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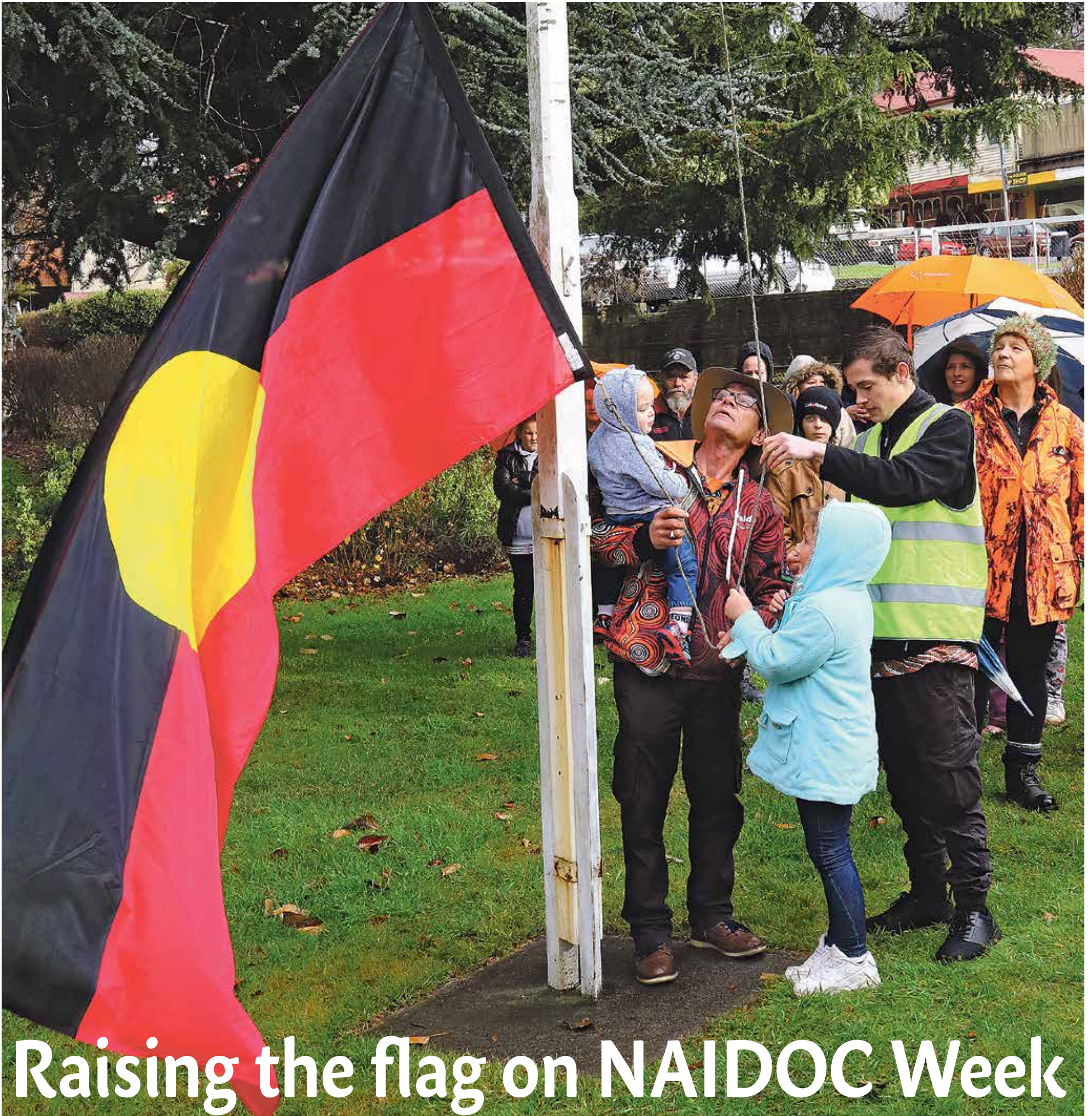
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## Raising the flag on NAIDOC Week

Cold and rainy weather for Deloraine did not put off attendees from celebrating at this year's NAIDOC Week ceremony. Deloraine Elder Hank Horton holds baby Layken West while helping to raise the flag. (Full story can be found on page 2) Photo by Mike Moores



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# Celebration of NAIDOC Week

By Hayley Manning

NAIDOC WEEK celebrations at Deloraine still drew impressive numbers despite the challenging conditions on the day.

The National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee theme for 2019 was based on reforms in the 2017 Uluru Statement from the Heart, that acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have always wanted an enhanced role in decision-making in Australia's democracy.

Voice. Treaty. Truth. 'Let's work together for a shared future.'

This delivered a powerful message and created impact in the national media during the 7-14 July NAIDOC Week.

However, the overarching message to emerge from the intense week of discussions was the importance of community. Minister for Indigenous Australians, Ken Wyatt spoke of 'community pathways' that allowed each community to have a voice.

Organising the Deloraine event for the first time, Melinda Scott said NAIDOC Week is an opportunity to engage in, and therefore protect, ancient cultural rituals by teaching the next generation while educating the wider community about the achievements and history of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Melinda planned traditional activities throughout the day, starting with a Welcome

to Country, spoken in palawa kani, with poise by Laura Tannell, which was apt as this is the United Nations International Year of Indigenous Languages.

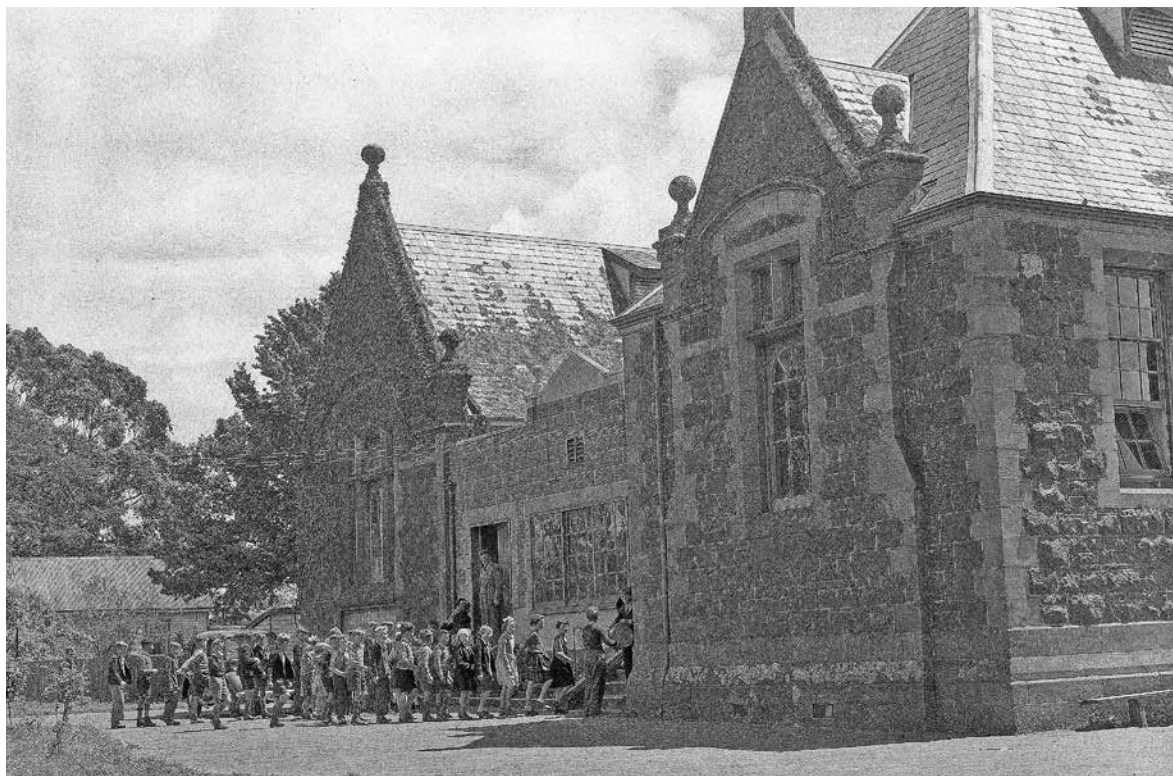
The indigenous voice of Australia is over 65 000 years old, but Melinda says many stopped using their language when they were relocated.

'They were 'rewired' - they became indecisive. If you lose your voice, you lose everything you have ever stood for. Without the Elders and their knowledge and their voice, we wouldn't be where we are today, or as knowledgeable as we are.'

Several guest speakers also focused on strong community ties. Founder of the Kooparooka Niara Cultural Trail (Great Western Tiers Mountain of Spirits), Greg Murray, initiated the NAIDOC Week for Deloraine five years ago. 'The local community has been very positive and supportive right from the start, with respect for our Elders, respect for our culture. It is about everyone being culturally connected.'

Meander Valley Mayor Wayne Johnston's address also captured the community spirit. 'In times past we may have been marching, but today it is a walk and the steps we take, we take together.'

Melinda would like to thank Jill Harvey for cooking and catering, the Deloraine Trade Centre trainees, Meander Valley Council and everyone who attended on the day.



Westbury children line up to go inside the impressive bluestone building that once housed Westbury State School. Tasmanian archives: Westbury State School (1953). Photo supplied

## 180 years in Westbury!

THIS YEAR in October, Westbury Primary School will celebrate its 180th birthday, an impressive milestone for Tasmania and Australia.

