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All over Meander Valley, children celebrated National Book Week by dressing up as their favourite book character. It is an exciting time for children to dream, imagine and share with their schoolmates their most treasured timeless tales. This year's theme being Escape to Everywhere, Westbury Primary School children brought their favourite book characters to life. From wizards and princesses to pirates and animals, there was a creative variation of new and classic characters. "It's vital for children to grow up with literature as it helps them learn, create, and grow," said Westbury Primary School teacher Mrs Meed. "Children's stories are the stepping stones to developing a creative imagination and learning to read." Children in this picture are not named due to Westbury Primary School policy. Photo by: Mike Moores

The capital of short walks

By David Claridge

NEGATIVE IMAGES portrayed by the media from the fires and floods of the last two years are still influencing tourism in the Meander Valley Region.

Lower than normal tourism figures for the Meander Valley region have sparked action with local groups coming

together to form a Great Western Tiers and Meander Valley Destination Action Plan with the aim to bring the crowds back into the region.

President of the Great Western Tiers Tourism Association, Rosemary Norwood, said the group has been looking for a focal point or a point of difference to the rest of

Tasmania to bring more people into the region.

"Since Great Western Tiers has so many amazing walking tracks the group decided we would become the short walks destination of Tasmania," she said.

"We will be meeting again this month to be working out exactly what to do in the short term to actually market

the package of walks for this summer season.

Leader of the action plan group, Barbara Harvey, added that for the plan to go ahead they required funding to market it.

"There has been such a downturn in our region. There was a lot of information through the media about how terrible the floods were

and everyone was on alert to move while the fires were on. There has been a continual stream of negative media coverage," she said.

"Since that time, Parks and Wildlife Services have had a real struggle trying to recoup and restore all of the damage that was done to most of our assets like Liffey Falls and the Walls of Jerusalem.

The fact that many of the attractions had been closed has given the perception to people that

there is no point in visiting the area because not everything is open."

Premier Will Hodgman officially launched the Destination Action Plan at Trowunna Wildlife Park in late August. Barbara commented, "We will need some funding and support as well as the Plan to get the ball rolling."

The group are also searching for a volunteer admin assistant to do some basic admin and liaison tasks for about 15 hours a week.

In My Opinion...

By Joanne Eisemann
Managing Editor

IT'S SO much fun watching how a newspaper such as ours can serve to connect people and build a more cohesive community. Before becoming involved, I didn't realise how powerful a tool for positive change a newspaper could be, even in this environment of rapidly changing communication mediums.

People often say to me that they don't read the daily newspapers but they do enjoy reading the *Gazette*. They say they like it because it's not full of gloom and doom.

Our intention when producing the *Gazette* is to reflect as much as we can what is going on in our community. It seems to me that far and away the stories are of a positive nature. I wonder if that may be true of the larger Tasmanian community as well but we just don't hear about it?

While based in Deloraine, *Meander Valley Gazette* has a strong commitment to run stories from all across Meander Valley and welcomes your story ideas and leads. As a team of volunteers it's not always possible for us to cover every story that comes across the desk but we do try hard.

If a story doesn't get included it's most likely because no-one has told us about it!

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SOME SAD news; Sheila Ferguson, editor of *Meander Valley Gazette* during its first year of publication, has passed away.

Born in England, Sheila was widely travelled leading a varied and culturally diverse life from stockbroking in Sydney to teaching English in Russia and Eritrea for many years before settling in Meander Valley; firstly in Westbury and more recently in Montana.

I would like to acknowledge Sheila for the long hours she worked on this publication during its first twelve months. Without her, the paper wouldn't be where it is today.

We will miss her quick wit, straightforward manner and independent spirit.

by the trade waste issue in Deloraine, asking for a more sensible policy had been passed to the Council.

The local issue is that our small businesses pay fixed and volume water charges as we all do, but then pay a similar trade waste discharge fee because TasWater claim

that is much more costly to treat compared to residential waste. That is debateable as they are more likely to dispose of cooking oils by drum than are households.

Businesses are now required to install grease traps costing between \$3,000 and \$8,000 to install depending on site, and TasWater is recommending that they be pumped out every 3 months, which will cost \$400 - \$800 per year and has to be taken to Launceston to be treated there. Deloraine has never had a problem with grease blockages in the main sewer lines, and never will due to the level of fall in the main street.

TasWater claims that because some businesses were forced to install traps before being allowed to open, that it would be unfair if all did not do so. That is rubbish - what is unfair is that anybody is forced to install these expensive things where there is no need for them.

Mention was made of the TasWater policy of fully funding projects over 10 years, but this is the major reason that our water charges are now about double the Council rate charges, with further rises of 5% per year for each of the next 5 years.

We all know that if you tried to pay off a house loan over just 10 years then the payments would be beyond us. TasWater refuses to see that when they install infrastructure with a 50 year life span, that paying for it over an extended period will make the payments, i.e. our water charges, more manageable.

We recently had a meeting with 4 TasWater representatives, and it is a pity that the Mayor did not attend, as it is important that he and all our Councillors support our small businesses. Our Council lost income from water charges, but they also lost the costs involved and in the longer term must restructure the staff previously tasked with water and sewage issues. Regardless of who owns TasWater, if a dividend is paid to Government it becomes a tax on water, and if a dividend is paid to Councils it means we are paying too much for water.

M.J. Eastley

THE OPENING statement of the *Gazette's* article (August 17) on Council's decision on changing the date of Australia Day states that we as a Council "believe that local government has no role" to play in this issue.

This does not fully represent the discussion had pertaining to this motion presented at the July Council meeting. I am very interested in seeing this issue progressed, but would first like more information about the views of indigenous

people. One survey shows that only 54% of indigenous Australians want the date changed. For our government to proceed in the absence of this important information smacks of the many occasions in our history where other initiatives concerning indigenous communities have proceeded without the benefit of input from those communities, often with negative outcomes.

Meanwhile, there are other initiatives concerning Indigenous Australians that Local Government does support, such as the establishment of Tasmania's Reconciliation Council, happily celebrated on August 9. Recognising Indigenous Australians in the Constitution is another issue that many would like to see brought to completion; hopefully this will happen while the necessary information concerning Australia Day is being assembled.

