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## Tough. It's in their genes.

In hot and humid conditions, competitors kept their cool at the Harveydale Rodeo to provide an all-action spectacle for the large and enthusiastic crowd of spectators. As cowboys and cowgirls showed off their skills in the arena, the St John Ambulance kept a watchful eye on competitors and spectators urging everyone to keep up their intake of fluids. A large contingent of interstate competitors vied for supremacy with a determined bunch of locals making competition fierce in every event, as points scored on the day counted on the list of national ratings.

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## Westbury, the not so sweet smell of success

By Sharon Webb

TASMANIA'S ENVIRONMENT authority has slapped odour conditions on a fish food factory approved for Westbury's industrial precinct in the face of Tas Alkaloid's strong objections to aspects of the plan.

Meander Valley councillors approved the mill to produce fish food for Tasmania and New Zealand's aquaculture industries at

their January meeting: seven for the proposal, one abstention and one absence.

None queried the Ridley company's testing which showed odours at the mill boundaries would be a minimum of 15 times allowed by Tasmania's Environment Protection Authority regulations.

Mayor Craig Perkins said it was "terrific" that one of Australia's larger agricultural animal food producers

had chosen to build in Westbury, commenting it would employ 250 people in the construction phase and 20 when completed.

But in a letter to Council and the authority, which has also approved the development, Tas Alkaloids' CEO Doug Blackaby said Ridley's Development Proposal and Environmental Management Plan plays down the strength of the smell to emanate

from the mill.

He also said Ridley's storm water runoff will increase flooding and contaminants on the Tas Alkaloid site.

Mr Blackaby was clearly irritated by Ridley's claim that the mill's smell 'will not cause an adverse reaction as the workers on [Tas Alkaloid and other] sites have a lower expectation of air quality ... than what would be expected at a residential setting.'

"We believe it is inappropriate to suggest that our employees are less susceptible or have a lower risk of sensitivity to odours ..." Mr Blackaby wrote.

"Odour modeling clearly demonstrates the Environment Protection Authority odour assessment criteria is exceeded at the property boundary."

Tas Alkaloids challenged Ridley's meteorological data, saying north and northwest

winds will push odours further and stronger than testing predicted.

Ridley acknowledges that while its mill will be two kilometers from Westbury, the nearest residence is only 900m away and Tas Alkaloids, TasBuilt Homes, Delmade, LNG Refuellers and the BOC Liquefied Natural Gas facility are close neighbours.

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Aerial view and virtual plan of Option 1, the preferred option for upgrade of recreation facilities in Deloraine.

- 1 New AFL Oval; 180x145 (includes 5m run off).
- 2 Install gates to restrict through traffic outside of events and games days.
- 3 Renovate Deloraine Community Complex building; refer to architect's 'plan preferred option 2' for concept plan and arrangement of facilities. Ensure building has glass frontage for function room and change room facilities are positioned central to main oval.
- 4 Gravel road to perimeter of ovals, including provision for spectator car parking.
- 5 Paved spectator standing/

- 6 Paved entry plaza to new building; plaza extends to existing Rotary Pavilion to create a pedestrianised area/events space.
- 7 Retain as open space, but option to reconfigure car park to Rotary Building in longterm
- 8 Existing car park.
- 9 New car park – 200 cars. Entry off existing car park, with access road running to the north of Rotary Pavilion.
- 10 Bus lay by.
- 11 Gravel road leading off car park; gated entry with access only permitted on game/function days. Link gravel road

- through to East Barrack Street. Maintain option for use of road link to East Barrack Street to cater for major events and home games.
- 12 Community park, including nature play area, BBQ and outdoor gym circuit
- 13 Little Athletics facilities, including long jump, triple jump, discus, sandpits, etc., adjacent to main oval.
- 14 Gravel car park.
- 15 2 x outdoor netball courts.
- 16 1 x 3:3 outdoor basketball court.
- 17 Reconfigure existing drain line
- 18 Create shared use trail network which links wider community, including primary and high schools, to the site. Potential for use as a bike circuit around sportsground
- 19 Upgrade existing undeveloped oval in school property to multi-use sportsground. Preferred multi-use sportsground site in partnership with Primary School.
- 20 Investigate potential to sell off Council and Crown owned land for residential subdivision.
- 21 Potential skate park location.
- 22 Consolidate parking and main entry from the north.
- 23 Potential for overflow parking and expansion of sport, recreation and community use in longer term
- 24 Potential to relocate off-leash dog area into balance land.

# A complex issue, study released

By Sharon Webb

DELORAINE GROUPS wanting to consolidate and renew the town's recreation facilities are a step closer to realising their proposal.

A \$98,000 feasibility study of Deloraine recreation facilities has produced three consolidation options for facilities.

Meander Valley councillors and members of a sports precinct working group favoured consolidating facilities at the Deloraine Community Complex – a combination of two of the three options presented in the Deloraine and Districts Recreation Precinct Feasibility study.

In January, Meander Valley Council voted to receive the study and consult stakeholders and the community, with feedback ready for consideration at the 13th March council meeting.

Of three options presented by the feasibility study, the preferred option was to consolidate sporting, recreation and community facilities at the Deloraine Community Complex site, with the purchase of the adjoining private land and upgrading of the Deloraine Primary School sportsground.

Major factors in the favoured option include: a new AFL oval, renovation of the Deloraine Community Complex building, a community park, little athletics facilities, two outdoor netball courts, an outdoor basketball court, a shared-use trail network connecting the wider community and schools to the site and upgrade of the Deloraine Primary School oval to a shared multi-use sportsground.

Cllr Bob Richardson, known for his support of Westbury facilities, solely voted against the motion.

He said support raised expectations in Deloraine that the facility might ever be built: "There is a major shortfall in council infrastructure in all three of Hadspen,

Prospect/Blackstone and all three, as well as Carrick are likely growth centres.

"There is much catch-up needed in these areas before any of the Deloraine proposition. Secondly, Deloraine is clearly not the demographic centre, by any means, in the municipality."

The three options developed by the consultant team options were:

1. Consolidate the sporting, recreation and community facilities at the Deloraine Community Complex site with the purchase of an adjoining private land parcel;

2. Consolidate the sporting, recreation and community facilities at the Deloraine Community Complex site with purchase of the adjoining private land and upgrading of the Deloraine Primary School sportsground;

3. Consolidate sporting, recreation and community facilities at both the Deloraine Community Complex and Deloraine Racecourse site.

Capital costs are respectively \$26.8m, \$17.4m and \$13.2m.

Deloraine recreation groups' rationale for the \$98,000 feasibility study was that the time had come to significantly renew the municipality's sporting, recreational and community assets if they are going to service the needs of the community.

Existing assets are aged and no longer meet current needs or expectations of the community, especially in light of the growth of some activities and 2016 flood damage to facilities.

Feasibility study costs were shared by Meander Valley Council (up to \$50,000) Bendigo Bank (up to \$50,000) and the State Government (\$30,000).

New infrastructure projects proposed in the report will be considered in future Meander Valley Council's capital works programs. This will include assessment of the whole of life costs and revenue funding requirements.

## Two million dollar sporting promise

LABOR LEADER Rebecca White has committed \$2 million towards Stage 1 of the Deloraine Community Complex and Education Precinct.

Ms White said the funding would go towards investing in new sporting grounds and recreational areas for community groups, schools and sports clubs.

"The project has strong

community support and has already been assisted with a \$250,000 commitment from Deloraine and Districts Community Bank," Ms White said.

"Labor is pleased to support projects that have been developed through strong discussions between sporting clubs, local government and the business community.

"This shows that the

precinct will be valued by locals and used for many years to come.

"Deloraine is a growing community with lots of families and there is a need to provide good competition and training grounds so young people from the area can get the best opportunity to participate in sport and recreation."

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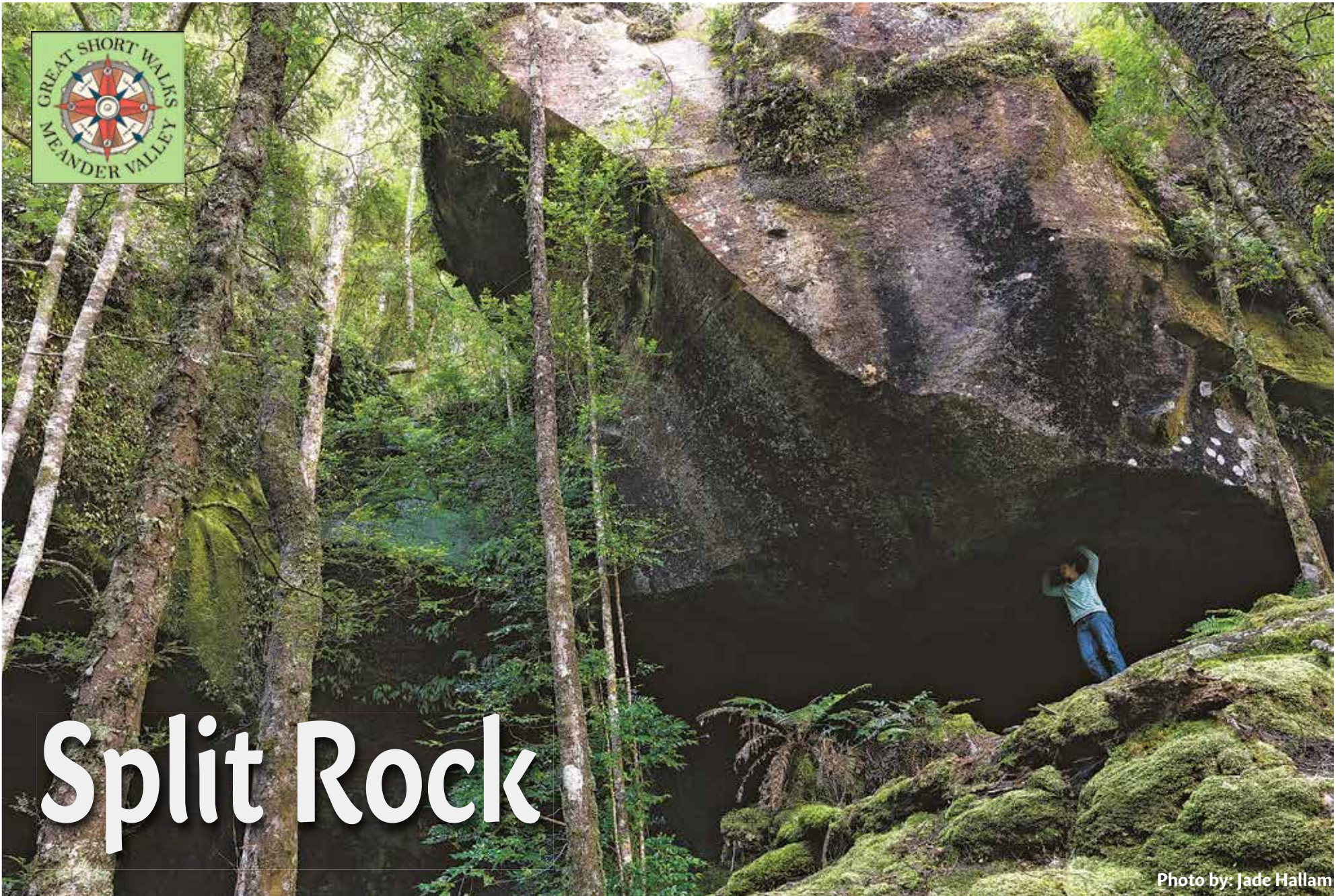


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# Split Rock

Photo by: Jade Hallam

Visual delights abound on the challenging Split Rock walking track just beyond the village of Meander.

