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Generosity warms school

► School Captains Max and Josh accepting beautiful handmade blankets on behalf of Giant Steps Tasmania from Anne Bryan of the Probus Club of Deloraine.

ON TUESDAY June 7, Giant Steps Tasmania received a visit from representatives of the Probus Club of Deloraine and the Rotary Club of Deloraine.

The esteemed guests were met by the Principal, Mr Tim Chugg and School Captains

Max Preece and Joshua Lowe.

They received some beautifully handmade quilts and a rug that their makers kindly wished to donate to Giant Steps Tasmania.

The superbly crafted quilts are a gift from Felicity Bonner,

an exhibitor at the Tasmanian Craft Fair.

The knitted rug was a gift from a former worker at Ashley Youth Detention Centre, who wished to donate the rug to their school.

These items will be a great

addition to Giant Steps Tasmania's soon to be built 'Snoezelen Room', where children can have some relaxing and therapeutic quiet time when needed.

Giant Steps Tasmania wish to extend their gratitude to

Probus Club of Deloraine, the Rotary Club of Deloraine and the most talented artists for their support in providing the best possible resources for children with autism.



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Arts Deloraine presents

WINTERFIRE

A wonderful mix of local artists supported by The Bad Dad Orchestra
dance - food – bonfire and much much more

16th July 2022

Deloraine Showgrounds, Gates open 3pm

WINTERFIRE PERFORMERS

Entertainment starts at 4pm Main Stage & Atkins Pavilion

MAIN STAGE PERFORMERS

4pm _____ Shakale Mamas
4:25pm _____ Sheyana and Mahlah
4:50pm _____ Meander Men's Choir
5:25pm _____ Taiko Drumming
6:00pm _____ The Stingrays

Master of Ceremony, John Phelps
Stage Manager, Cameron Scott

ATKINS PAVILION PERFORMERS

4:00pm _____ Irish Dancing
4:25pm _____ Brandon Siemsen
4:55pm _____ Delilah McGill
5:20pm _____ Kiarnna
5:45pm _____ Belly Dancing
6:10pm _____ Jason Taylor + Company

Stage Manager, Stuart Harvey
Backstage support, Fayth Drury

6.30pm – 8pm

Bagpipes Players - Max Goodenough & Gordon Ferguson

Community WinterGlow Parade - activated by Rebecca Rowe & Sean Manners,
& Andi Shandi Mara's 3D Drums Assembly rhythms & enhanced by Dana & Tom's Positive Fire Power Crew
Chris Riley on the didgeridoo

Uncle Hank Horton Welcome to Country & Smoking Ceremony

The lighting of the Bonfire

Bonfire created by Stephen Shayler-Appleton and building support team
Drum In Cheek With A Bit Of Wind with Tim Graves

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Letters to the Editor

LOCAL VET UNDERSTAFFED, OR CLIENTS LOW ON PATIENCE AND UNDERSTANDING?

A response from the owner of Deloraine Vet Clinic.

Dear Editor,

We do take seriously our responsibility to our clients and patients with respect to providing an effective after-hours service.

This includes informing them of the additional charges involved, which is the responsible and fair thing to do, and I frankly struggle to understand how this could produce a "shocked" response.

Our readers may be interested to know that such charges are significantly less than for

example the dedicated after-hours service in Hobart – we try to keep our service within the financial reach of all people.

This is achieved by the duty vet doing their normal day, and then on call for the entire weekend.

Life would be so much easier if we simply did not offer the service! So to this particular weekend.

The duty vet had achieved approximately 4 hours sleep in the previous 48 hours – little wonder they were hesitant to immediately get out of bed again.

We also endeavor to assist our clients with the decision as to whether attention is needed then and there, or can be safely

delayed until normal business hours.

Most clients are very appreciative of the guidance given in such discussions, both when it saves them money, as well as when we strongly recommend that the animal be seen immediately.

The community may be interested to know some of the facts of the state of wellbeing of our profession.

Vets are about four times as likely to take their own life than the general Australian population, and twice as likely as healthcare workers.

It can be a highly stressful job, and whilst many of our clients appreciate the service and dedication, this

is not always the case.

If interested, enter veterinary mental health into your search engine – it might give you a better appreciation! I will say that the story told in the previous issue was largely accurate, including the fact that they were not refused service.

