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## May I have this dance?

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Sarah Sonata and Megan Brinsmead try out costumes for the upcoming Steampunk Fairytale themed Masque Ball, to be held in Deloraine on 29th July 2017.

## Councillors debate rates increase

By Sharon Webb

MEANDER VALLEY Council rates will increase by 2.8 per cent in 2017-2018, but irritated ratepayers should be aware it could have been more.

After vigorous debate at the June meeting, councillors decided to increase rates according to the Consumer Confidence Index (CCI).

That means council rates and fees will jump

by only a small amount - including development fees, building and plumbing permits, tip fees, hall and recreation facility hire rates and even cemetery fees.

Cllr Bob Richardson put a motion for a four per cent rates increase, closely followed by a motion by Deputy Mayor Michael Kelly for a 3.5 per cent increase.

Neither was successful in the end but both

councillors argued good reasons for their stance.

One of the main reasons for not increasing rates was that farmers had suffered during the 2016 floods and needed to regroup without extra costs imposed by Council.

For Cllr Kelly the floods issue was a good reason to increase rates; much of Council's substantial surplus had been used in dealing

with flood outcomes, a payout of \$1.2m.

"We need to replace those savings for a future rainy day," he argued.

"An increase of 3.5 per cent is not gouging; government and utility costs are going up rapidly, much more than that.

"The community expects us to do more with less money. When it comes to the difference between rates in Launceston and Meander Valley there is a gap - we're already playing catch-up."

Cllr Richardson's argument for a rate increase was also forward-looking: "Meander Valley is in the fortunate position of growing still, unlike councils such as Launceston.

"Hadspen, Prospect Vale and Westbury are growing - how can we cater for that growth? We need to introduce a policy to develop facilities and services across the municipality with equity.

"The 2017-18 budget fails to address this and I won't support it."

But Cllr Rodney Synfield commented that the average income across Meander Valley was only \$34,000.

"We need to take care with the way we form our rates," he said.

Cllr White also supported deferring a large rates increase but commented that ratepayers' expectations were high.

"It's our job to balance that," she said. "But if we think we're going to keep up with customer expectations, it's an illusion."



# In My Opinion...

By Joanne Eisemann  
Managing Editor

MY DAUGHTER was fortunate to attend the *Van Gogh and the Seasons* exhibition at the National Gallery of Victoria when she was in Melbourne recently.

Afterwards, she posted on Instagram a photo she took of *Wheatfield with Cypresses* painted in 1889 which, after all these years, is still a very beautiful painting. She captioned the picture with this Van Gogh quote, "It requires a certain dose of inspiration, a ray from up high which doesn't belong to us, to do beautiful things."

Some people think that the realm of creativity belongs to artists, writers and musicians and that if one is

not involved with one of those creative pursuits then they are not creative.

I'm not sure this is true. I think we are all creating every day, whether it be a lovely family meal, a smooth running business or even a big mess; it is still a creation.

In fact, I think that everything we do is a creation of sorts.

I notice in my own life that when I act from inspiration it turns out as Van Gogh says, beautifully.

I can't help but wonder what would happen if we all focussed more on acting from inspiration? Could it be that things like war, famine, homelessness and poverty might just disappear?

tion space and much more.

If any of your readers have some other ideas for a bigger library, please put them in the public forum.

James Urquhart

THIRTY TASMANIAN towns with drinking water problems sounds scary until the total number of affected properties is considered, under two thousand out of 200,000 state-wide, most in areas that have never had acceptable water by today's standards.

Also omitted by critics of TasWater are that these issues will all be fixed by late next year with almost \$20 million being spent supplying quality water to five North East Tasmanian towns

# Public transport review

DO YOU use public buses in Meander Valley, do you have any ideas as to how the services could be improved?

The Tasmanian Government is reviewing public bus services across Tasmania and is asking for feedback on what is working and if anything can be improved.

Local services include Mole Creek to Chudleigh

and Deloraine to Launceston. Do the routes need to be changed? Do they need evening or weekend services?

Or, if you are happy the way things are, they are interested in hearing that too.

You can find out more information or have your say at [www.transport.tas.gov.au/project2018](http://www.transport.tas.gov.au/project2018) or phone 6166 4473.



The much-awaited Liena bridge replacement is gradually nearing completion. Pictured above, workmen prepare to put the final sections in place. Photo by: Todd Wilson

by the end of 2017.

That cost of over \$20,000 per property served is equivalent to roughly 60 years of their future water service charges.

The Tasmanian Government's confected crisis to compulsorily acquire TasWater with the promise of slightly cheaper water charges and a dubious claim of fixing problems faster will end up with TasWater owing \$3,000 more debt per property and ultimately Council rates increasing because their dividends from TasWater will be frozen and eventually cut.

It's particularly galling that Dorset Council amongst few others supports this takeover of TasWater while forgetting the massive cross-subsidy from water users state-wide to their towns which they've never supplied with adequate drinking water.

TasWater is on the right track to resolve water and sewerage problems across the state while keeping charges as low as possible. Good work takes time after decades of neglect, but it's not going to happen overnight.

Andrew Connor  
Meander Valley Councillor

I HAVE had only a short stay in Deloraine whilst house sitting but have enjoyed it thoroughly. I created this little poem to show my appreciation of the residents, the beauty of the town and great community spirit.

I have enjoyed reading the *Meander Valley Gazette* and how many articles there are about what is happening in the community.

*Oh Deloraine how I will miss...  
Looking for the little statues  
that adorn your main  
town street.  
Strolling along the beautiful  
Meander River Walk  
and looking for the elusive  
platypus.  
Losing count of the number of  
ducks I spot along the way.  
Hearing at dusk the happy  
sounds of tweeting birds  
perched in rows above  
on power lines.  
Seeing the puffs of chimney  
smoke as the evening mist  
starts to creep in.*

*Oh Deloraine how I will miss...  
Your backdrop of rolling hills  
and mountain peaks  
of the Great Western Tiers,  
change in colour and light  
as the day draws on.  
Spotting goats, sheep,  
chickens and assorted farm  
animals among the suburban  
streets.  
Hearing the loud toot of  
the train as it passes through  
the late afternoon  
and again at midnight.  
Laughing at the distant sounds  
of an icecream van when I'm  
so rugged up tight.*

*Oh Deloraine how I will miss...  
Trying out your yummy  
caramel slices, biscuits and  
chocolate fudge from the  
many cafes and bakeries.  
Passing by your historical  
buildings, the tiny  
cottage homes, the quirky mail  
boxes that make up  
your streets.  
All your creativity & flair, the  
many chats to local crafters  
and artisans.  
The friendly smiles, waves  
and big hellos from everyone.  
But most of all I will miss  
Yoshi and Bella the wonderful  
pets I got to know  
on my Deloraine house sit.*

Belinda Beeck

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# Letters In...

DELORAINES IS a beautiful town with lots of things to recommend it. Unfortunately, the Town Library is not one of them.

While the staff are friendly and helpful, they along with the patrons are hampered by the extreme lack of space.

Westbury with half the population of Deloraine have a much bigger space and Devonport are getting a new purpose-built Library.

A bigger Library space would be a huge asset to the town and would encourage much greater participation of reading and literary activities among the citizens with opportunities for things like live poetry reading, book clubs, exhibi-

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# A REAL COOL READ



Anne Heazlewood of Pearn's Steam World browses books from the new street Library housed in a 1950's fridge at Westbury.

Photo by: Mike Moores

By Marguerite McNeill

IMAGINE A fridge full of books that are there for you to borrow for as long as you like and don't even have to take back!

You can do just that at the new Street Library located at the gate of Pearn's Steam World in Westbury.

And best of all, without a due date stamp the library also incurs no fines.

Many of us remember fondly the days when the date on the library stamp was just a reminder and late returns were just an embarrassing hiccup.

No one fussed too much, it was just how it was - until

the dreaded fine system took hold.

Nowadays, whatever your walk in life, time seems to go much faster and in my book that due date library stamp wins the race every time.

But it all slows down at Westbury where, at the Street Library, you can browse and borrow for free.

The library welcomes donations of once-loved books that can go into the selection of titles for others to share.

The project was initiated by Steam World secretary Anne Heazlewood who saw a similar free library when travelling in England a few years ago.

"I saw one in a Lincolnshire village," she said. "I thought it

would be great for Westbury."