By Tara Ulbrich

THE VIEW of the Meander River from the swing bridge is commanding and the waters seem much wilder than when they pass through the townships downstream.

This is the beginning of the two hour return walk to Split Rock located beyond the village of Meander, in the skirts of Kooparoona Niara.

Crossing the river there is an immediate sense that the walker has lost any authority over the setting. You're now looking up from a humbled position on the rainforest floor and the destination sits directly above, out of sight but looming.

Grit and frequent pauses are going to get you there. Make use of stops to survey the root steps you've climbed and the beckoning trunks of myrtle and sassafras above. They are the sentinels of this kingdom.

My walking companion reminisces of a Meander Primary School excursion, perhaps a decade ago.

Joined by our famous local thespian in his eighties, a stalwart principal and the student community aged five and up, the memory stands as testimony that, for the determined, a challenging ascent is possible.

Stay with the track markers as you climb. It is surpris-

ingly easy to stray. The Split Rock, however, reigns unmistakably. Moss, ferns and lichens attempt to soften the enormity of the overhang, wedged unquestioningly into the earth. I'm left thinking - if this formation could make noise it would be deafening.

Red triangles indicate up through the crevice name-sake marking the route to Meander Falls, a seven-hour return, and also across the hill-face to Split Rock Falls, which adds thirty minutes to this walk. The descent seems so easy. Shortly you'll be sitting at the café in the Meander General Store wondering what all the fuss was about.

## Planning; have your say

THE PLANNING Matters Alliance Tasmania (PMAT) will hold a community forum to discuss the implications of the Hodgman Liberal government's Statewide Planning Scheme, due to be implemented in 2018.

The forum will be held at 7.00pm on Wednesday, 21st of February, at the Rotary Pavilion, Alveston Drive, Deloraine.

PMAT comprises 57 member groups from across Tasmania. The membership is diverse, with representatives from welfare, recreation, environment,

urban/rural/local community associations, ratepayers, European built heritage, and 'friends of ...' groups all getting involved.

PMAT are concerned that the proposed Statewide Planning Scheme weakens protections for the places we live in, the Tasmanian places we love, and the uniqueness that is drawing increasing visitor numbers to this state.

Everyone is invited to the meeting. For more information about the event, contact Sophie Underwood on 0407 501 999 or sophie\_underwood@hotmail.com.

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# Charlie's caring approach

By Cody Handley

MR CHARLIE Emmerton is the new CEO of Aged Care Deloraine and has been in the role for three months.

*Meander Valley Gazette* spoke to Mr Emmerton in January to get the measure of the man who will be looking after our dear relatives for the foreseeable future.

Charlie comes from a background in finance and business management, and has served on the Devonport City Council. While he acknowledges his strength is fiscal management, he has always had an interest in people. He has been in the not-for-profit game for over 20 years, and was drawn to the aged care sector because caring for others is a part and parcel of his Christian values.

He says he was semi-retired, or meant to be, when he got involved with Aged Care Deloraine. He heard that they were having some issues and offered to help out perhaps two or three days a week. The next thing he knew he was their CEO!

Among his chief goals are to dispel the management versus staff myth. This means

that management and staff should not be seen as separate - or 'up there and down here' - but rather as all part of the same team. "If the staff don't do their job, I can't do mine. And if I don't do mine, then the staff can't get paid," he said.

Charlie said his main passion in his new role was to reinvigorate volunteer presence which has slipped in recent years. He said that volunteers are "the life blood of aged care" and believes there is great potential in the Meander Valley to draw upon in this regard.

**The ultimate goal is to try and make the experience for residents feel as close to home as possible.**

Aged Care Deloraine is looking for anybody: "music volunteers, gardening volunteers, or someone just to sit down and play a game of cards with our residents."

The ultimate aim would be to pair residents and volunteers with mutual interests. To anyone considering volunteering, Charlie says "We are open

for business."

Mr Emmerton also stressed the importance of keeping aged care homes local, rather than in the hands of a few big players. This allows people to remain in the areas they call home and not have to relocate to receive the care they need.

In addition, volunteers are more likely to offer their time when they know and care about the residents and their families.

He is also committed to using local businesses where possible and is willing to pay a small premium for this. "The ultimate goal is to try and make the experience for residents feel as close to home as possible," he said.

When asked about recent developments in medicinal cannabis, Charlie said he is open to the possibility as long as the science is there. "It is a fantastic opportunity for Tasmania, both medically and economically," he said.

Pain relief can often be a balancing act, and whilst high doses of morphine can manage pain, it can also decrease the overall quality of life. If medicinal cannabis offers an alternative, then it should

definitely be looked at. However, he said it is too early to have a policy on this and any decision on the matter would ultimately lie with the Health Minister.

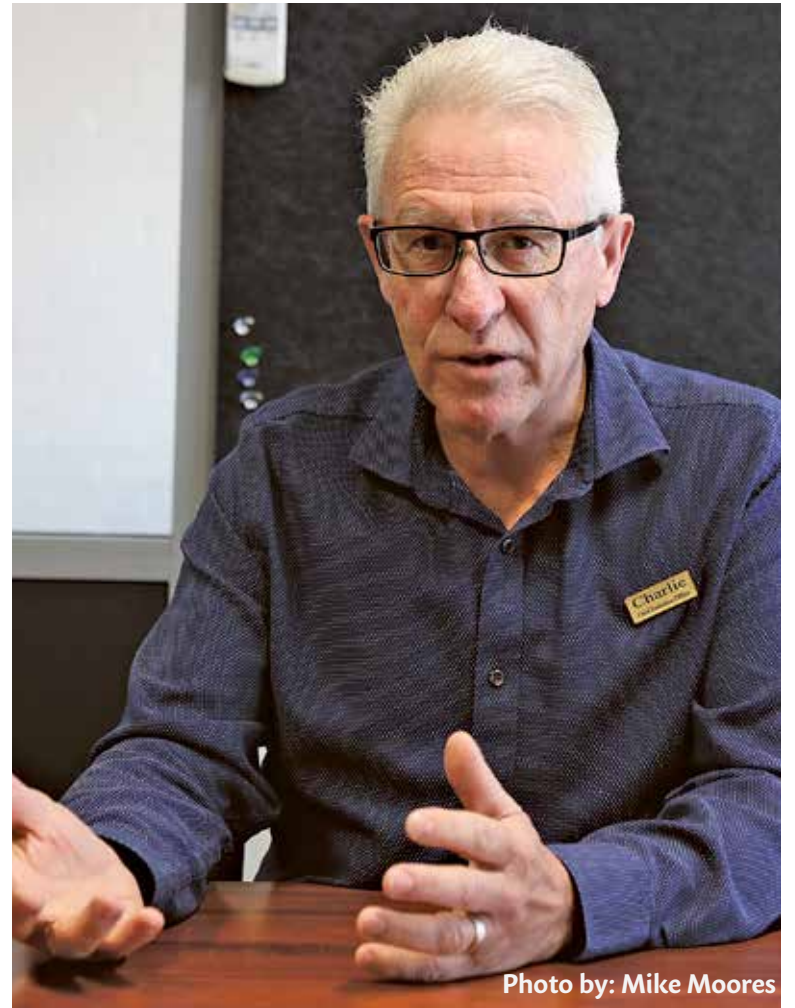


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New CEO at Aged Care Deloraine, Charlie Emmerton.

## Beefeater St plan rejected

By Sharon Webb

A CONTENTIOUS housing proposal in central Deloraine has been rejected by Meander Valley Council.

The development at 46A Beefeater St by Andrew Terry consisted of seven four bedroom units.

It was rejected by the council because at its current width the safety and efficiency of Beefeater Street, would be significantly reduced by creating 63 extra vehicle movements a day - a 31 per cent increase.

The council rejected a similar proposal by the proponents in 2017 for housing for fruit

pickers using demountable detention centre buildings.


Fifteen letters from the area's residents complained about issues such as potential noise, invasion of privacy, unsuitability for adjacent elderly people's units, loss of view, none of which are in Council's remit to consider.

Cllr Rodney Synfield commented on the lack of usage information in the application compared with the former one: "This does not qualify as a residential use if it's to be used for fruit picker accommodation. It will not be occupied as a permanent abode."

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## Meander Valley Planning Forum

Hear from the Planning Matters Alliance Tasmania (PMAT) on how the Liberal Government's proposed statewide planning scheme will impact Meander Valley, its residents and Tasmania.

**Speakers: Sophie Underwood Co-ordinator, PMAT and others to be announced. Followed by panel discussion and audience Q&A.**

**7pm, Wednesday 21 February,  
Rotary Pavilion, Alveston Drive, Deloraine**

Hosted by the Friends of the Great Western Tiers (Kooparooka Niara) Inc.

The Planning Matters Alliance Tasmania (PMAT) is a growing network of over 50 community groups from across Tasmania campaigning for a strategic, sustainable and integrated planning system which will serve to protect the values that makes Tasmania such a special place to live and visit.

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## In My Opinion...

By Joanne Eisemann

IS SOCIAL media social? Many are saying perhaps not.

Key players in the industry are now warning us against the dangers of using an application that they helped create.

Former Facebook executive Chamath Palihapitiya recently said "I think we have created tools that are ripping apart the social fabric of how society works," and "you don't realise it, but you are being programmed... It was unintentional, but now you gotta decide how much you're going to give up, how much of your intellectual independence."

Another one to comment is Facebook's founding president, Sean Parker, who says the site uses a validation feedback loop that gets people to constantly post to get even more likes and comments, thereby exploiting human psychological vulnerabilities.

The internet is awash with stories of people speaking out against the overuse of social media, while often owning up to their own addiction to it.

