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Spring is in the air and foaling is well underway at Grenville thoroughbred stud at Whitmore. Pictured is a 10 day-old foal by Lionhearted (a relative of Black Caviar) enjoying a gallop in the warm sunshine with his mum, Feisty Rose. Story by Lorraine Clarke on Page 15. Photo by: Mike Moores

## \$98,000 worth of indecision

By Sharon Webb

SPORTS GROUPS pushing for a consolidated sports precinct for Deloraine have labeled councillors' responses to a feasibility plan "embarrassing" and "lacking vision".

They say they look forward to more progressive attitudes from new councillors elected in next month's elections.

After four years of

work, members of the town's sports groups sat in August's Meander Valley Council meeting to hear councillors thank them for their efforts; their working group with council would be wound down.

In February the \$98,000 feasibility study funded by the council, State Government and the Deloraine & Districts Community Bank produced three options.

Meander Valley councillors and members of

a sports precinct working group favoured consolidating sporting, recreation and community facilities at the Deloraine Community Complex site, with the purchase of adjoining private land and upgrading of the Deloraine Primary School sports ground.

Facilities 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 and a shared-use trail network connecting the wider community and schools to the site.

But last month, Deloraine Squash Club's Corey Youd said councillors' attitudes to the feasibility study risked it being "dumped and left".

And with barely concealed anger Deloraine Football Club president Shaun Donohue asked the council if they

believed the regularly-flooded club rooms should be condemned.

"Council is doing very well out of us paying for a ground that's rarely used in winter," he said.

After the meeting, Mr Donohue said, "Our club is growing rapidly, we could easily add another three teams and with women's football coming on line we need extra facilities."

"The last flood cost \$200,000 in insurance and council funds to fix, and it will happen again. I can't see the sense in building something new in its current location."

Corey Youd labeled the town's squash facilities as "ageing and failing" and blamed council staff for misleading councillors on the project's financials.

"I'm greatly disappointed that the project has been packaged to councillors in a way that's made it appear financially unviable," he said.

Netball spokesperson Taneil Bloomfield, who is looking forward to new netball courts being built this financial year, later said...

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# E-Waste

By David Claridge

IN THE Meander Valley we have various forms of recycling E-waste.

But what exactly is E-waste, and how do people know what to dispose of and where?

Justin Jones from JustWaste has answered some questions about how to properly dispose of E-waste and what it actually is.

"As part of the Northern Tasmanian Waste Management Group, we provide a free service at both the Westbury and Deloraine refuse sites for people to be able to dispose of their E-waste," he said.

"We put that into cages. Those cages then go to Melbourne and are put through a recycling process where each item is broken up into thousands of pieces."

"When an E-waste item is broken down, it's sorted into its precious metals such as gold, silver, and copper. For TV's and monitors, some have gases which are sucked off and recycled, such as mercury vapour. Any glass is smelted in Adelaide.

Justin went on to say that what confuses a lot of people is what E-waste actually is, as it is not everything with a power cord. E-waste is limited to the following:



*Deloraine Rotary's Rob van der Elst's Community Services committee has donated \$200.00 to Deloraine House for meat from Best's Butchery.*

Photo by: Mike Moores

**Volunteers at Deloraine House cook up and freeze meals for needy and homeless locals. They were low on meat after their usual source had been reduced. The cheque was presented to the Butchery, from which Deloraine House will collect the meat. Pictured from L to R: Butcher Joshua Porter, Deloraine House Coordinator Sandra Thomas and Maree Matanle from Rotary Club of Deloraine.**

TV's, Computers, Monitors, Printers, and mice.

What E-waste doesn't include are microwaves, toasters or kettles.

"We can still take those


items, but we put them through the scrap metal process," said Justin.

In the two and a half years since Just Waste implemented their E-Waste plan in Mean-

der Valley they have recycled over 200 tonnes.


Mobile phones and accessories can be collected by Mobile Muster - there is a collection box at both the


Deloraine and Mole Creek online access centres, while printer cartridges are collected by Planet Ark. Printer cartridges can also be recycled at both of these locations.



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# A faster way to fence



Deloraine High School student, 16 year-old Jayden Lee, pictured with his 'tie offs' designed to make rural fencing quicker and easier.

Photo by: Mike Moores

By Sharon Webb

WHEN A teenager needs help and his parents aren't available there is one person he can turn to: his grandmother.

Deloraine High student Jayden did exactly that after inventing a way of making kilometres of fencing an easier task.

His Mum and Dad had moved to a Sheffield beef farm twice the size of their Mole Creek property in Den Rd, were building a new house and battling to get the new property working. They simply had no time to help Jayden.

Up stepped grandmother Carol Woodberry.

"She had some idea about patents; her father was a successful businessman," Jayden said.

"We applied ourselves to the patents website to find a Tasmanian patent lawyer and

failed spectacularly because no-one here seems to do that any more.

"Someone put us onto a guy in Melbourne and Nan funded me the \$6,000 cost of patenting my invention and came with me a few trips to Melbourne."

The invention came about when Jayden and his brother Kaleb ended up with cut hands after tying off wires around strainer posts on kilometers of new fencing on the Sheffield property.

"Dad said to me 'I wish there was a faster way to do this,'" he said.

"I went out to the shed and spent the next few days playing around with wire and knots and finally got it down pat. I made 160 tie-offs, halving the time needed to do the job and without scratched hands

and bruised fingers."

Time for Nan to help out. "We have an agreement," Carol Woodberry said. "I'll fund his out-of-pocket expenses until he gets on his feet."

***I went out to the shed and spent the next few days playing around with wire and knots and finally got it down pat.***

It's fair to say that aside from the actual invention process, lots of people are helping Jayden.

His girlfriend Aimee Viney, also a student at Deloraine High, has taken over his social media, his website, Instagram, Twitter, because as Jayden confessed, he's "not too bright on spelling".

Through school he's had guidance and help on con-

tacts, and Nan's still helping out with paperwork.

"We've always been close, Jayden and I," said Mrs Woodberry, who owns a dairy farm with her husband.

"Aged six he was always trying to help by putting the cups on the cows. He's a good boy all round, but I'm his grandmother so I would say that!"

Now the new Sheffield property is established after a hard 12 months, Jayden's mum, who works as a guide at the Mole Creek caves has time to contemplate her son's success.

"We're extremely proud of the maturity he's shown and excited," Kristie Lee said.

"A lot of 16 year-olds are out sampling drugs and alcohol but Jayden has a real passion for farming: at six months old he was out in the tractor, watching what

was happening then going off to sleep."

Now Jayden's found a Queensland company to manufacture his invention and Deloraine Signs have created his logo and stickers, he's focusing on becoming a businessman.

"Dad made it halfway through grade 10 but I'll go to college and also learn as much as I can from my family. Then I'll decide about further education," said Jayden, who's used to visits from agronomists and farming experts.

"I see my future as a farmer but also a businessman. My whole family is business-oriented and they're all really good at it."

You can see details of Jayden's invention on his Facebook page, Fastway Fencing Tie-Offs.

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# Have fun & eat to live longer

By Cody Handley

THE MEANDER Valley University of the Third Age (MVU3A) will be holding a free guest speaker event on the 12th October at the Westbury RSL at 2:00pm.

The talk is titled "Have your cake and eat it too: eat to cheat ageing and dementia in later age" and aims to provide people over 65 with information about how their dietary requirements differ as they age.

Sponsored by the Meander Valley Council and the Deloraine and Districts Community Bank, the session

will focus on nutrition for ageing and elderly people and is to be presented by dietician, Ngaire Hobbins.

Ngaire Hobbins is a world-renowned authority on nutrition, ageing and brain health.

Ngaire writes, "As we age, a lot of popular health advice becomes increasingly irrelevant to us, advice like losing weight, eating less meat and dairy food or always choosing low fat, advice that might do us harm instead of good as we move away from 60 towards 90 or beyond."

"As a dietitian specialis-

ing in geriatrics, I want to see everyone late 60's plus travelling the world or hanging out with their grandkids, enjoying an independent productive life.

"But far too often I am confronted instead with people who believed they were doing the right things but ended up struggling physically and mentally instead and having the life they had hoped for snatched away."

"I want people to understand the different needs of ageing bodies so they know what to eat and do to help,

instead of hinder, their health as too many are doing now."

Ngaire has authored three books, *Better Brain Food*, *Eat to Cheat Dementia* and *Eat to Cheat Ageing*, the

latter having additional versions to cater for American and Chinese readers.

Ngaire's books will be available for purchase on the day.



Author Ngaire Hobbins will be the guest speaker at Westbury RSL.

# New eagle, pleasing Prospect

By David Claridge

PROSPECT HIGH School has had some major changes since redevelopment was undertaken, and now a key piece of its history is going to get a facelift.

The stone eagle out the front of the High School has been there since 1978. It has weathered over the years, but now, to keep up with the 'new' look of the school it's time to get a new eagle.

Student Leader Board Co-Presidents, Hayden John-

stone and Jiranan Stearnes, spoke about the process behind getting a new eagle.

"The Eagle is the school's crest, because when our school was founded, the original principal, Stan Morris stood on the site and saw a wedge tailed eagle fly over. He was amazed by it, so used its image for the school emblem," Hayden said.

"This year, one of our major undertakings will be to create a new eagle statue for the school. It has weathered quite significantly and been dam-

aged a few times."

