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(L -R) Pat Hobman, secretary of Parish Council and Shirley Hancox retired Parish Council member, both of Westbury, view the magnificent Nellie Payne carving 'Seven Sisters Screen'. Nellie, one of nine daughters, carved this piece in memory of her 7 deceased sisters when she was 72. Installed in 1938, the screen is one of many significant carvings by Nellie located in the Anglican Church in Westbury. The church will hold an open day on the 21st July for people wanting to view the works.

Beneath the Seven Sisters

By Joanne Eisemann

PARISHIONERS FROM the Anglican Parish of Quamby are hopeful they will be able to prevent the sale of churches in their parish.

Sales of Anglican churches statewide have been proposed by the Anglican Diocese of Tasmania to fund the Sexual Abuse

Redress Scheme.

The Diocese predicts that it will need \$8 million to provide redress to the 'significant number of child sexual abuse cases taking place in the 1960's, 70's and 80's'.

The Carrick, Hagley and Westbury Anglican Churches are among a long list of properties that are being

considered for sale.

At a meeting with Bishop Condie in May, parishioners were informed that an alternative for them was to raise approximately \$200,000, the portion of money that would be used from the sale of properties (25 percent) to fund the Redress Scheme.

Members of the Anglican Parish of Quamby believe they have a viable plan to raise the money required in an effort to stop the property sales.

'We are mildly confident that we have a workable proposal to put forward to the Diocese and are hoping that other community groups

and individuals will support us by lodging submissions to the Diocesan Council", said Quamby Parish Council member Rob Menzie, adding "We want to make it clear that we are not against the Redress Scheme, we support it, we just want to find a way of doing that without selling our places of worship."

Two of the Churches in the Quamby Parish have significant historical value.

St Mary's Anglican Church in Hagley has the first Tasmanian born premier, Sir Richard Dry buried in the chancel (near the alter) of the church. Sir Richard grew up on nearby Quamby Estate and was Premier from 1866 until he died in 1869, aged 58.

With a foundation stone laid in 1836, St Andrew's Church in Westbury is one of the oldest churches...

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Photo by: Mike Moores

Our Lady of Mercy students Tess Legvis (7) and Riley Scott (8) make mud pies as part of the International Mud Day activities.

The original mud cake

SMILING FACES and squeals of delight were heard ringing around the playground at Our Lady of Mercy Primary School when Junior primary students were treated to an International Mud Day celebration on the 27th June.

International Mud Day was created in 2009 when Australian Gillian McAuliffe and Nepali Bishnu Bhatta got together to talk.

They wanted to find a way to help all children of the Earth feel closer to each other and decided there was no better way to do it than through the Earth itself.

Our Lady of Mercy decided to celebrate by creating mud artworks on trees in Deloraine's 'Wild Wood', making mud pies and other mud culinary creations as well as the obligatory mud pie throwing. They also created a mud mural on a wall on one of the school outbuildings.

A wonderful time was had by all students.

Council challenge Diocese

By Sharon Webb

MEANDER VALLEY Council has strong concerns about Tasmania's Anglican Diocese plan to sell churches and cemeteries, and will make this clear in a submission to the church.

Councillors have had negative feedback from residents about the sell-off proposal and Mayor Craig Perkins said there is no way the council will contribute funds to a bailout of the diocese.

The Anglican Church plans to sell church buildings and cemeteries to pay redress to survivors of child sexual abuse by its members under the National Redress Scheme.

In the June council meeting Cllr Tanya King successfully moved a motion to make a submission to the diocese, saying she had been approached by residents about the inadequacy of Anglican consultation on the issue.

"People are concerned

about the effect of the move on congregations and parishes, especially that only 25 per cent of the funds from the sale will go to pay redress," she said.

Councillors will discuss the contents of the submission in a workshop on 24th July. Cllr Rodney Synfield unsuccessfully moved that discussion canvas alternate funding options instead of property sales.

"There are serious alternatives which may mean properties in our area may not need to be sold at all," he said.

"There are also questions about the legalities of the sale related to who constructed the properties. There may be other ways of dealing with this and that ought to inform our response to the Anglican Church."

Cllr John Temple supported Cllr Synfield's motion but it was lost.

Councillors also endorsed a motion from May's Local

Government Association of Tasmania meeting acknowledging the importance of redress for victims of abuse but noting the concern being expressed across a number of Tasmanian communities about the sale of their local churches and cemeteries.

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The motion sought that the Anglican Church ensures that those communities are not being made to pay unfairly for the actions of leaders in the church and give genuine consideration, to the huge impact on communities, particularly rural and regional Tasmania.

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Beneath the Seven Sisters

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...in Tasmania. It also houses a significant collection of the work of world-renowned wood carver Nellie Payne.

Nellie, born at 'Westfield' in 1865, was closely involved with the church throughout her life.

In 2015 an exhibition of 240 pieces of her work was shown over three locations in Westbury, including the church and attracting 7,000 visitors.

When asked to put a value on the church's collection, parishioner and ex-Quamby Parish Council member Shirley Hancox says "the collection of carvings is priceless."

Dr Dianne Snowden, speaking to *The Examiner* in an article printed last month, said "this church is of great significance not only to the Westbury community but to the whole of Tasmania."

"It is an integral part of our colonial and convict history and it should be protected and respected as part of our heritage."

For those wanting to see the carvings, the church will hold an open day on the 21st July to coincide with the next Westbury Market day.

Community groups, or individuals who wish to make a representation to the church's governing body (Diocesan Council), about church property proposed for sale, can address their submission to the General Manager of the Diocese at Registry@anglicantas.org.au. Submissions must be made before 1st September 2018.

Other Meander Valley properties on the proposed list for sale are: Church of the Good Shepherd, 59 Main St, Hadspen; Fencing Paddock, Meander Valley Highway, Carrick; Vacant Land, 19 Meander Valley Road, Carrick; Saleyards, 9 East Westbury Place, Deloraine; St Michael's Church, Kimberley Road, Kimberley; St Saviour Church, Hall & Cemetery, 143 Main Road, Meander; and Vacant Land, Lot 7 Bass Highway, Elizabeth Town.



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Coffee and carnations

L to R: Ashton Howe and Carolyn Atkins of 'Found in Earth' florist shop, basking in the warmth of their beautiful new location.

Photo by: Mike Moores

By Wendy Laing

LACK OF room and space for expansion prompted the recent move of Deloraine floristry business 'Found In Earth'.

Proprietors Carolyn Atkins and Ashton Howe formerly operated their florist and coffee shop in Emu Bay Road. However, over time, they realised the location had become too small to accommodate their growing business.

With this in mind, they have moved Found in Earth to larger premises at 29 West Church Street, next to Becks Hardware.

Although originally a

teacher at Deloraine Primary School, Carolyn also has a horticultural background, and always had a vision of opening a florist shop.

Found in Earth provides flower arrangements for events such as birthdays, funerals and special occasions.

The business is run in partnership with barista and videographer Ashton Howe.

"We needed more space to design a wedding concept area," Carolyn said, "where, with our assistance, couples can be inspired by viewing

Ashton's wedding videos, discussing their inspirations, and creating a style to suit their special day."

The barista and delivery person for their shop, Ashton, who grew up at Caveside, will also be the marriage videographer. Over the past four years he has specialised in filming and editing wedding videos throughout Tasmania.

Their long-term goal is to become the go-to shop for both local people and tourists, with the organisation of weddings becoming a big part of the business.

They also plan to use the upper story of the shop as a bridal preparation area and

to run workshops.

'Found In Earth' provides flower arrangements for events such as birthdays, funerals and special occasions.

While enjoying a coffee, patrons can indulge in vegan-friendly and sugar-free slices and cakes.

Opening times are 9.30am to 5.00pm on weekdays, and 10.00am to 2.00pm on Saturdays.

You can contact 'Found In Earth' by emailing foundinearth@gmail.com, or via their Facebook page and Instagram. Online orders are available through their website, visit www.foundinearth.com.

Cuppa for a cause in Prospect Vale

LAUNCESTON Residential Village on Casino Rise in Prospect Vale recently held a 'Biggest Morning Tea'.

Attended by approximately 50 members and their friends, the Village raised \$1137.00 for the Cancer Council. This was from a raffle, trade table, and donations on the day.

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Green Army members Meave Campbell & Daniel Watner, both of Launceston, attended the graduation

Common home to the uncommon

WESTBURY TOWN Common Landcare Group was honoured to host the graduation of the last two federal-funded Green Army teams on 14th June. All stakeholders involved with the 2018 teams were invited.

This event was held in conjunction with the host employer Conservation Volunteers Australia (CVA).

The two co-ordinated teams were organised by Alison Hugo of NRM North to work on public and private environmental projects in northern Tasmania.

Over 12 days on the Common, Green Army volunteers and the Landcare Group removed over 403 large bags of weeds (thistle, teasel, dock, gorse, willow, blackberry, ivy,

cumbungi and hemlock) from over 52 acres, by manually cutting and painting weed killer, then grubbing out seedlings.

A short visitors' tour was led by the Green Army team members involved with the work on the Common. This was followed by a CVA barbecue lunch where thanks were given to all involved in the Green army projects.

Bank loan for a burial?

By Sharon Webb

MEANDER VALLEY residents will pay a little more for most council services in 2018-19, but people wishing to bury or inter their loved ones in the Mole Creek, Bracknell or Deloraine Cemeteries are slugged with a 33-53 percent increase.

Meander Valley Council voted to adopt the new charges at its June meeting. The only items they changed from council staff recommendations were to charge \$2.00 tip fees for a 240l bin of rubbish instead of the recommended \$6.00; bags of up to 60l were also altered from \$2.00 to \$0.50c.