"A lot of people who like to read have too many books and need to de-clutter their homes." This way they can pass on treasured books for others to enjoy."

Mrs Heazlewood said that the 1950's fridge/freezer once belonged to her grandmother Eliza Pearn and had been a new acquisition when power came to Station Lane in Hagley.

The fridge is now filled with books bearing a Steam World stamp and sorted into categories that include fiction and non-fiction, children's and adults. Some magazines are also on hand.

A couple of wheelbarrows

cater for the overflow.

Readers are also supplied with promotional bookmarks with contact details for Steam World, including the surprise announcement of free WIFI on site. Laughing at the typo Mrs Heazlewood said that free WIFI was definitely available. A free wife might even be found she added, as the library was a good draw card for women abandoned by husbands who were keen to check out the Steam World machinery.

Delighted by the positive response to the library Mrs Heazlewood hopes that it will encourage other communities to consider a similar venture. "I hate waste," she said.

"The books keep coming and going. There's no excuse for kids not reading."

"The books are here for everyone to read and return or to keep. I hope some end up in Darwin."

## Projects funded

MEANDER VALLEY communities will benefit from grants totalling \$80,000 for two projects from the State Government Community Infrastructure fund.

Parkham will gain a new unisex toilet block worth \$50,000 and \$30,000 has been contributed towards the Deloraine Recreation Precinct Feasibility Study.

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## What Meander Valley Councillors think about the proposal by local sports groups for an expanded recreation precinct in Deloraine.



**Cllr Deb White:** I applaud the group for their drive and initiative; clearly they think it would be good for Deloraine and district. The problem is that apart from the money it costs to set up the precinct, it will have a significant ongoing impact on the Council's budget. We need to consider the burden on ratepayers.

community who see the need for updated facilities, consolidated in one area for the benefit of all users. I hope that the community can work with Council as well as State and Federal governments to build this precinct over the coming years.



**Cllr Michael Kelly:** I am not in a position to comment.



**Cllr Andrew Connor:** The proposal for an expanded recreation precinct in Deloraine is a sensible one, particularly because it's being driven by the



**Cllr Rodney Synfield:** We're doing a study to find out what the recreation needs are and the best way to meet those needs in the Deloraine

district. It's appropriate to see where that is going so I'm not sure there's a lot I can say.



**Cllr Bob Richardson:** I'll wait until it comes up before Council.



**Cllr Tanya King:** The Deloraine Recreation Precinct Feasibility Study is an important project for both Council and the Community.

Councils have to be smart and informed when it comes to committing to infrastructure expenditure that has to meet the needs of

the community for the next few decades and beyond.

Unfortunately, Council is not a bottomless pit of money and we have funding demands across the whole municipality.

I am confident the study will inform us and then Council and the community can make an informed decision.



**Cllr John Temple:** I support the concept of an expanded recreation precinct in Deloraine, however at this time Council is waiting on a report from an external consultant on the project. There will be a number of issues to consider; particularly, expected levels of usage, the broadness of the catchment area of participants, equity in infrastructure / facilities for all residents and ratepayers throughout the municipality, sources of funding for construction and the same for ongoing maintenance.

Related to this, I have heard the state government is funding a new swimming pool for Oatlands. I hope this means they will provide the same for all regional towns with a population equal to or greater than that of Oatlands.




**Cllr Ian Mackenzie:** We have asked for a report from the consultants looking at all facilities. I'm looking forward to hearing recommendations on whether we should spend money on flood mitigation and/or improvement of current facilities or whether we should do something completely different.



**Mayor Craig Perkins:** Councils have to be smart and informed when it comes to committing to infrastructure expenditure that has to meet the needs of the community for the next few decades and beyond. Unfortunately Council is not a bottomless pit of money and we have funding demands across all of our municipality. What should the outcome look like? Well, I am confident the Deloraine Recreation Precinct Feasibility Study will inform us and then an informed decision can be made.


(Ed: Also see Story on Page 7...)



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## Westbury fires Open Day

By David Claridge

ARE YOU 18 or over, live in Westbury and would like to try something different, something that will teach you helpful skills and be a valuable way of giving back to the community?

Westbury Fire Brigade are looking for new members and will be holding an Open Day on 23rd July.

Brigade Chief Rodney Brewer has expressed that his brigade is a bit low on numbers and is hoping to recruit half a dozen or more soon.

"It's open to anyone, but it is a benefit if they are available during the day," he said.

"It's up to them how far they want to go in the fire service but we need a commitment to attend when possible.

Westbury brigade responds to structural fires, vegetation and bush fires, road accident rescue, alarms at protected premises and assists

Ambulance Tasmania with selected medical emergencies.

Successful applicants will have to undergo a 'brigade basics' course and get through a probation period before they will be able to attend any incidents.

**Westbury Fire Brigade  
are looking for new  
members and will  
be holding an open  
day on 23rd July**

After that, further training and courses will help develop them into skilled firefighters who can handle a wide range of situations.

Westbury Brigade trains the 2nd and 4th Monday each month.

The open day will have demonstrations and public involvement plus a sausage sizzle.

People interested in joining the brigade can contact Brigade Chief Rodney Brewer on 0418 131 143.





Gayle Plunkett and Laura Window of the MV Business Association celebrate the installation of the new signs on Bass Highway near Deloraine. Photo by: Mike Moores

# Visit the scenery behind the signs

THE MEANDER Valley Business Association, in consultation with community and businesses, have been working for the last two years to replace two off-ramp highway signs at the northern and western entries into Deloraine.

On Thursday 22nd June, the new signs were finally installed. Drivers are now greeted by a quirky bunch of colourful native animals encouraging them to leave the highway and visit the beautiful town of Deloraine.

The unique signs are prints

of original watercolours painted by Lucinda Hunnam and were designed to grab attention and to promote Deloraine as a friendly town.

Tourism Northern Tasmania's brand values of "boutique, eclectic and playful" were kept in mind

during the design process together with Tourism Tasmania's marketing campaign of "Go Behind the Scenery", which encourages promotions in a fresh and unique way.

It is hoped that the signs will become attractions,

with the sign to the west providing plenty of car parking space for photo opportunities.

It has taken many volunteer hours to complete the project and the former Business Association would like to thank Meander Valley Council, Rotary Deloraine and the Great Western Tiers Tourism Association for funding support.

## Archaic sewerage update?

By Sharon Webb

MEANDER VALLEY Council has unanimously voted to work with TasWater to develop a cost estimate for a Bracknell sewerage scheme and to fund the estimate from its 2017-18 operating budget.

Cllr Bob Richardson said the reason for Council's existence was the health, well-being and safety of the community – and Bracknell had a real health problem not being recognised by TasWater.

"In Bracknell the problem lies in the sub-soil and therefore the sewerage system is

not doing its job," he said.

"The health risk translates downstream from Bracknell via the Liffey River into the Meander River, the South Esk and into Lake Trevalyn – which is Launceston's water supply.

"I believe the only way we'll get this important problem addressed is if we take the initiative. We shouldn't have to fund it ourselves but I'm sorry, I think we must."

Cllr Deb White supported Cllr Richardson: "I believe Bracknell has a lot of catching up to do; the current situation is archaic and untenable

and we must do it."

Cllr Andrew commented that "sewage running down the street" was not acceptable: "We have to put our money where our mouth is."

While Cllr Synfield acknowledged the problem needed to be fixed he said it was a TasWater issue, and Cllr Michael Kelly noted: "Bracknell is being left in the dark – we should bite the bullet and take the bull by the horns."

Mayor Craig Perkins said TasWater had indicated a willingness to work with Meander Valley Council: "But they can't put it into their priority list until they understand the scope of the problem."

