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## Westbury prison already locked in?



Meander Valley Mayor Wayne Johnston, Corrections Minister Elise Archer and John Tucker, Liberal Member for Lyons, announce the proposed site of the new Northern Regional Prison, at the Westbury Industrial Precinct, just over the Bass Highway from the historic Westbury township. Photo by Mike Moores

By Sharon Webb

THE TASMANIAN Government's announcement of Westbury as the proposed site for a new \$270m prison is already taking a toll among residents and local councillors.

Residents are lobbying councillors to protest about the stigma of Westbury becoming a prison town.

And Meander Valley Council Mayor Wayne Johnston was

clearly affected on ABC Radio in a discussion about online trolling of councillors. He advised listeners to take up their problems with the prison with the state government not the council.

Councillor John Temple said around six residents a day drop into his Westbury gallery to vent their opinions.

'People are very much against the proposal,' he said.

'They are aware of the social

changes it may bring to this community and the nature of the area. It's also a fear of the unknown.

'We knew we may get a prison co-located with Ashley and were imagining a smaller prison. We had no thoughts of maximum security.'

Minister for Corrections Elise Archer last week announced that the site for the 270-bed prison would be on the outskirts of the historic vil-

lage of Westbury, on the property at 135 Birralea Road.

Currently Glen Avon Farms, a 401 hectare site whose owners are located in the UK, the property is now used by a sister company Selborne Biological to produce animal blood products.

Ms Archer said the site was chosen from ten expressions of interest by landowners but would not comment on the other nine locations.

The government has negotiated a conditional contract on 41 hectares of Glen Avon Farms' land. The prison's footprint will be 13 hectares.

Advance preparation for the announcement was obvious, with roll-up banners printed for the announcement press conference, flyers dropped in Westbury letterboxes within 48 hours and an information website made available.

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# New Northern Regional Prison to be built at Westbury

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Acting Meander Valley Council general manager Jonathan Harmey said the next step is for the State Government to apply to council to re-zone the land.

The project will be advertised and the public can make submissions in support or against it. The final decision is made by the Tasmanian Planning Commission.

Ms Archer, along with the website and flyers, emphasised the positive outcomes of the project as jobs for people in the area. 'Hundreds of jobs during construction over five and ten year phases and 250 people employed permanently once in full operation.'

She was echoed by Meander Valley councillor Andrew Sherriff. 'It's a spend of \$270m in this municipality – how can it not be a good thing?'

'The prison has got to go somewhere. I'd be more than happy to have it in Deloraine where I live. We have Ashley Detention Centre here – is that a big problem?'

Commenting on recent prison break-outs Cllr Sheriff maintained, that unlike the ageing Risdon prison, the new Northern Regional Prison would be a state-of-the-art

high security prison: 'I don't know how you'd scale a six metre concrete wall.'

Cllr Frank Nott said, 'This is a social justice advantage for prisoners from north and north-west Tasmania to have more access to their families.'

'The disadvantage is that no-one wants it in their backyard. There's a stigma attached to suburbs like Risdon Vale.'

**Visualisation of the new Northern Regional Prison the state government plans to build on the outskirts of Westbury, at 135 Birralee Road. Image supplied**



## Westbury residents' comments

**Chris Donaldson**

The prison town stigma will change the nature of Westbury over time.

It will change the culture and image of Westbury from a historic country village where tourists visit and families like to build to one where people drive past the lit-up prison on the highway at night and say, 'That's the Westbury Prison.'

The Westbury population has not been consulted on this and that's a problem.

Studies done on the prison town of Grafton NSW indicate five per cent of released prisoners live in the town and prison families and workers make up 15–20 percent of residents.

That's OK if it's a town with 35 000 people but Westbury has only 2500.

**Stephanie Chitty**

When I read the glossy brochure I realised it was a done deal. My thought was: 'There

goes the atmosphere of the town.'

I would have thought there would be public consultation before the announcement.

There's no date on the brochure about a public meeting and the lack of notice cuts participation by people who commute to Launceston for work.

You think of prisoners, drugs in prisons and with research showing crime is generational, you wonder what sorts of families these prisoners are coming from.

I'd rather they didn't build it here.



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Clover Ward and her mother Sarah, show off the skills of Laken, their 3 year old Border Collie. Clover and Laken will be demonstrating dog agility and obedience at Paws on the Green, on Saturday 19 October. From 11am until 3pm, this inaugural festival of all things canine promises to be a day full of fun, with races and high jumps, dog treats and competitions, entertainment, food and much more for dogs and people alike. Photo by Mike Moores

## Innovative plan for church villas

By Sharon Webb

A PLAN to build villas on Anglican church land in Deloraine is almost a certainty after the planning application was passed by Meander Valley Council.

Funds raised by the sale and rental of the eight villas to be built adjacent to St Mark's Church on East Westbury

Place in Deloraine will cover the church's funding obligation to the National Redress Scheme for children sexually abused in institutions.

The plan is the result of an innovative collusion between St Mark's parish council and Traders in Purple, the company behind Ridgeside Lane in Evandale and Kingston Park in Kingston.

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

St Mark's minister, Reverend Joshua Skeat, said the parish council and his congregation are encouraged by the council approval of the application

and excited by the prospect of the project becoming reality.

Council received only one representation from a nearby resident, confirming that a comment on the safety of the entrance to the complex was valid and therefore instructing that the proposed entry and exit locations be swapped.

The land for the villas, historically known as The Saleyards, and St Saviour's Church in Meander originally had been listed for sale by Tasma-

nia's Anglican Diocese to cover the parish's obligation.

The parish council paid the redress money out of parish funds to have time to make considered decisions about the land and St Saviours.

They decided to develop the Saleyards land and to consult the Meander community on the future of St Saviours Church.

It is expected that work will begin early next year, to complete in November 2020.

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## Letter from the Editor

SPRING HAS finally arrived, yet despite living in the Valley for nearly five years, it still takes me by surprise.

The weeds have taken off in the garden and I can already hear the steady rumbling approach of the various festivals and fairs that arrive during the warmer months.

Westbury has several events to cram in this October – Westbury Show, Westbury Primary 180th birthday and Paws on the Green – to fill in the days leading up to the Craft Fair in Deloraine, the biggest juggernaut of them all.

At the *Gazette* we usually find out about most events, as

the seeds of publicity are sown far and wide. But every once in a while, something big will slip past us.

Not only do we do not get the chance to help spread the word, but some of our readers do not find out until too late!

And even the *Gazette* worker bees like to hear about opportunities to get out and enjoy themselves.

Readers' letters were prolific this month too. My apologies to those whose letters were too long or too late to include in this edition. Now let's all get out there and enjoy the Spring weather while it lasts.

*Liz Douglass*

## Letters to the Editor

I CONGRATULATE Hayley Manning on the comprehensive story of my life (September *Gazette*). However, there appears to be some confusion regarding the early rises to milk cows. That did not happen until we changed from cream to whole milk supply in the 1970s. If the milk tanker came thundering into the yard before gam – as it often did – and the refrigerated vat full of milk had not cooled to below 5°C, then we received a reduced price. The payment even for premium milk was not generous, so smaller milk cheques were to be avoided if possible.

Our parents did not believe in child labour – education was far more important, so we were never expected while in school, to help milk, although on some big herds, this did happen.

The mechanics who installed the machines were accommodated at the client farms, and Bob Peters who installed our first milking machine in 1937 told us of the farm he had been to previously where even he was hauled out of bed early by the son of the farmer. To his objections that he did not know how to milk, the boy said 'I'll darn soon learn ya'.

*Nell Carr, Dunorlan*

I AM asking readers of the Meander Valley Gazette if they would write to our local Council to ask them to make a Climate Emergency Declaration and create a Climate Action Plan.

1036 jurisdictions around the world, including 56 in Australia, have declared a Climate Emergency. The Australian Medical Association has also. Millions have supported

strikes around the world and here in Tasmania

Why can't the Meander Valley Council declare a Climate Emergency?

If you feel strongly about the Climate Crisis and feel that not enough is being done at a local level then please write a letter or an email to the Meander Valley Council making your concerns known.

