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Giving a gift that saves lives

Deloraine's second annual Street Car Show in February was admission-free and attracted around 12,000 visitors to the town. The Street Car Show was organised by a local committee who function as a sub-committee of Prospect's Van Diemens Street Rod Club. This allows the sub-committee to act under the Street Rod's banner of incorporation and not-for-profit status. The funds raised through the well-supported donation tins around the town were given to the Deloraine Fire Brigade and the Meander Valley SES. The SES used the welcomed donation to help purchase a new, more portable, lightweight hydraulic pump. It is capable of running all of the hydraulic tools used for cutting and spreading twisted metal to help remove accident victims from wrecked vehicles, especially in difficult terrain like the edge of a riverbank. Pictured are Meander Valley SES volunteer Deputy Unit Managers Karin Ketelaar and Andrew Sherriff cutting the roof from a car using the new hydraulic pump. Photo by: Mike Moores

New security for Arts events in Deloraine

By Sharon Webb

The future of arts events in Deloraine has been secured following the folding of Arts Deloraine's long-term parent group, Tasmania Regional Arts (TRA).

Arts Deloraine pres-

ident Diana Tuleja said her organisation began to take steps to create a stand-alone group months ago.

"The future of Tasmanian Regional Arts was questionable long before the Tasmanian Government cut its funding this

year," she said.

"The Arts Deloraine committee decided we should become an incorporated body and we worked with other regional arts groups around the state to gain the insurance cover normally provided by TRA."

TRA's insurance will cover Deloraine arts events until 30th June after which the newly arranged insurance will fall into place – just in time for Arts Deloraine's biggest event of the year: WinterFire is planned for 15th July at the Delo-

rairie Showgrounds.

Ms Tuleja said Arts Deloraine had played an important role over the past decade in attracting and supporting art events in Deloraine: "We not only initiate arts events but we support musicians and theatre groups who

want to perform here, especially by helping with suitable venues."

Tasmanian Regional Arts folded after a special resolution was supported by state-wide members at a meeting in Launceston on 7th May.

In My Opinion...

By Joanne Eisemann, Managing Editor

I LOVE this time of year. The abundance of still clear days that are not too hot and not too cold, the smell and sound of the wood fire as it warms our house and the different species of birds that drop into our farmlet dam on their way to winter feeding grounds.

Swans, herons and an assortment of ducks come to join the already resident plovers and grebes. Our dam is not that big, so it can get quite crowded at times. And then, joy of joys, the platypus that came to visit a year ago has returned and this time is staying longer. Well, I imagine it is the platypus that came

last year. Unless I caught it and tagged it, how would I actually know?

It amazes me that the presence of one little critter can bring me so much happiness as it sits on the surface of the water, watching us drive past on our way to feed the cattle, or taking a quick dive if I pay too much attention.

I notice that I'm not the only one that platypi have this effect upon. Working in a building so close to the river in Deloraine I often hear stories of people's interaction with the resident platypus as they walk the river trail, excitedly they show me the pictures they have taken. How blessed I am to live in Tasmania!

Quilted remembrance



Representatives from the 'Quamby Quilters' handing over their Commemorative Quilt to Deloraine RSL Sub-Branch President Peter Ashton. The Quilt is on display in its pride of place above 'The Wall of Valor' in the RSL Club. The especially designed frame made and donated by Nick Weare of 'Fixxed' Frames of Deloraine, will protect and display the quilt for many years to come. L to R: Bev Ashdown, Dawn Larcombe, June Coleman, and Peter Ashton. Photo by: Margaret Howe

are obviously of great interest to visitors. Let the more modern works along the river create interest in their own unique way.

Many visitors tell me what a delight our town has become. So please, Meander Valley Council, ignore the philistines.

Nell Carr, Dunorlan

I'VE STARTED a petition for Meander Valley residents to help expand the organic waste disposal in the MV Council's jurisdiction. This service is currently only being offered to residents in Blackstone Heights, but we would like to see it expanded.

The link to the petition is www.change.org/p/meander-valley-city-council-expand-disposal-of-organic-waste-in-meander-valley.

Kate Wyatt Nelson

There seem to be some misconceptions in the local area about the purpose of, and people involved with, the Meander Area Residents and Ratepayers Association (MARRA).

MARRA was formed to give a voice to community members with concerns about the current proposed use of the former Meander School site, and the process - or lack of - that has led to this decision. In addition, MARRA is interested in a variety of other issues affecting Meander district.

Once the school closed, the Education Dept stated there would be community consultation to determine the best outcome for Meander: 'A School Transition Steering Committee will be established, chaired by the general manager of Learning Services North ... (to) liaise with the Meander Primary School Association and community to determine the future of the school building and grounds'. However, this did not happen.

When MVC asked for Expressions of Interest, Mayor Perkins stated: 'Council

is committed to work with the Meander community to achieve the best possible community use of the facility ... one which will provide long term benefits to the people of Meander and the surrounding districts.' Similarly, this consultation did not occur and the EOI process was also grossly inadequate.

In a survey conducted by the MVC, just 36% of community members surveyed thought the successful proponent's rehabilitation centre would be good for the town. MVC documentation shows that the results were not discussed by MVC councillors at any stage, prior to the vote taken to hand over the site.

MARRA members agree on the need for regulated, inclusive, secular drug rehabilitation centres and want to see increased State and Federal government involvement ensuring that properly run facilities are available. However, our members don't believe the main street in the middle of our town is the best place for a drug rehabilitation centre, and that a more suitable site should be sought by the proponents.

MARRA has been described as 'anti-everything', 'nimbies', 'a group of unemployed' and 'retirees who have done nothing for the community'. These criticisms are incorrect - MARRA members contribute widely, are well-informed, and have the right to voice their concerns.

An alternative proposal for the use of the former Meander School site has been prepared by MARRA and this looks to a future where the entire community can come together with open hearts and minds to create a healthy rural landscape for growth, both socially and economically.

For more info contact MARRA (secretary@marra.net.au), or view the Commons proposal at www.marra.net.au.

Bodhi McSweeney, President, MARRA

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Letters In...

SINCERE THANKS to the Meander Valley Council and staff for the replacement picnic tables and seats and improvements to sections of pathway around the Meander River walk at Deloraine.

And special thanks to the hard working MVC staff for keeping this area looking so beautiful and being such a pleasure to walk around, with their constant attention to planting, mowing, pruning, weeding, removal of rubbish, repairs and more.

A.M. Cann, Deloraine

CORRESPONDENTS WHO object to the purple sculpture by the bridge in Deloraine surely are lacking in imagination. Would they rather have

a series of Greek Gods? or maybe race horses?

According to the tenets of post impressionism, viewers of a work of modern art can interpret its meaning according to their own experience. However, the title of the work "Man Mountain, Mountain Man" indicates some of the inspiration behind its creation.

To me, the Mountain - the purple bulk with a horrified look on its face - is reacting to the triumphant men in early 19th Century garb dancing on his head. These are the farmers, loggers and hunters celebrating their conquests. There are plenty of delightful representational sculptures lining our streets, depicting the life, the history, and the folklore of our district. These

