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## Split second sprinters



L to R: Kaiden Eastley, Lucas Sullivan, Zane Arnold, Luke McHugh, Riley Sherriff, Amber Sheriff, and time keeper, Coran McHugh

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By Joanne Eisemann

**ELECTRONIC TIMING** gates purchased earlier this year have enabled Deloraine Little Athletics to offer a far

more accurate way of measuring results for track events.

"This gives our athletes a far better chance of getting the results they need to enter State

meets," said committee member Corran McHugh, adding "The gates can also be operated by just one person, which means we can run events more

efficiently." The timing gates were made in Tasmania and cost \$7,000. The Deloraine and Districts Bendigo Bank gave \$4,000 towards the purchase with the rest

being raised by the club and sponsorship from local businesses and community members. Little Athletics meet each Saturday at Deloraine Primary School

at 8:45am.

More info is available at their new website, [www.deloraine.littleathletics.com.au](http://www.deloraine.littleathletics.com.au) or call President, Andrew Gleeson, on 0409 139 027.

## A question of reserve

By Sharon Webb

THE MEANDER Valley Council has confirmed that it used various methods to get unpaid rates from the owners of a Mole Creek home and that a reserve price was set when it finally sold the property in September.

At the September council meeting Cllr Rodney Synfield questioned whether council

staff had taken action to recover the last outstanding rates before council's decision in March to sell a home owned by the Beerepoots - other than writing to the owners.

And Cllr Synfield joined with Cllr John Temple in questioning the price gained for the property.

He asked for details about council's duty of care to ensure a price

reflective of the property's true valuation and Cllr Temple asked why, in behaving as the owner of the land, as the Local Government Act allows, council had set no reserve price.

Director of Corporate Services Johanthan Harmeay has confirmed council officers had actively pursued the outstanding rates since a letter was received from the family on

13th June 2012.

"The last payment of rates was received in July 2010," Mr Harmeay said.

"There have been several letters involved, discussions and meetings.

"Council staff have issued notices of intention to sell by letter, placed notices on the properties and advertised the intention to sell the property twice in *The Examiner* in June 2016.

"The debts were placed into collection with the Tasmanian Collection Services.

A vehicle was seized under a warrant to sell property and sold in early 2013 with the revenue applied to the outstanding debts."

He said that council staff kept councillors informed of progress on the situation through workshops and through their monthly briefing reports.

"The property was sold at public auction where all members of the public were able to purchase it and it was sold to the person who offered the high-

est price. The market determined the value of the property at the public auction."

Mr Harmeay confirmed council had complied with the Local Government Act in setting a reserve price for the Beerepoots' property.

"Council set a reserve to cover Sections 139(1)(a) and 139(1)(b), which has been the practice in previous public auctions for sale of land for unpaid rates."

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# In My Opinion...

By Joanne Eisemann  
Managing Editor

IT'S AN exciting time for the Gazette team, as our long-held goal of moving from 16 to 20 pages begins to look a lot more likely.

It's a bit like standing at the edge of a precipice with some of us asking "are we going to be able to take this leap and successfully make it?"

As with many small businesses that are ready to expand, things can become a little cluttered just before the big jump is taken. If you have noticed that our paper has lately been looking full to the brim with stories and advertising, that's the reason why. Rest assured, once we move to 20 pages the extra space will restore some much-needed breathing space.

While on the topic of the paper, it's a good time to express our heartfelt appreciation to the

many businesses, services, Meander Valley Council, politicians, and government agencies who advertise with us. Thank you for your vital support!

In other thrilling news, Meander Valley Online Inc has been named as a finalist for its project *Meander Valley Gazette* in the Tasmanian Community Group of the Year Awards. Winners are to be announced on 1st December.

If you like the work we do, you can vote for us in the People's Choice section of Tasmanian Community Achievement Awards. Go to their facebook poll <https://poll.fbapp.io/tascaa17> to vote. Polling closes on 27th November.

Alternatively, you might like to vote for the other Meander Valley finalist, Christmas Hills Raspberry Farm Café; they are up for the Agriculture Award.

## Letters In...

I AM an avid mountain biker but at present have to travel well outside the district to ride on trails.

This is a shame as Deloraine and our great region has fantastic potential for developing this form of recreation.

I have seen great participation across a broad cross section of people at events (age 10 – 60+).

Excellent trails are being built by volunteers in Devonport and Penguin.

With the success of places like Derby, it seems to be a common misconception

that trails have to be built at great expense.

I would like to invite any landholders who have bush blocks to contact me and discuss the possibility of creating trails.

Good trails can be built in relatively small blocks of land with little impact, and this could be the basis of Deloraine & Districts forming its own club.

Corran McHugh

THE ANNUAL Deloraine Craft Fair is an amazing event. So too is the Meander Valley Council's once a year spruce up of the town.

A. R. Trounson, Needles

## A question of reserve ...continued from Page 1

The Beerepoot home, Blue Wren Hideaway, was owned by a family who also owned a farm and a shop associated with the family's business, the Melita Honey Farm.

Meander Valley Council was poised to sell all three properties because it was owed \$9,332 in rates. An anonymous donor paid the rates on the honey business properties, ostensibly because of the business' tourist value to Chudleigh, leaving \$3,500 in outstanding rates.

Around 20 registered bidders and interested parties attended the September auction; the home was bought by an over-the-phone bidder for \$120,000 after just six minutes.

The starting bid was \$20,000.

Remaining funds from the sale after council has covered rates and auction costs will be returned to the Beerpots.

The family refused to pay rates because, according to their letter to council: "Council's world view is that the 'law of the land' governs life and thus also provides progress, growth and security. On the other hand, we believe that our Heavenly Father is Sovereign and that He reigns today, thus we worship Him and Him alone so that His will is established on the earth ... you are asking us to bow down to a false god which is something we cannot do."

## Wild things on show

Story and photo by Hayley Manning

"THE BEST classroom in the world, is at the feet of an older person".

The Director of Meander Valley Creative Ageing Festival, Alexandra Morse, said she wasn't sure where she heard this quote, but she said it summed up the 'social connectedness' experienced by the residents and students from Our Lady of Mercy Primary School during the

creative art puppet project, 'Wild Things'.