And finally, should we not as a nation, give some thought to exactly what the new Australia Day should be celebrating before deciding on a date for it? In moving away from a date that represents grief and loss for the aboriginal community, we should perhaps first define what is praiseworthy about our nation, over and above the ability to put another prawn on the barbie whenever we feel like it. We could then shape a celebration that recognises a broader range of the precious qualities found in this land and peoples that we want to honour and preserve for times to come.

Deborah White, Councillor
Meander Valley Council

I WAS disappointed to read Sharon Webb's front page story last month, which revealed that only 2 members of Council voted to 'change the date'.

I had hoped that Meander Valley Council could be a leader in this space, which represents a growing movement of people, all around Australia, who recognise our country's true history. State and Federal governments will not make the change until it is demonstrated that they cannot ignore this people's movement.

Local government represents people in their local area and thus should lead the way on inclusion and compassion, where their constituents live.

The recognition of this date only commenced in the 20th century; white Australia began in the late 18th century; Indigenous Australians have connections to this land for at least 60,000 years. It's about respect.

Deborah Lynch

I'D LIKE the date to change.
Laura Mckew, Western Creek

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Letters In...

THE LETTER from our Mayor in the last issue deserves further comment. The Mayor was aware before your publication date that a petition from all the cafes, coffee shops and pubs affected

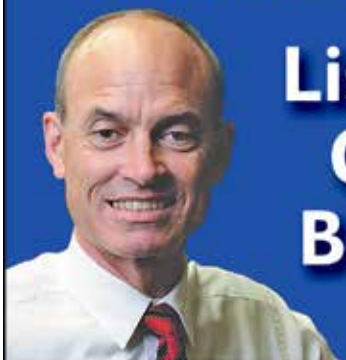
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Chudleigh residents Nigel Clarke and Louise Middleton, long-time dinosaur hunters in WA, have each had a dinosaur named after them.

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Following in the footsteps of dinosaurs

By Emma Hodgkinson

PALAEONTOLOGY enthusiasts Louise Middleton and her partner Nigel devoted years of their lives in Western Australia, fighting to protect ancient tread marks that were imprinted amongst the coastal sandstone more than 130 million years ago.

Now residing in Chudleigh, the couple's effort has been recognised throughout the palaeontology community. Both Louise and Nigel have dinosaurs named after them, having played a vital role in discovering, documenting, and protecting the pre-historic tracks.

The Aboriginals residing in WA's Kimberley region knew that there were three toed tracks throughout the coast of James Price Point. Traditionally, they believe the tracks were made by their ancestor as part of a song cycle. To scientists they are known as theropod tracks, Louise however, saw more than one type of print as she noticed giant pancake-shaped hollows along the beach and knew that there were other tracks fossilised in the sandstone. Working in close consultation with the Goolarabooloo people, she contacted the WA

Museum, later receiving verification that she had found the only sauropod tracks recorded in Australia.

That was my dream; the land gets protected and the science continues

Years after Louise's discovery, Woodside Petroleum announced their proposition to build one of the world's largest LNG plants at James Price Point, causing a community uproar and the beginning of the James Price Point Campaign. Louise and Nigel played a vital role within the campaign by documenting the

footprints for over two years as an effort to gain National Heritage listing. They had the proof they needed but feared that it wasn't enough, until they met Dr Steve Salisbury.

Having taught University of Queensland's Biological Science, Dr Salisbury also believed that the tracks should be researched before anything happened.

Louise and Nigel invited Dr Salisbury to see the footprints for himself, managing to convince the Heritage Council to grant the site as National Heritage. Woodside was forced to withdraw their proposal, leaving the beach

untouched. "With the collaboration of science and indigenous community, we were able to continue research."

After the campaign's victory, Dr Salisbury invited his biology students from UQ to further study the fossils.

"That was my dream", said Louise, "the land gets protected and the science continues. Having a name was just a fringe benefit."

To date, 26 different types of prints have been discovered along James Price Point.

Two of these dinosaurs have been named after Louise and Nigel; *Wintonopus middletonae* and *Yangtzeplus clarkei*. The other dinosaurs have been named through native culture and language.

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Emma gets journalism training

By Joanne Eisemann

18 YEAR OLD Emma Hodgkinson is the latest writer to join the *Meander Valley Gazette* team.

A Meander Valley native, Emma mostly home-schooled until attending Newstead College where she studied Media in Years 11 and 12.

"When I applied to do media as a subject in college, it wasn't something I really wanted to do, but then as I started getting into the course it became my favourite subject. I liked all the different mediums and all the different things you could do with it," shares Emma.

"In Year 11 I did Media 2 and got the subject award. In Year 12 I did Media 3 and received a Certificate of Excellence, a higher award. I did a lot of extra curricula activities in media during those years.

"There were two other kids who did just as well as I did. It was a little bit of friendly competition, we worked hard and we also helped each other out along the way."

Emma was one of two students chosen from Newstead College to work on the 2015 *Fuse* magazine. Two students are chosen from each High School and College in the Launceston area to



Photo by: Jade Hallam

Emma not only wins media prizes, she also won the Belle of the Ball at Deloraine's recent Masque Ball. Emma is pictured here in her winning costume with Beau of the Ball, Joel Wilson.

produce a magazine by students for young people published by *The Examiner*, who also provide editorial support.

"I think its important to volunteer. It's not only beneficial for the community, but it's also beneficial for yourself, because you get to learn new skills. You make life easier for other people and you are able to embrace a whole new experience," says Emma then adding, "For me personally, being able to vol-

unteer for the *Meander Valley Gazette* is a huge opportunity. To experience something that I really want to pursue as a career, and to get a head start into that industry."

"I am hoping to study media next year at UTas in Hobart. The sooner I'm in there the sooner I'm able to make a career out of it. I think I am very lucky to be able to pursue a career that I am passionate about."

Lake Rowallan a hidden gem

By Karl Gammler

MEANDER VALLEY residents will be pleased to know that both bridges on the Mersey Valley road have been repaired.

Access to Lake Rowallan, the Walls of Jerusalem National Park and lakes beyond that are part of the Mersey River system have been restored in time for the Rainbow Waters fishing season which starts 30th Sept. The dam wall at Rowallan has been raised

in height, giving locals high hopes for a great season.

Lake Rowallan itself is quite sheltered and significantly lower in altitude than the smaller lakes in the system. The lake holds a head of blackfish and all forms of fishing are allowed. Bait fishing at night is normally successful. Garden worms can catch fish in daylight (mainly browns, but the lures will see more rainbow activity).

In all Tassie lakes, caution

must be taken when boating; keep a safe speed and be aware of submerged logs.