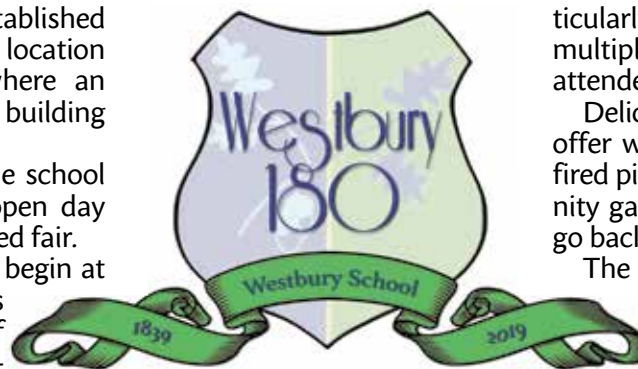
The school was established in 1839 at its current location on Taylor Street where an impressive bluestone building once stood.

On 25 October, the school will host a school open day followed by a fun-filled fair.

The open day will begin at 1.30pm with students conducting tours of the school and classrooms. Meander Valley Mayor Wayne Johnston will unveil a commemorative plaque and a student art installation.

Students have collaborated with local singer-songwriter Patrick Gambles who will per-

form the song with students for the first time at the celebrations. Music will continue with a performance from the school band.



Maypole dancing will launch the fair at 4pm, celebrating the school's long tradition of Maypole dancing.

The school is keen to hear from former dancers, to perform alongside current dancers at the fair.

School Principal Christine Brown says the school would like to hear from former students about their memories of attending the school, particularly from families where multiple generations have attended.

Delicious food will be on offer with a BBQ and wood-fired pizzas from the community garden. All proceeds will go back to the school.

The fair will include face painting, puppeteers, jumping castles, traditional fair games and local food trucks.

For more information about the day, please contact: Stacey Tweedale, Communications Coordinator, 0413 453 567 or Christine Brown, Principal, 03 6393 1373, Westbury180@outlook.com, #Westbury180.

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# Westbury factory supporting salmon industry

By Sharon Webb

A \$50M factory manufacturing food for Tasmania's salmon farming industry has opened officially at Westbury's industrial zone, Valley Central.

Australian manufacturer of farm animal and pet food, Ridley currently supplies Petuna and Tassal with salmon food, as well as NZ customers.

Ridley's CEO, David Lord, said the plant currently employs 20 locals: commissioning had been smooth although managers are still fine-tuning.

'With this world-class technology we are able to produce 50 000 tonnes a year on a five day shift structure,' he said. 'Our intention is to have the capacity to go to round the clock, seven day shifts if warranted.'

'We have relationships with all major salmon producers and now we have made this commitment to be their local Tasmanian supplier, we are looking forward to their support.'

Launching the plant, Premier Will Hodgman said it is expected to inject about \$21 million a year into the local economy.

'Ridley's new facility is also strategically important for our salmon industry, increasing the supply of locally sourced, high quality feed product to meet projected industry growth,' he said.

'The aquaculture sector is a significant contributor to the Tasmanian economy and to support growth and protect our position, the industry must remain competitive in all aspects of the supply chain.'

Ridley uses extrusion technology to produce salmon food and can also produce dry pet food, Mr Lord said.

The ingredients are high quality and locally sourced as much as possible.

Plant construction involved 350 project managers, contractors and sub-contractors across 40 companies, of which 90 per cent were Tasmanian.

In approving the plant, Tasmania's EPA acknowledged the problem of odour emissions 15 times the allowable levels at the plant boundaries, indicated by Ridley's own testing.

It stipulated Ridley must submit quarterly air testing results in its first operating year and twice a year after that, keep a complaints register and notify the authority of complaints within 24 hours.

CEO David Lord, (orange vest), manager Johnny Cabercas (far left) and some of the local workers now employed by Ridley at Westbury. Photo by Mike Moores

## Ambulance Tasmania receives a rural boost

THE ROLLOUT of regional-based paramedics across Tasmania will include three for Deloraine.

The boost to ambulance services in regional and remote Tasmania is part of the State Government's \$125 million investment into Ambulance Tasmania over six years, which includes the progressive recruitment of 42 paramedics in rural areas.

Wynyard is now staffed full-time, with three additional paramedics.

This financial year, Ambulance Tasmania will recruit three paramedics in Dodges Ferry, three in Bicheno, three in Deloraine and three in St Helens, as well as upgrading the stations in each of those towns.

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## Letter from the Editor

Well, it seems that great minds really do think alike, as Mayor Wayne Johnston and yours truly are definitely on the same page this time.

This month, I was thinking about not publishing any more letters about the recent issues that arose from a lack of communication between the Council and the Gazette.

I was still undecided about whether to make this plain to future letter writers or not to say anything at all. However, it's not the editor's place to dictate what letters should or shouldn't be about. And we really do need to fill the letters page!

While I was pondering this and getting the rest of the paper together, the letter from Mayor Wayne Johnston (at right) arrived in my inbox saying pretty much what I was thinking about saying.

And therefore, it's highly likely that his letter and this one will just stir things up again and more letters will follow.

So, to be short, let's all give it a rest, please.

The council and the Gazette had some misunderstandings in the past.

We have cleared the air and now are getting on with doing what we do.

The Gazette appreciates the support of its readers but the Gazette also values the support of the council – Mayor, councillors, employees – without whom, there would be so much less to report on.

But getting back to choosing letters ...

My reluctance to censor readers' letters stems from my belief that everyone should be allowed a little rant now and then. Unless of course, they veer into the obscene, profane or downright libellous. Or the completely illegible.

I also believe that 'letters to the editor' are meant to display the diverse views of the community and that letter writers are not journalists.

This means that the Gazette does not share every view expressed on the letters page. As the editor of the Gazette, many of the letters I select display opinions that differ considerably from mine and many other of the Gazette team as well.

So far, decisions about leaving letters out has been more to do with length or their general incoherence, rather than because we at the Gazette disagree with the writer.

If a letter is too long, I would prefer to leave it out rather than cut it. If there is time, the writer will be asked to cut it back and re-submit.

If a letter is a little strange, then it will still be considered for publication. What a boring world we would live in if all strangeness was gone.

So please, dear readers, let's move on. There will be other controversies to sink your teeth into. The Gazette will be here if you decide to bite.

Liz Douglass,  
Editor, Meander Valley Gazette

### Meander Valley Gazette

I would like to respond to a recent letter to the editor from Richard Dunlop (July edition). In the letter, Mr Dunlop states that Council intimidates residents by threatening to withdraw advertising funding in an attempt to censor the Meander Valley Gazette.

I would like to put the record straight one more time.

Council did not threaten to withdraw its monthly double page spread from the Gazette.

Council's pages in the Gazette provide a valuable community service. They enable us to keep residents informed about what we do and how we do it. Referring to these pages as 'advertising money' for the Gazette, which allows Council to influence reporting, undermines the integrity of the entire publication.

As I continue to read letters to the editor that falsely suggest that Council threatened censorship, I am aware of the damage this misinformation causes – particularly for the residents in our municipality

### Passenger Rail in Tasmania?

90% of Tasmania's population lives along the railway line and tourism has risen from 900 000, to 1.2 million, in just the 3 years that I have lived in Tasmania.

So, think of introducing Bombardier VLocity trains, on 70% of the line, able to run at 150 km/h. Thus, train services could be 2 1/2 hours from Burnie to Hobart, instead of 5 hours by bus – in comfort, on a better gradient, with toilets that are actually useable.

Passenger rail services are about to resume between the Don River Railway Station and Penguin, primarily for tourism. Tasmania has an extensive rail network used for freight, which has been upgraded by the State and Federal governments over the last decade, for hundreds of millions of dollars.

The ports of Burnie and Hobart (which is also a cruise liner destination) have large rail yards, so simply shipping in a few 3-carriage VLocity passenger diesel electric trains would be easy.

### Check your rates!

Council rates windfall?

The Meander Valley Council has increased the General Rate by 2.5%. But in Meander typical rates increases have been 10 to 20%.

Rates are calculated from property values, as well as the General Rate. The Valuer General sets the property value, and Meander property values have increased due to the real estate boom in Tasmania. So Council's 2.5% General Rate increase was applied on top of big increases in property values.

who rely entirely on their local community newspaper for accurate information.

I value accountability and transparency and, as an organisation, legislation requires that these values are upheld through the information we provide to the public.

It is in the public interest that Council is held to account over inaccurate, false or misleading statements and it is in the public interest that journalists are held to account over same.

I would also suggest that it is in the public interest that the relationship between elected members and the media is one that encourages open and honest debate – which can only occur when the facts are known and there is no fear of retribution.

This letter to the editor focusses only on a perceived obstruction of independent reporting and fails to recognise that it is reasonable for questions to be asked in both directions.

Yours sincerely,  
Mayor Wayne Johnston

As to infrastructure, there are 4 airports in Tasmania, that relate to the rail network, for fly-in/fly-out workers – Launceston, Hobart, Devonport and Wynyard/Burnie. Launceston and Hobart have direct flights to Melbourne.

Launceston is about 1 1/4 hours flight time, Hobart about 1 1/2 hours. Devonport and Wynyard/Burnie airports have direct 1 hour flights to Melbourne.

Further to infrastructure, the North to Hobart route is serviced by the Bass Highway.

There is the well-maintained freight line from Burnie to Hobart and the Spirit of Tasmania sails twice a day with passengers and vehicles.

