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Anzac day ... a day to remember



Anzac Day participants assemble on the corner of William and Lyall Streets in Westbury, before the march to the Cenotaph. John Donaldson (JD) and his horse Sinai-Beth wait to lead the march. The pipers and drummer come from across the Meander Valley, Launceston and as far as Beaconsfield. From left, the pipers are Howard Groenveld, Geoff Watson, Gary Murray, Pipe Major Fraser Murray and Phil McArthur. With his back to the camera is drummer Stuart Midson. Photo supplied

Casino political debate disrupted by violence

Sharon Webb

THE APRIL debate between Labor and Liberal Party leaders at the Launceston Casino erupted in violence that ended with a 26 year-old woman physically thrown out of the casino's front door.

At one stage three men piled on top of a young woman on auditorium floor.

Casino manager Ross Hannah refused to comment on the appropriateness of his security staff's response because he hadn't attended.

Debate organiser David Peach from the Launceston Chamber of Commerce said he was not happy with the outcome of the incident.

Co-organiser and editor of *The Examiner* Courtney Greisbach was not contactable and *The Examiner* did not include the demonstration

and attendant violence in its coverage.

The 26 year old, Gaby from the Bob Brown Foundation, was uninjured except for large bruises down one arm which she said was twisted behind her back by a security man.

Promoted as the 'Premier Debate', around 120 people attended the event held by *The Examiner* and the Launceston Chamber of Commerce.

Before the event, police were called as environmental

demonstrators unfurled banners up the Casino's flagpoles.

Audience members were warned their free tickets were issued on condition they were not to call out questions or heckle. In fact, audience members had no opportunity to ask direct questions on the night.

Audience members could write a question on their ticket application. Based on those, a prepared list of questions was read out to the party leaders by Ms Greisbach.

A number of audience members later said that their questions on the proposed Westbury prison and the Launceston General Hospital were not put to Rebecca White and Peter Gutwein.

More like a Q&A session, the event proceeded quietly on the usual political themes until about two-thirds through three young women jumped on stage from the audience.

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Yelling environmental and anti-logging slogans, they did not approach Ms Greisbach, Ms White or Mr Gutwein, or swear.

The audience watched, stunned, as security people descended in an uncoordinated way, shunting one demonstrator out of a side-stage door.

One grappled with a second young woman who eventually clung onto a stage stair rail in her bid to stay onstage.

Simultaneously, Gaby on the opposite side of the stage calmly unfurled her banner and addressed the audience.

Eventually security staff realised she was there and bundled her offstage. At one point three men were on top of her and an Examiner photographer

abandoned his camera in an attempt to assist.

As Gaby shouted from the bottom of the heap of people, 'Let me go, I'll walk out', several audience members unfroze enough to call out, 'Let her go!'

Gaby later said one man had hold of her neck, while another twisted her arm behind her back saying, 'This will hurt'.

Mr Peach implied that in exercising their right to free speech demonstrators were interrupting the democratic process.

He said, 'I was disappointed they chose that method to air their opinions.'

'Their opinions like everybody else's are valid and welcome, but as we were live streaming the event we especially asked attendees to be respectful of the democratic process as we couldn't control who was watching at home.'

Gaby said her treatment had been 'pretty full-on, rough, and incredibly forceful even when we got off stage. One



Far left: Environmental protester Gaby is removed from the Launceston Casino auditorium during the Premier Debate.

Left: Protesters used the Casino flagpoles to send a message to those arriving at the debate. Photos supplied

COVID-19 vaccination update in Tas

All Tasmanians over 50 are eligible to book a COVID-19 vaccination.

From 3 May State Community Clinics and GP respiratory clinics will be vaccinating any Tasmanian in this age group.

GP clinics will fully open to Tasmanians over 50 on 17 May so please talk to your GP if they are participating to book an appointment.

If you do not have a GP, you can book an appointment at a GP Respiratory Clinic or a State Community Clinic which is closest to you.

State Community Clinics are located at Kingston, New Norfolk, Brighton, Mowbray, Deloraine, Wynyard and Huonville.

To book at a State Community Clinic you can book online anytime at www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au/community-clinic or call the Public Health Hotline 1800 671 738.

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guy pushed another one into a member of the audience'.

In contrast to Gaby's forceful ejection from the Casino building, a security man held another demonstrator captive in the foyer, saying police had told him to detain her,

even though she had not been arrested. She was assisted by a passing lawyer.

Examiner staff reporting on the debate were warned there may be demonstrators but were told to ignore it if it happened.



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Lyons voters stick with the status quo

Premier Peter Gutwein and Opposition Leader Rebecca White in debate at the Casino. Photo supplied

Sharon Webb

A STATE election called a year early has left the Lyons electorate representation almost the same as it was before.

As counting proceeded (at the time of writing) only one of the five seats was in doubt, being fought over by Labor candidates, incumbent Jen Butler and Janet Lambert.

The 82,911 Lyons voters chose Labor leader Rebecca White and Liberals Guy Barnett, Mark Shelton and John Tucker to retain their seats. Although first-time Green candidate Liz Johnstone performed creditably with around 2000 primary votes, she will not sit in the House of Assembly.

Nor will Liberal Meander Valley councillors Susie Bower and Stephanie Cameron. Long-term Liberal Party member Cllr Cameron has so far outpolled Cllr Bower on primary votes, 2077 to 1542, but their overall performance including preferences is yet to be seen.

While it was a comfortable first election performance for both, Cllr Bower may be dissatisfied because it is an indication of the electorate's potential support for her as a federal candidate.

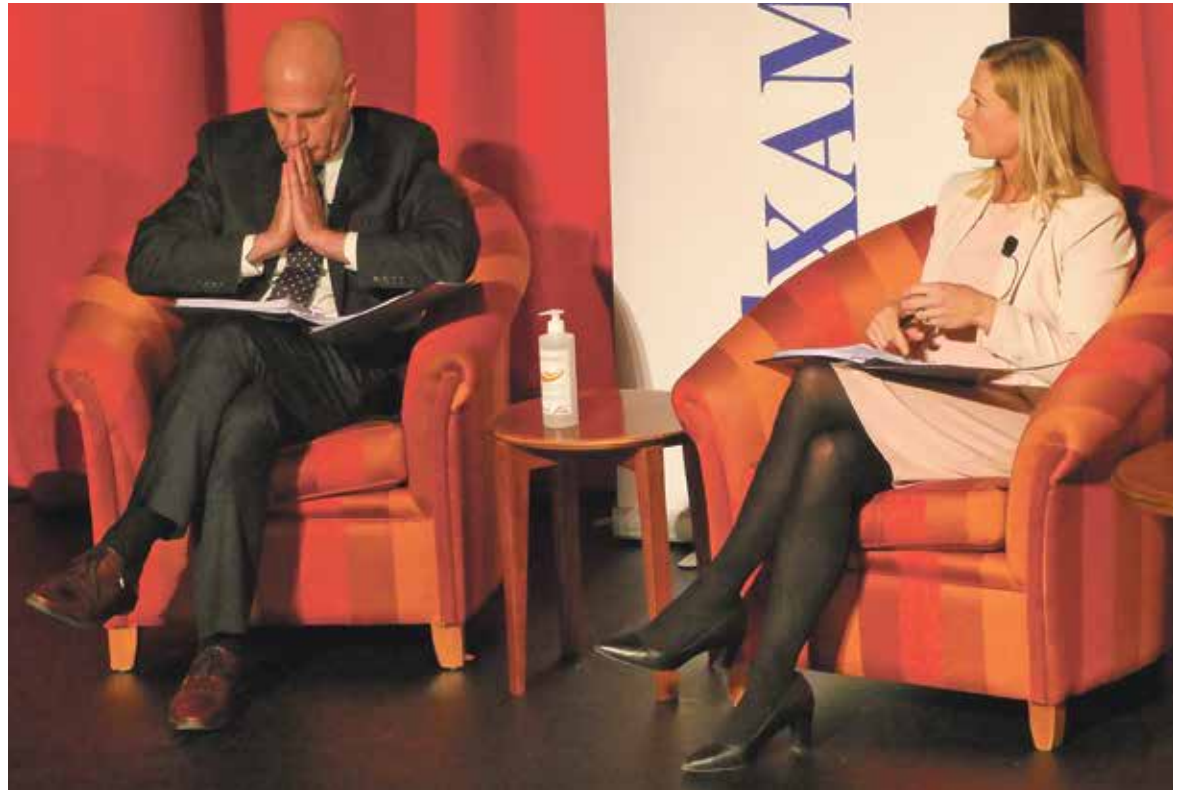
At the time the state election was called, she confirmed she had indicated interest in pre-selection for a federal seat.

'The State election is not really a practise run for a federal election and I'm not there to make up the numbers,' she pointed out.

Commenting on the premise that the Liberals had chosen her and Cllr Cameron because adding two females to a male team was a good look, she said, 'Any government would want to put competent females forward'.

For Lyons voters some interest is in the small details of primary vote trends, compared with the 2018 election.

Rebecca White topped the poll again with more than 10,000 votes, a slight swing against her. Her vote, well



above the 7427 vote quota for a seat, will help Jen Butler or Janet Lambert into Parliament.

Second in the poll, Guy Barnett had around a seven per cent swing to him.

Active across the electorate, with regular photos in *The Examiner*, his support for a posthumous Victoria Cross for Teddy Sheean may have made him a popular choice.

Mark Shelton appears to have had a small swing in his favour, as does East Coast candidate John Tucker, who may benefit from preferences from Guy Barnett's high vote.

Opinion

COVID hero or tragic hero?

Sharon Webb

TASMANIA'S 389,432 voters have decided. The Liberal Party was so good in government that they want more of the same.

More of the same means protective decisions around COVID-19, possible reform on land tax and election funding, pokies draining family incomes, a new prison near Westbury, improved school buildings, more teacher aides and better football grounds.

According to election campaign propaganda, it also means a 'blitz' on elective surgery.

But the Liberals appear to have no solutions to sick and injured people sitting for hours in hospitals' A&E.

No solutions to ambulance ramping, to people being shoved in store rooms because of a lack of ward space, to Tasmanians waiting two years for a colonoscopy done within a month in Sydney.

Both Sarah Courtney and Michael Ferguson, while re-elected in Bass, should surely have got voters' message that their roles in Tasmania's health mess has been well and truly noticed.

That Ms Courtney's vote is down around six per cent is a comment on her lack of credibility as health minister. Ferguson's 15 per cent swing against him reflects voters' scorn for his previous efforts in the health portfolio.

Premier Peter Gutwein's personal vote justifies his view that going to the polls a year ahead of time was the right decision to try and grab a Liberal victory.

His huge personal swing of almost 25 per cent shows voters heard his message that he got them through the COVID-19 outbreak crisis, therefore he should lead them through another four years of government.

The future of Labor leader Rebecca White isn't so clear.

