smiled on an estimated 7,000 - 10,000 people who came to Deloraine to see what was on display.

"We extended and got more street shut off this year, so we were able to fit a few more cars in. The weather forecast was terrible for the day, and I think we could have got 600 cars if the forecast was better," Grant Evans explained.

There was a good range of vehicles on display, with all of them predating 1988. Enthusiasts got to see big American cars with wings, Cadillacs, and even iconic Australian Holden Toranas and GT Falcons. People were also



Photo by: Simon Sherriff

A Chevrolet Corvette is a crowd pleaser at the Deloraine Car Show

treated to several bands, a DJ for entertainment and a jumping castle for the kids.

"There was a group of about 25 Mustangs travelling around Tasmania that attended the show. They were all mainland cars which had come to Tassie not knowing the show was on, but when they found out about it they incorporated it into their trip.

Entry was free but peo-

ple could donate to support the SES and Tasmania Fire Service as selected by the committee.

"Everything was positive for the day. All the feedback from the car owners and the public was very positive, and the shops were absolutely packed. Everyone was so happy and having such a great time. It was really a wonderful day.

# Hadspen's happy hoppers

By David Claridge

TUESDAY MORNINGS in Hadspen are once again filled with fun and laughter as the local playgroup at the Uniting Church on Clare Street has started up for 2017.

With welcoming parents

and smiling children playing with all manner of toys, the atmosphere is ideal for any parent wishing to introduce their children to new friends and fun activities.

Coordinator Anna Danziger, told how the playgroup

almost fell apart years ago when only two regular parents were left to operate it. Since then it has picked up and continued on.

"So far this year we've been able to get a lot more parents turn up. This is just a nice group," she said.

"There is a huge range of toys, bikes, trampolines, arts and crafts, pretty much anything you can think of that children under five would want to play with.

"Once a term we do an outing. In the past we've gone to Kid's Paradise, the City Park and Airtime 360."

The Playgroup is not just for mothers. Fathers and even grandparents are encouraged to attend and help.

Hadspen Playgroup is associated with Playgroup Tasmania, a not-for-profit organisation who have been supporting, resourcing and establishing playgroups throughout Tasmania for nearly 40 years.

Anyone wishing to learn more information about Playgroup Tasmania or looking for their nearest facility can call the number 1800 171 882.

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L to R: Jamie Danziger, age 4, and Georgia Kerkham, age 4, both of Hadspen, having fun at the Hadspen Playgroup.



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Quinn Barrett, (4), of Youngtown, plays in her grandfather's, Joe Young of Dromedary, 1910 Star.

# It's grandad's pride and joy

By Wai Lin Coultas

FOR TWO days in February, seventeen veteran cars leisurely cruised through the quiet roads in the Meander Valley, their drivers enjoying great scenery with thankful hearts as locals patiently waited for them to slowly pass; cheerily waving and showing great interest in the vehicles wherever they stopped.

The tour of 36 people included 5 drivers from Tasmania's Northwest, 4 from its South, and 8 within the North. Two Meander Valley locals joined in from Westbury and Birrallee. The drive was made even more memorable by the wonderful country meals served by Hall committees at Rosevale and Chudleigh, as well as by

Westbury Primary School P & F at Steam World.

The Mayor awarded a hamper to the owners of his car of choice, a 1908 REO owned by Peter and Jill Hawkins from Turners Beach.

The Peter Waddle Trophy for best reconditioned car was won by Francis Ransley and his grandson Jasper Quilliam in their L plate carrying 1911 T model Ford roadster which they restored together.

"Thanks to some sponsorship, we gave away some good prizes of local crafts and food hampers," shares tour director Joe Clippingdale.

So the organisers are looking forward to hosting the national one and two cylinder veteran car tour over five or six days around this region next March.

"We would love to see locals come and enjoy the cars while we enjoy the Valley," adds Joe.

# Melodious men of Meander

By Marguerite McNeill

WHEN MEMBERS of the Meander Men's Choir get together everything else in their lives takes a back step. They are there to sing and to enjoy the moment when their voices blend as one.

"Our voices just meld and we make a good sound," choir member Ray Ryder said. "It's good fun and it's good for our lungs. We make a lot of noise and it blends together. We are a totally unorganised bunch and who sings depends on who turns up. Members come and go."

With a mix of members

including farmers, retirees and nurses, choir practice is also dependent on who can make it on the day. The group has no special dress code, according to Ray. "That's the last thing on their minds," he said. "We just want to get out there and sing," he said.