Each student 'buddied up' with a resident to make and name their fun animal puppets.

Everyone involved in the 25 event festival, expressed their passion for facilitating ways to help people connect with each other through sharing their stories while engaging in creative art.



Kanangra resident Patricia Stanley engages in some puppet play with 6yr old Astryd Johnson from Our Lady of Mercy Primary.

## Retraction of quote in paper

AN ARTICLE in the October edition of *Meander Valley Gazette* titled 'Bittersweetsale' contained a statement that is misleading.

The article, concerning Meander Valley Council's sale of a Mole Creek property to recoup rates, said "The owners refused to pay because, in their opinion, the land belonged to God and the council should seek the

money from him."

The owners (Beerepoots), say "Whilst we do claim that the land belongs to God at no time have we formed, stated or expressed the opinion that Council should seek payment from Him."

The statement in the article was taken as a quote from Mayor Perkins during a media Q&A, but was not referenced as such in the story.

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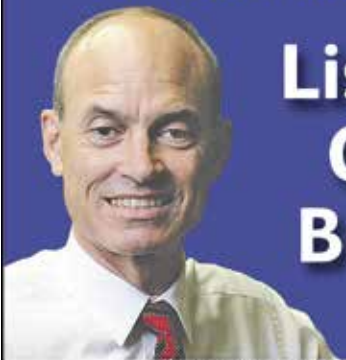
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By David Claridge

THE NORTH West junior fire competitions have been won by a team from Meander Fire Brigade.

By getting placings in each of their events they were awarded the aggregate trophy.

Meander Brigade Member, Grant Flowers, explained how they enter a team or two in the comps each year.

"We run our junior fire brigade monthly, we've got about 10 junior members," he said.

"During the year we try and think of a few good fun things for them to do. People might have things they want burned so we use them as a junior training exercise. Then theylight them up under supervision."



Photo by: Mike Moores

L to R: Dylan Flowers, 17, and Lachie Gleeson, 15, both from Meander were part of the winning team in the recent Junior Fire Brigade competition.

This year's comp was run at St Leonards Primary. Their six member team had to rotate one person out each time because only five juniors are allowed for each event.

The team got silver in fireman's football, a bronze medal in the tanker rescue and a bronze in the dutch roll. In a sealed event, a twister-fire hybrid game they got gold,

making them overall winners. "Our junior program has been really good for our brigade. We've been doing it now for some 15 years. Six juniors have carried on

into our senior ranks. "Because they come out of the juniors they are so well trained, they don't take much training for proper fire-fighting," said Grant.

# Hosing down the competition

## Cllr King's sincere and unreserved apology

By Sharon Webb

A MEANDER Valley Councillor has apologised publicly for making offensive comments about a community group campaigning against the use of the former Meander School property as a drug treatment facility.

A local government code of conduct panel required Cllr Tanya King to "sincerely and unreservedly apologise to members of Meander Residents and Ratepayers Association (MARRA Inc) for any offence or embarrass-

ment" her comments at the council meeting of 15th November last year may have caused them.

The three-member panel also said Cr King should be cautioned against making inappropriate public statements which may cause offence or embarrassment to any individual or community group.

A hearing at the Westbury Community Health Centre on 5th July heard from MARRA spokesperson Bohdi McSweeney that its 70-person membership was

"deeply offended and shocked by Cllr King's reference to them", and that her comments were "outrageous and humiliating."

Cllr King told the panel that she had intended to alert ratepayers to the waste of time and funds that a former complaint by Meander resident Bronte Booth had caused council. She confirmed that "the context (of her comments) was correct but she believed she may have been misquoted."

She said in hindsight she should have chosen her words

more carefully, describing them as 'cheeky'.

The panel found Cllr King had breached Local Government Act requiring councillors to "treat all persons with courtesy, fairness, dignity and respect" and "not

cause any reasonable person offence or embarrassment".

It found Cllr King's comments "gratuitous and sarcastic" and had caused Mr Booth and one or more of the MARRA Inc members offence or embarrassment.

## Troubles with transport?

THIS NOVEMBER, the Department of State Growth seeks Meander Valley's bus riders' feedback on Devonport to Launceston and Mole Creek to Launceston public bus services.

For feedback on why you take the currently under-

used Mole Creek-Launceston service, and on viable alternatives, like a students' only service or using the Devonport-Launceston route, contact [www.transport.tas.gov.au/project2018](http://www.transport.tas.gov.au/project2018), [project2018@stategrowth.tas.gov.au](mailto:project2018@stategrowth.tas.gov.au), or call 6166 4473.

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# Westmorland Falls walk

By Tara Ulbrich

WALKING IN wild places is something to celebrate, like a party. When moving through the trees I like to see who has turned up, vegetation-wise. The path to Westmorland Falls is a fascinating, changeable forest crowd.

To get there, travel from Deloraine through the convivial village of Chudleigh. Take the road straight out of town and head toward rural Cave-side. Veer right along Wet Caves Road to the Mole Creek Karst Conservation Area. At the end of the bitumen, turn left up the dirt road and drive to a well-marked car pull off.

From here, an orange triangle marker points to a hardened track which takes you into a forest of tall eucalypt, blackwood and dogwood

trees with an understory of cutting grass and bracken.

At first, the path has a covering of leaf litter and bark fall. Occasional boardwalk gets you over marsh and moss rock steps have been thoughtfully placed to facilitate traverse. As the forest gets damper, ferns make their appearance along with sassafras and myrtle trees. The soundtrack changes too as beyond the line of sight, rushing water promises you're heading in the right direction. The Park's infrastructure is useful but hasn't taken over all possibility for a slippery adventure. As the track begins to ascend across the hill face, roots dominate and after the bridge, a section of mud.

Do not be coy about getting

your boots dirty. Going wide from the path leads to degradation of the zone; besides, it's fun to tramp in the squelch.

Since the floods of 2016, the viewing platform at the falls has been shifted downstream, now providing steps to reach the riverbed. Climb down, find a rock seat and take in the commanding view of a water-washed vertical sheer.