Voters' support for her as a candidate isn't in doubt. In 2021 she topped the poll in Lyons, just as she did in 2018.

But David O'Byrne has snapped at her heels for years and losing a second election means Ms White's Labor leadership is in doubt.

Ms White's performance shows she isn't a leader. She doesn't have the fire.

She took too long to get into her stride in the five-week campaign, only showing her mettle in the final two weeks, especially in the *Mercury* debate against Gutwein in Hobart.

And Labor had no theme once they'd exhausted the shambles that is TAFE Tasmania.

Empty Liberal infrastructure promises on the Midland Highway, Charles Street bridge, Hobart's Southern Outlet and the Bridgewater Bridge coming to naught could have been fodder, but Labor messaging was weak. They took no weapons to battle.

Liberal messaging was slick, in comparison. Using strategies and some personnel from their

usual government media processes, they kept up a stream of statements, promises and candidate photo opportunities.

But it was control freak territory.

At the Campbell Town candidate launch, the only person allowed to speak to media was Peter Gutwein. Every candidate, even their highest flying former ministers, was muzzled.

Gutwein stamped any discussion of the proposed Westbury prison as a no-go area. His response to a question on whether the election sought a mandate on the issue was a firm, 'We've made a decision to have the prison there'.

When a candidate was said to have been telling voters that the prison decision was firm but that candidate would help Westbury to get the best deal possible, a Liberal media officer refused to respond.

'The Premier doesn't want to talk about the prison,' he said.

Literature and movies are full of tragic heroes, and over the next four years we'll see if Gutwein is one.

The tragic hero definition is specific, whether it's Oedipus, Macbeth, Jay Gatsby or Ned Stark from *Game of Thrones*.

Despite extraordinary qualities, a fatal flaw (pride, vanity, jealousy) brings their downfall.

Tasmanians recognised Peter Gutwein's qualities during COVID but it wasn't enough for him. He twitched with the need to be recognised as a leader in his own right, so called an election a year early. The unpreparedness of other parties was a challenge to the democratic process, but the rights of voters weren't Gutwein's concern.

The next four years will prove whether Peter Gutwein is a COVID hero or tragic hero.

He will need to keep the religious extremists in his ranks under control and fulfil on infrastructure. Removing the hapless Michael Ferguson from that role would be a good start.

Most of all, Peter Gutwein must understand Tasmanians will not stand seeing their relatives and friends in pain or dying so that he can tout a solid budget.

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Letter from the Editor

IT'S A much quieter paper this month, following of the state election campaign that helped fill our April edition.

By the time this edition is out and about, the election should be decided and we can all get back to our usual routines.

It has been interesting to watch sitting members and newly hopeful candidates stepping very carefully away from some issues as if they were landmines.

The proposed Northern Regional Prison is a case in point. It was surprising to see how little mention was made of the prison leading up to the election.

But perhaps it is only in the Meander Valley or in Westbury where this is considered an issue at all.

As one of the largest infrastructure projects ever pro-

posed for Northern Tasmania, this development will have major long term impact on the local economy, business and environment.

Perhaps we are naive in assuming that those seeking to represent us in local, state or federal government should be obliged to answer our questions.

On another issue entirely, Valley residents might be interested to know that the Meander Valley Gazette has two formal complaints lodged against it with the Australian Press Council.

One complaint is from a private individual and the other is from the General Manager of the Meander Valley Council on behalf of the Council.

Regardless of the outcome, we will keep readers informed.
Liz Douglass

Letters to the Editor

I recently attended the Premier Debate at the Country Club Casino in Launceston.

I was not impressed by the conversation between Peter Gutwein and Rebecca White.

It is ludicrous that there was absolutely no discussion about the environment, especially as we are in the centre of a global climate emergency and nobody

is talking about it. Climate change is going to affect everyone on the planet sooner rather than later.

I will not be voting Labor or Liberals as they try to out-right-wing each other.

How can we still be ignoring the environment in 2021?

*Felicity Holmes,
Tinderbox*



Westbury Cenotaph at the Anzac Day Dawn Service on the Village Green Photo supplied

Opinion

Brian Mitchell MP

WHAT ARE the Libs hiding about Westbury Prison?

Why is the federal Liberal government dodging legitimate questions about the Tasmanian government's proposed northern prison site at Westbury? What has it got to hide?

The site 5km outside Westbury on Birralee Road is meant to be protected under federal environmental law. It's even received federal funding because of its National Reserve Estate significance.

So, when the Tasmanian government announced a prison for it, alarm bells started ringing.

A couple of months ago I asked federal environment minister Sussan Ley a series of detailed questions and last week I received answers. Sort of.

I asked four questions, which were basically:

- 1 Is federal consent required for the prison to be built on the reserve?
- 2 If so, will the minister's decision depend solely on advice from the Tasmanian government?
- 3 Will the minister provide the community the opportunity to comment on any advice provided by the Tasmanian government before she makes a decision; and,
- 4 How is a 270-bed prison built on a National Reserve Estate not a critical blow to the integrity of the Private Forest Reserves Program?

IF THE Liberal Party has not been re-elected by the time you read this letter, Westbury and indeed the wider Meander Valley will have a reprieve from the imposition of a maximum security prison on our community.

If the Liberal Party has been re-elected, however, it will come as no surprise. The manner in which this election was called and how it's been conducted by the Liberal Party has made any other outcome quite unlikely.

WRAP has been prepared for such an outcome for many,

WRITING A letter to the editor in April 2021 is like putting a note in a time capsule, holding your breath and waiting a week to be in the future to see who won the election.

While other electorates had a good line up of strong independents and exciting candidates to vote for, here in Lyons the nature of the snap election and the Liberals stacking the ticket with Meander Valley Councillors means the Liberals may have won.

Especially if people only focus on the Premier's handling of COVID-19, and turn a blind eye to the fact everywhere you turn our State is in crisis.

Given the Government's poor history, the vague response was disappointing but not unexpected.

Rather than confirm whether she had the final say, Minister Ley said the Commonwealth 'played a role'.

She also noted she would not have any decision-making role 'unless the proposal is likely to have a significant impact on matters that are protected under the EPBC Act'.

As to what constitutes a 'significant impact' or who decides what one is, there was no answer.

But I hazard a guess that a stonking big prison might fit the bill.

There was no answer on whether the community would get to be heard, nor on whether the prison represented a critical blow to the integrity of the well-regarded Private Forest Reserves Program.

This entire northern prison process has been a debacle, and Tasmanians can have no confidence that this site is the best site, because the process that got us here has been so fundamentally flawed.

Minister Ley really does need to come clean – if the prison does represent a 'significant impact' will she wave it through, or will she stop it proceeding on this site?

The people of Westbury deserve to know the truth.

Brian Mitchell MP is the federal member for Lyons

many months now and we are ready for the fight.

We will take the next part of our campaign to the Federal Government. The Tasmanian Government owns the nature reserve on paper only.

It was bought using Federal funding for the sole purpose of the conservation of its natural values. The Federal Government has no choice but to insist that it be used for that purpose.

Even with a Tasmanian Liberal Government, the prison is far from being a done deal.

Linda Poulton, Westbury

While it would be great for a party that does not support a prison at Westbury to win, those that have fought tirelessly to stop the prison are prepared for whatever eventuates on Saturday.

The prison is not a done deal! The government haven't even finished the geotechnical drilling or due diligence yet!

There's still so many ways to stop this ludicrous monstrosity, and the people of Westbury are resourceful, resilient and wonderfully strong.

We might lose a battle, but we can still win the war!

*Emma Hamilton,
Westbury*

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Patsy Crawford scribbling away

HAVING A mind of your own is increasingly coming at a premium.

When decisions are to be made do we dig down to our inner selves, summon up our resolve and stow the boots right in?

Well, some of us still do. Others are letting influencers do the job for them.

The rise of the influencer (even I worry whether I should cap up that word, so pervasive is its waft throughout the community) has been another

of the barking mad manifestations of our times.

Given that they appear to speak in tongues, I've only got a fairly frail grasp on what they're meant to do. Influencing must earn you some serious dollars though, otherwise why would someone set themselves up as some sort of psychoanalytical dollar dazzler to people so dilatory they can't make up their own mind?

A cursory look at the average influencers reveals they are predominantly female, young and have perfect blindingly white teeth.

They use terms not generally heard in everyday conversation ('inner core', 'energy radiation', 'pelvic awareness', 'paleolithic spirituality', blah,

blah) and they assiduously court anyone who's been within a microdot of celebrity status.

Gwyneth is their goddess. Hollywood is awash with them. So, increasingly is Australia.

The boys are big here. Think Pete Evans and all that bone broth. Think Shane Warne and that hair.

Think little kids whose antics are considered so nauseatingly hilarious people pay to watch them online.

Figure out why girls fork out for advice on whether in these Covid-ridden times it's acceptable to slouch about in public in trackies, and what's the best way to glue on fake eyelashes.

Influencers influence the rich, the moderately well off

and (goes without saying) the A-listers, another term I find hard to get to grips with.

We don't seem to have a lot of A-listers on the ground here in the valley.

Even the odd person who gets a bit of a run on the telly and the people who write reams and reams of letters about the gaol at/or not at Westbury fall short of what's required to slot into that status – improbably radiant charisma, looking cool in a snap-brim fedora a la Dave Graney (now there's an influencer for you), even a slot on Dancing With The Stars, which can go a long way.

It therefore follows that unless you win Tattsлото, crank out the quaddie at Moonee Valley or live your entire life on

social media platforms your chances of rubbing shoulders with the likes of an influencer are fairly remote.

Influencing has become a multi-billion business. People, governments and charities are queuing up to be advised on how to do what they do.

The industry has attracted a motley collection of adherents to its ranks. Old gangsta rappers, models and quiz show contestants are springing out of the woodwork to spruik their latent influencer credentials.

The well heeled will pay their pennies and heed their advice. The rest of us will make do with that most reliable of all influencers, our grannies.

Green light for extra 190 homes in Hadspen

Sharon Webb

MEANDER VALLEY councillors approved a residential subdivision of 190 lots to be built over 14 stages at Hadspen at their April meeting.

The subdivision, to be built by Hadspen Development Pty Ltd, includes new roads and public open space, including bushland on the top of a hill.

But Rod and Bev Sweetnam, residents of Scott Street in Hadspen, said they were disappointed with the planning application.

They were especially critical of the open space allocated to a corner of the development.

They wrote, 'The proposal does not achieve the urban design outcomes indicated by original developers and the council at the time the proposal for development were made public. It is obvious the developers' objective appears only to maximise the number of residential lots.

'There is no indication of landscape elements/spaces as spoken about at early public meetings. Tree streetscapes and overall public amenity do not appear to be a consideration in the proposed planning application.

'The council should require the developers to resubmit the plans with the integration of public open space throughout the subdivision, i.e. within the

body of the subdivision, allowing road frontage to parkland for amenity and recreational purposes.