There are good camping spots in this area. When driving on the many tracks, a chainsaw is handy to remove fallen tree branches.

Rising trout and blackfish in the evening will dot the water with their tell-tale rings, bringing delight for fly fishers and spinner fishers alike. A simple red tag is a good fly to start with. A Brown Bomber Cobra wobbler is a good troller for this water.

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MEANDER VALLEY - GET INVOLVED

Give us our monthly toast

REGULAR LADIES' Breakfasts are held in Deloraine's St. Mark's Anglican Church hall.

Ladies gather for their usual happy social time over a hearty breakfast cooked and served by the men (who wash-up after, too).

While the men put their finishing touches to the breakfast and warm the plates, an entertaining speaker addresses the group. These Ladies' Breakfasts are

held on the second Saturday of each month at 8.00am.

And men, from all walks of life, are invited to Mens' Breakfasts, held on the second Saturday of alternate months, when the ladies return the favour with the cooking and kitchen duties.

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Mole Creek Online Centres.

The workshops cost \$10.00 and run from 10.00am to 12.00 noon, with morning tea included.

The workshop at Deloraine Online Centre is on Tuesday 26th September - call 6362 3537 to book; and at the Mole Creek Online Centre on Monday 2nd October - call 6363 2030 to book.



SEPTEMBER IS an ideal month to split up perennials that have grown too "clumpy".

Michaelmas Daisies, *Helioopsis*, *Helianthemum*, and Shastas will all benefit from plant division every few years.

Twitch grass - that perennial pest with subterranean stems that can spread for metres - can entwine itself through the roots. Lifting is a good opportunity to clean up the bed, wash and cut back any big woody roots,, and replant the plants in clean soil.

The drought resistant *Aster novae-angliae* (New England Daisy) pictured, began to

emerge from its winter rest in July, and now should be bulky enough to divide up and re-plant.

In the Vegie Garden
Brassica seedlings - Cabbage, cauliflower and brussel sprouts are now available in local plant shops. These like a well manured and fertilised soil before the plants go in, and benefit from regular doses of liquid manure - but keep it off the cauli curds once they develop. If well rotted animal manure is not available for bed preparation, there are bags of cow and poultry manure in Meander Valley plant and hardware stores.



The drought resistant *Aster novae-angliae* (New England Daisy).

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Guy Barnett MP, coach Taneil Bloomfield, and a bunch of happy netballers celebrate the news of funding for two new netball courts.

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Guy dances with the Devils

THE STATE Government is providing \$55,000 through the Community Infrastructure Fund (CIF) to help support the Deloraine Devils Netball Club.

The funding will be put towards the construction of two new netball courts in Deloraine.

Up until now, players have not had their own courts and competing meant travelling to Launceston.

"It will also allow the Devils to increase participation in the sport, support more active and healthy lifestyles, and provide the option of hosting state competition games

in the future," explained Guy Barnett, Liberal member for Lyons who met with the club to celebrate the good news and make a formal announcement of the funding.

Deloraine Devils Netball Club President Taneil Bloomfield commented, "we're ecstatic about it. It's a great step forward for netball in Deloraine and the precinct. Now we will be able to run things when it suits us and run some of our own tournaments. It's something we have been working on for a very long time."

The is a pro-active and determined group who recently celebrated their 10th anniversary; having started with just one senior competition team.

The club has now grown to include three senior and two junior teams in the Northern Tasmanian Netball Association (NTNA) competition in 2017. It is a club that is definitely going from strength to strength.



Media crews gather in Deloraine to report on the shooting.

Shooting at Stagg Ct

STAGG COURT, Deloraine was the centre of national media attention in late August when an 11-year-old girl was shot in the head.

Phoenix Newitt who had bullet fragments lodged in her head and heart was flown to Melbourne for surgery after being treated at the Deloraine Hospital.

The incident sent shockwaves through this normally

peaceful community, many people were visibly distressed by the news.

At the time of going to press a 25-year-old man, Nathan Campbell, who lives in Stagg Court, was charged with causing grievous bodily harm and recklessly discharging a firearm.

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Daniel French pictured with Lions club member Chris Kilby

Shelter gets roar of approval

ON 19TH August, the newly completed Bus Shelter was lowered onto and secured to its pad on William Street, ready for use by the community. The old one was removed after being damaged by a fallen tree several years ago.

Thanks must go to the Lions Club of Westbury who

had built it in Ivan French's workshop over several weeks, and to those who saw the project through the building, planning and approval stages.

"This has been an unusual project. It has seen a non-Lions member, Daniel French, donate many hours of his time, working to ensure the project was completed to the

Worried about wombats?

By Hayley Manning

SOME MAY not realise that wombats in Meander Valley are affected by sarcoptic mange. While wombats are not listed as threatened, there are significant population declines in some areas of Tasmania and on the mainland.

According to the Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment (DPIPWE), consultant, Ben Davidson, mange has been present over many decades in Tasmania but research and monitoring are now underway to determine how wombats became infected and why there are more losses in some areas than others.

Tasmanian Wildlife Rehabilitation Council President, Oma Rodger, said the mange – caused by the sarcoptes mite is a "highly contagious and agonising condition" that can be treated depending on the

highest standards," said Phil Steers, Secretary of the Westbury Lions Club. "We give Daniel our heartfelt thanks - people such as him help make our community great."

If you would like to give back to the community by completing projects such as this then contact Phil on 0419 858 880 about joining the club.

presentation of the wombat.

Oma said teams around Tasmania have applied for treatment kits that work by administering a dose onto the wombat's skin as it enters the active burrow over a twelve week period.

Mr. Davidson said in addition to the kits, members of the public can also help by driving carefully and preventing their dogs roaming in wombat areas; while farmers can install 'wombat gates' that allow the wombat to pass through from one area to another without damaging fences.



Wombats are in decline in some regions of Tasmania.

To start a wombat team in the Deloraine area please contact Oma on 6429 3348 to discuss the State and Commonwealth treatment permit and all other start-up information.

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Two years in planning and renovation, the old glass premises at 11 West Barrack Street in Deloraine is now set to get your engines purring.

What was once a dilapidated shed is now a slick new vehicle service centre, the largest in town, catering for all makes and models.

"We moved from the Butter Factory because we wanted to offer customers a value and standard of service equivalent to that they would receive in Launceston" explains business owner Heath Graham.