Potential commercial partners for passenger rail are: cruise line operators; the Spirit of Tasmania; Qantas, Virgin Australia and Jetstar; airports; Tourism Tasmania; Redline, Tassie Link, Wynyard and other bus lines; the Don River Railway Museum; local councils and hotels.

Stuart Brown,  
Deloraine

Others will be in this situation too. Council's budget lists big increases in property values in Carrick, Bracknell, Westbury and Mole Creek, and slightly smaller increases in Blackstone Heights, Deloraine, and farming areas.

Is Council set to reap a rates windfall? Did they need to raise the General Rate at all? MARRA has written to Council seeking answers. So check your rates folks: you may want to ask your Councillors some questions too.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Deloraine House

I've read the story – *Deloraine House celebrates 30 years of Community Service*, by Hayley Manning (Meander Valley Gazette July 2019) and am left rather saddened that the House's founder – the late Annie Walker, rates no mention.

Annie was a dear friend of mine and chose that particular house, because (in Annie's words) it had a nice deep bath. In recent years the bath has been removed and replaced with three toilets.

I don't believe any of the present staff ever met Annie. I also believe the house has gone in a different direction than Annie would have imagined.

I believe the house should provide a bath/shower and laundry, also extend its operating hours including weekends, because that's what Annie would have wanted.

AR Trounson, Needles

### Wild Wood

Groundkeeper Willy (Meander Valley Gazette, July 2019) claims the small patch

of woodland known as Wild Wood is a quiet and pleasant place to walk and contemplate the natural scenery.

That 'natural scenery' must only be in the eye of the beholder.

I see the Meander River choked with foreign willows. There's nothing 'natural' about blackberries and gorse. I see spillage from the dam above Meander, no longer a river.

I see a heavily polluted waterway with a flood causing disused weir across it in Deloraine. I see sheep and cattle accessing the water all the way from Meander.

Willy also states 'Wild Wood' is home to native fauna. Many of which are injured road-strike victims in need of euthanising. Most are 'starving and fenced in' to the tiny corridor along the waterway.

Groundkeeper Willy speaks of a 'stained glass effect'. The only stained glass effects I see are broken stubbies in the water.

Do you see what I see?  
AR Trounson, Needles





# Nice weather for ducks!

Heavy rain over the past month has led to minor flooding in Deloraine and surrounding districts. Gumboots, essential on the farm, are now very handy in town! Photo by Mike Moores



## A better future for youth in the Valley

ON 17 June, approximately 120 students met at Deloraine High School to consider three questions: What will I be doing when I'm 25? What's helping me to get there? What's getting in my way?

They shared their hopes and dreams of bright futures, they considered realistic expectations and spoke of the challenges to their success.

On 21 June, 2019, 32 community members, service providers, government leaders and businesses from the Meander Valley area followed up the student forum, meeting to discuss the possibility of connecting around a 100 Day Challenge.

Want to know more? Want to help build a better future for Meander Valley youth?

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Fast Charging grant applications closed in May, with grants supporting Tasmanian organisations to purchase and install Direct Current charging stations. Fast chargers provide a high rate of charge and must be available for public use, installed where drivers

need to recharge and get back on the road quickly.

Evie Networks was awarded grants to install fast charging stations at Elizabeth Town (\$42 000) and Campbelltown (\$50 000).

When contacted, Evie Networks stated that it was too soon to be disclosing details.

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# Banking on their community

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Five community groups in the Meander Valley area received grants as part of this year's Meander Valley Community Grants Program.

Branch Manager Simon Rootes said the grants would

be used to carry out improvements and projects that would benefit the Meander Valley community.

Ranging from \$3000 to \$25 000, the bank grants support a range of projects across

the Meander Valley, many of which would not be viable without financial assistance.

Grant recipients included Aged Care Deloraine, whose Christmas Joy project received \$3300 to brighten up Grenoch

for the residents with a 25 foot high Christmas tree, to be covered in lights!

Bracknell Football Club received \$8000 for their Club-room Facility Upgrade project and Deloraine Dramatic Society received \$25 000 for their Lighting Upgrade into the 21st Century project which will complement the new sound system recently installed at the Little Theatre.

Edmund Rice Camps Tasmania received \$4950 for their North West Programs in 2019-2020, providing recreational holidays and camps for disadvantaged 7-16 year olds.

Westbury Cricket Club was granted \$8000 for their Tables and Chairs project, to help furnish their new facilities currently under construction.

The grants support community services and partnerships that enhance, promote and develop the Meander Valley community.

As well as directly funding small projects, the grants assist in creating financial leverage for organisations to successfully apply to local, state and federal governments to fund larger projects.

Simon Rootes pointed out that everyone who banks with the Deloraine & Districts Community Bank® Branch is helping make this happen.

Since opening in 2005, Deloraine & Districts Community Bank® Branch has returned more than \$1 675 000 to the Meander Valley community.



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Meander Valley XR at the Extinction Rebellion 'Die-In', Launceston Town Hall. Photo supplied

## Extinction Rebellion in the Meander Valley

REPRESENTATIVES FROM the Meander Valley recently took part in an Extinction Rebellion 'Die-In' at Launceston Town Hall.

As reported in the *Examiner* on Friday 12 July, Extinction Rebellion Northern Tasmania (XR) held a peaceful protest in Civic Square outside Launceston Council Chambers.

XR's Declaration of Rebellion, delivered to Mayor Van Zetten and councillors, states: 'Humanity finds itself

embroiled in an event unprecedented in its history. One which, unless immediately addressed, will catapult us further into the destruction of all we hold dear: this nation, its peoples, our ecosystems and the future of generations to come.'

A number of Meander Valley residents car-pooled into Launceston to support this protest and are in the process of establishing a local XR affinity group.

The United Nations gives the planet 10 years, so what can you do? XR Meander Valley is looking for members to be a part of the global movement.

Find information online at [ausrebellion.earth](http://ausrebellion.earth). Extinction Rebellion Northern Tasmania can also be found on Facebook.

To make contact with a local, try Graeme at [XRmeandervalley@protonmail.com](mailto:XRmeandervalley@protonmail.com). All are welcome.



# No time for a boring life – Terry Roles

By Wendy Laing

TERRY ROLES has never found the time to lead a boring life. The youngest of eight children, he was born and raised in Deloraine.

As a child, he always wanted a horse and would ride around on a broomstick, pretending to be a jockey.

However, his first job after leaving school was at the Deloraine Savings Bank of Tasmania, but every weekend was spent at the pony club riding or training horses.

Terry left the bank after five years and accepted the position of a stable foreman with Alan Stubbs at Osmaston. At the age of 23 he received his first licence as a horse trainer.

Terry started training racehorses for flat racing but with a passion for jump racing this became his focus both locally and interstate. Over the years, he had many prestigious wins, including five Grand National steeple chases at Deloraine, where this record still stands today.

His favourite horse, Inchgower, won 19 races. He started as a galloper, turned to hurdles and continued on to become a successful showjumper. 'Inchgower, nicknamed Jimbob, became

a well-loved member of our family,' Terry said, 'and was the first horse my daughter, Erin rode after a life-threatening fall in 2006.'

Erin's accident triggered a change in direction for Terry Roles. He decided to resign from his job as a horse trainer and began work as a cleaner, then a carer at Grenoch Home Aged Care in Deloraine. Six years ago, Terry obtained a Diploma of Nursing. He now holds a management position at the Kanangra Aged Care Hostel in Deloraine and finds it very rewarding.

Although Terry still loves to follow and watch horse racing, he has no regrets about leaving his career as a horse trainer where he had received several serious injuries, including fracturing his neck. 'Over the years, I met many amazing people in the industry who are still loyal friends,' he said.

Terry has always had a fascination with mountains. In March this year, after being diagnosed with motor neurone disease, Terry, along with friends and his daughter Sophie climbed Quamby Bluff for the first time. 'Reaching the top, I gazed around at the fantastic views while drinking



Terry Roles – no regrets and no time to lead a boring life.

Photo by Mike Moores

a can of Guinness,' he said.

Terry continues in his role at the Deloraine football club as a trainer and manag-

es players' injuries. 'Both my father and uncle were trainers at the club,' he said.

During Terry's 34 years as a

registered horse trainer, he had over 600 career wins, earning prize money of over one hundred and fifty million dollars.



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# Deloraine Parish proposes homes for Saleyards land

By Sharon Webb

THE ANGLICAN Parish of Deloraine plans to build eight villas on land adjacent to St Mark's Church to cover its funding obligation to the National Redress Scheme for children sexually abused in institutions.

St Mark's minister, Reverend Joshua Skeat, said the land on East Westbury Place in Deloraine, historically known as the Saleyards, and St Saviour's Church in Meander originally had been listed for sale by Tasmania's Anglican Diocese to cover the parish's obligation.

'There has always been a desire in the parish to utilize the land rather than simply selling it,' he said.

'The church wardens and the parish council also wanted to talk with the Meander community about the use of their church building, which hasn't been used for services since April 2017,' he said.

'We paid the redress money out of parish funds, giving us time to make decisions.'

While discussions with the Meander community are ongoing, the parish council decided to take advantage of an offer by developers, Traders in Purple, to help develop the Saleyards land.

'We want to sell six villas and keep two to solidify parish finances,' Reverend Skeat said. 'The money raised will

replace the parish funds used for redress and St Mark's Church needs repair.