Cr Tanya King commented the adjusted tip fees would be a good interim measure to reduce illegal dumping: "I would like to point out that these new fees would not be required if every residential property in the municipality was serviced with regular roadside collection."

But the big cost increases

in 2018-2019 are burials and interments, with a single depth burial in a lawn cemetery increasing from \$565.00 to \$600.00. Public grave costs at Mole Creek and Bracknell increase from \$300.00 to \$400.00.

Mole Creek and Bracknell families will be hit with 53 percent increases for Wall of Memory niches. Interment of ashes in a niche in Mole Creek, Bracknell and Deloraine is now \$400.00, with Deloraine costs also up 33 per cent.

Reservation of a niche in all locations will now cost \$200.00, up from \$130.00 in Mole Creek and Bracknell, and up from \$173.00 in Deloraine.

Planning fees have increased 2.4 per cent according to council's cost index: the fee for a permitted house or outbuilding has increased from \$285.00 to \$292.00 and for discretionary buildings from \$490 to \$500.

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A photographic display showed clear evidence of the teams' various projects and the extent of all they had achieved in 23 weeks.

Each Green Army graduate was presented with their certificate by Janet Lambert MHA. Grant Hourniet from CVA shared the teams'

individual insights.

The Town Common is home to various threatened species of fauna, including green and gold frogs. Some have been discovered only recently, during Natural Values mapping by the Landcare Group and the Meander Valley council/NRM facilitator.

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In My Opinion...

By Joanne Eisemann
Managing Editor

SINCE THE National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) began, I've noticed more people with a disability coming into the Deloraine Online Centre either by themselves or with a support person. To me, this is perhaps a sign of greater safety and integration for people with a disability into our community.

This perception was further strengthened when Katie, an Employee from an organisation called Epic Assist, who assist people with disabilities into employment, dropped in and asked if a couple of their participants could come and help with paper folding.

For those who may not be aware, once a month a team of people gets together at Deloraine Online to fold thousands of newspapers ready to be delivered into letterboxes around Meander Valley.

Katie thought paperfolding may be a valuable work experience for a couple of Epic Assist's participants who

live in the area.

At the next paperfolding session, two young men each with a Job Trainer, came along.

It felt so good to see these two young fellows receiving such wonderful support. They were very different in nature; one gregarious and outgoing, the other shy and reserved but each had a support person who was tuned in to their particular needs, and the support was genuine and real.

It sent me into dreaming of a society where everyone who has a problem of some kind is assisted by our community, instead of, as is so often the case, being shunned and left to fend for themselves.

An example might be the half of the country's 25-year-olds who, despite 60 percent of them having a post-school qualification, are still unable to secure employment.

Coming back to the NDIS, I understand that there are still some teething problems but a big 'Yay!' for the bits that are working.

\$7.2m for underused Ashley

By Sharon Webb

THE STATE Government has allocated \$7.2m in its recent budget to refurbish Ashley Youth Detention Centre (AYDC), saying the decision will protect 60 jobs in the Deloraine area.

But those job numbers look to decrease because the detention of young Tasmanians is decreasing dramatically.

According to the government's *Custodial Youth Justice Options Paper* by Noetic Solutions Pty Ltd, between 2008-2009 and 2014-2015 the total number of youth offenders in Tasmania declined by 47 percent.

While Ashley currently has a 51-bed capacity, in 2014-15 an average of only 10 offenders were in detention – five on remand and five sentenced.

The Noetic report predicts that by 2020 only six young people will be in detention.

The Minister for Human Services Roger Jaensch said \$7.2m is allocated for a major redesign and upgrade of the facility "to make it fit for

purpose, continuing to improve the model of care as part of a modern, integrated state-wide therapeutic youth justice model."

The budget allocation follows the government's decision to continue with a single youth detention centre near Deloraine.

Noetic's preferred option was to construct two 12-bed, purpose-built detention facilities in Hobart and Launceston, but the government decided on a \$7.2m major redesign and upgrade of Ashley – even though Noetic was clear that "the facility should be located in either Hobart or Launceston and not Deloraine to ensure the custodial model is designed to meet the needs of young people in detention."

Mr Jaensch said the decision to keep the detention centre open only on its current site would protect jobs in the Deloraine community.

"In making this decision, we have sought to balance the needs of youth offenders with the importance of the AYDC facility and its 60 jobs to the Deloraine community," he said.

Yet the Noetic report makes it clear that, for Ashley detainees, keeping only one centre is not ideal because Deloraine is "geographically isolated" in terms of optimising government services and offenders' access to family support.

Noetic maintains that two new facilities would provide an opportunity to change the way Tasmania deals with young offenders: "AYDC does not provide appropriate connections for young people to their family, community and support services.

"Throughcare is at best difficult and in most cases ineffectiv. The distance from residents' communities means building and maintaining connections with key services is not currently possible. "(Staff) recruitment can be challenging given AYDC's remote location."

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Flowering Show

ON SATURDAY, the 1st September, the Westbury Flower Show will be held at the Westbury Town Hall on Lyall Street.

The show starts at 1.30pm and finishes at 4.00pm. Entry is only \$2.00 and there are stalls, a raffle and afternoon tea available. For an enjoyable afternoon out with some gorgeous flowers, visit the Westbury Flower Show on the first day of spring! Mark the date on your calendar now!



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Letters In...

THIS OCTOBER, Tasmanian communities will be asked to vote for their local council. Generally (Glenorchy City Council will be an exception this year), Local Government elections take place every four years.

Local democracy is an important feature of our life in Tasmania and as citizens we can shape our communities by either voting or standing for office. Councils are important. While you might not always be conscious of the services they provide, not only do councils improve everyday life for the majority of Tasmanians, they are critical partners in delivering a vibrant, sustainable and healthy Tasmania.

Being a councillor is personally and professionally enriching, but can also be challenging. Potential candidates should inform themselves as much as possible about the nature of the role, the skills, the time required and the responsibilities they would have as councillors. The most important qualities for incoming councillors are a willingness to listen, learn and participate in the decision making for their community.

It is important to have people from all walks of life represented on council. Most people will be eligible to nominate, but importantly you must be enrolled to vote in your municipality. To help people determine if they are eligible and to decide if the

role of councillor is for them, the Local Government Association of Tasmania has run forums, in partnership with the Tasmanian Electoral Commission, the Local Government Division and others in the three regions of Tasmania. We have also replicated all the information provided at the forums on our website (www.lgat.tas.gov.au – quick link- Stand for Council). The Tasmanian Electoral Commission Website (www.tec.tas.gov.au/Local_Government_Elections) is also a vital source of information and is the portal through which you must lodge nominations. You must nominate by 12 noon on Monday 24th September.

Whether you decide to run or just to vote, thank you for getting involved in local democracy.

Dr Katrena Stephenson, CEO,
Local Government Association
of Tasmania

JULY (OR "Plastic Free July") is well underway, and your readers may or may not be grappling with the task of doing without plastic bags and wrappers as they shop and cook.

In this, my second year of PFJ, I have upped the ante from a fairly cautious continuance of using my own shopping bags (but dang! forgot to bring the little ones for the fruit and veg!) to an all-out go at "Choosing to Refuse" plastics completely for the month.

In this, I, and all those who are trying to achieve this challenging change of habit, have been aided by the owners of

several shops and cafes in Deloraine and Westbury who are already on board, supporting customers who want to use their own containers, and giving discounts for users of Keep Cups for coffees.

With co-operation such as this, we're off to a good start in making a local contribution to solving a global problem, that is, of the planet drowning in a sea of plastic waste.

I'd like to thank all those businesses in the Meander Valley who are making it possible for us as individuals to do our little bit, by helping us change the way we shop.

Cr. Deborah White

WHILE THIS year's Winter Fire Festival at Deloraine lacked fireworks, there was however, a stunning display of green and red flashing lights in the sky (8.15pm) above the showgrounds.

The UFO travelled south-west, stopped, hovered, changed the sequence of its flashing lights, then flew north-west over Deloraine, again stopping, hovering for about 20 seconds, then disappeared to the west.

Never in my life have I ever seen anything like it.

At first I thought it was part of the show. Any witnesses?

A.R. Trounson – Needles

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You can bank on Simon



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Still playing around

WESTBURY PLAY Gym is celebrating their 20th birthday with more fun and games.

To commemorate 20 years of continuous operation, the Child Health Association of Tasmania (CHAT) Westbury Group is holding their milestone event at the Westbury Sports Centre on Thursday 12th July, from 10.00am to 2.00pm.

Open for children of all ages, the party is complete with a sausage sizzle, fruit and birthday cake, face painting, jumping castle and the Play Gym's own play equipment.

The occasion will give thanks to the multitude of volunteers and attendees who have supported Westbury Play Gym over the years, including Meander Valley Council, who assisted in the purchase of play equipment with a community grant a few years ago.

Although the regular Play Gym is for toddlers 0-5 years old, the birthday party will welcome older kids, and hopes to see previous Play Gym go-ers who want to come along and celebrate – especially as it is during the school holidays.



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Simon Rootes, new manager of the Deloraine & Districts Community Bank, developed an interest in money as a young man.

By Cody Handley

NEW BRANCH manager for Deloraine and Districts Community Bank, Simon Rootes, has worked for Bendigo Bank since he was eighteen years old, starting out as a teller.

Simon grew up in Westbury, where he attended Hagley Farm Primary, with his mother teaching at Deloraine High School.

Simon spent a lot of his younger years at his grandparents' farm at Whitemore which ran beef and dairy cattle. "It's good to have something you can relate to people with. Many of our local customers here are farmers," he said.

"I enjoy lending money to help people achieve their dreams or assisting people to get their finances in order at a young age. I also hold a financial planning diploma, so assisting people re-structure their finances to get better results is a passion of mine."