What they omitted was that the conversation with our duty veterinarian finished when they swore at the vet and hung up the phone – had they not done so, the next sentence would have been, "Ok then, I will get dressed and come in – I will be 5 minutes."

Roger Blackwell,
Meander Valley Vet

WESTBURY SHOW GROUNDS

Dear Editor,

Contrary to popular belief the Westbury Show Grounds doesn't belong to the Meander Valley Council.

The Westbury

Agricultural Society, a volunteer organisation, own and maintains the grounds for community events including the show.

Lately an increased number of people are walking their dogs on the grounds.

While we don't wish to stop people doing this we do ask that you respect the work done to maintain these grounds in good condition.

Please do not drive on the arena or trotting track and follow the rules similar to

the council by cleaning up after your dog and keeping them under control.

This will make it better for everyone.

Kevin Lattin,
Westbury Agricultural Society

DISGRACEFUL SPENDING PRIORITIES

Dear Editor,

It is a disgrace. We see the number of homeless people around the state dramatically increasing, often through circumstances outside their control and health services continuing to fall apart.

These and other essential service areas could

be tackled with more resources.

Instead the Government wants to spend millions of dollars on AFL discretionary grants and building new stadiums.

I would suggest that the politicians talk to people waiting years for a pain relieving operation...

or try sleeping in cars or flimsy tents in the middle

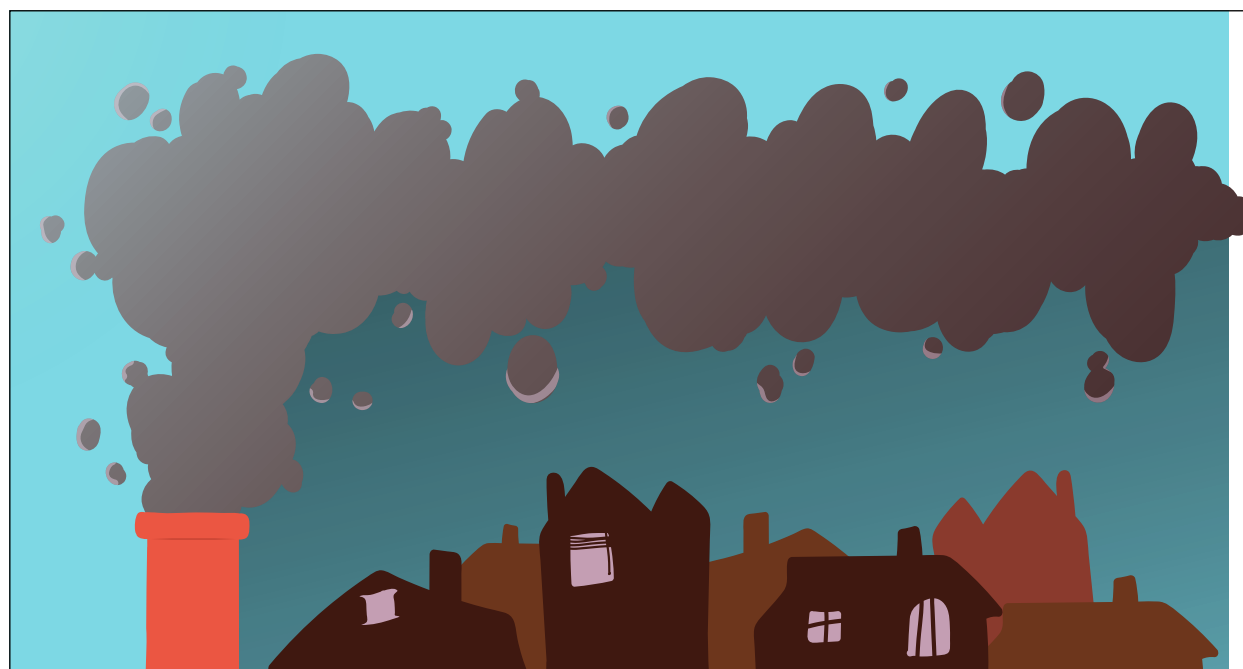
of winter and they would then have a taste of reality and what they are doing to their fellow Tasmanians.

Stimulating the economy through discretionary expenditure in areas dominated by the corporate world is not the be all and end all when spending on essential services would do the same.

Better essential services or

more big "white elephant" discretionary expenditures? Ask the homeless or people waiting years for medical procedures or indeed the majority of Tasmanians who still have a heart for the welfare of their neighbours.