Extra space has increased the business's ability to accept work and the new interior enables them to work more efficiently.

"A lot of places are tending towards being parts replacers, where as we still regard ourselves as mechanics that can actually conduct repairs" shares Heath, adding "our new location is convenient for customers who are now able to pop round the corner and shop while their car is serviced".

There are now three generations of Grahams working the business since Heath's son Chey started his automotive apprenticeship. Along with mechanic Andrew Briggs "we are pushing a hundred years experience between us" explains Heath.

Custom fabrication work is another specialty. Everything is catered for, from custom period fencing panels to farm equipment.

Appreciative of all the encouragement and assistance the business has received in setting up the new workshop, Heath will announce a date for a sausage sizzle and open day in the near future. In the meantime, all customers old and new are invited to pop in and check out the facilities.



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Rebecca White catches up on local news with Joanne Eisemann, editor of Meander Valley Gazette.

A fresh look at our strengths

MEANDER VALLEY Gazette caught up with Rebecca White Member for Lyons and Tasmanian Labour Party leader when she visited the Deloraine Online Centre.

Are you the youngest leader ever?

Not sure. I know that when Doug Lowe took over as the Premier of the State in the Labour party he was 35 and I'm 34, so maybe.

When Lara Giddings was leader she seemed to receive quite a lot of flack around being female, you don't seem to get that, why do you think that is?

I think that I have been fortunate that apart from the first two weeks when a lot of people asked questions about how could I be a leader and a mum of a young baby those questions stopped. Beyond that no one has questioned how can I do my job and be a woman, I think that is probably because we have had a female premier before, we've had a female prime minister now, hopefully people have come to realise that gender shouldn't be a determining factor as to whether or not you are capable to do your job. **Did you see yourself as being leader when you first started out in politics?**

It wasn't ever something I imagined for myself when I entered politics. Brian decided he was going to retire and the caucus wanted me to take on the leadership. They unanimously endorsed me to do that so I felt empowered by their confidence in me. I also have the attitude that if you are presented with an opportunity you take it. I walk through doors if they open.

Digital Inclusion in Tasmania is the lowest in the country. What will you do as leader or as a party to change that?

The digital divide is growing unfortunately, for a number of reasons and access is a key one. That's why we've been a strong supporter of the online access centres and why Labour established them in the first place. We could see a lot of services were transitioning online and we needed to provide a way for people to be able to access that affordably. It's great to hear that Online Access Centres have received a reprieve when it comes to funding but it's still a short term commitment and there is still a lot more certainty that we need to be able to provide.

What vision do you have for the State?

I'm a sixth generation Tasmanian, and very proud of that, so I'm very invested in making sure that we have good policy settings that build on our strengths. I think Tasmania's foremost strengths are our sense of community, our connection to one another, those natural advantages we have with primary production, agriculture, aquaculture, renewable energy, and the opportunities to attract people here because of the natural beauty of this place as tourists and then hopefully as residents. To do that we need to have good essential services to support people, good health system, good education system, good training pathways into employment for people who want to find a job in this State. So I see Tasmania's strengths being built on around how inclusive we are, how smart we

can be using renewables and adapting to climate changes, new technologies that we can depend upon to create new jobs and promoting the liveability that we enjoy here in Tasmania that makes us different from other places.

If we continue to promote and invest in those things we can build confidence in Tasmania even further... I think we are still a little bit of a hidden gem whether it be nationally or internationally. The more that we provide opportunities for our businesses to engage with the rest of the world the greater the economic and social benefit will be for Tasmania.

St Helens artists join forces

DELORAINE CREATIVE Studios are hosting partner artists John Perrin and Suzanna van den Heuvel of "Artsea" gallery from St Helens in September and October.

A painter all his life, John's prolific work in acrylic, pastel and pen and ink includes seascapes, marine life, boats and birds, as well as the more recent still life and abstract subjects.

With travel and time spent living in China as big influences, Suzanna experiments with lino prints, calligraphy and mixed media, including hand-

made paper.

Located at the turnoff to the Big4 C/P, their gallery was on the Art Trail as part of the award winning Bay of Fires Festival this year; where they had the joy of interacting with visitors from around Australia and overseas.

With their work also displayed at 36 Cecelia Street, St Helens, both retirees enjoy the Thursday vibrant Art group at the town's Neighbourhood House, and look forward to meeting and sharing their passion with all in Deloraine.

Annual Overload exhibition

COMMUNITY MEMBERS are invited to view the *Overload* exhibition at the Deloraine District Hospital.

Artists of all mediums come together to promote awareness of Iron Overload disorder (Haemochromatosis) which affects 1 in 200 people.

Haemochromatosis Australia would like to acknowledge the generous support

of Deloraine Hospital in welcoming this exhibition each year in particular Mr Lester Jones - Director of Nursing/Manager and Ms Isabelle Ves-covo, Admin Support Officer.

Curator, Sheila Stevenson is excited by the efforts artists have put into their works this year. Visitors will have the opportunity to vote for the Peoples Choice Award.

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VALLEY VIEWS



Mayor's Message

Above: Merrilyn Young receives a big thank you for forty years of service.

It has been a month filled with milestones and achievements. I was privileged to offer a sincere word of thanks to Merrilyn Young, who has worked with us at the previous Deloraine Council and Meander Valley Council for forty years.

Over that time, Merrilyn has seen many changes however, her dedication to her role and her outstanding service and commitment have remained a constant.

Congratulations Merrilyn. We value all that you bring to the organisation.

Round 1 of Council's Community Grants program was completed recently and ten grants were awarded to local community projects. These included contributions to community gardens, sporting equipment and cultural events.

Applications for Council Community Grants are taken all year round and adjudicated quarterly. If you have a project in mind that you feel would benefit your community, contact Council or visit the website.

Facilitating economic development is one of Council's core directions so we were very excited when Kolmark officially opened their new premises at the Valley Central Industrial Precinct on 23 August.

Kolmark's new premises are strategically positioned to meet the needs of industry and this development is a great example of how the public and private sectors can work together to identify opportunities and achieve great things.

Meander Valley's Destination Action Plan was launched by Premier Will Hodgeman this month. This plan outlines the strategies that are in place to manage future tourism demands and challenges.

There are 32 Destination Action Plans throughout the State and, not surprisingly, Meander Valley's Great Western Tiers feature heavily in ours.

Our plan identifies the value of our walking trails through this World Heritage Area, our abundant wildlife and our eclectic, artistic communities.