"It was originally made by Des Murray who was in the Arts Department. He was asked to create the original eagle as a greeting to people," Jiranan added.

Prospect High has been in contact with the Meander Valley Council to appeal for someone with an artistic interest to help create the school's new 'greeting'.

"We're looking for people in the Meander Valley area who could design it" Hayden said.

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## In My Opinion...

By Joanne Eisemann  
Managing Editor

WE LIVE in an age where, by virtue of the fact that so many more Australians live in cities, city concerns tend to dominate the political and economic stage.

Talk of council amalgamation has long been a topic of discussion in Tasmania and moved to a new level recently with a call for only 3 councils, Hobart, Burnie and Launceston.

The rationale of course is for greater efficiency. My question is greater efficiency of what? When organisations get large then efficiency can take on ridiculous extremes. For example, I knew a small organic blueberry farmer near Cygnet some years ago who sold her blueberries to a large supermarket. They were packed by her to be ready for sale, then shipped to Melbourne to a distribution centre and then shipped back to Tasmania for sale???

I think democracies work best when everyone has access to people in government. It's one of the things I enjoy about living in

Tasmania; if you ever want to speak with a politician or a local councillor you are quite likely to bump into them on the street, and if that doesn't happen, they are only a phone call away.

This contributes to the wonderful sense of connection we have in Tasmania, that we all belong to a special place despite being frequently derided by our mainland cousins.

Resource-sharing among councils is a great way of improving how ratepayer's dollars are spent, without reducing local representation.

For Meander Valley vegetable gardeners: A lovely woman from Golden Valley shared with me a wonderful way to keep cabbage moth at bay. Take some lettuce leaves, it's fine to use the ones you don't want to eat, pop them in the blender with some water and blend. Strain and spray on your brassicas, it confuses the cabbage moth into thinking the brassicas are lettuce and they stay away. Brilliant! Of course, you do need to reapply after rain.

## Letters In...

IN 2015 the International Agency on Cancer (IARC) found that Glyphosate (the main ingredient in Roundup) was probably a carcinogen (not possibly but probably). IARC is part of the World Health Organisation (WHO) which in turn is part of the United Nations. These WHO scientists made an assessment regarding glyphosate.

In August 2018, a San Francisco court ruled in favour of a groundsman who submitted that he had contracted terminal cancer from the use of glyphosate. He was awarded nearly A\$400m. Such cases are likely to become more numerous. Is there a safe level of glyphosate exposure? That is yet to be determined, it seems.

Glyphosate is used widely, including roadside spraying and weed control by Council. It is my belief that glyphosate may well become the thalidomide of the 21st Century. I contend that society should invoke the precautionary principle in relation to use of glyphosate, if in doubt, don't. Ratepayers can list their property with Council as a "no spray zone": when Council roadside spraying occurs you can request that no spraying occur outside next to your property. Simply phone Meander Valley Council to find out how.

Cr. Bob Richardson, Westbury

RE RECENT extended power outages : there was no power for over 36 hours at Cunningham's Road Western Creek - all frozen goods had to be trashed, losses being significant.

And no power also means no water - an added problem.  
Peter Anderson - Western Creek

THE FRONT page photo by Mike Moores (MVG August 2018) shows Westbury local Albert de Veth reading by several candelabras (candle-stick holders). There's something special about candle light, similar to the ambience of an open fire. The naked flame produces a soft, warm light and creates a romantic aura with a touch of peacefulness and tranquillity.

A.R. Trounson - Needles

CONGRATULATIONS TO all Armistice Grant recipients.

Congratulations to the Westbury RSL who successfully applied to the Federal government's Armistice Centenary Grants Program.

This organisation's success in this program highlights the importance of their plans to release a publication documenting the contributions made by the 245 servicemen and women from the Westbury district in recognition and commemoration of the end of WW1 and in remembrance of those Australians who have served in conflict.

## Comment on state of play

By Sharon Webb

THE HUGE rift between some Meander Valley councillors and Deloraine's sporting leaders shows councillors must take a serious look at how well they communicate with their communities.

For four years Deloraine sports clubs have worked on a proposal to consolidate the town's sports facilities, revving up over the past year to gain \$98,000 from three bodies for a feasibility study.

Meander Valley Council was one of the funding contributors, even using its staff to apply for a State Government grant. Mayor Craig Perkins posed for newspaper photos with the sports club leaders, councillors said the study should be put out for consultation to all community groups.

And then at the August council meeting they tried to dud the project.

It's easy to understand nervousness around the costs of such a project, especially after councillors' reluctance to increase rates by five per cent.

But even after doing the rounds of the budget allocations, they still had to increase rates by almost 4.5 per cent, and some nice projects were lost in that little axing.

Sometimes, as Launceston City Council has found, you have to up the rates to provide what people want, even if it costs you more to bury grandma.

The Deloraine recreation project was going along swimmingly, without expectations by the sports clubs that new facilities would be instantaneous. They knew the changes would be incremental over time, but at least there would be a long-term plan.

For some reason some councillors got cold feet.

That's in stark contrast to the recent Westbury recreation situation where, similar to Deloraine, a community had dragged on for decades with non-existent council responses to its calls for better football and cricket change-rooms.

And this year what did

These grants, and the projects they facilitate, are also timely reminders of the importance of justice, security and peace to our national wellbeing.

councillors come up with?

A two-storey 'recreation' centre with change-rooms and a gym on the lower floor and a 200-person function centre with state-of-the art kitchens on top.

It took a public meeting full of outraged and derisive Westbury people for the council to back down.

Interestingly, councillors told me that because they'd created the industrial zone Valley Central, they wanted people working there to think Westbury would be a good place to live: "So they need to have good recreation facilities."

Westbury people didn't want that; they wanted a village atmosphere for their town.

Deloraine wants better sports facilities. Why?

A prominent business owner told me this: "I know Deloraine families who have moved to Launceston so their kids can play sport. I also know families who drive to Launceston three times a week so their kids can play sport."

"And when they're in Launceston they do their shopping, they eat out. They spend their money in Launceston, not Deloraine."

Angrily: "In 10-20 years we'll be a town of old people if we don't have these facilities."

At the August council meeting Cllr Bob Richardson said Deloraine shouldn't have better recreation facilities because Hadsphen and Bracknell are more deserving.

Hadsphen is a town the same size as Deloraine but it needs an identity, he said.

Bracknell is more deserving because its sewage flows down the main street, he said.

But last time I looked I didn't see Hadsphen and Bracknell people applying for feasibility study funding, putting pressure on politicians, having public consultation sessions and doing the hard yards to get a plan together.

Deloraine sports teams did. And Meander Valley Council tried to dud them. Go figure.

I offer my sincerest congratulations to the Westbury RSL for their success and to the communities which will benefit from their project.

Brian Mitchell, MP

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## Winner!

CONGRATULATIONS TO Janet Rattigan winner of last month's draw to win a copy of J.H. Fletcher's *In the Valley of Blue Gums*. Here's what she had to say about the Gazette:

"The kaleidoscope of news, opinions and events keeps me in tune (sometimes out of tune) with the Meander community. The 'bubble' I live in is arty and political and I really need this reality check! Otherwise I think my lifestyle gives me a false sense of comfort and I think we all need to be 'discomforted' from time to time."

# A matter of principal

By Sharon Webb

THE DANCE of the school principals has begun in the Meander Valley, with Deloraine High principal Lee Barker moving to the position of principal at Prospect High.

Ms Barker was at Deloraine three years, arriving auspiciously with a broken ankle.

But she says her time at Deloraine High was marked by lots of successes to celebrate.

"We became a Beacon Foundation school, giving students more structured pathways into work and learning a lot about local

businesses," she said.

"Deloraine High began offering study at years 11 and 12 level through our trade centre, increasing our retention rate by capturing those students who may not have wanted to travel to Launceston or Devonport to do further study. From next term we will have a brand new building for that purpose.

"And following on from our tremendous Naplan numeracy improvement this year in years 7-9, Deloraine was the only high school in the northern region to be recognised by the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA)."

Ms Barker believes her challenges at Prospect High will include establishing a middle years literacy project like the one with Deloraine High and its surrounding primary schools, which was hugely successful. She will also work on making year 11 and 12 courses available at Prospect High.

At Prospect Ms Barker is replacing Vicki Mackrill, who won the plum position of principal at Launceston College.

Moving into the Deloraine High acting principal role is David Lietzau who has been principal at Winnaleah District High for the past four years.

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# Living comfortably

SOME FANTASTIC, sustainable homes in the North of Tasmania will be open to the public on Sustainable House Day on Sunday, 16th September. These include two in Westbury and one in Sheffield, Devonport, and Greens Beach. All very different, some are new builds while others are sustainable renovations.

Homes will be open to the public from 10.00am to 4.00pm.

Profiles of all houses listed with their sustainable credentials are listed on: [sustainablehouseday.com/find-a-sustainable-house](http://sustainablehouseday.com/find-a-sustainable-house).

Established in 2001, Sustainable House Day is a national event that allows the public to see and learn from the best environmental homes in Australia. It aims to inspire people to live sustainably, showing them how to lower energy bills,

live comfortably and help the environment through good home design, practices and technology.

Sean and Amanda Manners from Westbury, will join more than 200 homeowners nationwide in opening their home to the community to pass on tips and advice, including on solar power, home batteries, off-grid living, innovative building materials and design, and more.

Sustainable House Day is a valuable resource for anyone looking for practical information on sustainable homes: what works, what doesn't and how to move towards 'greener' living.