'The provision of the five per cent open space adjacent to the telecommunication structures (and as a consequence of this lower valued land) would appear to be opportunistic from an urban planning perspective.'

The block sizes vary. In the 167 lot residential zone, five blocks are below the 700 square metre minimum lot size.

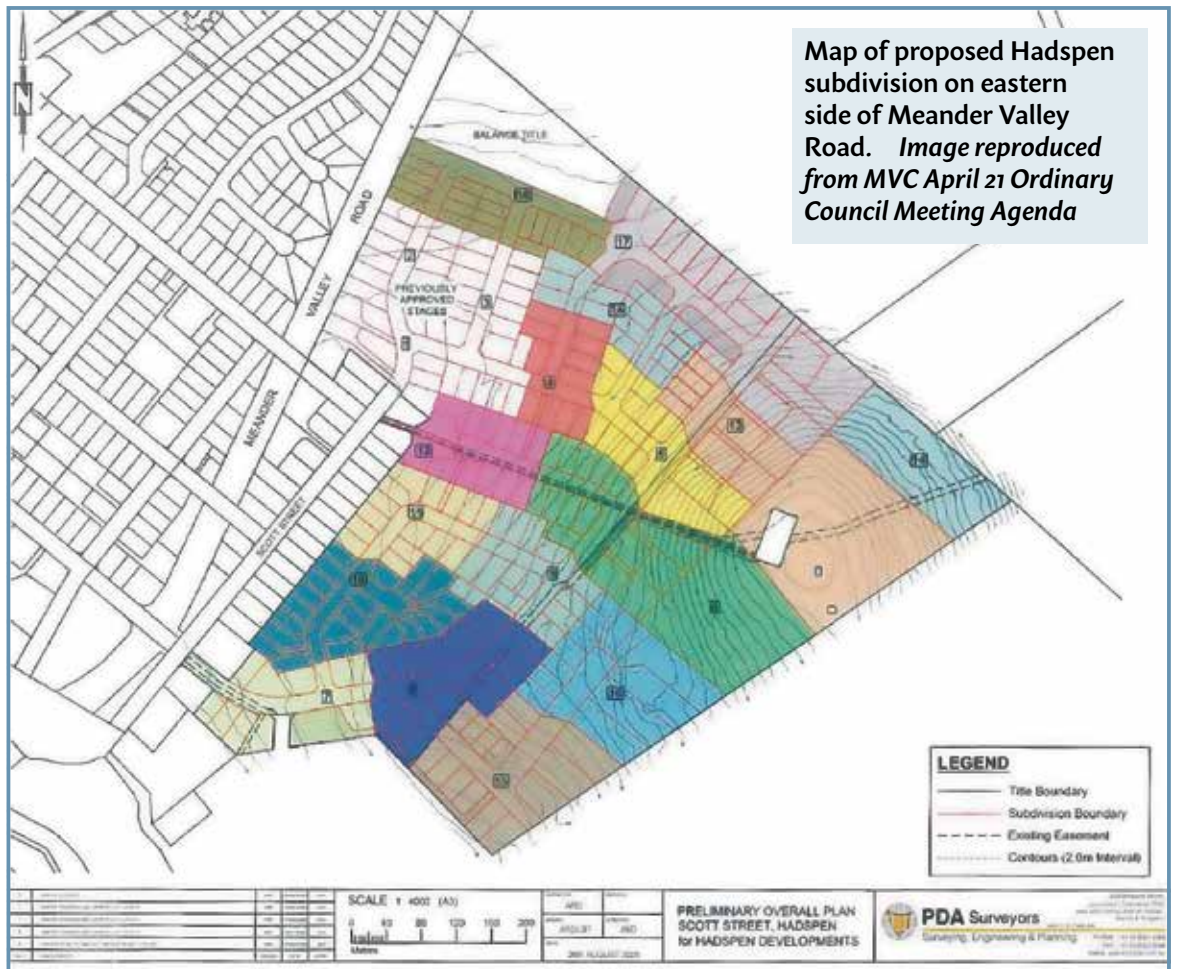
The low density residential zone incorporates 22 lots which are all over 1600 square metres in size and there are three lots in the open space zone.

Planner Jo Oliver's report said the proposed subdivision is generally consistent with planning scheme requirements.

But she said, 'It is considered that the layout requires several modifications to better meet the local area objectives, desired future character statements and the standards of the Hadspen specific area plan.'

In particular, Ms Oliver stipulated realignment of pedestrian walkways to meet the requirement for high-quality pedestrian recreation pathways and connectivity.

The water supply for the development will come from the Hadspen reservoir which is within the subdivision site. Sewage will be disposed of at Carrick sewage ponds.



But surveyors for the subdivision said eight lots may not achieve TasWater's minimum water supply pressure.

Mr and Mrs Sweetnam were also critical of the lack of water pressure and the sub-700 square metre lots, claiming Meander Valley Council should not accept a departure from the interim planning scheme on the block sizes.

They questioned whether the sewerage treatment plant was capable of servicing the additional loading from the subdivision, saying that development stages that would take loadings over existing capacities should not be approved until sewage treatment infrastructure was expanded.

They also claimed a number of lots do not appear to have

legal access to road frontage, due to provision of drainage easements in front of the lots.

All councillors voted in support of the development except for Cllr John Temple.

NOTE: No comments from councillors are quoted in this story because of the council's indistinct audio recording of its April meeting.



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Below: The Anzac Day marchers pass in front of the Westbury RSL, before the morning service. Gathering at the corner of William and Lyall Streets, the march proceeded to the Village Green, led by a contingent of five pipers and a drummer.

Middle: After the Dawn Service, Westbury RSL hosted a breakfast prepared and served by members and supporters of the Rotary Club of Westbury. Margaret Broomby, Tracey Webster and Annette Barrett are just three of the hard-working kitchen hands..

Lest we forget Westbury



Above: Students from Westbury Primary School stand to attention as Lee Brient sings the National Anthem and the New Zealand Anthem (in both Maori and English). The service also featured Chloe Grey who read her poem entitled 'My Horse and I'. Chloe is the great, great granddaughter of Norman Harvey, a Sergeant in the 3rd Light Horse in WW1.

Right: John Donaldson, with Sinai-Beth, are a well-loved feature of the Anzac Day March in Westbury. Sinai-Beth is descended from the Walters which carried the cavalymen of the Light Horse and John wears the uniform and carries the equipment they would have used.

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Anzac Day 2021 Deloraine

Below: Deloraine's veterans and family representatives, were the pride of the parade.



Above: Deloraine RSL Sub Branch President and Parade Marshal Peter Ashton DCM opened the official ceremony at 11am, observed by Father Ben Brooks of the Catholic diocese and Greg Hall, Vietnam veteran and former Legislative Councillor. Other speakers included Hank Horton (Welcome to Country), Kevin Horton (Act of Commemoration) and Cllr Andrew Sherriff representing the municipality.



Above: Deloraine Cenotaph, a few days after Anzac Day, still reminds passersby of the sacrifices made by Indigenous and other veterans during wartime. *Photo supplied*

Above right: Deloraine Primary School students pause at the roundabout during the Anzac Day March watched by the Deloraine locals who crowded onto Emu Bay Road. Among the marchers were Indigenous veterans, representatives for the horses and dogs who served, Australian Air Force Cadets, Deloraine Fire Brigade, Deloraine High, Our Lady of Mercy and various local sporting and community groups.

Right: Following the service, the Deloraine Big Band leaves the Cenotaph. *Photos by Darren Harris*



Meander riverbank to be 'remediated' after willows terminated

Sharon Webb

MEANDER VALLEY Council has committed to rehabilitating the Meander riverbank at Deloraine where it axed five willows overhanging platypus habitat.

But how rehabilitation of the bare riverbank containing five tree stumps will look is a mystery. The council's general manager, who supported the axing, has refused to state how or when rehabilitation will be carried out.

General manager John Jordan said that the area will be 'remediated'.

His statement follows an April meeting between Australian Platypus Conservancy director Geoff Williams and council director of works, Matthew Millwood, who instructed a local contractor to cut down five trees instead of the one tree whose branch had fallen onto the river.

Mr Williams, whose visit from his base in Victoria included platypus information talks in Latrobe and Hobart, said the meeting with Mr Millwood had been positive and that Mr Millwood would develop a revegetation plan for the area.

'The meeting was very constructive. We went through the

issues at hand', Mr Williams said.

'I agreed to supply guidelines on platypus habitat, including revegetation. I'm looking forward to working with Meander Valley Council into the future.'

Mr Jordan said, 'The site will be remediated considering environmental values in due course. This work will be part of the council's routine schedule of maintenance and improvement across all public open spaces.'

In November last year Mr Millwood ordered contractor Woodland Management to cut down the trees in December 2020. That action involved an excavator rolling to and fro for a day over the riverbank containing platypus burrows.

The cut down tree trunks and branches were piled up and burnt over the burrows.

Last month Mr Jordan talked up the positive attitude of council staff to the Meander riverbank, saying, 'Council officers take great pride in conserving [the Deloraine riverbank precinct's] noteworthy environmental values and aesthetic appeal.'

'Input from members of the community, including stakeholders like the Australian Platypus Conservancy, is welcomed.'



Deloraine wildlife photographer Joy Kachina, who tried to stop the willows' removal on the day it happened, said she had written about it to all Meander Valley councillors,

including the only councillor who lives in Deloraine, Andrew Sherriff.

'Not one of them replied and I just received a generic email from John Jordan', she said.

The remaining stumps of the willows on the bank of the Meander River at Deloraine, shortly after the council's contractors cut down the trees. *Photo supplied*



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\$250,000 pledge boost for pump track project

Sharon Webb

YOUNG PEOPLE pushing for a pump track in Deloraine were thrilled to hear the Liberal Party will allocate \$250,000 to the project.

From the buckets of money swilling around during the April state election campaign, Liberal candidate and Meander Valley councillor Stephanie Cameron said she was happy to make an election pledge for a family-friendly pump track on Alveston Drive.

'I was impressed with the youth group who first presented this idea to Meander Valley Council 18 months ago and I'm keen to see the pump track happen', she said.

But Cllr Rodney Synfield, who also attended the announcement, said the Alveston Drive location was not 'set in concrete', alluding to an in-council push to locate it at the disused Deloraine racetrack.

'The pump track was in a list of 10-12 proposals the council put to parties standing for election', he said.

Supporter Fayth Drury of Deloraine said the pump track would be a facility available for families and young people in the area, especially young people interested in bike riding who could not drive to track locations in Railton, Derby or the recently announced West Tamar track.

Rider Will Thomson of Golden Valley said he'd been biking around the state for a couple of years and aims to compete in the future.