*Sean Manners, Westbury*

ONE OF the delights of living in a village such as Westbury, is the easy and varied opportunity for both walking and cycling. The Town Common, the Village Green, numerous streets and a surrounding network of rural roads and countryside make exercise both accessible and enjoyable. However, there are three deterrents which spoil this bliss:

- 1 Wandering dogs;
- 2 Hedges and thorny vines overtaking the footpaths

3 Cars parked across footpaths.

I would like to encourage everyone to be cognisant of our walkers and cyclists (+ children on scooters; parents of young children with prams and the elderly on motorised 'gofers') and do even more to enhance their experiences and reduce the hazards and/or fears when venturing out for exercise.

Many thanks to all!  
*Martha McQueen, Westbury*

DESPITE HIDING in a Western Creek forest, at least once a year my privacy is invaded by people wearing ties wanting to talk to me about something they call 'god' who needs money.

Apparently this 'god' loves everyone, but if you upset him he will burn you alive forever in somewhere called 'hell'. Clearly a challenge for community mental health services!  
*Peter Anderson, Western Creek*

THERE ARE many wonderful caring people who reach out to the disadvantaged in our society and indeed the world. What would our world be without them?

An overwhelming number of Australians voted for same sex marriage, but in spite of this, the Anglican Bishop of Tasmania continues to purge homosexuals from Anglican churches and schools in Tasmania, denying them a welcoming and inclusive place of worship.

His beliefs are aligned with the Sydney diocese who donated \$1m to the 'No' campaign. No one is against the Redress Scheme and paedophiles are punished under the law. However, the majority of homosexuals are gentle, creative and kind people who only want peace and acceptance. Our Prime Minister declined to vote on the subject.

Likewise it is easy to flatly refuse to discuss the questions of abortion and euthanasia, or to vehemently oppose them, even when it doesn't affect you.

Is it Christian to spend billions of dollars on the Manus and Nauru detention cen-

tres, to unnecessarily reopen Christmas Island, and to refuse to send refugees to the kinder society of NZ?

This money could have been better spent in many ways, on improving the lives of the unemployed and the disabled, who are forced into poverty, in most cases through no fault of their own. In a flagging economy money then spent may actually improve work prospects.

As a practicing Anglican I know that the Bible can say many things and people choose to take from it what they want to believe. My God is not one of hell and damnation, but one of love who reaches out to the poor, the sick, the disadvantaged and the excluded and who does not applaud wealth.

Before you condemn the comments I have made please stop and consider: do any of these issues directly impact my life? Probably not. Then please bring peace, joy and inclusion to those whose lives are deeply affected by the decisions of others. For these people our kindness and love could be life changing.

*Rosalie Young*

I WRITE in response to Sharon Webb's article on page 14 of the September issue because Ms Webb's account of what I said regarding the conservation covenant was not correct. I take umbrage to the accusation of a pre-organised ambush. For the record, this is what I said.

People purchase property for a multitude of reasons and uses. To purchase property for conservation intent is admirable, but it is still a choice. To then expect fellow ratepayers to subsidise the choice, to me, is inequitable.

The question has been put, that should this also be applied to churches and current council-owned sporting and cultural facilities?

The answer to this for me is no – as I perceive churches, sports grounds and cultural facilities to be community assets, and accessible to anyone who wants to use them. Simi-

larly, the 38% by land mass of the municipality that is designated Tasmanian Wilderness and World Heritage Area can be accessed and admired for its value, by anyone. This is not the case for privately owned land.

Further, when requested, the State Government put no financial value on the scheme, and pushed the financial burden down to local government and then the expectation is to share the expense across the rate base.

I do not begrudge spending resources for the benefit of the environment, in fact, I support it – but I believe it needs to be spent in a way that benefits all ratepayers, not a response to correspondence from ratepayers with a pecuniary interest.

I am unlikely to support any scheme that advocates inequity.

*Tanya King, Councillor, Meander Valley Council*

THERE IS a poor excuse for a human being dumping soiled nappies along the route of Mole Creek to Deloraine.

No less than 3 times in 3 weeks.

This may have something to do with our poor excuse for a council.

They said there would be kerbside rubbish collection in the Mole Creek area and then, a couple of months later, renege on their promise. Why?

Because a handful of big property owners would rather dump their rubbish on their property rather than allow

house owners and renters to enjoy the convenience of kerbside rubbish removal.

Dumping rubbish in a paddock encourages feral cats and rats and snakes. I find it disgusting. I question if it is against the law to dump rubbish on properties. After all, you need a licence to operate a dump.

Meander Valley Council should make the right decision and get on with kerbside rubbish removal. Let the residents of Mole Creek enjoy the benefits of living in the 21st century.  
*C Johnson, Mole Creek*

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# Stepping out the future in the Meander Valley



By Colin King

THE GREAT Western Tiers/Meander Valley region is set to cement its place as the Short Walks Capital of Tasmania, a gathering of tourism industry operators in Deloraine was told at a recent networking event held by Tourism Northern Tasmania.

Ten new walks are set to be added to the current roster of short walks promoted to visitors, and a new master plan for tourism in the region is being developed, Chris Griffin from Tourism Northern Tasmania said.

While other areas of Tasmania can offer beaches or intrepid mountain hikes like the Overland Track, the Meander Valley has its own unique experiences to offer, with short walks ranging from easy, wheelchair-friendly strolls by riversides and in historic townships, to more challenging adventures, such as Projection Bluff or Meander Falls.

Even more well-known attractions such as the Mole Creek caves have plenty to offer. Besides the caves themselves, the area's remarkable karst landscape offers endless opportunities for photography, especially during fungi season. All within a short walk of the caves themselves.

The whole Meander Valley area showcases much more than 'just' spectacular wilderness. Meander Valley and the Great Western Tiers are home to a well of history, both Aboriginal and European. Many of the walking tracks in the area, such as at Jackeys Marsh, follow the trails built by sheep graziers in the 1860s. In their turn, many of those followed the much more ancient trails worn over thousands of years by Aborigines. Many of the walks can be linked together, to make an overnight, or two or three-day walk, or even joined with more famous walks such as the Walls of Jerusalem.

Developing a new master plan for the region will map out the future direction for tourism in the region, Mr. Griffin said, as well as help secure funding for future tourism industry development. Tourism Northern Tasmania is hoping to disperse visitors from the traditional hotspots, such as Hobart and Launceston, by showcasing all that the region has to offer. In this way, the benefits of Tasmania's growing tourism industry can be spread to all regions of the state.

One of the next steps for Tourism Northern Tasmania is to add two new "drive journeys" to its current roster. Self drive journeys offer visitors the freedom to explore the region on their own, while showcasing all that it has to offer.

Tourism Northern Tasmania plans to add 'Central Highlands to the Midlands' and 'Stanley to Scottsdale and everything in-between' self-drive tours.

Tourism Northern Tasmania are holding a workshop in Deloraine on 16 October, at the Empire Hotel, from 2.30 to 4.30pm. Anyone who is interested is invited to attend. Interested parties can contact Chris Griffin on 0402 628 768 or [chris@tnt.org.au](mailto:chris@tnt.org.au).

Syds Track, near Western Creek, is one of the more adventurous walks that were first featured in the Gazette in April 2018, as part of the Meander Valley Great Short Walks series, photographed by Jade Hallam and written by Tara Ulbrich.

Photo by Jade Hallam

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# Emergency action for ambos



Labor leader Rebecca White with Annette Parsons (left) and Nicole Rubenach, two of Deloraine's hard-working ambulance volunteers. Photo supplied

By David Claridge and Liz Douglass

AMBULANCE VOLUNTEERS have stood up for themselves and are calling for a review into potential negative consequences of the state government plans to make Deloraine a double branch station.

Three additional paramedics and an upgrade to the station would be part of the \$125 million boost investment proposed by the government.

Deloraine Ambulance station spokesman, Jamie Davis, believes that the community will suffer when the improved ambulance service will still be

regularly spending more hours in Launceston or Devonport.