'Local real estate agents advised us that two-bedroom units are in demand to buy and rent in Deloraine. We'd like to rent out the two villas we keep, pricing them at the lower end of the rental market to give families and couples affordable, secure accommodation in a desirable location.'

Traders in Purple, the company behind Ridgeside Lane in Evandale and Kingston Park in Kingston, worked with the parish to lodge a planning application with Meander Valley Council.

Director Charles Daoud said that while supporting redress for people who experienced institutional abuse is important, retaining significant places like St Saviour's was also important.

'If there are ways of achieving both they should be explored,' he said. 'The history of St Saviour's is one reason Traders in Purple reached out to help the Deloraine Parish and the Meander community.'

'It was designed by the local architect H.H. Freeman, who also designed Deloraine's historic home, Arcoona. It was built in 1896 by Exton contractors Reilly's for £140 and the altar donated by wardens of All Saints in Hobart.

'There is also a significant burial ground on St Saviour's

grounds. Hopefully this now means its preservation is guaranteed.'

Mr Daoud said the project is sensitive to its surroundings and sense of place and will not visually impact St Mark's Church. 'The proposal respects the significant historic value to the point that the single-storey villas have been designed to retain important view corridors to the church.'

The Vicar-General of the Anglican Diocese of Tasmania, The Right Reverend Dr Chris Jones, said he appreciates that if the application is approved St Saviour's Church will not need to be sold but will remain a community asset.

'I commend the parish for its creative response,' he said. 'I am also greatly encouraged the parish is seeking to be a blessing to its community by providing low income housing in Deloraine.'

Traders in Purple, along with Rytenskiold Traffic Engineering, MRC Engineering, Lange Design, Michael Jirku Architecture and PDA Surveyors, are working pro bono to deliver the project.

If approved, work will begin in early 2020, estimated to complete in November 2020.

St Mark's Church plans to build eight units to contribute to the National Redress Scheme for children sexually abused in institutions.



Architectural renderings of the proposed Saleyards development. Images supplied

## Island Project is calling

MEANDER VALLEY Community Radio is proud to assist the University of Tasmania Wicking Dementia Research and Education Centre with its state-wide ISLAND Project.

As Rijke from MVFM has said on air, 'Our little island will play a major role in making life better for future generations worldwide.'

The Dementia Centre is a global research leader on the

risk factors for dementia and this will be the largest dementia prevention study in the world, to date.

Tasmania has the oldest population in Australia and relatively high rates of many dementia risk factors.

The research is aimed at finding out the possible contributing factors in lifestyle and health, which are not only linked to dementia, but to

many other common chronic conditions and illnesses in older adults.

By registering, you will be joining over 9000 Tasmanians already committed to helping the Island Project.

The immediate goal is to recruit 10 000 volunteers aged 50 and over. Anyone in that age group can register online at [www.island@dementia.utas.edu.au](http://www.island@dementia.utas.edu.au)

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## Turn up your radio!

MEANDER VALLEY Community Radio launched their second membership offer on 1 August.

Members will receive discounts at local businesses on selected items that have a sticker with the MVFM logo and the words 'MVFM Members' Discount'. Members will need to show their current Member Card/Supporter Discount Card at the counter.

Membership renewal fell due on 1 July, so this year, supporters are receiving the new Member Card/Supporter Discount Card.

MVFM is finding ways of giving back more than just music and information to their membership. Current participating businesses are shown below.

New members are very welcome and any Deloraine businesses wishing to join

the discount scheme are also warmly invited. MVFM also welcomes new guest presenters to add to the diversity of musical content.

Drop in to Meander Valley Community Radio between 10am-2pm at their DCS office, give them a ring on 63624969 or send an email to [webmaster@gmail.com](mailto:webmaster@gmail.com). You can also find them online at [www.mvfm.com](http://www.mvfm.com).

Seppenfelts - 10% off storewide  
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Deloraine Jewellers - 10% off everything  
Deloraine Creative Studios - 10% off room hire  
The Alpaca Shoppe - 10% off Alpaca products





## Café & culture at Marakoopa

MARAKOOPA CAFÉ is currently enjoying its winter break, but the Café will be open for repeat screenings of *Sixteen Legs* in August for National Science Week.

The Café will then reopen from Sunday 1 September with new regular hours, from 10.30am–3.30pm on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Marakoopa's website has been upgraded with a calendar so prospective visitors can easily see what's on and when. Tickets can now be booked directly on the website to avoid booking fees.

*Sixteen Legs* will be screening everyday of National Science Week, from Saturday 10 August to Sunday 18 August. See the website for times.

Journey into a place like no other, where giant prehistoric spiders the size of dinner plates seek kinky love in the dark.

Featuring Neil Gaiman, Kate Miller-Heidke, Stephen Fry, Tara Moss, Adam Hills, Mark Gatiss and scientific researchers and experts from around the globe, award-winning cinematography showcases one of the world's most spectacular wildernesses in this real-world *Charlotte's Web*.

Private bookings are available for 10 or more people.

James Bennett will be performing at the café on Sunday 8 September at 1.00pm.

James is an alternative roots/ folk artist from Newcastle NSW. No stranger to playing live, he plays over 100 shows per year, incorporating many different elements into his performances including Weissenborn Lap Steel, 11 and 6 string guitars, foot percussion, harmonica and a unique vocal style.

Marakoopa Café, near Mole Creek Caves, 186 Mayberry Rd, Mayberry TAS 7304. Phone 03 6363 5033. Email: [enquire@marakoopacafe.com.au](mailto:enquire@marakoopacafe.com.au).

# Piecing things together



MVU3A member Susanne Puccetti works some of her mosaic magic on an old skateboard.

Photo by Mike Moores

ON A cold and rainy Thursday, a group of dedicated artists meets in the Deloraine Baptist Church Hall to explore creativity through mosaic.

The Meander Valley is well-known for the numerous talented groups and individuals who practice their art or craft regardless of the seasons.

U3A is one of the many organisations that bring people together for a variety of pursuits. The mosaic classes, overseen by the knowledgeable and enthusiastic Linda Ireland, is just one of these gatherings.

Class members learn basic skills and develop a familiarity with materials, recipes and techniques, ensuring that pieces will be made to last, indoors or outside in the elements.

Once the artists are comfortable with their medium, creativity can be let fly.

Mosaic can be created on many different surfaces or objects. Linda commented that with the weight of the mosaic on the outside, it is always a good idea to minimise the weight underneath!

Scouring charity shops for china and ceramics is a regular activity. Discarded items can be brought back to life with mosaic. An old bowling ball, an old skateboard or just a wood panel – each artist has their own vision.

Working in a group allows artists to provide commentary and advice, watching and learning by example, building relationships as well as art. Regular meetings provide impetus for creativity as well as an excuse to leave the house.

An exhibition of the group's mosaics, themed 'Personality Plus' is currently on display in Westbury.

In Linda's words, 'It is very rare, especially in our area, to have an exhibition dedicated solely to the art of mosaic.'

'A group of MVU3A mosaic artists jumped at the chance to showcase some of their artwork when Patrick Gambles, the Community Development Officer for the Meander Valley Council, offered the use of the reception area at the council building.'

'The nine represented artists clearly demonstrate

their wonderful differences in imagination, and very individual approaches to the construction of each of their items. The possibilities appear endless. It is worth taking the time to view this small, but exciting, glimpse into the world of mosaic art.'

The exhibition is on display from 1 July to 30 August, and can be viewed between 8.30am and 5pm, Monday to Friday, MVC reception foyer, Lyaal Street, Westbury.

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### Meander Valley Council



Above: Mayor Wayne Johnston on-site at the Westbury Recreation Ground with project architect Thomas Floyd of Philp Lighton Architects.

### Westbury Recreation Ground redevelopment takes shape!

Work on the Westbury Recreation Ground Clubroom redevelopment is well underway with the roof and framing on stage one of the project already complete.

Internal construction work for the 100 seat capacity function space can now begin.

Mayor Wayne Johnston undertook a tour of the new facility last month to see how work on the site was progressing.

"The staged development has been an important aspect of this project as it has allowed the existing clubrooms to remain operational for as long as possible," Mayor Wayne Johnston said.

Work on stage one of

the redevelopment commenced in April and over coming weeks electrical and plumbing work will get underway.

Stage two will commence following the completion of stage one and involves the upgrade of the existing facility.

These upgrades will allow for greater female participation and work includes additional change room facilities, dedicated space for umpires, a medical room, six toilets, eight showers, equipment storage space and a timekeeper/club meeting area.

The project attracted funding from the Tasmanian State Government and the Commonwealth through the Community Development Grants Programme.

### On the right path in Blackstone Heights



Work involving the construction of approximately 1.6km of concrete pathway at Blackstone Heights is well underway.

Council approved the construction of a new stage of footpath work along Blackstone Road from the intersection of Panorama Road to the intersection of Kelsey Road earlier this year.

The work follows on from the footpaths constructed along Pitcher Parade and Panorama Road. Temporary bus stops and traffic diversions have been in place to ensure the work can be undertaken safely.

"The project is progressing well and Council thanks residents for their patience while work is completed," Mayor Wayne Johnston said.

Greater pedestrian connectivity was a key recommendation of the Prospect Vale / Blackstone Heights Structure Plan - a future focussed plan developed with input from the community.

Council Officers worked with the contractor, Crossroads Civil Contracting to set the construction program and efforts have been made to keep disruptions to a minimum.