The Deloraine and Districts Community Bank have operated for thirteen years, with Simon's predecessor Darren Rumble at the helm for ten of those years. Simon started working for the Community Bank in May 2016 in a relief position before being offered a permanent role.

"Coming back to Deloraine

gave me a new lease on life," he said. "Our bank is community owned so that means that fifty percent of profits go back into the community. Bendigo is the only bank in Australia that runs the community model. It's great to see that community branches like ours have taken over the corporate model in recent years."

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"We are our own entity that is in partnership with Bendigo. The aim for us is about getting our name recognised as 'a different place' whose main focus is to benefit our local community members."

The Community Bank has been involved in many great projects, such as funding the pool heating and therapy spa for Giant Steps, a commitment of \$250,000 over five years for the Deloraine and District Recreation Precinct, and a \$4,000 grant for Grenoch Home to purchase ipods so residents could enjoy music from their younger days. The Community Bank also sponsored this year's Junior Beef Expo, supporting the next generation of

cattle farmers.

Since opening in Deloraine, the Community Bank has seen \$1.3 million go back into the Meander Valley area. Simon said he would like to see that number total \$3 million by 2021.

In fact, Simon said the Community Bank are looking to further reinvest in the community and are offering a second grant round this year for community projects in late July/early August. Simon invites anyone who knows of a worthwhile project to call into the Branch to find out more.

For leisure, Simon enjoys fishing and has just purchased a forty acre property with his wife, where they are going to run cattle and horses like his grandparents did.

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Fiery flora & fauna



AROUND 800 locals rugged up for the fourth annual WinterFire at Deloraine Showgrounds last month for an evening of fire, food and fun. Arts Deloraine organiser Jaqui Stacey said local entertainers and performers wowed the crowd with poetry, story-

telling, song, dance and fire twirling, together with a roving magician and puppeteer. A scarecrow competition and two-dimensional fire sculptures were new this year; the adults sipped on mulled wine while kids toasted marshmallows at the fire

drums and twirled sparklers. "The ring of scarecrows created a new interest with lots of people taking selfies with them," Ms Stacey said. "The evening finished off with a story of the Spirit of Fire and the lighting of 2D fire sculptures and then the large bonfire."

Ms Stacey said WinterFire is truly a Deloraine community event with seven other community groups helping out with the event this year, including the Deloraine Fire Brigade, SES, Lions, Apex, the Deloraine Show Society, Deloraine Pony Club and

Circle Dance. Their work ranged from selling food to helping on the gate and with parking and fire lighting. WinterFire sponsors included Deloraine & Districts Community Bank, MacLaine Enterprises, Amcal Pharmacy and Deloraine Deli.

Burning artwork (L to R: wallaby, tree, and Tasmanian Tiger) lit during WinterFire in Deloraine.

Photo by: Mike Moores

Kanangra unit unveiled

A NEW independent living unit was unveiled and officially opened in Deloraine on Friday 15th June 2018 by Aged Care Deloraine CEO, Charlie Emmerton. The construction of this unit has been a collaborative Community Project undertaken by Aged Care Deloraine, funded completely from the local community with zero Government assistance. That in itself is a huge achievement! The main funding source for this unit was for \$180,000 which was generously provided by The Gentleman's Club of Deloraine (after it was wound up), the Rotary Pratt Foundation provided a further \$53,000 and the remainder was from Aged

Care Deloraine. The Aged Care Deloraine Board is extremely grateful to both of these organisations, for without them it would not have been possible to build this unit. Former Chair of the Aged Care Deloraine Board, Jan Smith, echoed this sentiment in her address at the opening. This new two bedroom modern unit will provide low maintenance living situated adjacent to the existing Kanangra Garden Units and offers disability access and amenities. Due to the large donation made by The Gentleman's Club of Deloraine, it is intended that first priority will be given to tenants who

have been associated with the club. Following that, the process for second priority will be the same criteria and current waiting list utilised for the other Independent Living Units operated by Aged Care Deloraine.

The Rotary Pratt Foundation was formed in 1998 with donations of many thousands of dollars from the Pratt family and several thousand dollars from the Rotary Club of Deloraine. The fund is administered by a panel of five directors of which three of them are members of the Rotary Club. The trustees are appointed for a fixed term and can apply to be reappointed for one extra term. Deloraine is fortunate the Pratt family lived in the area and are appreciative of their considerable foresight.

Passing around the big cup

By Hayley Manning
WHEN LEANNE Horton made casual enquiries regarding this year's Biggest Morning Tea, she never imagined she would be hosting the function herself just three weeks later. But that's exactly what happened when Leanne joined forces with Deloraine House volunteer Charlie to organise one of the Cancer Councils most popular fundraising events, currently in its 21st year. Statistics show that most Tasmanians are touched by cancer, therefore it is comforting to know the \$1,492.50 raised by a supportive Deloraine community will remain in Tasmania for preventative education, clinical

research, and more. A recent outcome of clinical trials in Cleveland is a 'liquid biopsy' blood test which according to Dr Eric Klein has the ability to detect early signs of cancer years before symptoms develop. Leanne and Charlie have been buoyed by all the positive comments they have received and would like to thank Barry Westwood for use of the Western Tiers Community Club, and everyone else who helped in any way or donated raffle prizes. "The Biggest Morning Tea is a great opportunity to catch up with friends while helping a good cause at the same time," Leanne said.



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Meander Falls, in the winter the falls have been known to freeze.

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Tough trek to falls

By Tara Ulbrich

IT TOOK fifteen years to get to Meander Falls. I don't have a list of excuses. One of the benefits of being a local is that you can wait for exactly the right conditions.

In Tasmania 'prepare for all weather' is almost a cliché but how a walker interprets and responds to forecasts has real implications for the experience to follow. Backpacks loaded with food, water, layers of clothing and a first aid kit. The prediction? Cool and sunny. A ten a.m. departure should be ample for the four and a half to six hour hike.

Eased into the ascent my mind focuses on the effort to maintain sure footing and a pace that will deliver us to our destination. Other thoughts clear away. Breathe in the mist created by the Meander River thundering beside our well-marked trail. Don't miss the miracles of a King Billy copse or section of uniformed myrtle trunks disturbed by random burls. After two hours, and just as I think it can't get any

steeper, my companion and I emerge to the first sight of the falls. They're deceptively just ahead.

With recent downpours we have to wade through a knee high water crossing before lunch is enjoyed at our final rocky viewpoint. Below, a family of ancient pencil pines keep vigil in the basin pools. Observing the many moods of this place, their tips point high up to the plateau ledge. In winter the falls have been known to freeze, a vertical monument. In summer I can imagine pushing to higher vantages.

Conscious of both our fatigue and exhilaration we deliberately slow our return descent. Even though it's just early afternoon the valley is in dark shadow. "Being here is such a privilege but you have to earn that by putting in the effort." My daughter-in-law is allowed to say that. She is four months pregnant. Mind you, everyone gets some kind of blessing for their day of pilgrimage to Meander Falls, just give it time.

Burn brighter and breathe

FOR THOSE of us who love wood heaters, it is definitely time to cosy-up in-front of the fire. But that lovely warm feeling we get from a wood fire has a down side, as wood smoke is polluting and can be bad for our health, and health and environmental experts are urging people to take measures to reduce smoke levels this winter.

Dr John Innis from EPA Tasmania says that they undertake air quality monitoring at the Deloraine, Hadspen and Westbury stations all year, and find there is poor air

quality every winter. "Our air monitoring shows that Deloraine had 13 days, Hadspen had 43 days and Westbury had 15 days in winter 2017 when smoke levels were above the national standard of acceptable air quality," Dr Innis says. The Acting Director of Public Health, Dr Scott McKeown, warns that for some people, wood smoke causes ill health. "Smoke reduces the quality of the air we breathe and affects some people's health," says Dr McKeown.

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"How smoke affects you depends on your age, medical conditions, and how long you are exposed to the smoke. Children, the elderly, smokers and people with heart and lung diseases (especially asthma and emphysema) are more sensitive to breathing in the smaller particles in smoke, which can be breathed deeply into their lungs and even enter the bloodstream. Their symptoms may get worse, and they may experience wheezing, chest tightness and difficulty breathing."

The EPA advises the community to use their wood heaters wisely to reduce the amount of wood smoke going up the flue into the air outside.

"In the colder months on those sunny and still, but cool winter days, smoke from wood heaters tends to linger around our streets and towns

and settle in low-lying areas," Dr Innis says.

Dr Innis says there are a number of things that people using wood heaters can do to reduce the amount of smoke that your heater produces.

"It is important to always burn with a flame and never allow your fire to smoulder. When lighting the fire and after reloading, open the air control and burn your fire on high for 20 minutes, especially before going to bed. Only burn dry, seasoned wood; and ensure the flue is clean."

These steps should result in a reduction in the smoke coming from the flue. Every now and then, it is a good idea to pop outside and check your flue.

Further information about how to Burn Brighter this Winter, including how to operate your wood heater, can be found by visiting epa.tas.gov.au.



The right and wrong way your chimney should smoke.

Raising the maypole

WESTBURY MAYPOLE Festival will be held on Saturday 22nd September 2018.

Westbury Primary School Parents & Friends are currently taking applications from anyone interested in having a stall on the day.

Businesses or individuals interested in sponsoring the Maypole Festival to help the event should contact Westbury P&F for a sponsorship form.

The Maypole Festival will also be holding a photography

competition for Westbury Primary students. The subject will be 'Westbury'. Get those cameras snapping!

Winners will have their photos put into a calendar that will be available for purchase later.