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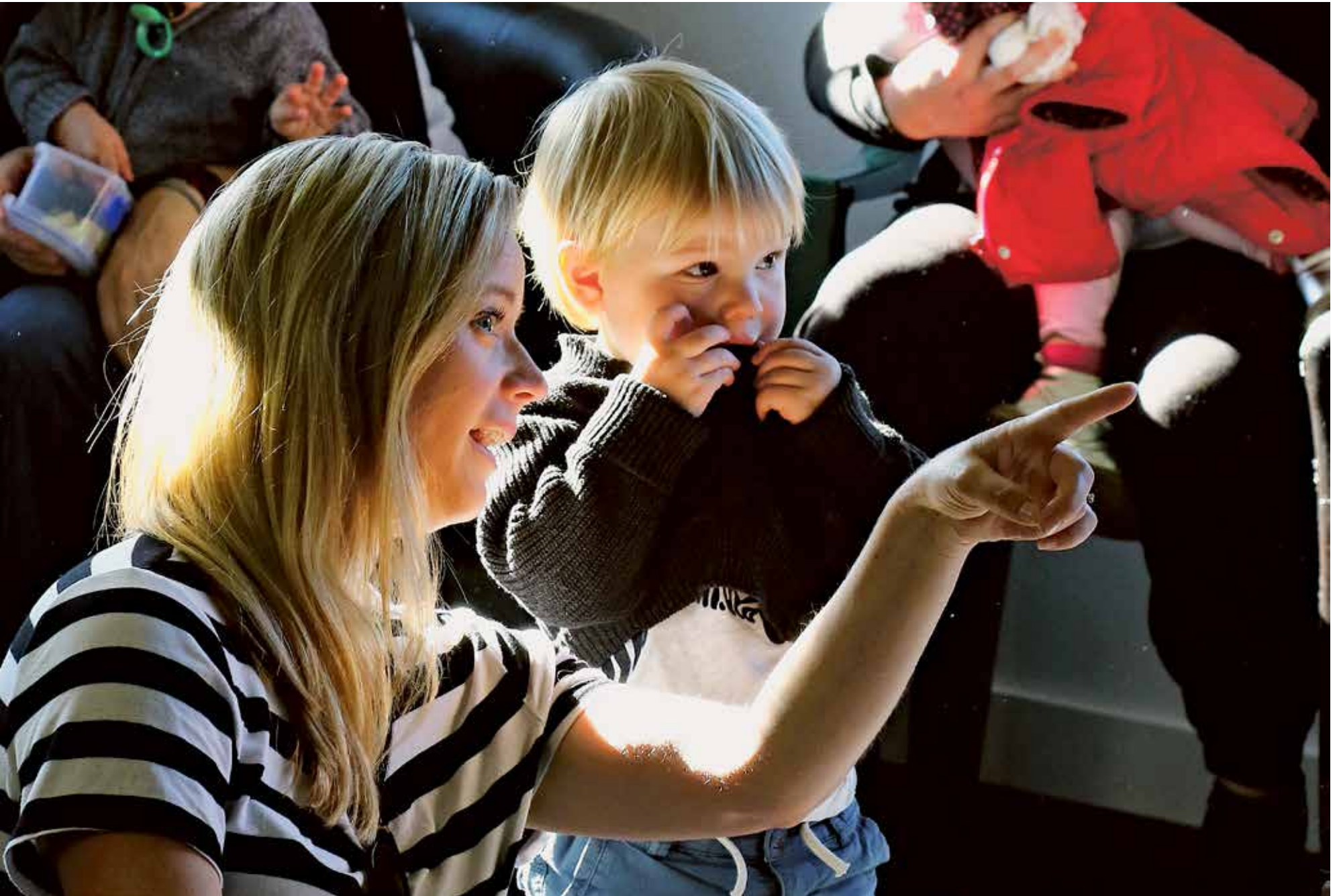
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Deloraine's Emily Dowling shares a moment with her 2 year old son William at the National Simultaneous Storytime event at Deloraine House. Photo by: Mike Moores

The cow tripped over the moon

By Belinda Tome

THERE WAS singing, shadow puppets and a very determined cow at this year's National Simultaneous Story Time at Deloraine House in the last week of May.

Children, parents and carers all enjoyed singing songs and listening to Kristy Russell as she read 'The Cow tripped over the Moon', a children's book by Tony Wilson and Laura Wood.

National Simultaneous Story Time is an annual event held around Australia to encourage children

to read and enjoy books. It was huge turnout to the Deloraine event and all the children attending received a picture book to take home and enjoy.

After Kristy sang and read to the children they then learnt to make and play with shadow puppets in a mini-workshop run by local puppeteer and artist Sean Manners.

Emily Dowling attended with her son and commented "I think for kids at William's age he's particularly into his stories at the moment and having the

added bonus of the shadow puppets was really special, he just loved it. It was a really well organised and lovely event to go to and Kristy did such a great job of storytelling that it was a great morning for both kids and parents."

After all the fun, the morning finished off with a lovely morning tea. If you would like to know more about similar activities held at Deloraine House pop in to the House, or visit their website calendar: www.deloraine-house.com.au/events or like them on Facebook.

Sell it on Gumtree

GUMTREE IS A trading website where you can sell, trade or give away stuff. It differs from eBay because there is a no-fee option for posting an advert, and it's easy to buy and sell locally.

Deloraine and Mole Creek Online Centres will each offer a workshop in June on how to use Gumtree.

Learn how to create an account, post an ad, upload pictures for your ad and delete an ad once the item has been sold.

The workshop will cost \$10.00, run from 10.00am to

12 midday, and include morning tea on the following days; Deloraine Online Centre on Tuesday 20th June - call 6362 3537 to book; or at the Mole Creek Centre the following Monday 26th of June - call 6363 2030 to book.

June's 'Getting smart with smartphones' session will cover backing up photos to computer or USB.

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Becky creates Tassie's best Bookmark

By Joanne Eisemann

DELORAINE PRIMARY School student Becky Walters has won a statewide competition to design a bookmark as part of the Premiers Reading Challenge.

Becky got involved in

designing a bookmark when her sister, Hannah, brought home details of the competition from the Deloraine Library.

Her entry was chosen as the best from the entries received in the Devonport LINC catchment area and then selected

as the best of the best when all nine Tasmanian LINC winners were compared.

Becky shares on her win, "Well, we came home from school and dad had a really serious face and said 'I have something important to tell you,' I thought it would be

something bad and then he said, 'You know that bookmark competition? Well, you won'. It was a surprise."

Tim Wilson travelled from Devonport LINC to present Becky with her prize at the Deloraine Library.

Becky and her family received passes to attend a Hawks game at UTAS stadium where they will have exclusive access to the Hawks 'reading lounge'.

This will be a new experience for Becky who commented, "I haven't really been to the footy before."

The idea behind linking this year's reading challenge with the Hawks is to

inspire children. "The more you train in sport, the better you will be; and the more you read, the better you will be," explains Tim and adds "There is a study that has come out now and its showing that younger people are preferring to read a real book to an eBook and the main reason that I see is that there are less distractions."

Becky agrees with Tim. She much prefers to read a hard copy book than one online.

Over 38,000 children have signed up for this year's Premiers Reading Challenge which starts in July. Participants will read 10 books in 10 weeks.



Becky Walters with the winning bookmark design at the Deloraine Library. Photo by: Mike Moores

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DELORAINE BADMINTON ASSOCIATION.

THE COMMITTEE is planning a 70th Anniversary dinner on Saturday 24th June 2017.

Any former players of the

association who have not received an invitation can phone Lynette on 6362 2533 or Angela on 0417 335 429.

The Association would also like anyone with memorabilia to contact the above.

IN THE GARDEN WITH NELL CARR

MEANDER VALLEY, with its varying habitats, can lay claim to a great assortment of native ferns, many of them endemic to our State.

From the smallest, the *Azolla filiculoides* - those drifts of red that float on the surface of sunny ponds, there is one beside Bengoe Road near Deloraine - to the towering rough tree fern, *Cyathea australis*. This one is taller than the much more common tree fern *Dicksonia antarctica*, and grows on the higher slopes in northern Tasmanian rainforests.

Other ground hugging ferns are the maiden hair fern, *Adiantum aethiopicum*, which may be grown in hanging baskets, and the bristle filmy fern *Polyphelebium venosum*, whose tiny fronds thickly adorn the stems of the tree ferns beside Westmorland Falls, Caveside. King fern, (*Todea barbara*) with long, gracefully arching fronds from ground level, grows along bush creeks which have

not been disturbed by logging or grazing. Visitors are able to see some local ferns in the Great Western Tiers Visitor Information Centre gardens at Deloraine. Cat's head fern *Polystichum proliferum*, as its name suggests, is almost as numerous in Tasmania as bracken fern; and tree ferns (*Dicksonia antarctica*) are well represented there, plus kangaroo fern (*Phymatosis pustulatus*) pictured, growing on a tree fern trunk.

In the vegetable garden: Sow early peas in frost-free areas, turnips, onions, and winter lettuce.



Phymatosis pustulatus

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Michael Thomson shapes timber on his 'shave horse' with a 'draw knife' to make a traditional flower basket. Photo by: Mike Moores

Michael revives old time timber skills

By Lorraine Clarke

When Michael Thomson sets off for work each day, he doesn't have far to go. He climbs a few rustic steps from the house up to his workshop with a clear view to the horizon across the treetops of Golden Valley.

Chickens scratch hopefully in the sawdust. Some goats and a large rooting pig can be heard nearby. Not far away is a tumble of roly poly Jack Russell puppies.

Michael and his young family moved to the area almost 10 years ago. "The mentality here is a lot more balanced. I think people come here to really enjoy life." In this idyllic setting he sculpts unique timber furniture, far from Western Australia where he was

trained traditionally in furniture making, cabinets and kitchens. These days, he says, "I make whatever people want that's a bit more bespoke. I'm willing to work with people to design things."

Market-goers are impressed by the rich timbers and organic shapes of the beautiful screen doors made by Michael. "The whole essence of my furniture is to give the personal touch, something that can be passed on as an heirloom. I create inviting house doors rather than security doors. People who have bought one item for their house often return for something else, and then another. They want to buy timber furniture that's had love put into it."

Michael's tools of trade

include many hand tools employed by greenwood workers. One of his signature articles is the trug, a traditional English wooden basket used for gathering fruit and vegetables, flowers or eggs.

Sycamore is a weed here in Tassie, but it is a good furniture timber. I have a constant supply of small logs from a farm where it has taken over.