Tourism is a growing industry for Meander Valley and ensuring walking tracks are maintained and appropriate signage is in place is important if we want to deliver great visitor experiences.

The Great Western Tiers Tourism Association has worked hard to assist in the delivery of the plan and has provided valuable local input.

Lastly, congratulations to Michael and Constance Frydrych of Springfield Deer Farm in Mole Creek.

Michael and Constance have just received one of the prestigious Delicious Awards. Their gold medal winning venison was subject to a lengthy judging process by some of Australia's top chefs.

These awards are a celebration of the innovation, passion and commitment that drives our local producers. Well done.

Mayor, Craig Perkins

Westbury Remembers

October 31st, 2017 marks the 100th Anniversary of the Battle of Beersheba. In 1914 when Australia joined the war, there were 23 Lighthorse regiments of militia volunteers. The 3rd Lighthorse regiment (AIF) was formed comprising C Squadron from Tasmania.

Twenty one of these young men were from the Westbury District.

The Westbury RSL Sub Branch is seeking information on the Light Horsemen listed on the Westbury RSL Roll of Honour Board. We invite you to share stories, photographs, letters and memories of those who served, as we remember their sacrifice.

Enderby Gordon Anderson	Norman George Harvey
Reginald Atkinson	Jack (John) Percy Heathcote
Edward Ernest Badcock	Thomas Charles Jordan
Edwin George Boon	Arthur Lyons
Patrick Busby	William Lyons
Ernest Frank Daft	James Lorenzo Moore
Thomas Percy Drake	Edward Laurence Moulden
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If you would like to contribute to our research email westburyremembers@gmail.com or phone 6393 1313



New Mersey River bridge built to last

The Mersey River bridge at Liena has been completed after the devastating floods of 2016 destroyed the previous timber structure.

TasSpan finished the new bridge in June after it was discovered that the ground conditions across the site required additional engineering.

"Three foundation designs were employed across the site in order to cater for the varying geology," Mayor Craig Perkins said.



Above: The new Liena Bridge (photo courtesy of TasSpan)

The new structure is comprised of three spans and has an overall length of 60 metres.

The project received Federal Government support through the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements Fund.

Now that the structure is complete, Council's Works Department will undertake the reconstruction of the road approaches.

This is expected to be completed during the summer months.

Opportunity for youth to find their voice in Hobart

Meander Valley Council is seeking to sponsor two young people to represent Meander Valley at the Tasmanian Youth Local Government Conference.

The conference allows young people from around the State to come together over two weekends, one held at a local location and one held in Hobart, for educational and social activities and to discuss key issues facing our areas of local government.

This is a wonderful opportunity for you to submit your ideas to Councillors with the hope that some may be adopted by local governments throughout the State.

Participants will develop public speaking, planning and problem-solving skills that will provide them with the confidence to stand up as advocates for the issues they believe in.

There will also be plenty of

time to have some fun and make new friends.

The conference will be held during the October school break and students from grades 9 - 10 are eligible to apply.

If you would like to be considered for one of these positions or need more information, please contact Vicki Jordan on 0400 155 690 or email vicki.jordan@mvc.tas.gov.au



Above from left: Phyllis Ingamells, Eve Taylor, Judy Barton, Barry Lee, Cr Bob Richardson, Debbie Bailey, Gwen Harris and Barbara Jardine enjoy the new seating installed on the Westbury Village Green.

After 96 years, the grass has never looked greener

Phyllis Ingamells has lived in Westbury for most of her life. At age 96, she has seen significant change, most recently to her beloved Village Green.

Seating upgrades have improved accessibility and ensured that all members of the community can enjoy the Village Green for many years to come.

"The old picnic tables became very difficult to use. In order to access them you had to climb over the seats. The new park furniture is much more user-friendly and attractive," Phyllis said.

Westbury Health raised the accessibility issue with Cr Bob Richardson in March.

By August, Meander Valley Council's works crews had installed eight new settings,

three of which are wheelchair accessible and three new bench seats. "My wife Cheryl is a member of the Westbury Health Advisory Committee and together we undertook some field trips to research possible alternatives," Cr Richardson said.

The community could not be happier with the upgrades, and the speed at which they were completed. "I was impressed with how quickly the seating was installed, given that my letter to Council was sent at the end of March this year," Eve from Westbury Health said.

The Westbury Village Green dates back to the 1830's and is a site of historical significance. With its towering oak trees it is reputed to be one of the most traditional village greens in Australia.

"The community has worked collaboratively with Council over many years and as a result the Village Green has become an attraction in itself," Cr Richardson said.

Arguably one of the most "English" villages in Australia, Westbury is steeped in history and many of the original buildings that surround the Green have intriguing stories to tell. Even the local RSL has a jail cell in its kitchen!

"Westbury is one of the few places where history remains incredibly tangible. The community and Council have worked hard to ensure that its convict past complements the town's modern advancement and growth" Cr Richardson said.

Carrick's site of remembrance is defined

In a collaborative project, the Carrick Hall Committee and Meander Valley Council have enhanced the Carrick Cenotaph, consolidating this important site of remembrance.

Committee members had noticed that vehicles were being parked over the base of the monument during sporting events and there have been increased incidences of littering at the site.

Council worked with the Carrick Hall Committee to design, acquire and install a set of replas bollards, metal chain and apricot gravel. The improvements delineate



Above: The cenotaph at Carrick

the space, formalising the monument's boundaries and reinforcing its significance to the Carrick community.

Kindly maintained by members of the Carrick Hall Committee, the Cenotaph complements the adjoining public open space.

Four new conifers have been planted as part of the project that was made possible with the help of Council's Community Grants Program.



Recycling?
What goes where?



Items for your kerbside recycling bin:

- Aerosol cans (empty)
- Aluminium cans (empty)
- Aluminium foil (scrunched)
- Bottles (glass & plastic)
- Cardboard
- Milk & juice cartons (no longlife)
- Plastic plant pots
- Paper & newspaper
- Envelopes (including windowface)
- Plastic containers (eg. margarine & yoghurt tubs)
- Junk mail & magazines
- Paint tins (empty)
- Food tins (empty)
- Jar lids (metal & plastic 8cm across or larger)

Recycling must be placed in bins loose. Do not place items in bags or boxes or tie them together.