For more information about the Maypole Festival, go to www.facebook.com/WestburyMaypoleFestival/, contact Eva on 0407 317 040, or email westburypandf@outlook.com.

'Because of her, we can!'



Photo by: Hayley Manning

Melinda Scott helped organise this year's NAIDOC celebrations, with a focus on women.

By Hayley Manning

LAST YEAR'S NAIDOC celebrations in Deloraine drew the largest crowd in Tasmania. Now, the 2018 theme 'Because of her, we can!', is set to attract even bigger crowds.

In a year of many firsts, NAIDOC (National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee) will acknowledge the contributions Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women make as mothers, nurturers and teachers to their families, our communities and the country.

Melinda Scott has replaced her dad and the rest of the 'male' organisers for the event which starts at the Deloraine Cenotaph at 10.45am on Wednesday 11th July.

A 'Welcome to Country', flag raising, fire sticks and smoking ceremony will be held along the Greg Murray inspired Kooparooona Niara Cultural Trail. All are then welcome to a luncheon, traditional craft making and art exhibition at Rotary Pavilion,

Alvestone Drive, Deloraine at 1.00pm.

But for Melinda, the day's highlight will be the first-time inclusion of women telling the story of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) resilience through dance and chanting in Palawa kani language.

"We are really excited because we are going to have the 10 to 14 year old girls deliver speeches in traditional language also."

Palawa kani or 'Tassie blackfella talk,' is a recently revived lutruwita/Tasmanian Aboriginal language, which has slowly gained recognition through the 2012 Aboriginal and Dual Naming Policy, given to some lutruwita landmarks such as takayna/Tarkine, yingina/Great Lake and kunanyi/Mt. Wellington.

Melinda says her father, educator, elder and story teller, Hank Horton, continues to be the greatest influence in her life, along with that of her children. "Growing up, dad made sure we were proud of our roots, by being in and around Aboriginal culture, and making sure we were taught the correct history from a young age."

Melinda recalls the time she completed her Teacher

Aid studies in 2012, to discover her teacher had enrolled her in the National ATSI Student of the Year competition. As the Tasmanian State finalist, she attended the awards in Melbourne and said despite being runner-up, she felt like she had won.

The guidance of her father is reflected in the rich cultural knowledge of Aboriginal Art and History she teaches, and her enthusiasm for creating change through education, learning and participation.

"Many people wrongly believe the controversial Australia 'invasion' Day issue and NAIDOC week are about rectifying the past, but that is not what it is about."

"This just deters people from learning and creates small mindedness."

"It is about healing, sharing and embracing what we have and maintaining what we have today."

Melinda said she would like to keep the NAIDOC momentum going by forming a committee with the young participants in a bid to encourage them to get involved in future events.

"I remember Deloraine's Aboriginal Centre in the 90's where everyone knew each other and were there for each other. We achieved more in that short time than we have over the last 20 years."

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VALLEY VIEWS



Mayor's Message

Above: Mayor Craig Perkins goes plastic bag free at the Great Western Tiers Visitor Information Centre

I was in Canberra recently, representing Meander Valley at the National General Assembly of Local Government which was held between 18-21 June.

The event focused on how local councils can work in partnership with the Australian Government. Whilst in Canberra, I took the opportunity to meet with newly elected Senator Steve Martin and Senator Jonathon Duniham to discuss a number of Meander Valley's priorities.

Council's latest Community Forum was held in Mole Creek on 26 June. The forum was well attended and productive. Thanks to the Mole Creek Memorial Hall Committee who hosted the event and provided a great supper after the Forum.

Councillors and Council officers were joined by residents and members of community organisations including the Mole Creek Progress Association.

A number of topics were discussed and the value of the local community's commitment to celebrating local history, improving amenity and increasing economic activity through

tourism initiatives was commendable.

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

Council Community Forums are informal and conversational in nature and Council officers and elected members are on hand to answer questions and provide updates on projects being undertaken in the local area. They are held quarterly in different locations across the municipality.

Winterfire was held on 16 June and once again it proved to be another fabulous, family occasion at the Deloraine Showgrounds.

There was storytelling, a poets' corner, music and dance with the Meander Men and Circle Dance Band plus toasted marshmallows, fire pots, scarecrows and the biggest bonfire you could imagine.

This homegrown event goes from strength to strength. Thank you to Arts Deloraine and the many community volunteers and artists who support this essential winter warmer.

Mayor, Craig Perkins

Plastic not so fantastic...

This month, Council is supporting the Plastic Free July Foundation by promoting some of the ways you can reduce the amount of single use plastic you use.

"When you consider how much plastic we use and throw away every day, the "Plastic Free July Challenge" is aptly named," Cr Deb White said.

Cr White took up the plastic free challenge last year and is once again using the initiative to promote the benefit of making just one or two changes.

"Changing behaviours takes time, but we can all be part of the solution

by remembering to reuse shopping bags, avoiding as many plastic packaged products as possible and opting for 'Keep Cups' and refills," Cr Deb White said.

The Plastic Free July Foundation website has answers to a lot of commonly asked questions about living plastic free and has a table that directly shows the environmental impact the decision to go plastic free has.

"It's about choice. When you register for the Plastic Free July Challenge, you can choose to avoid all plastics or just a few. Making the decision to start the



Above: Cr Deb White grabs a Keep Cup from Cycles @ The Empire

process of change is what is important," Cr Deb White said.

To register for the Plastic Free July Challenge or for information on easy ways you can start living plastic free visit www.plasticfreejuly.org

Plastic Product	Alternative Option
Takeaway coffee	Keep Cup or ask for "no lid" on takeaway cups
Gladwrap/cling film	Reusable container / aluminium foil
Plastic bag	Paper bag / reusable bag / cardboard box
Plastic water bottle	Reusable drink bottle
Frozen food	Wrap in baking paper & aluminium foil
Washing powder	Purchase boxed washing powder
Soap	Purchase boxed soap

Town Common benefits from the gaining of new skills



Above: Thank you and farewell to the Green Army at the Town Common

Participants gained more than new skills and received certificates of appreciation from Council

at the conclusion of the Green Army program in Westbury.

The Green Army undertook extensive weed control, mulching and planting work at the Westbury Town Common in addition to revegetating a local farm that was impacted by the 2016

floods. An initiative of the Federal Government, the program aimed to improve environmental and heritage skills for jobseekers aged between 17 and 24 years.

The schedule of work in Meander Valley was coordinated by NRM North and over 4,900 young Australians participated in the initiative nationally.

Meander Valley Council Defers Decision on General Rate Rise

At its June meeting, Meander Valley Councillors deferred the adoption of the 2018-2019 Budget which included a recommended increase in the General Rate.

"Council's Financial Management Strategy states that we are committed to retaining an underlying surplus as part of Meander Valley's long term financial plan," Mayor Craig Perkins said.

Maintaining this balance

longer term is particularly challenging as Council faces increased capital works, maintenance of new assets and a loss of revenue from TasWater.

"The recommended 5 percent increase in the General Rate takes a number of these factors into consideration and absorbs the 2 percent increase in inflation, which affects all of Council's operating expenses," Mayor Craig Perkins said.

For a number of years, Meander Valley Council has operated with significantly less employees on average, than other

Councils statewide. New and upgraded capital works have continued to be delivered without proportionately increasing the General Rate above inflation levels.

"Council does not take this decision lightly and the deferral today reflects our commitment to ensure that long term sustainable outcomes are achieved without compromising service levels," Mayor Craig Perkins said.

For more information, please refer to the full Council meeting minutes and agenda on Council's website www.meander.tas.gov.au



Five Council facilities are now offering free Wi-Fi for two hours with a generous download limit of 250mb.

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Deloraine Community Complex
Meander Valley Performing Arts Centre
Council Office, Westbury
Great Western Tiers Visitor Centre

Select: Meander Valley Public WiFi

Bridging the way

Meander Valley residents have safer river crossings after the completion of bridge replacement projects in Western Creek and Liena.



Flood waters in 2016 had seriously damaged the abutments of the original structure on Fellows Road in Western Creek, prompting its replacement. The new bridge consists of precast abutments, wing walls and two 12m x 2.5m concrete deck planks with kerbing.

Work on the bridge began on 28 May and the project was completed by 6 June.

The bridge spanning Ration Tree Creek on Echo Valley Road in Liena, had also sustained flood damage.

"During the 2016 flood event, flood waters had dislodged the Echo Valley Road bridge from its substructure," Mayor Craig Perkins said.

The replacement bridge is similar to the bridge on Fellows Road with precast abutments, concrete planks and kerbing.

BridgePro Engineering was awarded the contract for the bridge works which

was funded by the National Disaster Resilience Grant Scheme.

"The bridge on Echo Valley Road was finished in under two weeks and I thank residents for their patience which assisted the contractor to complete the work



within the shortest possible timeframe," Mayor Craig Perkins said.

Outstanding contribution recognised

Congratulations to the Westbury Community Car Committee who were recognised for their outstanding voluntary contribution to the community.

The Meander Valley Community Car service provides residents with access to subsidised travel to attend non-urgent medical appointments at locations such as Launceston or Devonport. The service was established in 1983 and is supported by Council.

Both Westbury and Deloraine community cars are managed and driven entirely by volunteers across a seven day a week schedule.

This service is highly valued and we thank you for providing such a vital transport link for residents of Meander Valley.

The Community Cars operate seven days a week with flexible hours. 48 hours notice of bookings is preferred.



Above: Dedicated volunteer Evonne Blackley on the job!

For the Deloraine service phone 0427 504 546 and to book the Westbury service, phone 6393 5300 or 6393 2717, between 9am - 5pm Monday to Friday.

Business in 2018 is a team sport

You may not realise it, but running a small business these days is so much easier when you have a team to rely on.