'Volunteers aren't working in the communities they joined up to help.

'We think the new paramedics would be better suited in the cities, but the money 'must' be allocated to the region.'

Labor Leader Rebecca White held a recent media conference at the Deloraine station to ask the volunteers about the proposed boost.

'Volunteers are worried that they will end up sent to cases across the North of the state which will leave them fatigued and unable to function effec-

tively at their normal occupation. Even worse, it will leave their community without a local ambulance to respond to emergencies.

'Already this year the Deloraine ambulance has been sent to cover jobs in Launceston and Devonport on multiple occasions due to chronic ambulance ramping at the hospital. Each time this happens, the Deloraine community is left without a local ambulance response.'

A recent community meeting in Deloraine was chaired by Ambulance volunteer Nicole Rubenach and attended by concerned residents, local councillors, Liberal member for Lyons, John Tucker and Labor leader, Rebecca White.

Nicole emphasised that the proposed station upgrades would not automatically double the coverage for Deloraine if the local service continued to be diverted to urban areas.

The Health Minister Sarah Courtney was unable to attend so Mr Tucker agreed to relay local concerns to her. His suggestion that additional services had made improvements in the Break O'Day municipality were met with a forceful counter-argument that Deloraine circumstances were somewhat different.

Ambulance volunteer experiences in some areas close to Hobart (such as New Norfolk) are similar, with diversions to cover urban shortfalls. Deloraine volunteers are also concerned that covering remote areas such as the Great Lakes and Cradle Mountain already spreads local ambulance services thinly.

Many volunteers feel that their commitment to their local community is being exploited to cover inadequate urban emergency services.

The years of experience, knowledge and dedication from local volunteers is something that the local community can ill afford to lose.

# The risk of dementia in Tasmania

THE WICKING Dementia Research and Education Centre at UTAS has recently launched the ISLAND Project, the largest dementia prevention project in the world

The Project aims to give Tasmanians the knowledge and information to self-manage personal risk factors known to increase risk of dementia.

Spreading the word is vital to making the ISLAND Project a success so the Project is asking for support to sign up over 10 000 Tasmanians over 50 years of age.

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# Deloraine bowled over again

By Wendy Laing

THE DELORAINE Bowls Club held their Opening Day for season 2019-20 on Sunday 15 September.

The day was sponsored in memory of Patsy Blair by her husband Daryl Blair and her family. The Blair family provided the BBQ lunch and drinks for everyone in attendance.

Patsy Blair had been a member of the Deloraine Bowls Club for twenty-five years and during that time had held the positions of President and Treasurer of the ladies when they were still called associate members. A long-time committee member and catering manager, Patsy was also an A Grade Pennant player and a Level 2 Umpire, officiating at both club level and Tasmanian Bowls North competitions.

President, Keith Davis thanked both the Blair family

for their sponsorship and the bowls club members for attending the opening day.

Special guest, Mr Mark Shelton MP, wished the club success in the coming season and acknowledged that Patsy Blair had in the past given her time as a volunteer for many events in Deloraine as well as being a dedicated member of the Deloraine Bowls Club.

The first jack and bowl for season 2019-20 were delivered by the patronesses, Win Gleeson and Berri Carter, followed by lunch and a few games of social bowls.

For anyone thinking of becoming a member or social member of the Deloraine Bowls Club, more information is available from the Secretary, John Samphier, on 0409 999 504 (AH) or by email at [Secretary.dbcinc@gmail.com](mailto:Secretary.dbcinc@gmail.com). New bowlers are most welcome, and coaching is also available.



A big crowd at Deloraine Bowls Opening Day. Photo supplied

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This year's Tasmanian Craft Fair will include a new exhibit to help people do just that.

Hosted by the international genealogy non-profit organisation FamilySearch, the exhibit will include free one-on-one help to enable visitors to start or grow their family tree.

Simple and innovative on-line tools, tips and displays will enable interested family historians to share their family stories in fun and engaging ways.

The official opening on Saturday at 2pm will feature a 40-minute cultural presenta-

tion from the Tongan Youth Dance Group of Tasmania.

In addition to the daytime activities, visitors are also welcome to enjoy family movies on the big screen on Friday and Saturday at 6pm.

On Sunday at 6pm, Child Safety Services will deliver a special presentation on how you can offer hope and healing to families in our own community through foster care.

Gallery 1 is located at the FamilySearch Centre at 153 Emu Bay Road and will be open every day of the Craft Fair. Take the bus or park on-site. All activities are free of charge and suitable for people of all ages.

Guests can also access fresh drinking water, clean toilets, indoor and outdoor seating, and a large outdoor fenced area which is great for picnics!

For more information on the weekend's activities, contact Liz Walker on 0428 072 010.



Josh and Ashley Porter with Ella, Arlo and Abby, all dressed up. Tara Badcock generously assisted with the loan of costumes courtesy of Deloraine Dramatic Society. Photo by Mike Moores

## History has deep roots at Westbury Primary



THIS OCTOBER, Westbury Primary School will celebrate 180 years of education with a Birthday Fair.

Multiple generations of local families have attended the school and current and former students will be able to have their names associated with the school permanently with the purchase of pavers to be laid in the school's quadrangle.

Up to three names can be put on each paver and the cost will be \$10 for current students and \$50 for former students (per paver). Pavers can be purchased at the fair on the 25th October in the history room. Funds from the pavers will help upgrade of the canteen facilities at the school.

Five generations on both sides of Natalie Brown's family (the Rootes and the Badcocks) have attended the school.

'We have gone back as far as my great grandfather, Ernest Rootes who attended Westbury Primary School around 1896,' said Natalie.

'We have such a connection to the school and the area that my children Zoe and Lily currently attend the school. The children at the school are caring and friendly and the village is so community minded. We can't wait to celebrate this milestone in October.'

For information on Westbury 180 go to the Westbury180 Facebook page or email Westbury180@outlook.com.

The Badcock and Rootes families have a long history at Westbury Primary. Back row: Kim Rootes (nee Badcock) 1972-1976; Brian Badcock 1944-1950; Natalie Brown (nee Rootes) 1999-2005. Front row: Zoe Brown 2016-present; Lily Brown 2019. Photo supplied

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## Hidden treasures and some marvellous monotremes ...

### Treasures of the Meander Valley

The Meander Valley 100 Day Challenge is well underway with 30 students, teachers and community volunteers and up to 100 inspiring locals working together on *Meander Valley Treasures*.

This student-led initiative will focus on celebrating inspiring local people.

The students believe treasures come in many forms and ages and have defined a treasure as: a person who is an icon in the local community; someone who has made a unique change to the local community; a leader of a group or club; someone who holds important information about the history of the community; someone the students are intrigued by; or just someone who makes you feel good.

The students will interview, film and photograph local treasures for the purpose of feeling more connected to their local community and letting people know they are appreciated for the good things they do and the interesting lives they lead.

Supporting the students in their endeavour, Mr Aaron Gilligan, Year 9 and 10 Coordinator at Deloraine High School, said, 'I'm excited to work together with students as they bring to light the hidden treasures within our community'.

### Plastic and platypuses don't mix

This will be one of the lessons that Mole Creek and Deloraine students will learn when Australia's 'Professor Platypus' visits them later this month.

Dr Geoff Williams, biologist and co-founder of the Australian Platypus Conservancy APC, is giving special platypus education classes to Deloraine and Mole Creek primary and secondary schools on Monday 28 October.

Dr Williams is touring northern Tasmania with fellow biologist and co-founder of the APC, Dr Serena Melody, to promote monitoring and protection of local platypus populations and habitat.

The pair have been invited to Meander Valley by *Project Platypus*, another student-led 100

Day Challenge initiative co-designed by students, teachers and local community volunteers.

### About the 100 Day Challenge

The 100 Day Challenge is a community-driven, student-led collaboration of young people, teachers and volunteers from the local community, working together to provide hands on learning opportunities for students.