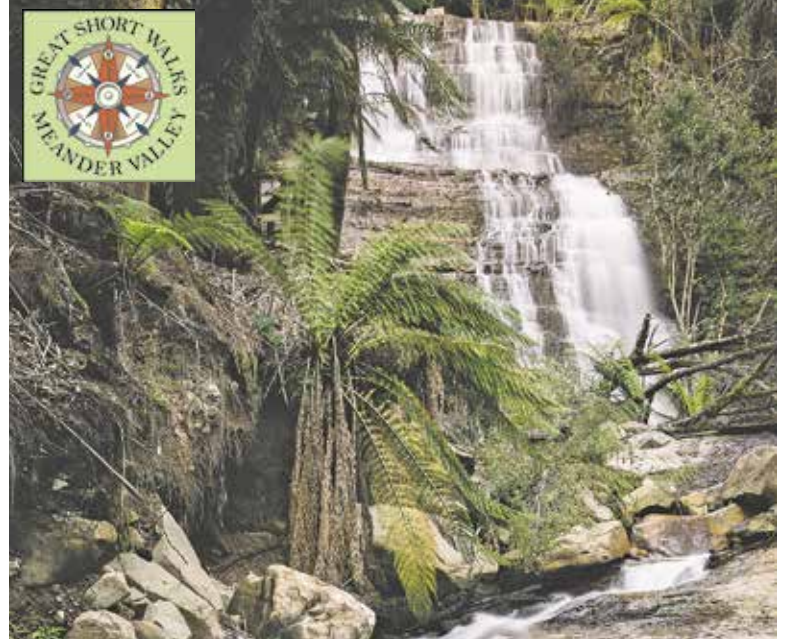
Above, the forest clings to the river escarpment. How long will its grip last, given the tangle of trees and man ferns lodged below? The crashing sound of falling, rushing water dominates. The party is loud.

Westmorland Falls walk provides two hours, return, to observe plant diversity across a forest environ. And you'll take home an appreciation for the huge power of water to amplify nature's ever-evolving landscape.

I recommend going home

Forget-me-nots, (*Myosotis*), despite their dainty blue flowers, can be a menace if left to seed. Their sticky seeds attach themselves to fur and feather and clothing, to spring up in all sorts of inconvenient places. Fortunately, they are easily removed before they set seed.

In the vegie garden. Although many gardeners prefer to sow the seeds of cucumbers, pumpkins and zucchinis directly into the beds, it seems to be simpler to plant



Westmorland Falls.

Photo by: Jade Hallam



NOVEMBER IS the month when all the hard work in the perennial beds comes to fruition. Delphiniums, (pictured) are among the most striking of our early summer bloomers. If they have been planted in moist, well-manured soil, and weeds kept in check, they are the most rewarding of the gardener's diligence. They re-

spond well to regular dressings of liquid manure, and should be mulched well to keep their roots moist. They need good strong stakes to withstand our springtime winds.

Penstemons have not enjoyed our wet spring months so well, and some have had to be replaced by new seedlings.

via the township of Mole Creek. If it is late, grab dinner at the hotel or restaurant in the main street and if you're early, find a café, cake and coffee.

the seed in boxes of good potting mix, and then plant them out into well-manured soil. In this way, the seeds can be brought on undercover, and planted when the soil is warm.



Delphinium

## MEANDER VALLEY - GET INVOLVED

### Holler for some batteries

THE LIONS Club of Westbury have started a battery drive in order to recycle waste and raise funds.

If you have any used vehicle batteries they can be dropped off at Westbury Rural Services in Westbury. Bulk pickups can be arranged by calling the club Secretary Phil Steers on 0419 858 880.

Funds raised from the drive will be used to help cover costs of the Adrian Geard Memorial Scholarship for Nursing. This scholarship is for a local second year nursing student.

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Westbury Primary School students dance around the maypole that was gifted to Westbury, from Wiltshire England, in 1973.

Photo by: Elizabeth Douglass

## Death, frequently asked questions

HOW WILL you pay for your funeral? Do you know the pros and cons of funeral insurance? Do you have to have a coffin? How can you donate your body to science? Can you be buried at sea?

All these questions and many others will be

answered during a free talk in November in Westbury, given by an experienced lawyer.

Sarah House from Launceston Community Legal Centre (LCLC) will be giving a talk on Thursday 17th November 2017 at 11.00am at the Westbury Community Health

Centre. The talk is called 'Before Death/After Death'. It includes everything people need to know to make decisions for when they die, and provides crucial information for people should a close family member or friend pass away.

Sarah explained that rather than a dry and depressing talk, it is lively, upbeat and interesting. "Unfortunately, everyone dies. Being prepared can save you and your family thousands of dollars, save time, and save stress. Know what the law says, and how it affects you". She further explained that getting timely legal advice can save thousands of dollars and that the LCLC can provide this advice free of charge.

Come along on the 17th, bring a friend and learn something! Morning tea will be provided. Time is given for question and answer after the talk.

To make a free appointment to speak to one of the LCLC solicitors please ring 6334 1577.

## Wiltshire to Westbury

By Elizabeth Douglass

IT MIGHT not be May, but Westbury Village Green on a sunny Saturday in October is the perfect place for a maypole. The Maypole Festival is hosted by Westbury Primary School and, like school fetes all over Australia, has gift and plant stalls, musical entertainment and good things to eat.

What makes this Westbury day special is the maypole.

Westbury Primary School students danced around the maypole throughout the day, carrying on a tradition established in 1973 when a maypole was gifted to Westbury

from their namesake village in Wiltshire England, to celebrate the school's 150th year.

More than 2500 gathered back then, to view children from Hagley and Westbury Primary schools dance the ribbons into intricate patterns around the pole.

This October, families and friends of Westbury Primary School gathered once again to watch children of the town dancing around the pole. Weaving patterns such as the barber's pole, spider's web, single and double plaits were all accomplished with rhythm and grace. A whole lot of fun and just a tiny pinch of mayhem!