The choir trains under the guidance of local musician/singer Eddie Tuleja who has been with the group since it formed in 1999. His enthusiasm has never waned and seventeen years later he still enjoys sharing his knowledge of music and encouraging newcomers to join in.

"It's a chance to pop out some air and learn the skills of singing together," he said. "Newcomers can be a bit timid at first but they lean on the guy next to them and do their best. It's really, really good."

Soon after it was formed the Meander Men's Choir took part in the 2000 A Capella Festival that saw them travelling to Hobart and in the years since has entertained audiences at several other venues about the state.

In recent years performances by the choir have been more local and the group

is a regular act at the annual Carols by Candlelight in Deloraine.

Currently the group is rehearsing for this year's Westbury Irish Festival on 11th March where they will perform on stage from 11.00am.

While others are busy warming up their voices (with the occasional lubricating glass of red wine) fingers are crossed that Eddie will be able to take his place as the lead-in on guitar. A recent mishap has seen him confined to a wheelchair with a broken ankle and dislocated shoulder.

However, Eddie is hopeful. "As long as I can use my arm and they can hoist the wheelchair onto the stage, I'll be there," he said.

# Easyrider Beau

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Donations of items for Raffles and Auctions, Swap Meet, Food Vendors, Service Clubs, fruit and vegetables, anything of interest!

Do you have a Bucking Bull available? Sumo Wrestling outfits perhaps? A Jumping Castle has been arranged for the kids. A truck has been offered as a bandstand.

"Freedom Riders are born with a heart and they all just want to help out," says Geoff.

To get involved and contribute to the Fundraiser for Beau: call Geoff 0498 492 183 or Ursula 0401 795 237 or [www.gofundme.com/2hdzc7xy?sid=928430266&pos=2](http://www.gofundme.com/2hdzc7xy?sid=928430266&pos=2)



Meander Men perform at Chudleigh during the 2016 Small Halls Festival.

Photo by: Mike Moores

# VALLEY VIEWS



## Mayor's Message

Above: Mayor Craig Perkins with the "Mayor's Pick" award recipient Peter Hawkins.

When the Peter Waddle Memorial Tour turned up in Westbury on Saturday 4 February I was honoured to be asked to award a prize to the car of my choice as a "Mayor's Pick".

As a squadron of immaculately restored pre-1919 vehicles arrived at Pearn's Steam World it became clear that I had a difficult decision to make. These vehicles, maintained by members of the Veteran Car Club of Australia, were a sight to behold and the Club plays an important role in preserving Tasmania's early motoring heritage.

After much deliberation, it was Peter Hawkins and his REO that received the "Mayor's Pick", a prize I could have awarded many times over.

It has been a month dominated by community events and once again the Chudleigh Show did not disappoint. From all reports, the day was well supported. Highlights included Ron and his horse Charlie and the woodchopping competition. Exhibitors were kept busy with the commendable turnout of their livestock and the children's train had a long line of commuters for most of the day!

It was fortunate for lovers of street cars that the weather held for the Deloraine Street Car Show on Sunday 19 February. With 500 vehicles on display and thousands of enthusiasts, the event was a sight to behold. To all the organisers, exhibitors, shop owners and volunteers, I

would like to say thank you. The community support ensures the success of the event and we look forward to working with you next year.

On the 21 February, Council held a public meeting in Westbury in response to cuts to preventative health services.

Representatives from Primary Health Tasmania, Federal Members and Councillors were all in attendance and heard first hand, the affect these changes have had on the residents of Meander Valley.

Many residents expressed concern about the impact the cuts will have on long term community health outcomes which can be difficult to quantify.

The foundation of community-based care lies deep within social networks that are developed over many years. Without engaging preventative health programs there is a risk of residents becoming isolated and their needs overlooked, particularly in areas such as Meander Valley where the population is so greatly dispersed.

To those of you who resolutely shared your stories, thank you. Your valuable contributions helped to highlight the gravity of this issue as we continue to seek a resolution for our municipality.

Remember to check out our date claimers for more great events on the calendar this month. All are well worth a visit!

Mayor, Craig Perkins



## Building, planning and plain english

Council is responsible for ensuring that work undertaken at your property complies with State Government regulations. Before starting any building, renovation or addition at your place there are two items that should be on the top of your list:

### Planning Permits

Building work in Meander Valley is governed by a Planning Scheme. Planners help design our spaces catering for parks, houses, recreation and industrial areas as well as roads to access them - now and as our suburbs grow. Our planners consider how your building work will impact on your existing house or land, your neighbourhood, what you intend to use it for and what affect it will have on any future development like new roads or subdivisions. You should check with planning first, before deciding to change the use of your premises or do any building work.