All visitors to Sustainable House Day must register to attend via the website [www.sustainablehouseday.com](http://www.sustainablehouseday.com) to obtain addresses of all open houses.



Sustainable house at Westbury.

Photo by: Sean Manners

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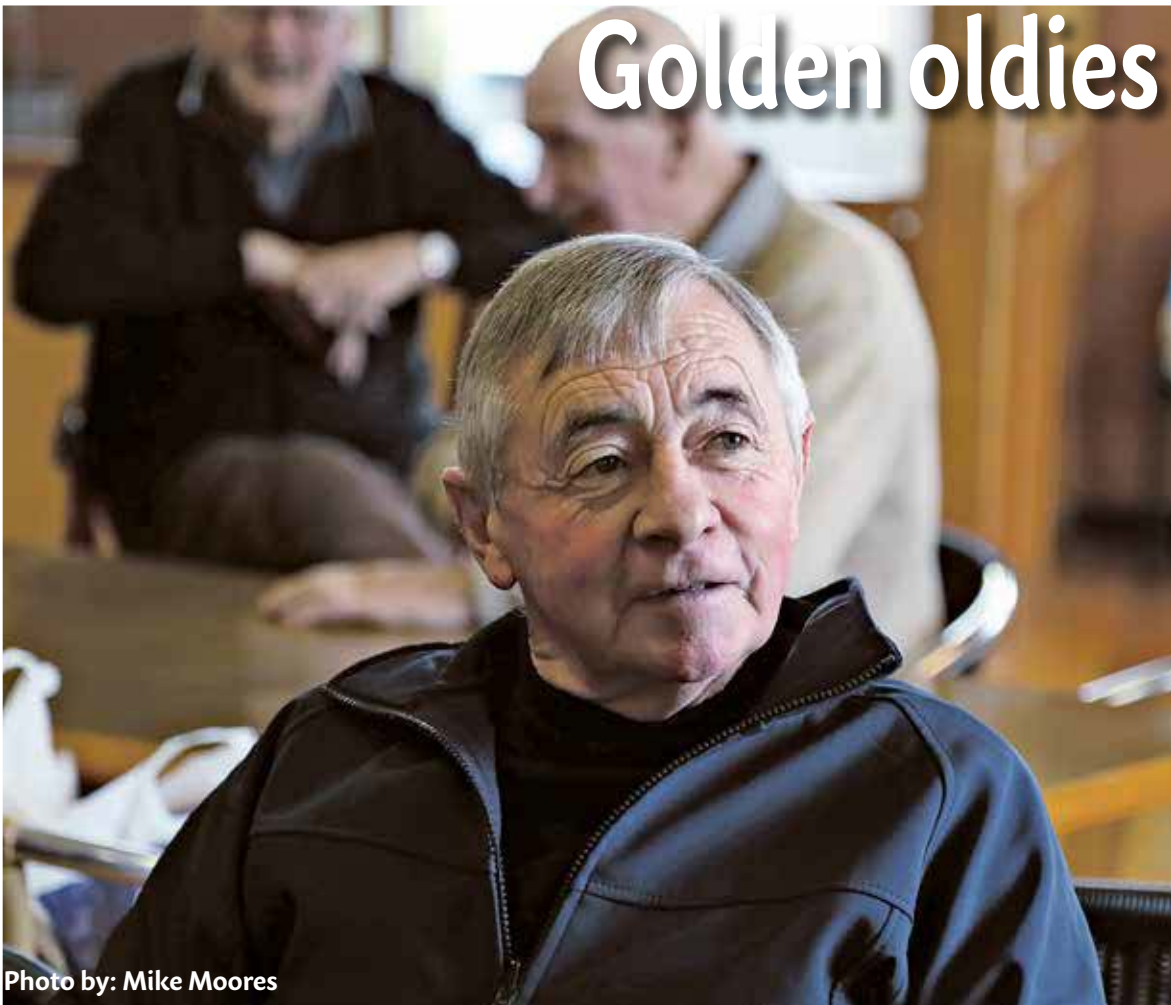


Photo by: Mike Moores

Max Baker (ex-jockey), 73, of Longford, joined the 'Golden Oldies' for a chat and a cuppa.

By Marguerite McNeill

CATCHING UP with friends for a good long chat has taken on a whole new meaning for many of the older men in Deloraine. For a large number of chaps catching up for a chat and cuppa has become a favoured event in their social calendar.

The group, dubbed the Golden Oldies, started meeting two and a half years ago and since then there's been no looking back - except for the stories they tell.

Last month's gathering attracted 38 men, the biggest group so far. And there was quite a buzz of conversation in the air. After all, some old

school friends are catching up on a lifetime of memories.

Mostly they chat in small groups around the tables, and those who are willing are encouraged to talk to the group as a whole about interests in their life and background.

Although most of the men live in and around Deloraine,

# Golden oldies

some who grew up in the area travel from as far as Devonport to Launceston to make contact with old friends.

"We talk a lot about old times" one fellow said. "Most of us have known each other for years, but some I haven't see for 50 years."

Last month a new but familiar face, Max Baker arrived from Longford to join in the chat. Well known for his exploits on the racetrack the former jockey lived in Deloraine for 15 years from the age of 15. The 73 year-old thought the gathering was a great idea and welcomed the chance to catch up with old mates in the town.

Though mostly retired there is no age limit to the Golden Oldies and they welcome any older men wanting to join. The group is open to men from all walks of life who would like renew acquaintances or make new friends.

The group has no formal agenda and there are no rules or regulations other than to enjoy yourself.

Golden Oldies meet at the Western Tiers Community Club in Parsonage Street, Deloraine from 10.00am to 12 noon on the first Thursday of every month.

The meetings only cost \$5.50 to cover the venue and morning tea.

# A matter of principal

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Mr Lietzau chose to come to Deloraine High to gain experience in a larger school and because it's a larger although more compact community than Winnaleah's catchment area.

"I'm looking forward to working within the Deloraine community; I see education as a partnership between the school, staff, homes and families," he said.

"Change is difficult for students and teachers but one of my projects will be to create stability at Deloraine High School," he said.

Mr Lietzau will be acting principal until the end of 2018.

## GRANTS

VOLUNTEER GRANTS are now open for local service organisations and community groups.

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# Montana Falls

Tara Ulbrich takes a short walk to experience the falls...

Photo by: Jade Hallam

tape markers will assist. They point to at least two alternative routes, each becoming increasingly steep and narrow.

My walking companion, a known pedant, refused to describe the water flow as a fall, insisting the term cascades more apt. Indeed, the falls might be most appreciated after heavy rainfall as they spill down several rock shelves. At the low point a sharp bend forces the Western Creek to veer dramatically in the direction of its name.

Although the waters have come a long way from Kooparooona Niara, across open farmland, here they're wild again. The most ideal viewing points transition a walker from a tourist into an active participant. It is necessary to leave the path to appreciate the grandeur.

Tread lightly in your boots as you brush past the feathery clumps of tassel cord rush.

On our visit an enjoyable disagreement ensued as we tested best vantages. Here! No here. Give the falls time to show off.

Leaving the path is a controversial matter. Will degradation of the vegetation and terrain result? While Red Riding Hood is unlikely to meet a wolf, you are likely to encounter dumped rubbish. Montana Falls deserves more local pride than that.

You will only need 1 to 1½ hours for your visit and maybe you can take out more than you carried in?

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**By Tara Ulbrich**

MANY MEANDER Valley walks have infrastructure that clearly defines the route. Some even provide a viewing platform at your destination.

Montana Falls has no such indulgence. Although a signpost on Leonards Road

indicates Long Ridge Regional Reserve - you're on your own from that point.

Access tracks lead in various directions. Tall eucalypts will lure you into the forest and the key to avoid getting lost is to stop if you find yourself ascending the ridge. Some

## Abodes that Zed built

**By Judith Anne Tahir**

"ZED MALUNAT is well-known in Deloraine and Meander Valley generally. This is not surprising, seeing he has built or carried

out structural work on many of our homes and properties.

As diners cross the threshold of Christmas Hills Raspberry Farm there are probably many who don't know Zed was the builder of this

beautiful restaurant, with its impressive timber rafters, huge stone fireplace, spacious ambience and lakeside view.

This building contract was a huge undertaking that took place between May 1995 and January 1996.

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# A cell in Australia's battery?



Lake Parangana. Photo supplied by Hydro Tasmania

**With Lake Parangana and Lake Rowallan in Meander Valley currently being sized up for pumped hydro, local renewable energy enthusiast Antonia Howarth-Wass considers the case for climate change and pumped hydro in Tasmania.**

**By Antonia Howarth-Wass**

THE RUCKUS within the federal government seemed more about policy on climate and energy rather than a populist leader devoid of conservative values.

Discussions on power involves discussions about climate and climate policy. It is not just about sustainable, secure and affordable resources. The various issues require agreement with the States and they overrun political divides.

The issue of climate change is deeply rooted in science and recorded facts scrutinised by the United Nations International Protocol on Climate Change (IPCC). The global community is in agreement that governments need to bring to the table plans for reductions in greenhouse

gases, notably CO<sub>2</sub>, and strategies for generation of renewable energy.

It's a no brainer, yet in spite of the temperature increases (and corresponding decreases), the worst recorded droughts on the eastern seaboard and extreme weather conditions which cost \$bns, there are still hard core politicians who think they do not have to bow to the evidence and think laterally about electricity and fuels or to consider environmental conditions for our survival.