## Tidy Town = Mole Creek

MANY SMILING faces can be seen in Mole Creek after the town was named the Tidy Town 2017 winner for their population size (501-1000).

Judging took place during October, with Sibelco, Old Wesley Dale, Stephens Honey Farm, Wychwood Garden,

The Memorial Hall and Primary School all taking part.

"Community spirit played an important part in the judging process, as did sustainability, recent achievements and future plans," said Mole Creek Progress Association President, Michal Frydrych.

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# Blogging for a living

By Emma Hodgkinson

TRAVELLING AND blogging for ten years, visiting all seven continents and more than fifty different countries, Megan Jerrard and her husband Mike have now made the small Meander Valley town of Kimberley their home base. "Kimberley is the perfect place for us; it's an hour from Launceston, two hours to Hobart, and half an hour to the beaches in Devonport."

Megan has been travelling since 2007. She spent a gap year in the UK after completing year twelve. "I was a boarding school assistant. I had accommodation in exchange for working with the kids. It gave me seventeen weeks to travel around Europe during the school holidays."

Megan then went to University for five years and continued to travel during the holidays. "I'd volunteer abroad every semester break and I would be travelling somewhere as much as I could."

Megan has always enjoyed journalistic writing, so she started a blog in 2007 for her parents to know how she was coping overseas. It was in 2013 that Megan met a photo journalist who made a career out of travel blogging, inspiring Megan to do the same.

To turn her hobby into a profession however, Megan had to put a large amount of extra time and money into online marketing to make herself known. She started receiving income within a year of making her blog a profession.

"It's one of those things where you have to put an effort into building an audience, very much like a newspaper or magazine."

Before earning money through her blog, Megan did hospitality work overseas.

"Two years after that, I managed to quit my job, earning full time income through my blog."

Megan advises to research the place you want to go before going based simply on



Megan Jerrard with the tools of her trade at her new home in Kimberley. Photo by: Mike Moores

someone's recommendation. "Before travelling, research where it is that you're going. Make sure that there is

something that draws you to that destination," Megan said, adding; "Just because someone tells you, 'You

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Entries of no more than 250 words should be submitted by 30th November to [info@theempiredeloraine.com](mailto:info@theempiredeloraine.com)

## Sports lighting upgrade

UPGRADED LIGHTING at Prospect Vale Park will add to the usability of the ground for football and soccer, according to Cllr Richardson.

Meander Valley Council approved a budget reallocation of \$152,100 on condition it receives funding from two grants to the Prospect Vale Junior AFL Club from the State Government and the AFL Facilities Development Reserve.

Council testing has revealed that current lighting is at less than 50 lux level rather than the AFL-recommended 150 lux minimum.

Cllr Bob Richardson said in excess of 1000 touch footballers use the ground.

Council staff commented that improved lighting to 200 lux would future-proof the facility as well as enabling the possibility for clubs to host night games.

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# Electoral Confusion – Getting the Facts Right

## Background

Tasmania's Upper House, the Legislative Council, has 15 MPs. They have individual electorates. The term for each seat is six years, with two or three up for election each May on a rotating basis. The MPs are largely independent, though some are members of the Liberal or Labor parties.

When the voting populations of the 15 seats get out of kilter, the Tasmanian Electoral Commission (TEC) reviews the boundaries, to try to equalise the numbers while maintaining a community of interest within the electorates.

I had been the independent member for Western Tiers since 2012 and, long before that, when the seat was called Rowallan. In the latest rejig, the TEC totally reshaped the electorate of Western Tiers.

Basically, Western Tiers had covered the central north of the state and Apsley the east. An election had been due for Western Tiers in May next year; Apsley was recontested in 2016.

This year the TEC abolished Western Tiers and Apsley and created two new electorates, dividing the centre of the state horizontally rather than vertically. The new seat of McIntyre covers the north, north-east and Flinders Island.

## The Facts

There has been a great deal of concern about the changes in the new boundaries, but it became a matter of Caesar appealing to Caesar.

The body responsible for drawing up the proposed changes consists of the Electoral Commissioner, the Surveyor-General and a representative of the Australian Statistician.

The body that reviews those proposed changes, the Redistribution Tribunal, consists of the same people plus the TEC chairman and a third member of the TEC. It is not surprising that the changes stood.

To make matters worse, in implementing the abolition of the two previous electorates, the TEC decided that there would be no sitting member for Prosser, that Tania Rattray and I should be joint members for McIntyre until next May when my terms expires and there would be an election for Prosser, but not for McIntyre. In other words, if I wanted to retain my place in Parliament, I would have to contest a seat that runs from Bicheno to Port Arthur. I live in Deloraine.

Forget about me, more importantly, it means thousands of voters in the old Western Tiers will not have had a vote for a member of the Upper House for 10 years, between 2012 and 2022. And, one electorate has no member at all, the other has two.

Perhaps the reason voters have not been up in arms about the undemocratic and farcical situation of Legislative Council seats in northern and eastern Tasmania is that it is so complicated, so illogical, so confusing that most people don't understand it. It isn't easy.

Yet the changes made by the TEC raise fundamental questions about democratic representa-



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tion and about the method of reviewing electoral boundaries.

The people of the new electorate of Prosser currently have no elected representative in the Tasmanian Upper House. In the new electorate of McIntyre, a single-member electorate, there are now two members. Is that constitutional?

I am not acting out of self-interest here. I have indicated that I would possibly not have recontested Western Tiers as it was and even less likely that I would seek to win Prosser, given that my home base is in the Central North and the new electorate reaches as far south as Port Arthur. I would have liked to have bowed out gracefully, but not under these circumstances.

But I know there had been a strong field gath-

ering to contest the seat, all from within the old electorate, which was loosely in the Central North, and all with great credentials to be elected. I reckon none of them will run for Prosser now.

Former Labor MP and minister Dr Julian Amos recently wrote that while he accepted the TEC's changes to the boundaries, he found it absurd that the people of this area would be denied a vote for 10 years and that while one electorate would have two members, the other would have none.

He suggested that if McIntyre were to go to the polls next year, and Prosser in 2022, then I would come up for election at the normal time, and the former member for Apsley would hold Prosser and come up at the normal time for her.