I'm not talking about your staff or accountant, but the other business operators that surround you.

The importance of networking, cross promotion and supporting each other is a powerful catalyst for the success of not only your business, but the wider economic development of the Meander Valley.

Are you actively promoting your neighbours? Where do you send tourists when they leave your business? Who do you recommend when you're at capacity or too busy?

Establishing reciprocal referrals with your potential com-

petitors may seem counter intuitive, but paying it forward without expectations can often come back to you many times over.

It's the basis on which many networks are founded.

Meander Valley Council is keen to foster business networking in lieu of an official chamber of commerce. If you are interested in participating, please let me know.

If you are involved in the tourism sector in any way, getting involved with the Great Western Tiers Tourism Association would also be a great place to start.

Council has started work on a free comprehensive business directory which will make it easier to find your business and will be the foundation for food and attraction itineraries to

encourage visitors to stay in the Meander Valley for longer.

To be included in the directory, or for details about the tourism association, or to receive a copy of the latest business bulletin please drop me an email.

Got a new business idea? Facing online marketing challenges? Want to connect with free government services to help grow your business?

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Queen's Birthday Honours for dedication to the Meander Valley Community

Meander Valley Council's Merrilyn Young has been awarded an OAM for her commitment to the Meander Valley community.



Above: Merrilyn Young has been awarded an OAM for her dedicated service to the community.

Merrilyn, who has worked for Council for over forty years has been an active volunteer for almost as long, providing a helping hand from the age of 15.

Over the past thirty years, Merrilyn has worked with the Deloraine Football Club and the Deloraine Show Society and has been awarded life membership for both organisations.

Merrilyn is also one of Northern Tasmania Football Association's Living Legends, is secretary of the Deloraine Community Car Committee and an active member of Rotary.

In 2003, Merrilyn received a 3,000 hour voluntary service award and in 2015 was recognised for exceptional service to Meander Valley.

Merrilyn has seen many changes over the years and has faced her own personal challenges. However, her dedication to her role and her outstanding service and commitment have remained a constant.

Congratulations Merrilyn. We value all that you bring to Meander Valley.

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Rhett Panizza, creates unique rustic, industrial and farmhouse furniture pieces.

A wealth of rustic riches

By Lorraine Clarke

RHETT PANIZZA is a man on a mission. He wants to put his rustic industrial and farmhouse furniture in your house. It is not the kind you will find at local chain stores, but that's OK, because he is catering to individuals who will fall in love with special items that can't be found, or even imagined, anywhere else.

"Our furniture is not going to appeal to everyone, but gives people another option from buying mass-produced stuff," says Rhett. "We work on the imperfection rule. It's a bit wrinkly, but it still works."

The impressive collection is showcased on the four

roomy floors of art.as MANIA in Deloraine's main street, sharing space with artisanal items of all descriptions. This is furniture richly hued with age, that has the integrity not just of timber, or even of wood, but of ... tree. Its imperfections are celebrated. Its anachronous inconveniences have been tweaked to suit modern practicality and décor without compromising original character.

Ugly paint is stripped off, but maybe not completely. Sometimes a residue of its former life is retained as a link with authenticity, a glimmer of its original purpose. A well-used table, utilitarian lino patched onto its top

above incongruously elegant 19th century legs, has been burnished into a homely warmth that invites hard wear as the centrepiece of a family kitchen.

A barn door, constructed from ships' packing cases that ferried essential supplies on the long journey from the Old Country more than a century ago, served a lifetime of rural service until reborn as a lengthy trestle table supported by rugged Tassie Oak legs, perfect for the largest family gathering.

Castor wheels and capacious drawers below the work surface gave a new lease on life to an old cabinetmaker's bench, and the original vise has been retained at one end for those difficult situations in an old or new kitchen.

An 1850 Georgian peg table with stretcher base, a wooden work bench with convenient hinged seats, a 19th century English pine table proudly bearing its scars of meat cleaver cuts and burn marks from heavy cast iron cookware – all exude warmth and hint at stories of their past.

A hardware store spare parts cabinet with pigeon-holes would be the ideal home for a large spice collection. A bank of post office boxes with key-locked metal doors has been glammed up with blackwood sides, waiting to begin new life as a wine rack.

Nashville comes to Lonnie

By David Claridge

EXCITING THINGS are happening for local fans of country music with Blackstone Heights business Tin Cup Country (TCC) hard at work again.

Off the back of successful visits from Australian Country Music Artists, TCC have Kirsty Lee Akers coming back for an album preview party as she promotes her upcoming album *Under My Skin*.

Nathan and Meg Talbot, the people behind TCC are excited that Kristy asked to come back.

"Kirsty has already been this year, which was a sell-out event," Nathan said.

"She is having a launch back in her hometown, from there the Broadbeach country music festival, for her third she wanted to come back here. We were pleasantly surprised."

Kirsty will be performing at Saint John Craft Beer on July 22nd at 2.00pm.

Tickets are \$18.00 per person or \$40.00 with a signed album and can be purchased

on Oztix, through Tin Cup Country on Facebook, Saint John Craft Beer or the F.A.B Espresso Bar at Prospect Vale Market Place.

August is going to be big as well, with a Singer Songwriter Show coming to town on the 19th.

Special Guests Imogen Clark, Brad Butcher and Hannah Lawes will be making an appearance, with a different format.

Meg Talbot explains how the audience will be surprised with the set up they have organised.

"After Kirsty, we are excited to have a singer songwriter show. We believe it's the first of its kind for country music in Tasmania," she said.

"It's called a 'round' in Nashville. All the artists sit on the stage at the one time, they roll through their songs and talk about why they wrote each song and then it goes to the next person. They take turns listening to each other's music.

Tickets for the August event will be \$25.00 per person.



Imogen Clark will appear in August.

Photo supplied

The lid of a long, narrow high-backed hallway seat hides plenty of storage space.

Rhett's pieces blend quirkiness with function, evoking past eras while dovetailing into modern lifestyles.

Exteriors of an old red pine school locker and a Baltic pine wardrobe have both been restored, with interiors reworked as kitchen pantries.

Office furniture was once all made of wood, metal and glass, and the silky oak solicitor's glass front cabinet with its A4 drawers is a lovely blend of fine timber and practicality for any purpose you choose.

Short of storage space for all your home-grown veg? A baker's dough-bin of English walnut with tapered

legs is just the thing. Few know that a posser and dolly tub is a rotund 19th century wooden washing machine, but you can buy one from Rhett!

What was not-so-long-ago the stuff of everyday life, is now regrettably rare. "Very little comes from Tasmania," said Rhett. "It has all been shopped out. I have to go to the mainland now and door-knock to find unusual pieces."

His bespoke Rustique furniture is well-supported by local and interstate buyers, and he ships anywhere in the country.

View all these and many more at art.as MANIA on Emu Bay Road, 7 days a week, or contact Rhett on 0439 818 728 or email rhttpanizza@gmail.com.

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Beef Mole, an Australian twist to a popular Mexican dish.

Mexican Beef Mole with Herb Basmati Rice

By Wai Lin Coultas

LEGEND HAS it that poor convent nuns in colonial Puebla created the mole for the visiting archbishop by throwing together, in panic, left over chilli peppers, spices, day-old bread, nuts and chocolate to sauce over their

old turkey.

Marrying the essence of this much-treasured Mexican national dish with the Australian love for a hearty beef stew yields a sumptuous mole, beautifully complemented by warm basmati rice deliciously fragranced with leafy veg and herbs; perfect for supping by the log fire.

Ingredients

- 600 g chuck tender, cut into 2 cm sided cubes
- ¾ tsp chilli flakes
- 3 tbsp ground cumin
- 3 tbsp ground cinnamon
- 3 star anise
- 1 large fennel bulb, chopped and fronds kept
- 2½ tbsp garlic paste
- 100 g sultanas
- 3 tbsp smooth peanut butter
- 2 tbsp hot chilli sauce
- 60 g dark chocolate (70% cocoa), roughly chopped
- 1 x 400 g tin whole tomatoes, pureed in its juices
- 100 ml red wine
- 200 ml water
- 2 x 400 g tin butter beans and juices
- ½ lemon, juiced
- 2 tbsp sour cream
- lodised salt
- Canola oil
- 2 large limes, quartered
- 10 handfuls basmati rice, cooked in seasoned chicken stock and kept warm
- 1 handful spinach leaves, finely chopped
- 1 handful flat leaf parsley

leaves, finely chopped
1 handful lemon verbena leaves, finely chopped

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to fan-forced 190C.
2. In large cast iron pot, dry toast chilli flakes, cumin, cinnamon and star anise over medium flame till you can smell the fragrant spices.
3. Add oil to spices to brown beef on all sides.
4. Add fennel, garlic paste, sultanas, peanut butter, chilli sauce, chocolate, butter beans and their

- juices, pureed tomatoes, red wine and water; bringing to a boil.
- 5. Bake covered pot in oven for 2h 30min.
- 6. After removing star anise and stirring in lemon juice, sour cream and salt, cover and serve 10 minutes later.
- 7. Meanwhile, stir spinach, parsley and lemon verbena into warm rice.
- 8. Serve beef mole and herb rice garnished with fennel fronds and slices of lime.

Serves 5



The local native understory.

THERE IS still a wealth of understory trees and shrubs small enough to grace suburban gardens in native forests in Meander Valley.

Fruits of Leptospermums, (Tea Trees), and Melaleucas (Paperbarks or Honey Myrtles) can be collected and grown at home in native potting soil for planting in the native plant bed.

For Leptospermums, choose those fruits closest to the stems, making sure that they are grey and fully ripened, place them in labelled paper bags in a sunny windowsill until the seed has dispersed. These may be placed in the refrigerator in pill jars until required.