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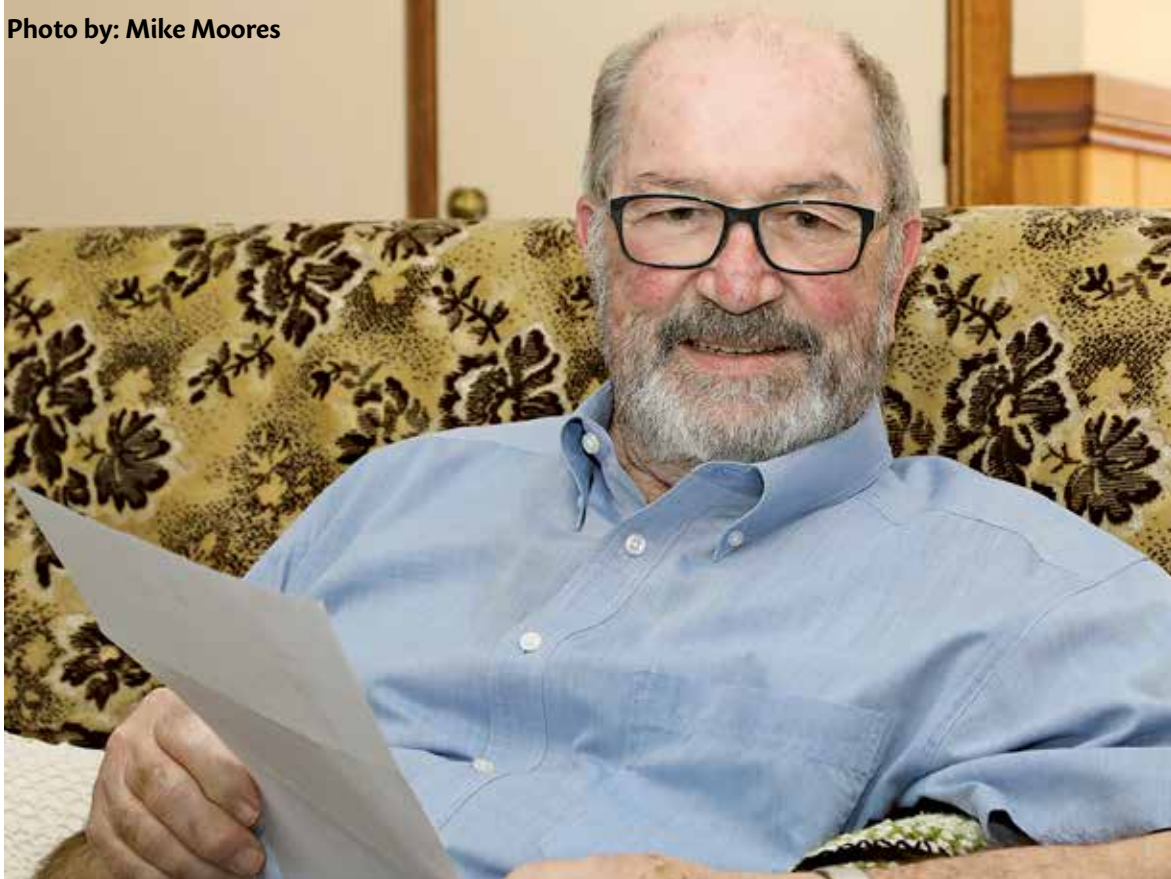
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Gary Carr of Prospect Vale reads his letter from the Governor.

## Queen's honours go to Gary

By David Claridge

DIAGNOSED WITH sleep apnea in the early 1990's when it was barely understood as a sleep disorder, Gary Carr focussed on raising awareness not only in Tasmania but nationwide.

As part of the Queen's Birthday Weekend, Gary received a Medal of the Order of Australia for his many services in health, volunteering and sports.

"I still can't believe it, it's unbelievable," he explained.

"I knew I was in the mix, but nothing can be assured until you see your name up in lights."

Mr Carr as a pioneer helped create Sleep Disorders Australia in 1992, being the first

and only Tasmanian President to date, who championed the cause to raise awareness.

Among many volunteering achievements, Gary fondly remembers volunteering in Sydney in 2000 at the athlete's village at the Olympic and Paralympic games, organising transport for teams.

Also involved in AFL Tasmania and the Northern Tasmanian Football League, Mr Carr remembered how one of the most satisfying areas of his journey was in 1979.

"I led a team of dedicated basketball people and got some sponsorship and formed the Launceston Casino City Basketball Team. It was the first Tasmanian team in the national league."

"The Australian Basketball

Federation invited the team to tour New Zealand after a college team from the USA could not make the trip.

Eight games were played in New Zealand including three Test matches against their National Team. The team won two of the Test matches and the only loss was the middle game against New Zealand, played in Dunedin on a freezing winter's night."

It was the first time the team had played together he explained. "In 1981, we became the only Tasmanian team to win a national basketball league title.

The 78-year-old is currently working on a project that is aimed at inattentiveness, fatigue and sleepiness in drivers on the road. "It is those three problems that are causing one third of all major accidents and deaths in this state," Gary said.

## Telling stories with pictures

MEANDER VALLEY Gazette's photographer, Mike Moores, is a happy chappy ever since the Gazette was able to purchase a new camera.

The new camera will "enable us to achieve higher resolution images that, in turn, will assist in getting better reproductions into the paper which can be tricky at times," says Mike.

Up till now Mike has been using his own camera to take the paper's pictures, with no backup camera in case of breakdown.

A significant portion of the purchase was covered by a Community Grant from Meander Valley Council.

To celebrate, Mike will offer a three session *Introduction to Photojournalism* course

at the Deloraine Online Access Centre.

The course will cover "a history of photojournalism, examples of great photojournalists, how an image can change attitudes, how to tell a story in a series of pictures or a single shot, as well as practical assignments to hone photo taking skills," explains Mike.

This is a great opportunity to learn from an award-winning photographer.

Each session will be three hours in duration on consecutive Friday mornings 9.00am – 12 midday starting on 28th of July, then the 4th and 11th of August.

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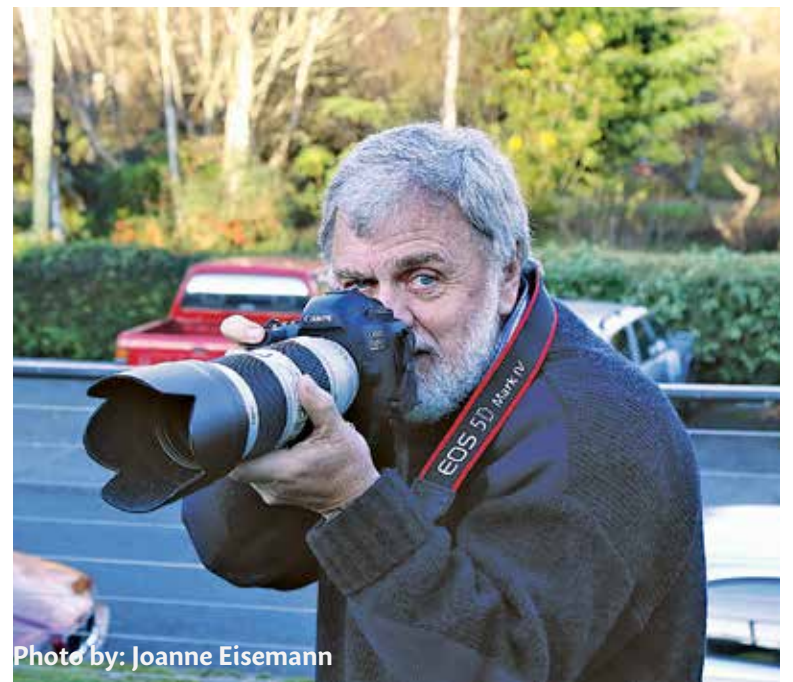


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Mike Moores gets ready to take a picture with the new camera.

### IN THE GARDEN WITH NELL CARR

COLOURS OF most winter flowering plants tend to be muted. One exception is the Pineapple Sage, *Salvia splendens*. This is noticeable because of its bright red flowers, just now proving an attraction for the tiny Eastern Spinebill, and its delicious smell of pineapple.

It does tend to be invasive, so should be planted in a bed surrounded by pathway or lawn. The cold loving *Hellebores* began to flower in June; first the unusual green flowered Stinking Hellebore *H. foetidus*, followed by *H. orientalis* in varying shades.

*H. 'Mrs Betty Ranicar'* is the beautiful pure white double developed by John Dudley formerly of Elizabeth Town Hellebores, and named for the renowned gardener of that name whose beautiful garden at Red Hills was a

Mecca for plant lovers. John developed many beautiful cultivars in shades of pink and red from the original.

Pictured here is *Helleborus foetidus* which can be found in the garden at the Great Western Tiers Visitor Centre, along with many other plants of the species.

**Dry Winter:** Rainfall for the month of June was, by the final week, a mere 8.6mm, which is in stark contrast to the total of 222mm for the same month in 2016.

This lack of rainfall presents a good opportunity to lift and divide perennials that have grown clumpy and weak, and to work over and weed the vegetable beds.