### Building Permits

Building work in Meander Valley is governed by a Building Act. The Building Act ensures that what is being built is constructed using the correct materials and methods. For example, your new building or addition cannot be constructed over water or sewerage pipes, it may need to be strong enough to resist high winds or located a certain distance from your neighbour's house. Any plumbing work, including roof plumbing for stormwater, may need approval and has to be undertaken by a licensed contractor. These permits ensure that the places where we live and work are accessible, comfortable and most of all, safe.

On 1 January this year, the State Government released a new Building Act and as a result, laws have changed. Some work will no longer require a building permit, but most work will still require a planning permit. You may be required to employ a licensed contractor and /or notify Council when work begins and when it's completed.

Phone Council on 6393 5320 and check before embarking on any work at your place. A copy of the new Building Act can be found at [www.justice.tas.gov.au/building/regulation/review](http://www.justice.tas.gov.au/building/regulation/review)

## Water infrastructure improvements - a Statewide concern

In 2009, Meander Valley Council became a shareholder in TasWater after the transfer of \$59m of Council owned water and sewerage infrastructure assets.

As a shareholder, Council is entitled to distributions. These distributions are comprised of shareholder dividends, equivalent income tax payments and loan guarantee fees. Distributions from TasWater are used to fund services and infrastructure throughout the Meander Valley municipal area.

Recently, all Tasmanian Councils were invited to attend a meeting called by the State Government to discuss these distributions and the challenges of improving water and sewerage infrastructure Statewide.

"At the time of the transfer, Meander Valley's sewerage and water infrastructure assets were well maintained.

The difficulty we now face, as a shareholder, is how we balance the cost of improvements to the Statewide water and sewerage network whilst minimising the impact reductions in distributions will have on the Meander Valley municipality," Mayor Craig Perkins said.

Previously, the Board of TasWater reduced dividends by announcing a three-year freeze on indexation until 2018. This has been followed by an additional \$10m reduction in dividends across all shareholder Councils late last year.

"This decision has resulted in a \$278,000 shortfall in our annual financial plan. Council is now faced with the challenge of raising this revenue elsewhere through rate rises or by reducing our expenditure, which may involve a reduction in service levels.



Whilst I understand that there should be a commitment from Councils to improve water and sewerage infrastructure for all of Tasmania, I believe that TasWater is doing a good job and continues to work as quickly as possible towards this goal.

A reduction in dividends, a 30 percent increase in water charges and a proposed takeover by the State Government will have a significant effect on local communities.

A more collaborative approach with realistic timeframes would achieve a better result overall," Mayor Craig Perkins said.





### Bridge at Liena being built to last

Construction has started on the bridge over the Mersey River at Liena. The new bridge will replace the old timber structure that was swept away during the June flood event. Construction of the new foundations and abutments is complex as there is a significant variation in ground conditions across the site. Larger footings coupled with customised engineering that suit the site conditions will ensure the new bridge has the integrity to withstand future flood events.

Council would like to thank residents for their ongoing patience whilst this work is undertaken.



### Upgrades on track at Prospect Vale Park

The surface upgrades to the AFL ground at Prospect Vale Park have now been completed. Council committed to undertake the upgrade as part of the Prospect Vale Development Plan established in 2012.

A new drainage and automated irrigation system has been installed and the playing surface has been re-profiled. These improvements will provide users of the facility with a more consistent playing surface in line with current standards and will improve maintenance efficiency and water use.

The AFL ground has been reopened for restricted

use and will continue to be monitored for the first twelve months to ensure that the quality of the surface is maintained during this establishment phase.

Less intensive work has been undertaken at the Soccer ground, with a new drainage system installed and connection to the irrigation system completed.

The irrigation system has been fitted with a booster pump to improve water pressure and reduce lengthy irrigation times.

It is expected that restricted play will recommence on the Soccer ground in early April.

### Notice to Residents

#### Weed spraying in rural areas

Council wishes to advise that spraying of weeds on roadside shoulders will be undertaken from Monday 10 April 2017.