Melaleuca seeds may be collected after the flowers of past years have died off, and extracted in the same manner. Melaleuca squarrosa

(pictured) is the deliciously Scented Honey Myrtle which grows in wet places on river banks. These do not appear to have a very long life however, this picture was taken in 2006, and the tree is no longer there. They should not be grown in proximity to their more vigorous cousin M.ericifolia, (Swamp Paperbark) as they will be rapidly overwhelmed. There is one native plant nursery in Meander Valley, Habitat Plants in Liffey. **In the food garden.**

Raspberry canes can be lifted and divided now - those dead canes which bore last year's crop should have been removed already. Split up the plants, and re-plant in well manured sunny spots in the fruit garden. If space is a problem, donate the surplus canes to friends or community gardens.



Melaleuca squarrosa, the deliciously scented Honey Myrtle.

Teen fashion or teen uniform?

By Matilda Page

TEEN FASHION, let me paint you a picture.

I arrive at the Deloraine bus stop ready for my first day of college and three of five girls standing there are all wearing denim mini-skirts.

I get to school and there's five more. I walk round the corner, more. I go to my classes, and the majority are wearing denim skirts.

Maybe I didn't get the memo, it seemed that over half the school female population were wearing denim skirts.

This is one example of a fashion trend, not to highlight denim skirts but to

highlight conformity.

Teenage fashion has become uniform due to clothing options in stores, trendsetters and the flow of society.

Despite how much choice and variety in clothing people think they have, the majority wear the same thing as the next person.

I talked to a student at Launceston College, who moved from South Africa, currently living in the Meander Valley area,

"It's funny, because in Africa people weren't wearing denim skirts. So when I came back here, came to college, the whole denim skirts thing was quite new."

When it really comes down to it, we wear whatever clothing stores decide we should wear.

When I wore clothes (purchased from other places) that were out of the norm, such as flowing pants, I received many comments from people who liked them. The fact that they didn't know where to get them shows that society is limited to whatever options stores provide.

Another option that provides everyone with a larger variety of clothing, and meets the financial circumstances a majority of young people face, is op-shopping for a variety of good brands for less.

Nature in bronze



Photo by: Mike Moores

If you care to take a wander along the Kooparoona Niara Cultural Trail down by the riverbank in Deloraine and look carefully you will now find a selection of bronze sculptures depicting all manner of native wildlife and birds by Golden Valley sculptor John Parrish. A welcome addition to the trail the sculptures are so realistic that they have taken quite a few dogs by surprise. Barking or a reluctance to walk that way has been a common response among our canine counterparts.



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By Cody Handley

TASMANIA WOULD hardly be the ideal place to grow olives, right?

Well, not necessarily. Rob Goddard seems to be doing pretty well.

Rob owns and operates a little farm just outside Hadspen called Coronea Olive Grove.

"We had land and were looking for something a bit different, other than sheep or cattle. It started off as a hobby and ended up as a successful small business," Rob said.

The olive grove is 18 years old, having been planted in 2000, and consists of 750 trees. Among those, Rob grows two major varieties – Frantoio and Leccino – as well as several minor varieties.

Coronea use these varieties to make both premium and blended olive oils with a Tasmanian twist.

Tasmania's cooler climate does have an impact on olive crops, but not in the way you would think. Tasmanian grown olives are renowned for their stronger flavour and richer colour. However, olives grown in warmer climates produce more oil, albeit of a lighter colour and more subtle flavour.

For Rob, it was a trade-off of quality over quantity.

Rob harvests his olives in May – early compared to mainland harvests – to avoid heavy frost damage.



Rob Goddard (L), owner of Coronea Olive Grove, harvesting olives in his Hadspen olive grove.

Photo by: Mike Moores

"Temperatures of -1 to -2 degrees don't worry them too much, but anything below that will," he said.

Olive trees are evergreen and hibernate during winter. They begin to flower early to mid-December, and five to six months after that they are ready to pick.

Coronea's harvest takes place over two weeks and is done with

electric rakes to pull the olives from the branches, which fall into round shade cloth catchments at the base of the trees. Leaf blowers are then used to remove any loose foliage.

Rob picks a tonne at a time and drives it down to Ulverstone where it is processed into oil. The oil is kept in containers for a week to let sediment settle and then

decanted for storage.

"In 2017 we produced 750 litres of oil. This year we're hoping to make 1000," Rob said. "We're currently averaging 14-15 litres per 100kg of olives."

"Compared to other olive groves which average 1000 trees, we're just a drop in the ocean. We don't compete with supermarkets, but try and find a niche in the mar-

ket for Tasmanian products."

Coronea Olive Grove have had several placings in the National Olive Oil Competition, including the 2017 silver medal for both the Leccino blend and Frantoio premium oils, and the 2016 gold medal for the Frantoio.

Coronea Olive Grove predominantly sells their oil through the Farmers Harvest Market.

We are not llamas

ALPACAS HAVE been in Australia for less than 30 years, so there are still many questions that people ask when they

see them.

Australian Alpaca Association Tasmanian President, Mark Jessop, said that the

questions have changed over the past 20 years, and a lot less people call his alpacas llamas, but he still spends a lot of time at events saying things like "Yes they do spit," but only when they are telling each other off; "No the big ones are llama"; "We call it fleece, not wool"; "Sheep fencing is fine, they need as much land as a sheep."

Each year, the Association runs a full day 'Introduction to Alpacas' workshop which includes hands-on demonstrations as well as information on topics including: selecting an alpaca, property requirements for alpacas, managing your alpaca, fleece management and production, mating and birthing, and a year in your alpaca's life, what you need to know and do.

On 15th July, Glen and Kellie Boyd will be hosting the workshop at their Classic Alpaca Stud in Westbury. The Boyds were one of the first alpaca farms in Tasmania and they have used their experience in the wool industry to breed a high quality line of alpacas. Glen shears alpacas in his spare time and Kellie is a wool classer.

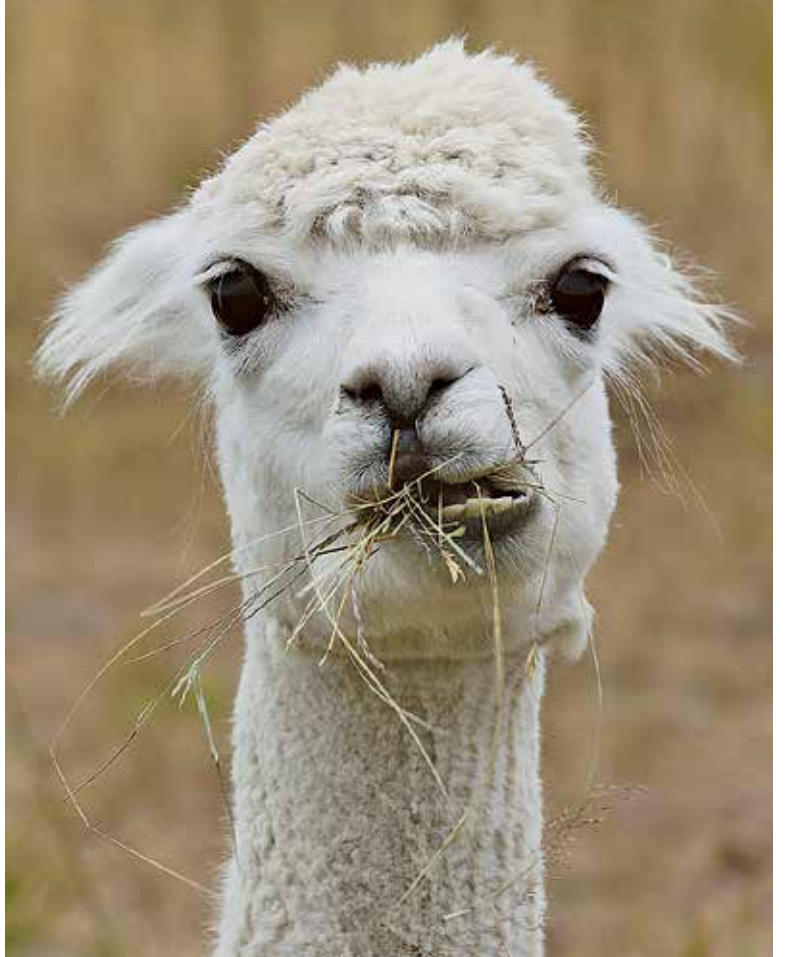
The workshops are run by local members, so it also

encourages people to build up a network of people who can support them after they purchase their alpacas. The workshop runs from 9.40am to 4.30pm. It is free but please

bring your lunch.

Mr Jessop can be contacted on 0412 430 982 or mail@mossvalealpacas.com.au for further information. Bookings are essential.

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An Introduction to Alpacas workshop will be held on 15th July.

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By David Claridge

FOR GENERATIONS farms have provided paddocks for cattle to feed on, now the paddocks can be utilised in a different way.

Wet and windy weather didn't deter the hundred or so visitors to a Sun Farming Open Day at Bracknell in June.

The McLauchlans' property recently had a 99kW solar array constructed which was on display to promote using farmland for 'sun farming' by Xenergy.

Property owner, Andrew McLauchlan is confident about the long term positives of the project.

"We'll be able to control our energy costs in an environment where rising energy prices seem to be a consistent part of farming life, and once the system is paid off we'll have an income stream that will assist with school fees for our two boys," he said.

Visitors came from across the state to see the set up and hear about how they too could become involved.

From Rural Bank, Dean Lalor discussed the solar system modelling showing that the system's income generation capability made funding



The McLauchlan family (L to R: Andrew, Oscar & Caroline) of Bracknell hosted the Sun Farming Open Day.