At a recent community workshop focused on youth engagement and mental health, students chose the theme of 'hands on learning' and came up with the ideas of *Meander Valley Treasures* and *Project Platypus* as two of five key projects to assist students to find more meaningful pathways of study or employment beyond Year 10.

The 100 Day Challenge is a project supported by Westbury Health, The Van Diemen Project, Devil's Advocate, Deloraine High School, Collective ed. and Meander Valley Council.

Further information can be obtained from Kristen Toohey, Community Engagement and Communications Facilitator, Collective ed. on 0417 043 032 or by email to [kristen.toohey@beaconfoundation.net](mailto:kristen.toohey@beaconfoundation.net).

## Recycling concerns for Meander Valley?

By David Claridge

A RECYCLING slump across Australia has had a flow on effect where waste is unable to be processed as it was in many areas.

Business heavy weight SKM Recycling in Victoria has become insolvent in August after a \$5.5 billion debt as reported on [abc.net.au](http://abc.net.au).

Meander Valley Council was asked if there is any impact in our community to alleviate concerns. MVC Communications Officer Marianne MacDonald provided answers to these questions.

### Where does our recycling go?

'Most recyclable materials are processed in Tasmania or interstate. After initial processing, product is distributed to local and international markets.'

### Given that recycling businesses are struggling and extra costs will most likely go to council and ratepayers, is our recycling under threat?

'Council is unable to predict changes in market demand for

recyclable commodities, however, the current market is still viable.

'Council is informed of emerging developments for reuse opportunities and continues to be proactive in engaging with multiple stakeholders.'

'The community does a great job in recycling various materials and Council encourages all its residents to continue to recycle.'

### If so, what is Council doing to combat the issue?

'Council continues to work with other councils in the region to improve recycling opportunities and has recently contributed to the State Government's Draft Waste Strategy Action Plan consultation.'

The Mercury in early September reported that ratepayers in the Hobart City Council area would be funding an extra shift to deal with excess waste as the SKM shutdown has adversely impacted their ability to relocate waste to the mainland. In the interim they have been stockpiling the waste at their facilities.



## PUBLIC DROP IN SESSIONS NORTHERN REGIONAL PRISON

The Northern Regional Prison project team are holding public drop in sessions for the local community to learn more about the preferred Northern Regional Prison site.

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# Creative women

By Hayley Manning

THE TASMANIAN Craft Fair, held annually in Deloraine, is an opportune time for visitors and locals to look around and find the artists who live and work in the Meander Valley all year round.

Deloraine Creative Studios on Emu Bay Road is a hub for all sorts of artists and craftspeople who work from their own creative spaces within the building. Other artists and craftspeople sell their art through the Studios and Pottery Hub.

In Studio 10, Leanne Ames of Migrimah Arts completed a TAFE Diploma of Art and Craft Design at four years ago. She creates her pieces with creative knotting, weaving and sumac, using natural, biodegradable materials, inspiration coming from Tasmanian old growth forests, the earth, mosses and ferns. Leanne uses a natural dye process with bush leaves and the use of fire.

'I feel connected to a very ancient past, that is elusive, spiritual and a wonder.'

Marilyn Patton of Studio 14 is a retired social worker who enjoys painting still life, flowers, landscapes, portraits and commission work. She travels from Ulverstone every fortnight and welcomes visitors to watch her paint. Marilyn was a finalist in the inaugural Women's Art Prize Tasmania last year, and will submit another painting in October this year.

'I come here quite a lot because I like to be here and interact with others. You know, when you get older, if you isolate yourself so much, it's not good for you.'



Just some of the creative individuals at DCS: Leanne Ames and grand-daughter Alyssa Lord (at left), Marilyn Patton (above) and Karen Scott-Hoy (below). All photos by Hayley Manning



Karen Scott-Hoy from Hawley Beach is a volunteer at the Studios and a Pottery Hub artist. She is adept at ceramic sculpture and carving large and miniature items from Huon pine, often combining the two to great effect.

Karen recently took up needle felting, a technique that involves stabbing felt wool with barbed needles in order to bind the wool fibres together to create a solid fabric.

She is currently making a series of Australian birds using locally sourced supplies from Highland Felting and Fibre.

# A pint and a platypus

By Anne Gillies

MEANDER'S MARVELLOUS monotreme, the platypus, will be the subject of a pub session with a difference later this month.

Free public platypus information sessions will be held at the Empire Hotel in Deloraine on Sunday 27 October at 3pm and the Mole Creek Hotel on Monday 28 October at 3.30pm.

The talks, which are suitable for all ages, will be given by two of Australia's top platypus biologists, Drs Geoff Williams and Serena Melody.

The pair, who founded the Australian Platypus Conservancy 25 years ago, want to recruit locals to monitor and protect the local platypus population using the Conservancy's new website and app – see [www.platypusnetwork.org.au](http://www.platypusnetwork.org.au).

Deloraine and Mole Creek would make ideal monitoring locations, according to Dr Williams. 'It is a really unique environment; some locals literally have platypus living in their backyards,' he said.

'Because people in the Valley live around platypuses, they may have observed behaviours that not even we scientists know about.'

For further information, please contact Anne Gillies at [agillies62@me.com](mailto:agillies62@me.com) or on 0431 630 348.

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## Meander Valley Council



Above (L to R): Kim Cruwys, Chloe Turner, Lochie Hingston, Chloe Collins, Brittany Kelly, Mayor Wayne Johnston, Lucy Philpott and Freya Cooper.

### Old bridge supports growing ecosystem

What previously supported traffic will now support a growing ecosystem at Deloraine High School.

Timber from one of Council's bridge reconstruction projects will be re-used by students to build a biodiversity garden.

The students, who are enrolled in the School's Sustainability Communities Options Class have been working hard to improve natural open space on campus and require timber for landscaping.

"The class has a strong focus on reducing waste and we are using other recycled materials for the project,

including cardboard and shredded paper," teacher Kim Cruwys said.

"When infrastructure needs to be replaced, Council is careful to salvage any materials that can be re-used, so this was a great opportunity," Mayor Wayne Johnston said.

The timber will form part of a green belt planted with four different native shrub varieties, donated by Sustainable Timbers Tasmania.

Students Lucy Philpott and Freya Cooper designed the biodiversity plantings to encourage the growth of native habitat on campus and the timber will be used for

the first stage of the project. The students have also been working on the construction of a bee hive that will be located in the School's Agricultural Plot and will house honey bees.

Other gardens are planned at adjoining sites that will have a different ecological focus and these will include information about the types of native plantings and their cultural significance.

"This has been a great opportunity for the students to learn about community networks, problem solving and working together. I look forward to seeing the project take shape," Mayor Wayne Johnston said.

### Elm Leaf Beetle Treatment Program



Elm Leaf Beetles and their larvae can cause significant defoliation of Elms leaving the trees susceptible to other pests and diseases. After sustained annual attacks by Elm Leaf Beetles, the tree's growth will be affected and the tree may eventually perish.

Arbor Spray will be conducting Elm Leaf Beetle treatments on Elm trees in Council reserve areas throughout the municipality in October for a period of up to six weeks. Treatment is carried out every three years and involves soil injection which has a higher success rate and eliminates spray drift.

Council would like to encourage residents who have Elm trees to register with the contractor to have their own trees treated. There is a cost for this treatment, however, Elm trees are a beautiful part of the Meander Valley landscape.

**For more information or to register phone Arbor Spray on 0419 276 365**

### Free reconditioned PC's available to community groups

Council has a limited number of computers that they would like to make available to community groups looking to improve their administration.

These computers have previously been used in Council operations and are between three and four years old. They come with a keyboard and a mouse and have Microsoft Windows installed, but do not include other software or monitors.

If you are interested in taking up this offer email [patrick.gambles@mvc.tas.gov.au](mailto:patrick.gambles@mvc.tas.gov.au) or phone 6393 5334



Above: Volunteers at the Great Western Tiers Visitor Centre have opportunities to learn a range of skills whilst providing an important community service.

### Visitor Centre offers new opportunities

The Great Western Tiers Visitor Centre is on the lookout for volunteers to join the team. The Visitor Centre is an information hub for tourists and volunteers have opportunities to meet new people, acquire new skills and help provide an important community service.