Spraying generally occurs 1.2 metres from edge of the road surface and will be undertaken across approximately 445 kilometres of Meander Valley's rural road network. Spraying programs are scheduled to occur twice a year, the second commencing in September. Spraying takes approximately three weeks to complete, subject to suitable weather conditions. A roadside area that is regularly maintained (i.e. mowed by the adjacent property) will not be sprayed. For more information on the roadside locations where spraying work will be undertaken and the types of herbicides used, visit [www.meander.tas.gov.au](http://www.meander.tas.gov.au)

#### No Spray Register

If you own a property in Meander Valley and prefer not to have roadside weed spraying undertaken across your property's frontage please contact Council on 6393 5300 to have your property listed on the No Spray Register. Inclusion of your address on the No Spray Register means that herbicide spraying will not occur across the frontage of your property from side boundary to side boundary. This does not include property that is on the opposite side of the street or road, or an adjoining property. Please note the property can only be registered by the owner (not a tenant) and previously registered properties are not required to register again.

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- Mole Creek Market**  
Third Saturday of the month  
Mole Creek Memorial Hall  
Caveside Road, Mole Creek
- Westbury Market**  
Third Saturday of the month  
St Andrews Church  
11 Lonsdale Promenade,  
Westbury



### All hands on deck at the Deloraine Community Complex

Out with the old and in with the new. Work is well underway at the Deloraine Community Complex to replace the sports stadium flooring that was damaged during the flood event last June.

The old floor was removed mid-February and contractors wasted no time making preparations for the new

one. Laser leveling was undertaken to ensure any discrepancies could be rectified and a dual membrane was put in place before the new floor was laid.

Made of Tasmanian oak, the new sprung floor is of exceptional quality and will provide users with a superior playing surface. Timelapse

footage of the replacement is available to view at [www.facebook.com/MeanderValleyCouncil](http://www.facebook.com/MeanderValleyCouncil).

Residents are reminded that until all works are completed the area is a building site and access is restricted.

The replacement is on track to be completed later in March.

### Date Claimers

- Westbury Irish Festival** 11 March • Westbury Showgrounds
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Svend Madsen prepares the exhibition of his specialty furniture at Deloraine Creative Studios

## Sven's wonderful wood

By Wendy Laing

AN EXHIBITION of Svend Madsen's high quality, speciality furniture and lighting was on display in the Deloraine Creative Studios during February and the first week of March this year.

Mr Madsen said he has always had an interest in woodwork and design since he was a young man. He had studied drawing and design at the Interior Architect School in Copenhagen, Denmark before immigrating to Australia in 1967.

The first six months was spent in Melbourne before he arrived in Tasmania where the first thing he noticed was how green the grass was. "Just like the grass in Denmark," he said. He stayed, married a local girl and has made Tasmania his home for over 49 years.

Handmade in his workshop in Tarooma, all Mr Madsen's designs on display at the Creative Studios were all created using different types of Tasmanian wood.

The timber lampshades showcased the warmth, beauty and subtle aroma of Huon Pine. Other Tasmanian timbers were also blended into a few of the lights on display.

Among the pieces of occasional furniture were modular shelving made from Tasmanian Oak that could be reconfigured to suit any home, and a streamlined and very comfortable lounge chair constructed from Celery Top Pine and leather.

"I like to design and make items that have clean lines and are functional," he said. "My inspiration comes from the shape, look and properties of the timber I use."

Displays and sales of Mr Madsen's lights and furniture are made through the Henry Jones Design Gallery located in the historic IXL Jam factory on the Hobart waterfront.

He is very proud that his designs are not only commissioned and sold throughout Australia but also internationally.

## Step to an exhibition in the Highlands

By Anne Thwaites & Geoff Berry

OVER THE past few years, volunteers from the Mountain Huts Preservation Society have beautifully restored heritage buildings befitting the fascinating history, dating from 1864 of the Steppes State Reserve on the Highland Lakes Road.

The Wilson family's former residence for over 112 years, was the hub of local community life at the juncture of Interlaken Road, with a

police station, post office, bakery and school alongside the Homestead.

The family's strong connection with their surrounding bush compelled them to successfully push for the Steppes to become a bird sanctuary reserve under the Animal & Bird Protection act in 1930. And when the remaining living family member Madge Wilson died at aged 92 in 1975, the sign postings used in the area to this very day, bear examples of her talent as an

artist and wood carver.

To restore the outbuildings, art studio, post office, bakery, cow shed and wash house, timber from the forests were split into sizes suitable for hand rails and shingles for roofs; with the original garden fencing of hand split posts and pickets recently reconstructed.