Above: The new roundabout to be constructed at the intersection of Westbury Road and Meander Valley Road in Prospect Vale.

### Preparation underway for major upgrade of intersection on Westbury Road

At its July Meeting, Council awarded the contract for major road infrastructure works in Prospect Vale.

At a cost of \$1.6m, the intersection of Westbury and Meander Valley Roads will be re-aligned and replaced with a roundabout.

"This is a high growth area and the new roundabout will improve traffic flow and provide better access to a number of facilities, including the Prospect Vale Park sports complex," Mayor Wayne Johnston said.

Identified as a priority project, the intersection upgrade will be funded by a Federal Liberal Government election commitment, the Commonwealth Government's Infrastructure Investment Grant Programme and Meander Valley Council.

"This intersection upgrade

will facilitate the safe movement of pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles in addition to promoting further residential, retail and commercial development in the area," Mayor Wayne Johnston said.

Installation of additional crossing points for pedestrians was also an important part of the design.

The project aligns with the objectives set out in Council's Community Strategic Plan 2014 to 2024.

"Council's Strategic Plan provides us with reference points that guide growth and identifies the types of services and infrastructure that are of most benefit to our unique and diverse community centres," Mayor Wayne Johnston said.

Work on the project is due to commence in October.



### Community Cars at your service

If you require transport, Community Cars operate from Deloraine and Westbury. Cars are available for travel at anytime.

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Deloraine Community Car 0427 504 546

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### If it's flooded, forget it.

Entering flood waters is the major cause of death during flood events. Often, people who drive through flood water significantly overestimate their driving capabilities as well as the capabilities of their vehicle.

Research shows that four wheel drive owners, particularly men in their 40's, are most at risk and the majority of these fatalities occur within 20km of home.



This is not surprising when you consider that people are more likely to overestimate their driving capabilities on a road that is well known to them. Flooded roads often contain debris and flood water can erode road surfaces leaving deep and

dangerous holes which cannot be seen.

Never remove signage instructing that a road is closed and where a road is flooded, but has not been closed, turn around and find an alternative route.





Above: Chooks can be great additions, but you must ensure they receive the appropriate care and are confined to your property.

### Happy hens, happy neighbours

Chooks can be wonderful additions to your garden - they keep pests under control, devour kitchen scraps and produce healthy, free range eggs.

However, like any animal, they do come with responsibilities.

Chicken coops must be well ventilated, provide shelter from the rain and the sun and contain roosting perches and a safe place for the chooks to lay.

In addition, it is important that chicken coops are secure. Chooks must be safe from predators such as dogs, cats and quolls.

Wasted chicken feed might

attract rats and mice so care should be taken to ensure that the coop is vermin proof.

#### How you manage your chooks has an impact on your neighbours...

Your chooks should be confined to your property. Roaming poultry can cause a nuisance for your neighbours by damaging garden beds and leaving droppings. Roaming chooks can also cause hazards on local roads.

By following good animal husbandry practices, you can ensure you will have happy chooks and happy neighbours.



Above: School pick-up and drop-off times will be made easier with upgrades proposed for Mount Leslie Road, adjacent to St Patrick's College.

### Mount Leslie Road to benefit from upgrade works

Design work is nearing completion for the proposed upgrades to Mount Leslie Road which will improve safety and access to St Patrick's College.

"These upgrades will improve traffic movement and pedestrian access, particularly at peak drop-off and pick-up times," Mayor Wayne Johnston said.

Temporary line marking was completed during the July school holidays with addi-

tional work scheduled to be undertaken during the summer school holidays between January and February 2020.

Council worked with St Patrick's College, Metro Tasmania and Redline Buses during the design phase and the upgrades include; widening of the road to incorporate a new bus turning lane, median islands, pedestrian crossing points and refuges, a footpath and improved parking clearances.

### Planning to enhance your outdoor living space with an awning or pergola?

Before you embark on building your outdoor living space, you need to be certain about the approvals you require. Depending on the scope of the work, seemingly simple additions like awnings and pergolas may still require planning, building and/or plumbing approvals.

Work that is done without the correct approvals can be deemed illegal and you may be required to demolish or re-do the work. Illegal work also negatively impacts the value of your property.

Check with Council's Development Services Department on 6393 5320 before undertaking any work and, if required you can also request a Planning Review.



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To register, contact Vicki Jordan on 0400 155 690



### Westbury Bowls Club

9 Franklin Street, Westbury

Tuesday 10 September 2019 • 7pm - 8.30pm

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

These gatherings are intended to be an informal sharing of information to raise awareness and to generate practical outcomes. Councillors and Council officers will be in attendance and all interested community members are welcome.

This particular meeting will focus on the community of Westbury and surrounding areas.

Refreshments are provided, please come along and share your thoughts.

For more information contact Patrick Gambles on 6393 5334

### Future planning for community groups

If you are part of a community group, Council offers a free, practical 2-hour session in organisational planning.

The session is designed to help groups identify their main direction and what they want to achieve.

Organisational planning assists with the practical skills required to guide activities and remain focussed on achieving objectives.

For more information or to book a session phone Patrick Gambles on 6393 5334.



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# Quamby Fly Fishers Annual Open Day

QUAMBY FLY Fishers Club Annual Open Day is at Meander Hall on Saturday 21 September 2019 from 10am–3pm.

This year, funds raised will support junior anglers.

A warm invitation is extended to anyone currently involved in fishing and those who would like to get involved in the wonderful experience of fly fishing.

Tasmania will host the World Fly Fishing Championships from 30 November to 8 December 2019, showcasing our unique wildlife and natural fisheries.

The Meander River will be a sector for competition in the Championships. Some members of the club will be involved as volunteers, controllers and competitors.

Quamby Fly Fishers Club is based at Deloraine on the Meander River, forty minutes west of Launceston or east of Devonport.

Huntsman Lake is 15 minutes away and the Central Plateau Lakes in the Highlands are only an hour away. Brushy Lagoon, Four Springs Lake, the Meander, Esk and Mersey Rivers are all within easy access.

The club has fishing outings around the lake and river fisheries regularly, offering guidance, encouragement and sharing of ideas within a very social environment.

Monthly meetings and workshops feature an informal atmosphere, with shared practical sessions and ideas from experienced members that are valuable for all.

The Open Day is designed as a taster day. Those attending will be able to obtain information from experienced club members about fly fishing at any level from the beginner to the experienced angler.

All members of our club are passionate about fly fishing and several members have competed in international, national and state level competitions, so there is a wealth of knowledge to draw on.

Demonstrations and advice will cover casting, fly tying and entomology, knots, gear selection, cleaning and filleting, as well as where to fish, when to fish and how to fish.

There will be opportunity for patrons to practise some of these activities under expert tuition. Quamby Fly Fishers



Club Open Day offers something for everyone so come along and enjoy a relaxed and informative day.

When: Saturday 21 September 2019

Time: 10am to 3pm

Venue: Meander Memorial Hall, Meander

Cost: gold coin donation

Lunch: food for purchase  
Raffle: prizes for fishing, winners being drawn at the Fly Fishers site at the Tasmanian Craft Fair in Deloraine on November 4.

Inquiries: Eve Berne,  
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Fly tying is a valuable fly fishing skill. Photo by Mike Moores

## Westbury RSL restoration – a major heritage project

THE WESTBURY RSL Sub Branch committee will commence restoring the exterior of the Westbury RSL building on Lonsdale Promenade.

A significant program of restorative works to be undertaken over the next five years will require heritage and specialist input as well as support from other external funding sources.

The Westbury RSL building is of great importance to the history of Westbury for its location in the historic Village Green precinct and its long list of past occupants.

Originally built circa 1832 using convict labour, it has been used as a court house, gaol, police station and council building before being purchased last century by the Westbury RSL Sub Branch.

Given the building's historical significance, the President, Committee and members of the Westbury RSL Sub Branch consider it an honour to be its custodian and have a shared commitment to its ongoing preservation.

President Bob Sackley said it was very important for the building to be maintained to preserve its heritage for future generations, a view shared by the Westbury & Districts Historical Society.

'The ongoing maintenance and restorative works to our historic building also meets our RSL Objective to provide a means for members to enjoy camaraderie, fellowship and mateship, which is fundamental to our commitment to our veterans, their families and our local community. Importantly, it also continues



From left, former Westbury RSL Sub Branch Vice President Fred Baker, the Hon. Guy Barnett MP and Westbury RSL Commemorative Events Chairperson John Donaldson, outside the Westbury RSL.

to support our moral responsibility to provide a place for social connectedness and inclusion.'

In 2015, the Westbury RSL embarked on a major program of internal works.

These works were achieved with grants from the Department of Veterans' Affairs, many years of savings and most recently, Tasmania's Minister for Veterans' Affairs the Hon. Guy Barnett MP announced a grant of \$9000 from the Teddy Sheean Memorial Grants Program 2018/2019 Round 2.

This grant program honours the sacrifice made by Edward 'Teddy' Sheean, as a representative of the many Tasmanians who gave their lives during World War Two.

## Cleaning your brewing gear



WITHOUT ANY doubt, the main reason more people don't brew at home, or stop after a couple of batches, is the arduous task of cleaning and sanitising, especially when it comes to bottles.

Which is why kegging is rapidly gaining massive popularity!

For cleaning, I have used a number of products and methods over the years and

wish I had come across the ones I now use a lot sooner.

The first rule to remember is: you can't sanitise your gear until it's clean.