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of the asset a cash flow positive investment from day-one in most cases.

Mark Barnett from Xenergy, who installed the solar display, shared with visitors how every site is different and so are everyone's circumstances and requirements.

"We apply a great deal

of thoughtful planning and expertise to ensure the customers return on the investment and expectations are assured," he said.

"The current network regulations are seriously holding back on-farm investment in Sun Farming,

"For a farmer to not be per-

mitted to utilise the energy they generate at one meter on their farm across all their other meters is akin to buying a tractor and only being able to use it in one paddock."

Xenergy is a Launceston-based Solar Power Company that provides a variety of solar power related services

to the agricultural, commercial and residential markets.

Solar power 'plants' are increasing in popularity across the world, and China is now investing in floating plants over bodies of water to provide more environmentally sound ways of generating power.

By Wendy Laing

ON TUESDAY evening the 29th May 2018, Business Tasmania, supported by the Meander Valley Council, ran a small business forum at the Empire Hotel in Deloraine.

Small business owners from Westbury, Deloraine and Mole Creek attended the forum.

Enterprise Centres Tasmania business advisor, Mr Daryl Connelly began the proceedings with a Power-

Council to the aid of small business

Point presentation which outlined free, confidential, unbiased programs that are available, with the objective of providing guidance and mentoring information to assist new and growing businesses.

For further information you can contact Business Tasmania on 1800 440 026, email: ask@business.tas.gov.au or visit the website at

www.business.tas.gov.au.

Don't wait until you have a problem...

Daryl Connelly is also the Executive Officer for Switch Tasmania, a not for profit organisation that offers five hours of free coaching sessions on specific goals such as problem-solving, business advice on structuring your

company, and the achievement of specific goals.

Switch Tasmania's motto is 'Changing our community, one business at a time' and can be contacted for more details by emailing daryl@switchtasmania.com.au or visit their website www.switchtasmania.com.au.

The Business Engagement Officer for the Meander Valley

Council, Mr Alan Blackmore, can also be contacted for information about the Business Tasmania programs. His phone number is 6393 5365 or email: alan.blackmore@mvc.tas.gov.au.

The theme throughout the forum was 'Don't wait until you have a problem before contacting a free business advisor for guidance'.

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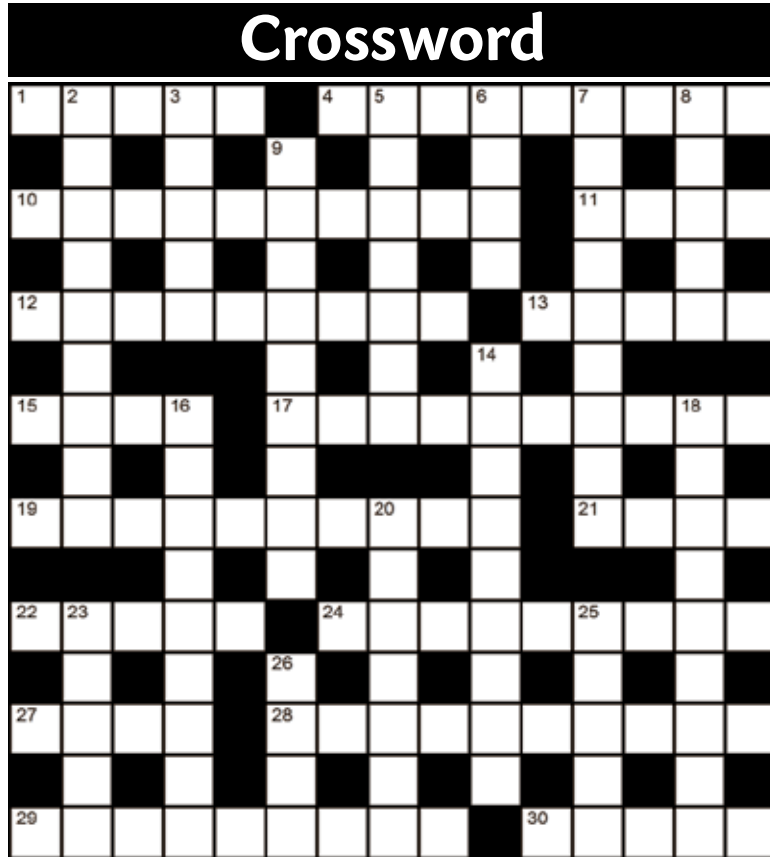
THE DELORAINE Dramatic Society will be holding its inaugural comedic 'Family Cabaret Extravaganza' on the 18th August 2018 from 6.00pm to 10.00pm.

The Cabaret will showcase a smorgasbord of local talent, with acts including the newly formed Deloraine Dramatic Youth Ensemble, music, dance, an operatic Aria, short plays, puppetry, poetry, monologues and random acts of silliness.

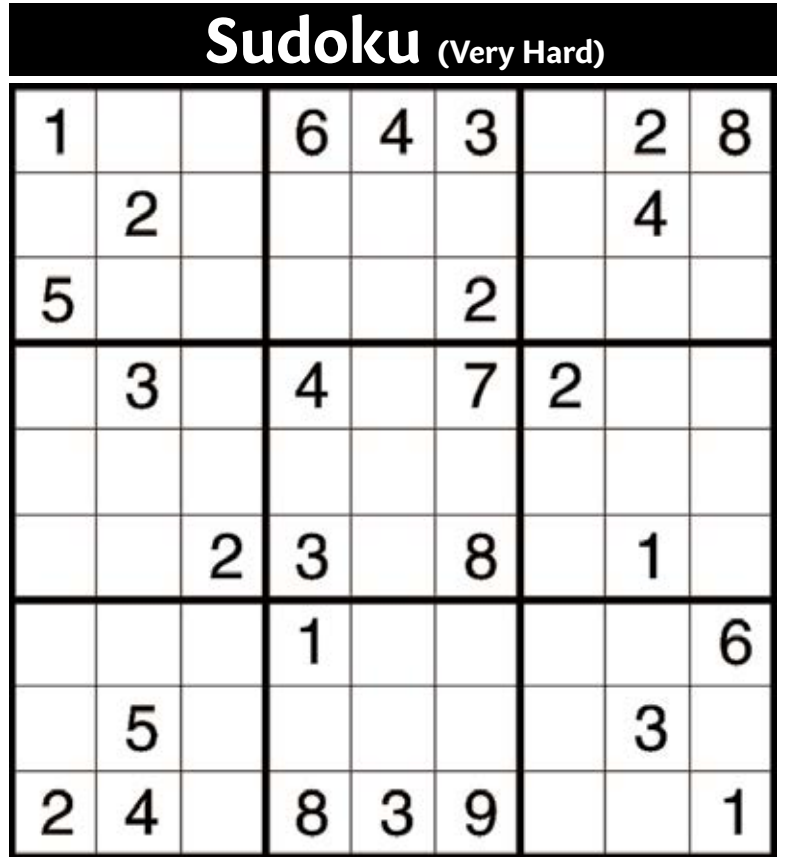
Organisers are seeking a Latin dancing couple to perform on the night. Please register interest to delorainedramaticsocietypr@gmail.com

Ticket prices include a set supper and refreshments, and booking information will be advertised at the start of August.

Stay tuned and you can find more information about the DDS on their Facebook page and on Instagram @delorainedramaticsocietypr.



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 - 19 Herefordshire town (10)
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 - 22 Reprimand (5)
 - 24 Contented (9)
 - 27 Waist band (4)
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 - 3 Isolated (5)
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 - 6 Notion (4)
 - 7 Fabricated (7-2)
 - 8 Hangman's knot (5)
 - 9 Emphasise (9)
 - 14 Wig (9)
 - 16 Ignorant person (9)
 - 18 Whipping boy (9)
 - 20 Makes journeys (7)
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Crossword - July 2018 Solution