A sprinkling of lime may be added except in those beds where acid-lovers such as tomatoes and potatoes are to be planted.



Helleborus foetidus at the Great Western Tiers Visitor Centre.

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John Hepper, Cory Youd and Maree Matanle explore the possibilities for recreation development.

## Recreation centre re-think is ongoing

(Councillors comments on Page 4)

By Sharon Webb

CONSULTANTS LOOKING at the future of recreation facilities in Deloraine and district have spoken to around 30 local recreation groups to gain insight into the area's future needs.

The study was prompted by a joint sports body lobbying Meander Valley Council to establish an enlarged sports precinct at the Deloraine Community Complex on Alveston Drive.

But two public information-gathering sessions in early June were poorly attended, with an evening meeting attracting around 15 people and only three turning up to a daytime Complex walkabout.

Discussion at the evening meeting, aimed at giving non-sports club members of the general public the opportunity to voice their opinions, was vigorous, with John Hepper from Inspiring Place consultancy emphasising that current recreation facilities

were catering for a much larger group than just Deloraine residents.

On funding issues he commented, "Some sports clubs are drawing members from as far afield as Latrobe and Launceston. This is important because at the end of the day there could be very high costs involved in activating this precinct.

"The days of governments paying for white elephant and one-off facilities are long gone – they want to see shared facilities.

"It's important to break up any plan into manageable chunks that can be pitched to government for funding."

According to Mr Hepper organised sport is not the only consideration. Other important trends include:

- Walking and biking trails, which are high on community agendas because people don't want to use established roads;
- Dancesport, the fastest growing sport in Australia, indicating that recreation changes are not always

foreseeable;

• Masters Games facilities, because baby boomers are pushing the boundaries of what older people can do.

One issue that arose at the meeting was that consultants planned no direct information-gathering from the municipality's children and teenagers, with this being left to schools and teachers if they felt inclined.

Meander Valley council community development manager, Patrick Gambles, also made the point that while the flood-affected football club had obvious needs, effective use of the under-used racetrack area needed to be examined.

Christy Hall from the Deloraine Pony Club said that her group would be pleased to use those facilities, the club having lost 50 per cent of their equipment in floods at their Deloraine Showground location.

"We're struggling to have enough space there for 150 horse floats and 300 people at our meets," she said.

## You can take the high road (soon).

FEDERAL FUNDING has been approved for the Highland Lakes Road Upgrade, allowing crucial sealing, realignment and widening works to start between Miena and Haulage Hill, north of Breona.

The Australian Government has committed \$5 million and the Tasmanian

Government over \$3.9 million to the project as it benefits, along with tourism, key regional industries including the forestry, agricultural and hydroelectric sectors.

Fixing the unsealed length and Haulage Hill's three curves will improve safety, cut down driving time and reduce wear and tear on vehicles.

## May I have this dance?

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By Pearl Maya

THE FROSTS have started and the fires are on, all heralding the lead up to the Annual Winter Masque Ball. This year's Ball will be on 29th July at the Deloraine Bowling Club.

Eagerly anticipated by many in the community, the Ball is a chance to put on a mask, frock up and dance the night away.

The theme for 2017 is "Steam Punk Fairytale" and organisers Megan Brinsmead and Sarah Sonata are excited to see what costumes the theme might inspire.

"So far we have heard of people who are going more fairy tale, while others are more steampunk," said Ms Brinsmead.

"And I can't wait to see the costumes of those who are combining both aspects of the theme," added Ms Sonata.

When asked if a costume is obligatory, Ms Brinsmead clarified that it was certainly encouraged but just a mask would do for those who wished to wear other outfits.

The Masque Ball will feature the music of the ever popular Winter Ball house band - newly named *Winter-*

Folk - and will feature a mixture of older and newer music styles. "For those unfamiliar with the more traditional dances, never fear, there will be lessons on the night," commented Ms Sonata.

Decorations, always a feature of the Ball, have been under construction for the last few months. The highlight this year is a large fairy tale-themed castle.

The Ball has always had great community support and this year organisers are very pleased to also have the sponsorship of Bendigo Bank, Best's Butcher, Goslings Giftware, John M. King Audiology, Seppenfelts and Shandi.

Tickets are on sale from 1st July and can be purchased at Seppenfelts. Prices for this year's ball are \$10.00 pre-paid from Seppenfelts, \$5.00/child \$30.00/family \$60.00/table of 4 (only 5 available!) and \$12.00/adults at the door.

Attendees are encouraged to bring a plate to add to the supper table. An award for the best dish will be given out on the night, along with the Belle and Beau of the Ball and Best Mask.

Bar and portraiture will be available on the night (no Eft-pos). For more information, contact Megan on 6302 3372.



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# VALLEY VIEWS



## Mayor's Message

Above: Mayor Craig Perkins delivers the petition to Senator Jonathon Duniam, calling on the Australian Government to re-instate Meander Valley's Rural Primary Health Service funding.

I was in Canberra this month, proudly representing Meander Valley at the National General Assembly of Local Government which was held between 18-21 June. This event focussed on how local councils can work in partnership with the Australian Government to meet the current and future needs of local communities.

As Council's representative, I took the opportunity to register Meander Valley's loss of the Rural Primary Health Service funding. Under the theme "Building Tomorrow's Communities" I proposed a Notice of Motion to re-instate the programs.

As part of this process, I delivered a petition in support of the Notice of Motion. The petition contained over 500 signatures and I would like to thank all of you who took the time to sign the petition and show your support.

On 20 June, the National Awards for Local Government were held. Meander Valley Council received an award for Contributions to Regional Growth for the Valley Central Industrial Precinct. It was an honour to be presented with this award by Senator Fiona Nash.

Congratulations must go to Council staff who worked with multiple landowners and stakeholders to realise this landmark development opportunity.

Council's second community forum was held in Hadspen on 27 June. The forum was well attended and thanks must go to the Lions Club of Hadspen South Esk who hosted the event.

Councillors and Council officers were joined by residents and members from a number of key community organisations including Neighbourhood Watch and the Red Cross.

The Hadspen Urban Growth Area was one of the topics discussed and council sought feedback from residents on existing and future recreation and play spaces and the types of facilities that would be of benefit to the Hadspen community.

Council's Community Forums are an opportunity for residents, to come together and share their views on topics that relate to their community.

They are informal and conversational in nature and Council officers and elected members are on hand to answer questions and provide updates on projects being undertaken in the local area.

I would like to thank the residents of Hadspen who took the time to join us and share their thoughts.

Mayor, Craig Perkins

## Meander Valley Council adopts 2017-18 budget

At its meeting in June, Meander Valley Council adopted the budget for the 2017-2018 financial year, approving a 2.8 percent increase in the General Rate. The increase is in line with inflation and will support the sustainability of Council's ten-year financial plan.

In determining this year's budget, Council considered a number of external pressures including flood remediation work that has contributed to an extended capital works program, the uncertainty around TasWater dividends and decreasing revenue from interest payments.

A number of one-off project costs have also contributed to additional expenditure. This includes provision of

funding for infrastructure planning in the areas of roads and storm water and a number of specific projects such as the road network strategy, the Deloraine and Districts' Recreational Precinct Feasibility Study and storm water modelling.

Capital works approved at the Council meeting in May, and a \$6.877m carryover of capital works from last financial year, have also been allocated funding totalling \$13.518m.

"We have been working to deliver a very reasonable budget despite many external factors and I thank my fellow Councillors and Council staff for it's development," Mayor Craig Perkins said.

On average, rates notices for residential properties will increase from around \$25 for a property at Mole Creek to around \$85 for a property at Prospect Vale. This includes a small increase in the waste management charge for the provision of waste services and the operation of landfill sites and transfer stations. It also includes the State Government Fire Commission Contribution.

"Council will remain very cognisant of expenditure and will continue to focus on the long term financial sustainability of our municipal area," Mayor Craig Perkins said.

Detailed copies of the 2017-2018 budget can be found on Council's website [www.meander.tas.gov.au](http://www.meander.tas.gov.au)

### How are rates calculated?

Rates are calculated on each property's Assessed Annual Value (AAV). The AAV is the notional rental value of the property which is determined by the State's Valuer General.

Full property revaluations occur every six years. Every two years, property value updates (adjustment factors) ensure that AAV's are current. Revaluations and adjustments are determined for each locality and class of property e.g. residential, industrial or primary production.