Items for disposal at transfer stations:

- Batteries (household)
- Car batteries
- Carpet & underlay
- Computer parts
- Electrical appliances
- Gas bottles
- Steel (other than tins/cans)

Contact Council before disposal:

- Mobile phone recycling
- Chemicals
- Fluorescent bulbs & tubes
- Paint
- Printer & toner cartridges
- Sharps / syringes

For an A-Z Guide to recycling & waste see the 2017 Kerbside Collection Calendar, contact Council on 6393 5300 or visit www.meander.tas.gov.au for more information.

All welcome at Council Community Forum

Throughout the year, Council holds quarterly forums in different townships to discuss local achievements and issues with residents.

The next Community Forum will be held on **Tuesday 26 September from 7pm - 8.30pm at the Bracknell Community Hall, Louisa Street, Bracknell.**

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.



October | School Holiday Programs

Thursday 5 October 3 on 3 Basketball Slamboree and Barbecue (Grades 2-7)

Friday 13 October The Eleventh Hour Lockout Basketball Slamboree

Stepping Stones Leadership Camps

If you are interested in learning new skills, facing new challenges, building friendships and having lots of fun, then a Stepping Stones Camp is for you. Coordinated by Meander Valley Council, camps are drug and alcohol free and are fully supervised by Council staff and volunteers. Only 20 places available in each age group so book early.

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Backstrap weaving tutor Laverne Waddington instructs Tara Ulbrich at Deloraine House.

Ethnic folk art weaving

By Lorraine Clarke

FOR A LADY WHO does not drive, Laverne Waddington has certainly traversed more of this planet than most.

She was born in India and raised in Sydney, and has spent all her adult life travelling the most far-flung parts of the earth, notably those with glorious vistas of natural beauty, traditional ethnic communities, and mountain peaks that challenge her trekking skills. She has visited all 7 continents, including two trips to Antarctica, backpacked her way through various Asian countries, explored the spectacular parks, fjords and glaciers of Tierra del Fuego on foot, and trekked the

highlands of Peru and Bolivia.

After living for several years at the southernmost wind-blown tip of Chile, she settled in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, which she describes as a humid city of 1 million with a small-town ambience. "We feel as though, if we all went to sleep for two days, the jungle would swallow us up."

Wherever Laverne travels, she carries works in progress of her other great love, backstrap weaving. Any free time is consumed with weaving small projects such as purses and bookmarks in complementary warp-faced designs that easily fit into her backpack, and serve as bartering objects and mementos for people she

meets. She originally learned this ancient craft from indigenous weavers in the highlands of South America, and it has since become a consuming passion for her. Many primitive cultures around the globe use identical techniques to produce the hard-wearing warp-faced weaving which lends itself to striking designs and dazzling colours peculiar to each region, and Laverne incorporates South American, Asian, African and Celtic designs into her own work.

Laverne now makes her living by teaching backstrap weaving classes around the globe. Deloraine was recently graced by her expertise in a workshop run by the Tasmanian Spinners', Weavers' & Dyers' Guild. Over two days, 8 keen students emulated the course of 6-year-old Bolivian girls who, out on the mountain slopes tending their family's flock of sheep, begin weaving narrow ribbons of fine, tightly-plied homespun wools. They progress through a range of simple patterns which are the building blocks eventually combined to form complex designs on the larger items they will later need to weave for their families, such as shawls, bags, carrying cloths, belts and even llama harnesses. The components of these little girls' weaving can be stowed in a pocket, for threads take up little space, and adjustable tension is applied to the warp between a string around her waist, the other end secured on a big toe. The weaver herself actually

becomes part of her weaving loom. Deft fingers pick up different coloured warp threads in set patterns and beat down the weft.

After mastering the techniques of the simplest "ch'oro" pattern, Deloraine's weavers soon progressed to using the heavier backstrap and wooden rods on which wider pieces are woven, winding their own warps for wider bands, and incorporating other pick-up patterns that can be flipped, reversed and mirrored to create strikingly colourful Andean pebble weave designs. These basic principles, home-grown materials and portable tools are all that is and has ever been required by weavers in ethnic communities the world over, to produce all the cloth and straps used in their daily lives. The embellishment of their weaving with geometric or pictorial designs from their immediate surroundings, coloured with vibrant natural dyes, goes beyond mere functionality, serving to unify and identify their familial and geographic ties, and expressing the creative talent of the artisan.

Little wonder that Laverne proclaims herself "Passionate about backstrap weaving"! She has inspired local weavers with a taste of this technique, and will soon be returning to improve their skills. Laverne has authored two books and made a DVD teaching her craft, which can be accessed through her website and many blogs at <https://backstrapweaving.wordpress.com>

Toe tapping country

THE TASMANIAN Independent Country Music Awards comes to Meander Valley on Saturday 21st October at the Launceston Country Club from 6:30pm.

20 award winning artists, combining International, National and Local Artists will perform Live on Stage.

The awards will feature Tasmanian legends Singing Kettles, International New Zealand star Aly Cook, Don Allen and the king of country rock Jade Hurley. Plus there is the queen of country Jean Stafford, and Tassie's favourite girls Gina Timms and Debbie Parry. Others in the line up include Melbourne band Destiny and Chris Williams

The director of the awards is urging people to get their tickets to this event at tixtas.com.au and support country music.

This year Jade Hurley will be inducted into National Legend status and Gina Timms and Rob Bean into the Tasmanian Legend category.

The 2017 Hall of Famer will also be inducted.

For people to vote in the Tasmanian and National category and see who their finalists are this year go to ticma.com.au.

Never in Australian award history has there been such a line-up of super talented artists from all over Australia and New Zealand performing live on stage.

The director of the awards said if the northern country music residents support this event and we have a full house the Board will seriously consider keeping the awards at the Country Club.

Tickets are available at www.tixtas.com.au or phone 1300 795 257. Full is \$39.50 and VIP is \$59.50.



Jean Stafford, performing at the Country Music Awards, grew up in Meander and in 2016 was inducted into the Tasmanian Country Music Hall of Fame. Photo supplied

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John Bennett: 2017 industry legend

By Antonia Howarth-Wass

THE SIGNIFICANCE of the award to John Bennett AM of Ashgrove Cheese Pty Limited as the 'Farming Legend of 2017' will be appreciated by those who have been involved in the dairy and beef

industries Australia wide.

On 16 August 2017, John, his wife Connie, son Paul and daughters Susan, Mary and Anne, travelled to Canberra to receive congratulations. "This award", says John, "reflects the individual endeavour of myself, and my extended

family and also the efforts in restructuring the dairy industry as a whole."