"When visitors are welcomed by people with local knowledge it can really enhance their experience," centre manager Vicki Pryer said.

The benefits work both ways with volunteers learning a range of new skills in retail operations and customer service. The Visitor Centre is seeking new volunteers that are available for shifts on Sundays from 9am - 1pm or 1pm - 5pm.

If you are interested in volunteering or would like some more information, phone 6362 5280 or call in to the Visitor Centre at 100 Emu Bay Road, Deloraine.

### Council Community Grants

The next round of Meander Valley Council's Community Grants closes on 10 December. Grants of up to \$3,000 are available to community organisations for projects that address community needs through special events, sport and recreation and/or community development. Information and application forms are available from the Westbury Council Offices and Council's website.

Applications from new applicants are particularly welcome. For information phone Patrick Gambles on 6393 5334 or email [patrick.gambles@mvc.tas.gov.au](mailto:patrick.gambles@mvc.tas.gov.au)



### Recognise the contributions made by volunteers in our community

Council's Volunteer Awards are presented in January and nominations are accepted for Hours of Voluntary Service (1,000 and 3,000) and Exceptional Voluntary Service.

If you know someone who deserves to be recognised for the voluntary service they provide to the Meander Valley community, consider nominating them for an award.

Nomination forms are available on Council's website at [www.meander.tas.gov.au](http://www.meander.tas.gov.au) or for more information phone Council on 6393 5300

**Nominations close Friday 15 November 2019**



Until 30 November, Tasmanian children aged 5 to 17 who are listed on a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, or who are in Out of Home Care, are eligible for a voucher of up to \$100 in value to be used towards the cost of club membership at an approved activity provider.

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**Turning over a new Leaf**

Meander Valley Council is once again demonstrating leadership when it comes to sustainable technologies by being the first Council in Tasmania to trial Nissan's latest fully electric vehicle.

The new Nissan Leaf is the only one of its kind in the State and was trialed by Mayor Wayne Johnston and Council staff last week.

"On behalf of Council, I would like to thank Motors Nissan Launceston. This trial is one of the ways electric vehicle technology can be introduced to staff and the broader community, which is an ideal way of overcoming the perceived barriers that can be associated with new and unfamiliar technology," Mayor Wayne Johnston said.

The trial is perfectly timed to take advantage of Meander Valley's two electric vehicle charging stations that are currently available to the general public to use for free.

The charging stations were funded by the State Government's Chargesmart program and are located at the Council Chambers in Westbury and at the Great Western Tiers Visitor Centre in Deloraine.

The Nissan Leaf is fully electric with a 40kwh battery

and has an indicative driving range of 270km.

"It is certainly a new experience and it comes with all the features you would expect. It is surprisingly quiet and the immediate torque ensures it is instantly responsive," Mayor Wayne Johnston said.

Plugged into a wallbox at home, the Nissan Leaf will completely recharge in 7.5 hours and in just under two hours using a 22kw charging station.

"It would be rare for users to completely deplete the battery. In most circumstances a top up is all that would be required," Mayor Wayne Johnston said.

Tasmania is well placed to embrace electric vehicle technology with a number of charging stations installed across the State.

"This has been an opportunity for everyone to look at vehicles another way. It calls on us to focus more on practical use. There is a perception that electric vehicles are range limited, but in reality, for average urban use they are more than adequate and offer real financial and environmental benefits," Mayor Wayne Johnston said.

**Registrations open for annual Hard Waste Collection**

The annual Hard Waste Collection is an opportunity for residents to dispose of items that cannot be deposited in kerbside bins.

Council continues to provide this service free of charge, however residents are required to register. Registration ensures Council's contractors have the appropriate number of vehicles and personnel available on collection days.

Residents can register on Council's website, by phoning Council on 6393 5300 or at the Council office at 26 Lyall Street, Westbury.

"After registering, residents do have an opportunity to change their list of registered items, but they must do so before the registration



period closes," Mayor Wayne Johnston said.

Residents who wish to make changes to their registration details should phone Council or call into Council's office in Westbury.

Registrations close on 6 November and the collection will be undertaken from 11 - 15 November.

If you require assistance to place your items out for collection, please notify Council when registering.

**Hard Waste Area Collection Days**



- **Monday 11 and Tuesday 12 November**  
Prospect Vale, Blackstone Heights, Hadspen, Rutherglen, Carrick, Bracknell and surrounding areas
- **Wednesday 13 and Thursday 14 November**  
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- **Thursday 14 and Friday 15 November**  
Deloraine, Meander, Mole Creek, Chudleigh, Kimberley and surrounding areas

**How do I register?**

**Register Online**

Visit Council's website at [www.meander.tas.gov.au](http://www.meander.tas.gov.au) and select Waste & Recycling. You will be required to enter a valid email address in order to receive confirmation of your registration.

**Register by phone or in person**

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**New Community Car ready for work**

Council's brand new Community Car is ready for service. The new vehicle officially started duty late September and is based in Westbury.

Council has two Community Cars that are operated by volunteers and provide residents with transport to non-urgent medical appointments. Bookings are taken over the phone between 9am-5pm Monday to Friday. If calling outside these times please leave a message and your call will be returned.

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**As the days grow longer, so do the hedges!**



Residents are reminded that overgrown vegetation can cause pathways to become obstructed.

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# Busy as bees at Mumma Buzz



Buffy, Natalie Woolford and Carolyn Bussey behind their fabulous cake cabinet at Mumma Buzz Café.  
Photo by Mike Moores

By Hayley Manning

NAMED AFTER its owner Carolyn Bussey, Mumma Buzz Café and takeaway offers an all-day menu catering to all food requirements – including vegan, vegetarian, coeliac and a gluten-free cake cabinet.

‘We have a big enough café area, but we are still small enough to have that personal interaction with people and get repeat customers because of our attention to detail,’ Carolyn said.

Carolyn and co-owner, Darren (Buffy) have enclosed the deck area at the rear of the café with transparent floor to ceiling awnings that block unwelcome breezes while still allowing unhindered access to the stunning views.

The deck is now an intimate space that can be used for dining, or booked for a special celebration or meeting.

Inside the café, artwork courtesy of local Gallery 5 artist Fiona Francois provides a backdrop on the walls.

Carolyn started the business in December 2018, and gives full credit to Narelle and Craig Lovell for setting the precedent with Nelly’s Café.

‘Some of Nelly’s staff stayed on and taught myself and the new staff how to run the business.

‘We are all in the process of learning the various stations from making coffee, prep, sink, serving, hot and making desserts, so we never know what we will be doing when we arrive. We are loving it. All the staff is here to ensure the customers have an enjoyable experience. I am thrilled to bits – they do a fantastic job.’

A three course Sri Lankan Night with Chef Ruwan has been planned for 14 October. Pre-bookings are essential.

## The preservation of Mount Roland

MT ROLAND looms to the far west of the Meander Valley, so it seems reasonable that the Mt Roland Preservation Society would want to introduce itself to readers of the Gazette.

Mt Roland Preservation Society Inc. is a newly formed association whose aim is to preserve the integrity of the Mt Roland Regional Reserve and Conservation Area.

The Society is holding an information sharing session followed by afternoon tea, to be

held at the Claude Road Hall, Claude Road, from 2pm to 4pm on Sunday November 17.

All likeminded individuals who are interested in preserving the beautiful and iconic Mt Roland are invited to come along.

Membership forms will be available on the day, for anyone who would like to join the group.

Details are also provided on the Mt Roland Preservation Society Inc. Facebook page.

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A frosty morning in Sheffield, with Mt Roland in the background.

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# Portobello mushroom & cucumber turnovers with hot salami



Giant savoury turnovers, brimming with delicious salami, veg and cheese for a shared lunch in a busy working week. Photo by Wai Lin Coultas



White Kunzea, *Kunzea ambigua* Photo supplied

A STORY from Rebecca Morris in *The Examiner* of 21 June 2019, describes the commercial values of four Tasmanian native plants.