An increase in one property's Assessed Annual Value (AAV) compared to another determines whether an individual property's rates increase, decrease or stay the same.

More information about adjustment factors and property valuations can be found on the Office of the Valuer General website [www.dpipwe.tas.gov.au](http://www.dpipwe.tas.gov.au) or by calling 6165 4444

### Average Rate Comparison

Property	Average Property Value	Average AAV	Average General Rate	Fire	Average Waste	Total 2017	Total 2018	Increase	Increase/Decrease Range Across Municipal Area
Residential	\$266,200	\$13,300	\$755pa	\$51	\$180	\$944	\$986	\$42	\$7 - \$239
Primary Production	\$653,400	\$31,500	\$1,787pa	\$112	\$52	\$1,877	\$1,951	\$74	\$1 - \$704

### Average Rate Comparison by Locality

Locality	Average Property Value	Average AAV	Average General Rate	Fire	Average Waste	Total 2017	Total 2018	Increase/Decrease	Increase/Decrease Range Across Locality
Blackstone Heights	\$379,624	\$17,534	\$995pa	\$231	\$180	\$1,358	\$1,405	\$47	\$21 to \$125
Bracknell	\$210,000	\$10,308	\$585pa	\$39	\$180	\$778	\$804	\$26	\$17 to \$57
Carrick	\$275,361	\$13,360	\$758pa	\$51	\$180	\$955	\$989	\$34	\$19 to \$75
Deloraine	\$238,794	\$12,099	\$686pa	\$47	\$180	\$915	\$913	-\$2	-\$37 to \$26
Hadspen	\$248,720	\$13,247	\$751pa	\$51	\$180	\$915	\$982	\$67	\$22 to \$190
Hagley	\$231,098	\$11,524	\$654pa	\$44	\$180	\$847	\$878	\$31	\$16 to \$141
Meander	\$239,151	\$10,530	\$597pa	\$39	\$52	\$659	\$688	\$29	\$9 to \$61
Mole Creek	\$191,819	\$9,094	\$516pa	\$39	\$52	\$581	\$606	\$25	\$7 to \$92
Prospect Vale	\$290,430	\$15,313	\$869pa	\$201	\$180	\$1,165	\$1,250	\$85	\$29 to \$239
Westbury	\$252,212	\$12,413	\$704pa	\$48	\$180	\$900	\$932	\$32	\$9 to \$116





Above: Cr Bob Richardson and Cr Deborah White talk alternative energy with Ray Johnston of the Australian Electrical Vehicle Association

### Energizing Meander Valley

On Wednesday 21 June, Meander Valley Council became the first Council in Northern Tasmania to completely transform its street light network by installing energy efficient LED's.

As part of the Northern Lights project, Meander Valley Council joined five other Northern Tasmanian Councils to save energy by replacing old, outdated, 80W street lights with new 14W LED units.

Meander Valley Council is the first to achieve this milestone, with City of Launceston, George Town, Northern Midlands, Break O'Day and West Tamar Councils' replacement programs to be completed in coming months.

By improving energy efficiency by more than 82%, each of the 1,100 new street lights in Meander Valley will pay for themselves in around eight years and will continue to save energy and reduce greenhouse gas emissions for the next two decades.

Once complete, the entire Northern Lights project will save over \$16m and will achieve a 7850 tonne reduction in greenhouse gas emissions, which is equivalent to removing 3000 cars off the road.

"The environmental and economic benefits we are realising today are the result of a five-year partnership, hard work, research and above all, vision," Mayor Craig Perkins said.

Meander Valley Council's former general manager, Greg Preece, is credited with recognising that a more energy-efficient future was possible.

"It was Greg's willingness to commit resources in those early days that helped drive this important energy efficiency initiative throughout Meander Valley and across Northern Tasmania.

Early trials undertaken by Meander Valley Council at Prospect Vale Marketplace helped prove the potential of LED technology and this leadership encouraged the Local Government Association of Tasmania, other Councils and Tasmanian Networks to consider a change for the better," Mayor Craig Perkins said.

### The ultimate balancing act

Part of the responsibility of Council is ensuring that the true costs associated with new and existing assets are captured.

Defining cost is an integral part of managing assets throughout the municipal area. For instance, a budget cut in the short term could be defined as a saving, however, this could result in a backlog of failing assets in the long term, which could be defined as a cost.

In the ultimate balancing act, the goal of successful asset management is to achieve better services and better financial returns - at the same time. Council has shown that this is possible, particularly in the area of road infrastructure.

As with most rural areas, unsealed roads make up a significant part of Meander Valley's road network. Maintaining these roads requires the implementation of a gravel re-sheeting and grading program.

Investment in new gravel material and the development of an improved method of road profiling (designed to shed water off the road surface) has resulted in an annual capital works saving of \$100k.

The new material has significantly increased the longevity of the unsealed road network. The requirement for road grading has declined from approximately 4 to 5 grades each year to just 1 or 2.

In addition, road users have been provided with a smoother surface that also reduces dust. This investment in the short term has resulted in annual savings and an improved road surface in the long term.

Success in asset management is dependent on a collaborative approach.

Councillors provide support for the initiatives that Council Officers identify and works crews deliver within the scope of their roles on the ground.

By working together we achieve better financial sustainability and better outcomes for the community.



Above: WHS Officer Sam Bailey discusses her role with a group of year ten students.

### When I grow up I want to be...?

It was back to school for a number of Meander Valley Council's employees as they attended a career morning at the Deloraine High School last month.

Organised in partnership with Meander Valley Council, Deloraine High School and the Beacon Foundation, the Speed Careering event focussed on increasing student's awareness of the career paths available to them.

Students were able to gain an insight into some of the roles undertaken by Council Officers and the many different career pathways that led them to work in local government.

"It's important that students understand that there are a number of avenues that lead to a chosen career path," Workplace Health and Safety Officer, Sam Bailey, said.

Environmental health, infrastructure, administration, customer service and

community development officers were all on hand to answer questions and share experiences. Approximately fifty year ten students were divided into smaller groups designed to encourage open discussion about career challenges and highlights.

Participants were asked about their career stories, how they got to be where they are and how this may differ from what they envisaged when they were in high school.

Some of these journeys involved university, others apprenticeships, vocational and on-the-job training. It is hoped that by gaining this valuable insight, students realise that there are a number of options available to them.

The Speed Careering event helped students understand that while planning is important, there are many avenues and it is not unusual to embark on different career paths along the way.

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Ben Harker relaxes in his new shop for blokes, Field Rabbit, on Emu Bay Rd in Deloraine.

## Field Rabbit hops into town

By Sharon Webb

THERE'S A theory that blokes don't browse when they shop. They go to one outlet, buy what they need and get out fast.

But Ben Harker has other ideas.

He wants to tempt guys to break out of the just-functional mould, to tease them with gear that Bunnings won't stock this century and titillate them with must-haves of the hand-made mode.

"If it's hand-made, quality, and fits the theme of my store I'll be looking to get it in here," he said.

Ben's new baby is Field Rabbit on Emu Bay Rd Deloraine.

Put simply, it's a bloke's shop with comfy black sofas for sipping Tas-roasted

coffee, of course.

Field Rabbit states its masculine purpose as soon as you step through the doors with bench-made knives sporting labels like Grohmann of Canada, Buck and Esee of USA, and Joseph Rodgers of Canada and Sheffield, England and equipment to sharpen them; well-crafted de Witt garden tools forged in Holland; and books about how to cook game.

The theme of yang, male and creative, continues with rustic furniture by Quamby Brook's Marlene Ray bringing the lived-in smoothness of recycled timber and blokey art works by locals who formerly exhibited at Elemental Artspace.

Ben also wants to include locally made knives and fishing flies, and it wouldn't be

a blokes' shop without the accoutrements of shaving: safety and cut-throat razors by Giesen and Forthoff.

Ben came to Tasmania in 2015, following his family: sister Bec who'd set up her arty shop Brush Rabbit in a rambling building on Emu Bay Rd and parents Phil and Judy.

### *The theme of yang, male and creative, continues with rustic furniture*

"I came here for a job in Burnie after eight years in mining equipment. My wife Brea and I brought the kids here for a lifestyle change after we'd visited and enjoyed the southern, mountain feel," he said. "This community is a healthy place to be."

But the Burnie job didn't work out, Ben describes it wryly as "having the opportunity" to become unemployed.