Reforms were required to antiquated 1930s laws. It started in 1974 when he set up a Secretariat in Melbourne, obtained professional assistance, then toured the

country holding meetings in country towns gaining support of the state dairy farmer organisations to alter the marketing strategies which improved and empowered farmers nationally.

Dairy farmers led changes to the cattle industry generally. The formation of the National Dairy Herd Improve-

ment Scheme in 1982 is just one of the strategies implemented. It is a national effort to allow farmers to use genetic material for improvement of the herd.

"We are not the biggest" says John, "but Ashgrove is probably the largest of the smaller producers in Tasmania." *Continued on Page 12...*

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Farming Legend of 2017, John Bennett AM, of Ashgrove Cheese Pty Limited.

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Hearing loss link to dementia in new international study

ADDRESSING HEARING loss can play a major role in preventing dementia, a new international study published in the *Lancet* has found.

Mid-life hearing loss tops nine risk factors that contribute to the risk of dementia.

The *Lancet* report shows that almost a quarter of the risk that individuals can manage for themselves is linked to hearing. For the first time they raise the importance of addressing this in middle age - not when it has been left untreated to later life and the damage has already been done.

The study says hearing loss can deny people a cognitively rich environment and lead to social isolation and depression, which are among the other potentially modifiable risk factors for dementia.

The *Lancet* study is the latest in a growing body of evidence that links hearing loss and cognitive decline.


However, this particular report has put the spotlight on the crucial importance of addressing hearing loss at a much earlier age - between 45 and 65. This is much earlier than most discussions have centred on

and gives us a real opportunity to continue to push for policy changes from government.

In a public statement, BSHAA Chief Executive Prof David Welbourn today repeated the Society's call for people to look after their hearing, and to get a hearing test as an important step to maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

Reacting to the new study, he said: "For far too long, hearing loss has been considered unimportant by too many in the medical community. It has often been passed off as an inevitable consequence of ageing. Neither of these are true. The *Lancet* commission on dementia is the latest, and perhaps the most definitive, of a growing body of evidence pointing to an important truth: the risk of dementia can be significantly reduced if people take good care of their hearing.

"This is a real wake-up call to people who can, and should, do something for themselves by getting their hearing tested and taking advice. This is such an easy way in which people can invest in their long-term health, just as they do by joining a gym or taking other steps towards a healthier lifestyle."



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Major expansion for Kolmark

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Premier Will Hodgman and business director Mark Kolodziej raise their glasses to new beginnings.

By Emma Hodgkinson

KOLMARK MCLAINE Stainless director Mark Kolodziej hosted the business's official opening ceremony for their new factory expansion in Westbury last month.

The \$2 million expansion

has given Kolmark room to grow and will gradually create more jobs as the business further develops. The business specialises in manufacturing silos, tanks and piping, providing equipment for some of Tasmania's leading distilleries and dairy farms amongst

many other industries.

"Our goal is to support Tasmanian industries in the food, dairy, and pharmaceutical sector," said Mr. Kolodziej.

Premier Will Hodgman attended the celebration and was given the honour of officially opening the factory.

Westbury property report

STATISTICS SHOWS that Westbury is experiencing a buoyant property market.

At just over the halfway point through 2017, at least 38 properties have sold and settled; compared to a total of 56 for the whole of 2016. This compares with a recent high point of 67 in 2015, up from 58 properties in 2014 and 59 transactions back in 2013.

Recently released figures by the REIT indicate the median Westbury house price for 2017 is tracking at around the \$292,500 level compared to \$270,000 for 2016; bearing in mind the smaller sale number results and sampling could easily distort the median figure if more dearer or cheaper properties are selling through that review period. Although it still does reflect the sale activity of the actual time being examined.

The average time taken for a property to sell is dramatically down from 127 days on the market in 2016 to only 33 days at this point in 2017; with many properties that have been for sale for long periods have finally sold and new property listings moving relatively quickly if correctly priced.

"With the many open homes and other viewings I have conducted this year, there have been significant numbers of potential purchasers from the mainland, with recent sales confirming this fact," said Peter Darrow of Peter Bushby Real Estate in Launceston.

Westbury is increasingly becoming a lifestyle choice for people wanting the security of a safe, friendly and less stressful village environment that is still close and accessible to Launceston.

John Bennett: industry legend










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JOHN AND his family were at the beginning of the farm processing movement in the early 1980's and are now running a business recognised all over the country.

"My focus has always been," he says, "to make things better. A commitment to research, helping farmers

and creating product with market relevance."

The motto of this remarkable farmer and businessman comes as advice to look beyond, embrace cultural and rural diversity and to transcend boundaries by remaining focused. In this case it has produced a winner.

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Lake Rowallan

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This water holds trophies; the largest captured by a Mole Creek resident with a 'Drawing a Grub at night' technique weighed in at ten and a half pounds at the local butchers.

Locals also believe it fishes best early in the season; especially before the water is let go for the annual white water rafting and irrigation.

A trip up this lake might

well land you a fish or two; with its Majestic scenery and views the other trophy of memories you bring home.

Hadspen Cricket

By David Claridge

ANOTHER BIG season looms for the Hadspen Cricket Club as they begin training, and welcome in new members.

Currently doing pre-season training out at Windsor Park, Riverside on Thursday nights

they hope to have teams ready to add to their trophy cabinet in the new season.

Club president Corey Martin said there is a lot happening on the field and is encouraging anyone interested to come and have a look and possibly sign up.

"We are offering a range of programs for all ages and abilities this year," he said.

"We will also field a women's side in the TCL T20 Boom competition for the first time.

"As well as an under-17 girl's development team to go with our under-15, under-13 boys and girls teams, the Milo T20 Cricket program for 5-12 for boys and girls, and four senior sides in the Tasmanian Cricket League - Premier League, A-Reserve, B and C grades.

The Chieftains will be looking to redeem themselves after grand final losses last year in both Premier League and C-grade.

"You can always strive for improvement but in sport

anything can happen. You always try and improve every year but obviously the other teams are trying to do the same," Martin said.

"Anyone can still join. The senior sides play on Saturday's and Sunday's, the women's programs play on Saturday and during the week."

Hadspen are looking for more members from everywhere in the Meander Valley. Interested people can contact Martin on 0437 914 408.