Kevin Briggs,
Quamby Corner, Golden Valley



DON'T SMOKE OUT YOUR NEIGHBOURS!

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New face at Deloraine House

DELORAINÉ LOCAL and former Meander Gazette volunteer Darren Harris was recently appointed as the Community Care Advisor at Deloraine House.

The Community Care Advisor is responsible for community development and community engagement within the Deloraine/Meander Valley area.

Darren plans to build rapport with stakeholders, community groups and community member by listening and collaborating, and seeing where Deloraine House can engage further to address local needs and gaps in support services.

"I am a Deloraine local (well a relative newbie from Brisbane). My partner (Liisa who runs The Quilters Corner at Deloraine Creative Studios) and I chose to live in Deloraine due to its beautiful environment, fabulous community and its location in the Meander Valley

as a rural farming, art and craft, tourist hub."

Darren has had an extensive career in helping others, including street outreach, support coordinator (NDIS), psychosocial recovery coach, counsellor, guardian, team leader (disability support), senior program officer (Department of Communities - QLD) and volunteering.

"In my spare time I love to compose ambient music, take photographs, teach photography and bushwalk, and you will regularly see me down at a local cafe or two sampling the brew and catching up with locals".

"I love networking and creative problem solving. My motto is: you, me, your neighbour, we are the community. Let's explore how we can all come together and help each other continue to make Deloraine an inclusive and caring community for all

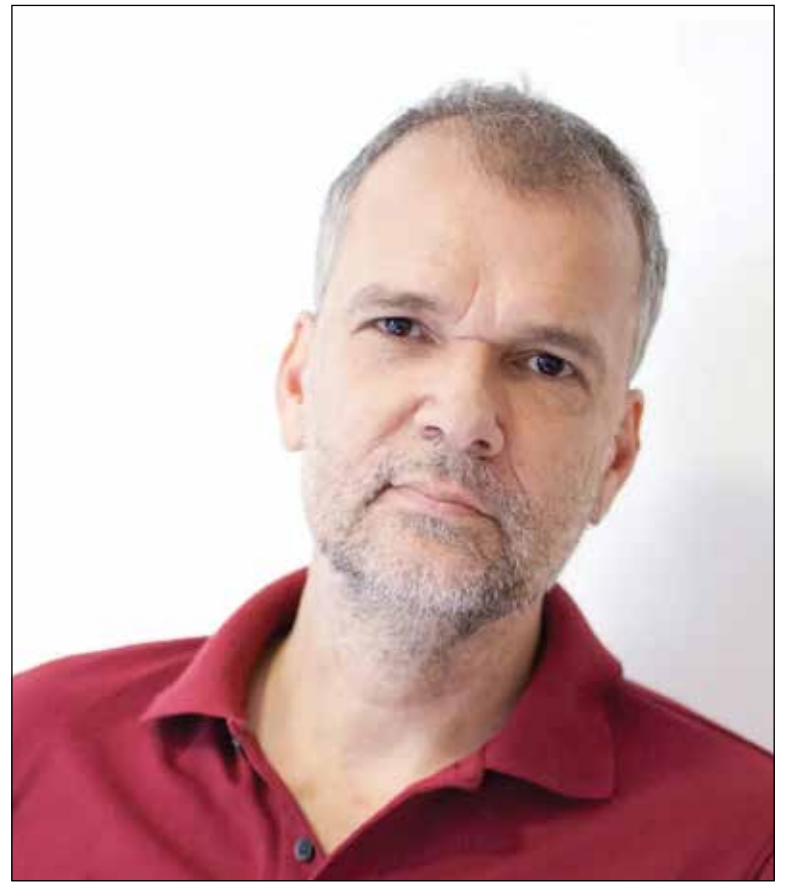
of us."

Deloraine House provides in-house services and access to other outreach services to the community across the Meander Valley area and the Northern Midlands.

It provides a 24/7 accessible food pantry, stocked by its Harvest Helpers volunteer program and its community gardens, emergency food parcels and essentials, and acts as an agency for No Interest Loans Scheme loans for low socio-economic members of the community.

Darren said if you would like to volunteer at Deloraine House, or donate produce or access a range of its services if you are in need of help, drop in.