To commemorate the restoration, the Steppes Homestead is open to the public on 18th and 19th March to view Madge Wilson's paintings



Photo supplied

Graham Green constructs the new fence at Steppes Reserve.

and purchase paintings by the Sunny Coasters Painting group. Tea and snacks are available after, or bring a picnic basket.

Plenty of car parking is available opposite the

Homestead, and at The Steppes Sculptures, a 900-metre bush track walk away, pass the information booth with photographs and more historical information. For enquiries, call 6227 9363.

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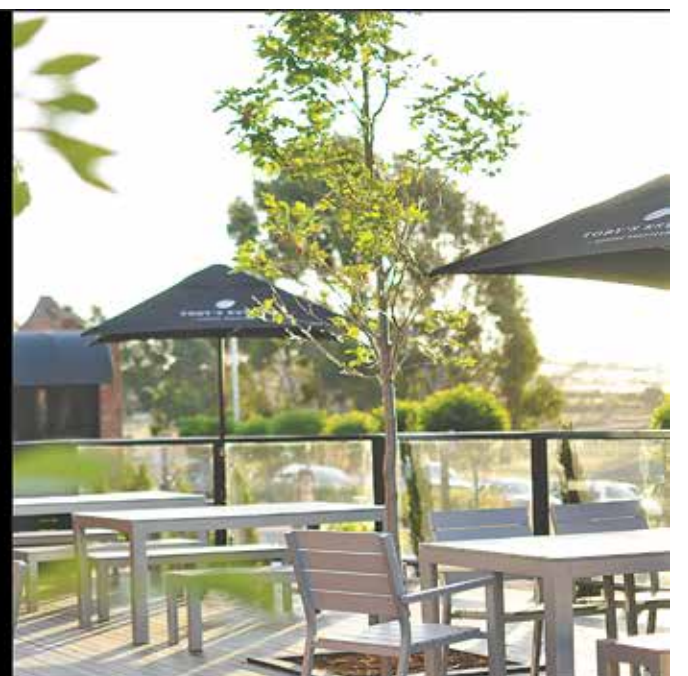




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Daisy wins a prize in the 'low' event of the dog high jump.

# Daisy blossoms at high jump

By Sheryl Crowden

MORE THAN 800 people attended the 128th Chudleigh Show on the four-seasons-in-one-day, day.

The Deloraine Big Band entertained the crowd throughout the day, with vintage cars, tractors, old and new machinery, and whip cracking displayed.

Mark Wadley won first prize with his pen of three dairy heifers on farm, with John Evans clinching the pen of three at the show, and Dean and Kate Marshman for the best heifer in milk.

Kelvin and Katy Habere from Caveside won the Senior Champion and Supreme Cow Exhibits with their cow "Gordella EVB Journalist", and Luke Bloomfield the Allbreeds Junior Champion.

The Supreme Beef Exhibit was won by D. and K. Heazlewood with their Angus bull.

L. Wise, Caitlyn Loane and Thomas Febey took the first prizes in their classes of Beef Junior Handling, with Adarie Bloomfield, Meagan Hamilton, Harry Hamilton and Jaxon Gilliam winning their classes in the Dairy Junior Handlers. Jaxon Gilliam was Overall Champion.

The Yolla School won the most successful Sheep Exhibitor.

International and mainland judges were impressed with

the high standard of competition in the equestrian events, awarding Jess Campbell in the Hunter and Open Supreme Champion Classes. The 1.10m Chudleigh Show Championship jump went to Mikeayla van Rooye.

A new event organised by the Hagley Rural Youth Club was a dog jump, with Clinton Cameron's canine Badger winning the high jump and Ellie Howe's Daisy the low event.

Judges commented on the high standard of competition in the Home Industries, with Carol von Pirch acknowledged as the most successful exhibitor in the miscellaneous, photography, vegetables and floral art sections, and Caitlyn How for outstanding cooking exhibit, Geoff Capper for most outstanding photography exhibit, Doris Philpott for outstanding beading exhibit and as most successful in the knitting and crochet sections.

Sophie Folder also displayed a great selection of vegetables, with Wendy McCarthy recognised as most successful in Dairy and Culinary, Maureen Cameron clinching the cut flower exhibit with an outstanding gladioli exhibit, and Jarrod Atkins emerged champion in the junior flower and junior handcraft sections.



Photo by: Mike Moores

'Intermediate's' learn more on the art of heifer washing from Matt Jones at the Junior Beef Expo

## A stake in their future

By Joanne Eisemann

THE LAST weekend in February saw the showgrounds in Deloraine hosting the first Tasmanian Junior Beef Expo. 56 young people between the ages of 8 and 25 attended for the 3 day extravaganza of everything beef.