To make these, he splits wood with a froe and beetle, shapes timber with a shave horse and draw knife, heats timber in a steam box until it can be bent into voluptuous curves and then leaves it to cool in a bending form while it takes on its permanent shape.

"I've always believed that a straight line is a wasted opportunity," said Michael. Elm slats form the body of the basket, with sycamore rim and handle. "Sycamore is a weed here in Tassie, but it is a good furniture timber. I have a constant supply of small logs from a farm where it has taken over."

Michael is keen to encourage greater use of our lovely river as an asset to be enjoyed rather than an obstacle to be got over. He loves to get out on the water, so one of his recent creations is a handsome timber flat-bottomed drift boat. "They are very stable for standing up in and casting from. The oars are mainly for steering. You can rig a little outboard on them, and an anchor. *Continued Page 10...*

Volunteers rewarded

By Antonia Howarth

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER Week this year took place from the 8th - 14th May.

Locals were treated to the efforts of a wide-ranging and increasing number of exciting individuals who provided a free grand luncheon for 60 people.

The event was ingenious to say the least. The creative hand of Catherine Smith, who once coordinated the Community Garden Project and is now instrumental with Harvest Helper Volunteers, could be felt alongside the steady and consistent support of Deloraine House led by Narelle Whatley.

Numerous other organisations that contributed to the lunch were noted on the menu, which brought together a celebration of local, fresh and healthy produce.

The food was special. It featured potato/leek or pumpkin soups, lamb curry and chicken casserole 'lovingly' served with pumpkin/garlic/fetta frittata and potato bake with dinner rolls. Desserts included apple crumble and some sumptuous, if not so healthy, chocolate mud cake which oozed its ingredients and overflowed with lashings of fresh cream.

This wonderful selection came via donations of potatoes, chillis, pumpkins, dairy products from Elgaar's, bread and cake from Hardy's and many other significant contributions, while Rotary Deloraine graciously provided use of the pavilion.

Mayor Craig Perkins thanked the many volunteers in Meander Valley for their time and efforts. The Circle Dance Band consisting of 4 members provided background entertainment and dance music.

In spite of the weather, the event was a huge success for the organisers and all the volunteers involved. It proved to be a yummy day out.

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Belinda Schultz, Senior Firefighter from Launceston, demonstrates safe use of a fire blanket in the event of a stove fire to Judy Warrener, 77, of Launceston. Photo by: Jan Collett

Farewell to Uniting Church

THIS STORY IS taken from Lexie Young's speech at the Deloraine Uniting Church's final service.

"A day I thought would never happen ... I realised our church would not be able to continue on. I used to think it would see me out.

The Methodist Church in West Barrack Street was erected in 1857, costing £600 and holding 120 persons. The cemetery was established in 1860 and was used until 1920 when burials within town boundaries were restricted.

I have been a parishioner some 57 years, almost half the time the church has stood on this hill.

I was a young bride in 1960 ... in my green going-away suit, little yellow hat, high-heeled bone shoes and nylon stockings with a straight seam, with my bag, hymn book and brown hair!

The church was weather-board ... A porch at the front had blue and white milky inlaid lino. The vestry at the back had a window with a sink under it, where we would

boil the urn on a Sunday.

The church had a pine floor with a maroon runner. Ladies at the church used to scrub the floor three times a year on their hands and knees. Three bar heaters were placed under the pews for heating.

An old lavatory was up the back. Covered in blackberries, but it served the purpose.

The original Methodist circuit was five churches – Deloraine, Forest Hall, Parkham, Blackmoor and Meander – which merged with Mole Creek – Mole Creek, Cave-side and Chudleigh – in the 1960s. Closures began in the 1970s and these churches are now all gone.

Sunday School was originally held in the church before service, so a campaign for a hall started in 1960.

In 1963 a hall was built and the foundation stone was laid in November 1965.

The opening was held on Saturday 9th May 1966, followed by tea and a concert to make for a memorable day.

A lot of fundraising was done

Agfest Firefighters

By David Claridge

EVERY YEAR at Agfest there are a team of Tasmania Fire Service personnel who volunteer their time to perform several roles. Often seen in uniform on foot or moving around in trucks they are there to keep the popular agricultural festival running.

Prospect volunteer fire fighter, Ken Claridge has been on call at Agfest for around 15 years.

"I first started when there was a call out for volunteers from nearby brigades," reflected Ken.

"I haven't been around when there has been an incident, but there was a light plane crash a few years ago and there is the occasional rubbish fire.

"Luckily it is usually quiet fire-wise, giving us time to prepare showbags and talk to interested people about fire safety and the best way to protect their family and home."

Firefighters were able to show to passers-by what to do during a fire scenario by demonstrating a pot fire on a stove and how to use a fire blanket to safely extinguish the fire.

For Carrick volunteer fire

... it was tough going, the hall had to be paid for and a minister's stipend had to be met ... there was always an overdraft.

Ladies at the church used to scrub the floor three times a year on their hands and knees.

In 1976 a knock at our door was ... to tell us that the hall had been paid for by a bequest from Miss Ruth Nicholls ... the illuminated cross was dedicated to her.

In 1977, Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational became the Uniting Church. Services were held in the Presbyterian and Methodist churches until the Presbyterian Church was closed. The Scotch Thistle wrought iron fence donated by Beth Thomas is still there today.

In 1978, the church interior was renovated and carpet

fighter, Kim Brundle-Lawrence her role for the past 26 years has been providing water supplies to the many sites at Agfest.

"Until the Agfest Fire Station was built and there were brigade members brought on site just for fire or emergency response, Carrick Brigade was the responding brigade to any on site incident," said Kim.

"Carrick brigade now supplies water to the sites that have displays requiring water such as spray pumps, the big tap that was on Main Street this year, the garden nurseries, and any stock and animal needs. Plus they continually refill the many portaloos around the site."

Volunteers are the backbone of Agfest who work tirelessly behind the scenes. In particular is Rural Youth who put on a show for over 60,000 people this year and managed 700 exhibitors.

"I enjoy the physical side, being outdoors and the 'annual' get together with other members," Kim said.

"It's great to see how Agfest has grown and congratulations to Rural Youth members for their insight into hosting such a great event."

replaced the pine floor. In 1980, the exterior was bricked and a new entrance made.

Unfortunately, in 1986 ... Advent candles were left burning ... Meg Campbell who lived next door rang the manse and fire brigade after noticing the fire. Lovely vases were burnt and after Christmas the clean-up started ...

The Carinya Club began in the 1980s, providing a day out for housebound people ... it ran successfully for 20 years until the hospital day centre opened.

Over the years many organisations have used the church and hall ... some still are today.

When I tell people that the church is closing ... when I look at how many churches have closed ... football clubs, schools, telephone exchange, butter factory ... the list goes on. I feel sad."

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Final service for Deloraine's Uniting Church.

Photo by: Neville Sweeney



L-R: Mayor Craig Perkins, Laura Richardson and Lindy Norton. Photo by: Sharon Webb

Local recreation study group

By Sharon Webb

FUTURE RESIDENTS of Deloraine and surrounding towns could play their sports at a swish new recreation precinct in Alveston Drive – if they supported the idea in recent feasibility study consultations.

But don't hold your breath: Meander Valley Mayor Craig Perkins says any such facility will be 10-15 years in the making.

The feasibility study is part of Meander Valley Council's decision-making process following two years' pressure from a joint sports community group and the 2016 recommendations of Council's own Deloraine Development Outline Plan.

Laura Richardson, spokesperson for the joint sports group, the Meander Valley Regional Recreation Precinct Working Group, said her group wants an enlarged sports precinct at the Community Complex site on Alveston Drive housing basketball, netball, football, squash and little athletics – the approach also recommended in the Outline Plan.

"More walking and cycle tracks should also be incorpo-

rated – currently we have only the riverside pathways," Ms Richardson said.

"While our group initially was motivated by sports clubs' needs, our thoughts now incorporate Tasmanian Craft Fair and Deloraine Performing Arts Centre needs. We want children in this area to have the facilities to play and participate in the future."

Last year's flood damage to football and squash facilities added impetus to already pressing demands for rejuvenated Deloraine sports facilities.

"The Little Athletics Club uses Deloraine Primary School facilities which are too small for a 400m track; we also have a 100-member netball club with no dedicated courts," Ms Richardson said.

Squash player Rodney Youd added that facilities at the Deloraine Performing Arts Centre are antiquated; 50 players use two non-regulation-sized courts not updated in the 45 years he's used them.

The feasibility study is funded by Meander Valley Council (\$50,000), Bendigo Bank (\$50,000) and the State Government Community Infrastructure Fund (\$30,000).

The Bendigo Bank grant is the first tranche of \$250,000 pledged overall, according to Bendigo Bank board member Lindy Norton: "The board sees this as a great opportunity for this region and we're looking forward to the outcome of the feasibility study."