The most valuable appears to be the shrub *Kunzea ambigua*, (White Kunzea, pictured here). The oils from this exude a powerful fragrance which is used for aromatherapy. A cream made from its oils is useful for pain relief.

An example of this shrub may be seen in the native street bed at the Great Western Tiers Visitor Information Centre, Deloraine. It should be flowering by the time the Gazette is distributed.

In the article, the chief executive of Essential Oils of Tasmania (EOT), writes, 'The health benefits of Tasmania's native plants, particularly kunzea, have been understood by the traditional owners of this

land for many thousands of years, so it's exciting to ... explore their potential!'

The berries from the Tasmanian native pepper, *Tasmannia lanceolata*, which grows along the lakes in the Highlands, can be used for food flavouring, and as an anti-oxidant.

Another aromatic plant from the Highland areas, the endemic *Boronia citriodora*, bears in its crushed leaves a powerful citrus scent.

The article also mentions a plant the author calls Southern Rosalina, which research reveals is the common swamp paperbark *Melaleuca ericifolia*, common in poorly drained areas in Northern Tasmania. In early summer, its scented white flowers resemble a layer of snow lying on the top of the foliage. The Flinders Island strain is apparently the best source of aromatic oils.

## In the veggie garden

There are few vegetables which cannot be grown in October. Celery is a useful vegetable both raw in salads, or cooked in soup.

The minute seeds are best started in punnets in seed raising mix, and planted out when they are 3cm in height. They take two to three weeks to germinate (keep them well watered), and three or four months to harvesting.

They need liberal amounts of animal manure or compost, and regular watering during summer months.

## Correction

In September's issue of the Gazette, I said *Acacia dealbata* was Black Wattle. It is actually Silver Wattle.



Eric's documentary series of Aboriginal images, previously shown in Europe, is on display at Pixels Gallery in October and November.

In November, Pixels will host an evening at the Little Theatre where Eric will show and discuss these photos, answering questions from the audience.

Bookings are essential and light refreshments will be available. Check the Gazette Facebook page for the date, time and booking details, or call 03 6286 8216.

By Wai Lin Coultas

SAVOURY MEATY turnovers are an American convenience food, so a combination with Italian calzone creates giant turnovers brimming with delicious salami, veg and cheese!

Perfect and easy to whip up for a shared lunch in a busy working week.

## Ingredients

2 large portobello mushrooms, sliced  
1 large cucumber, thinly sliced  
60 g vintage Cheddar cheese, grated  
60 g hot salami, sliced  
3 sprigs fresh fennel fronds, chopped  
40 g fresh dill, chopped  
2 handfuls fresh baby spinach leaves  
2 sprigs fresh flat leaf parsley  
2 sheets frozen puff pastry, thawed  
1 tsp Herbie's Persian spice mix  
1 tsp Original Smoke & Spice Tasmania  
2 tbsp sour cream  
2 tbsp fish sauce  
2 tbsp sherry vinegar  
1 1/2 tbsp Mount Direction Olives olive syrup  
50g butter  
1 egg, beaten

## Instructions

• Over medium heat fry mushrooms in melted butter till starting to soften.

- Add cucumbers, frying to cook through both veggies.
- Stir in fennel fronds till wilted.
- Add spices, fish sauce, sour cream, vinegar and olive syrup. Set aside to cool slightly.
- For each turnover, place puff pastry sheet on baking paper, lightly folding one corner over the opposite corner to define triangular area for filling.
- Spoon half the mixture onto triangular area, leaving a 1cm border along its two edges.
- Brush the border with egg wash and sprinkle half the salami, cheese and dill over filling.
- Fold unfilled puff pastry half over filling to form turnover, press down on edges and then crimp with fork.
- With a knife, pierce top of turnover twice, brush pastry over with egg wash.
- Transfer both turnovers, still on baking paper, to baking tray and chill uncovered in fridge.
- While turnovers are chilling, pre-heat oven to fan forced 195°C.
- Bake for 25 to 30 minutes until the pastry is puffed and golden.
- Serve hot on bed of spinach, garnished with parsley. Serves 4



Spend an hour with Aboriginal singer/songwriter Kutcha Edwards and find yourself not only enthralled by his music, dulcet tones and magnetic stage presence but also challenged with thought provoking stories and songs.

Kutcha uses music to create connections across cultures, generations, and spaces. With an innate ability to communicate, he uses his talents to nurture understanding and self-knowledge amongst all those with whom he has contact.

As a performer, Kutcha believes he has a responsibility to engage with communities beyond his formal performances. He likes to 'get to know the mob', rather than simply perform his shows. It is important for him to get to know local communities and to act culturally, adhering to protocols.

Kutcha regards himself as a song man, not simply a songwriter. He draws on a profound sense of all those who have gone before him on this land, along with his own life experiences, to help his audiences understand their own experiences, reconnect with their culture and promote cultural understanding.

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# Native plant jewels at Blooming Tasmania

By Sharon Webb

THE TINY flowers of Tasmania's native plants painted by Deloraine artist Kylie Elkington took pride of place in an exhibition to launch Blooming Tasmania's recent show.

Admirers of roses and rhododendrons, including Tasmania's Governor, the Honourable Kate Warner, gazed into the greenness of Kylie's depiction of Mountain Pinkberry and Carpet Frillyheath to discern shy jewel-like flowers secreted in foliage.

'My work highlighted the native plant aspect of Blooming Tasmania. It was a treat to talk plants and gardens with Professor Warner,' Kylie said.

'My art is autobiographical, a record of where I've noticed ubiquitous but often overlooked tiny flowering plants. I aim to draw close attention to the light, detail and understated beauty of plants that may be witnessed by people hiking and moving through the Australian landscape.'

The exhibition, entitled *The flower show – birth, death and everything in between*, is open daily at the UTAS Academy Gallery at Inveresk until October 25.

Curated by Dr Malcolm Bywaters and Dr Kim Lehman, it also features work by Les Blakeborough, Angela Casey, Fiona Chipperfield, Susannah Coleman-Brown, Leoni Duff, Deborah Malor and others.

Prof. Warner, now appointed to another year in office, told the launch audience that she is working on the garden section of a book on Government House.



Deloraine artist Kylie Elkington features native plants in her work exhibited at Blooming Tasmania's exhibition at the UTAS Academy Gallery at Inveresk. Photo by Sharon Webb

'The Plimsoll Native Garden is a recent addition to Government House. Unfortunately Sir James died in office before it was completed,' she said.

'The Queen planted a Huon Pine there in 1988 and the Duke of Edinburgh a Blackwood tree.'

Kylie, whose 2019 Glover Exhibition entry was one of two winning highly commended awards, said Dr Lehman had chosen her work for *Flowers* having seen it in Hobart's Colville Gallery.

'Two of the three works I included in *Flowers* are new. I think they were a good fit,' she said.

## Deloraine House 30 plus!



Elena Olah and Debbie Smith with Deloraine House's new bird bath. Photo by Mike Moores

ON THE last day in August, Deloraine House celebrated 30 years in the community and the little house on the corner was filled with laughter and stories of days gone by.

Over the day, close to 200 people came through the door, walking the halls and rooms that were covered in photos of the last three decades.

With music from the Ukarythmics, Lisa Yeates and Rob van der Elst, food from the Deloraine Lions Club and delicious apple juice from the Meander Valley Harvest Helpers, the back yard was a buzz of busy children running around and having fun. Adults sat

around chatting and taking in the delectable smells of the vegetarian BBQ cooked by former volunteer Geoff Zwar.

Special thanks go to Deloraine Golden Opportunity Shop whose kind donations funded the event and the Deloraine Bendigo Bank for donations that went towards the children's activities.

Some highlights were the unveiling of a mosaic bird bath by Niccy Brown and the sharing of memories from people including Polly Fowler, Nell Carr, Julie Roach and Sue Chaston.