The event was put on by the newly formed Tasmanian Junior Beef Expo Association who got together in May last year "It's been a big effort to do everything we needed to do to put this event on," explains president Rebecca Woodiwiss. Rebecca leads the 15 strong organising team who, mostly from the north/northwest of Tasmania, are a mix of junior cattle handlers and more experienced cattle people wanting to ensure

the quality and longevity of cattle handling and showing in Tasmania.

"They have expo's like this all over the mainland, we wanted to provide one for kids in Tasmania," shares Rebecca and adds "We chose the Deloraine Showgrounds as a venue, because it has all the facilities we need and is fairly central."

Some partakers brought their own animals, others were provided with a ballot heifer organised by the committee. Amongst the participants were three young people who travelled from South Australia to attend the event.

The three-day event allowed organisers to present a full program of workshops, teaching expo attendees

about both commercial and stud beef cattle industries.

"We set out to educate the participants at the expo on animal husbandry skills, in particular, cattle handling, whilst also giving them some background on artificial breeding methods used, how to assess cattle for structure, muscle and fertility," said Rebecca of the Expo's program.

Workshops were offered at three different skill levels, and delivered by leading professionals in the beef industry.

Skills learnt were then showcased through a Junior Handlers and Junior Judging competition.

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Roving ambassador James Duncan enjoys a cuppa with Roger Nutting

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## Roger and James - award-winning service

By Joanne Eisemann

THE MULTI-AWARD winning Great Western Tiers Visitor Information Centre has added a couple more strings to its bow with one of their volunteers being named a 'Champion of Tourism' and the launching of a new 'roving ambassador' program.

Tourism Northern Tasmania recognised Roger Nutting as a Champion of Tourism, for his many hours volunteering for groups associated with the industry. Roger has spent over 25 years volunteering for the Mountain Huts Preservation Society and more recently joined the team at the Deloraine and Districts Folk Museum located in the Visitor Centre.

Centre manager Vicki Pryer made the nomination, prompted by Roger's crucial role in putting together the 'Jimmy Possum exhibition'. "It's a new thing at the museum. We are hoping that it will grow and become more of a town thing rather than just the museum," explained Vicki.

Roving Ambassadors is a new program that takes the visitor centre to the tourists rather than the other way around.

"It's a worldwide trend that visitor centres are going mobile where they can. Some are on pushbikes, some are on segways, some are in vans and buses," says Vicki.

"So volunteers who want to can put on a little yellow vest, a cap and they carry a satchel that's got basic information in it. Then they walk up and down Emu Bay Road, the Caravan Park, the Train Park and anywhere they might see groups of people," she adds.

Roving Ambassadors are available to answer the questions of travellers. If they don't know the answer they direct them to the Visitor Centre where further information can be found.

"They are fairly visible with their vest on, so people will come up and talk to them and ask them questions about things to do, where to go, where the toilets are, where can I get a decent beer," shares Vicki.

## Selbourne festival of flavour

By Lorraine Clarke

WHEN MOSES led his people to the Promised Land in about 1500BC, they were fed on manna dropped from heaven for 40 years, but the ungrateful lot only hankered after the garlic they had left behind in Egypt.

People have been hankering for garlic ever since.

As we all know, tomatoes and garlic are a flavour marriage made in heaven, about which even the ancient Egyptians knew nothing.

Discerning aficionados can sample the best of both at the 3rd annual Tasmanian Garlic & Tomato Festival at 338 Four Springs Road, Selbourne on Sunday 19th March.

Gates open at 9.00am for this great family day out in Tassie's incomparable countryside.

Skip breakfast and treat your tastebuds to a day-long feast of locally grown gourmet foods!

Who could resist Veggie Sliders, pancakes with fruit and cream, Rare Breed pork sausages, authentic Paella, artisan flavour-infused salts, seeds roasted in Extra Virgin Olive Oil, garlic chocolate (!), golden honey, ice creams, fruit

preserves, cheese and truffle oil fondue, seafoods, baked delights, and to wash it down, local beers, wines and kombucha.

Here's your chance to get advice from featured speaker Angus Stewart of ABC's Gardening Australia!

Head Chef Sam Pinkard will lead a forage for garden ingredients, then

for those less absorbed by the produce stalls.