"If the Commissioners believe they were precluded from making such an obvious decision because of the provisions of the Electoral Act, then amend the Act. It's not too late. It has been done before," Dr Amos said.

There are obvious questions to be asked surrounding the redistribution process. Those who propose the boundary changes have the final say whether they are implemented. In their wisdom, they have come up with a solution in which there are two MPs for one electorate, none for the second and people in the central north, for instance, who won't have had a Legislative Council vote for 10 years.

In addition, the new boundaries take no regard of the interests of the communities whom the new electorates are supposed to represent.

Also – when submissions were called for, none were fully supportive of the decision, and yet most submissions appear to have been ignored.

This is not fair on electors in the central North and across the North and North-West, especially given that a key criterion is supposed to be community of interest. There are very few significant communities of interest in the new McIntyre.

More puzzling, why was such a radical change needed when the old electorate of Western Tiers was right on the money in terms of constituents and had the right numbers in projections going forward!

Many community leaders and constituents have approached me to voice their dismay over the boundary changes and chief among their concerns is the original redistribution committee having a majority voice on the Redistribution Tribunal. Judges in the Supreme Court do not get to sit on an appeals court when it is due to hear argument against their original decision.

I am considering my options. I would urge the state government to review the electoral redistribution process and the make-up of the committee and tribunal.

*(Greg Hall is the Legislative Council Deputy President and has been a Member of Parliament since 2001, is a former Meander Valley Council mayor and is still involved in a family agricultural business.)*



# VALLEY VIEWS



## Mayor's Message

Above: Mayor Craig Perkins joins in the Commemorations for the Centenary of the Battle of Beersheba.

Spring is a particularly busy time and there have been a number of community events held across the municipality.

The Westbury Maypole Festival was held on Saturday 21 October - it was a beautiful sunny day and the Village Green came alive with music, stalls, dance, colour and activity - including a blessing of pets at St Andrews Church.

The event was coordinated by staff from the Westbury Primary School with the help of many community organisations and enthusiastic volunteers. Visitors and locals alike marvelled at the majesty of the Maypole in the Village Green setting and the strong sense of community that this event evoked. Well done to everyone involved!

The Rotary Car Show was also held in Westbury that weekend and from all accounts the event was really successful and well attended.

The Commemoration of the Battle of Beersheba Centenary was held in Westbury on the 31st October. The 3rd Australian Light Horse Regiment (ALH) comprising C Squadron from Tasmania fought on this day in 1917. Twenty one of these brave men were from the Westbury District.

Run by the Westbury RSL, the success of this commemorative event was due to the hard work of many. Whilst we stood together and paused for a moment, I could not help but feel pride and respect as we remembered the great sacrifice made by these young men and their trusted horses.

The community of Westbury should be just as proud, for

this occasion showed all of us what a strong, connected community Meander Valley has. Over 2,000 hours of volunteer time was expended during the preparations. Thank you to all who contributed time, energy, poppies, oats, photographs, family histories and most of all, community spirit.

I would like to acknowledge and congratulate Jan Berne of Deloraine Primary School on winning the National Excellence in Teaching award. Your ongoing commitment to our children is inspiring. Well done.

Mole Creek has recently received a Keep Australia Beautiful Tasmanian Tidy Towns Award. Congratulations on your community spirit and hard work.

I must say that the recent changes to the electoral boundaries have made me scratch my head, namely the changes to the Bass/Lyons boundaries and the morphing of the Legislative Council Division of Great Western Tiers into McIntyre. For the latter, this means there will be a 10-year gap between Upper House elections for the rural areas of our municipality. This I find, is unacceptable.

Take care on the roads as we once again see tourists out and about enjoying the beauty of Meander Valley.

It is a great opportunity to be welcoming and considerate, particularly when giving directions or travelling behind a slow driver. Visitors can be forgiven for pausing as they experience the beauty of the Meander Valley landscape.

Mayor, Craig Perkins

## Projects supported by Council Community Grants

Meander Valley Council offers Community Grants for projects that address community needs through special events, sport, recreation and community development. Grants of up to \$3000 are available and applications are invited all year round. Council congratulates the following applicants on their success in securing a grant for their initiatives;

Chudleigh Agricultural & Horticultural Society - Circus Workshops

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Hadspen Cricket Club - Grounds Fencing

Meander Valley Community Radio - Summer Public Concert

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Rotary Club of Central Launceston - Special Children's Concert

Rotary Club of Westbury - Library Planter Boxes

Veteran Car Club of Australia (Tasmania) - National Veteran Car Tour

Westbury Ladies Probus - Silver Probus Celebrations

Westbury RSL Sub Branch - Public Artwork

Applications for consideration in the next adjudication round should be lodged by 15 December, 2017. Information and application forms are available from the Council offices in Westbury or online at [www.meander.tas.gov.au](http://www.meander.tas.gov.au)

Contact Council on 6393 5300 if you require assistance with your application or you need more information about the eligibility of your project or initiative.



Above: Residents and members of the Weeena Hall Committee get busy on Clean Up Australia Day

## What a load of rubbish!

The sun was shining and spirits were high as community members converged on Weeena.

It was Clean Up Australia Day and their enthusiastic approach to the task at hand was commendable.

Initiated by the Weeena Hall Committee and supported by Council, the group made their way along the road verges collecting rubbish that others had carelessly cast from their vehicles.

"Weeena forms part of an alternative route for tourists heading to Sheffield or Cradle Mountain and rubbish on the roadsides reflects badly," Weeena Hall Committee member, Annie Robinson said.

This year, the Committee

decided to tackle the problem and responded to a suggestion from Councillor Deborah White to register a site for the Clean Up Australia Day initiative on Sunday 5 March.

After an hour of laughter and camaraderie, the group was amazed at the items they had managed to collect. Bags were filled and friendships were forged.

"It was a rewarding and fun morning for all of us," Cr White said.

At its meeting in December last year, Council approved a motion to encourage community groups to participate in the Clean Up Australia Day initiative and invite them to consider registering in 2018.