Will and WeiWei Thomson of Golden Valley, Lola Auty of Prospect and Fayth Drury of Deloraine look over the \$20,000 pump track plans paid for by Meander Valley Council and drawn up by World Trails. Photo by Sharon Webb

'Lots of kids here like to ride bikes but need a space for practicing and exercise', he said.

'There's a social aspect too. It's a good place to hang out.'

Deloraine Lions Club secretary Ted Carter said the Liberal

Party pledge was encouraging and hoped it would help attract more support for the project.

'It helps us believe we're not just stringing along for something that's impossible.

'But we're not happy with the idea of having it at the racetrack, which floods and is too isolated. 'Alveston Drive is closer to schools, and nearby houses mean that kids would have eyes on them all the time.

'This proposal is good for families too. Last time I was at the Railton pump track I counted 20 kids using it or watching, and six adults having a barbecue. That's the kind of activity we want in Deloraine.'

Education union claims schools are missing out on extra teachers

Sharon Webb

TASMANIAN TEACHERS claim schools attended by Meander Valley students are missing out on between one and 34 extra teachers as a result of the funding agreement between the Tasmanian and federal Liberals.

They say that under the Gonski review of school funding Deloraine Primary School is entitled to an extra 8.3 teachers. Deloraine High School should have an extra 6.3 teachers.

Three days out from the election, the Tasmania's Australian Education Union president David Genford said, 'This underfunding is a huge failure from the Tasmanian Liberal Government.

'They've failed to stand up for Tasmanian children at the federal level and they've failed to meet the shortfall so our kids are missing out.

'This is not about capital funding or one-off expenditure, this is about every Tasmanian school and child missing out every year. On average, every school is missing out on \$630,000 every year.'

Mr Genford said the schooling resource standard minimum school funding benchmark, that Liberal governments are failing to reach,

is written into federal law and was developed independently by the 2011 Gonski Review of Funding for Schooling.

During the election campaign the Liberal party did not promise more classroom teachers.

Liberal education spokesperson Jeremy Rockliff said, 'If reelected, we will continue our record investment into education and schools, with more

than \$133 million in funding to support teachers and over 62,000 State School students in Tasmania.'

Major Liberal funding promises included:

- \$9.2 million additional professional support staff in schools
- \$15.5 million for a new support school in Devonport
- \$100 million to 'revitalising learning spaces in schools and colleges'
- A 50 per cent increase in literacy coaches in classrooms.

Mr Genford said the union representing teachers, principals and support staff wanted

voters to know what was at stake for their local schools and colleges.

'For every Tasmanian parent, imagine what your child could achieve with ten percent more funding, what your child's school or college could achieve with ten percent more funding.'

'Every school has different needs. For some it is additional teachers, for others it is professional support staff such as school psychologists.

'Some schools would run programs to help students who are falling behind and those that need to be extended.'

Funding shortfall claims for Meander Valley schools*		
School	Shortfall	Equivalent to
Bracknell Primary	\$506,000	1.5 teachers
Deloraine Primary	\$2.8m	8.3 teachers
Deloraine High School	\$2.1m	6.3 teachers
Hagley Farm School	\$2.7m	8.1 teachers
Launceston College	\$11.4m	34.1 teachers
Mole Creek Primary	\$413,000	1.2 teachers
Prospect High	\$3.5m	10.5 teachers
Westbury Primary	\$960,000	2.9 teachers

*Figures rounded

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Worth waiting for ...



Election day in Westbury with longer than usual queues in the morning, due to COVID-19 restrictions. Enjoying the warm sunshine, everyone seemed happy to catch up with neighbours and friends while waiting to cast their votes. *Photo supplied*

Liberal Party councillors 'allowed' to vote on prison

Sharon Webb

MEANDER VALLEY councillors who stood as Liberal candidates supporting the government's proposed new prison will be allowed to vote on the planning application for the project.

General manager John Jordan said the councillors would be required to manage any conflict of interest or bias in accordance with relevant legislation and their role when acting as a planning authority.

At the April council meeting Westbury Region Against the Prison president, Emma Hamilton, asked, 'Will the council tell us if Cllr Susie Bower and Cllr Stephanie Cameron will be allowed to vote on the Liberal Party's prison proposal rezone and/or development application should they not be elected and remain on council?'

Westbury resident Peter Wileman added, 'Are the two councillors who are standing as Liberal candidates, supporting

the three Liberal incumbents in state government, allowed to continue in their council roles as elected 'unbiased' councillors?'

'Especially in light of the imminent planning application by the Liberal state government for the proposed northern maximum security prison at Westbury.

'Both the Labor Party and the Greens have stated their opposition to the flawed prison proposal, leaving only the Liberal Party as proponents, to which the two councillors show a clear bias.'

When asked about how she would handle voting on the prison planning application

having been a Liberal Party candidate, Cllr Bower said she would take advice on the issue.

The prison potentially was a fraught issue during the election. The Liberal Party successfully damped down any discussion of it.

WRAP spokesperson Linda Poulton claimed that at least one Liberal candidate for Lyons had told voters that a prison at the reserve is inevitable, but if elected, that candidate would nevertheless fight for the town to make the best of it.

'By conveying to the people of Westbury that a prison at the proposed nature reserve

is inevitable, this candidate is effectively lying straight to their faces', Ms Poulton said.

'Due diligence for the site is not yet complete. Federal Government agreement needs to be obtained.

'The whole process then needs to go through a planning process which is meant to be independent. It is fraught with legal impediments and WRAP is determined to fight it until the end. So this prison is very, very far from being a done deal.

'This candidate is peddling a lie, but what's worse is seeking to promote themselves as a voice for the town on the back of that lie.'

A Liberal Party spokesperson indicated it was unlikely the party would respond to the allegation because party leader Peter Gutwein didn't want to speak about the prison.

Ms Poulton said, 'Despite their silence, we know [the Liberals] are worried about what the local booths will show come election day.

'Meander Valley is clearly very important to them, more important than anywhere else in Lyons. Why else would four out of six of their candidates be from the Meander Valley?'



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'Government House of the North', historic Quamby for sale



Hagley's Americal Colonial Quamby is for sale worldwide. Its mature oak tree is one of the largest in Australia and the property is dotted with elms, ash and a rare hornbeam. *Photo supplied*

Sharon Webb

QUAMBY ESTATE in its park-like setting on Westwood Road Hagley is on the market and set for yet another iteration of its so far fabulous life.

The home, with its 2.5km tree-lined driveway, 64 hectares and nine hole golf course, is for sale world-wide. Agents Knight Frank are expecting a Tasmanian property record.

A woman who lived on the estate 30 years ago said, 'It's a wonderful experience to live at Quamby. You become part of its story.'

The American Colonial-style home was the flamboyant base for northern entertaining by the first Tasmanian born premier Sir Richard Dry and his impeccable hostess wife, Lady Clara Meredith Dry.

As well as entertaining dignitaries, Heritage Tasmania records Dry, who owned nearly 5000 hectares, as 'a beneficent feudal lord', hosting Christmas dinner and Quamby festivities for his many tenant farmers. He gave land worth £400 to build St Mary's Anglican Church and rectory at Hagley.

Dry also commissioned the building of the school now known as Hagley Farm School for his tenants' children's education.

When Sir Richard died in office in 1869 aged 54, his wife, 13 years younger, moved to England, selling to Victorian grazier JJ Phelps.

Sir Richard was buried at St Mary's in Hagley.

Later, Quamby was home for the Gregory family, then postwar for the Barnett family

who revived its glory, and more recently it became a golf and country club.

In its earlier and later lives, Quamby was a byword for beauty and luxury, with white marble for the drawing room fireplace and black marble for the dining room. But not always.

The land was originally granted to Irish political convict Richard Dry, for services to Tasmania's colonial government.

He built the first stage of Quamby, originally called Belle Vue, leaving his son Sir Richard to build the second and more glamorous stage from 1838 to 1843.

Over many years after Lady Clara sold it, the building went into decline, until post WWII Mark Barnett's parents, John

and Sallie (later Lady Ferrall) bought it and started renovating in 1955.

'It was a serious wreck', said Mark, who now lives at Westbury. 'I was born there while it was being restored and I believe many local people asked, 'When are you bringing in the bulldozers?'

'I have an early memory of being in a cot in the dining room, looking up and seeing the sky.'

Mark said that Richard Dry senior, who lived at Elphin Farm in Launceston rather than Quamby, worked in Tasmania's treasury and was one of six key people who set up the colony.

'He was granted 81 hectares, the largest Tasmanian landholder at the time. His position meant he knew the best land

locations. But he died before Quamby was finished.

'His son Richard, being Tasmania's seventh premier, needed entertainment rooms so he built the flagstone verandah and the entrance hall to welcome dignitaries, the dining room and the drawing room.'

Mark's memories of growing up include playing cricket with brothers Simon, Nicholas and Guy in Quamby's vast hallway, the length of a cricket pitch.

'I have a 1970s memory, when I was 10 or 11. My parents held a National Trust open house. People were lined up down the driveway in the rain.

'I was in the kitchen listening to visitors saying, 'Oooh, people actually live here!'

'Soon after that, it dawned on me that I was privileged to be living at Quamby.'



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Spring site survey to delay prison plan even longer



The currently nominated site for the proposed Northern regional Prison, is on Crown land at Brushy Rivulet, also known as Westbury Reserve or Marney's Hill Reserve. Photo supplied

Sharon Webb

THE STATE Government's planning application for a new prison at Birralea Road could be delayed until December this year or later.

An April letter from the Justice Department secretary Ginna Webster has confirmed that environment consultants are waiting until spring to conduct necessary plant and wildlife surveys.

Ms Webster wrote, 'As required for an assessment of some of the potential floral species on the site, there will be a need for a seasonal survey which is scheduled for this coming spring.'

'The results of the natural values assessment will also provide information on the presence of introduced species and any species protected under both Commonwealth and State legislation.'

The spring survey information, contained in a letter to WRAP anti-prison spokesperson Linda Poulton, means the government's prison development schedule released in June 2020 will be at least a year behind time.

The government lost valuable time on the project because its first environment consultant EcoTas dropped out in November last year, unable to reach a contract agreement with the government. North Barker Ecosystems Services was later appointed.

Almost a year after the government announced the Brushy Creek nature reserve as the second proposed site for the prison, there has been no full natural survey of the site.

Tellingly, Ms Webster gave no indication that environmental issues would hinder the State Government's plan to have the prison in that location.

The Corrections Minister who proposed the prison, Elise Archer, has consistently said that the prison's development application will be put to Meander Valley councillors to approve or reject.

'All the information collected as part of the due diligence process will be made publicly available when the combined planning scheme amendment and development application is lodged with the Meander Valley Council', Ms Webster wrote.

Tasmanian wildlife expert Nick Mooney said the spring site assessment, to be done by North Barker, was necessary because a lot of plants could not be properly identified until they flowered.

In addition, spring and summer was the optimal time for a bird survey to include the many migratory birds using the site.