The event wouldn't have been possible without the

## Blooming Tasmania events coming up

### Table Cape Tulip Farm Open Days

Wander through the flower fields at Van Diemen Quality Bulbs. The tulip experience includes indoor display, bulb sales, floral arrangements, art exhibition, refreshments. *Throughout October, 9am–5pm, 363 Cape Road, Wynyard. Ph 1800 179 113, entry fee applies.*

### Wynyard Blooming Tulips Festival

Colourful tulip displays, continuous live music, culinary delights, markets, rides. Brilliant fireworks at night across the Inglis River. *Sat 12 October. Ph 6443 8320 or see the program at www.bloomingtulips.com.au.*

### Emu Valley Rhododendron Garden Cherry Blossom Celebration

*Sat 19 October, 55 Breffny Road, Romaine. Ph 6433 1805.*

### Launceston Horticultural Society Late Spring Show

Roses, irises and camellias, cut flowers, pot plants, floral art, children's exhibits, a plant stall, refreshments and specialist plant growers. *Sat 9 Nov, 2pm–5pm. Sun 10 Nov, 10am–4pm. St Ailbe's Hall, Margaret St, Launceston. Admission \$3.*

### Hamilton House Open Garden

Historic house, cottage garden with herringbone brick paving. Roses, salvias and other perennials, plants for sale, morning/afternoon tea. *Sat 17–Sun 18 November, 10am–4pm. 43 Hamilton St, Latrobe. Admission \$2.*

### Launceston Horticultural Society Summer Show

Dahlias, gladioli and lilies, cut flowers, pot plants, floral art, children's exhibits, plant stall, refreshments and specialist plant growers. *Sat 2 Feb, 2pm–5pm. Sun 3 Feb, 10am–4pm. St Ailbe's Hall, Margaret St, Launceston. Admission \$3.*

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wonderful Deloraine House volunteers, who put many hours into creating a fantastic event. Charlie Keane made a huge cake for all to share, as well as spending a whole day cooking soup and other things with Elena Olah and Jan Post. Kristina Nicklason, Marilyn Day and Jan Post deserve a special mention as they worked so hard to bring everything together.

It was wonderful to see so many people celebrating the strength and connections in the community. It is exciting to dream of how the community will shape Deloraine House into the future.

# 156th Westbury Show flying higher than ever



Kate and Rosie Chugg with their prize winning sheep at the Westbury Show. Photo supplied

THIS YEAR, Westbury Show is thrilled to have the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) as their show charity and the CEO of the Royal Flying Doctor Service, Mr John Kirwan will open the show.

The RFDS will showcase the RFDS Aeromedical Simulator and offer fun for adults and children alike by using exercise bikes to make healthy Fender Bender Smoothies. Other special play activities include virtual goggles for children.

RFDS staff and volunteers will provide information on their new Primary Health Care Services for the Meander Valley, including dental and mental health. RFDS fundraising merchandise will be available.

Entertainment will include music and the Maypole Dancers from Westbury Primary School, the U3A Ukulele Singing Group, Fiddle Stix and Taiko Drummers.

As well as the animal nursery there will be Seedhouse's exotic birds, a reptile display and some miniature goats to meet. Alpacas will feature this year with Hagley Primary School

children learning to show these charming animals.

Hagley Rural Youth will run a dog high jump competition and Laser Tag is a new and adventurous addition to the free kids' corner. A new and exciting 6-bar horse jumping event will offer \$1000 prize money to help raise awareness of Parkinson's Disease.

Displays will include steam engines from Pearn's Steam World, the Carnival Organ, vintage cars, trucks, tractors and the Westbury Butcher.

Home Industries always has a wonderful display of

art, cooking and photos with a special feature this year for Westbury Primary School's 180 year celebration. Home Industries schedules can now be obtained from the Soul Pattinson Chemist at Westbury.

Gates open at 8.30am on Saturday, 9 November. Entry fees: \$10 adults, \$5 children 6 to 16, free under 6 and \$25 family. Visit [www.westburyshow.com.au](http://www.westburyshow.com.au) for further information: or contact Stacey Tweedale, Communications Manager, Westbury Show on 0413 453 567 or at [staceytweedale@gmail.com](mailto:staceytweedale@gmail.com).

## Clarification

SHARON WEBB'S story in the Gazette's September edition referred to a case in Tasmania's Resource Management and Planning Appeals Tribunal (RMPAT) between Teen Challenge and the Meander Residents and Ratepayers Association (MARRA).

In RMPAT documentation, the case is referred to as being between Teen Challenge and Timberworld. This is because

MARRA initially did not have funds to employ lawyers to present their case so Timberworld, a Meander company willing to back MARRA financially, was named as the appellant.

MARRA now meets its costs through fundraising although RMPAT continues to list Timberworld as the appellant. Up-to-date details of MARRA's fundraising campaign can be found on the Gofundme website.

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MEANDER VALLEY Community Radio Inc. is delighted to announce that it has received a grant from the Community Broadcasting Association of Australia.

This has enabled the creation of a studio with the capacity to go live and commence live-streaming. This will overcome the problem of reception black spots in areas where the signal is interrupted, and will allow access to 96.9FM from anywhere in the world.

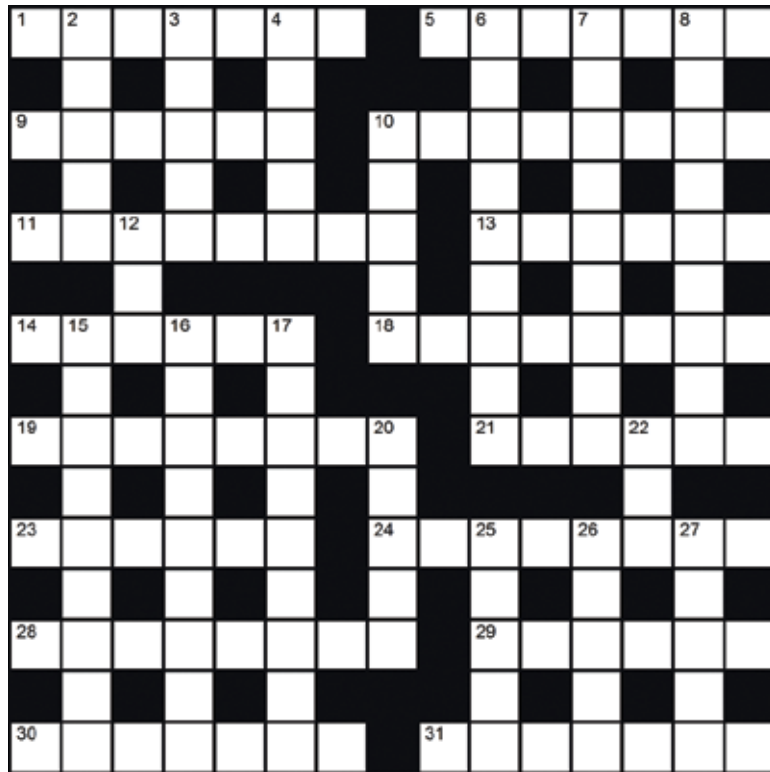
MVFM's existing webpage ([www.mvfm.com.au](http://www.mvfm.com.au)) now needs to be updated and revamped to offer the live-streaming option.

This means that the community station now needs a web designer.

Interested parties will need to be able to re-design the radio station's web-page to enable live-streaming and to update it to reflect the current status of the station and all of the programmes and services offered. MVFM will provide a full list of all the information and content details needed.

To find out more about the position, please contact Nick Weare on 0437 195 026 or check it out on Facebook. The station can be contacted on 63624969 or by email at [webmaster@gmail.com](mailto:webmaster@gmail.com).