Interested individuals, com-

munity groups, businesses or schools can register their chosen Clean Up Site or join an existing Site through the CUAD website. All registered and approved CUAD Sites receive free resources, information and public liability insurance cover.

Council can provide safety assistance to local community groups who wish to participate in Clean Up Australia Day 2018.

Interested groups should register with Council by 31 December 2017. Contact Patrick Gambles on 6393 5334 or [patrick.gambles@mvc.tas.gov](mailto:patrick.gambles@mvc.tas.gov)

For more information about the initiative visit [www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au](http://www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au)



### Who is walking who?

With the change of season, it's a great time to take a walk with your best friend. It is, however, also worth remembering that your best friend may not be everyone else's. Whilst out and about, you are responsible for keeping your dog under effective control at all times. One of the best ways to maintain control is to have your pet on a leash unless you are in a designated off-leash area. Not everyone likes dogs and even when they have the best of intentions, an exuberant pet can inadvertently cause people and their pets fear.



If you do see an effective control sticker, it's just a reminder to be mindful of others so we can all enjoy our walk in the park.



Above: 'Along Montana Road' Carlene Bullock

### Great Western Tiers Art Award

This brand new initiative replaces the Meandering Art Award. Whilst GWATA will still celebrate Meander Valley, it will be grass-roots focussed with a \$1000 first prize (non-acquisitive) and no commission on sales.

The aim of the Award is to be more inviting to inexperienced artists and rewarding to potential buyers. A GWATA exhibition will run throughout March 2018 at the Deloraine Creative Studios. Entry forms are now available from Council or [www.artlas.org.au/](http://www.artlas.org.au/). Applications close 1 February 2018.

Ten major award winning works, from a decade of wonderful Meandering Art Exhibitions, are now on permanent, public display at Council's offices in Westbury. Call in and take a look.

### 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 28 November from 7pm - 8.30pm at the Kimberley Fire Station, 1161 Railton Road, Kimberley.**

These gatherings are intended to be an informal sharing of information to raise awareness and to generate practical outcomes. Councillors and Council officers will be in attendance. Refreshments provided, please come along and share your thoughts.



### Australia Day Award Nominations

On Australia Day, Council recognises the exceptional voluntary contribution of its community members with the presentation of Australia Day Awards. The Awards are presented in the following categories: Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Community Event of the Year, Sports Award, and Volunteer Services Recognition Awards. If you know someone who deserves such an award, complete the nomination form available on Council's website at [www.meander.tas.gov.au](http://www.meander.tas.gov.au)

Nominations should be received by Friday 17 November 2017. For more information contact Merylyn Young on 6393 5317



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### Council's 2018 Community Concert

Council is delighted to announce a special community concert to be held on Sunday, 7 January 2018 at the Rosevale Hall. Featuring one of Canada's best folk / roots duos, 'The Small Glories', along with nationally acclaimed singer songwriter, Claire-Anne Taylor.

This extraordinary event forms part of a National 'Festival of Small Halls' and comes together through a partnership between Council and the Woodford, Illawarra and Cygnet Folk Festivals. It promises to be a rare evening of music and song in a beautiful rural setting.

Bar and barbecue from 5.30pm, show starts at 7pm. Tickets are limited and subsidised so secure yours as soon as you can. Available now from Council's Westbury office (phone 6393 5300) or online at [www.festivalofsmallhalls.com](http://www.festivalofsmallhalls.com). Cost is \$15 (13 years and over), \$10 (under 12 years) and children under 5 years are free.



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From L-R: Patrick Haddock, Fiona Francois and Steve Howells teamed up to open Gallery 5.

## Art de trio at Gallery 5

By Sharon Webb

THREE ARTISTS have dubbed their part of Emu Bay Rd 'the Paris end of Deloraine' since establishing Gallery 5 three months ago.

Watercolour artist Steve Howells, whose vibrant Tasmanian streetscapes we've seen in Deloraine main street galleries for seven years, says Gallery 5 has been warmly welcomed by local business neighbours Field Rabbit and the Corner Craft.

"We're adding to the French feel with a table and chair outside, a French umbrella is on the way – and maybe even a poodle!" he said.

"The Corner Craft alpaca shop is playing CDs of Parisian music and Ben at Field Rabbit is playing music on his very elaborate sound system. The three of us were a venue for the November Craft Fair."

The three Gallery 5 artists,

Steve, Fiona Francois and Patrick Haddock are clearly having fun in their new space, having taken the risk of going out on their own from Deloraine Creative Studios.

"We renovated the gallery space ourselves and did the signage – we're artists and we can do that," said Fiona, whose mystical, wild-eyed women with romantic medusa locks flit across the gallery wall all the way to Tasmania's windswept Central Highlands.

"People are intrigued by my paintings; they're often inspired by driftwood," she said.

"During the Craft Fair I was painting just outside the gallery and lots of people stopped for a look and a chat."

Gallery 5's differentiating factor is that all three artists use the gallery as a studio, creating works in public. It's a marketing strategy tactic rarely used by many Tasma-

nian artists, who create in private and simply use galleries to show the end product.

It builds on Deloraine's reputation as a town of creatives.

Mind you, Gallery 5's third artist, Patrick Haddock, does not live in Deloraine but in the town he refers to as "Deloraine's famous suburb", Devonport.

To his knowledge, Patrick is the only papertole artist in Tasmania: a three-dimensional paper craft sometimes called decoupage and represented most cutely in the gallery by a determined-looking platypus crawling over unmistakably Tassie riverbank rocks.

"We're finding people enjoy the light bright atmosphere in Gallery 5 and the opportunity to chat with artists," Patrick said.

But if visitors find the gallery door locked, chances are a sign will be on the door: 'Just ducked next door for a coffee.' And you're invited to join them for one of Field Rabbit's high-class lattes.

## Mitchelson's milestones

By Elizabeth Douglass

THIS YEAR, a gathering of over 100 members of the extended Mitchelson family and friends attended the launch of a book celebrating the life and times of Alan Mitchelson.