The study is being carried out by Hobart-based company Inspiring Place, linking with Sydney sport and leisure specialists Monte Mare Consulting and Suters Architects.

Inspiring Place director John Hepper said the final report, due around October, will draw on national recreation trends and include a

potential business plan for the project – a strategic assessment identifying options for a future recreation precinct and informing the next stage," he said.

But Meander Valley Mayor Craig Perkins pointed out the final decision on recreation facility development would be Council's.

Residents may feel some concern having seen little action from money spent on past consultations – including a 2012 sport rationalisation report by SA consultants Tredwell Management and several on swimming facilities.

Go-to people on Deloraine Precinct Working Group

Chair: Alana Fazackerly, Dept Premier & Cabinet.

Community members: Laura Richardson, Deloraine Basketball Club; Corey Youd, Deloraine Squash Club; Shaun Donohue, Deloraine Football Club; Douglas Tangney, Deloraine Apex Club.

Bendigo Bank: Lindy Norton.

Meander Valley Council: Lyn While, Director Community & Development Services; Daniel Smedley, Recreation Coordinator; Chris Eade, Property Management Officer.

In addition, Phase Two of the original Deloraine Community Complex plans incorporating swimming and squash facilities never eventuated.

The whole feasibility process is being overseen by the Deloraine Recreation Precinct Working Group with Council staff, Bendigo Bank and community sports representatives.

The key starting point is the community's reaction to a sports precinct concept, Mayor Perkins said.

"We're finding out what facilities we would like and can afford, and whether there are benefits in working towards this over the next 10-15 years."

Traditional smoking ceremony

THE LOCAL Aboriginal Community, with the Meander Valley Council, Deloraine House, Deloraine R.S.L., the Trade Training Centre and Aboriginal Community Pathways, invites all community members to the National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) Week celebrations at the Cenotaph with the Welcome to Country and flag raising on 5th July at 10:45 a.m.

A traditional smoking ceremony complemented by cultural dancers and a fire-stick procession along the riverside to the new

yarning circle will be a feature. Deloraine House is hosting a light lunch and refreshments with cultural food, displays and music afterwards.

Other aspects of Tasmanian Aboriginal Culture will be shared through the new Kooparooka Niara Cultural Trail.

This trail, from the Train Park to the swimming pool, will be completed by August once the final planting of native flora is finished and the remaining signage, sculptures and mosaics have been meticulously created in the background. The official opening is planned for September.



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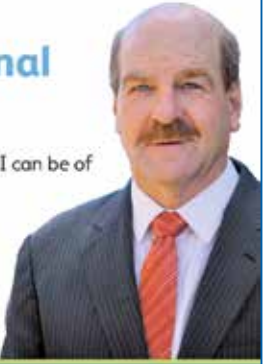
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VALLEY VIEWS



Mayor's Message

Above: Mayor Craig Perkins joins in the celebrations for National Volunteer Week.

Twelve months on and it is important that we stop and reflect on the impact the worst floods in nearly 100 years had on our community.

The aftermath of this weather event disrupted the lives of many and I thank you for your patience while infrastructure and services were restored.

Importantly, I am reminded of the community spirit that exists in Meander Valley. The strength of our social networks ensure that we remain connected and resilient.

Last month the Meander Valley Council Natural Resource Management Strategy was released for public comment. This document outlines the issues that our natural values face and how we work together with other organisations and the community to manage these challenges.

Let us know what aspects of natural resource management are important to you and where you live by taking a moment to leave feedback.

A copy of the document is available at Council's office in Westbury or you can visit the website to view an online version. There you will find a link to seven quick check-box style feedback questions.

I had the pleasure of enjoying lunch with some of

Meander Valley's dedicated volunteers, courtesy of Deloraine House. Volunteer Week, held during May, is our opportunity to say thank you to all those who selflessly contribute to helping others.

This month I will be heading to Canberra with two objectives on the National Local Government agenda.

Firstly, I will be reinforcing the importance of reinstating the preventative health services that the Meander Valley community lost late last year and secondly, I will be representing Meander Valley at the National Awards for Local Government. A positive outcome for both these objectives would be wonderful.

Plans for NAIDOC Week Celebrations are well underway and I invite all of you to head down to the Deloraine Cenotaph on 5 July to participate in this important cultural event.

June and July heralds the annual change for many of our districts service clubs. I thank all the presidents and committee members for your efforts over the past few months and wish incoming members all the best for the year ahead.

As winter approaches, remember to take care on the roads and drive to the conditions.

Mayor, Craig Perkins

Agfest delight

A surge in visitor numbers this year has once again cemented Agfest as Tasmania's premier rural event. A popular attraction was Marananga Stud's twin Belted Galloway calves. A competition to name the twins was run over the three days and true to their Scottish origin, "Nora" and "Neep" were winners on the day.

"With over sixty thousand visitors across the three days, credit must be given to Rural Youth Tasmania for running this event and giving young people an opportunity to develop new skills and gain confidence," Mayor Craig Perkins said.



Above: Mayor Craig Perkins and Cr Deb White meet Nora and Neep.

Leading the way in regional growth



Meander Valley Council has received the 2017 National Award for Local Government. This award recognises Council's contribution to regional growth through the establishment, support and promotion of the Valley Central Industrial Precinct in Westbury.

Driving investment and pursuing the development of the Valley Central precinct has resulted in direct community benefits while supporting economic outcomes beyond our municipality.

With a total of \$327m of potential capital expenditure, the development is expected to create 1,713 jobs during construction and 202 ongoing permanent positions.

"This is a great example of how public and private partnerships can work together to achieve great things," Mayor Craig Perkins said.



If it's flooded, forget it.

Entering flood waters is the major cause of death during flood events. This includes driving, walking, riding, swimming and children playing in flood waters.

SES advise never to enter flood waters. Often, people who drive through flood water significantly overestimate their driving capabilities as well as the capabilities of their vehicle.

Research shows that four wheel drive owners, particularly men in their 40's, are most at risk and the majority of these fatalities occur within 20km of home.

This is not surprising when you consider that people are more likely to overestimate

their driving capabilities on a road that is well known to them.

Flooded roads pose a risk because they often contain debris. Flood water can also erode road surfaces leaving deep and dangerous holes which can't be seen.

Never remove signage instructing that a road is closed. It is safer to turn around and find an alternative route. Where a road is flooded, but has not been closed, again, turn around and find an alternative route.

As we head towards winter, remember, if it's flooded, forget it - turn around, don't drown.



Above: Mike Epworth & Roger Nutting with one of the elusive Jimmy Possum chairs

On the hunt for hidden treasures

The Jimmy Possum Exhibition was officially launched at the Deloraine & Districts Folk Museum in May, coinciding with Heritage Week.

Moving speeches on the night reminded us of the importance of preserving our unique local history.

The exhibition is the first step in ensuring that the hardships and triumphs of the past are remembered.

Until recently, recounting stories about this mysterious chairmaker relied heavily upon the spoken word, which is precarious once memories fade.

Volunteers at the Museum are making a concerted effort to ensure that stories about Jimmy Possum chairs

and the man himself are not forgotten.

"In what could be described as a Jimmy Possum treasure hunt, no one really knows how many more chairs exist.

Hidden away in old outbuildings, sheds and attics, once re-discovered, these chairs have incredible stories to tell. It is a privilege to have such tangible connections to our past," Museum volunteer, Roger Nutting, said.

Do you have a Jimmy Possum Chair or story to tell? Then the Deloraine & Districts Folk Museum would love to hear from you.

Entrance to the Museum is via the Great Western Tiers Visitor Centre on Emu Bay Road, Deloraine.



Above: Meander Valley Council's Director of Works, Matthew Millwood with Phillip Thompson from Crown Land Services and David Sutton from TasWater.

Working together for Westbury

A post flood review has resulted in a collaborative project along Quamby Brook.

Meander Valley Council, along with a local landowner, are working together with TasWater and the Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment (DPIPWE) to clear some of the willows on the floodplain between Meander Valley Road and the TasRail bridge.

"After the floods last year, it was identified that this area was particularly susceptible to inundation. Some of the willow trees had created a bottle neck, impeding the flow of water," Mayor Craig Perkins said.

A select number of trees will be removed in order to reduce the risk of upstream inundation during extreme rain events.

The project is an outstanding example of how collaborative effort and cooperation can lead to successful outcomes. The work is being funded by TasWater and the Crown with Council acting as the project's facilitator. DPIPWE will carry out ongoing maintenance of the area.

"Working together has enabled all stakeholders to access shared resources which directly benefits all involved and the community," Mayor Craig Perkins said.

At the completion of the project the risk of inundation to sewerage networks will be reduced, safer areas will have been created to carry out test sampling and there will be greater accessibility to in-ground infrastructure.