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
September and October	John Perrin & Suzanna van den Heuvel	Exhibition of their works at Deloraine Creative Studios Emu Bay Road Deloraine.
September, October finishing 7th Nov	Overload Exhibition	Deloraine District Hospital, 17 East Barrack St, Deloraine.
Every Friday night until 22nd December	Nights of the Round Table	Deloraine House, 112 Emu Bay Road - Discuss Current Affairs etc Bring a plate of finger food to share
Saturday 9th September 7.30pm sharp	Western Tiers Film Society - "I, Daniel Blake"	Little Theatre, 2 Meander Valley Rd. Deloraine UK Drama 100min Rated: R Ph: 0418 389 868
Sunday 10th September 12.30pm	Liberals Fun Car Rally	To book Ph: 6362 4460 or 6701 2170 \$10.00 per car Lunch \$10.00 \$5.00 children Under 12
Sunday 10th September 3.00pm	Family-friendly BBQ hosted by Rebecca White	Apex Train Park - hear Labor's vision and raise your ideas RSVP 6212 2225
Sunday 10th September 6.30pm	Politics in the Pub with Labor's Rebecca White	Deloraine Hotel, West Barrack Street, Deloraine RSVP 6212 2225 or rebecca.white@parliament.tas.gov.au
Friday 15th September 10.00am to 3.00pm	Flower Pressing Workshop with Deb Wace	Kanangra Meeting Room, 30a West Goderich St, Deloraine light lunch provided ph:6362 2678
Saturday 16th September 9.00am	Mole Creek Market	Mole Creek Memorial Hall, Caveside Rd, Mole Creek. Ph: Ross Quick 0413 681 252
Saturday 16th September 9.00am - 2.00pm	Westbury Market	Anglican Church Hall, 11 Lonsdale Promenade Westbury Ph: 6393 1417
Tuesday 19th September 2.00pm - 3.00pm	Getting Smart with Smartphones	Deloraine Online Centre Booking recommended, drop ins welcome call Deloraine Online 6362 3537
Tuesday 26th September 10.00am - 12.00noon	Introduction to Irfan View	Simple to use photo editing freeware, Deloraine Online Access Centre \$10.00 ph: 6362 3537 to book
Wednesday 27th September 4.00pm	Deloraine Hospital Auxiliary High Tea	Rotary Pavilion, Alveston Drive, Deloraine RSVP by 22nd Sept Ph: Helen 6362 2658 or Judi 6362 3291
Sunday 1st October 2.00pm sharp	WT Film Society - "The Eagle Huntress"	Little Theatre, 2 Meander Valley Rd. Deloraine Mongolia Doco 87min Rated: G Ph: 0418 389 868
Monday 2nd October 10.00am - 12.00noon	Introduction to Irfan View	Simple to use photo editing freeware, Mole Creek Online Access Centre \$10.00 ph: 6362 2030 to book
Saturday 7th October	Deloraine Showground Market	Deloraine Showground, Highland Lakes Rd 03 6369 5321 or 0409695321 for more info
Tuesday 10th October	Make-up Secrets workshop for teens 13- 15	Deloraine House Ph:63 622 678 to book, numbers limited, free tuition, free accessories kit for participants
Wednesday 11th Oct 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 14th October 7.30pm sharp	W/T Film Society - "Manchester by the Sea"	Little Theatre, 2 Meander Valley Rd. Deloraine US Drama 135min Rated: R Ph: 0418 389 868
Monday 16th October	U3A Courses begin Term 4	Various venues
Tuesday 17th October 10.00am - 12.00am	Safe and Secure using the Internet	Deloraine Online Access Centre, Seniors Week event, gold coin donation, morning tea ph:6362 3537
Tuesday 17th October 2.00pm - 3.00pm	Getting Smart with Smartphones	Deloraine Online Centre Booking recommended, drop ins welcome call Anne-Marie: 0417 120 671
Wednesday 18th October 4.00pm	Celebrating Farmers publication launch	Deloraine Library Emu Bay Road for more info phone Anne-Marie: 00417 120 671
Thursday 19th October 7.00pm - 9.00pm	Youth You - Drugs Do Not Discriminate Tour	Western Tiers Community Club 33a Parsonage Street Deloraine \$5.00 Book sales \$25.00 Light Refreshments
Friday 20th & 21st October 6.30pm	Festival of One Act Plays	Deloraine Little Theatre, Meander Valley Rd For more info Ph: 0409 568 291
Saturday 21st October 6.30pm	Tas Independent Country Music Awards	Country Club Tasmania, Prospect Bookings: www.tixtas.com.au Ph: 1300 795 257
Saturday 21st October 9.00am - 2.00pm	Westbury Maypole Festival	Westbury Village Green, Lonsdale Promenade Free entry Games, jumping castles, cake stalls & much more
Tuesday 7th November 11.30am	Melbourne Cup 5-course luncheon	Chudleigh Memorial Hall, Bookings essential Ph: Sheryl 6367 8190. Prizes.

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Celebrating farmers

MEANDER VALLEY is looking forward to hosting this year's Creative Ageing Festival, showcasing innovative arts and health programs which encourage older adults to participate.

Following the success of last year's festival, a diverse range of activities will be on offer during Seniors Week.

One of those is the Celebrating Farmers Project, where Meander Valley farmers have told stories and had their photos taken to be included in a special publication that will be launched during Seniors

Week at 4.00pm on Wednesday 18th October at the Deloraine Library. Wayne Johnston, President of the TFGA will launch the publication and light refreshments will be served.

The project is a collaboration between a number of groups including LINC Tasmania, Aged Care Deloraine, Deloraine Online Access Centre, 26Ten, Kanangra, Grenoch and RAW.

LINC volunteers and staff have gathered the stories, photographer Joanne Gower has taken portraits and book designer Elizabeth Douglass



Photo by: Joanne Gower
John and Chris Watters moved to Meander Valley after a lifetime of being involved in farming and agriculture in South Australia. Their story is one of 14 told in the Celebrating Farmers project.

is preparing the publication for print.

Farmers were selected through an expression-of-interest process and all farmers that put their hand up were included in the project.

A copy will be available in the reference section of the Deloraine and Westbury Libraries for those would like to view the publication but are unable to attend the launch.

Also on offer during the festival will be a host of guest creative arts practitioners including ceramic artist Gill Riches, botanical artist Deborah Wace, composer Jimmy Reece and art therapist Megan Booth.



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