The Mitchelson family arrived from Canada to settle in northern Tasmania over 160 years ago. Their descendant Alan, who will be 92 in February, has been part of the Westbury community since his birth – growing up on the farm, attending local schools, working hard and raising a family – packing a great deal of experience and humour into an entire lifetime on the land.

The book, *Alan Mitchelson, Stories of A Tough Old Farmer*, has been written by Helene Gunn, one of Alan's eight grandchildren.

Starting with many interviews of Alan, conducted by Helene, her mother Janette and father Ian, as well as

many other family members, the book collects the stories of her grandfather's life, family photos and a great deal of historical research and documentation into a fascinating history of this farming family.

Alan's mother Nellie was a keen photographer and images of family life on the farm are a highlight of the book.

At the launch, Helene outlined the family history and shared some of Alan's stories. Alan proudly signed copies of the book with Helene, and caught up with old friends over afternoon tea.

A display of family memorabilia included his old footy boots. One of the four remaining members of the Westbury Tigers team that won the 1948 State Premiership, Alan continues to make Westbury proud to this day.

Soft cover books are still available for \$40.00. Contact Helene Gunn on 0437 209 475, hmitchelson89@gmail.com.

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Alan Richardson tends his tomato seedlings in his wood-heated glasshouse at Westbury.

# Richardson's tasty redskins

By Lorraine Clarke

WHERE WOULD we be without tomatoes, onions, and the humble spud?

They are the indispensable mainstays of our diet and, as everyone knows, they taste so much better when home-grown.

Getting tomatoes to bear from seed in the short Tasmanian summer can be problematic, but Allan Richardson does the hard work and gives them a head start in his wood-heated glasshouses.

For twenty years, Allan and Edna have been producing quality seedlings for those who love to grow their own veg.

The seed-raising year begins in the depths of Westbury winter, when Allan sows about 14 colourful varieties of tomatoes such as Black Russian, Rouge de Marmande, Oxheart, Tommy Toe, Cherry Roma and the

golden Jubilee.

Tiny fragile plants are pricked out of the wooden flats into individual pots to grow on until they are sturdy enough to plant out. Edna has been known to fill 1,000 pots in an afternoon, so she is assured of a job for life.

They set off in the chilly small hours to sell their seedlings at Devonport and Burnie farmers' markets every week until late November.

Local customers also collect their favourite varieties from the Richardsons' home, where tubs of sweet-smelling kitten-faced pansies line the driveway.

Allan also sells seed potatoes on behalf of a mate, Kennebecs and Tasmania's own variety Pink Eye. He can't help but raise some flowers and bulbs as well, such as lilliums and polyanthus.

"When I was a little boy, my mother drew an 'A' for Allan in the soil, and sowed some

radishes in it. I've loved growing things ever since."

One of the lesser-known uses of the *Gazette* is for wrapping onion seedlings. Allan produces bumper crops of red, brown and white onion plants from seed sown in June in his home-built polytunnels, but does he perchance have leek seedlings?

"Well no, but if I wasn't so lazy, and if I got out of bed before 500 a.m., and if I wasn't 78, I'd probably grow more things," he said.

"We've had a bit of fun. We've met a lot of good people. We don't make much money, but who wants to be the richest man in the cemetery? I reckon I'll do another 5 years before I retire, and then have 5 years off."

Gardeners can pick up plants from 10 Jones Street, Westbury, or call 6393 1491.

Allan now has a Facebook page to showcase his healthy plants: [www.facebook.com/richardsonstomato](http://www.facebook.com/richardsonstomato).

# Firefighter's big stair climb

By David Claridge

AS FIRE brigades train for what is predicted to be a busy bushfire season, a local volunteer had some extra training to do to compete against firefighters from all over Australia.

Elizabeth Town Volunteer Firefighter and Brigade Chief, Richard Bennett, was nominated by his brigade to compete in the Firefighter Stair Climb in Melbourne in September.

"We don't do a lot of stair climbing in Elizabeth Town, but my brigade nominated me so I took it up as a challenge," he said.

The annual event involves raising money to fight depression, PTSD and suicide before tackling a gruelling 28 floor stair climb with 25kg's of gear in Melbourne.

"I had to get fairly fit for it, so I did a lot of training at the gym in Deloraine, also running up a lot of stairs with a backpack on at Leven Canyon. There are 700 steps there and I also visited the zig zag

track at the Gorge.

"It was amazing support that we got from a lot of the local brigades and businesses." Richard was one of 13 from Tasmania who went over, as well as 45 from New Zealand, some from the United States as well as mainland firefighters to make around 650 entrants.

For a first go, Richard finished 56th with a time of five minutes and two seconds.

However, he finished 4th in fundraising, making almost \$7,000, to go towards Lifeline and the Black Dog Institute. For his fundraising efforts he received a trophy.

"I would like to try it again. I would like to get a team together from Deloraine and Elizabeth Town next year."

"Doing this I've discovered that there are firefighter stair climbs all over the world, so who knows where we might end up at the next one."

At the time of publishing, the Firefighters 2017 Charity fund was just short of its target of \$500,000.

## Junior beef expo, Deloraine 19th-21st January 2018

THE EVENT is organised as a three day camp and aimed at young beef enthusiasts from ages 8 to 25 years of all experience levels. Participants attend workshops as well as heifer, handlers and cattle assessment competitions.

Great prizes on offer include a Simmental heifer donated by

Damelee Simmentals, trips to junior camps on the mainland and lots more.

The expo will host industry leading presenters and judges from Tasmania and the mainland. Entries will close on the 17th November. For info, email [tas.junior.beef.expo@gmail.com](mailto:tas.junior.beef.expo@gmail.com)

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Talitha Davis with her antique barber's chair

## Gentlemen only for T's

By Lorraine Clarke

ARE YOU one of the long-term residents of Deloraine who remembers Max Bell's Barber Shop?

If so, perhaps you can assist

Talitha Davis, the new operator of Sweeney T's Barber Shop in the original premises, who is seeking photos of the former business to decorate her walls. She said, "A lot of

my clients so far have commented on this being the old original barber shop. I'm too young to remember it, but my dad and father-in-law have told me all about it. I love the authenticity of it, and the history behind it."