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Date and Time	Event	Details
Wednesday 11th July 10.45am	NAIDOC Week celebration	Deloraine Cenotaph, followed by Dance, Luncheon & Craft from 1.00pm at Rotary Pavillion Alveston Drive.
Friday 13th July 6.00pm	Deloraine RSL Christmas in Winter	Deloraine RSL. Murray Higgs & Garry Smith, Guest Guitarist Todd Burns Bookings 6362 2455.
Thursday 12th July 10.00am - 2.00pm	Westbury Play Gym 20th Birthday celebration	Child Health Association Westbury Play Gym, Westbury Sports Centre, Free Entry.
Saturday 14th July 8.00pm - 10.00pm	Marina Prior & David Hobson	Country Club Casino, Country Club Ave Prospect Vale Tickets available www.ticketmaster.com.au .
Saturday 14th July 7.00pm	Deloraine Winter Masque Ball	Western Tiers Community Club, Parsonage St Deloraine Tickets Seppenfelts \$10.00 Pre-booked \$12.00 at door.
Saturday 14th July 7.30pm sharp	WT Film Soc '3 Billboards outside Ebbing etc'	Little Theatre, 2 Meander Valley Rd, Deloraine MA15 US Drama 115m More info Ph: 0418 389 868.
Sunday 15th July 9.30am - 4.30pm	Australian Alpaca Association Free Workshop	Wesbury, Bookings are essential & for more information Ph: 0412 430 982 Mark Jessop.
Saturday 21st July 2.00pm & 7.30pm	Celtic Force	Pipers, Drummers, Singers & Dancers Launceston Country Club.
Saturday 21st July 8.00am - 1.00pm	Westbury Market	Anglican Church Hall, 11 Lonsdale Prom. Westbury BBQ cooking breakfast, stalls. Ph: Rob Menzie 0417 931 619.
Saturday 21st July 8.00am - 1.00pm	Westbury Anglican Church, Open Day	Nellie Payne carving display. Anglican Church, Lonsdale Promenade, Westbury.
Saturday 21st July 8.00am - 1.00pm	Mole Creek Market	Mole Creek Memorial Hall, cnr Pioneer Drive and Caveside Road, Contact Ross Quick 0413 681 252.
Saturday 21st July 8.00am	St Mark's Anglican Church Ladies Breakfast	St Mark's Parish Hall, Deloraine. Guest Speaker Christine Booth. Author and illustrator. rsvp 0417 179 332.
Sunday 22nd July 2.00pm	Celtic Force	Pipers, Drummers, Singers & Dancers, Launceston Country Club.
Sunday 22nd July 2.00pm	Kirsty Lee Akers, Nathan and Meg Talbot	Tin Cup Country, St John Craft Beer, \$18.00 per person or \$40.00 with a signed album.
Monday 23rd July	Meander Valley U3A Term 3 Classes begin	Various venues across Meander Valley Ph: 0484 758 466.
Wednesday 1st August 6.30pm for 7.00pm	Prostate Cancer Information Forum	Westbury RSL, food, hot beverages and cool bar. Hosted by Purple For Prostate fundraising and awareness team.
Saturday 4th August 9.00am - 1.00pm	Deloraine Showground Market	Deloraine Showgrounds, Highland Lakes Rd, Deloraine Ph: 0409 695 321 for Bookings & Details.
Saturday 11th August 7.30pm sharp	Western Tiers Film Society "Faces Places"	Little Theatre, 2 Meander Valley Rd, Deloraine Doco France 90m More info Ph: 0418 389 868.
Saturday 18th August 8.00am - 1.00pm	Westbury Market	Anglican Church Hall, 11 Lonsdale Prom. Westbury BBQ cooking breakfast, stalls. Ph: Rob Menzie 0417 931 619.
Saturday 18th August 6.00pm - 10.00pm	Deloraine Dramatic Society "Family Cabaret"	Deloraine Arts Centre. 'music, dance, opera, short plays, puppetry etc'. delorainedramaticsocietypr@gmail.com .
Saturday 18th August 9.00am	Mole Creek Market	Mole Creek Memorial Hall, cnr Pioneer Drive and Caveside Road, Contact Ross Quick 0413 681 252.
Sunday 19th August 2.00pm	Tin Cup Country Singer Songwriter Show	Saint John Craft Beer Bar, St John St, Launceston \$25.00 Message Tin Cup Country on Facebook for Tickets.
Every 2nd Tuesday 10.00am - 3.00pm	Deloraine Spinners Group	Deloraine House, 112 Emu Bay Rd, Deloraine New Spinners welcome Ph: Ineka on 6397 3640.
Every Wednesday 1.00pm - 4.00pm	Indoor Carpet Bowls, Deloraine	Western Tiers Community Centre, Parsonage St. Deloraine Ph: Barry 6362 2243.
Every Wednesday	Community Garden - Westbury	For information phone Fiona Thowe on 6701 2154.
Every Friday 10.30am - 12.00pm	Playgroup & Toy Library	Deloraine House, 112 Emu Bay Road, Deloraine Ph: 6362 2678 All welcome No cost.
Every Saturday 11.00am - 12.00pm	Produce Swap	Deloraine Fountain (near the Library).
Every Sunday 10.00am - 11.00am	Dragon Boating. Exp or Beg. All welcome	Meander River, Deloraine. (near Swimming Pool) Ph: Peter 0409 234 061.



Little Ping-pong bat (*Dictyopanus pusillus*).

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Discovering our natural world

CENTRAL NORTH Field Naturalist Inc (CNFN) is a community group dedicated to the exploration and preservation of Tasmania's natural environment.

Starting as Deloraine Field Naturalists some 30 years ago, the group now includes members mainly in northwest and central north Tasmania as well as scattered over the state, mainland and overseas.

Each month, field trips

visit a range of ecological sites (seashore to alpine; rainforest to dry sclerophyll) observing and studying flora, fauna, local geology and other things of interest.

Knowledgeable members help identify fungi, slime moulds, plants, birds and insects found in the field.

Occasionally, weekends are devoted to outstanding or more distant locations, often with guest experts on hand.

CNFN publishes *The Natural News* thrice yearly, with articles by members on particular areas of interest and expertise.

CNFN is also involved in other publications such as *'Munginabitta's Country*, the flora and fauna of Panatana and Marshalls Hill' by Sarah Lloyd; and *Beginner's Guide to the Common Orchids of North West Tasmania* by Ian Ferris and Phil Milner.

Bank loan for a burial?

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In 2018-2019 developers will pay two new \$150.00 fees: for initial advertising of the development and for an amended plan.

All plumbing permit applications have increased minimally. A residence with up to six fixtures costs \$535.00, up \$15.00. A permit for a desexed dog costs \$63.00 – but only \$46.00 if payment is made by 31st July, up from \$61.50/\$45.00.

Dog impounding fees go up a dollar to \$33.00 and to \$54.50 for a second impounding.

Tip fees are mostly unchanged, with a ute or single axle trailer remaining at \$16.00. Larger loads have increased by \$1.00.

One-off fees at Deloraine

swimming pool remain unchanged, although season tickets have increased slightly, as have fees for sport at Deloraine Community Complex, Westbury Sports Centre and Hadspen Recreation Ground Memorial Centre.

Practice fees at Deloraine's Little Theatre are unchanged but local use is up \$3.00 a day to \$88.00 and travelling groups are charged \$135.00 a day usage, up \$5.00.

Other venue day rates are up \$5-\$10.00, with Deloraine Community Complex at \$570.00, the Meander Valley Performing Arts Centre at \$340.00 and Westbury Sports Stadium at \$230.00. Hall use costs stay the same or are up minimally. sharonwebb@meandervalleygazette.com.

Educational workshops have enabled members to contribute to the Natural Values Atlas (national compendium of species and distribution) and the recent Wedge-tailed Eagle survey across the state.

New members are welcome!

Members receive *The Natural News*, regular

e-News updates and access to the monthly walks as well as current information on walks, articles, links and other items of interest available on their website.

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Prostate cancer forum : New app plugs into people power

WESTBURY'S OWN Prostate Cancer fundraising team is holding an information forum on the 1st August. The forum is for those who may know someone, care for someone or who may currently have health problems related to this disease and need information or support. On the night, guests will hear from two leading Urology and Oncology specialists from Launceston, nurses and social workers specialising in prostate cancer care. Speakers from the Cancer Council of Tasmania will reveal how funds raised by Purple for Prostate in Meander Valley during February

are being distributed to those most in need of support. Finger food, canapés, sandwiches and savories will be served on the night along with tea, coffee and slices. The bar will also be open for cool beverages. The Westbury Purple for Prostate team are confident that the Westbury RSL will prove a welcoming venue for a warm and relaxed evening and are keen to get as many people attending as possible to assist in the eradication of this disease. Wednesday 1st August, 6.30pm to 7.00pm at the Westbury RSL. Everyone is welcome.

THE NATIONAL science agency is calling on all Australians to be part of its energy research by providing valuable information that will improve understanding of the way households consume, generate and interact with energy. By using the new CSIRO Energise app, 'citizen scientists' will help to paint a clearer picture of contemporary energy use to guide research and decisions concerning Australia's energy future. For example, solid data can help overcome information gaps around how much

households pay for energy, what is driving these costs, and how to reduce these costs into the future. The app is a key component of CSIRO's Energy Use Data Model project, which is collating, centralising and enhancing various streams of energy data. Until now, this information has never been brought together, and the resulting platform will benefit researchers, government and industry. Over time, users of CSIRO Energise will receive a range of 'micro-surveys' covering general household characteristics, tariffs and power

costs, energy-usage patterns, appliances, uptake of renewables, and more. The app will follow users' responses over time and ask questions in response to specific events, like how air conditioning is used on hot days, and how that can then improve understanding and management of peak energy consumption. CSIRO Energise is intended as a two-way communication channel, with users receiving insights including tips for energy efficiency in the home, cutting-edge research updates, and short videos from scientists.



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SPORT

Brendan cracks 100

No. 25 for Meander Valley Suns, Brendan Jones, recently played his 100th game.

By David Claridge

THE MEANDER Valley Suns ran out onto the field in May after an inspiring win the week before to turn their season around. This game though, against the East Coast Swans, would be the biggest in the clubs seven-year history as their first player to reach 100 games was among them.

For Brendan Jones, the team banded together and came out with their second win for the season, Brendan's milestone game is something he will always remember.

"I had a lot of mixed feelings going into it. I was a little bit nervous for the first time in a long time, but there was a lot of excitement" he said.

"We went in as the underdogs and to come away with the win was great."

Brendan has been with the Suns since its formation in 2012.

"There has been a lot of great times and not-so-great times around a lot of changes," he said.

"The club is like my second family and I have made lifelong friends there.

"It's a good time for the club with three wins on the trot. I don't think we have done that since 2012" said Brendan.

Suns Coach David Mantelow praised Brendan for his achievement as their first 100 gamer.

"Brendan has been a stalwart for the club. He has always been a team orientated player, putting them first. He always tries to improve himself as a footballer and give his best, reaching 100 games is a great achievement for him."

Easy, beautiful bike rides

BICYCLE NETWORK Tasmania has released a new tool to help both visitors and locals to find safe and easy places to ride in Tasmania.

The Ambassador Routes in the RideWithGPS website are designed to create self-guided tours to some of the best bits of Tassie.

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The routes are all designed to be easy for people of a wide

range of riding ability.

So far, three Meander Valley routes are included:

Deloraine gourmet ride under Western Tiers, 33km; quiet roads taking in Mole Creek, Three Willows winery and 40 Degrees South;

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