Residents are advised that the work will require the use of heavy machinery and there will be burning of vegetation on-site which will create smoke.

Council appreciates the understanding of residents during this time.

The work that commenced mid-May, is expected to be completed by early June.

Share your feedback

Meander Valley Council
Natural Resource Management Strategy 2017-2021
Draft for Public Comment

This Strategy outlines the issues faced by natural landscape values such as biodiversity, water, productive soils as well as community stewardship. Responses that ensure environmental, economic and social benefits for future generations in Meander Valley is vital.

Have a say on how we move forward for positive outcomes

Copies of the Strategy are available from Council's Customer Service Centre, 26 Lyall Street, Westbury.

To view an online version and take a moment to share your feedback visit www.meander.tas.gov.au

Feedback submissions close 19 June, 2017.



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Wednesday 5 July - Deloraine Cenotaph

Flag-raising and Smoking Ceremony, dance, music and cultural refreshments from 10.45am. **All welcome!**

Dog Ownership & my responsibilities



Do I have to clean up after my dog?

Yes. Dog faeces cause environmental harm when washed into our waterways. They also may harbour E-Coli bacteria which can cause ongoing illness. Respect others by always cleaning up after your dog when in a public place. Use a scooper or plastic bag and place faeces in the nearest rubbish bin. Green bins with dog tidy bags are located throughout the municipality for your convenience. This does not apply to a guide dog that is accompanying a wholly or partially blind person.

Does my dog have to be on a lead in public areas?

Yes, however, off leash areas always require dogs to be under effective control.

Off leash areas

There are four off leash areas in the Meander Valley municipal area for the exercising of dogs:

- Deloraine - Alveston Drive (near the Community Complex)
- Westbury Town Common
- Hadspen - on the riverbank near Lions Park
- Blackstone Heights - Pitcher Parade

July | School Holiday Programs

Thursday 13 July Deloraine Community Garden • Family Day

Tuesday 18 July Ropes Course • Hollybank Treetop Adventures

Thursday 20 July 3 on 3 Slamboree and Barbecue

Friday 21 July The Eleventh Hour Lockout Slamboree

Saturday 22 July Robotics Workshop • Launceston

For information or registrations visit Council's website or call Vicki Jordan 0400 155 690

All welcome at Council Community Forum

From 2017, Council will be holding quarterly forums in different townships to discuss local achievements and issues with residents.

The next Community Forum will be held on Tuesday 27 June from 7pm - 8.30pm at the Hadspen Memorial Centre, 1 Clare Street, Hadspen.

These gatherings are intended to be an informal sharing of information to raise awareness and to generate practical outcomes. A mix of Councillors and Council officers will be in attendance.

Refreshments will be provided, please come along and share your thoughts.



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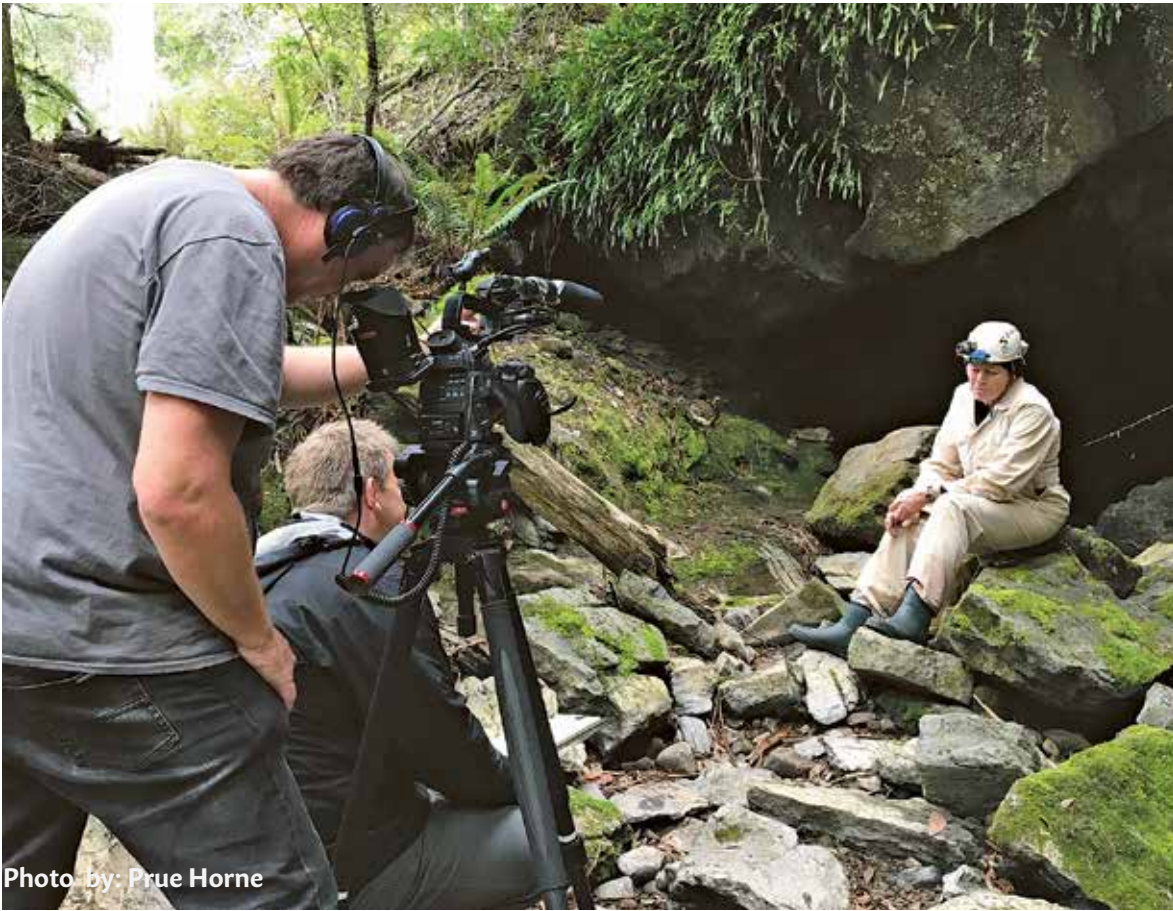


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David Pyefinch and Stuart Loone film speleologist Deb Hunter at the Mole Creek caves.

Tales of Tassie Tigers and saveloy teas

By Sharon Webb

EIGHT MOLE CREEK residents star in four short films about their town to be ready for viewing in August this year.

Dallas Howe, Deb Hunter, Greg Murray, Joe Parsons, Kelvin Howe, Bernie Howe, Peter Sykes and Roy Evans were interviewed for the films to share their expert knowledge of their town.

Resident Susan McLeod said each three-minute film captures an aspect of the area.

"Six of us from around the State did the Tasmanian Leaders program in 2016, resulting in this community-based project," she said.

"We wanted to capture the identity of a small Tasmanian town – the stories, memories and characters."

The Tas Leaders group also included Tasmanian film-maker David Pyefinch and former Federal Group HR manager Prue Horne.

Ms Horne said the four themes also include

the Tasmanian Tiger and Mole Creek's natural environment and strong sense of community.

"A number of people say they've seen tigers so we had to include that," she said.

"We also wanted to portray the sense of community in Mole Creek: that life has changed since the days of active sport, tea dances and saveloy teas but the community is still strong and close-knit."

The films are based on eight interviews with locals. Ms McLeod, an environmental scientist who has lived in Mole Creek for five years with her husband Justin, put out the word to find people interested in being involved.

"The films done so far are fantastic," she said.

"My favorite is the one about Alum Cliffs because it links the local indigenous people's history and culture with the beautiful environment.

"For that we interviewed Greg Murray, whose ances-

tors lived in the Central Plateau/Western Tiers area. He grew up in Deloraine and still spends a lot of time here."

Ms Horne said the use of the films is up to the Mole Creek community. "They'll be screened at the Mole Creek Community Centre and then distributed online with the intention that locals and tourists will share the clips."

The Tas Leaders film-making team included Chris Griffin, CEO Tourism Northern Tasmania; Theresa Hay, program manager Submarine S&T Capability, Defence Dept; David Pyefinch, director Madfinch Media Production Company; Stuart Loone, general manager Spring Bay Mill; Susan McLeod, senior environmental consultant GHD; and Prue Horne, former HR manager Federal Group.

Friends, fire and lanterns

FREE LANTERN making workshops will again be held in preparation for the WinterGlow Lantern Walk 2017 as part of WinterFire.

If you are a community group, a bunch of friends, or a team of two or more people that are up for some fun and a challenge then join the group to make beautiful lanterns.

Then walk with them and lots of others at WinterFire 2017 to be held at Deloraine Showgrounds on 15th July.