"I am at Deloraine House on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays (unless I am out and about networking in lovely Deloraine). Drop in and say hello, and find out what range of services can help you."



► Darren Harris is the new Community Care Advisor at Deloraine House. *Photo supplied.*

Seppenfelts under new ownership



► After 13 years at Seppenfelts, Isabel Shapcott and Alfred Franssen are handing over the keys to Rosemary Vella.

FOR THE last 13 years, Seppenfelts, the colourful little hippy shop on the main street of Deloraine, has been an institution.

Under the loving guidance of Isabel Shapcott and Alfred Franssen, Seppenfelts has fostered quite a community, and is beloved by patrons as diverse as the shop's contents.

Taking to Facebook to announce their departure from the store, they wrote, "It is with both sadness, and excitement that we announce that Seppenfelts will soon come under new management."

Wednesday June 22 was their last day of trading before the new owners jump behind the

wheel in the new financial year.

"We are so thankful to have been able to find buyers that share our love of community and appreciation for this special little business, and wish them all the luck in the world as they embark on this exciting new chapter."

Rosemary Vella, owner and manager at Grandala Boutique, is the new owner and is happy to say that staff members Enya and Lisa are staying on.

Business has resumed since the change over and customers old and new are encouraged to come in to say hello and get to know Rosemary and the Seppenfelts team.



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Commemorative gift for RSL

OVER MANY years the Rotary Club of Deloraine has developed significant projects in the Deloraine community. Possibly the most significant project has been the Tasmania Craft Fair, which was once known as the Deloraine Craft Fair.

This project has funded many projects within the community including two walking bridges across the Meander River, trees on both entrances to Deloraine from the Bass Highway, amazing works of art and sculptures scattered throughout the area, a railway crossing to ensure children are safe when gaining access to the swimming pool and, together with other community clubs, cleaning up and enhancing the banks of the Meander River to be the showcase it is today.

Not only does the Rotary Club of Deloraine develop and complete local projects, but it also works with other community organisations, such as the local radio station, contributing equipment to

the Deloraine SES, financial and management assistance to Giant Steps Tasmania and contributing equipment to the Deloraine Hospital.

Recently the Rotary Club of Deloraine sourced a significant piece of memorabilia referring to the "Unknown Soldier."

The Rotary Club of Deloraine decided to gift this memorabilia to the Deloraine RSL Sub Branch. Director of the club Andrew Dare presented the gift to Greg Hall, President of the Deloraine RSL.

Mr Hall said the subbranch was very grateful to have received this distinguished gift.

Referring to the Unknown Soldier, the simple words, "You're home now mate" strike a chord with most Australians.

The Deloraine RSL is currently looking at ways of enhancing a history room in the club premises, to display some of the remarkable contributions made by ex servicemen and women from our districts during times of conflict.



▶ Director of the Deloraine Rotary Club Andrew Dare presented the gift to Greg Hall, President of the Deloraine RSL. Photo supplied.

Staying safe in our parks and reserves

TASMANIANS AND visitors are being encouraged to carefully consider plans to visit Tasmania's parks and reserves this weekend due to forecast bad weather.

Visitor safety in Tasmania's national parks and reserves is a priority for the Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service (PWS).

"We know people like to head out on weekends to spend time in nature, and that seeing the snow can be appealing, but we do encourage people to reconsider their plans when conditions are dangerous," Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service Acting Deputy Secretary Stuart Fletcher said.

"Whether a walk is for an hour or for several days, people should be aware that conditions can change very quickly, especially in alpine areas.

"At this time of year, snow chains are required to visit Ben Lomond National Park beyond the lower car park.

"Severe weather can also affect services such as the Maria Island ferry, which will not operate this weekend, and may cause track and park closures.

"People should check the PWS Facebook page before heading out for information on any changes or closures over the weekend.

"Those people who do intend to head to our parks and reserves this weekend should make sure they are well prepared."

PWS has a range of Walk Safely tips to help walkers prepare for venturing into parks and reserves, at any time of year.

These include:

Plan to walk safely. Know your way and walk within your capabilities. Choose walks suited to your experience and fitness. Seek advice from experienced walkers or ask local PWS staff about tracks and conditions.

Be prepared. Take clothing

and equipment to suit changeable weather and track conditions. Ensure you have suitable warm and waterproof clothing, and the equipment necessary for overnight walks including a tent. Recommended equipment can be found by visiting the PWS website. Experienced walkers, PWS staff or outdoor equipment stores can also offer advice.