Talitha is a local girl, a fully qualified hairdresser who was doing haircuts for family and friends at home. Demand for her services grew so much that she decided to open her own shop. As she works days at Motorcycle City, her barber's shop currently operates on Tuesdays and "weird hours", with plans to open full time next year if clientele increases sufficiently.

### My passion in hairdressing has always been men's haircuts

"I haven't run a barber's shop before. But my passion in hairdressing has always been men's haircuts. Men are super easy to get along with. The haircuts are quick and fun. The guys don't feel intimidated because it's only me there. And so far, the response I've had has been amazing. The majority of the clients I've had have already said they prefer a Barber Shop to a salon. This differs from a salon because it's Men Only. A place where guys can book in or walk in as they please. It's a relaxed atmosphere without

the crowdedness of a salon."

It must be admitted that Talitha's success is due in part to a degree of bribery. Over-18's are treated to a free beer, and reluctant kids are persuaded to have that haircut with lollies.

"My services are basic: men's haircut, boy's haircut, buzz cut, beard trim, haircut

& beard trim, with pensioner discounts. None of my services takes more than 25 minutes. So it's quick and easy for people."

Guys can treat themselves to a genuine bloke's haircut at Sweeney T's Barber Shop opposite Service Tas in Deloraine, or call Talitha for an appointment on 0418 300 611.

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Date and Time	Event	Details
Friday 10th November 6.00pm	Steak Night	Deloraine Ex-Service Club Entertainer: Glen Nichols Country/Rock
Saturday 11th November 7.30pm sharp	Western Tiers Film Society - "Elle"	Little Theatre, 2 Meander Valley Rd. Deloraine France Drama 130min Rated: R Ph: 0418 389 868
Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th November	Gardenfest	Entally House 782 Meander Valley Rd, Hadspen 10.00am-4.00pm For more info Ph: 6393 6201
Saturday 11th November 8.30am - 5.00pm	Westbury Agricultural Show	Westbury Showgrounds, Lyttleton Street, Enquiry Ph 03 6392 2120 Mobile 0427 922 124
Wednesday 15th November 6.30pm	Social games night	Deloraine House, 112 Emu Bay Road, Deloraine All ages \$5.00 includes supper Ph: 6362 2678 to book
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Friday 17th November 7.30pm sharp	Trivia Night (Folk Museum)	Rotary Pavilion, Alveston Drive, Deloraine \$10.00 BYO Drinks & Nibbles Supper provided book Ph: 6368 1296
Friday 17th November 2.00pm - 4.00pm	Wellways to Health	Deloraine House, 112 Emu Bay Rd Contact Allan Johnson 0437 208 095 4 sessions over 4 weeks Free
Saturday 18th November 1.45pm - 5.00pm	Longford Spring Flower Show	Longford Town Hall, 67 Wellington Street, Longford Phone Evelyn 6391 2550 for more information
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Saturday 18th November 8.00am - 1.00pm	Westbury Market	Anglican Hall, 11 Lonsdale Promenade Westbury Ph: 0417 931 619
Saturday 18th November 6.00pm - 8.00pm	Deloraine Women's Circle	Deloraine House, 112 Emu Bay Road, Deloraine Group for women For more info Ph: 0472 755 295 Bonnie
Saturday 25th November 7.30am - 5.00pm	Deloraine Show	Del. Showgrounds, Lake Hwy, Del. Enq: Julie McGregor 0427 861 485 Adults \$10.00, Children \$5.00, U5 years free.
Saturday 25th November 9.00am - 2.00pm	Giant Car Boot Sale for Meander Fire Brigade	Meander Oval BBQ, Music & Fire Demo Stalls \$10.00 Ph: Hayley 0438 368 206 (for Fire Station)
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Sunday 26th November 12.00 noon	Carrick Park Pacing Club Meeting	East Street, Carrick. 8 race program with free entertainment for families Band after last race Ph 6393 1771
Tuesday 28th November 10.00am - 1.30pm	Community Info session about NDIS	Deloraine House 112 Emu Bay Rd. Bookings essential Ph: 6362 2678 Free light lunch provided
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# SPORT

## Valley team victorious

By David Claridge

THERE ARE some talented junior footballers around, with a mixed team going undefeated in this year's Country Goal and winning the Grand Final by 70 points.

Grade 5-6 students from Deloraine, Our Lady of Mercy, Hagley and Bracknell primary schools combined to play as the Northern Midlands West team in the two-day competition and proved that they worked well as a unit.

Coach, Jacob Wauchope, was impressed with how the mixed team came together to go all the way.

"They played absolutely outstanding," he said.

"One of our players got best player for the tournament

and best player in a final.

Some of them play junior football in Deloraine, others play elsewhere but they came together well as a team."

Jacob went on to thank their assistant coach Grace Walker and team manager Dan Ellis.

Other teams in the competition were Northern Midlands East, Circular Head, Tamar, North East and East North East.

The Northern Midlands West team consisted of seventeen boys and one girl when they defeated Tamar in the Grand Final.

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From left to right, still looking lively, Vince (back pocket), Ken (half-back flank), Alan (wing) and Syd (forward pocket) proudly pose with their team photo. Photo by: Elizabeth Douglass

## The Tigers are still roaring

By Elizabeth Douglass

NEXT YEAR, it will be 70 years since Westbury defeated Newtown, playing at York Park in Launceston on Saturday, 2nd October 1948, to become the reigning premiers of the Tasmanian Seconds (TFL).

The last four surviving members of the Westbury Tigers

State Premiership team came together this October, for their first ever reunion over Sunday lunch at Fitzpatricks Inn.

Alan Mitchelson and Vince Mehegan (both 91), Syd West and Ken Knowles (both 87) reminisced about the highlight of their football careers.

All Westbury boys, they were a part of a team whose surnames still appear in

the sporting teams of Westbury and whose families still play a large role in the community and farming life of Westbury and its surrounds.

A faded copy of the match record was another treasured souvenir on show – annotated at the top with the words 'State Premiers, Westbury Won' – at only threepence, well worth the price.

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