While I can see these issues are real and have a broad effect on society as we know it, to my mind the advent of social media is merely putting on steroids a problem we've had in modern society for quite a while now - a lack of genuine connection.

A wonderful experiment conducted in the late 70's by Canadian psychologist Bruce K Alexander called 'Rat Park' showed that addiction is not caused by the thing one is addicted to, but rather the living conditions one is surrounded by. Human beings have an innate need to bond and connect. When we are happy we bond with the people around us, but when we're traumatised or don't feel good about ourselves we bond with substances or habits that give us a sense of relief from pain.

Social Media has the extra pull of looking like we are connecting, even when we secretly know any perceived connection is miniscule compared to the up close and personal type.

I love watching those TV shows where they take someone out of the modern world and plunk them into a tribal society somewhere far away for three weeks. The journey for them is rough, especially at first; no mod cons, often much physical work and living with people that don't speak their language. I find it fascinating that despite the hardships they endure by the end of the three weeks the person invariably comments about their strong connection to the group and how absent that is from their life back home, their departure is tearful and heartfelt.

I'm not suggesting that we give up our way of living, I'm quite a fan of bathrooms, kitchens and other modern conveniences but I do think we need to look at what we've lost by living in a way that separates us in to tiny groups, (average household size in Australia from 2016 census is 2.6).

One of the fun things about working with the Gazette is it's ability to connect people together who live in Meander Valley and beyond.

I constantly hear stories from readers, story subjects and event organisers about the connections they make through the paper, I also see many examples in my own workplace the Deloraine Online Centre.

Speaking of the paper and online centre, the governing body of Meander Valley Gazette, Pixels Gallery, Deloraine and Mole Creek Online Access Centres has changed its name from Meander Valley Online to Meander Valley Connect. See the new logo in the Community Directory on P17.

we're drinking this gift.

Farmers in other parts of Tasmania aren't as lucky. In Launceston, the primary water catchments of the Blue Tier and Ben Lomond forests, aren't properly protected. This is despite conservationists and industry agreeing to their protection during the historic Forest Agreement process, subsequently torn up by the Hodgman Liberal government.

Our agriculture industry is contingent upon a predictable supply of water. On top of that, the brand that underpins our marketing relies on us living up to our clean and

## Green light for subdivision

LAND CLOSE to Prospect Vale Marketplace has been approved for subdivision into six blocks by the Eskleigh Foundation, despite traffic objections by 13 residents in the area.

Eskleigh's long-term plan is to build six units for residents with disabilities.

Addressing Meander Valley Council, resident Frank Nott said residents were not opposed to the development on Jardine Crescent but have major concerns about safety created by increased traffic.

Resident Lyndon Mene-gon said it was already difficult to enter and exit from his property within a complex of townhouses opposite Eskleigh's land.

"Many cars leave the supermarket car park via Jardine Crescent, so six more individual driveways will make it dif-

green brand.

Whoever wins this next election can make or break our agricultural industry by properly protecting water catchments and forests.

Tom Allen  
The Wilderness Society

I WOULD like to respond to Michael Martin's poetic letter in the January edition of the Meander Valley Gazette.

I would define 'freebie camping' as where the user of the facility or service does not pay any contribution toward the cost of that service but expects the community to pay instead. Such is the case of freebie camping at Westbury, Bracknell and other Council reserves. Freebie camping does not provide a "healthy tourist cheque" - indeed quite the opposite. Freebie camping is illegal unfair competition perpetuated by the Council and paid for by ratepayers. It is an open-ended financial commitment for ratepayers with no obvious benefit for ratepayers. The user pays principle and competitive free market competition would provide the best allocation of resources to camping and with no cost to the ratepayer. Indeed Council in managing ratepayers' money should restrict its activities to essential frontline services. I can find no valid economic argument for my rate contribution being used to subsidise visitors. Rigs that are "self-contained with toilet and a shower" do use facilities that cost money - ratepayers' money. Why should they have free rubbish collection, sillage dump points, etc when locals have to pay for such services?

Freebie camping is at best only a minor factor in attract-

ing tourists to Tasmania. It is far more to do with retailers in one area competing against retailers in another for the tourists that do visit. If one wishes to perpetuate such competition - sometimes in the same municipality - then freebie camping should be paid for by the businesses benefiting from the extra tourists not by the ratepayers.

I can assure Mr Martin that visitors to Quamby Corner "patronise the chemist and the local takeaway. They buy fuel at the servo and shop at the IGA". They also visit the Maze, Steam World, call in at the pub and buy steak at the butcher's shop. Indeed, we encourage them heartily to do so... as well as facilities at Deloraine and further afield.

I would add that Quamby Corner supports good picnic and toilet facilities at popular tourist destinations, whether it be Westbury, Bracknell or Liffey Falls. Such facilities are necessary in the interests of public health and allow free access to visitors and locals alike.

Kevin Briggs

IT'S GOOD to see Meander Valley Council has changed its tune about banning free camping in Deloraine. It's a shame they don't do more to promote Deloraine as a tourist destination, like utilising the "wasted infrastructure" at the disused racecourse. As it is, (the) free camping area is simply a bare paddock with no shelter, water or toilets. I wish I had a dollar for every tourist who has asked me where the nearest toilet is. While I always point them in the right direction, they usually find it more convenient to squat behind the Council depot.

A.R. Trounson - Needles

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## Letters In...

THE BLESSED valley. Where does your water come from? Much of the Meander Valley is blessed with higher than average rainfalls. This is largely thanks to the Great Western Tiers and forested valleys that catch the moisture-rich winds from the wild west coast.

Parts of the Great Western Tiers are now protected in the World Heritage Area, ensuring they keep supplying good rainfall for local farmers but also play their part in safeguarding the climate we've all become accustomed to. Each time we turn on the tap in the valley,



# One of two hundred nationwide

By Lorraine Clarke

TANYA BARRETT, Practice Manager for the Deloraine & Westbury Medical Centre, is enthusiastic about Health Care Homes, the new program being trialled through an initiative of the Australian Government Department of Health to improve medical services access for those with chronic health issues.

The Medical Centre was successful in their bid to participate in the 2-year trial, being 1 of only 200 applicants approved for the program. Should the program prove as successful as it has been in the UK, USA and NZ, it will be rolled out Australia-wide after 31/12/2019.

All staff at Deloraine Medical Centre have been involved in comprehensive training to prepare for the December 2017 implementation of Health Care Homes which provides co-ordinated care for patients with chronic health issues, who elect to join the program.

Tanya explained, "We now have 8 GPs at the Medical Centre, since the recent arrival of Dr Abhaya Nanayakkara from Sri Lanka. Each doctor is allowed up to 55 patients enrolled in the scheme.

A team including GP, nurse, and visiting Allied Health professionals looks after each patient, liaising with carers and family to provide more co-ordinated access to services. Clients nominate their preferred GP, and Allied Health."

"My Health Record" is an electronic database created through the program which enables other GPs and specialists throughout the country to access a patient's medical history.

**We now have 8 GP's at the medical centre since the recent arrival of Dr Abhaya Nanayakkara from Sri Lanka**

This solves a worrying problem for so many who choose to travel Australia. Grey nomads can head off interstate visiting family, or embark on 6 months of sight-seeing, confident in the continuity of informed medical treatment wherever they may find themselves.

Most consultations with Health Care Homes are bulk billed, with a gap payment for treatment room consumables.

**Health Care Homes:**

- A systematic approach to

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- Provides a "home base" for enrolled patients, focussing on their individual needs
- Envisions empowered, engaged, satisfied and more health-literate patients, families and carers
- Delivers flexible, high-quality patient-centred, co-ordinated, team-based care
- Is built on a philosophy of collaboration and relationship
- Develops appropriate use of non-face-to-face phone and internet-based digital health options
- Offers an expanded service for some scripts and services to be ordered online (fee for service)
- Allows family members to collaborate in the program
- Assists the patient in connecting with Community agencies, Allied Health providers, hospitals, specialists, insurers, etc.

More information on the Health Care Homes program is available at [www.deloraine-medical.com](http://www.deloraine-medical.com) or [www.health.gov.au/healthcarehomes](http://www.health.gov.au/healthcarehomes)

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Dr Abhaya Nanayakkara from Sri Lanka has joined the team.

## \$14,000 in prize money

APPLICATIONS FOR exhibitions in the Tasmania Craft Fair (TCF) are now open.

This is an opportunity to be part of Australia's largest working display of arts and crafts, gourmet food and entertainment. The TCF is staged across 7 venues and attracts over 20,000 visitors to Deloraine for four days in November.

Prize money in excess of \$14,000 will be awarded over the weekend, including the opportunity to win the

Premier's Award for Excellence, sponsored by the Department of Premier and Cabinet, which amounts to \$10,000.

This year, its 38th, the TCF will feature a special display of stonework from Cambodia.

If your work is created by, designed by and/or made by you, then the TCF is looking to hear from you. Exhibitor applications close on 31st March 2018.

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Alan Adams was one of the team who assembled the 33,600 piece jigsaw at Kanangra. The puzzle has now been relocated to Grenoch.

Photo by: Mike Moores

# Bigger than big for Grenoch

By Hayley Manning

THE GRENOCH dining room was filled to capacity on 30th January for the official opening of the 33,600 piece Wildlife puzzle, which held the title for World's Largest Puzzle, when Educa released it in 2014.

The Kanangra Puzzlers team: Alan, Bessy, Betty, Cob, and Kevin, completed the puzzle in just over 20 months and may hold the title for the largest puzzle to be

completed by aged care residents in Australia.

The 17kg, Adrian Chesterman designed Wildlife puzzle, depicting colourful African jungle animals and waterfalls, came in a large wooden box on castor wheels and was packaged into ten individual bags that allowed each team member to work on a panel at their own pace.

Alan Adams, who completed six panels in total, initially chose the lion to begin with, but said he wished he

hadn't seen it once the bag of mostly orange pieces were scattered on the board! He opted to tackle the orangutan first instead.

"It was a lot of fun. It was my outlet; my enjoyment," he said.

The combined team of residents, visitors and off-duty staff, experienced much laughter throughout the 20-month assembly process, even when they discovered missing pieces, which the manufacturer replaced, or attentive cleaning staff found.

"They did a wonderful job finding some of the lost pieces. It must have been a bug-bear to them," Alan said.

Chaplain, Desley Parsons, said the team did feel a brief moment of disenchantment during the placement of the puzzle panels onto the 1.57m by 6.5m glued board.

"We easily slid the first three panels into place, closely followed by the fourth, when we realised it was the wrong one. We tried using paint scrapers, knives, anything we

could to remove it," she said.

Perseverance paid off, and after a brief hiatus at Kanangra, the puzzle now adorns a wall in the Grenoch dining room.