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ONE OF the most memorable observations during an early spring outing to Westbury Reserve was the repetitive 'pick-it-up' singing of striated pardalotes.

These tiny birds build their nests in small hollows or splits in the trunks and branches of the eucalypts that are abundant at the reserve.

Pardalotes are among the most specialised feeders in eucalypt forests and woodlands. They use their chunky bills to peck insects and sugary secretions from eucalypt leaves.

I've visited the reserve many times since then to document as much as possible (from slime moulds to devils!), so I know the area well.

For instance, I usually hear yellow-throated honeyeaters and eastern spinebills just north of the gate, a scarlet robin lives close to the entrance, and families of brown thornbills and grey fantails are active along the track.

Despite what their ability to fly might suggest, birds are very faithful to a location.

Year after year migratory striated pardalotes return to breed in the same eucalypt – if it's still there.

It has been fascinating to observe the succession of insects with the changing seasons, but what interests me most are the birds, and not just the rare and endangered species, but the so-called common ones, whose absence or declines I (and others) have documented elsewhere.

Yellow-throated honeyeaters, grey shrike-thrush, dusky robins and migratory satin flycatchers have 'dropped out' at other sites in the region yet they have bred successfully at the reserve in 2020–21.

This is because the reserve has all the habitat features these different species need.

It has plenty of places where different species nest such as young and old eucalypts of various species, smaller trees like wattles and prickly moses, and patches of shrubbery.

It has nest building material such as grass, rootlets, moss, twiglets and spiders' web.

It has dense vegetation where birds can shelter from inclement weather and hide from predators.

Most birds are very particular about where they build their nests and where they feed. For instance, the yellow-throated

honeyeater nests close to the ground, but searches for invertebrates (insects and spiders) on the trunks and branches of eucalypts.

Golden whistlers and grey fantails nest in mid-storey vegetation but whistlers snatch their invertebrate prey from foliage whereas fantails take tiny flying insects from the air.

The dusky robin nests in a variety of places, and characteristically watches the ground for prey while perched on the side of trunks and stumps.

Satin flycatchers are the fussiest of all. They construct their nests on a horizontal dead branch, 5 to 15 meters above the ground, usually under live vegetation.

Sticky spiders' web is crucial for binding their nesting material and cementing the nest to the branch.

These birds have declined elsewhere because, for a range of different reasons, their habitat has been destroyed.

They desperately need places like Westbury Reserve and other reserves on private and public land so they can maintain viable populations.

Sarah Lloyd OAM



Birds at Westbury Reserve

Above: the yellow-throated honeyeater nests close to the ground. Below left: the striated pardalote builds its nest in small hollows or splits in trunks and branches. Below right: the dusky robin watches for prey while perched on the side of trunks and stumps. Bottom: the scarlet robin.



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Federal Group's subdivision will impact lives, say Prospect Vale residents

Sharon Webb

RESIDENTS OF Prospect Vale have voiced concerns about a 380 lot development planned for Country Club Avenue but council planners say a zoning application to allow the development will not change.

Six residents are concerned mainly about traffic, loss of property values and loss of view from their homes which they claim will occur with the development by Kin Capital and Federal Group.

Meander Valley Council has applied to the Tasmanian Planning Commission for a zone change from major tourism to general residential for the 44 hectare area at 100 Country Club Avenue, as

well as a specific area plan for key features of the residential estate.

Cheltenham Way residents Eva Wohlgemuth, Peter and Karleen Seaman and Lou and Janna van Gelderen of Country Club Avenue objected to potentially increased traffic noise, speeding and honking problems, unsafe vehicle access to their homes and the possibility of roundabout on Cheltenham Way.

Mr and Mrs Seaman wrote, 'Under no circumstances do we want or deserve to be looking at a roundabout. If this did occur it would cause us a lot of distress and would certainly devalue our house.'

All three, as well as Deborah Binns of Casino Rise, believe

the loss of view and spatial amenity would devalue their properties.

Ms Binns requested, 'In keeping with the open "feel" of the larger blocks in Casino Rise, please give consideration to offering larger lots of land if this land is rezoned as residential.'

Mrs Wohlgemuth said, 'I object to the row of planned narrow residential lots along Country Club Avenue opposite the intersection of Cheltenham Way and Country Club Avenue.

'I imagine they will look like a prison wall of 18 new modern houses squeezed together.

'That scar would indeed take the tranquillity of my beloved view over the golf course away and greatly diminish my visual amenity that I currently enjoy.'

Planner Jo Oliver responded, 'The council commits to pursuing road network interventions

that eliminate the need to convert the Cheltenham Green island into a roundabout.

'It is noted that the comments in the traffic impact assessment relating to the installation of a roundabout at this location do not take into account any extension of Mt Leslie Road to Pitcher Parade, and the council's required modification to extend the internal road of this development to a future intersection on Pitcher Parade. This will distribute traffic away from the junction of Cheltenham Way with Country Club Avenue.'

Mr and Mrs van Gelderen were also concerned with the future appearance of Country Club Avenue.

'The 18 or so building allotments along Country Club Ave will necessitate a massive removal of trees and greenery.

'Can we be assured that the council nature strip will

be extended, retained and (re)established including tree-planting?'

Ms Oliver said the appearance of Country Club Avenue as a high quality corridor lined with street trees will continue, despite some additional residential development along its frontage.

'The strip of lots along Country Club Avenue will effectively continue the existing character of the frontages of properties along that road and there will not be a distinct difference in character of residential development.

'The council considers that the removal of vegetation on the golf course is the prerogative of the Federal Group.'

Ms Oliver said there was no evidence that new residential development adjoining existing residential development reduces property values.



The specific area plan for key features of the residential development on Country Club Avenue, as modified by the Planning Authority decision. Image reproduced from MVC April 21 Ordinary Council Meeting Agenda

At the movies with the Western Tiers Film Society

by Clare Andersen

BONUS OFFERING:

May 22 HONEYLAND

2019 M, Documentary, Turkey, 89m
Director Ljubo Stefanov

Achieving two nominations for Best International Feature Film and Best Documentary Feature at the 92nd Academy Awards, *Honeyland* is the first documentary to receive a nomination in both categories in the history of the Oscars.

Honeyland also won three awards at the 2019 Sundance Film Festival.

Taking three years to complete, this documentary is a wholly visual portrayal of the life of one of the last keepers of wild bees in Europe.

Hatidze Miratova, a loner beekeeper, follows ancient beekeeping traditions to cultivate honey in a secluded village in the mountains of North Macedonia.

When a new neighbouring family tries to do the same, it becomes a source of tension as they disregard her wisdom and advice.

'This movie about Europe's last wild beekeepers is complex, resonant, and visually magnificent.'
Rotten Tomato critic, March 2020

June 12 BELLBIRD

2019 M, Comedy/drama, New Zealand, 96m
Director Hamish Bennett

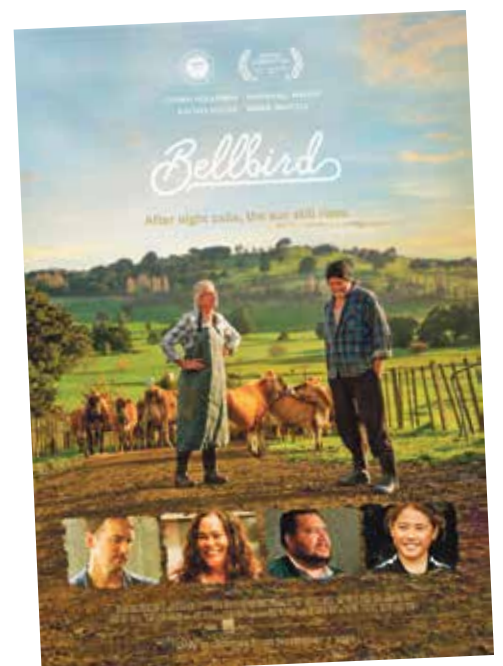
Awarded Best Screenplay and Nomination for Best International Film at 2019 Macao, *Bellbird* conveys a mental health message on listening and connection.

A rural community rallies around a recently widowed farmer to help him cope with his grief.

The farmer's son also struggles to find his own way.

'At times it can be mistaken for an out-and-out comedy, but *Bellbird* is wonderfully tender and emotive.'
NZ Herald July 2019

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In for his chop!

David Claridge

FOLLOWING IN his father's footsteps, local axeman Daniel Gurr returned from the Sydney Royal Easter show with first place in the world championship tree felling contest.

Against many other competitors, Daniel seemed to lead the whole way, twice flying up the log on three boards, before taking a final swing and chopping the top off.

As the piece fell to the ground the cheer of the audience went to another level, giving Daniel a moment to get his breath back before waving to the crowd.

Daniel had added the family name to the winners list again. His father Matthew is famous at the Sydney Show for having won 16 times.

'I guess you could say I was born to be there', Daniel said after the event.

Matthew was dominant at the Sydney show for many years before Mitchell Hewitt started winning.

Daniel had a fierce contest against Mitchell in 2019, going down to his and his father's rival by only 1/300 of a second.

With no Sydney Show in 2020 and Mitchell absent in 2021, Daniel is looking forward to a potential rematch next year.

'It's a shame we've missed a couple of years of competition. They would have been good races.'

When Daniel isn't travelling the country, participating in Stihl Timber Sports events and adding to his many wood cutting accolades, he runs a forestry business with his brother

Daniel can often be seen around Deloraine, in his natural environment, skimming up problem trees on ankle spikes with his chainsaw in hand.



Daniel Gurr at the top of his game, at the Sydney Royal Easter Show 2021 Photo supplied

No highs for Tim as he ploughs in hemp crop

Sharon Webb

DELORAIN FARMER Tim Schmidt said he was 'pretty surprised' to be told testers found his hemp crop's THC content was too high.

Testers notified Tim that his crop was over the one per cent THC content allowable for industrial hemp.

'I was surprised because last year's seed from the same supplier produced a crop with only 0.5 per cent THC', he said.

The result means that Tim, who is president of the Tasmanian Hemp Association, cannot harvest the hemp, worth around \$5000.

He'll plough the crop back into the ground, but he's not too worried.

'Luckily it was only 1.5 hectares. I harvested another 14 hectares earlier.'

The loss of the high-THC crop indicates the fledgling nature of the hemp growing industry in Tasmania. Farmers are learning as they go along.

Currently, Tim said, every crop must be tested for its THC level, measuring tetrahydrocannabinol content which is the psychoactive drug component of both hemp and cannabis. Cannabis can have a THC content of more than 20 per cent.