Using bamboo, glue, and paper you can create a lantern at the free workshops which will be held at Deloraine Showgrounds on:

25th June - 12.00 to 3.00pm.
2nd July - 12.00 to 3.00pm.
9th July - 12.00 to 3.00pm
(Note: this is a finishing workshop only).

You do not need to attend all the workshops, just one of the first two and then the finishing workshop if your lantern is not quite complete.

Michael revives old time timber skills.

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It only weighs 50 kg so it can be put on a roof-rack and handled by one person. I've had it floating down the Meander several times."

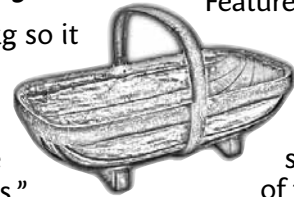
Woolmers Estate, Sheffield's Steamfest, Entally House and the Tasmanian Craft Fair are all venues where

Michael's craft can be seen in live displays of traditional woodworking. He will be the

Featured Artisan in the

Garden Section at Deloraine's 2017 Craft Fair, demonstrating steam bending of timber.

Michael can be contacted at 0487 397 362 or via www.tasmaniansculptural-furniture.com.



Best seat in the house

By Wendy Laing

IN MAY, THE Deloraine and Districts Folk Museum officially launched the first public exhibition of Jimmy Possum chairs in more than 40 years.

Mr Roger Nutting, who is not only a volunteer at the Museum but who received the 2016 Tourism Northern Tasmania First Class Volunteer award, thanked everyone for coming along to the launch and especially the people who had donated their chairs for the exhibition. He also thanked the volunteers at the Great Western Tiers Information Centre and the Meander Valley Council for their work in helping to make the Jimmy

Possum room become a reality. It will be a permanent display at the Museum, he said, for not only Jimmy Possum chairs but also other forms of Tasmanian chairs made during the 1800's.

He went on to say that although little is known about Jimmy Possum's personal history, we can be proud of the fact that these amazing chairs were produced in Deloraine.

More information about these unique chairs can be found in a brochure called 'Jimmy Possum Chairmaker' by Allan Lane, which you can purchase at the information desk of the Deloraine Museum and Visitors Centre.



Bev and Bob Male of Melbourne try out a Jimmy Possum Chair.

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Beryl Stevenson, formally of Carrick, keeps her equine skills current by tending to a friend's herd of miniature donkeys

Many a tale to tell of Carrick's history

By Lorraine Clarke

ANZAC DAY 2017 was an auspicious one for Beryl Stevenson. It was when she left her farm in Carrick and marked 53 years 1 day since she and her husband Noel moved there. "On the day we moved here, I kept *The Examiner* from 24th April 1964, and I gave it to the new owners," she said.

Beryl and Noel bought a bare paddock of 15 acres and built their home on it. Later, they acquired an adjoining 30 acres and raised Hereford

cattle, also Arabian horses.

Noel was a drover and worked at Killafaddy Saleyard. They shared a love of horse riding and Beryl rode side-saddle while Noel showed harness horses.

"We used to have a 1968 grey Fergie. I loved that little tractor. We built a cab on it and called it the Popemobile. I couldn't bear to see it end up irrigating a paddock, so I gave it to someone who takes it to rallies and looks after it."

Beryl, a talented artist, took up leatherwork. Her first commission was a saddlebag for

a friend, with a horse's head tooled on it. Her hobby soon turned into a business so successful that Noel had to leave work to assist her. She sold her work all over Australia and overseas.

Beryl was born on a vineyard in Mildura, Victoria 84 years ago. Her father later moved to Bracknell and worked in 'Town'. He purchased the old Entally Inn site and his building efforts uncovered various parts of the old structure, much to young Beryl's fascination. Despite humble protestations of

having nothing of interest to say, Beryl is a fount of information about the Carrick district.

"When we came here, Bishopsbourne Road was all gravel. Percy Street was a narrow gorse-lined track you could barely make your way through. There was an old Miss Campbell living in Toll

Cottage who was so afraid of the rats eating her that she used to put out tins of food for them everywhere."

She tells the tale of a young man, Jamie Cox, emigrating to the Colonies in the early 1800's. "Sailing down the Tamar River, he was informed that his uncle intended to kill him, so he jumped ship, only to realise he was alone in an inhospitable wilderness. He was rescued by Aboriginals, and lived with them for over 30 years.

Eventually he was taken in by a family called Cox, whose name he took. But really, he was the son of the Earl of Shenstone.

He spent the rest of his life across the river on The Moat. He wanted to be buried in Carrick, so he dug his own grave."

Beryl researched the history of the district, and in 1996 wrote and published the book "Water Under the Bridge – The Story of Carrick", a few months before her husband died.

Since then, she managed the farm alone, caring for livestock, fencing and spraying weeds, but also found time for plenty of overseas travel to China, Vietnam, Fiji, Vanuatu, New Guinea and other places.

Singapore is next on the list. "I was still riding until last year, but my mare had a bad fall and broke her knee."

She offered some words of wisdom for a long and productive life.

"Don't stop. Don't sit down and do nothing. I don't believe in sitting around. I've never done it a day in my life."

A cracking good Agfest

NUMBERS WERE up from last year at this year's Agfest, with a total of 62,787 attending over the three days.

Thursday's numbers were up 2,910, Fridays 2057 and Saturday a whopping 4502 more people attended than in 2016.

As usual, a variety of entertainment was on offer including William Thomson the current Australian Junior Whipcracking Champion.

William was representing the Tasmanian Whipmakers and Plaiters Association and uses whips made by Simon Martin of Devonport.

The crack a whip makes is produced when a section of the whip moves faster than



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William Thomson, Australian junior whipcracking champion.

the speed of sound, creating a small sonic boom. The tip of

the whip moves twice as fast as the loop of the whip.



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Cindy Watkins enjoying her new studio space at the new location.

Photo by Mike Moores

Smaller space, more creation

By Joanne Eisemann

AFTER 11 YEARS of growing to support 120 artists, one of Deloraine's popular art and craft retail outlets, Elemental Artspace has downsized and moved. The new location, 29 West Church St was formerly the home of The Black Hen and the Artists' Garret.

Proprietor Cindy Watkins says of the move, "Initially I moved the shop to the old Harris building so I could have a studio to work in and found that with managing the business I never had time to get into the studio. I probably hadn't been up there and produced work for about 4 or 5 months.

"The business had taken over my life completely and I worked 7 days a week for 11 years. Now it's time for me to do something a bit different.

"When it was smaller, I actually had time to make stuff. So it's getting that balance. It's really hard between having something you enjoy and something that is producing an income. It's quite

tricky and I think that a lot of small business owners have the same issues.

"In all, I've loved it. I've had an absolute ball in this business. It's been really rewarding and fulfilling. I certainly didn't make my fortune, which is fine, but it did let me home educate my kids. The business let me have a lifestyle that I wanted at the time."

Cindy has moved her haberdashery and fabric business to the new location plus a small selection of artists will have their works on show.

I've had an absolute ball in this business. It's been really rewarding and fulfilling.

"It's really hard because I would love to take them all, but it's such a smaller space and my fabric takes up a rather large area," shares Cindy.

Among the fabric stocked will be a range of Cindy's own design fabrics exclusive to Elemental Artspace

"It's quite popular, we sell

a lot of that. A lot of it is Tasmanian animals and things like that, so tourists like it, explains Cindy adding "We are sticking to the Tasmanian handmade thing as well, with the actual products that we sell. Eventually, I will do classes again, but it's going to be a little while."

Cindy is looking forward to having some more time to spend on her own textile work for which she is widely known, recently receiving a judge's commendation in the World Quilt Competition and second place in the Blessington Quilt Challenge

"The first prize, which I would have loved, was a trip for 2 to the Houston Texas Quilt show and a \$6,000 gift voucher to buy whatever one wanted. It was worth about \$15,000, but I got second and received a \$3,000 gift voucher to buy stuff from their company, which was awesome," comments Cindy.

Initially the hours for the new studio will be four days per week, Tuesday to Friday, and perhaps some weekends.

Frog friendly gardens

By Sharon Webb

'AGFESTERS' THIS year had one huge question on their minds: how do I make my garden frog-friendly?

According to Liffey native plant experts, Sally and Herbert Staubman from Habitat Plants nursery, the answer is about much more than water if you want to attract some of Tasmania's 11 species of frogs and froglets.

"You need dense vegetation around a small water body to create damp areas with logs, where frogs can hide to survive the heat of the day and feed on insects," Herbert said.

Herbert and Sally spent their nineteenth Agfest also telling home gardeners the secrets to attracting birds and butterflies to their gardens.

Farmers got a look-in too with questions about plants to create shelter belts and wind-breaks.

According to Herbert, many farmers are interested in riparian revegetation to improve creek and river frontages.

"We suggest using plants that naturally grow along Tasmanian waterways such as swamp and white gums,

paperbarks, bottlebrush, prickly box and tea tree," he said.