Brea kept the family afloat financially through her work as a remedial masseuse and Ben took care of the kids, helped out at Bec's shop and took over the online knife business that became the starting block for Field Rabbit.

"I believe Deloraine can foster a lot more variety in shops," Ben said.

"Quite a bit of tourism goes through here and Field Rabbit will be something a bit different."

Call it a man-cave – maybe. I know a lot of women who'll bounce into Field Rabbit for a gift for their hard-to-buy-for bloke.

## Kent Furmage: a man with music in his soul

By Sharon Webb

A FRIEND OF Kent Furmage once asked him what music he wanted played at his funeral.

"The Requiem," he replied.

"Which one?"

"All of them!"

At Kent's funeral last month the music was an excerpt from Fauré's *Requiem*, but what a performance!

Sung by his own Don Chorale, the choir Kent nurtured for 30 years, it was a performance of love and recognition for the man whose musical talents belied his existence in the small regional town of Deloraine.

Kent Furmage was born in Deloraine in 1949 and grew up surrounded by extended family Furmages.

On his ambitions, his sister Robyn Cato quotes their mother: Kent has one cheek on the piano stool and the other on the tractor seat, and his life played out that way.

At the funeral, son Richard said his dad had been a dairy farmer, miner, musician, teacher and music examiner. "He was also a thinker, a planner and a collector of things for those plans – regardless of whether they got used."

Legislative Councillor Greg Hall attended school with Kent. "When we finished Year 10 at Deloraine High School, our respective parents thought we'd better do matriculation at the Friends School in Hobart as boarders for years 11 and 12.

"Little did they know what miscreants we were; it was co-ed so there were lots of distractions. We both took three years to matriculate!"

But at the UTAS Conservatorium of Music Kent focused on his lifelong love of music, gaining a Bachelor of Arts (Music) and a Diploma of Arts (Music Education).

In later years Deloraine resident John Phelps was one of three locals including

Fritz Robinson and Ann Kearon, who travelled weekly with Kent to rehearsals of the Don Chorale.

"I first met him in 1970 as the rehearsal pianist for Theatre Royal Light Opera Society. He played in the pit for several shows including *Orpheus in the Underworld* and *Camelot*," John said. "He also played and recorded with the TSO. Then he left Hobart and worked as a dairy farmer in far NW Tasmania and in the mine at Mt Tom Price in WA."

Fritz Robinson remembers when Kent returned to live in Deloraine in the 1980s. "He was active in just about everything – certainly in the Deloraine Dramatic Society where we performed Gilbert and Sullivan or some other every year.

"Kent became an important cultural person in town, not least because of his talent in playing and conducting from the piano. He was a great sight reader; the music moved from his eyes to his fingers seamlessly."

Richard Furmage also catalogued his father's loves. "Deloraine and Tasmania – and especially the Meander Valley Masonic Lodge and the Don Chorale", taking over leadership of the latter in 1987 and once describing his role as "director, pianist, conductor and Pooh-Bah, Lord High Everything Else" from *The Mikado*.

Kent Furmage did not suffer fools gladly. Fellow freemason Geoff Cado-gan-Cooper commented wryly that freemasonry had changed many men for the better but Kent actually changed freemasonry. "He was at times irascible and unreasonable but we're going to miss that business where Kent put his head down and commented out of the side of his mouth."

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Kent Furmage at his piano.

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Debbie and Helena Woodcock started Pure and Purple Garlic 4 years ago on their properties at Kimberley. Photo by: Mike Moores

## Debbie and Helena hit a purple patch

By Lorraine Clarke

THE RICH, fertile soil of Kimberley is now home to an unassuming little crop that packs a punch. A narrow strip of green strappy leaves running down the steep hill is barely noticeable in the pasture, but Debbie Woodcock's hopes and dreams are planted there along with 7,500 purple turban garlic cloves.

Her sister-in-law Helena Woodcock has the matching pair to this plot, and together,

these ladies have built a successful small business called Pure And Purple Garlic.

"We were retired and bored," said Debbie. "We just wanted something to do. So 4 years ago we bought 10kg of garlic seed and planted it.

At first, we only wanted to grow fresh garlic and sell it locally." However, fresh garlic bulbs won't keep throughout the year, but begin sprouting in autumn.

They decided to slice and

dry all their garlic, so they had a product to sell all year.

Now, they don't sell any fresh garlic. They began with packets of plain dried garlic slices and soon expanded to a range of zingy mixes in reusable glass grinders and paper refill sachets.

Their husbands do the necessary tractor work, but Helena and Debbie do everything else by hand.

"We each grow half the crop on our own farm, so that

if one plot fails we still have the other," explained Helena.

The ladies plant up to 15,000 cloves by hand in April and pull the bulbs in November. They rarely need to irrigate. The garlic is grown organically on biodegradable weedmat which allows it to reach its full potential.

The plots are rotated onto fresh ground each year. The bulbs are bunched and hung up to dry, and then begins

the laborious task of peeling. 500 kg of harvested garlic is reduced by two thirds after drying in their electric dehydrator. All processing is done by hand with kitchen appliances.

Only organic Australian products are used in Pure And Purple Garlic mixes. Helena and Debbie travelled to Hobart to pick wild fennel on the hottest day of the year. They and their friends grow some of the chillies, lemon myrtle and rosemary which are all dried and coarsely ground, then combined into 5 distinctive spicy blends. All are mixed with pink Murray River Salt flakes, and pepper from a nearby native pepper berry plantation. It takes 18 kg of oranges to provide the dried zest for 100 grinders of their orange-fennel garlic blend, so the ladies turned the citrus juice into a fresh cordial which sold well at their Agfest stand this year.

"Our husbands never ate garlic before. Now Debbie's husband eats it raw," said Helena. They find that everybody gets passionate about the business and wants to be involved with the many tasks of harvesting, processing and packaging.

It is very much a family affair, and they don't intend to get big enough to have to buy machinery and employ staff. They have found that Agfest visitors from all over Australia have become enthusiastic return customers for their gourmet products, through their online store. They are developing a website at [www.pureandpurple.com](http://www.pureandpurple.com).

## More beds for harvest workers

By Sharon Webb

MEANDER VALLEY Councillors have supported increased accommodation for seasonal agricultural workers in Deloraine, despite vigorous objections from neighbours.

Greg and Ann Beck, owners of Glendel on Quamby Brook Rd, applied to increase on-site numbers from 88 to 103 by adding six prefabricated pods.

But neighbours objected, saying the noise made by Tongan workers was already unacceptable, pressuring Council to limit numbers to 60.

Mrs Rosalie How told councillors her family's tranquillity had been interrupted by buses transporting the workers from 4.30am. She said the Tongans had noisy outdoor church services and played 'doof-doof' music at all hours.

"The music, singing and raucous behaviour just echoes up and around to the neigh-

bouring properties," she said.

"The hours of the day that this occurs is totally unacceptable and unpleasant. We didn't choose to live next door to 112 noisy backpackers."

In a letter to the Council, Mrs How and her husband Adrian complained that worker buses were driven unsafely and the sewerage smelt.

Replying, Mr Beck said the Howe's house is 100m away from Glendel; no-one had told him about problems and he had visited most surrounding properties before establishing his venture.

**But neighbours objected, saying the noise made by Tongan workers was already unacceptable**

"I am completely mystified by why nothing has been mentioned to me before or to Council, as normal people are fairly quick to notify Council," he said. "These people had

someone to ring who could fix it all overnight but they couldn't be bothered.

As soon as I was made aware of these complaints they were rectified. They have been easily fixed as the Tongans are lovely people who respond to instruction.

"The Federal Government's inspection of this site felt it was probably the best worker accommodation they had ever seen."

The majority of councillors recognised the importance to local agriculture of a supply of worker accommodation; Mr Beck maintains the Tongans' employers spend around \$100,000 a month in Deloraine.

Council supported the development conditional on an onsite manager being present and the bed number not exceeding 103.

Cllrs Synfield and Michael Kelly supported keeping numbers to 88 as the area is a low density zone but they were out-voted.

## Dangerous dogs register

MEANDER VALLEY Council will work with the local Government Association of Tasmania to develop a statewide register of dangerous dogs.

At the June council meeting, Cllr Bob Richardson said that while each Tasmanian council keeps a record of declared dangerous dogs there is no existing accessible

statewide database.

"Animal control officers will communicate with each other if they know when and where a dangerous dog is moving, but they are not always aware," Cllr Richardson said.