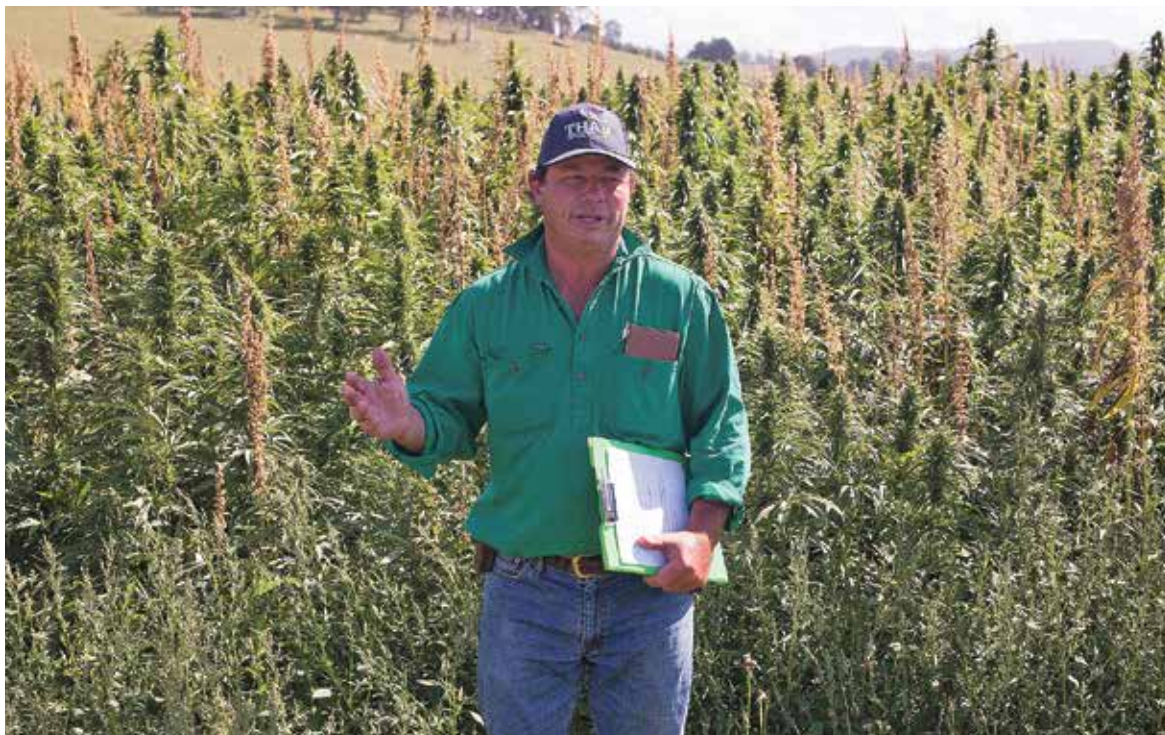
'We're hoping to set up an Australia-wide seed certification system but that's down the track', he said.

While a crop of hemp takes only 100-120 days to grow,

Tasmania's climate means farmers can only grow one crop a year. Tim's lost crop cannot be replaced.

Instead, he will plant again on 20 November and hope the harvest in March 2022 will produce a lower THC count.

Optimistically, Tim believes the publicity around his lost crop means community has learnt more about hemp through media coverage of his misfortune.



1.5 hectares of hemp grown by Deloraine farmer Tim Schmidt must be ploughed in because its THC content is too high. Tim is seen here, hosting the Tasmanian Hemp Association's Community Education Day in February 2021, at Woodlands Farm, near Deloraine. Photo by Darren Harris

Dunorlan shed incinerated

FIRE CAUSED by an ember from a log heap fire has destroyed a shed valued at \$8000-\$10,000 on a property on Dunorlan Rd.

In the late afternoon of Sunday 11 April, fire crews from Westbury, Deloraine and Elizabeth Town responded to a

report of a shed on fire. Police also attended.

The crews took 30 minutes to control the fire.

Fire investigators determined the fire was an accident.

The shed, believed to be an old woodshed used for storing hay, was completely destroyed.

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Cold weather colour



The deciduous *Berberis thunbergii* has quite vicious thorns. Photo supplied



Early winter colour

There are few flowering plants brave enough to bloom in the cold of early winter months.

The heliotrope *Cystus incana* and Dahlias are providing some colour, but deciduous trees supply the reds and yellows to brighten the scene.

The Tupelo tree (*Nyssa silvatica*) is conspicuous with its variegated display of red, gold and green foliage, as is the bright orange of the deciduous *Berberis thunbergii* (pictured).

This one has been trimmed to ease the passage of visitors, as it grows on the edge of a narrow grassy pathway. It has quite vicious thorns.

The Berberis is a member of a numerous group of deciduous shrubs and trees, principally from China, but most Asian countries can boast at least one species.

The one exception listed is the Barberry (*Berberis vulgaris*) which is native to Europe.

Nyssas grow to 12 metres and are ideal for Meander Valley as they are frost tolerant. Although reputed to be drought tender, they should never need water once they are established.

Vegetables

May is not a suitable month for sowing vegetables. It is so much simpler to buy seedlings.

Leeks and spring onions may be planted in May, and the single bulbs of shallots.

Leeks need a well manured trench. Make a hole in the bottom with a rake handle and merely cover the roots.

They will grow to fill the hole and be ready for harvesting in approximately 16 weeks. Great for rich vegetable soups.



Julia Hawthorn of Red Hills had her Covid vaccination at Deloraine's Community Complex. Photo by Sharon Webb

Deloraine seniors get early Covid jab

Sharon Webb

A COVID vaccination clinic at the Community Complex in Deloraine is churning through locals two at a time as part of the Tasmanian push to vaccinate people over 50 gathers speed.

During the election Liberal Party leader Peter Gutwein announced that from May the government would fast track the rollout of the AstraZeneca vaccine to over 50s in state run clinics, with GPs to follow soon after.

But in the Meander Valley over 50s started vaccinations two weeks earlier.

The government began to contact individuals by phone, asking them to come to the State Community Clinic at Alveston Drive with just a few days' notice.

In Deloraine, a room in the Rotary Pavilion is divided into two. One side is for people waiting for the vaccination and the other side is for people waiting the obligatory 15 minutes after the vaccination.

After filling out a form, mostly about allergies and existing health conditions, people are vaccinated in a screened-off area.

Julia Hawthorn of Red Hills hardly noticed the jab.

'Is it done already?' she asked.

People leave the centre with information about what to expect after vaccination, common and less common side effects to look out for.

This includes information about the rare blood clotting side effect.

Nurses also give those vaccinated a phone number to call if they have a strong reaction, a date for their follow-up jab and a lollipop.

Anyone over 50 can now book their vaccination in a state clinic or with their GP.

For more information, go to page 3.

Rotary wheels back up cyclists

DELORAINE ROTARY provided back up for the recent Western Tiers Cycle Challenge.

Water stations, refreshments and signage were provided for cyclists in Deloraine, some of whom rode the challenge to raise funds for New Horizons.

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Deloraine Rotary provided back up at the Western Tiers Cycle Challenge. Photo supplied

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Wendy Hays

NOT SO long ago I lunched at a popular Tasmanian eatery. Our party of six food loving seniors felt slightly out of place amidst the other designer clad, perfectly manicured, bejewelled, pinot grigio sipping diners.

Our waiter Tyrone (not a Vicki or Wayne in sight), presented us with a tapas style, clipboard menu. It seems to me that tattoos, sculpted biceps, fade haircuts, topiaried beards plus at least one visible body piercing are needed to work in hospitality these days. The smiling, denim apron clad Tyrone fitted these criteria perfectly!

I chose a dish that went something like 'our handmade sourdough, vine ripened tomato concasse with burnished local, vintage cheese, 19.5'.

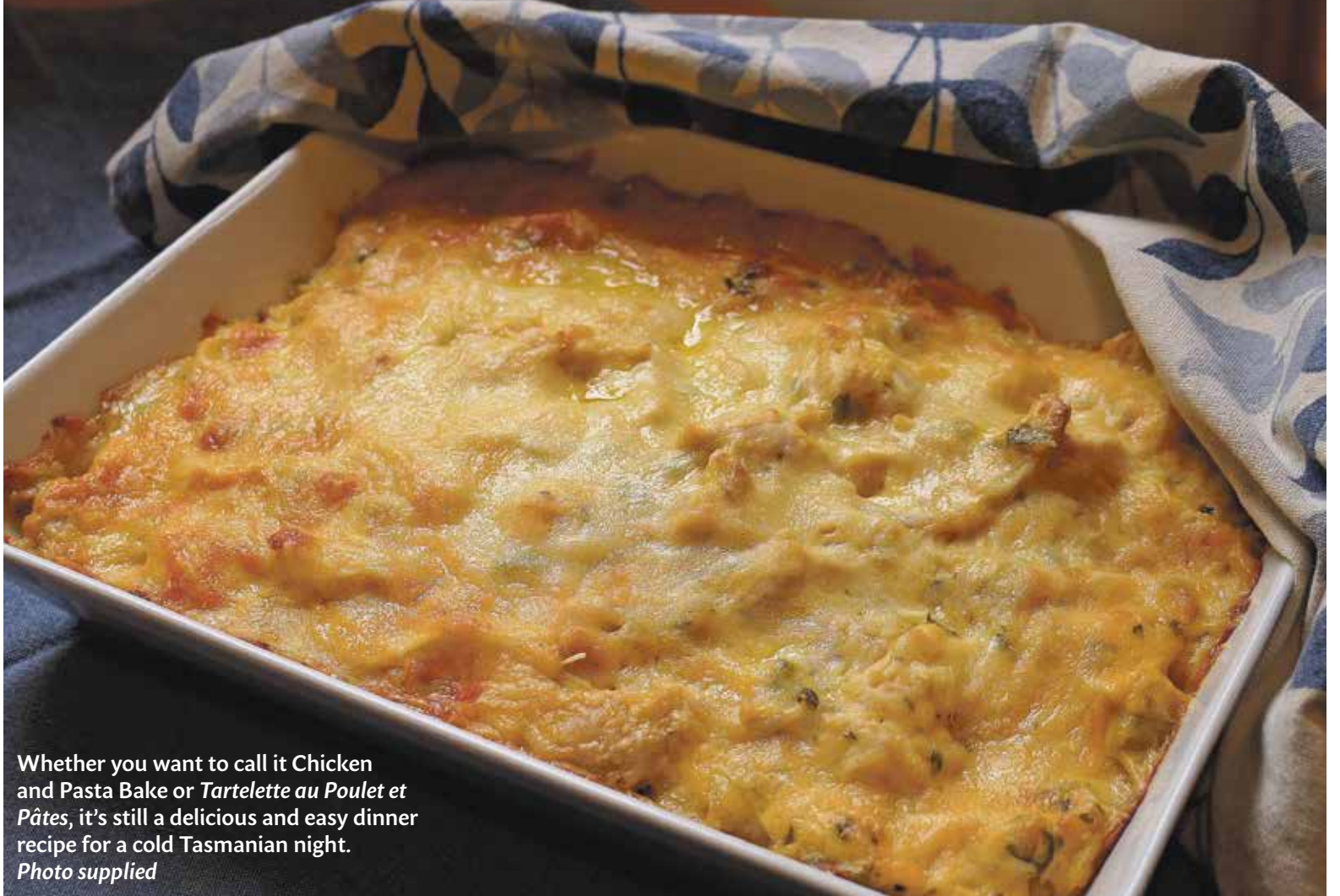
No \$ signs, lots of ancient grains and more letters after each menu item than an academic's citation.