Politicians would do well to talk science, not economics as we have known it. The debates are shared by every government on Earth. And there are still 1.1 billion persons who have no electricity.

Australia is amongst the three most recalcitrant developed nations on climate change policy, some of whose

politicians want to recant on the ratification of the Paris Climate Agreement (Australia became a signatory in November, 2016). 196 nations agreed to keep increases in temperature to less than 2°C compared to pre-industrial levels and zero net anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions during the second half of the 21st century.

They also agreed to pursue efforts to limit temperature increases to 1.5°C which requires zero emissions sometime between 2030 and 2050, but with no timetable as incorporated into the Kyoto Protocol.

The National Electricity Market (NEM) was a mechanism for price reductions in electricity with a National Energy Guarantee (NEG) to back it up. The discussions failed due to lack of consensus within the Coalition and between States. The former Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull ploughed on but with no resolution. A commitment to complete abandonment of fossil fuels as adopted in Victoria over a 15 year phase out period could not be agreed because costs and reliability outweighed security or lack thereof. It talked about a national grid but did not include WA. SA went it alone with wind turbines and battery storage supplied by Elon Musk.

Tasmania, through Hydro Tasmania, has produced a document called *Battery of the Nation* which aims to give the State 100% renewable energy through conversion of 11 existing dams from Hydro Power to Pumped Hydro, with the addition of reservoirs where required. Water will be re-cycled through turbines, using wind power for uptake from lower to higher reser-

voirs. The proposal makes sense. Tasmania has water and wind in abundance, certainly in comparison to other parts of Australia. The State could power its own needs with limited cost.

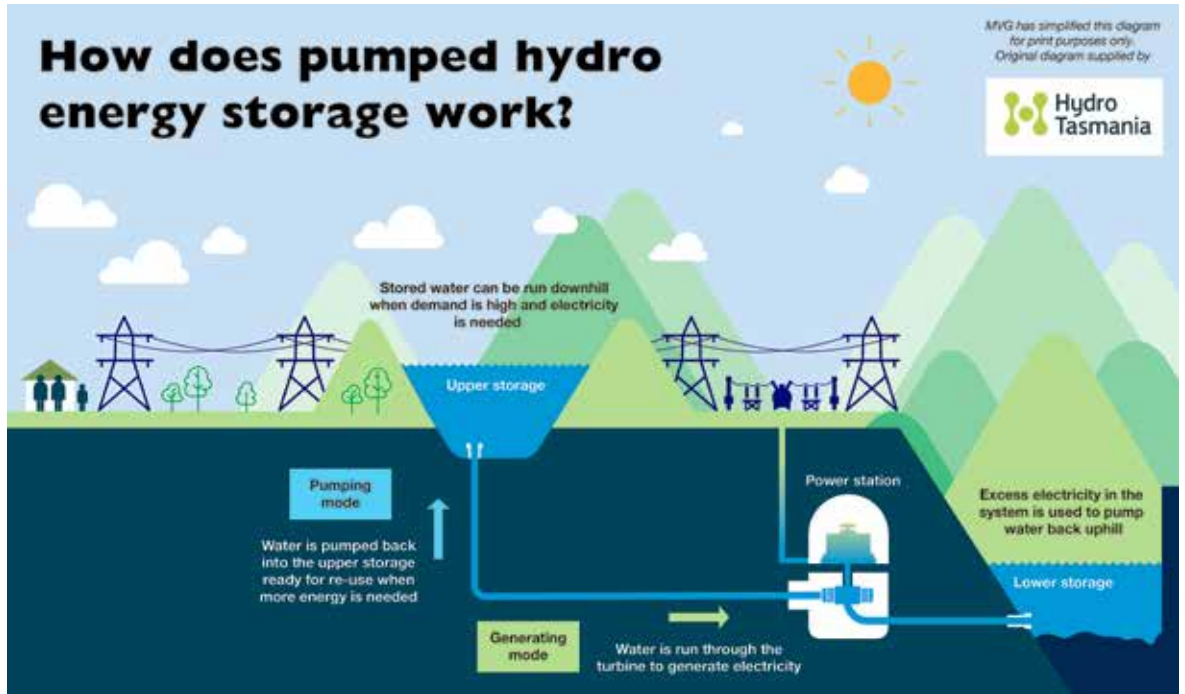
But the plan goes further. With 90% of Tasmanian power supplies currently renewables, market analysts concede that facilities are massively underdeveloped. Tasmania could be a net exporter of power to the mainland with the addition of more undersea cables across Bass Strait.

As prices are market driven, to justify such investment costs of up to \$1bn per cable, a larger market is required. Victoria is currently investing in solar power for 600,000 additional homes.

The key to profitability for Tasmania lies in interconnectivity. But without a national plan upon which States are agreed, it seems doubtful that such grand operations can be justified.

While Stage 1 is outlined in the report and is available for public consideration, discussions are also underway for a second Bass Link cable with assessments being made by developers and consumers.

Also known as a 'water battery', pumped hydro has been tried and tested successfully elsewhere.



## Abodes that Zed built

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Built by Zed from the ground up, one of its major drawcards is the huge stone fireplace which photos show was the first feature to be erected. Over those 8 months subcontractors were called on to assist during the work as required.

Zed, formally from South Australia, has many strings to his bow and has devoted

his life and livelihood to bringing his expertise and extensive knowledge to our area.

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# VALLEY VIEWS



## Mayor's Message

Above: Mayor Craig Perkins and Greg Murray having a 'yarn' in the Yarning Circle that forms part of the Kooparoona Niara Cultural Trail in Deloraine.

As you may be aware, as an elected member, I have had the privilege of serving Meander Valley constituents for the last nine years.

Throughout that time I have been involved in many community projects, but there are a few that for me hold a certain significance.

The development of the Kooparoona Niara Cultural Trail in Deloraine is one of those that comes to mind.

Recently nominated as a finalist at the 2018 Local Government Awards for Excellence, the development of the Cultural Trail was guided by three key themes; recognise, respect and reconnect.

Of particular significance is the way in which the development of the Trail brought people together from a variety of demographics, social and cultural backgrounds.

Aboriginal Elders, community members, artists, resi-

dents, business owners and local school students all participated at various stages, planting, laying artistic stone work or taking part in the creation of the mosaic walls.

The shared vision of this project connected the community in ways that will only continue to grow and strengthen.

The Kooparoona Niara Cultural Trail is a unique asset to the township of Deloraine and the Meander Valley region. It's distinctiveness is a drawcard to the area, acting as an invitation to experience the riverbank precinct whilst showcasing the success of cultural and community partnerships.

Congratulations to all who made such a valuable contribution to a project that has exceeded all expectations.

Mayor, Craig Perkins

## Humble hatbox unlocks the past

A box once designed to hold hats has been re-purposed to hold something much more significant - memories.

The Deloraine and Districts Folk Museum Progress Group has developed and donated a memory box to Grenoch Home in the form of a humble hatbox.

The memory box has been filled with items that were carefully chosen from as early as the 1920s to as late as the 1940s.

Kindly donated from the Deloraine and Districts Folk Museum and the Great Western Tiers Visitor Centre, all the items reflect the theme "A night out on the town".

"The boxes are designed to help residents trigger memories and so far, the results have been really positive," Helen from Grenoch said.

Due to the nature of the hard to find items contained in memory boxes, Grenoch was previously borrowing a box from Launceston.

Many of the residents that have memory loss are in the 80-90 year age bracket, so sourcing items that are familiar from past eras can be challenging.

The memory box holds a number of items including an evening purse with compact, a cravat, a vintage concert program, a Glen Miller Band record, a pocket watch and old hair rollers.



Above: Helen and Desley, both from Grenoch and Janice from the Museum Progress Group delve into the past with the memory box.

"As well as triggering memories, the items are great conversation starters," Helen said.

Although the memory box is a relatively new addition to Grenoch, it is envisaged that more items, based on different themes will continue to be added in the future.



## Sun's light still shines at night

The West Parade carpark in Deloraine is now home to the first solar and battery powered light in Meander Valley.

Council explored the option of installing the new light and pole after Deputy Mayor, Michael Kelly raised some concerns from community members who use the carpark at night.

"Solar is a sustainable form of energy use and on this occasion, installation cost significantly less than it would if this light was hard-wired to the grid," Mayor Craig Perkins said.

The light features an automatic dimming system to ensure maximum night time lighting requirements are met. As the first solar and battery powered light in Meander Valley, Council will continue to assess the potential value for similar lighting projects in the future.

## New Building Act highlights the need to act...



When Council issues permits for building, plumbing and demolition works, they are issued in accordance with and governed by the *Building Act*, which is legislated by the State Government.

*Building Act 2000* was replaced by *Building Act 2016* from 1 January 2017 and there are some fundamental changes that we all need to be aware of.

"Under the old Act, permits didn't expire. Some of these will now expire unless action is taken to finalise or renew them," Mayor Craig Perkins said.

Any building or plumbing permits that were issued prior to 1 January 2017 will now expire on 1 January 2019 unless you have

already extended your permits.

This means that any building, plumbing or demolition work that has not received a completion certificate or has been extended, must be finalised and signed off by Council before 1 January 2019 or the permit will expire. Once expired, you will need to re-apply for a new permit in order to complete your building project.

Over the next few months, Council will be contacting all expiring permit holders in order to try to arrange a final inspection or extension.