Pit your growing and cooking skills against others by entering your Biggest or Ugliest Tomato, your choicest Hardneck Garlic, your lushest Tomato Relish or Salsa, zingiest Garlic Pesto, slurpiest soup, your neatest Garlic Plait!

Under-tens can enter their Best Vegetable Character (including garlic &/or tomato). Enter your favourite project in the Garlic & Tomato Art section.

WOW the judges with your 3 best samples of the same named variety of either garlic or tomatoes! For the stout of heart, there is the 60-second "Garlic Eating" contest. How many cloves can you do?

Take a bushwalk, or a guided Farm Tour with Annette Reid, to taste-test the 50 varieties of Heritage Tomatoes grown there.

Local stalls will offer potted plants, Biochar, handmade soaps, seeds, handicrafts and more.

For lots more information about the event, competition rules and directions to the Festival, you can visit <http://tasmaniangarlicandtomatofestival.weebly.com/>

prepare dishes from them.

Well-known organic gardener and author Steve Solomon will dispense vegetable growing wisdom at the "Stop & Chat" Marquee.

Acoustic guitarist Matthew Dames will provide live music. A Children's Play Area and Treasure Hunt will cater



Annette Reid harvests tomatoes in preparation for last year's festival. Photo by: Mike Moores

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Every Tuesday 10.00am - 12.00pm	Hadspen Playgroup (during School Terms)	Uniting Church Community Centre, cnr Claire & Main Sts Hadspen Call Anna on 0423 939 304 for info
Saturday 11th March 7.30pm sharp	Western Tiers Film Society - "Sherpa"	Little Theatre, 2 Meander Valley Rd. Deloraine <a href="mailto:westerntiersfilmsociety@gmail.com">westerntiersfilmsociety@gmail.com</a> Ph: 0418 389 868
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
Saturday 11th March 9.30am-7.30pm	Westbury Irish Festival	Westbury Showgrounds, Cnr Marriott & Lyttleton Streets. A fun-filled day of entertainment & activities
Wednesday 15th March 9.30am - 4.00pm	Australian Government Mobile Service Centre	Mole Creek Specialised vehicle providing convenient access to payments & services to rural communities
Thursday 16th March 7.00pm	Ten days on the Island - Frida and Derek (16+)	Villarett Gardens, 789 Railton Rd, Moltema Recommended for Ages 16+ Tickets \$48.00 Conc. \$28.00
Friday 17th March - Sunday 26th March	Ten days on the Island - Bellow	Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Westbury