The best everyday cleaner I've come across is sodium percarbonate.

Soak your fermenter in this overnight and it will do the hard part for you. It is a fantastic cleaner for removing yeast, tannins and protein build-up.

Sodium percarbonate uses active oxygen to penetrate carbon or protein soils and has a high kill rate on a wide range of micro-organisms making it an effective sanitiser as well as cleaner.

I even use a teaspoon in half a sink to wash my favourite beer glasses, as dirty glasses won't hold or keep pushing up a nice frothy head.

It is also non-rinse but I like to rinse it out with my sanitiser of choice, a phosphoric-based product called Starsan, which is a 100% food grade non-rinse sanitiser.

To say a little goes a long way is an understatement. 1.5ml per litre is all you need. The best part is, it can be reused. It only needs a contact time of 30 seconds, therefore it is perfect to make up a solution in a spray bottle.

This phosphoric acid blend provides a unique micro-organism killing system, unaffected by organic soils and delivering a high foaming formulation with optimum coverage and penetration.

Please note the foam is okay! Pour your wort directly onto the foam, as this is a foaming non-rinse formulation. The formula can be

metabolised by the yeast and will act as a nutrient that will actually assist yeast growth.

Follow this procedure and it will not impart any off-odours or flavours.

Unlike other harsh chemical sanitisers, Starsan is non-staining, stainless steel safe, and stable over a wide range of temperatures.

Starsan is an American product but it can be found in Aussie home brew shops under the name Stellarsan, with the same active ingredient and a lot cheaper as well.

You can find these two products in most good homebrew shops or online. I use a number of other products when needed, but rely on these two the most. Both can be used without gloves.

If stuck, use an oxy cleaner from a supermarket such as Napisan. This has about 30% sodium percarbonate as an active ingredient, but it needs to be rinsed well. The

same goes for bleach if you're stuck and need a sanitiser for brew day. Bleach needs to be rinsed well and is **not safe** on your hands.

### A few tips

To save a little time and effort on bottling day, have your fresh ingredients ready to go. As soon as you clean and sanitise your fermenter, pitch a fresh brew straight away.

A bottlebrush can be cut off beneath the handle and placed in a cordless drill.

Keep your spray bottle of Starsan on the kitchen bench where it's handy at all times.

Dissolve your sodium percarbonate in hot water to start activation. Starsan can be mixed cold as well as warm.

After you've cleaned your favourite beer glasses with sodium percarbonate, chuck your dishcloth in the solution for half an hour and watch as it becomes clean. Until next time, good brewing!



# Chilean Meatball Stew

By Wai Lin Coultas

A POPULAR dish in the Andean region, Charquicán was food for soldiers in the High Andes while warring against the Spanish Crown.

Though traditionally made from llama or beef jerky with potatoes, pumpkin, corn and peas, this hearty recipe pays homage to the modern Chilean use of minced beef and fried eggs.

It draws generously from Australia's fresh winter produce, served piping hot and perfect for dipping with corn chips.

## Ingredients

- 1 large onion, peeled and thinly sliced
- 3 cloves garlic, peeled and thinly sliced
- 745g grey pumpkin, peeled, deseeded and diced 1.5 cm
- 300g Nicola potatoes, peeled and diced 1.5 cm
- 250g orange beetroot, peeled and diced 1.5 cm
- 380g swede, peeled and diced 1.5 cm
- 4 Roma tomatoes, diced 1.5 cm
- 80g baby spinach leaves
- 15g dried porcini mushrooms, soaked in 3/4 cup boiling water and chopped, soaking liquid retained
- 1 x 500g can Campbell's Hearty Beef and Vegetable Soup
- 5 tbsp sherry vinegar

- 3 1/2 tbsp Maggi Hot Chilli Sauce
- 1 tsp ground cumin
- 1 tsp ground coriander
- 1 1/2 tsp smoked paprika plus extra for sprinkling
- 2/3 x 420g can corn kernels, brine strained and set aside
- 4-6 eggs
- extra virgin olive oil
- salt

## For meatballs

- 260g minced beef
- 50g streaky bacon, julienned
- 1 small onion, peeled and finely diced
- 2 large cloves garlic, peeled and minced
- 60g fine bread crumbs
- 1/4 tsp ground nutmeg
- 2 tbsp milk
- 2 eggs, beaten

## Instructions

### For meatballs

Sauté bacon in hot oil until slightly crispy. Add onion and garlic, then sauté till softened and slightly browned.

Mix sauté with rest of ingredients, season with salt.

Roll out 40 bite size meatballs and refrigerate for 1 hour, covered.

Bake on baking paper in fan-forced oven, pre-heated to 170°C, for 20 minutes.

### For meatball stew

In a large casserole, sauté onion, garlic and porcini in hot oil until softened.

Add spices and chilli sauce then sauté until fragrant.



Charquicán – traditionally made from llama or beef jerky, now pays homage to the modern Chilean use of minced beef and fried eggs. Photo by Wai Lin Coultas

Stir in soup, porcini liquid and vinegar, season with salt and bring to boil, covered.

Add swede to pot and bring to boil. Simmer for 20 minutes, covered, stirring occasionally.

Add potatoes, beetroot and pumpkin to pot and bring to boil. Simmer for 30 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Roughly mash the vegetables to thicken stew before

adding corn, tomatoes and 1/3 to 1/2 cup corn brine. Season if needed.

Simmer, covered, for 10 minutes with occasional stirring, before adding meatballs to warm through and spinach to slightly wilt.

Meanwhile, fry eggs in hot oil till just set, sunny side up.

Serve stew topped with a fried egg, sparingly garnished with paprika and salt, and corn chips on the side.

Serves 4 to 6



SHRUBS THAT flower in winter are doubly welcome. They brighten a gloomy garden scene. The white Tea Tree-like flowers of the South African *Eriocephalus africanus*, (White Woolly Head), have by now developed their fluffy seed heads.

*Mahonia aquifolium* (Oregon Grape), in addition to its small racemes of yellow flowers, has leaves which turn bronze-red at this time of year.

One well-grown specimen of this shrub can be seen at the Great Western Tiers Visitor Information Centre in Deloraine.

## Hebes

There are approximately 150 species of Hebe, evergreen shrubs mainly from NZ, a country which can boast 90 endemic species. The one pictured here, *Hebe x Waikiki*, with *M. aquifolium* beside it, has attractive bronze-tipped foliage in addition to its mauve spikes of flowers. This one has been flowering for many weeks.

## In the vegie garden

I was surprised to hear Leon Compton hailing with delight the sound of heavy rain on his roof (ABC Breakfast Radio 26/7), while those of us in the north of the state are looking for some sunshine.

By the beginning of the final week in July, this area has had 151mm of rain (129mm average). So best to keep off the vegetable beds until some dry weather, as tramping on heavy very wet soil will do it no good.

Silver beet and cabbage seed could be sown in seed boxes to be planted later, but peas, parsnips and turnips, which do not transplant well, should be delayed for a while.



Hebe x Waikiki

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# Westbury on a roll!

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**3:00PM** CRADLE COAST JUNIOR ROLLER DERBY vs HOBART JUNIOR ROLLER DERBY  
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ROUND TWO of the 2019 Tasmania Roller Derby Tournament is here! Hosted by Tournament Tasmania – Roller Derby and Devil State Derby League.

This round, the South Island Sirens take on the Swiss Army Wives and then Devil State Derby League!

The Cradle Coast Junior Roller Derby players will be taking on the Hobart Junior Roller Derby.

Don't let the word 'junior' fool you – there is nothing that holds these kids back. For genuine competition and sportsmanship this will be the game to watch.

Thunder from Down Under will also have a game – when the all-gender Tassie team steps out to stretch their legs in a friendly (yet brutal) game of smash!

Saturday 24 August from 1–9pm at Westbury Sports Hall, Franklin Street, Westbury.

There will be drinks and snacks available at the venue. Cash only please, and \$5 entry at the door to help things along.

You can find Tasmanian Roller Derby on Facebook and this event at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/327907968113760/>.

# Northern lights



THE FRANCES Mary Archer Gallery (FMAG) at Woolmers Estate is showcasing the vast talent of a variety of Northern Tasmanian artists in its newly curated Collection of Northern Artists Exhibition.

Phillip Austen, Carol Barnett, Paul Becker, Alison Cooper-White, Yvonne Correlje, Carlton Cox, Sharon Davidson, Luke Harvey, Gerry Jensen, Brad Quinn, Darren Meader and Mary-Ann Orchard are twelve artists from different areas of northern Tasmania who have produced works in a range of media, including watercolour, oil, pastel, linocut prints and acrylic.

The exhibition is set to draw visitors both from around Tasmania and the mainland.

As one of the most significant heritage properties in Australia, Woolmers Estate has for decades been of keen interest to artists and art historians. It is only fitting that the tradition of art appreciation be continued and enjoyed by all who visit the Estate.

UNESCO World Heritage Listed Convict Site, Woolmers Estate, is home to not one but two of the newest art galleries in Northern Tasmania, housed within the state of the art Nigel Peck Centre.

Business Administration Manager Sue-Ellen Groer, who has been working closely with the curators of the exhibition, said: 'This outstanding presentation by northern Tasmanian artists showcases the unique and contemporary works within the new setting of the Nigel Peck Centre.'

'The centre has provided Woolmers Estate with a major storage upgrade for the extensive Woolmers Collection as well as providing two large gallery spaces to present a variety of events and exhibitions.'