Please contact Council on 6393 5320 if you are unsure about the completion status of your building project.

## Looking for a challenge?

Are you interested in a weekend of FUN, FRIENDSHIP and PERSONAL CHALLENGE?

Stepping Stones Leadership Camps are being held in October. These camps are coordinated and subsidised by Meander Valley Council and it's only \$25 to attend.

Grade 9-12 Monday 1 October - Wednesday 3 October  
Grade 6 - 8 Monday 8 October - Wednesday 10 October  
Only 20 places are available for each camp.

For more info or to register contact:  
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You must be enrolled by Thursday 13th September.  
Polling is conducted by post from 9 October to 30 October 2018



**Street trees a vital asset**

Council undertakes tree planting annually. This year, the Infrastructure and Works Departments have joined forces to complete various streetscape programs across the municipality.

Approximately 150 trees have been planted, lining streets and enhancing our recreational spaces. Street

trees in particular are a vital asset in residential areas. They improve the neighbourhood aesthetic and provide environmental benefit.

Council has 8,296 trees throughout the municipality and will add to these when the planting program is undertaken again next year.



**Northern Lights delivers on savings**

Last year, in what was the largest energy efficiency project of its kind in the State, approximately 9,100 LED street lights were installed across Meander Valley and five other municipal areas.

In Meander Valley, a total of 1104 outdated, 80 watt street lights were replaced with 14 watt energy efficient LED's.

It was calculated that the conversion would improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions to such an extent that it would equate to removing 172 cars from the road every year, for the next 20 years.

Council can confirm that since the completion of the installation in June 2017, significant savings have been achieved and the projections suggest that the LED streetlights will pay for

themselves in under 7 years.

"The lights themselves have an expected life of about twenty years, so they will continue to deliver savings long after their initial cost," Mayor Craig Perkins said.

Meander Valley Council has been proactive when it comes to the implementation of sustainable energy alternatives.

Through the Community Energy Efficiency Program, Council was able to identify three publically owned buildings with the highest energy use and effectively reduced consumption by over 30 percent.

"Council will continue to remain proactive and work towards achieving a more sustainable future for the municipality," Mayor Craig Perkins said.



As an organiser, you will know that events are a vital part of community life. They provide cultural experiences, enjoyment, recreation, economic benefit and opportunities to socialise and participate.

Council has an important role in helping to ensure that events are legally safe. It provides guidance and reassurance on aspects such as the physical environment, insurance, traffic management, food safety and waste collection.

If your organisation is planning to run a community event of any kind in 2018 or 2019 then Council asks that you complete and submit a simple Event Notification Form (just one A4 side) - available from Council's website (search 'Event').

This will inform Council officers of the nature of your event and identify any aspects where permits or further information may be required. It is in all our interests to know that Meander Valley community events are compliant and safe.



The annual Hard Waste Collection is an opportunity for residents to dispose of items that cannot be deposited in kerbside bins. Residents must register to receive the Hard Waste Collection service.

Registrations for the 2018 Hard Waste Collection open on 1 October 2018 and close 7 November 2018.

You will be able to register online. Keep an eye on Council's website and facebook page for more information closer to the date.



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# Out of the pencil box

WHEN YOU first see the artwork of local artist Leonie Myer, you could be forgiven for thinking you are looking at a painting. Look closer and you realise that her detailed realism is created by humble coloured pencils.

Since arriving from Queensland a few months ago, Leonie has been inspired by Meander Valley's abundant wildlife - a theme that will soon be making its presence felt through her art.

"I have been creating realism with coloured pencils for about 17 years and find them to be an amazingly versatile and portable medium," Leonie said.

Leonie has spent years refining her technique and now produces artwork with such accuracy that it really does make you look twice.

"It can take over a hundred hours to produce a large artwork, blending and layering colour a section at a time to create a natural and life-like

piece," Leonie said.

Birds are one of Leonie's favourite subjects and she has discovered such an abundant diversity in Meander Valley.

"Coloured pencils are not often associated with fine art and it's time that perception was challenged. I have spent the last 8 years teaching coloured pencil techniques, sharing my skills and my passion for this humble medium and it has been very rewarding," Leonie said.

Leonie's art can be viewed at Deloraine Creative Studios where she has settled into her new workspace. For those that wish to learn more about creating a coloured pencil masterpiece, Leonie is holding an Introduction to Creating Realism with Coloured Pencil Workshop on Saturday 3rd November. All materials are supplied. For bookings phone 0408 010 188 or visit Deloraine Creative Studios.



New resident of Meander Valley, Leonie Myer, at work in her studio.

Photo supplied

# John Loone, a life of service

By Wendy Laing

JOHN ARTHUR Loone was born on the 25th of January 1931 in Deloraine. His early years were spent in Launceston where, at school level, he represented the north in football and athletics.

He also attended the Deloraine Catholic school during his primary years and his wife, Leslie recalled that he walked home after school with Patti Pratt.

For a short time, when he was sixteen, he worked at Harris's in Deloraine which was then situated next to the British Hotel. From there he joined his father to start Deloraine's first newsagency. This developed into RH Loone and Sons,



John Loone

and recognising the potential for growth, they moved to where the newsagency stands today. This became John Loone's focal point for 40 years.

While still in his twenties, John and his grandfather,

Roy Loone bought a Bedford bus and the school bus and charter business began.

At the tender age 29 he became a Justice of the Peace and served 58 years.

It was not widely known though that he was also a Probation officer for many years.

Football played a large part in his life. John played 234 games and also coached the Deloraine Club. Over time

he held the positions of President, Treasurer and Patron. His family remember a game at the Westbury football ground, where he was chased by an elderly lady hitting him with an umbrella when he attempted to stop a fight between players.

John Loone's contribution and involvement in the community of Deloraine was a remarkable achievement. He was Treasurer of the Deloraine High School Parents and Friends for 28 years and spent 25 years as a volunteer fireman.

When Harris Menswear building caught fire he raced inside to retrieve vital documents. Seconds after he got out, the roof collapsed.

As a Member of the Legislative Council, John Loone worked hard for his electorate. Major achievements included championing the upgrades of Ashley, the Deloraine hospital and cleaning up the Deloraine

riverbanks.

He tirelessly lobbied the Government for a grant to start Giant Steps. After two and a half years of planning, preparation, and help with extra funds, Giant Steps became a reality with Mr Loone becoming the first Chairman.

Leslie Loone said the Legis-

lative Council members called him a quiet achiever

John Loone passed away on the 3rd of August 2018 aged 87. He had been married to Lesley for almost 64 years and father of Rodney, Liz, Louise and Anthony. He was loved by all his friends and extended family.

## Prepare for your passing

LIFE IS Short: Be Prepared Seminars are coming to a place near you!

Launceston Community Legal Centre (LCLC) has partnered with Palliative Care Tasmania to bring local communities an informative day of talks on everything you need to know to make sure you don't have to worry as you age.

These areas of discussion are often avoided until it is too late, causing unnecessary distress for the person approaching death and amongst family.

It is hoped that by running these information days people will have the information they need so they can make the arrangements they want, before the need arises, and get on with living!

The next of these information days will be at Deloraine House, 112 Emu Bay Rd, Deloraine, on Tuesday 25th September 2018 running from 10.00am.

There will be a series of talks from interesting speakers on a range of topics. This is a full day program running to about 3.15pm.

Sarah House, solicitor from LCLC will give information on Wills, Enduring Powers of Attorney, Enduring Guardianship, Funerals and other issues that we all need

information on when someone dies.

Sharon King from Palliative Care Tasmania will inform and delight, talking about what palliative care is, what Advanced Care Directives are and how to make the best possible preparations for ourselves should the need arise.

We are particularly lucky to have secured David Murray the Financial Information Service Officer from Department of Human Services (Centrelink), who will talk about financial considerations when looking at retirement and their implications for Centrelink, tax and so on.

All members of the community are invited to attend all or part of the day, the investment of your time will be well rewarded, and there is no charge for attending.

Previous attendees said: "Do this Statewide including regional and suburban areas", "great idea having all of these presenters together to give an overall understanding of important matters to plan for in the future", "Information at the right time".

Morning and afternoon tea will be provided. Please ring Moya at LCLC on 6334 1577 to book your place.

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# Lavender & Coconut Sago Pudding with Strawberries & Hazelnuts

Story & photo by  
Wai Lin Coultas

**Think endless days of warm sunshine and we think of coconut rather than the humble sago. Yet the starchy pearls hail from New Guinea, the Moluccas and Southeast Asia too; being extracted from piths of various tropical palms. This dessert is thus for recent returnees from pleurably wintering in balmy parts of the Asia Pacific to the delightful Tasmanian spring – the perfect welcome home!**



**INGREDIENTS:**

- 1 tbsp culinary lavender\*
- 1 cup boiling water
- 2 cups raw sugar
- 80 g raw sago pearls
- 400 ml coconut milk
- 120 g + 50 g salted roasted hazelnuts, warmed
- 16 g + 8 g shredded coconut, dry toasted
- ½ red apple, cored and vertically sliced into 12 segments
- ½ lemon, juiced
- 3 small fresh strawberries, each topped and vertically sliced into 12 segments
- 12 fresh strawberries
- 4 sprigs fresh mint tips

**NOTE:**

\*Available at Bridestowe Lavender Estate, Port Arthur Lavender and Tasmanian

Lavender Gifts; they are dried flower buds of the 'Munstead' variety of the English lavender with the sweetest fragrance; creating a lovely sweet citrusy flavour in cooking.