Avoid walking alone. It is strongly recommended that people don't walk alone. If you choose to walk alone, consider taking a PLB.

Let a reliable person know your plans, before you go. And, be sure to advise them of your

safe return. They can be your safety net and raise the alarm if you fail to return as planned.

Record your trip intentions in the logbooks. These are located close to most trailheads. Logbook entries can help searchers locate you if you are reported overdue or missing.

Be flexible. Be prepared to turn back or change plans if severe weather is forecast or eventuates during the walk. People have died making the decision to push on when they should have turned back or stayed put.

More information on safety in parks is at www.parks.tas.gov.au



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New candidate for Meander Valley mayor

COMMUNITY ADVOCATE and public servant, Ben Dudman, has announced his candidacy for Mayor and Councillor of the Meander Valley.

Dudman says he is standing on a platform of transparent representation and bringing the community back to the heart of council decision-making.

“I want to see a council that is fully representative of the community and their desires. Council is the heart of a community and it’s time for leadership with

heart and dedication to the people.”

Dudman was born and raised in Westbury, living in the town for 20 years before moving to Hobart to study law.

Upon his graduation at the University of Tasmania, Dudman moved back to the town, purchasing a vacant commercial building in the Westbury, and renovating it to encourage business back into the township.

“We need proactive leadership that brings business back to our

community and prepares our region for the next generation.”

“Young people should not need to move away from the Meander Valley to experience opportunity, we need to provide opportunity right here.”

Dudman is also known in the municipality for his advocacy on several community issues, including blood donation reform and mental health in regional and rural areas.

He was the recipient of a 2022 Tasmanian LiFE Award



► Ben Dudman has announced his candidacy for the upcoming Meander Valley Council elections.

for his contribution to suicide prevention.

He was also co-owner of Devil Antiques, a much-

loved antique store in Westbury, prior to his move to Hobart to study law.

Burn Brighter this Winter

TASMANIANS ARE being encouraged to 'Burn Brighter this Winter' to reduce wood smoke pollution.

Wood heaters are a common and efficient way to warm homes and keep well in winter. Often wood heater owners burn wood overnight to keep homes warm and this can often result in visible smoke around many towns and suburbs across Tasmania.

To reduce smoke emissions, the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) and Councils are encouraging residents to burn wood with a flame (Burn Brighter) when loading in new wood, rather than loading wood and shutting down the air intake straight away – which

results in higher smoke emissions.

Dr John Innis from the EPA said air quality monitoring undertaken across Tasmania shows that there is poor air quality in several locations during the winter months.

“On still winter days and nights, smoke tends to linger and build up around towns and suburbs, which is unpleasant, can be a nuisance and can also have negative consequences on our health,” Dr Innis said.

The amount of smoke coming from a wood heater is dependent on the age and type of heater, but also on how it is operated.

“The good news is that we can burn wood in a way that creates less smoke.

“To reduce smoke, make

sure you always burn with a flame (don’t let your fire smoulder); after reloading, open the air control and burn your fire on high for 20 minutes, especially before retiring for the night; only burn dry, seasoned wood; and make sure the flue is clean.”

“If you can, go outside every once in a while and check how much smoke is coming from your chimney. If it is regularly producing a lot of smoke even with good operation you may need to have your heater checked or the flu cleaned.”

The EPA’s annual 'Burn Brighter this Winter' campaign, now in its fifth year provides easy-to-follow advice about how wood heaters can be operated to reduce smoke emissions.

For further information about smoke levels in your area, smoke alerts and health advice for people affected by wood smoke visit www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/publichealth/alerts/air/

More information about

how to use your wood heater responsibly and reduce smoke pollution can be found on the EPA website at www.epa.tas.gov.au/burn-brighter



► Burn brighter to help reduce wood and smoke pollution from wood heaters this winter.

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Deloraine's boot-scootin' secret

Gary Petersen

SQUARE DANCING is great for your mind and body, with social benefits.

It is an interactive dance form that is non-competitive. It takes eight dancers to work together to solve the puzzle the caller delivers.

Most square dance clubs only have small budgets for advertising, and much of their best work is done by word of mouth. If we had the budget of Coca-Cola, who knows how many people would know about this wonderful activity?!