Grenoch resident, Mrs Kathleen Macrow, said she 'absolutely loves it'. "I stop by it for an hour every day and I am amazed every time I see it. My friend, Joy [James (dec)] did as much as she could on the rainbow section, so everything I see in the puzzle reminds me of her."

# Westbury show honour boards

WITH THE 2018 Westbury Show celebrating its 155th year, the Society has undertaken to record the names of office bearers who have served the Society since 1902. Unfortunately, records prior to that date are unavailable.

Two new honour boards have been painstakingly crafted by John Johnston of Westbury. The boards feature a macrocarpa trim which has been moulded from timber

taken from the very old trees that have flanked the grandstand for decades. The trees were deemed unsafe & were removed five years ago.

Long-time supporter of the Westbury Show, Mr Michael Polly along with Life Member, Kerry Kilby have sponsored the honour boards. The Society is indebted to Mr Jeff Reader of Westbury, who spent many hours signwriting the titles of the

boards and the names of the Office bearers.

It is hoped that as many people as possible who have held office as President, Secretary or Treasurer of the Show along with family members or representatives will attend the unveiling ceremony which is to be held at 2pm on Sunday 4th March 2018. Those interested in attending please contact Judy Kilby: 0439 334 663.

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# The choice is yours - "Are there any particular needs of the Meander will address if elected?"\*



**Guy Barnett, Liberal**

ADDRESSING COST of living issues will remain a major focus of a re-elected Hodgman Liberal Government. As part of our Tasmania First energy policy we have capped prices to assist households with energy bills, provided a special energy bonus to eligible Tasmanians, and are investing in our on-island renewable energy capacity.



**Kylie Wright, ALP**

IF ELECTED, I will work closely with the local community to identify and address local concerns. Some major issues include health, education, employment, transport / traffic, support for the Arts and local growers and producers. The Statewide Planning Scheme needs to fully consider climate change, natural values and local character.



**Kim Peart, Independent**

RUNNING AS an independent lion for Lyons, one issue that will take me through the towns from Devonport to Port Arthur, will be my proposal for a footpath and cycle way, serving both visitors and residents, which will create a new form of foot and cycle tourism in Tasmania



**Rebecca White, ALP**

MY NUMBER one priority for all Tasmanians is to fix the health system by employing more health workers and treating more patients. Labor will support our young people with a good education so they can get a job and Labor will build employment, infrastructure and regional economies.



**Rene Hidding, Liberal**

THERE ARE over 10,600 more Tasmanians in jobs since the 2014 election. We will take jobs growth to the next level with targeted jobs initiatives. By keeping the Ashley Youth Detention Centre open, only a majority Liberal Government will provide job security for 60 workers and their families who are an important part of the Deloraine community.



**Fraser Brindley, Greens**

LIKE MANY rural areas, Meander Valley needs better public transport, including patient transport. Whether it's school kids, the elderly, people who need medical attention, or people just wanting to make a trip into town, public transport is not up to scratch. This is simple stuff and it can be fixed.



**Jen Butler, ALP**

The Hodgman Government has failed to generate jobs in regional Tasmania. As a member of a Labor Government, I will work with regional and rural industries to identify their training and infrastructure needs to ensure that young Tasmanians can stay and raise their families in regional areas like Meander Valley.

\*Please Note: Meander Valley Gazette was unable to contact the following Lyons candidates despite numerous attempts:

- Labor:** Gerard Gaffney
  - Greens:** Helen Hutchinson, Lucy Landon-Lane, Gary Whisson, Glen Millar
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Janet Lambert, ALP

I WILL assist the MV Council, community groups and local people to; invest in preventable health programs, access affordable housing, provide more police, work with local industries creating new employment opportunities, invest in education, support Neighbourhood House to meet the needs of community and MVC to meet its chosen strategic projects.



Mark Shelton, Liberal

JOBS ARE the number one priority of the Hodgman Liberal Government. Our \$2 million investment in Ridley Corporation Limited's aquaculture feed mill at Westbury will provide work for up to 250 construction jobs and around 20 full-time positions once operational. I will continue to advocate for investment to help job creation



John Tucker, Liberal

WITH A booming tourism industry and record visitor numbers, the Meander Valley has the opportunity to tap into this thriving market. With some truly beautiful areas including Mole Creek and the Walls of Jerusalem National Park, and great events like the Deloraine Craft Fair, the Meander Valley can grow its share of Tasmania's visitor market.

## Spinning a yarn on the village green

By Lorraine Clarke

THE 7TH JANUARY traditionally marks the end of the festive season when old-time cottagers returned to their regular labours in the British midwinter.

Spinsters named this "St Distaff's Day" as it was the first day of the new year when they began to spin fleece from their distaffs into the yarns needed to create all

the woven and knitted fabrics needed for the family, and to sell.

Where better to celebrate this cultural tradition, than on Westbury's Village Green? Each year, members of the Handweavers, Spinners and Dyers Guild of Tasmania meet there to share a day of convivial spinning, sharing techniques and renewing friendships. In 2018, about 40 folk gathered beneath the

deep shade of the gracious old trees, having come from as far as Geeveston, Cygnet, Kelso, Ulverstone, Launceston and Devonport to join Meander Valley spinners.

Those who have never seen a distaff in use, were treated to a display of this old tool by Ali Keywood. Ali taught herself the technique of in-hand spinning on a small spindle which she turns with her right hand, drawing a few threads from the distaff.

A distaff is a rod held vertically under an arm or tucked into a belt, with combed raw fleece wrapped and tied loosely around the top. Ali crafted her own distaff from a branch of her cherry tree. She skillfully spins super fine thread on this arrangement, which can be carried and used anywhere.



Jane Howlett, Liberal

WITH TWO young children of my own, I know how important a quality education is to giving our kids the best start in life. Our long-term plan to extend high schools to year 12 is working, with 533 more students studying year 11 and 12 subjects at 30 schools which have already extended.



Darren Clark, ALP

LAST YEAR, we lost a community youth worker through a redirection of funding. Early intervention programs are crucial, with 20% of Meander Valley's population under 15. This must be addressed through organisations like PCYC and Save the Children. Roads are a major issue. I have asked for \$6 million to improve road safety and conditions.



Ali Keywood using a distaff

# CHUDLEIGH SHOW

Saturday 17th February 2018

Entry fees:  
\$20.00 - 2 Adults & 2 children  
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- 7.00am Sheep Dog Trials
- 8.30am Jumping Events
- 9.00am Cattle & Sheep Judging  
Horse events commence
- 10.00am Entertainment,  
Vintage cars, bike and tractor displays.
- 11.00am Pets Parade  
Dog High Jump Competition  
Woodchopping
- 11.45am Men's Muffin
- 12.00 Dairy Heifer Competition winners announced
- 1.00pm Official Opening
- 1.30pm Revamped Chudleigh Cup
- 1.45pm Grand Parade

Come along to the Chudleigh Show for a fun filled family day.

Attractions include dog high jump, whip cracking displays, horse and equestrian events, sheep, dairy and beef cattle, chopping events, sheep dog trials, home industries, vintage tractor, bike and veteran car displays, beaut ute competition, trick horse displays, revamped Chudleigh Cup horse race.

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# VALLEY VIEWS



Above: Mayor Craig Perkins celebrates at the Australia Day breakfast at Chudleigh with Beryl Sturzaker and Margaret Wilson.

Last month we celebrated Australia Day. Whilst I recognise that there is some debate surrounding the date, it does not stop us from celebrating the wonderful community in which we live and the great people that help to make it so.

Meander Valley particularly has many vibrant communities that celebrate diversity and foster inclusiveness. That is what the essence of being Australian is all about.

At Council's Australia Day event, we honoured our 2018 Australia Day Award recipients and recognised fourteen volunteers. I always feel an enormous sense of pride when presenting these awards. Each one was earned through acts of selflessness and commitment.

Every one of these recipients have made positive contributions to others and through that, the entire municipality.

It is also a time to remember that there are many others who are yet to be recognised. If you know of someone in the municipality who deserves to be honoured for

their efforts, a nomination form can be collected from the Council office or downloaded from Council's website. Please consider nominating a person for next year's awards.

Australia Day wouldn't be Australia Day without a great breakfast. A big thank you to the Rotary Club of Westbury and the Chudleigh Hall Committee for the fantastic feasts laid out at the Westbury RSL and the Chudleigh Memorial Hall.

A reminder that there is a public meeting being held in the Westbury Town Hall at 7pm on Thursday 15 February.

The meeting is open to anyone from within the municipality to attend and share their thoughts on the proposed Westbury Recreation Ground Development. If you are a regular or potential user I encourage you to come along.

As we head into a new school year, a reminder to be aware and remain vigilant around school speed limit zones and crossings.

Mayor, Craig Perkins



Above: Award winners Toby Ritter, Myles Kirkman, Shaun Donohue and the Deloraine Street Car Show.

## Locals honoured at Australia Day Awards

Toby Ritter was named Citizen of the Year at Meander Valley Council's 2018 Australia Day Awards celebration held at Country Club Tasmania on 25 January.

Toby has lived in Meander Valley his entire life. He has been heavily involved in the local community through both sporting and service clubs and is an active member of the Westbury Agricultural Show Committee where he held the position of president from 2004 until 2017. His significant contribution helped secure the longevity of the Show which is now host to one of the biggest horse events in Tasmania.

Toby was also instrumental in the establishment of the Westbury Lions Club which he has now served for over 25 years. At 74 years of age, he is still making a significant contribution to the local community.

Young Citizen of the Year was awarded to Myles Kirkman. A Rotary Youth Leadership

Award recipient, Myles has also represented Deloraine in under 19 football. He has worked as a mentor at Stepping Stones Camps and was chosen to be the emerging artist at the 2016 Tasmanian Craft Fair. He displays a kind and caring nature and is known for his integrity, drive and ambition.

The Deloraine Street Car Show received the Community Event of the Year Award. In just two years, this event has enticed thousands of visitors to Deloraine and it has fast become a significant attraction. Developed by a small committee of volunteers, this event supports local businesses, promotes the township and the wider Meander Valley Municipality. With over 500 classic vehicles, live entertainers and in excess of 8,000 patrons, this group of dedicated organisers have achieved outstanding success.

Shaun Donohue was awarded the Meander Valley Sports Award. Shaun is President of the Deloraine Football Club and former President of both the Deloraine Amateur

Basketball Association and the Deloraine Junior Basketball Club. Often committing up to 30 voluntary hours per week, he has also dedicated himself to raising awareness about the issues around depression, anxiety, breast cancer and youth inclusion. He is an inspiring individual who has used his personal hurdles to raise awareness in the local community.