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

To make the lavender syrup, bring to boil lavender, water and sugar in a saucepan and simmer for 15 minutes.

Strain out the lavender and simmer liquids for 20 to 30 minutes to 350ml syrup.

To make the sago pudding, soak sago pearls in coconut milk and 250ml lavender syrup for 30 minutes in a pot before stirring to a boil.

Continue stirring on

lower heat till pearls are tenderly translucent and liquids absorbed.

Spoon pudding into 4 dessert glasses to firm up covered in fridge for 1 hour.

Warm covered pudding glasses in oven pre-heated to 55C for 15 to 25 minutes.

Meanwhile, toss sliced apples in lemon juice.

To plate 1 dessert glass, top ¼ of 120g nuts on pudding and 3 slices of lemon-laced apple over nuts, sprinkle ¼ of 16 g toasted coconut over, and top with 9 strawberry segments and a mint tip sprig.

Serve on warmed plate garnished with more strawberries, nuts and toasted coconut. Serves 4.



**WATCHING THE** Tour de France is as much about the French landscape as it is about the contest on the roads. Glimpses of the trees in the agricultural districts in their lush summer raiment make the Tour worth watching into the early hours. Although some travelling irrigators were spotted, it seems apparent that the French farmers do not use centre pivots, which spell the demise of our valuable paddock trees. It has to

be admitted however, that the gentle spray from these is less drastic for the topsoil than the travellers which fling the water onto the crops, but it is sad to lose the paddock trees. One only has to see the stock sheltering in their shade on hot summer days, or huddling against them in driving rain, to understand just how useful they are on the farm.

Additionally, their flowers attract birds and bees, and absorb carbon from the atmo-



Trees grown by Nell using local seed.

sphere to reduce the effects of climate change.

**Growing trees from local seed**

It is best to use seed from the same locality, but difficult to collect from trees so far from the ground. The recent gales will have brought down some boughs. Choose grey well ripened seeds, making sure the cap at the top, the operculum, is still intact. Place them in paper bags somewhere warm, and when the seeds have fallen out, store them in the refrigerator in pill boxes. Sow in native potting mix. It should be unnecessary to remind readers that native trees should never be grown in suburban gardens where there are close neighbours. Picture shows a copse of 15 to 20 year old White Gums (*Eucalyptus viminalis*) and Blackwoods (*Acacia melanoxylon*), growing in the corner of a paddock.

**In the vegie garden**

Broad beans can be sown in September if Autumn sowing was missed. There are very few vegetables that do not go in now, but best to wait until the soil is warmer for frost tender beans, cucumbers and zucchinis.

**MEANDER VALLEY - GET INVOLVED**

## Save our churches

THE ANGLICAN Parish of Quamby is holding a fundraiser at St. Andrew's Anglican Church, Westbury on 30th September from 2.30pm.

All proceeds will go towards proving Quamby Parish's sustainability and providing a Stipend for a Parish Priest.

Classical and folk duo

Joanne Mitchelson and Hamish Pike, and Peter Schultz, Director of Music at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Launceston, are offering their services at the event.

Admission is \$20.00 for Adults. \$15.00 for concession card holders. Free for children under 15.

## Youth group in Deloraine

A NEW Youth Group commenced at Deloraine House on 24th August and is run on a fortnightly basis. In a new initiative, Deloraine House is partnering with Meander

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STUDENTS FROM Deloraine Primary School dressed as farmers for a day to show support and raise funds for Australian farmers who are struggling in drought conditions.

The idea was initially raised during a weekly Student Representative Council meeting and quickly voted on as a worthy cause to support. The response from the students was inspiring, with many commenting how proud they were that our school could

support these farmers. They also recognised that many of our families rely on agriculture and we too could be affected by drought at some time in the future.

Keah, a Student Council Class Representative, and her family were affected by the local floods in 2016. She was in favour of the day as she explained what the community support during the floods meant to her family. She saw this day as a way of showing this same support to others.

## 'Fresh food people' make hay

By David Claridge

WOOLWORTHS STORES in Deloraine and Prospect on the 11th August donated all profits from fresh food sales to help the drought-stricken farmers, raising a healthy sum for Rural Aid's 'Buy a Bale' appeal.

This was part of a nationwide effort involving stores and online shopping to deliver hay, essential items and counselling support services to farmers in need.

Woolworths Deloraine Store Manager, Steve Coppleman said "It's been amazing to see our customers and team rally behind Aussie Farmers impacted by this drought."

"This generosity is making a real difference in rural communities, and has inspired us to build on our support of Rural Aid's vital work.

In a Woolworths Media Release, Rural Aid CEO, Charles Alder said that "The Australian farming community is a resilient one, but there is an urgent need for ongoing support for farmers who continue to do it tough during this drought.

"Since Woolworths came on board with their donations we've been able to provide more certainty to hundreds of farmers who have reached out to us in urgent need of feed for their livestock. Additionally, we've been able to increase vital counselling services for farming families in regional communities.

People in Meander Valley can still donate to the Buy a Bale appeal at any Woolworths store.

Woolworths has also contributed a further \$1.5 million to the appeal.



Hay is loaded on to Paul's truck at Tony Wadley's farm, Deloraine.

## Cash & hay on its way

RECENTLY, A local Chudleigh resident, Paul, who is on the Chudleigh Show Committee, offered to donate all his bales of hay to the Drought Relief project in NSW.

The hay was loaded onto Paul's truck on Sunday 26th August. To fill the truck Tony Wadley of the Rotary Club of Deloraine also donated round bales.

Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) had established a Drought Relief Fund, which is distributing hay, grain and cash to farmers in Northern NSW.

Contact was made with the

Project Manager of the Northern NSW fund, Reg Pierce who is also the President of the Wauchope Rotary Club and has organized for the hay to go to a farmer whose property is located 80km South of Lightning Ridge.

The Chudleigh Community has contributed \$1000, the Mole Creek Hotel Patrons \$1000 and the Rotary Club of Deloraine \$2500 to this Drought Relief Fund.

This money will be added to the \$400,000 that the fund has raised so far and will be distributed to needy farmers either in cash or supplies.



Photo by Mike Moores

## School kids pitch in

People from around the valley have rallied in support of drought stricken farmers on the mainland. Featured here are just a few of the initiatives that have taken place. Pictured above are Deloraine Primary students Neve Coull (Grade 3) and Bradley Johnston (Grade 6) who dressed as farmers for the Student Representative Councils "Fiver for a Farmer Day". In a brilliant effort, \$890.80 was raised.

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Andrew Cox of Cranka Lures holding a Black Bream caught in the Lune River, southern Tasmania with a Cranka crab lure.

By Cody Handley

A MEANDER Valley-based business has quietly been breaking new ground in the tackle and fishing industry over the last decade.

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spoke to founder and managing director, Steven Steer and company director and investor, Andrew Cox of Cranka Pty Ltd. Cranka have been operating since 2009 and have made a name for themselves in the industry with their

unique lure, the Cranka Crab.

Steven, an electrician by trade, has had a long background as an angler, forming a love of fishing and a habit of tinkering with existing tackle to improve it from a very young age. He has participated in fishing tournaments and appeared on fishing shows including Robson Green.

Years in the tackle industry had taught him that respect had to be earned before he could attempt to market something as novel as the Cranka Crab. As such, Cranka spent their initial years developing other lures designed to look and swim like real baitfish to make a

name for themselves. Once they had become an established brand, Cranka turned their attention to the development of what would become their signature lure.

Having a background in trout and bream competitions, Steven knew that using live crabs as bait worked extremely well for catching bream, and during his early research for the crab lure he dissected a bream to find its stomach contained multiple chewed up crabs.

Using real crabs as models, Cranka experimented with soft plastics but could not get their crab design to work. Eventually they used harder plastic and developed a lure that always landed on its feet and imitated the movements of live crabs, complete with extremely realistic and species-specific paintwork.

The Cranka Crab launched in 2012 and received the award for best new hard lure. It has since won more tournaments than any other lure.

Cranka are currently in the process of introducing a larger, single hooked crab to their range designed to catch bigger fish. Unlike the origi-

# Red Caviar?

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Grenville Stud's Graeme McCulloch loves this time of year, although 24-hour foaling duty means many sleepless nights. Foals are carefully planned to arrive as soon after 1st August as possible, as this is the southern hemisphere's official horses' birthday. Early foals have the longest time to grow into strong two-year-olds before their first racing season begins.

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nal crab, this lure is modular, meaning that parts can be swapped out or replaced and used with a variety of differently weighted sinkers.

Today, Cranka are gearing up to begin manufacturing their product domestically, after some quality control issues with their Chinese manufacturer.

"We have had interest from over thirty countries, and have just received US distribution approval. That's a market potential of about twelve times the size of the Australian market," Steven said. "We're getting close to being well placed for global distribution."

Cranka operate primarily through their online store and as a wholesaler to local tackle shops. Steven and Andrew said they were eventually looking to employ locals to sort and assemble their products.