"A statewide register linked to the existing microchip database may help close this gap."

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# Breaking news at the agency

By Sharon Webb

THE OWNER of Deloraine Jewellers, Debbie Willis, has bought the Deloraine Newsagency, stepping into the role of newsagent on 1st July.

Ms Willis, who grew up in Scottsdale and now lives in Deloraine, will run both businesses and said she decided to take on the newsagent to "stay busy".

"I moved to Deloraine in 2007 and bought Deloraine Jewellers in 2011. I also had my own rehabilitation consultancy business where I attended doctor's appointments with people on workers compensation, so I was working mega hours.

"After my husband John Macrae died in 2015 I knew I loved Deloraine and its people and decided this was where I wanted to call home. So I decided to purchase the

Deloraine Newsagency."

To structure her days around the demands of both businesses, Ms Willis plans on working the early shifts at the newsagency from 5.30am until around 9.30am, moving across the road to the jewellers until around 2.30pm, then back to the newsagency.

"I have wonderful staff at the jewellers and all the current staff are staying at the newsagency," she said.

Mick and Ann McHarg have owned the newsagent for more than 23 years and now that the business has sold, have the exact opposite life goals of Ms Willis.

Mick said they intend to "kick back and have a spell for a while, enjoy life and later do a bit of travelling."

But it's not the end of Mick's face behind the counter at the newsagent. Debbie goes on

holiday to Germany later in July, and Mick will step straight back into the shoes he vacated!

"It will be my last holiday for 20 years I reckon," Debbie said. "When I step out of the newsagent it will be into the nursing home."

Mick McHarg said he and his wife Ann were sad to leave the newsagency where they'd met so many people.

"It's been like a big family; people confide in you, tell you what's going on in their lives. It takes a long time before you're accepted like that in a community," he said.

But the McHargs aren't leaving Deloraine: "Here we can walk down the street and say hello to people - we don't want to live somewhere else," Mick said.

"Ann and I want to thank the people of Deloraine; our time at the newsagency has

been important for us."

Debbie is full steam ahead with plans for her new business and excited at the opportunity.

"One of the plans I can tell you comes from having worked some of the early morning shifts at 5.30am and OMG, within the first hour I can't feel my feet - they are frozen," she said.

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As Mick and Ann McHarg exit Deloraine Newsagency, Mick has a final comment: "Debbie will be excellent in this job; she's a people person and I can't see her going wrong."



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L-R Anne and Mick McHarg hand over keys to new proprietor, Deb Willis.

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By Richard Mack

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recently granted by Deloraine & Districts Community Bank® Branch, Apex Club of Deloraine's Grandstands for Community project received \$8978, Western Tiers Community Club got \$8000 to refurbish club facilities and Aged Care Deloraine Inc's Meander Valley Festival of Creative Aging was granted \$6,600.

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Gayle Plunkett and Bill Muldoon receive a grant for Rotary from Branch Manager Darren Rumble.

\$5,000 grants were each given to Westbury Agricultural Society Inc for arena seating, Chudleigh Hall Committee for heating its hall and Westbury Recreation Ground Management Committee's Drinking Fountain Project.

\$3,000 was granted to Chudleigh Agricultural & Horticulture Society's Keeping The Kiosk plan. \$2558 went to Rotary Club of

Deloraine's Deloraine Hospital Universal Bed project and \$1518 to Deloraine House Inc's Exercise Programme for Seniors.

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Date and Time	Event	Details
Saturday 8th July 7.30pm sharp	Western Tiers Film Society - 'La La Land'	Little Theatre, 2 Meander Valley Rd. Deloraine US Musical 128min Rated: PG Ph: 0418 389 868
Wednesday 12th July 2.00pm	Meander Valley U3A 'Coffee and Chat'	Empire Hotel, Emu Bay Rd Deloraine with Sandra Parker speaking on benefits of nutrition, herbs & exercise
Thursday 13th July 10.00am - 2.00pm	Family Fun Day for Cooking in the Garden	Deloraine Community Garden. Guest Chef, Games, Food etc Bookings 0400 155 690 before 10th July
Thursday 13th July 10.00am - 2.00pm	Free one day Suicide Prevention Training	Community Response to Eliminating Suicide (CORES) Deloraine House byo lunch call 6362 2678 to book
Saturday 15th July 4.30pm	Winterfire 2017	Deloraine Showgrounds Night of fire, fun, food and entertainment. Adults \$10.00 Accompanied children - free
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
Monday 17th July 10.00am - 1.00pm	Chinese Cooking Workshop	Rotary Pavillion, \$15.00 per person includes 2 course lunch bookings call Deloraine House 63622678
Tuesday 18th July 2.00pm - 3.00pm	Getting Smart with Smartphones	Deloraine Online Centre, using free WiFi & how to download an app. Call Anne-Marie: 0417 120 671
Wednesday 19th July 10.00am - 10.45am	Story Time - Singing Stories & Craft	Westbury Community Health Centre, 89 Meander Valley Road, Westbury - Call Anne-Marie 0417 120 671
Friday 21st July 6.00pm - 11.00pm	Eleventh Hour Basketball Lockout	Deloraine Community Complex BBQ 6.00pm Door closes 6.30pm (no-re-entry). Ph: 0400 155 690 or 0417 158 009
Saturday 22nd July 1.00pm	Celtic Force	Country Club Tasmania, Tickets are on sale now through <a href="http://www.tixtas.com.au">www.tixtas.com.au</a> or phone 1300 795 257
Sunday 23rd July 10.00am - 3.00pm	Quamby Fly Fishers Club Annual Open Day	Meander Community Hall Entry-Gold Coin Donation Lunch available-donation Enq. 0427 695 121
Sunday 23rd July	Westbury Fire Brigade Open Day/Recruitment	Westbury Fire Brigade, 31 William Street, Westbury Ph: Brigade Chief Rodney Brewer 0418 131 143
Saturday 29th July 7.00pm	Winter Masque Ball (live music 'WinterFolk')	Deloraine Bowls Club. Tickets Seppenfelts \$10.00, \$12.00 Door, \$5.00 child, \$30.00 Family. Please bring a Supper Dish
Friday 4th August 5.30pm	OVERLOAD Art Exhibition Opening	Deloraine Hospital, 17 East Barrack Street. Enjoy Wine & Nibbles. To be opened by Mr Guy Barnett MP
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Saturday 5th August 10.30am - 11.30am	AusKick	Westbury Football Oval
Monday 7th August 12.00pm - 2.00pm	Eating with Friends	Deloraine House, 112 Emu Bay Road, Deloraine Bookings essential Ph: 6362 2678
Saturday 12th August 7.30pm sharp	WT Film Society - 'Love & Friendship'	Little Theatre, 2 Meander Valley Rd. Deloraine UK Drama/Com 94min Rated: PG Ph: 0418 389 868
Saturday 12th August	Auskick Grand Final	Westbury Football Oval Grand Final will be at half time of the Seniors Football game which starts at 2.00pm
Wednesday 16th August 7.30pm - 9.30pm	Australian Poetry Slam	Empire Hotel, 19 Emu Bay Road, Deloraine Dinner available from 6.00pm Bookings 6362 1029 say "poetry"
Tuesday 22nd August 8.00pm	Tasmanian Mountain Cattlemen's Assoc. AGM	Westbury Fire Station, 31 William Street, Westbury Guest Speakers email: <a href="mailto:secretary@tmca.net.au">secretary@tmca.net.au</a>
Saturday 26th August	Cabaret featuring Little Pattie	Australian Italian Club, 414 Westbury Road, Prospect To book phone 6344 7332
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## Kent Furmage: a man with music in his soul

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But Kent was generous in sharing his love of music. There were no auditions for the Chorale; he took on choristers learning from the beginning, often from "not being able to read music but having a love of the sort of music they sing."

"If the basses were weak he'd hammer out the bass line so we could hear it," Fritz said. "He did it with good humour but we had to work to get the result; we did it well because of Kent's facility with music."

From the 2000s that musical generosity extended to adjudicating music competitions and eisteddfods, to

students in local schools and to musicians and band members for whom Kent was AMEB examiner.

"Many may not have continued playing without Kent's encouragement," Fritz said. "He'd say: You're not quite there yet but come back next year."

Amidst the music, Kent and his wife Shirley brought up sons Richard and Mark, the former remembering being soothed to sleep by Kent singing John Lennon and the latter describing his dad's "interesting if not entirely consistent parenting style".