Sally and Herbert do all their nursery's propagating, often gathering location-specific seeds matching the provenance of plants they provide to properties.

They say Tasmanians' environmental awareness is still growing, hence gardeners' questions about frogs: fierce predators with huge appetites for garden bugs and insects.

And questions about birds. The Staubmans say planting huge native trees isn't always necessary because bottlebrush, hakeas and natural grasses can provide vegetation for ground foragers – robins, wrens and scrubwrens.

Habitat Plants at Agfest was an opportunity for people to see, feel and smell Tasmania's native plants. Sally said, "They're often surprised about the diversity and how many plants there are."

Websites for information on native plants for farms and gardens include: www.habitatplants.com.au; www.birdsaustralia.com; and www.parks.tas.gov.au.

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Update on reopened regional roads

MERSEY FOREST Road, which leads to the Walls of Jerusalem, has re-opened.

However, Parks & Wildlife are still working on the Fish River Bridge which restricts access by car to the normal car park. So a temporary car park and ford has been established for walkers to get to the Walls of Jerusalem National Park.

Though the Liffey Falls upper car park and walk remain closed until June, the lower camping area and lower track to the falls are open.

While Devils Gullet and Parsons Track remain shut until further notice, all walking tracks in and around Meander Conservation Area, including Meander Falls and Westmorland Falls, are accessible.

Access to the Higgs and Western Creek tracks on Westrope Road is still possible, and all roads to Cradle Mountain have reopened, including Oliver's Road Tourist Route (C138).

For queries or further updates please contact the Great Western Tiers Visitor Centre in Deloraine on (03) 6362 5280.

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L-R Judy Dalton, Lexie Young, Peter Roles, Gwen Turner, Elena Olah, then Tania, Pam and Allen Torphey

Cakes and cuppa for a good cause

IT WAS A NICE change of scenery this year at the Western Tiers Community Club for a 'Biggest Morning Tea' event held in Deloraine.

There were lots of familiar faces attending well as a few new ones, all enjoying a morning of delicious cakes, scrumptious slices and a good hot cuppa.

The Hospital Auxiliary did not disappoint with a delectable assortment of goodies for morning tea. Sally Dawkins co-ordinated the event this year together

with Deloraine House staff and volunteers. This fundraising event is important to so many people in our community, as many of them have battled cancer themselves or know of someone who has. "My husband and daughter both had cancer, so I like to support the Cancer Council," said Lexi Young, a resident of Deloraine. A total of \$1143.00 was raised this year and will go to the Cancer Council to aid in their cancer research and support programs.

Events Diary

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

Date and Time	Event	Details
Saturday 10th June 7.30pm sharp	Western Tiers Film Society - "Sing Street"	Little Theatre, 2 Meander Valley Rd. Deloraine westerntiersfilmsociety@gmail.com Ph: 0418 389 868
Monday 12th June 12.00pm - 2.00pm	Deloraine Writers Group meeting	Alternate venue due to Public Holiday - Please contact Wendy Laing on 0499 993 850 for details
Wednesday 14th June 1.00pm - 3.00pm	Rowdy Ruggers - Hook Rug Group	Deloraine House, 112 Emu Bay Rd, Deloraine \$2.00 donation Child friendly Men & Women welcome
Saturday 17th June 9.00am - 1.00pm	Mole Creek Market	Mole Creek Memorial Hall, Caveside Rd, Mole Creek. Ph: Ross Quick 0413 681 252 Welcome Jaguar Car Club
Saturday 17th June 8.00am - 1.00pm	Westbury Market	Anglican Hall, 11 Lonsdale Prom. Westbury Ph: 0417 931 619 for details
Tuesday 20th June 2.00pm - 3.00pm	Getting Smart with Smartphones	Deloraine Online Centre. Booking recommended, drop-ins welcome call Anne-Marie: 0417 120 671
Tuesday 20th June 10.00am - 12.00pm	Gumtree Workshop	Deloraine Online Centre 21 West Pde, Deloraine. Bookings essential Ph: 6362 3127
Wednesday 21st June 10.00am - 10.45am	Story Time - Singing Stories & Craft	Westbury Community Health Centre, 89 Meander Valley Road, Westbury - Call Anne-Marie 0417 120 671
Saturday 24th June 6.30pm	Deloraine Badminton 70th Anniversary Dinner	Rotary Pavilion, Alveston Drive, Deloraine. Bookings essential. Ph: Lynette 6362 2533 or Angela 0417 335 429
Saturday 24th June 10.30am - 11.30am	AusKick	Westbury Football Oval
Saturday 24th June 7.30pm sharp	Western Tiers Film Society - "Swiss Army Man"	Little Theatre, 2 Meander Valley Rd. Deloraine westerntiersfilmsociety@gmail.com Ph: 0418 389 868
Sunday 25th June 12.00pm to 3.00pm	Lantern Making Workshop	Make a lantern for the lantern parade at Winterfire Deloraine Showgrounds
Monday 26th June 10.00am - 12.00pm	Gumtree Workshop	Mole Creek Online Centre, 48 Pioneer Drv. Mole Creek. Bookings essential. Ph: 6363 2030
Saturday 1st July 9.00am - 1.00pm	Deloraine Showground Market	Deloraine Showgrounds, Highland Lakes Road, Deloraine Ph: 6369 5321 or 0409695321 for more information
Sunday 2nd July 12.00pm to 3.00pm	Lantern Making Workshop	Make a lantern for the lantern parade at Winterfire Deloraine Showgrounds
Wednesday 5th July 10.45am	NAIDOC Celebrations	Deloraine Cenotaph - afterwards a light lunch & refreshments at Deloraine House from approx. 1.00pm
Friday 7th July	Fire Drum Competition closes	
Sunday 9th July 12.00pm to 3.00pm	Lantern Making Workshop	A finishing workshop to complete your lantern Winterfire Deloraine Showgrounds
Wednesday 12th July 2.00pm	Meander Valley U3A "Coffee and Chat"	Empire Hotel, Emu Bay Rd Deloraine with Sandra Parker, nutritionist and herbalist
Saturday 15th July 4.30pm	Winterfire 2017	Deloraine Showgrounds. Night of fire, fun, food and entertainment
Saturday 15th July 10.30am - 11.30am	AusKick	Westbury Football Oval
Saturday 15th July 9.00am - 1.00pm	Mole Creek Market	Mole Creek Memorial Hall, Caveside Rd, Mole Creek. Ph: Ross Quick 0413 681 252
Saturday 15th July 9.00am - 2.00pm	Westbury Market	Anglican Church Hall, 11 Lonsdale Promenade Westbury Ph: 6393 1417
Tuesday 18th July 2.00pm - 3.00pm	Getting Smart with Smartphones	Deloraine Online Centre Booking recommended, drop-ins welcome. Call Anne-Marie: 0417 120 671
Every Monday 10.00am - 12.00 noon	Happy Hookers (to hook rugs etc)	British Hotel, Emu Bay Road, Deloraine Ph: Joanne Wild 6368 1373 \$2.00 (cuppa in front of cosy fire)
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 information
Every 3rd Wednesday of month 6.30pm	Game On - Social games night	Deloraine House, 112 Emu Bay Rd, Deloraine \$5.00 includes supper Ph: 6362 2678 to book
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Aspiring diplomats lead the way

THE ROTARY Club of Deloraine's 29th Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) at Deloraine Community Complex involved secondary students from across Tasmania.

In a hands-on, United Nation-style conference the event aimed to increase international understanding and goodwill.

Top prize of the Assembly 2017 went to Taroona High School's Paul Bobenhausen and Alex Battaglia's representation of Israel. They also earned the opportunity to participate at the National Model United Nations in Canberra in August.

Deloraine High School's Declan Kaerns and Andrew Carr's representation of Serbia came in as runner-up, while Oglivie High School's Jemima Methorst-Moore and Fraya Kay-Thompson's representation of Argentina clinched the Most Improved award.

Each nominated school set about investigating and discussing a set of resolutions from the point of view of the country it represented. Thus

was gained informed knowledge and understanding of the chosen country and many other regions of the world.

The 50 Grade 10 students representing twenty-five nations and thirteen schools were well researched and prepared on the resolutions; confidently providing some very good debates.

All of the students were



Andrew Carr and Declan Kaerns

encouraged to dress in National costume of the country they represented. Deloraine High School's duo, Andrew and Declan, additionally achieved the National Costume award.

MUNA, first introduced to Rotary at Lake Cargelligo in 1980, was passed on to the Forbes Rotary Club in 1984.

Since then it has spread throughout most districts of Australia, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea.

In 1989, Rotary World President placed MUNA on their World Youth Activities Committee Agenda. Similar sessions are now held in many countries, on the premise that it is through our youth that we can look forward to increased world peace and understanding.