To see Cranka's range of lures, visit their website at [www.cranka.com.au](http://www.cranka.com.au)

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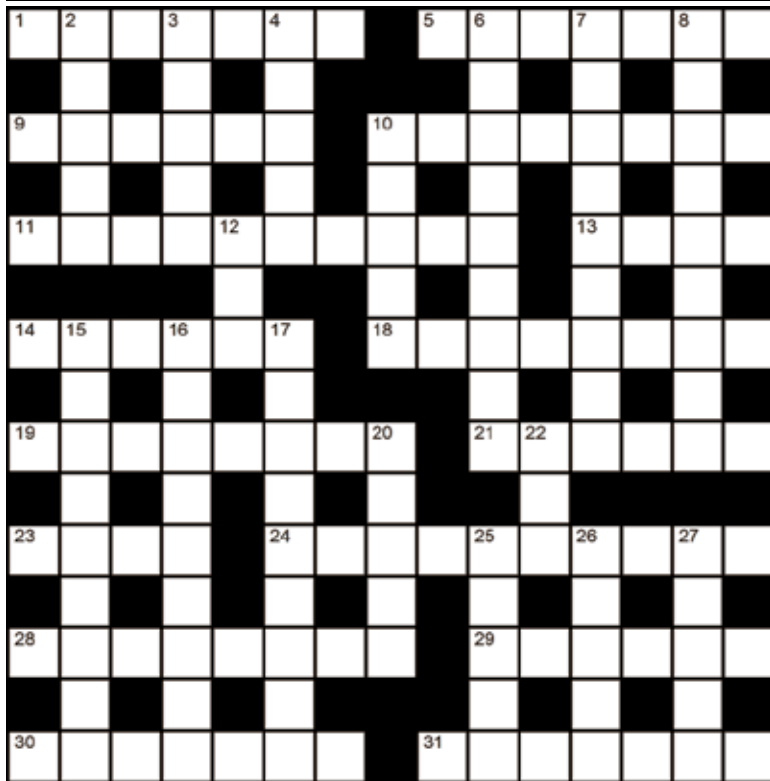
Melodic celtic accordion, alongside raw and rhythmic guitar and banjo, complemented with heart felt sound of traditional Uilleann Pipes, the tunes are Munster born and Dublin raised.

Choreographed and led by ex-Gaelforce Dance & Rhythms of Ireland Lead Principal, World Medalist and 6 Time Champion Brent Pace, "A Taste of Ireland" is built on a cast of the newest and best Irish dance Champions to be recently found from around the globe. The show features music from across the Irish provinces.

It's a quintessential Irish tale in which dazzling feet meet moments of Irish wit.

Friday 21st September 2018 Country Club Casino Showroom, Prospect Vale. To book, call 131 600 or book online at Ticketmaster.

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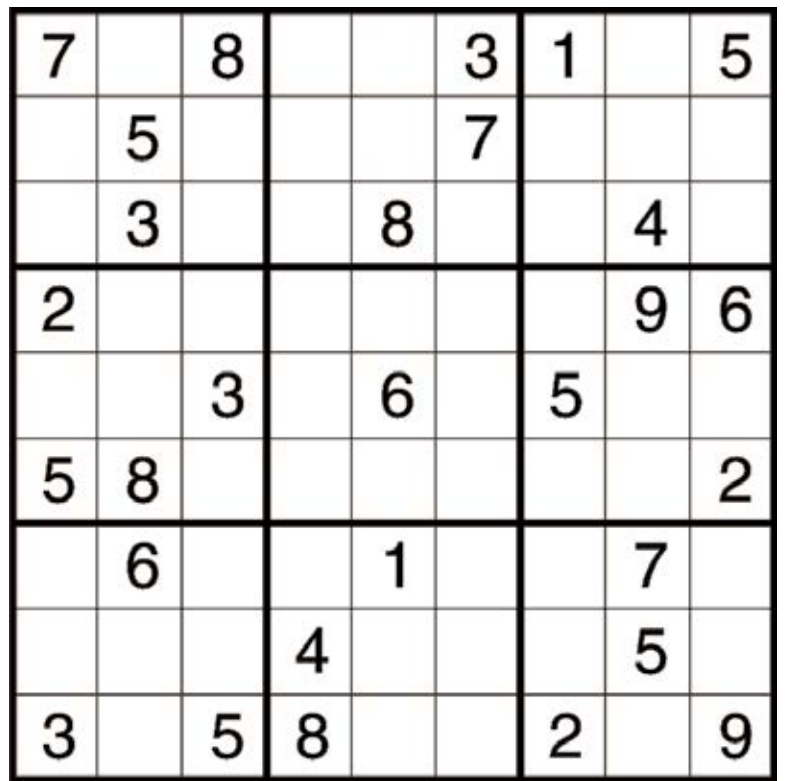
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- 1 Husky (7)
- 5 Highest (7)
- 9 Complete (6)
- 10 Opening (8)
- 11 Shades (10)
- 13 Restraint (4)
- 14 Unsullied (6)
- 18 Foretells (8)
- 19 Fleet commander's vessel (8)
- 21 Chaise longue (6)
- 23 Having no money (4)
- 24 Writing materials (10)
- 28 Large amount of electrical power (8)
- 29 Stoppage (6)
- 30 Profound (7)
- 31 Nervous (7)

**Down**

- 2 Member of the Indian majority (5)
- 3 Unpaid (5)
- 4 8th letter of the Greek alphabet (5)
- 6 Lay out too much (9)
- 7 Motherhood (9)
- 8 Table napkin (9)
- 10 Fabulous story-teller (5)
- 12 Permit (3)
- 15 Eve of All Saints' Day (9)
- 16 Source of sweetness (5,4)
- 17 Recipients of one of St. Paul's Epistles (9)
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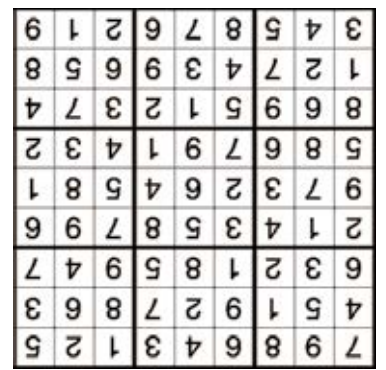
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How To Play: Each row must contain the numbers 1 to 9; each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9; and each set of 3 x 3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 to 9. Best of luck!

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Date and Time	Event	Details
Every day during September	Steven French Photography	Pixels Gallery, 21 West Parade Deloraine Open weekdays 10:00am-4:00pm Sat 10:00am-3:00 pm Sun 10:00-1:00pm
Saturday 8th September 9.00am - 1.00pm	Liffey Valley Market	Old Liffey School Contact: Jen Randall 0421 900 810
Saturday 15th September 9.00am - 1.00pm	Mole Creek Market	Mole Creek Memorial Hall, cnr Pioneer Drive and Caveside Road, Contact Ross Quick 0413 681 252
Saturday 15th Sept. 8.00am - 1.00pm	Westbury Market	Anglican Church Hall, 11 Lonsdale Prom. Westbury BBQ cooking breakfast, stalls. Ph: Rob Menzie 0417 931 619
Sunday 16th September 1.30pm	Back to Parkham Afternoon Tea	Parkham Community Hall & Church For more details phone Kaylene 0499 554 316
Sunday 16th September all day	Quamby Fly Fishing Club	Four Springs Lagoon, Selbourne Fish from boat or shore BBQ at boat ramp \$12.00
Sunday 16th September 10.00am - 4.00pm	Sustainable House Day	For profiles, to register & details of where houses are located <a href="http://www.sustainablehouseday.com">www.sustainablehouseday.com</a>
Friday 21st September 8.00pm	A Taste of Ireland	Country Club Casino Showroom, Prospect Vale Bookings 131 600
Friday 21st September 6.00pm	Soup & Dessert Evening	St Marks Parish Hall, 5-7 East Westbury Pl. Deloraine \$15.00 RSVP 16th Sept Bev 6363 6125 Carrol 0407 534 878
Friday 21st September 5.00pm - 7.00pm	Youth Group for Grades 7- 12	Deloraine House, 112 Emu Bay Rd, Deloraine Food provided Come & hang out & meet new friends
Saturday 22nd September	Westbury Primary School P&F, Maypole Festival	Westbury School. Phone 0407 317 040. email: westburypandf@outlook.com
Sunday 23rd September 3.00pm sharp	Western Tiers Film Society "Loving Vincent"	Little Theatre, 2 Meander Valley Rd, Deloraine Bonus Film M Art Movie 94m More info Ph: 0418 389 868
Tuesday 25th September 10.00am - 3.15pm	Life is Short: Be Prepared Seminar	Deloraine House, 112 Emu Bay Rd, Deloraine Free day to book Ph: Moya 6334 1577 Morn & A'noon tea provided
Sunday 30th September 2.30pm	Anglican Parish of Quamby Fundraiser	St. Andrews Anglican Church, Westbury Admission: Adults \$20.00, Concession \$15.00 Children U15 free
Monday 1st October - 3rd October	Stepping Stones Camp for Grade 9 - 12	Interested in fun, friendship & personal challenge 20 places \$25.00 For more info & book Ph: 0400 155 690
Friday 5th October 5.00pm - 7.00pm	Youth Group for Grades 7- 12	Deloraine House, 112 Emu Bay Rd, Deloraine Food provided Come & hang out & meet new friends
Saturday 6th October 9.00am - 1.00pm	Deloraine Showground Market	Deloraine Showgrounds, Highland Lakes Rd, Deloraine Ph: 0409 695 321 for Bookings & Details
Monday 8th October - 10th October	Stepping Stones Camp for Grade 6 - 8	Interested in fun, friendship & personal challenge 20 places \$25.00 For more info & book Ph: 0400 155 690
Friday 12th October 2.00pm	MVU3A "Eat to cheat aging and dementia"	Westbury RSL, Lonsdale Street, Westbury Speaker: Ngaire Hobbins Enquiries: Meander Valley U3A 0484 758 466
Saturday 13th October 7.30pm sharp	Western Tiers Film Society "Phanton Thread"	Little Theatre, 2 Meander Valley Rd, Deloraine R UK Drama 130m More info Ph: 0418 389 868
Saturday 13th October	Spring Benefit Banquet	Deloraine Community Complex, Alveston Drive, Deloraine
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Monday 15th October	Meander Valley U3A Term 4 Classes begin	Various venues across Meander Valley Ph: 0484 758 466
Sat & Sun 13th/14th October (all day)	Quamby Fly Fishing Club	Woods Lake, Steppes Bring your Camping gear for this 2-day weekend
Friday 19th October 5.00pm - 7.00pm	Youth Group for Grades 7- 12	Deloraine House, 112 Emu Bay Rd, Deloraine Food provided Come & hang out & meet new friends
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Friday 26th October 9.00am - 4.30pm	CORES Suicide Prevention Training	Deloraine House, 112 Emu Bay Rd, Deloraine \$50.00 BYO lunch Contact 6362 2678 info Ph:Angela 0409 852 073