'In drawing together artworks from a variety of artists across different genres, this new exhibition traces narratives of geography, country, landscape and the places we live and work. It also tells stories of journeys, encounters, beauty and nature. The return of a Collection of Northern Artists Exhibition is a deeply satisfying undertaking, as it draws on the expertise of artists in the north of the state forming a wonderful chapter in the story of Australian art.'

Open to the public from Sunday 21 July, the exhibition will run daily between 10am and 3pm until October. Entry to the exhibition is free.

Woolmers Estate is a not for profit organization and appreciates donations to assist with the ongoing costs of preserving the convict built outbuildings, vast collections and gardens within the site.

Woolmers Estate is open daily for self-guided tours of the grounds, gardens and convict built outbuildings and guided house tours are also conducted daily. Current hours are listed on the website: [www.woolmers.com.au](http://www.woolmers.com.au).

## Council in brief

### Dunorlan blackberry farm to expand

Costa Exchange Pty Ltd will invest \$1.7m to expand blackberry production at 172 Bengeo Rd Dunorlan following council approval to increase the number of poly tunnels within 50m of the boundary.

Property manager Rohan Kite said the move would complete the first stage of a three-stage development.

'We currently pay \$3.7m in wages and salaries annually,' he said.

### No to axing Prospect trees

Meander Valley Council has refused permission to cut down all street trees in Chel-

tenham Way, Prospect Vale but will organise extra street cleaning in autumn.

A petition signed by 43 people asked for the trees to be cut down because falling leaves create a mess.

Councillor Susie Bower said the trees add value to the area, 'whether the residents believe it or not', Cllr Frank Nott said he would hate to see the trees removed.

### House blocks for Westbury

A 13 lot residential sub-division has been approved for land fronting William and Franklin Sts, Westbury.

Meander Valley Council approved sub-division of the 2.3 hectare block despite railway noise and minor flooding concerns.

### New cafe in Mole Creek

A plan to convert the front of a house at 20 Pioneer Drive Mole Creek to a cafe has been approved by Meander Valley Council.

The business proposed by property owner Petra Mansfield, will be an 18-seat cafe with indoor and outdoor seating serving croissants, baguettes and light lunches.

# Burn brighter this winter

EPA TASMANIA is urging wood heater operators to burn their wood heater brightly this winter to help reduce smoke pollution.

Wood heater smoke tends to linger round our homes and neighbourhoods on still winter days and nights.

Wood smoke is a problem for people with heart and lung diseases, as breathing in smoke can aggravate these conditions.

Dr John Innis from EPA Tasmania recommends following the EPA's *Burn Brighter this Winter* steps to reduce smoke:

- only burn dry, seasoned wood
- when reloading turn your heater airflow to high for 20 minutes – especially before going to bed
- always burn with a flame
- ensure the flue is clean.

'It's really important to never let your fire smoulder,



as this creates a lot of smoke,' Dr Innis said. 'It's also worth looking at your chimney every so often to see what is coming out.'

By following these steps, your neighbours will breathe easy and you'll stay toasty warm. You'll also save money, because smoke going up the chimney is just unburned fuel.

For more information about how to *Burn Brighter this Winter* visit the Tasmanian EPA website: [www.epa.tas.gov.au](http://www.epa.tas.gov.au)

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# Steps on the red carpet

STUDENTS AT Giant Steps Tasmania have entered the Focus on Ability Film Festival for the second year in a row.

Josh, Ben, Francois, Elliott, Jasper and Jacob attended weekly Movie Group sessions for 12 weeks in total to prepare for the event.

Two Giant Steps students, Joshua Lowe and Frankie Louw, were finalists in the competition last year. This motivated other students to get involved and this year, Giant Steps have entered six films.

Students did filming, editing and preparation for their Red Carpet Premieré during weekly movie group lessons with Danielle Whatley.

The students needed votes to be in with a chance to win a prize and voting was open until 3 July.

The Red Carpet Premieré was held at Giant Steps on 4 July so that students could present their films to friends, families, fellow students and the local community. Students sold food, gave speeches, showcased their films, received awards and more.

The Red Carpet event drew a huge crowd, the biggest crowd that has ever attended the event. The DVDs of the students' films were sold out at the end of the event.

The students also raised money for Deloraine House, to give food for those who need it.

The Focus on Ability competition offered \$160 000 worth of prizes and this year's theme was 'Focus on Ability'.

Last year films were entered by 28 countries with entries viewed in 168 countries and voted on by over 700 000 people.

Giant Steps entered their six films in the School Open category. All of the films can be found on the Giant Steps Facebook page.

The films and links to view the films online are:

- School Robbery* by Josh <https://www.focusonability.com.au/FOA/films/1858.html>
- Day at School* by Frankie <https://www.focusonability.com.au/FOA/films/1878.html>
- The Boy Who Cried Wolf* by Ben <https://www.focusonability.com.au/FOA/films/1859.html>
- Brave* by Jacob and students of Giant Steps <https://www.focusonability.com.au/FOA/films/1889.html>
- Bank Robbery* by Elliot <https://www.focusonability.com.au/FOA/films/1886.html>
- Cone Head* by Jasper <https://www.focusonability.com.au/FOA/films/1898.html>



Jasper Dorman in the green hat, Elliot Bartninkaitis in the red hat, with movie group teacher Danielle Whatley in the middle – two budding film makers at the Giant Steps Red Carpet Premier for the Focus on Ability Film Festival. Photo by Mike Moores

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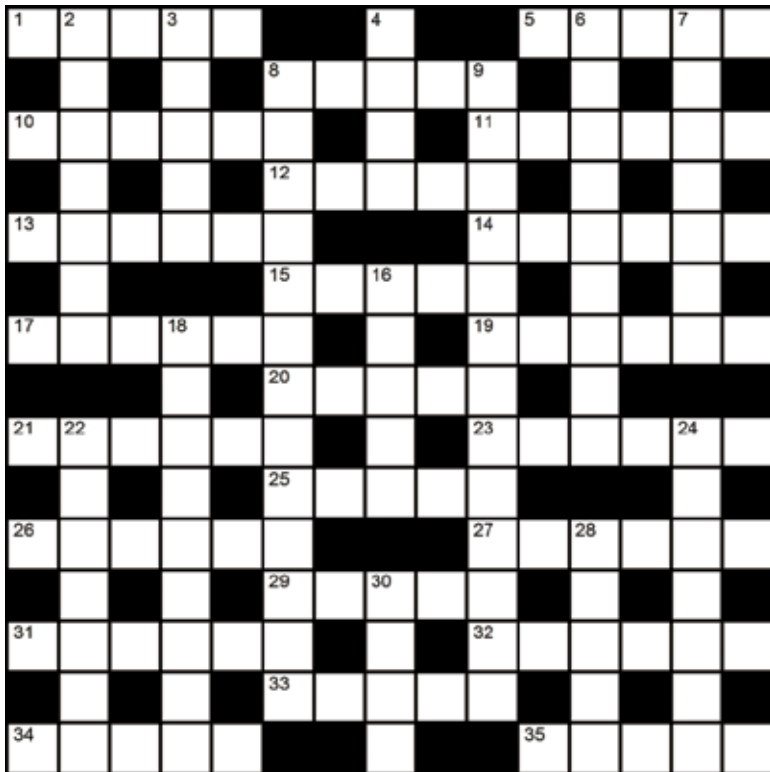
Known as the Festival of Wot?, Wotif will give a deserving location a new festival in honour of something they'd like to be famous for.

Following the success of 'Australia's Next Big Thing', where Wotif gifted The Big Melon to the Queensland town of Chinchilla, Wotif Managing Director Daniel Finch said: 'We're putting on an entire FESTIVAL for one winning destination, completely dedicated to celebrating their unique claim to fame and the community around it.'

Festival of Wot? nominations opened on 30 July and are open to the public until 18 August 2019. Four shortlisted destination festivals will be announced and Australia will be able to vote for who they want to win. The winner will be announced and the festival will be held by the end of the year.

So Meander Valley ... any suggestions?