Fourteen volunteers from the Meander Valley municipal area were recognised for their efforts, receiving awards for 1000 hours, 3000 hours and exceptional service to the community.

"Each year I am humbled to present these awards. They reflect dedication, commitment and the inspiring spirit of Meander Valley. Thank you to all who have contributed thousands of volunteer hours to serve others. This strengthens our community and this selflessness makes me proud to represent the municipality," Mayor Craig Perkins said.

## Deloraine & Districts Recreation Precinct Feasibility Study "A significant step forward"

At its meeting in January, Meander Valley Council received the recently completed Deloraine and Districts Recreation Precinct Feasibility Study.

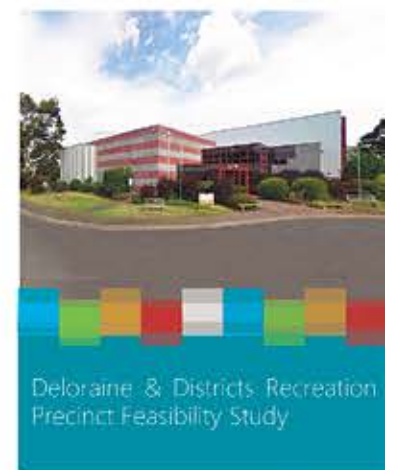
The Study was co-funded by the Deloraine & Districts Community Bank Branch of the Bendigo Bank and Meander Valley Council together with funding from the State Government Community Infrastructure Fund.

A Working Group was formed in 2017 to review and guide the direction of the feasibility study that was undertaken by consultants, Inspiring Place. The study

investigated how we share, use and view public space and recreational facilities and considers options for facilities that will service the community of Deloraine and the surrounding districts.

"This study is a significant step forward. It has a wide scope and will provide Council and stakeholders with a foundation for decision making and will help us answer questions about how to serve Meander Valley in the short, medium and long term," Mayor Craig Perkins said.

Council will now consider the Working Group's recommendations in



conjunction with additional stakeholder and community feedback.

A copy of the Deloraine and Districts Recreation Precinct Feasibility Study and the Working Group's recommendations is available on Council's website under 'Latest News'. Feedback is welcome up until 16 February, 2018.



### Nespresso Anyone?

As advocates for waste reduction, Council is now accepting Nespresso Grands Crus capsules for bulk recycling.

For all of you who enjoy a cup, your used capsules can now be deposited in the bin located in the foyer of the Westbury office.

For more information about this new initiative check out 'Latest News' on Council's website, visit

[www.meander.tas.gov.au](http://www.meander.tas.gov.au)

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**Ridley gets the green light for development**

Ridley's aquaculture feed mill at Westbury's Valley Central Industrial Precinct received development approval from Meander Valley Council at its January meeting.

The mill is expected to generate 20 new full time positions and 250 construction jobs.

"It's terrific that Ridley has chosen to build here in Westbury. The Valley Central Industrial Precinct is close to the State's freight networks and this development will help to grow and sustain our regional community," Mayor Craig Perkins said.

Ridley made the decision to relocate to Tasmania in order to be closer to their customer base. This will reduce supply chain costs and improve service delivery.



Above: Mayor Craig Perkins at the official opening of the Junior Nationals

**Westbury plays host to World Cup**

Competitors across Australia converged on Westbury for the Pacific Youth Masters Darts Competition held in January. Entrants competed for World Darts Federation points in what was a packed Junior Nationals Program.

"These young competitors travelled from as far away as Western Australia to compete at the Nationals and their dedication is inspiring," Mayor Craig Perkins said.

Encouragement was in abundance on Saturday 13 January with a special visit from the Australian World Cup winners. Held in Japan last year, Darts Australia's Mens Team became World

Cup Champions against some tough competition.

"Having an opportunity to meet the team and touch the actual World Cup itself really shows these young people how far their sport can take them. All of these young competitors should be immensely proud of their achievement in being selected for National Competition and we wish all of them well in their future endeavours," Mayor Craig Perkins said.

The Pacific Youth Masters was held at the Westbury Sports Centre and all events wrapped up on 17 January with a farewell function.



**Braving the shave at the Westbury RSL**

Members of the Westbury RSL are braving the shave in order to raise money for prostate cancer research.

"The goal is to raise \$5,000, but we hope to do better than that," Anne Sackley said.

Anne has volunteered to lose her locks whilst Gay Hall, Jordie Garven and Katrina and Maddison Winzar opt for a permanent colour.

"Fremantle supporter Jordie will be even braver, opting

for a Collingwood colour dye for a donation of \$1,000," Anne said.

Prostate cancer remains the second most common cause of cancer deaths in males.

It is hoped that the event will raise awareness as well as as much needed funds for research.

Toni from Boutique Hair will be undertaking the colourful transformations and Lauren from Katie's Hair Salon will be armed with the clippers.

A Dutch auction of donated goods will be run and four willing volunteers will be auctioning off their time for anyone needing some odd jobs completed before autumn.

Any businesses wishing to donate will be recognised on a donator board which will be on public display.

All the fun kicks off with a sausage sizzle from midday on Sunday 25 February at the Westbury RSL.

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  - Chudleigh Show • 17 February
  - Retro Rock Night • Little Theatre 17 February
  - Westbury Market • 17 February
  - Deloraine Street Car Show • 18 February
  - A Day at the Creek • 24 February
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THE DELORAINE lutherie held its annual gig at the Empire Hotel from the 16th to 26th January.

Tim Spittle and Kevin Lincoln hosted a workshop to enable students to make ukeles and guitars for the sixth successive year; a project which started at Highfield in Stanley and graduated to Deloraine three years ago.

**There is pleasure in making music and even more in the creation of instruments**

Antonia Howarth-Wass, a return student who completed a tenor ukelele in 2017, together with Brian Nolan and Susan Lacey enjoyed increased familiarity with equipment and materials, the result of hard-won prior experience when they struggled to complete instruments to the high standards demanded by Tim and Kevin.

This year, it was a baritone ukelele for Antonia. Brian attempted a mandolin, a shaped instrument demanding more skill. He made a Segovia guitar last year using Rosewood, European spruce and materials similar to its namesake which is now on exhibition in a New York



Tim Spittle (R) demonstrates how to measure wood thickness to Pat Hawkins from Ulverstone.

Photo by: Mike Moores

museum. The sound is amazing, quite different from modern classical guitars which, Brian says, tend to be heavier, possibly more resilient, but different in tone quality.

Susan has made two tenor ukeles, but this year it was a smaller soprano

instrument with her own special decoration.

“There is pleasure in making music and even more in the creation of instruments” says Antonia. “It is a steep learning curve for someone who has not used woodworking tools and is unfamiliar

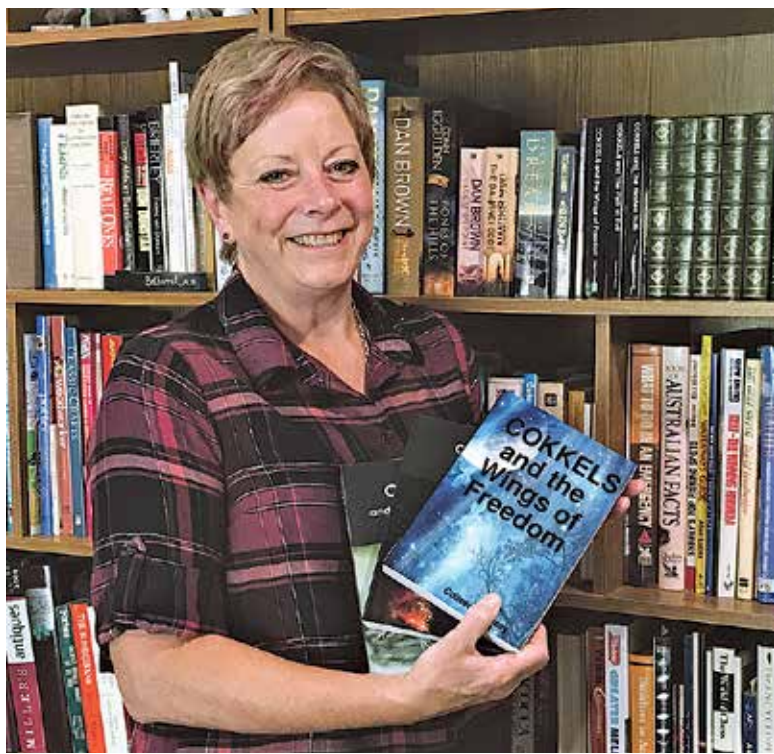
with workshops, but more and more enthusiasts are passing through these classes and moving on to others.”

Tim Spittle travels from Western Australia each year, sharing skills and sourcing a wide range of fine craft timbers some of which

are becoming increasingly difficult to obtain.

Kevin and wife Francis are well known to locals as leaders of uke groups on the north coast.

The Empire Hotel provides the workshop space and accommodation.



New author Colleen Stacey with her fantasy trilogy

# From the law to flights of fancy

Story and picture by David Claridge

AFTER MANY years of court reporting, Blackstone Heights resident Colleen Stacey was reaching retirement. She had ideas in her head and a desire to put them into words.

All Colleen wanted was three books with the same cover sitting on her bookshelf.

Six years later, after moving to Tasmania, Colleen finished her book trilogy and now has them published.

“I was a court reporter in SA, NSW and overseas for 35 years. I would do writing daily on my shorthand machine but that was mainly in a legal aspect... Sometimes

I sit in my study and the ideas are coming to my head quicker than I can type,” she said.

The trilogy, named after its protagonist, Cokkels, is about an extremely cunning and dangerous creature that has infiltrated the land of Soth. The trilogy is filled with sibling rivalry, bullying and repression, political intrigue, modern day societal issues, demonic forces and even murder and incarceration.

“In 2012 I started writing a story about this fictional character. Not feeling very confident with myself, I showed it to my husband, it was about 50 pages. He said I should flesh it out a bit.

420 pages later he decided it was pretty good.”

“Many people that have read them say they are fantastic and that I’m a really good storyteller, so I’m proud of myself in that respect.”

Part of a review sent to Colleen says that “This book contained so much action in the last half a dozen or so chapters, I couldn’t believe it, covering all facets of the story and tying everything up beautifully.

Suitable for ages 12 and up, Colleen is available to sign copies purchased from the Prospect Vale Post Office. Alternatively, purchase an ebook format from amazon.

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This dish promises a summery lightness of bold, lip smacking scrumptiousness. Photo by: Mike Moores

# Smoked salmon & peas tagliatelle

By Wai Lin Coultas

THIS IS FOR those who love the gutsy flavours of lasagna al forno and the heartiness of fettucine generously sauced with a divinely slow cooked lamb ragu but shy away from both, along with spaghetti aglio e olio or a vongole, during the warmer months of the year.