Sat. 18th & Sun. 19th March 10.00am - 4.00pm	Rupertswood Maze (4th 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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Tuesday 21st March 2.00pm - 3.00pm	Getting Smart with Smartphones	Deloraine Online Centre Booking recommended, drop ins welcome call Anne-Marie: 0417 120 671
Wednesday 22nd March 10.00am - 12.00pm	Community Directory Registration Help	Deloraine Online Centre drop in for assistance to register your community group on the directory 6362 3537
Wednesday 22nd March 7.30pm	Ten days on the Island - Volker Gerling	Deloraine Little Theatre, 2 Meander Valley Rd, Deloraine For Ages 12+ Tickets \$38.00 Conc. \$28.00
Thursday 23rd March 3.00pm - 12.00am	Freedom Riders Australia - Fundraiser for Beau	Deloraine Showgrounds, Highland Lakes Rd. Raffles, Live Music, BBQ's, Fundraising, Camping
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Sunday 26th March 2.30pm	Ten days on the Island - Sequenza	Deloraine Little Theatre, 2 Meander Valley Rd, Del. Tickets \$35.00 Conc. \$25.00 Student \$20.00 U12 Free
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Sunday 26th March (all day)	One Day Event - Horse Trials	Quercus Park, Carrick Dressage (all grades) begins 9.00am, Cross Country & Show Jumping
Tuesday 28th March 7.00pm	Council - Community Forum	Rosevale Hall The focus will be the communities of Rosevale, Selbourne and Birraleee Ph: 6393 5334
Saturday 1st April 7.30pm	Dance Band - déjà vu	Chudleigh Memorial Hall, Sorell Street, Chudleigh \$10.00pp includes supper
Saturday 1st April all day	Language of War Exhibition begins (until 29th)	Deloraine Creative Studios, 59-61 Emu Bay Rd Is part of the 100 years from Gallipoli Poetry Project.
Monday 3rd April 12.00pm - 2.00pm	Eating with Friends	Deloraine House, 112 Emu Bay Road, Deloraine \$5.00 Great meal - good company
Saturday 8th April 7.30pm sharp	Western Tiers Film Society - "Victoria"	Little Theatre, 2 Meander Valley Rd. Deloraine <a href="mailto:westerntiersfilmsociety@gmail.com">westerntiersfilmsociety@gmail.com</a> Ph: 0418 389 868
Tuesday 11th April 2.00pm - 3.00pm	Getting Smart with Smartphones	Deloraine Online Centre Booking recommended, drop ins welcome call Anne-Marie: 0417 120 671
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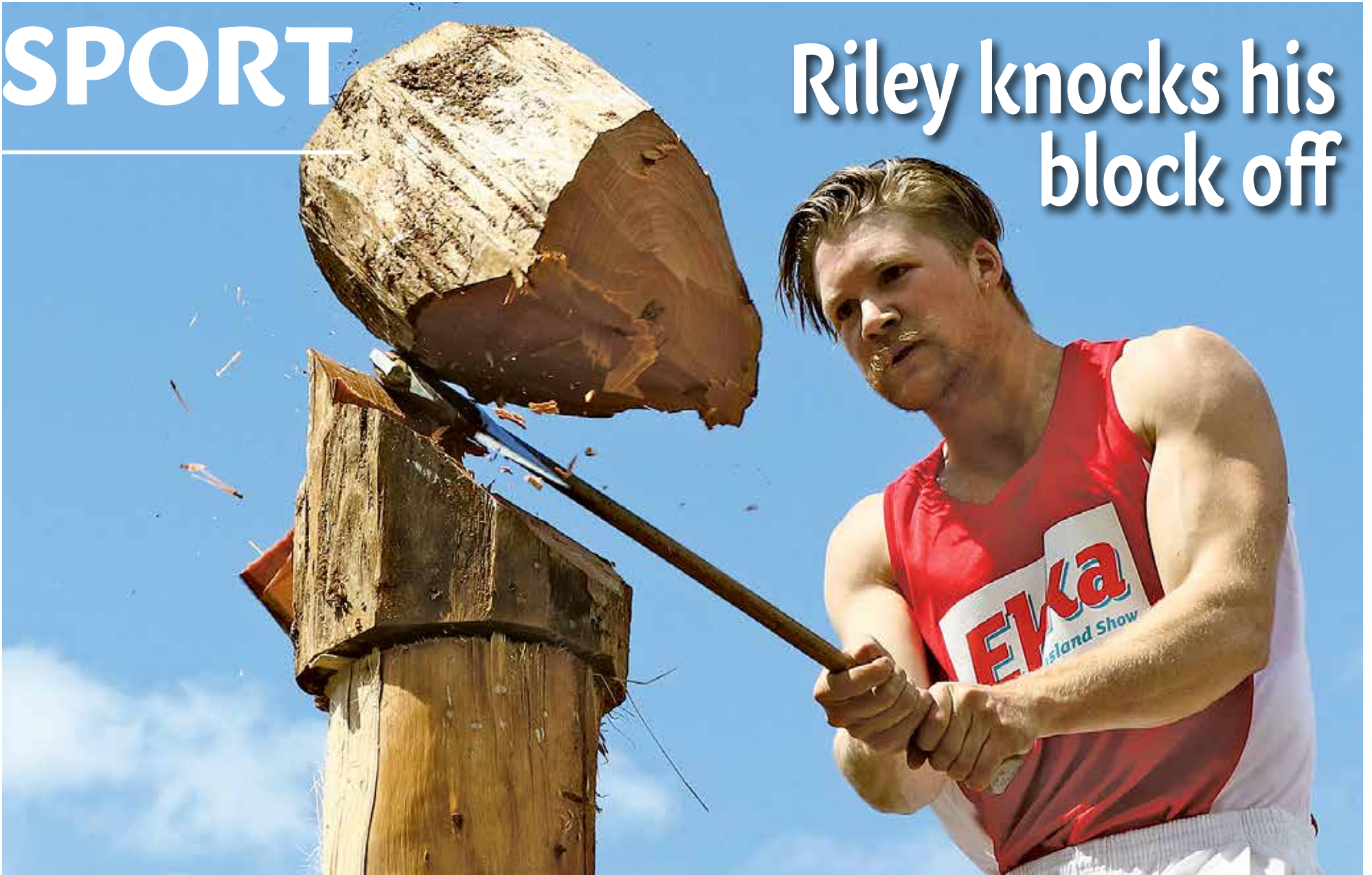
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