## Crossword



**Across**

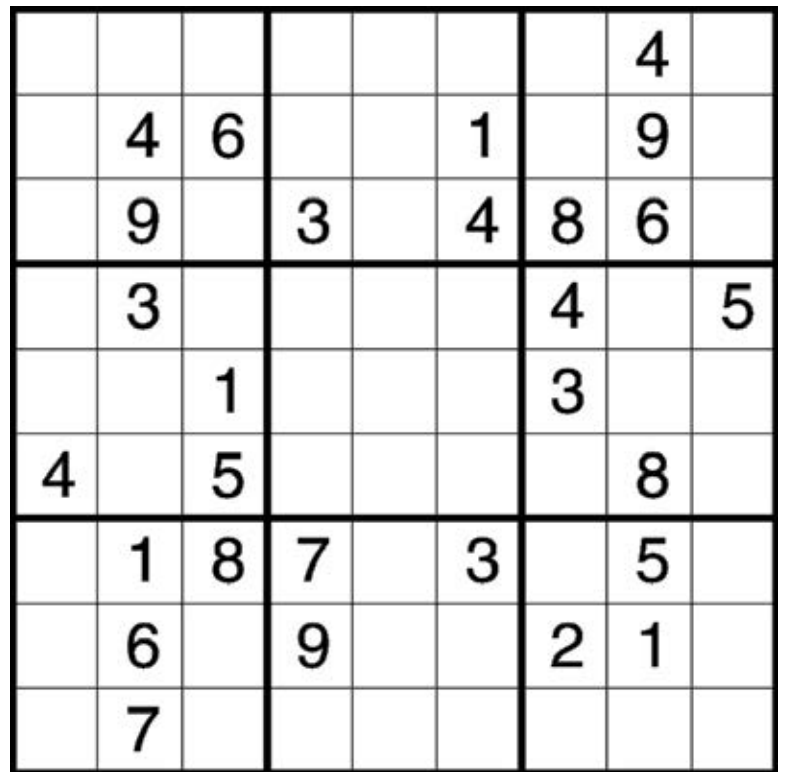
- 1 Shrink (5)
- 5 Iberian monarchy (5)
- 8 Second planet (5)
- 10 Atoll used for nuclear tests (6)
- 11 Foolish (6)
- 12 Brittle (5)
- 13 Open up (6)
- 14 Mistakes (6)
- 15 Tender (5)
- 17 Penniless person (6)
- 19 Applauds (6)
- 20 US state famous for potatoes (5)
- 21 Greek goddess of wisdom (6)
- 23 Brawn (6)
- 25 Crawl (5)
- 26 Short cannon (6)
- 27 False (6)
- 29 Beginning (5)
- 31 Spongelike (6)
- 32 Adequate (6)

- 33 Throwing weapon (5)
- 34 Appears (5)
- 35 Inheritors (5)

**Down**

- 2 Systematically arranged body of facts (7)
- 3 Capital of Egypt (5)
- 4 Against (4)
- 6 Incapable (9)
- 7 Underwriter (7)
- 8 Highest military decoration (8,5)
- 9 Powerful number cruncher (13)
- 16 Scale (5)
- 18 Sleeping accommodation which is only occasionally used (5,4)
- 22 Couple (7)
- 24 Recliner (7)
- 28 That group (5)
- 30 WWII sub-machine gun (4)

## Sudoku



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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!

Crossword - August 2019 Solution



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1st Monday each month 12-2pm	Eating with Friends	Deloraine House, 112 Emu Bay Rd, Deloraine Cost \$7 Bookings essential Ph 6362 2678
Every Monday 9am-5pm	Psychology Café (for children & young people)	Deloraine House, 112 Emu Bay Rd, Deloraine By appointment only Booking & more information 6426 3050
Every Friday 9am-10.30am	Yoga with Brigitte	Deloraine Day Care Centre, Lansdowne Place, Deloraine \$15 casual More info Ph 0414 948 760
Every Sunday 2-4pm	New memoir group - All ages welcome	Deloraine House, 112 Emu Bay Rd, Deloraine \$2pp per session Email Kim pemolotus56@gmail.com
Saturday 10 August 9am-1pm	Community Market Day & Car Boot Sale	Parkham Community Hall, Bradys Plain Rd, Parkham More info & stall bookings Kaylene 0499 554 316
Saturday 10 August 7.30pm sharp	Western Tiers Film Society <i>C'est la Vie</i>	Little Theatre, 2 Meander Valley Rd, Deloraine M Drama/Comedy/Romance France 115m More info 0418 389 868
Saturday 10 August 2-3pm	Free, Fun Introduction to Tennis	Deloraine Tennis Club, Racecourse Rd, Deloraine More info 0438 277 481
Tuesday 13 August 10-10.30am	Baby Play (for babies up to 12 months)	Deloraine House, 112 Emu Bay Rd, Deloraine More info Anne-Marie 0417 120 671 or 6362 2678
Saturday 17 August 9am-1pm	Mole Creek Market	Mole Creek Memorial Hall, cnr Pioneer Drive and Caveside Road, Contact Ross Quick 0413 681 252
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Tuesday 20 August 10-10.30am	Baby Play (for babies up to 12 months)	Deloraine House, 112 Emu Bay Rd, Deloraine More info Anne-Marie 0417 120 671 or 6362 2678
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Sunday 8 September 1-3.30pm	James Bennett	Marakoopa Café, 186 Mayberry Rd, Mayberry Tickets \$20 Ph 6363 5033
Saturday 14 September 7.30pm sharp	Western Tiers Film Society <i>The Insult</i>	Little Theatre, 2 Meander Valley Rd, Deloraine M Drama Lebanon 96m More info 0418 389 868
Saturday 14 September 9am-1pm	Liffey Valley Market	Old Liffey School, 1443 Liffey Rd, Liffey More info Jen 0421 900 810
Saturday 21 September 10am-3pm	Quamby Fly Fishers Open Day	Meander Hall, Main Road, Meander Free event BBQ lunch
Saturday 21 September 1.30-4pm	Westbury Flower Show	Westbury Town Hall, Lyall Street, Westbury Entry \$2 Stalls, raffle & afternoon tea available.





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# Woolworths with a heart

MEANDER VALLEY residents now have access to a defibrillator in Woolworths Deloraine to assist in the event of sudden cardiac arrest.

The Automated External Defibrillator (AED) was installed in Woolworths Deloraine on 21 June as part of a priority roll out program at Woolworths that ensures rural and regional communities, or areas where it may be hard to access a medical site get first access to the roll out.

The AED is designed to be used by anyone, with clear

step-by-step voice instructions that can guide members of the public through the process.

Woolworths Deloraine Store Manager, Steve Copleman said, 'You never know when a sudden cardiac arrest might strike and in the unfortunate event that it does, having the local community able to access this treatment, could help to save lives.'

'The best medical advice tells us that access to an AED early on can greatly increase the chance of survival.'

An estimated 20 000 Australians suffer a cardiac arrest outside a hospital every year. The survival rate if you have a cardiac arrest outside of hospital is approximately 10%.

# Valley of the Rising Suns

By David Claridge

FOR THE Meander Valley Suns, 2019 has been bright with improvement.

The Seniors and Women's teams have had some good wins but it's in the Division One Reserves where the hard work is starting to show.

Media Liaison for the club, Alex Wadley points the rising success in the men's and women's leagues to their player retention and recruitment in the offseason.

'We had an influx of quality senior players, however most importantly, our players who have stuck by the club in tough

times signed on for another year after a disappointing 2018 campaign,' he said.



'There is a good vibe around the club at the moment. We are having some success. The players are showing their commitment to each other and to the club after a less

than desirable end to the 2018 season. The women's team was only two per cent off making the finals, showing the improvement from the previous year where we had not won a single game.'

After an uninspiring start, Division One Reserves came to life and managed to rack up good victories against Old Scotch (16.13.109-3.7.25), Perth (15.18.108-7.5.47) and Uni-Mowbray (21.18.144-1.5.11).

'Whilst we still don't have the high profile players that many of the other clubs have, we are only a couple of recruits and continued hard work on the training track away from being able to match and beat the top sides in the competition,' said Alex.

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# SPORT Roll away those winter blues



Enthusiastic in-line skaters enjoy a winter night of active fun!

Photo by Mike Moores

**GET YOUR skates on!**

Friday evening skating sessions have recommenced in the Meander Valley Performing Arts Centre, just east of the bridge in Deloraine.

The recently formed Meander Valley Indoor Skat-

ers Association has, in just 2 months, attracted over 70 members. Up to 50 skaters at a time take to the rink for the 6 to 7.30 pm skating sessions on Friday evenings.

The annual cost of joining the club is a very reasonable

\$10 per person. A skating session fee of \$3 for juniors and \$5 for adults over 18, makes a cost-effective recreational outing for young and old.

Non-members can register and access the sessions as 'Come and try it' participants

for up to 3 times without having to join the club, but entrance fees for this are a little higher at \$5 for juniors and \$8 for adults.

Inline hockey practice will commence shortly for 6 year olds up to adults.

All fees include the use of inline skates. Protective padding and skating instruction is available for the asking.

To enquire about club activities, please contact the Club President, Peter Ashton on mobile: 0409 234 061.

# Great expectations for Prospect Hawks

By David Claridge

THE PROSPECT Hawks are building quite a reputation in local football.

A record six players were selected to represent Tasmania in the U15s and U16s National Championships.

U15s Brayden Fellows, Isaac Hyatt, Khai Lunson and Conall McCormack join U16s Tony Aganas and Blade Sulzberger in representing not only the Hawks but Tasmanian junior football.

Club President, Shaun Crawford, shared how excited the club is with their reps.

'Six is a very good number given that there are 50 boys selected across Tasmania,' he said.

'This is a record for the club in a single year and we are very proud of all the boys.'

'We have an ongoing focus on developing players to become talented footballers and play at the highest level that they can.'

The U16s towered over Northern Territory in their first match with a 45-point victory in New South Wales (16.13.109-8.8.56).

In game two they were well and truly in the fight going into the fourth quarter against Queensland but fell short over there. Tony Aganas performed well with 30 hit outs.

Game three was bitter-sweet as the U16s were held goalless until the third quarter. They ended going down by 45 points.

With repairs due to take place at UTAS Stadium, Prospect Park will play a key role in hosting the U15s National Championship with three game days on 31 July, 1 August and 3 August.

The Hawks have had many reps in the past. In 2011 the Kolodjashnij brothers, Kade and Jake, represented Tasmania in the U16 Championships and they subsequently went on to be drafted to the AFL.

Top, left to right: Hawks U15s, Isaac Hyatt, Brayden Fellows and Conall McCormack.

Bottom, left to right: Hawks U16s, Blade Sulzberger and Tony Aganas and U15 Khai Lunson.

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