This tagliatelle tossed in cold lemony and peppery roasted garlic and herb sauce promises a summery lightness of bold, lip smacking scrumptiousness.

**Ingredients**

- 150 g smoked salmon, thinly sliced
- 2½ cups frozen peas, blanched in boiling water and cooled

- 150 g dried tagliatelle
- 1½ l boiling water
- 2 tbsp + 1 tsp iodised salt

**For the sauce**

- 1 bulb garlic
- 1½ tbsp canola oil
- 1 handful of fresh basil leaves
- 1 handful of flat leaf parsley leaves
- ½ handful of chives, dill & thyme leaves
- 1⅓ tsp lemon pepper
- 3 tbsp light sour cream
- 1 tbsp mayonnaise

**Instructions**

To make the sauce, pre-heat oven on roast function to 200C while peeling off the garlic bulb's outer papery layers; slicing 3 mm off its top to expose the cloves.

On aluminum foil, drizzle oil all over bulb before completely wrapping it with the foil.

Roast wrapped bulb for 40 minutes till the cloves feel soft; setting aside to cool.

Into a processor, add squeezed out cooled garlic cloves, herbs, lemon pepper, sour cream and mayonnaise; blending to a fine paste before seasoning with salt.

Over a medium flame, cook the tagliatelle till al dente in a pot of boiling water dissolved with 2 tbsp salt; drain.

Return drained pasta to the pot off the flame; stirring sauce through before mixing in salmon and peas.

Serves 4.

MEANDER VALLEY - GET INVOLVED

# Cows, crooners and cars

THE WEEKEND of February 17th and 18th is a special one, with three local events providing some good old fashioned fun that can suit all tastes.

The oldest event is the Chudleigh Show, first begun in 1889, with this year's Show opening at 9.00am on Saturday 17th. Activities include show jumping, sheep dog trials, displays of utes and vintage tractors, trick horse display, wood chopping event and the mad-cap Chudleigh Cup, without real horses but lots of people dressed up as horses and doing a lot of horsing around. Free kids activities run all day and there are many interesting stalls ranging from delicious ice creams to novelties and gourmet salts.

The second is a Deloraine Big Band dance, a "Retro Rock" night at the Little Theatre on the Saturday night

starting at 7.30pm.

The Big Band has been entertaining for over 30 years and are always popular - tickets can be bought on-line at [www.trybooking.com/344208](http://www.trybooking.com/344208). Put on your dancing shoes or just tap your feet to the beat. Supper included in the entry fee.

The third event is the Deloraine Street Classic & Custom Car Show, now in its 3rd year, and starting on the Sunday at 10.00 am (7.00 am for show car entrants). The cars will be displayed in Deloraine's main street and on the riverbank. There will be kid's activities, a BBQ, food and drink stalls and live music with 4 bands and a DJ. But the main interest is the hundreds of cars of all types, with each one looked after by a passionate owner.

So cancel everything else and enjoy the whole weekend in Chudleigh/Deloraine.



Deloraine Street Car Show drew large crowds at the previous two events. Photo by: Simon Sherriff

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# Bee stings

By Lorraine Clarke

THERE IS little that can spoil the enjoyment of a summer day's communion with nature as pointedly as a bee sting.

The swelling, pain and itching can continue for days or even longer than a week.

Many recommended folk remedies fail the test of practical relief. Some touted "remedies" which are useless, include applications of vinegar, bleach, chewed ribwort plantain leaves, homeopathic preparations, ice, honey and meat tenderiser.

Even prescribed antihistamines and over the counter topical lotions do not relieve all the symptoms. None of these things neutralises the venom.

Because it is strongly acidic, bee venom is neutralised by alkaline substances. This is the reason that one home remedy, toothpaste, can



be successful. But the most effective, cheapest and readily available bee sting remedy is humble sodium bicarbonate, also known as bicarb soda or baking soda, NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, found in every kitchen.

When stung by a bee, first use a fingernail or blunt knife



Bee sting, Creative Commons

to scrape off the stinger. This continues to pump venom into the skin for 2 - 3 minutes unless removed. Wash the

area with soap and water.

If stung through clothing, there will also be some residual venom on it, so it needs to be removed and washed.

Rub the wet skin area with bicarb soda. The mild abrasion of the powder is wonderfully soothing, as it counteracts the acid in the skin. The relief will be immediate, and last for several hours. The bicarb soda treatment can be re-applied as soon as symptoms return. Either rub the dry powder onto wet skin, or make up a thick paste with a little water. Anyone liable to be stung on a frequent basis should keep a supply of bicarb handy at all times.

Wasp stings require the opposite treatment, as wasp venom is strongly alkaline. To neutralise it, use vinegar, lemon juice, citric acid or tartaric acid.



Ken picks some peas from his highly productive veggie garden in Meander. Photo by Mike Moores

## The Philpott gardening phenomenon

By Marguerite McNeill

KEN PHILPOTT classes the water lilies growing in his dam as 'emergency food' but judging by the amount of produce coming from the rest of his garden those rations are unlikely to be called upon any time soon.

He also grows water hawthorn and while adamant that "You can eat the lot" it is also unlikely to feature in any of his dishes in the near future. There is no need. Ken has the best of best fresh veggies at his doorstep, and he grows them himself.

As well as filling his own needs, the 78-year-old grows an over-abundance of fruit and vegetables that he enjoys sharing with friends.

A small oasis of shade, colour, edible plants and a prized Wollemi Pine, the 2.2ha garden was barely established when Ken settled in Meander 13 years ago, but under his green thumb it has flourished.

And it's all his own work. From the garden beds to the home-made hot house, apart from the use of a tiller, all the ground preparation is done by hand. Nowadays, Ken reaps

the harvest of numerous different fruit trees and from softer fruits like raspberries and blueberries.

A variety of tomatoes, capsicums and other heat loving plants thrive in the hot house that is surrounded by garden beds overflowing with hardier veggies such as beans, potatoes, snow peas and pumpkins.

With his ever present shadow Sheba, a 13-year-old Kelpie, Ken gets up 'with the sparrows' and works in the garden until mid-morning. He then retires indoors to prepare a meal using the fruits of his harvest.

Indoors is a showcase to some of Ken's other loves that include memorabilia from his days of restoring horse drawn vehicles. Pulled by Clydesdales, the carriages and wagons were used for weddings and parades.

There is also a sadly quiet Double Bass that the former band member has been unable to play since he injured his wrist three years ago. His wrist is healing slowly and he's counting the days until he can play again.

Ken, who can trace his

ancestry back to the 2nd Fleet, came to Tasmania from New South Wales where he lived on a property near Wyong. Always the gardener, at one stage it became a source of income when he grew 5000 tomato plants in 10 huge glass houses. Before that, he was a wool buyer for around 20 years, a job that took him all over the country influencing his move to Tasmania.

# A taste of Country

By David Claridge

BLACKSTONE HEIGHTS resident Nathan Talbot is a country music fanatic. Not only is he part of a local band, the Blackstone Dukes, but now along with his wife Meg, he is bringing upcoming country music artists to Tasmania to perform.

**For now, we want to do 3-4 events a year. The idea is to grow to become an outside festival.**

"Tin Cup Country (TTC) is essentially a little business that myself and the wife have started just through a love of country music," Nathan explained.

"TTC was born out of the idea of bringing new country artists to Tasmania and giving them a place to play, where otherwise they would not have been able to come and perform.

"We bring down people that we are fans of. The first one was Fanny Lumsden last October, next is Kirsty Lee Akers (who has been nominated for Female Artist,

Video and Australian Artist of the Year). We contact them, let them know our story, and ask if they are interested.

"We want to give the artists a chance to play for a crowd they normally wouldn't get to play for."

The events are being held at Saint John Craft Beer, out the back in the barrel room that holds about 100 people. It's a boutique environment and ticket sales go towards getting the artists here.

"For now, we want to do 3-4 events a year. The idea is to grow to become an outside festival, but there is a long way to go yet. We would hope to invite back the artists that have performed for us already to all play at the one event," Nathan said.

Kirsty Lee Akers will be performing at Saint John Craft Beer on 24th February, tickets are \$25.00 per person and can be purchased from Saint John Craft Beer, directly from the Tin Cup Country Facebook page and F.A.B Espresso Bar at Prospect Vale Market Place.

Local talent Hannah Lawes as well as the Blackstone Dukes will also be performing.

Photo by: Mike Moores



Mitch Woodiwiss, age 5, & brother Beau, age 8, both of Sunnyside with calf Dame Leenicky.

## Young beef barons in the making

By Cody Handley

THE SECOND Tasmanian Junior Beef Expo went off without a hitch in January with over 60 participants showing up from around Tasmania and interstate.

The event ran for three days from 19th-21st January with participants camping at the Deloraine showgrounds.

The expo is aimed at young beef enthusiasts aged between 8 and 25 years old and is inclusive of all

experience levels.

Like its previous year, the expo ran workshops as well as heifer, handlers and cattle assessment competitions. The workshops were run under a system of novice, intermediate and advanced categories to cater for everyone's level of experience.

Among the information covered were things such as livestock safety while working within pens and leading cattle, washing and grooming, fitting cattle with

halters and nose clips, and nutrition management.

"Some of these kids get to see some things I never got to see when I was their age. Hopefully we're giving them some guidance on getting ahead earlier in life," President Lachlan Woodcock said.

On the final day, the expo concluded with a heifer show with the winner taking home a Simmental heifer donated by Damelee Simmentals. This year's winner was Lillian Rockcliff, age 14.

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Martine Myers relaxes at the counter of Simply Oarsome's new showroom. Photo by: Hayley Manning

# Oarsomely hi tech

By Hayley Manning

THE FORMER State School Buildings on East Barrack Street, Deloraine, circa 1895, have been sold and converted into a family residence and sporting attire manufacturing business.

Simply Oarsome owners, Neil and Martine Myers

relocated from Geelong to the 'unspoilt' beauty of Lorinna around 15 years ago, before purchasing the State School for its spacious capacity and close proximity to the Deloraine Primary School for their two daughters.

"We have always had a strong connection with Tasmania. We honeymooned

here and visited often for competitive rowing events," Neil said.

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Different fabrics can be used but the newer polyester fabrics to emerge over the last ten years are lighter, bacteria resistant, have moisture control, UV protection and won't fade.

Neil notes the stark contrast in Oarsome's garment production to the sewing methods used by Mathew Simms, who resides in the former headmaster's residence next door.