# Back to Parkham

Photo by: Mike Moores



The Parkham Church is now a community centre. A 'Back to Parkham' Day will be held on Saturday 16th September.

THREE YEARS ago, Parkham Community Inc. put their heads together to come up with a way to purchase a precious piece of history that belonged to the people of Parkham.

A local gentleman offered to loan them money, so they were able to purchase the church and hall. This has meant lots of hard work and fundraising to pay back the debt.

Last year, the group received a \$50,000 grant from the Tasmanian Department of State Growth for new amenities, which will be officially opened by Guy Barnett on the 16th September along with a Back-to-Parkham Day to celebrate their achievements so far.

Everyone is invited, there is no need to come from Parkham to show support; you may have family or other connections from Parkham or may be just interested.

There will be some old photos displayed in the hall as well as the Elizabeth Town Football Club shields and

photos on display for anyone who has an interest.

Restoration is ongoing. It's a huge job and they still have plenty to do. Any support would be much appreciated.

The church has been deconsecrated and can now be used for any denomination and purpose, weddings,

baptisms, bands, pot luck nights et cetera.

A Melbourne Cup Luncheon is coming up, as is the Community Christmas Party on 15th December.

You can follow progress on Facebook, Parkham Community Inc. to see what's happening at the centre!

# Exhibition of French style

FOR THE month of September a selection of photographic works by Steven French will be on display at Pixels, Deloraine's digital art gallery located in the Deloraine Online Centre.

Steven French is a semi-retired Tasmanian farmer, photographer and writer. He lives at Whitmore, where his family have been farming since 1865. His grandchildren now make seven generations on the same property.

His photographic career began as a rural photographer working for mainly for *Tasmanian Country* and *Stock and Land*. During this time Steven's photo captions kept getting bigger and bigger until he was writing more than photographing. He finished up being employed for several years solely as a journalist.

In 1978 Steve and his wife opened Reflections Photographic Studio which went on to become the largest photographic studio in the state. Steven is a former runner-up for the Tasmanian Professional Print of the Year Award and took out the

People's Choice Award in the same year.

In more recent times Steven has worked as a photographer/journalist/editor for several glossy publications. During the early 2000's he was publisher/editor of *Tasmanian Life Magazine*.

In 2010 he photographed and wrote the book *Hand Made in Tasmania* which was on the state's best seller list for several weeks.

Steven's work has been published widely throughout Australia and overseas. He has had several solo photographic exhibitions and been part of group exhibitions on the mainland. His work has also been hung at the prestigious Menzies Gallery in Melbourne.



'Cosy Lamb' by Steven French

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## \$98,000 worth of indecision

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Meander Valley councillors were conservative and lacked confidence in the project: "We need go-getters on the council, young people willing to see the future and create a fit and healthy community."

In the meeting, when outgoing Mayor Craig Perkins along with Cllrs Bob Richardson and Deb White opposed supporting the project on financial grounds, it was left to Cllrs Andrew Connor, Michael Kelly and John Temple to rescue the situation.

Council eventually passed a motion including investigating an option to purchase land needed for the project to

proceed. The land is adjacent to the Deloraine Community Complex and a five-year option at a price negotiated by the general manager would allow time to seek funding from Federal and State Government for the project.

Cllr Connor urged support for the motion, suggesting a special rate could be struck for Deloraine residents if the project went ahead; he said council should not be scared of big projects but that it has a poor record on attracting State and Federal funding.

But Cllr White said the facility's cost was a "stumbling block" and Cllr Perkins said to support such a project

"sets up expectations". Even if initial funding was available, maintenance costs were high.

Shaun Donohue said he was embarrassed by Cllr Richardson's comments that Westbury needed footpaths more than Deloraine needed recreation facilities: "We were talking about the Deloraine Precinct plan and all he could talk about was Westbury's footpaths."

"Council just doesn't have a vision for health and well-being in Deloraine. Even if our plan is too costly they've got to come to some arrangement soon because they've done nothing for so long."

"I love to see young Deloraine people playing sport, but anyone who's any good has to go out of our area."

Sports representatives said they were relieved council voted to investigate an option

## Red Caviar?

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Several foals already grace the fields at Whitmore, and about 40 mares will foal there this season.

Two stallions stand at stud at Grenville. Group 1 winner Mawingo by Tertullian out of Montfleur collected over \$1million in Germany, Singapore and Australia. His first progeny have impressed buyers at the Magic Millions Yearling Sale, with a top price of \$47,500.

Zululand (Fastnet Rock, Dream Play[USA]) was

to buy the necessary land and they would discuss future moves at their next meeting.

a \$1.5M Easter Yearling who showed brilliant 2YO speed and won the Group 2 VRC Sires Produce Stakes. Zululand replaces the stallion Lionhearted, also by Fastnet Rock and related to Black Caviar, sadly lost during his first season at stud last year, after having sired 16 foals.

Graeme trains racehorses at his property, and likes to break in a couple of yearlings at a time. He also grows crops of potatoes and poppies, as well as the hay to feed all Grenville's future champions. Visit www.grenville.com.au

# SPORT

## Women, wellies and waders

The 'Women in waders' initiative of the Quamby Fly Fishers Club attracted a crowd of women keen to try their hand at the somewhat genteel sport. Approximately 40 learners and tutors gathered on the banks of the picturesque Huntsman Lake at Meander, rugged up and ready to brave the chilly winter weather. Attendees were split into small groups and given individual attention by tutors who coached them in the basics of casting. The equipment needed was provided by the club. Previously regarded as an all male pursuit, women are now making a determined attempt to redress the gender imbalance. Photo by: Mike Moores

By David Claridge

MEANDER VALLEY teenager Sahara Rumble has been riding horses since she could walk. Now, at age 13, she will be able to show her skills at a national level.

The National Equestrian

Interschools Championships take place every year in a different state of Australia. This year, they are being held in October at the National Equestrian Centre in Werribee, Victoria.

Over five hundred riders will be competing in a number

of disciplines including eventing, show jumping, dressage and show horse.

Travelling with other Tasmanian riders and trainers, Sahara will be competing in the dressage on her warmblood mare, Repertoire, who was born on their farm near Deloraine.

## Sahara hones her Repertoire



Sahara Rumble is heading interstate to compete with her warmblood, Repertoire. Photo supplied

"My Mum taught me how to ride from the time I could walk. She has ridden all her life and has passed on her love of horses to me. Mum and Dad and Grandma and Grandpa bought me my first pony, called Tilly, when I was two."

"This is super exciting being my first time to go and I feel honoured to be representing my school, Launceston Grammar, the Meander Valley and the state of Tasmania."

In the leadup to the event, Sahara has had to put a lot of work into her routine and, most importantly, her horse.

"It has been a very wet winter, so it has been tricky to train. I have been training at the Violet Banks Indoor Arena near Westbury and at home when it is not raining between five and six times a week."

"Preparation for this event is quite complicated and expensive. My horse is currently wearing four rugs and she is put under lights in a stable every night to try to trick her body into shedding her winter coat early. She is also getting magnesium in her feed, probiotics and other vitamins and minerals so she is in optimum condition. She even gets massages to relieve her hamstrings."

"My horse will have to stand for a long time on our float without food or water for the Bass Strait crossing

on the Spirit of Tasmania. I'm currently making a playlist of my favourite songs to keep her relaxed while travelling. We also have a horse toy we will hang in the float covered in molasses to keep her from getting bored."

Sahara would like to thank the Meander Valley Council, Deloraine and Districts Community Bank and members of the Meander Valley community for their financial support, Deloraine District Pony Club, her coach Amanda Cameron and her family for their support.

## Roos victory

CONGRATULATIONS TO the Deloraine Kangaroos under 14's football team who took out the division 2 premiership for 2018.

Coached by Harry Bloomfield, the team played the East Coast Giants in a nail biting finish, just 7 points up with one minute to go. The final score was 43 - 56.

Local businesses showed their support by flying the teams colours of blue and white in shop windows, and in sculptures and trees all along the main street.

Deloraine High School showed support by holding a fundraiser for Beyond Blue, a charity for which Deloraine Footy Club is keenly involved.