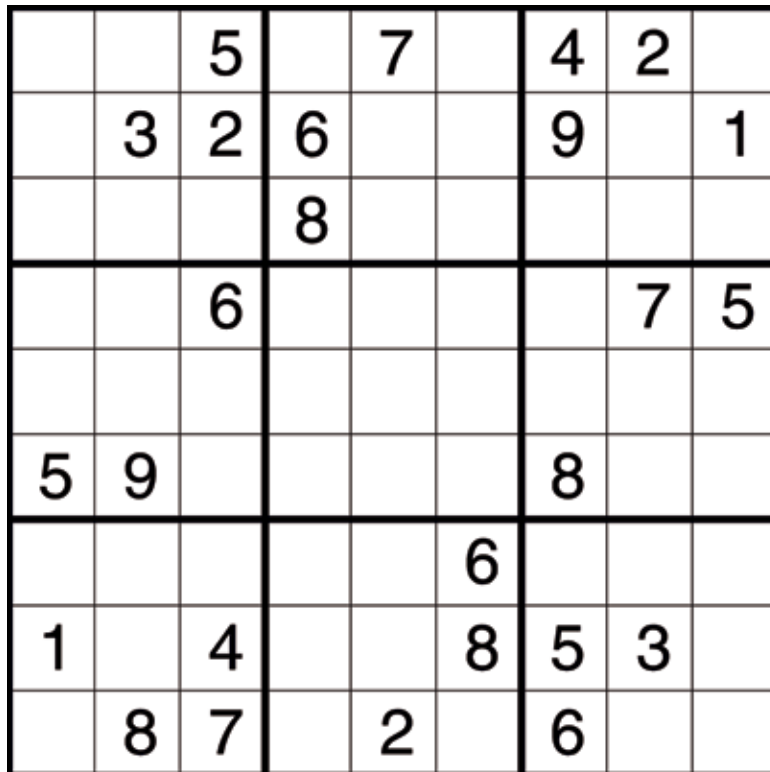
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  - 21 Locomotive (6)
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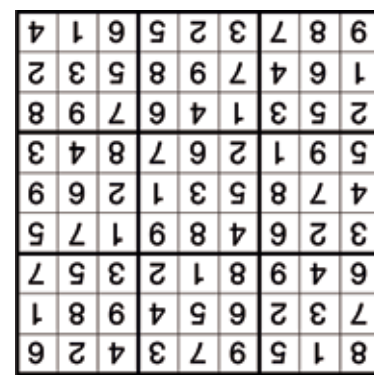
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**How to play** Each row must contain the numbers 1 to 9, each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9 and each set of 3 x 3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 to 9. Best of luck!

Crossword September 2019 solution



Sudoku September 2019 solution



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Date and Time	Event	Details
Every day June-9 November	Overload 2019 - <i>Blood is Life</i> Art Exhibition	Deloraine Hospital Gallery, 17 East Barrack St Sheila Stevenson Ph 0428 576 795
Every Monday 9am-10.30am	Yoga with Brigitte <b>recommences 21 October</b>	Deloraine Day Care Centre, Lansdowne Place, Deloraine \$15 casual More info Ph 0414 948 760
Every Wednesday 6-7.30pm	Yoga with Kristina	Deloraine Day Care Centre, Lansdowne Place, Deloraine \$15 casual More info Kristina 0497 025 308
Friday 11 to Sunday 13 October	Mount Roland Folk Festival	Gowrie Park Wilderness Village, 1447 Claude Road, Gowrie Park Music & more Info & tickets <a href="http://mountrolandfolkfest.org">mountrolandfolkfest.org</a>
Saturday 12 October 9am-2pm	Parkham Open Garden Day	221 Weetah Rd Deloraine, 211 Bradys Plain Rd, Parkham Raffle, Devonshire tea More info Kaylene 0499 554 316
Saturday 12 October 1pm food, 2pm movie	Community screening 2040	Mole Creek Memorial Hall, cnr Pioneer Drv and Caveside Rd Food, donation entry, proceeds to MC Primary RSVP Fbook
Saturday 12 October 7.30pm sharp	WTFS <i>Can you ever forgive me?</i>	Little Theatre, 2 Meander Valley Rd, Deloraine M Biography/Comedy/Crime USA 106m More info 0418 389 868
Sunday 13 October 12 noon	Birralee concert - full program of artists	Birralee \$7 entry BBQ, light snacks, popular artist award More info 63961188
Monday 14 to Sunday 20 October	Seniors Week	To find out what is happening throughout the week, go to <a href="http://www.cotatas.org.au/programs-events/sw2019">www.cotatas.org.au/programs-events/sw2019</a>
Monday 14 October 3.30-6.30pm	Become a smart phone photographer	Westbury Library, William Street, Westbury Bookings <a href="http://www.eventbrite.com.au/o/launceston-library-8084977432">www.eventbrite.com.au/o/launceston-library-8084977432</a>
Tuesday 15 October 12 noon-2pm	Connecting with MyGov	Deloraine Online Access Centre, 21 West Pde, Deloraine Free session Booking and inquiries 6362 3537
Tuesday 16 October 2.30-4.30pm	Tourism Northern Tasmania Workshop	Empire Hotel, 19 Emu Bay Rd, Deloraine Contact Chris Griffin 0402 628 768 or <a href="mailto:chris@tnt.org.au">chris@tnt.org.au</a>
Thursday 17 October 12 noon-2pm	Buying and selling online	Deloraine Online Access Centre, 21 West Pde, Deloraine Free session Booking and inquiries 6362 3537
Thursday 17 October 3.30-6.30pm	Become a smart phone photographer	Deloraine Library, Emu Bay Road, Deloraine Bookings <a href="http://www.eventbrite.com.au/o/launceston-library-8084977432">www.eventbrite.com.au/o/launceston-library-8084977432</a>
Friday 18 October 12 noon-2pm	Youtube, nexflix & other digital media	Deloraine Online Access Centre, 21 West Pde, Deloraine Free session Booking and inquiries 6362 3537
Saturday 19 October 9am-1pm	Mole Creek Market Day	Mole Creek Memorial Hall, cnr Pioneer Drv and Caveside Rd Contact Ross Quick 0413 681 252
Saturday 19 October 9am-3pm	Westbury Market	St Andrews Church Hall, 11 Lonsdale Pde, Westbury extended time for Paws on the Green Ph 63931417
Saturday 19 October 11am	Blessing of the Pets	St Andrews Church, 11 Lonsdale Pde, Westbury
Saturday 19 October 11am-3pm	Paws on the Green	Village Green, Lonsdale Promenade, Westbury Competitions, events, food More info 0418 134 304 or 0413 437 720
Saturday 19 October 1pm-5pm	Deloraine Charity Singers	Deloraine RSL, 42B Emu Bay Road, Deloraine SES fundraiser, walk up singers welcome, bring a plate Bookings 6369 5263
Friday 25 October	180th Birthday Open Day & Fair	Westbury Primary School, Taylor St, Westbury Maypole dancing, food, entertainment Info 0413 453 567
Sunday 27 October 10am	Meander Valley Labor Party	Deloraine House, 112 Emu Bay Rd, Deloraine New members & general public welcome Ted Carter 0418 121 170
Friday 1 to Monday 4 November	Tasmanian Craft Fair	Over 250 exhibitors at venues across Deloraine
Friday 1 to Sunday 3 November (all day)	Quamby Fly Fishing Club	Club exhibit as part of the Tasmanian Craft Fair
Friday 1 November 7pm	ABBA Party - Lions Club of Deloraine	33a Parsonage Street, Deloraine Entry \$5 bar, lucky door prize, best costume prize More info contact Sue 0427 357 735
Tuesday 5 November	Melbourne Cup Ladies Luncheon	Parkham Community Hall, Bradys Plain Rd, Parkham More info Kaylene 0499 554 316
Friday 8 November	Birralee Ball - Déjà Vu playing	Birralee \$10 adults Belle, Matron, Junior Belle, After Five Good supper Enquiries 63961188
Saturday 9 November 7.30pm sharp	Western Tiers Film Society <i>The Favourite</i>	Little Theatre, 2 Meander Valley Rd, Deloraine MA15+ Biography/ Drama UK 119m More info 0418 389 868



# Aikido, the peaceful art

By Hayley Manning

'THOSE WHO are skilled in combat do not become angered, those who are skilled at winning do not become afraid. Thus the wise win before the fight, while the ignorant fight to win.' *O Sensei Morihei Ueshiba* (1883–1969).

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**Bodhi McSweeney and Martin Bratzel practising the art of Aikido.**

Photo by Hayley Manning



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