Anticipation turned quickly to despair, then rage, when my meal arrived and I was presented with what was essentially cheese and chutney on toast. Yes, and \$19.50!

I'm not a big eater, but I did have to stop on the way home for a Choc Wedge and a packet of chips to keep my blood sugar stable!

So, for the foodies amongst you, I am quite happy if you call this month's dish *Tartelette au Poulet et Pâtes* but it's really Chicken and Pasta Bake VGHF (Very Good Hearty Fare!)

Yum! In any language ...



Whether you want to call it Chicken and Pasta Bake or *Tartelette au Poulet et Pâtes*, it's still a delicious and easy dinner recipe for a cold Tasmanian night.
Photo supplied

Chicken and Pasta Bake

Base

1-2 cups of small pasta, cooked al dente and drained well
2 tbs fresh, chopped parsley
1 egg, beaten lightly

Topping

1 cooked chicken – remove flesh, discard bones and skin
1 tbs butter
1 onion, finely chopped
1 stick of celery, finely chopped
2 tbs cornflour
1/2 cup of milk

1 x 440g can of condensed cream of chicken soup
2 tbs mayonnaise
1/2 cup of sour cream
1 tsp French mustard
1 tsp Worcestershire sauce
1 tsp of fresh thyme or 1/2 tsp of dried thyme
salt and pepper to taste
90g tasty cheese
3 tbs Parmesan cheese

Method

Mix together the cooked pasta, beaten egg and chopped parsley. Place into the bottom of a greased casserole dish to form a base.

Heat the butter in a saucepan and cook the prepared onion

and celery until tender. Add the cornflour and stir for 1 minute. Add the milk and stir the sauce until thickened and bubbling.

Add the condensed soup, mayonnaise and sour cream. Reduce heat and simmer for 3 minutes.

Add the cooked, chopped chicken, Worcestershire sauce, thyme, salt, pepper and mustard. Simmer a few more minutes.

Spoon the chicken mixture evenly over pasta base. Sprinkle with combined grated cheese.

Bake at 180°C for about 40 minutes or until golden brown on top.

Serves 6-8

Elderly in Meander Valley up for the job

MEANDER VALLEY aged care facilities are following the Tasmanian trend of encountering few hiccups in vaccinating their residents.

While some facilities in other states are waiting for federally distributed vaccines, all residents of Grenoch and Kanangra aged care homes in Deloraine who wanted them were vaccinated in mid-April.

Respect chief operating officer, Brett Menzies said residents of Tyler Village in Prospect have also had their vaccinations.

'We have not had issues with shortages across our Tasmanian sites', Mr Menzies said. 'There was the odd postponement related to other issues but on the whole the roll out was done relatively effectively.'

CEO of Aged Care Deloraine, Nadine Ozols, said a vaccination team arrived on site and the roll out went smoothly.

'Vaccination was an individual choice. Every resident had the opportunity to access a vaccine', she said.

'They had the first dose of the Pfizer vaccination and will be vaccinated with the second dose in a few weeks.'

Best of luck, Deb!



Deloraine House manager Deb Smith has been selected as a 2021 finalist for the Manager of Volunteers Award by Volunteer Tasmania, the state's peak body for volunteering. The awards will be held on 17 May 2021 at the Blundstone Arena, Hobart. Photo by Darren Harris



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The voices of MVFM

John Phelps

THE VOICE of John Kenzey, aka 'LJ', is often to be heard on MVFM.

John presents three programs, announces some of the station's promotions and edits many other programs. Further, he helps new presenters and announcers to learn the ropes and keeps the office work under control. Oh yes! He is also the station manager.

John was born in Queensland and then his life and his work history took some interesting turns.

He was in the RAAF for some time, worked as a DJ in a couple of hotels and bars, became an enrolled nurse and worked for 20 years in hospitals and nursing homes in his home state and in NSW and Victoria.

In Mackay, he worked for five years as a volunteer with the local community radio as presenter and this included regular live-to-air work.

John has also worked as the cleaner/accommodation manager in a Melbourne hotel and as night manager in a Mildura backpackers' hostel.

And, for a change, he grew vegetables on a Hare Krishna farm in NSW.

Clearly, it was time for a change so John moved to Tasmania, living in Mole Creek for a while and then Deloraine.

John worked as a volunteer in the Information Centre and then at MVFM for four years. For the past two years, he has been the station's manager.

In recent months, he has been building connections with radio listeners and musicians around the globe. In short, he has been taking MVFM to the world!

John lists his skills and interests as nursing, gardening, radio operations and painting.

His interests also include travelling and he has spent plenty of time visiting the Mediterranean, the UK and other countries.

On one occasion when he was in Fiji, he found himself giving rugby advice to Sitaveni Rabuka, the one-time president of the country, during a game. Rabuka left the field soon after.

John Kenzey has contributed a great deal to Deloraine and the radio station but, unfortunately, he will not be with us for much longer; he is moving on to new pastures.

But while John will be leaving, his voice will remain for quite a while.

He may be heard with 'The Journey' on Tuesdays at 8pm and on Sundays at 12 noon, 'Friday Night Watch' from 11pm (on Fridays, not surprisingly) and 'Stuck in the 70s' on Saturdays at 5pm.

Thank you, Little John.



John Kenzey, station manager and versatile radio presenter brings a lifetime of experience to his many roles at MVFM. Photo by Darren Harris

GM discounts council computer hacking by Gazette

Sharon Webb

A HUNT among Meander Valley Council staff to find a potential online leaker of information to the Gazette has found nothing.

General manager John Jordan told the April meeting 'There is no evidence people outside the council have penetrated our security defences.'

After the Gazette published a story in its March edition about the sudden resignation of business recovery manager Neil Grose, Cllr Michael Kelly asked the general manager about possible leaks by council staff or its computer system.

'Is the council aware of any employee other than the general manager that has provided internal information relating to the employee's resignation to the Meander Valley Gazette?'

Cllr Kelly also asked 'Is there appropriate IT security in place for council emails and if so, is there any evidence to suggest

people outside of the council have viewed confidential employee-related information and provided that to the Gazette?'

Mr Jordan replied, 'Analysis of the email logs by the IT officer shows no indication of compromise or suspicious activity.'

But Mr Jordan said he did not discount the possibility of 'inappropriate sharing of information by verbal or other non-electronic forms of communication'.

'There is appropriate security in place for the council email system including firewall to filter internet traffic, email filtering for spam emails, blocking of known relay agents and regular patching of the email server', he said.

'Recent compromises in the federal parliament and media organisations highlight the need for a continual review of security practices and measures and information security in general. Such reviews are periodically

undertaken by the council's IT staff and contractors.'

Cllr Kelly said his question had not only been prompted by the Gazette's speedy knowledge of Mr Grose's resignation but by 'weird emails'.

'Over the past few months I have been receiving weird emails that appear as if they're coming from the mayor, and I think other councillors have had the same', he said.

The editor of the Meander Valley Gazette, Liz Douglass, said it was ridiculous to think the Gazette would hack the council's computer system.

'It is also insulting to suggest that the paper would jeopardise the employment of council staff by seeking confidential information from them.'

Classical music delights

LOVERS OF classical music are in for a treat in May.

The acclaimed Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra (TSO) is screening two concerts at the Little Theatre in Deloraine, partnered with Arts Deloraine.

The TSO has launched TSO Live & On Screen, which brings concerts filmed in the Federation Concert Hall in Hobart to regional Tasmanians through local presenters.

On Saturday 15 May, from 4pm-6pm, watch and listen as Concertmaster Emma McGrath leads her fellow violinists through two much-loved works, starting with Mozart's jolly *Serenade No. 11*

This will be followed by Vivaldi's timeless *The Four Seasons*.

Then on Saturday 29 May, also from 4pm-6pm, Elena Schwartz will conduct Julian Yu's unique arrangement of Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition* to showcase soloist Dinah Woods lesser-heard cor anglais. This will be preceded by a performance of Chris Williams' *Canticum novi mundi*.

Tickets for each event are \$10. Door sales are available at the Little Theatre, 2 Meander Valley Road, Deloraine.

Tickets are available for pre-purchase at www.trybooking.com/BQVDC for 15 May and at www.trybooking.com/BQVDG for 29 May.

The Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra in concert.
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New Deloraine gallery pops up

Darren Harris

AN INITIATIVE of Arts Deloraine has popped up in conjunction with Ian Hewitt's Amcal Pharmacy in Deloraine to support artists who were busy creating during COVID-19 but were getting low sales.

The Pop-Up Gallery at 62-64 Emu Bay Road, Deloraine will feature a different artist every two weeks.

Arts Deloraine President Margrett Tabor said the idea is to enhance Deloraine as an arts hub, enhance the streetscape with art and to help out local artists' COVID-19 sales.

Margrett said Arts Deloraine is thankful to Ian Hewitt's pharmacy for embracing the initiative by providing the space.

'If the pharmacy requires it, the space will be available for the pharmacy, hence the pop up idea.'

If suitable, the space could be made available to assist the government's COVID-19 vaccination roll out.

Kath Willmott was the first featured artist in the last two weeks of April with semi-abstract landscape paintings.

Vicki McDonald, with her mood paintings reflecting her passion for the natural environment, is currently exhibiting for the first two weeks of May.

Pop on in and have a look.



Left: The first Pop-Up artist is Kath Willmott, winner of the Launceston Art Society's summer exhibition at Eskleigh.