"Our digital printing machines are the 'ultimate' in new sublimation technology, while Mathew boils lichen and gum leaves in a witches cauldron to produce his stains, before he hand-sews all his garments."

The newly plastered school hall is where most of their sewing takes place. They have a stock display at front of shop, but most of their business is conducted online. A recent order is going to St Petersburg in Russia!

Other 'sublimatable' products are: water bottles, cups, plates, pens caps and nametags. In addition, a photo or design of choice can be printed onto a metal sign or trophy plate in a process known as Chromalux.

# Not so sweet smell of success

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They predict 'atmospheric emissions' smelling like 'a mild bark or fresh wood mulch odour,' but the company will use a biofilter to deal with them.

Ridley's own testing shows emissions at the mill boundaries would be excessively more than the permitted 2 OU (odour unit); at three boundary locations it was 73, 54 and 32 OU respectively.

But more costly odour-efficient methods were not warranted, they said.

The Environment Protection Authority responded by stipulating Ridley submits quarterly air testing results in its first operating year and twice a year after that.

Ridley must also keep a complaints register and notify the authority's director of any complaint within 24 hours.

Meander Valley Council said Ridley must submit appropriate storm water

drainage design drawings before building begins and have work approved by Council's plumbing surveyor.

Ridley plans non-recycled wastewater will be discharged via the sewer through a trade agreement with TasWater and no canola or fish oil will enter water systems as they will be kept in tanks.

Initially, fish food production may be around 40,000 tonnes potentially increasing to 50,000 tonnes a year.

The mill will operate up to 24 hours per day for five days a week and maybe seven days per week according to demand, with a life of at least 20 years.

\*All documentation on the Ridley fish food mill proposal can be seen at <http://meander.tas.gov.au/page.aspx?u=368> - see council meeting agenda 16th January 2018.

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# In brief

## Desert Rose in Deloraine

The Australian Government's Mobile Service Centre, Desert Rose, will be in the Woolworths Carpark Deloraine from 9.00am to 4.00pm on 14th February offering services including Centrelink, Medicare and Child Support. Call 132 316 for more info.

## Westbury public meeting

Meander Valley Council will hold a public meeting on 15th February to discuss the proposed \$5m Westbury Function Centre. The meeting will be held at the Westbury Town Hall in Lyall St from 7.00pm.

## Big Band retro night

Deloraine Big band will hold Retro Rock at the Deloraine Little Theatre on 17th February from 7.30pm. The event will be a band fundraiser and an Arts Deloraine membership drive. Cost is \$35.00; \$30.00 for Arts Deloraine members.

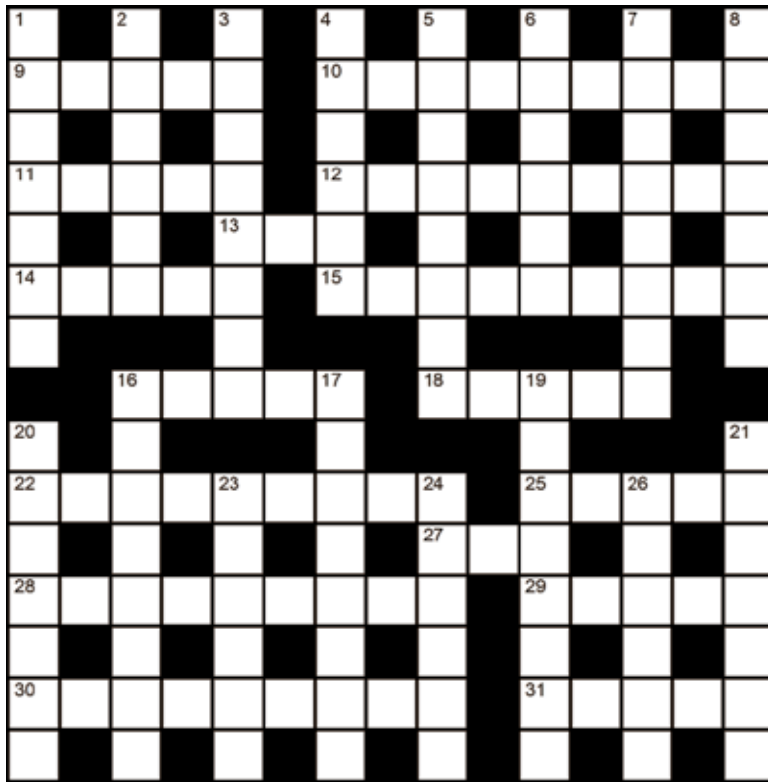
## A Day at the Creek

24th February - The Killer Queen Experience, John Lennon Tribute, Adam Page and more. Further info at [adayatthecreek.com.au](http://adayatthecreek.com.au) Percentage of ticket proceeds to Rotary's Muster for Mental Health.

## Remembering Kent Furmage

A musical event will be held by the Don Chorale on 10th March as a celebration of its long-term director and Deloraine resident, Kent Furmage. Hosted by John Phelps, the event will feature individual and group performances by chorale members at Gallery 9, Deloraine, starting at 2.00pm. Kent's friends welcome. Donation for costs appreciated.

# Crossword



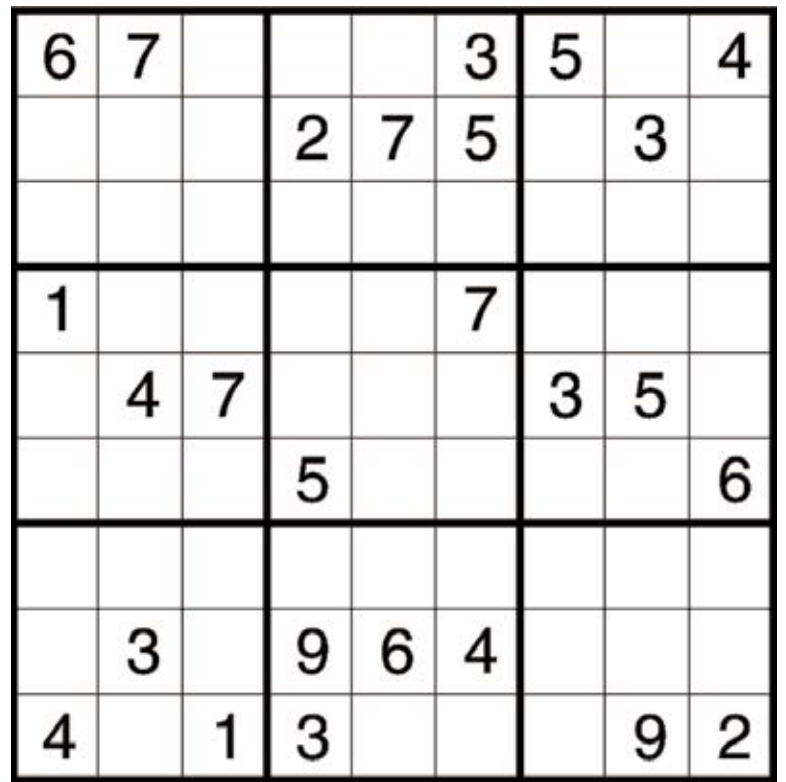
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- 10 Extreme surprise (9)
- 11 Souvenir (5)
- 12 Inherent (9)
- 13 Possess (3)
- 14 Hebrew minor prophet (5)
- 15 E.g. wine goblets (9)
- 16 Bush (5)
- 18 Double birdie (5)
- 22 Large mass of sliding snow (9)
- 25 Renounce (5)
- 27 Open mesh fabric (3)
- 28 Staff (9)
- 29 Mistaken (5)
- 30 Weaken insidiously (9)
- 31 Passageway (5)

### Down

- 1 Highest singing voice
- in women (7)
- 2 Affluence (6)
- 3 Recent arrival (8)
- 4 Saw (6)
- 5 Book end, perhaps (4,4)
- 6 Exceptional intellect (6)
- 7 Convince (8)
- 8 Adhesive label (7)
- 16 Frenzied rush (8)
- 17 Single-celled organisms (8)
- 19 Conceal with decorative paper (4,4)
- 20 Neither solid nor liquid (7)
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- 23 Part of a group (6)
- 24 Followed (6)
- 26 Cardiff International Airport (6)

# Sudoku (Medium)



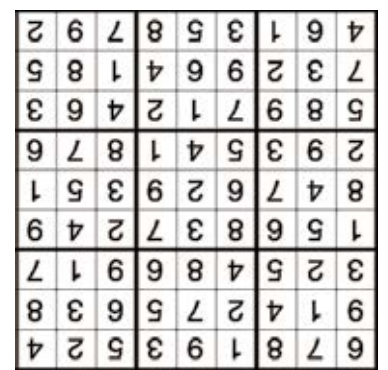
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How To Play: Each row must contain the numbers 1 to 9; each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9; and each set of 3 x 3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 to 9. Best of luck!