The Deloraine Inner Wheel Club and Deloraine Primary School Parents Association topped off this year's event by providing the weekend's meals as the students enjoyed a social evening that included dancing on the Saturday night.

Beat the blues with midnight basketball

"LOOK, LISTEN, talk and seek," instructed RAW's Outreach Worker, John Clark, as he worked with young basketballers at the Midnight Basketball Lockout's half time break on 28th April at the Deloraine Sports Complex. Whilst being a social event, it also focused on depression, anxiety and suicide and how to recognise and help someone exhibiting symptoms.

The evening was Deloraine Junior Basketball Club's second partnership this year with Meander Valley Council and Health North. It provided 51 eleven to twenty year-olds with five hours of good fun, social interaction, lots of exercise and learning.

After a barbecue, teams of three to four played ball with generous variations to the rules. The dominant teams received handicap points, players and additional game rules to help level the playing field to ensure everyone's enjoyment.

Teams not on the court scored and umpired with

basketball club officials and parents.

The doors were locked when the roster began and there was no pass out until midnight. Yet still they wanted more games and have asked Council to organise more collaborative events this year. Clearly, fun sport events are a great way to pass on life learning tips to youths.

Next up, an Eleventh Hour Basketball Lockout for 6th graders to 20 year-olds will be on 21st July, with a 6.00 pm barbecue followed by a 3 on 3 Slamboree till 11.00 pm.

A 3 on 3 half court Slamboree and basketball skills session will be held on 20th July from 10.00 am to 4.30 pm for primary school students.

Watch school newsletters, Deloraine Junior Basketball Club Facebook page and Council Community News for more information closer to the dates. To register for these events call Deloraine Junior Basketball Club's Ruth Saltmarsh on 0417 158 009 or Meander Valley Council's Vicki Jordan on 0400 155 690.

SPORT

By David Claridge

A WET and muddy Saturday in May saw a win for the Deloraine Reserves and wins for the Scottsdale U/18's and Seniors.

Scottsdale Division One Seniors finished on 89 to beat Deloraine 23. In the Division One Reserves, Deloraine won with 28 to Scottsdale's 23 in what was a low scoring affair. The U/18's match was much the same, with Scottsdale coming out on top.

Shaun Donohue, President of the Deloraine Football Club, remarked how both the U/18's and the Reserves games were a low scoring, close affair.

"But after a good start in the Seniors, we unfortunately went down by ten goals," Mr Donohue said.

"The weather conditions suited Scottsdale a bit better than our boys. We're a young side with smaller bodies against a bigger-bodied team. The seniors were too strong against us in the end.

"It was very wet and muddy all day. The rain didn't let up at all.

"We've always had good games against Scottsdale. It's pretty much this year that they have a lot more experienced team than us. Our team are young but will get better the more senior games they play. We expected a few losses throughout the Year and our Boys will keep working hard to improve. We had five under 18's playing Seniors that day but due to the conditions it didn't really suit the youngsters".

"The U/18's and Reserves are going along pretty well, they are in the top five at the moment. Our senior team is in a rebuilding phase at the moment with a lot of young

players. I just want all of our supporters and sponsors to know to stick with us as I am sure they will be a force to be reckoned with in the next few years."

Josh Cameron, Jordan Loone, Matthew Griffin and Ben McLennan were amongst the best for the Seniors game.

Peter Fish, Secretary of the Scottsdale football club explained how in the Seniors, Deloraine kicked the first couple of goals in the first quarter but after that it was pretty much one way traffic.

"The reserves was a pretty close game, there wasn't much in it. Scottsdale copped a couple of injuries which left us a man or two short but we did well and deserved to win the match," Mr Fish said.

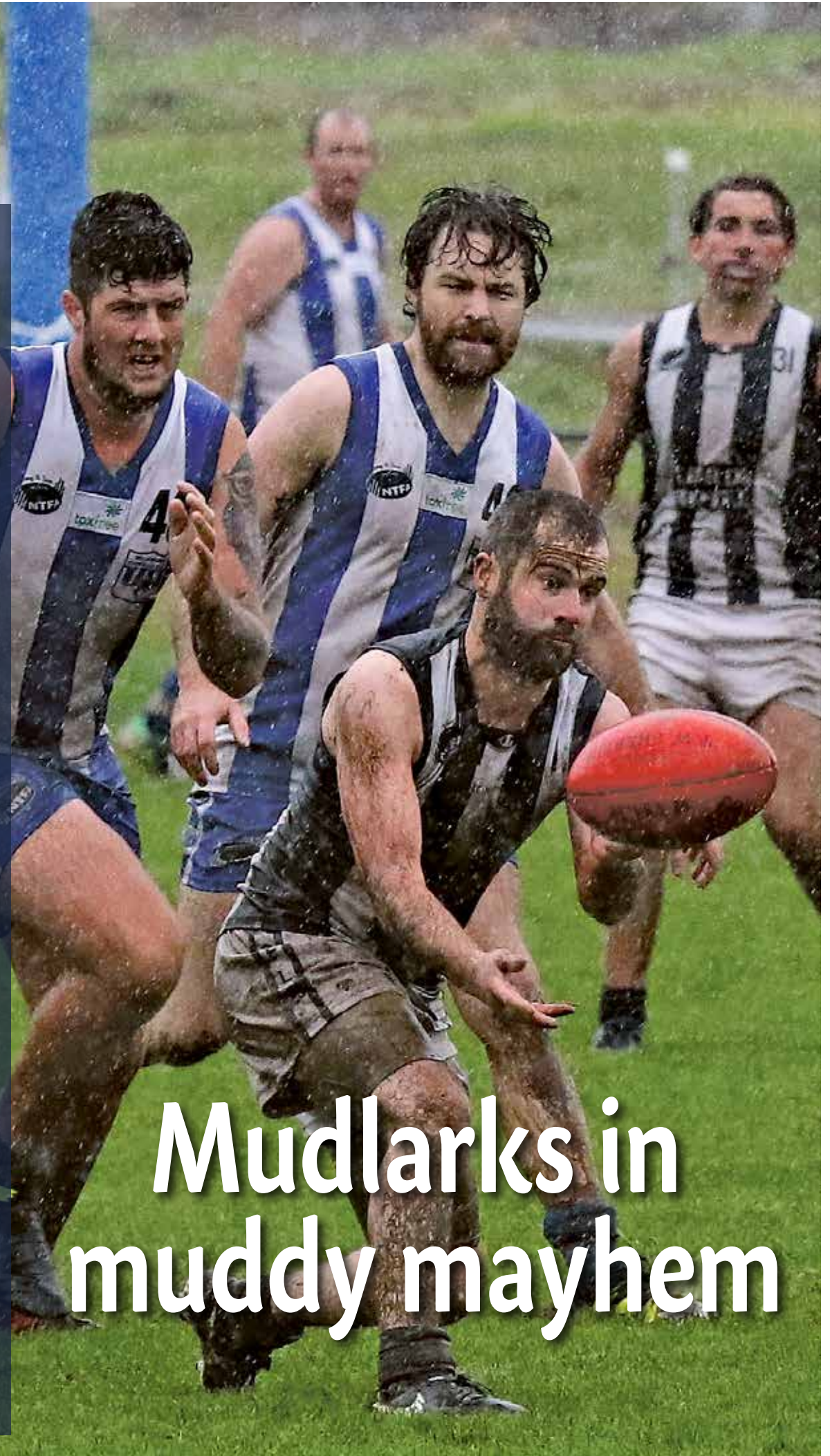
"The weather was terrible driving rain. It wasn't heavy enough to cause any flooding but it was just cold and wet all day.

"We enjoy coming down and playing teams like Deloraine. The club always looks after our players after the game.

Deloraine Football Club President, Shaun Donohue, was recently awarded a Sport and Recreation award for his long contribution to various sports.

"It was very surprising. Four weeks before the presentation I learned I was a finalist, it was down in Hobart. It was overwhelming to win it amongst all of the other amazing volunteers in the state.

"I've been involved in sport for a long time with junior footy into senior footy, as well as junior and senior basketball, helping to initiate a few things for the footy club from Beyond Blue to having days to raise money and awareness for cancer."



Mudlarks in muddy mayhem

A hotly contested Reserves game between Deloraine and Scottsdale saw Deloraine come out on top on a day where it was raining so hard one couldn't see from one end of the field to the other.

Photo by: Mike Moores

50 years of thrills at Carrick

CARRICK SPEEDWAY turns 50 this 2017/18's racing season.

The dream began with Dave Powell and Lex Sturnberg which led to track construction in 1967 and was crystallised during the first fortnightly race meeting for four divisions of stock cars on a Saturday afternoon in September 1968.

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Members have witnessed an endless list of other changes over the past five decades. From racing confined to the day by the absence of night lights, to the former wooden

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