Right: The Pop-Up Gallery, next to the Amcal Pharmacy on Emu Bay Road. Photos by Darren Harris



Sweet ensemble

The String Ensemble meets once a week in Deloraine to play and practice their instruments under the skilled directorship of Fraser Deeth. From left: Thora Cosgriff, Sarah Stagg, Tomoko Woods, Fraser Deeth, Jan Deeth, Michael Horton, Phillipa Matheson. Photos by Darren Harris

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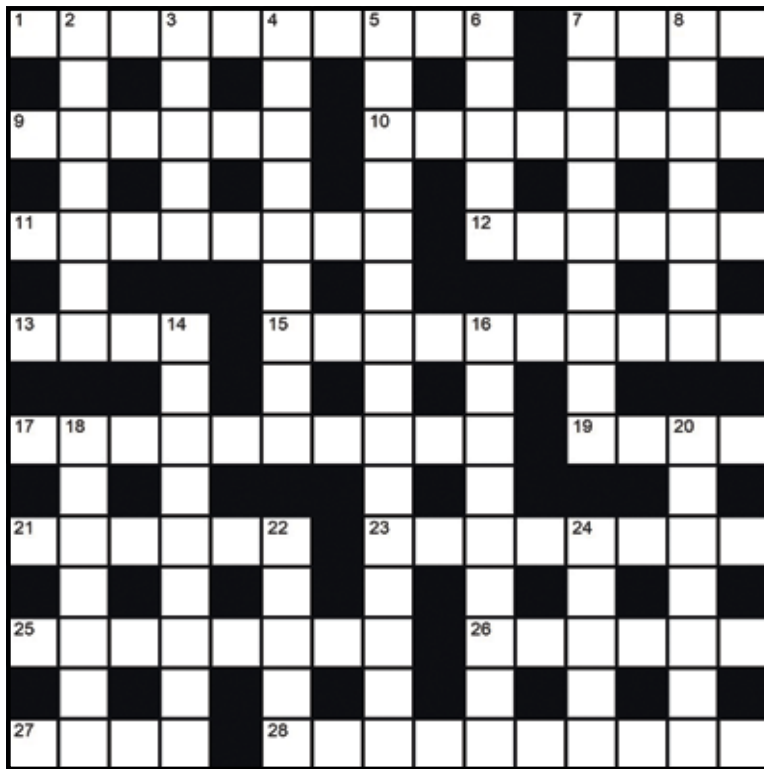
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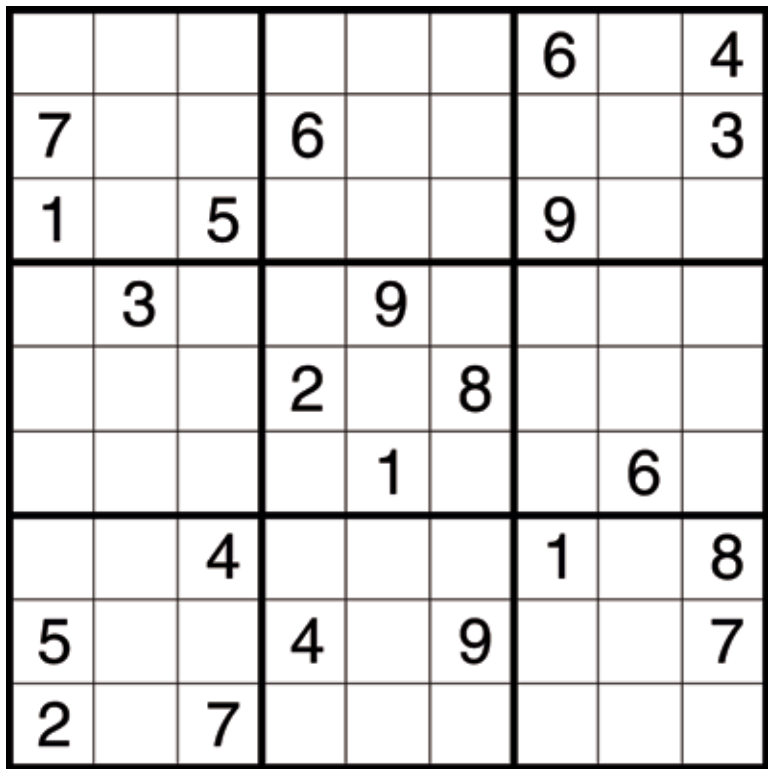
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 - 9 Ramble (6)
 - 10 Having considerable worth (8)
 - 11 Shirley Temple or Manhattan, maybe (8)
 - 12 Outback horror (6)
 - 13 Swamp menace (4)
 - 15 Pesky (10)
 - 17 Generally useful (3-7)
 - 19 Small blemish (4)
 - 21 Croatian capital (6)
 - 23 One way to order a meal (1, 2, 5)
 - 25 Huge fins adjusted for Chinese space system (4, 4)
 - 26 Stand for hot dishes (6)
- Down**
- 2 Alfresco (7)
 - 3 Its produce can be poached (5)
 - 4 It's plain short of trees (9)
 - 5 Stirrers unveil oratories, stirring things up (15)
 - 6 Big star (5)
 - 7 Doctor's news (9)
 - 8 Bone-building element (7)
 - 14 Author's protection (9)
 - 16 Eternally (4, 5)
 - 18 Stet (5, 2)
 - 20 Breakfast dish (7)
 - 22 Get taken (2, 3)
 - 24 She meets a smoking caterpillar (5)

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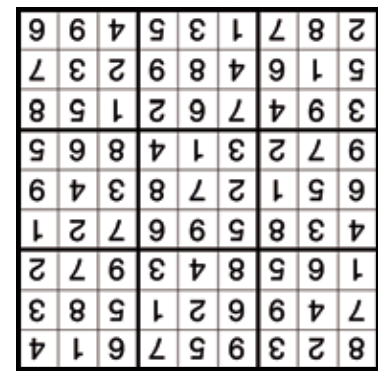
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Sat 29 May, 4-6pm	Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra Live & on Screen	Little Theatre, 2 Meander Valley Rd, Deloraine Mussorgsky <i>Pictures at an Exhibition</i> \$10 door or www.trybooking.com/BQVDG

Fight for prisoner rehab supported by Tas governor

Sharon Webb

WESTBURY LAWYER and anti-prison spokesperson Linda Poulton attended the Government House launch on 6 May of the Tasmanian branch of an organisation aiming for better outcomes in the criminal justice system.

Ms Poulton said the support for the Justice Reform Initiative from the Governor, Her Excellency Professor Kate Warner, made a significant statement.

'Professor Warner is an Emeritus Professor of Law at the University of Tasmania where she lectured in criminal law and criminology', Ms Poulton said.

'More than anyone she is qualified to know the merits of JRI's reforms. The fact

that she is hosting the launch of JRI in Tasmania will send a powerful message to the government that building a replica of Risdon is not the right approach.'

Hobart barrister Greg Barns recently described the JRI in his Mercury newspaper column as 'a bipartisan group of eminent Tasmanians, including former Legislative Council president Jim Wilkinson, former premier Lara Giddings, former Greens leader Christine Milne, Hobart Lord Mayor Anna Reynolds, eminent criminologist Professor Rob White, and Professor Therese Henning, who ran the Tasmanian Law Reform Institute.

'Nationally, the JRI, the brain-child of former Aboriginal affairs minister Robert Tickner, includes former governors

general, returned judges, ex-prosecutors, and politicians from both sides of the aisle.

'The point is, criminal justice is too important to be a political plaything', he wrote.

A recent JRI report, *State of Incarceration: Tasmania's broken criminal justice system* by JRI director Dr Mindy Sitori, maintains the number of Tasmanians entering the prison system has jumped by 37 per cent since 2010.

'The report notes that jailing Tasmanians is a poor investment', Mr Barns wrote.

'The cost of the prison system has risen every year in the past decade. And is that increase in expenditure resulting in greater rehabilitation? No.'

Ms Poulton, spokesperson for Westbury Region Against the Prison, said the Tasmanian

Liberal government's failure to address the health and housing crises has contributed to the rapidly rising incidence of crime.

'The stripping of funding from health and housing by a government focused solely on the budget bottom line has essentially exposed our communities to a dramatically increased risk of crime.

'Unless these underlying factors are addressed, we will be forever building new prisons. Housing inmates costs the taxpayer an incredible \$122,000 per inmate per annum.'

Ms Poulton said her invitation to the launch of the Justice Reform Initiative recognised WRAP's long fight against a prison in the Westbury area.

'It shows that we are not alone, but part of a much greater cohort of people around Australia who see jails for what they really are, expensive human warehouses that do nothing to keep our community safer. In fact they make it more a dangerous place to be.



Westbury lawyer Linda Poulton attended the Government House launch of the Tasmanian Justice Reform Initiative. Photo supplied

'A few of our members still believe a new prison to be necessary but I hope that an evidence-based approach will now convince many that there are smarter ways to stop our dramatically escalating jail population. A new prison is not the smart way to deal with this. It is completely regressive and ineffective.'

New units on Westbury Rd to create no traffic problems

Sharon Webb

A \$2.5M proposal for 14 units in Prospect Vale will generate 91 vehicle movements a day in the area, but still meets Meander Valley planning scheme requirements, according to the developers.

The traffic assessment for the 297 Westbury Road development agrees that 91 vehicle movements a day does not comply with the planning scheme's stipulated 40 movements a day where the speed limit is below 60km per hour.

Nevertheless the assessment says it maintains an acceptable level of safety for all road users, including pedestrians and cyclists, mainly because the previous use of the site as a commercial premises is likely

to have generated a higher level of traffic than the proposed development.

On a rectangular block owned by Masayuki Takasaka and Davis Lanham, the development will consist of fourteen homes, two rows of seven units facing each other.

It includes 42 on site car parking spaces – 28 garage spaces and 14 spaces at 90 degrees to the central access roadway.

The planning application's traffic impact assessment by Midson Traffic states that the development meets all planning requirements.

They say that although the development would generate up to nine vehicle movements an hour during peak periods, there would be 'no significant efficiency or safety impacts'.

Midson claims that the location of a traffic island will restrict access to left in/left out movements, reducing the level of conflict on Westbury Road, providing a relatively safe access environment.

They note that there is sufficient spare capacity in Westbury Road near the existing site access to absorb the peak hour traffic generated from the proposed development.

They also say access to the new development will replace an existing access that has been in use for many years without issue and is relatively clear and obvious for all road users.

Meander Valley Council is yet to consider the planning application and public comment on it closed on 3 May.

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DELORAINE FOOTBALL club has welcomed a bumper start to the season with a perfect winning streak across all their teams, with eight wins from eight games.

The three men's teams took it to their cross town rivals in Scottsdale and won all three matches, further stamping their mark near the top of the ladder in their divisions.

Senior's team coach Lochie Dornauf welcomed the exciting match up.

'Scottsdale is always a big rivalry for us. We both come from two predominately rural areas around Tasmania.

'We love the ferocity that Scottsdale have throughout their games and we try to emulate that, and one up them as well, on game day', he said.

As Scottsdale's first loss for the season, the match turned in Deloraine's favour after an eight to four halftime score, largely influenced by Dornauf and fellow leader Jarrod Scott.

Shining light for the seniors, Darren Banham has kicked seven goals in each of the first two games. A north west coast import, he has previously coached Ulverstone.

'We are extremely lucky to have his services. On top of that he is just a very decent guy

and wants to give back, passing his craft onto a few of the younger members of the team', Lochie added.

The seniors are on track to defend their premiership title, sitting second on the ladder by percentage.

Deloraine women's team played their first game of the season on Friday 30 April under lights at Georgetown.

Putting up a good fight, the Kangas went down by 3.7.25 to 1.1.7.



Kangas jump to it!

Above left: Darren Banham circles the pack. Above: Deloraine co-captain Jarrod Scott flies high. Photos supplied

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