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# Events Diary

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

Date and Time	Event	Details
Every Mon, Tues & Wed 9.00am - 4.00pm	Deloraine Community Shed	Alveston Drive, Deloraine For men & women to enjoy woodworking Fully equipped workshop Ph 6362 4522
February 1st - 28th	"Dogs" by Jan Collett	Photo exhibition, Pixels, Deloraine Digital Art Gallery located in the Deloraine Online Centre Ph 6362 3537
Saturday 10th February 7.30pm sharp	Western Tiers Film Society - "Denial"	Little Theatre, 2 Meander Valley Rd. Deloraine UK Drama Bio M rated 110 minutes Ph: 0418 389 868
Saturday 10th February 1.30pm - 4.00pm	Westbury Flower Show	Westbury Town Hall, Lyall Street, Westbury Entry \$2.00 Stalls, Raffle & Afternoon Tea available
Saturday 10th February 7.30pm - 11.30pm	Addison Marshall	Westbury RSL 7 Lonsdale Prom, Westbury \$10.00 Book Ph: 6393 1313 Laugh & dance the night away
Sunday 11th February 11.00am - 3.00pm	Tasmanian Cacti & Succulent Exhibition & Sales	Deloraine Bowls Club, Meander Valley Rd Gold Coin donation Light refreshments available
Sunday 11th February 8.00am - 3.00pm	Tasmanian Truck Show	Quercus Rural Youth Park Carrick Adult \$10.00 Pensioner \$5.00 Ph: 0417 622 513 Displays and entertainment
Monday 12th February	Meander Valley U3A Term 1 Classes begin	Various venues across Meander Valley Ph: 0484 758 466
Wednesday 14th February 9.00am-4.00pm	Aust. Gov't Mobile Service Centre	Woolworths Car Park (off Emu Bay Rd) Offering locals easy access to government payments & services
Thursday 15th February 7.00pm	Public meeting re Westbury Function Centre	Westbury Town Hall & Supper Room, Lyall Street, Westbury All Welcome
Thursday 15th February 6.30pm	Breabach - contemporary Scottish celtic music	Chudleigh Hall BBQ & Bar, Doors open 6.30pm Adults \$25.00 U12's U5's free tickets <a href="http://www.breabach.com">www.breabach.com</a>
Friday 16th February 7.00pm sharp	Live at Yarns evening of Music, Poetry & Song	Yarns Theatre, 100 Emu Bay Rd, Deloraine Tickets \$15.00 available from Great Western Tiers Visitor Centre
Friday 16th February Noon - Midnight	Forth Valley 2018 Blues Festival	Forth Recreational Ground. Tickets \$90.00 for Friday & Saturday \$35.00 Friday Night Only Ph: 0438 694 468
Saturday 17th February 3.30pm	Carrick Park Pacing Club Carrick Cup meeting	East Street, Carrick Fashions on the Field, free entertainment, polocrosse display. Ph: 0400 635 070
Saturday 17th February 6.00am - 6.00pm	Chudleigh Agricultural Show	Chudleigh Showground's 50 Sorell Street, Chudleigh Ph: 6363 2047
Saturday 17th February 7.30pm	Deloraine Big Band performs Retro Rock	Deloraine Little Theatre, Cost \$35.00 Arts Deloraine Members \$30.00 incl Supper. Bar available
Saturday 17th February 9.00am - 1.00pm	Mole Creek Market	Mole Creek Hall cnr Pioneer Drive and Caveside Road Contact Ross Quick 0413 681 252
Sunday 18th February	Deloraine Street Car Show	Emu Bay Road, Deloraine Ph: Grant Evans 0408 133 421
Sunday 18th February 11.00am	Kimberley Country Muster	Kimberley Recreation Ground \$10.00 pp (children free) Graeme Best on 0423 575 722 BYO food and drinks.
Wednesday 21st February 7.00pm	Meander Valley Planning Forum	Rotary Pavilion, Alveston Drive, Deloraine Contact Sophie Underwood 0407 501 999
Saturday 24th February 1.00pm - 7.00pm	A Day at the Creek	Mole Creek Hotel 90 Pioneer Drive Mole Creek Adults \$62.50 (pre sale) \$72.50 at gate Strictly NO BYO
Sunday 25th February	Tasmania's Longest Lunch table	568 Western Creek Road, Western Creek Ph: Helen 0438 233 576 for details Bring picnic table, chairs, food
Saturday 3rd March 9.00am - 1.00pm	Deloraine Showground Market	Deloraine Showgrounds, Highland Lakes Rd, Deloraine Ph: 0409 695 321 for Bookings & Details
Sunday 4th March 2.00pm	Westbury Show Honours Board unveiling	Westbury Showgrounds Ph: Judy Kilby 0439 334 663 or Helen Ritter 0418 293 719 if interested to attend
Friday 9th March	Norm Price Outback Show	Deloraine RSL, West Church Street, Deloraine
Saturday 10th March 7.30pm sharp	Western Tiers Film Society - "Hidden Figures"	Little Theatre, 2 Meander Valley Rd. Deloraine US Drama PG rated 127 minutes Ph: 0418 389 868
Saturday 10th March 2.00pm	Remembering Kent Furmage - Don Chorale	Gallery 9, West Barrack Street, Deloraine Donation for costs appreciated.
Monday 12th March - 6th April	BreastScreen Tasmania Mobile Bus	Deloraine Community Complex, Alveston Drive, Deloraine Call 132050 to make an appointment





Photo by: Mike Moores

# Water wise

Instructor Kali Bierens demonstrates a life saving technique to Chanudha Nandasiri aged 6.

By Joanne Eisemann

IT'S COMMONPLACE to hear of deaths by drowning but a little more difficult to calculate the lives saved by programs such as Deloraine Rotary's Learn to Swim program.

The program is offered free to participants and has been running for over 35 years. The \$4,000 price tag is largely financed by Craft Fair takings.

Lois Catchlove, Chair

of Rotary's Youth Services Committee enjoys watching changes children make during the program. "At the end of that half an hour you could see that he had gained confidence and was less anxious," she says commenting on one young boy she had been following the progress of.

Drowning remains one of the leading causes of preventable death in chil-

dren, so water safety has always been a strong focus of the program.

Rotary's information sheet says 'It was established to teach children to swim in the hope that it would help reduce death by drowning.'

It's not just for little kids either. This year, 85 children aged from 5 to 17 years attended from all over Meander Valley and even a few

# Our rubbish stays home

By David Claridge

THE RECENT ban on imported rubbish to China will have minimal impact to Meander Valley.

Back in July 2017 China announced that on 1st January 2018 they would stop importing 24 categories of solid waste from around the world, as the Environment Ministry claims that it is polluting China's environment.

Justin Jones with local waste disposal company, Just Waste, is aware of the situation but allays fears that it won't affect the Meander Valley region too much.

"For us who run the transfer station in Westbury, Deloraine and Mole Creek, it won't have much of an impact," he said.

"We collect, sort and process our product into high grade, low contamination material which is then sent to Victoria for further processing,

"Some of the bans they are talking about in regard to China is more the lower grade plastics. We do have a low-grade plastic line but that will actually end up being processed in Australia.

Now it will cost us money for recycling. In the past this particular product has been a source of revenue for some of the recyclers in Melbourne and Sydney, they were getting paid for it."

This ban will have major impact on other nations such as those in Europe and the US.

came from beyond.

Parents are obviously appreciative. a photo of the program posted on *Meander Valley Gazette's* Facebook page drew amongst others, these comments;

"They do an amazing job. A couple of weeks ago my 7 year old got herself in trouble in a pool and almost drowned. Lucky I had eyes on her and got to her quickly. This week

I watched her swim a lap across the deep end," said Leanne Turner. Jade Hallam shared "I'm really thankful for this learn to swim course, my kids have loved every minute and are improving each day. Thanks Rotary."

Enrolments for the next course will be taken in December. Look out for flyers and notifications in school newsletters.

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# SPORT

## Ramping it up

By Cody Handley

A SCHOOL holiday program for a Mountain Bike Coaching Clinic was held at Hadspen on the 19th January.

The program was aimed at kids aged 12 years and under and took place at the Hadspen Recreation Park jump track located behind the Hadspen Cricket Club building. The program taught the fundamentals of mountain biking through fun games, races and challenges.

Held in two sessions, each ran for three hours with morning tea included, consisting of fruit and savouries for the riders. The organisers, Shape and Ride, told the Gazette that there was a total of 30 kids in all, and who, by the end of the program were riding better and with a lot more confidence.

Shape and Ride are a group that seeks to promote and support mountain bike opportunities in Tasmania.



The group are planning to expand in the near future and urge people to keep an eye on their facebook page for news and events. "This is just the beginning," they said.

According to Shape and

Ride the program has been very well received. "My son loved it, had heaps of fun, now I can't get him off his bike!" said one parent. "The kids had a ball and are much more confident riding now.

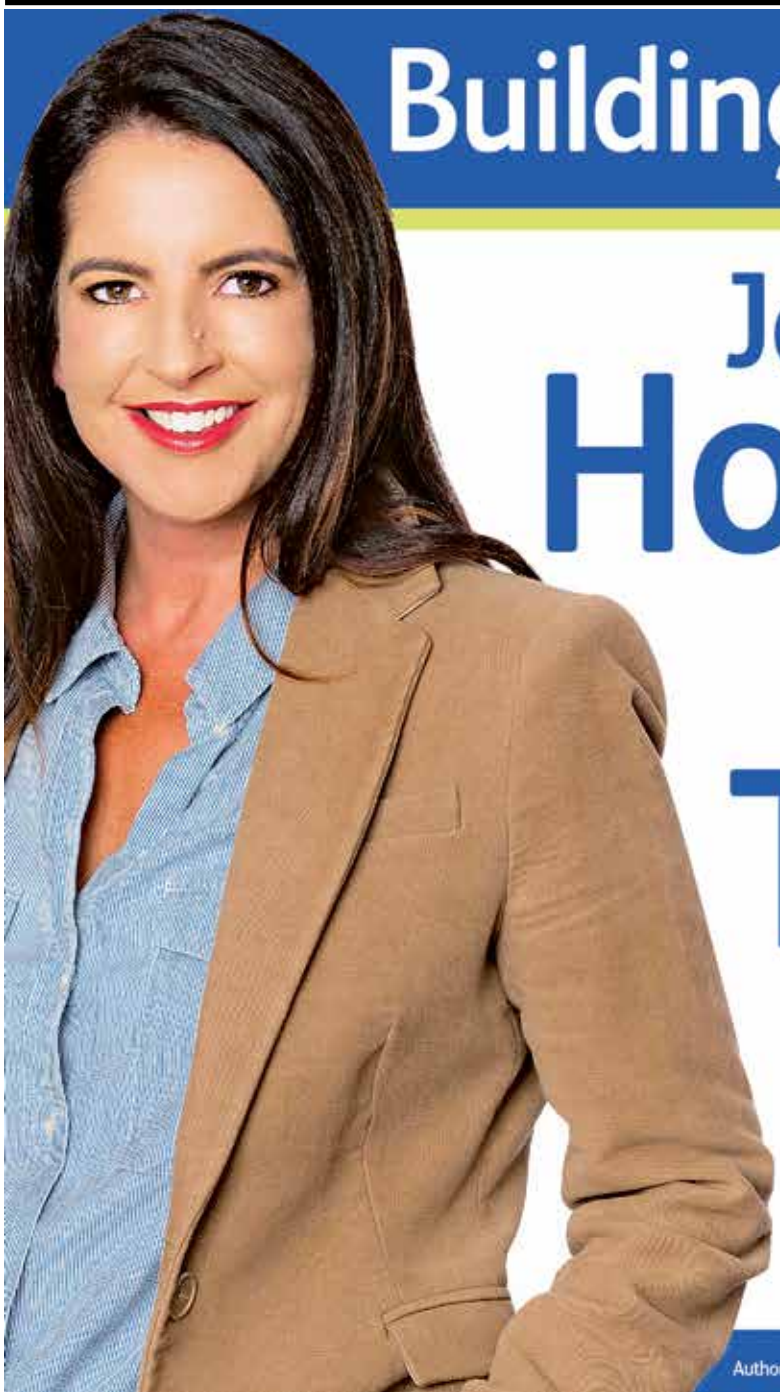

When is the next one?" asked another.

While the program was predominantly about mountain biking, the kids were also allowed to bring along their BMX bikes.

**Pictured above: Instructor Christa Capel teaches the ins and outs of tackling mountain bike track obstacles. Photo by: Mike Moores.**

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