Mark Furmage said: "He was a rogue, bon vivant, raconteur, musician and

almost always a joy to be near.

"But he had a deep and serious enemy which he came to late in life – the NBN. I remain uncertain as to whether Father was unprepared for the NBN or it was unprepared for him."

**He was a rogue,  
bon vivant, raconteur,  
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Kent Furmage contributed substantially to Deloraine by accompanying musical events such as the Three Divas and his involvement in annual performances of Handel's *Messiah*, playing his Bosendorfer grand piano in his

personal 'concert hall', Gallery 9 – outside which he loved to hold court.

More recently Kent's enthusiasm was for opera and high religious music such as Mozart's *Requiem*, Faurés *Requiem* and Vivaldi's *Gloria*. According to Fritz Robinson this was for the musical challenges they offered.

Kent's final concert was with the Chorale for John Stainer's *The Crucifixion* on Good Friday this year, and he has left musical groups wondering how they will continue without him.

In those journeys to Don Chorale rehearsals, amid musical chat, political arguments and general jokery, a recent topic of the four occupants of the car was

"the fork in the road", Fritz Robinson said.

"Kent could have chosen to be a concert pianist or to go into opera but he didn't. He chose the role of répétiteur - accompanist and coach.

"He had no regrets. He loved the music of Beethoven and Mozart and Haydn. He had music in his soul."

Kent Furmage died on Monday 19th June 2017, survived by his wife Shirley and two sons, Richard and Mark.

*This obituary was written with the assistance of eulogies and comments at Kent Furmage's funeral, generous information from Fritz Robinson and John Phelps, and a July 2015 Meander Valley Gazette interview with Kent by Wai Lin Coultas.*



# SPORT

## The wheel deal for Jak and Tom

By David Claridge

MEANDER VALLEY has a couple of mountain bike riders coming up the ranks, having performed well locally and gone on to win medals Nationally in Queensland.

Stepbrothers, Jak Oxford and Tom Stylianou's hard work have paid off with first and second places respectively in the U15's in May at the Tasmanian Schools Mountain Biking Championships held at Kate Reed Nature Recreation Area.

A month later in Queensland, at the Australian Schools Mountain Bike Championships, Tom won a Gold medal in the Cross Country Olympic event and a Silver in the Cross Country Eliminator. With Jak and two other students, Riley Cowling and Neil Douglas, they claimed a bronze in the U17 Teams race on

the final day of competition. Jak also claimed 4th place Nationally in the Cross Country Olympic event.

Father, Michael Stylianou, who was pleased with their achievements and excited about what they had accomplished shared how the brothers started their cycling separately.

"Tom was originally a track and road rider, following on from his brother Ben who competed in the National road titles a few years ago. Jak started initially competing in Cycle-cross events before transitioning to a more traditional style of mountain biking.

"Tom and Jak both compete in local Mountain biking events including the annual summer Twilight series at locations around Launceston and are looking forward to the season ahead."



Photo by: Mike Moores

L-R Jak Oxford and Tom Stylianou of Westbury practice at the Kate Reed Reserve, Prospect.

Photo by: Mike Moores

## Deloraine Devils dash to finals

By David Claridge

NETBALL IS IN FULL swing in Deloraine with the Deloraine Devils season progressing well with most teams preparing to play finals.

Their Div 3 and 5 teams in the Northern Tasmania Netball Association competition are both in the top four and are looking forward to playing finals in September.

Club President, Taneil Bloomfield, shared that DDNC has exciting times to come having almost 40 members already in 2017, welcoming new and returning players to the Club which take pride

in providing Netball opportunities for all ages.

"We have entered three Junior teams in the NTNA Junior roster held on Saturday's at the Northern Tasmania Netball Centre, which is a first for the club and coming in line with our strategic plan of providing a pathway from juniors through to seniors to ensure the successful future of the club," she said.

"The teams include 10's & under (NetSetGo), 11's and 16's & under. All teams are playing some fantastic Netball and are enjoying the friendships and challenge of playing regularly against other clubs.

The club has also undertaken Netball sessions at the Deloraine Primary School through term one which has been a great way to introduce Netball to girls and boys of all ages.

"In late September DDNC will be running NetSetGo for children aged between 5-10yrs for its 6th consecutive year," Taneil said.

"This program has been very successful with members around 40 in 2016 we were able to split into two age groups so the children were able to get more value from the session. This is an essential feeder into our Junior NTNA teams."

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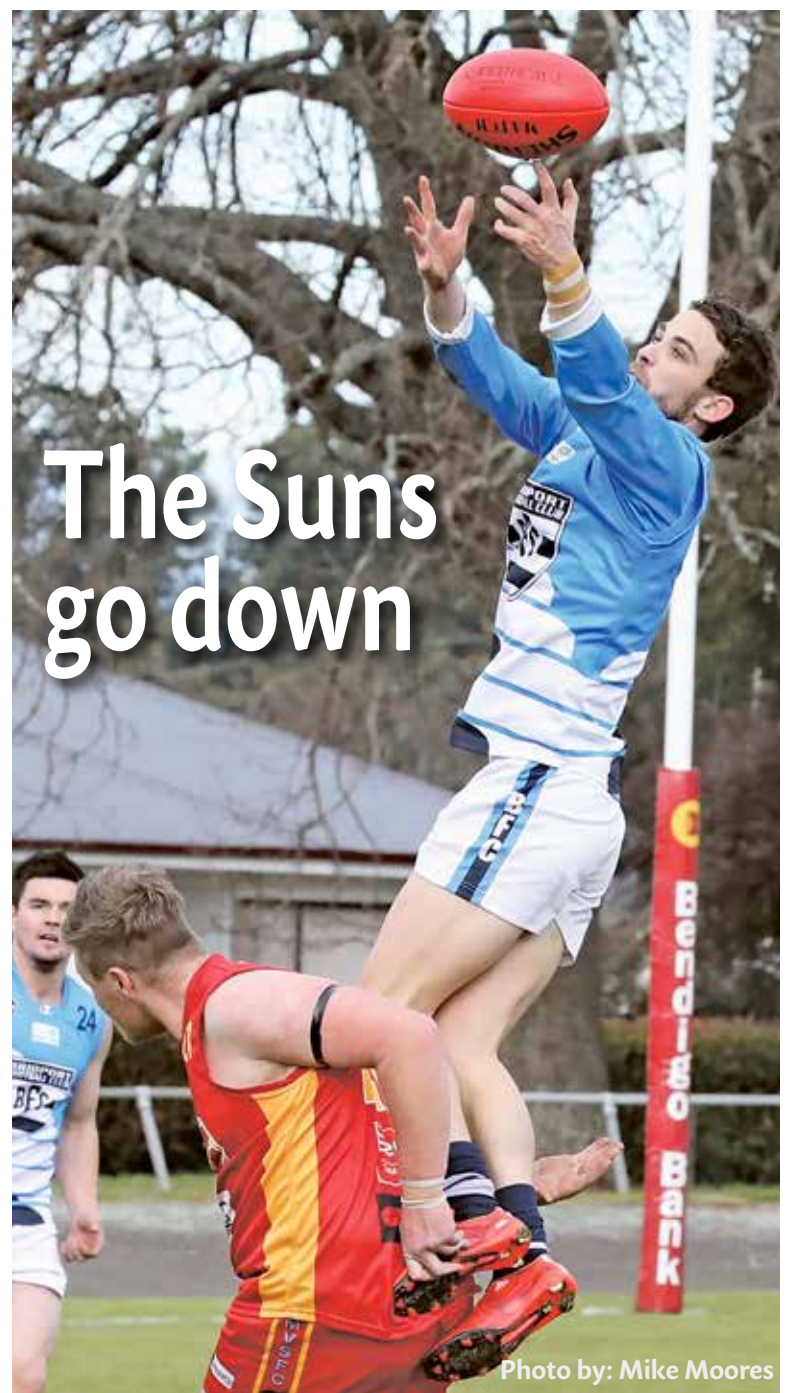
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**IT JUST** wasn't the Suns' day when both Seniors and Reserves suffered defeat at the hands of visiting Bridport.

The Suns were by no means disgraced but Bridport showed superior attacking, ball handling and positioning skills to be victorious in both divisions.

Pictured: Bridport player soars to take a high mark.



## The Suns go down

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