I am a Square Dance Caller, and after moving back to Tassie in late 2018, I decided to start a new square dance club called 'Upbeat SQRZ' in Deloraine.

Hoping to get families along, I chose to host dances on Friday nights so people could go into the weekend dancing.

Our first night was January 10 2019, and we started at the Deloraine Bowls Club with just a small group of dancers.

In 2019, the Australian National Convention was held in Deloraine, so I thought we might get some new dancers after people saw the spectacle, and I was right.

The following year, we had a write-up in the Meander Valley Gazette about our first birthday, which generated



► Join in the fun with SQRZ and dance every Friday, 7.30pm at the Western Tiers Community Club.

enough interest that many beginners thoroughly enjoyed the classes.

In March 2020, Covid hit, and nothing has really been the same since.

Unfortunately, the new group did not return. We have been battling to try and work out how to encourage people

to get out and about again.

During that period, we had to organise a new dance venue. Luckily for us, we are now at the Western Tiers Community Club.

This venue suits our needs well and offers two different size Halls.

We are currently using the

smaller side, but we are hoping that we will change sides in the not too distant future.

Square dancing today is totally different from the old days, especially with the music available to us and the broad range I use.

My nickname is the Rebel Caller because I call to all types

of music, but especially Upbeat tracks, and I often prefer to use Dance Remixes.

I have been calling since 1995, and I have always been trying to get rid of the stigma associated with our fantastic activity.

"Dare to be square - it's FUN with FLAIR!"

OPINION EDITORIAL

Delivering for the Meander Valley

Brian Mitchell MP
Federal Member for Lyons

THE FEDERAL election is over and a Labor government led by Anthony Albanese as Prime Minister has been elected.

It's like the country has taken a huge sigh of relief.

But we know this is only the start of the journey: there's a lot of work to be done to ensure that Tasmanians can share in a better future for Australia.

I am delighted and humbled to have been re-elected as your local Federal Member for Lyons. It is a privilege I have never, and will never, take for granted.

Australia is heading into turbulent waters on a number

of fronts, especially the economy and internationally.

The Albanese Labor government will seek to get the balance right, to ensure the national accounts are put into good order (they're a bit of a mess) while ensuring people are not left behind.

During the election campaign I was able to secure a number of commitments in the event of Labor's election to government, and I look forward to working with local councils, including the Meander Valley Council, to deliver on them over this term.

The commitments I secured for Lyons followed extensive consultation with stakeholders, including community and

sporting groups and local councils.

Here in the Meander Valley, I look forward to delivering on the \$500,000 commitment to upgrade the Prospect Vale Park change rooms and club facilities.

Additionally, Labor will deliver \$125,270 towards the Short Walks Capital of Tasmania project in partnership with Meander Valley and Kentish councils, and \$50,000 for Deloraine High School.

Other Labor commitments that will benefit people in Meander Valley include cheaper childcare, cheaper medicines, lower power prices and emissions, and a plan to

lift wages. And of course, Labor plans to make more things in Australia and we will finally end the climate wars.

A huge issue is the lack of affordable housing across Tasmania so having my friend and colleague, Tasmanian federal Labor MP Julie Collins, as the new Housing Minister in the Albanese Cabinet is terrific news. Julie will put her heart and soul into trying to repair the damage that has been caused by 9 years of Liberal housing neglect.

In the coming weeks and months, I look forward to resuming my regular interactions with the community across the Meander

Valley and conducting Mobile Member offices across the municipality.

I would like to thank the many people across the Meander Valley who have reached out to me over the past month, expressing their support and best wishes. It's been wonderful to hear from you.

Never forget - I am YOUR local federal Member, and I am always available to hear what you have to say, and to ensure your concerns are heard by the new Albanese Labor Government.

Best wishes and thank you again for putting your trust in me.

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Brian Mitchell MP
Your Federal Member for Lyons

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No knead for fuss with wholesome bread recipe

Wendy Hays

MANY PEOPLE are a little afraid of any recipe that uses yeast, but as long as you follow the recipe for this month's No-Knead Overnight Bread there is really nothing to worry about.

If you have never made bread before, this is the recipe for you. It is super easy, proves overnight in the fridge and requires no laborious kneading.

I use ordinary plain flour for this recipe with 2 tsp of Wallaby Brand Bread Improver added. Bread improver is available in the baking section of the supermarket.

Seeded Overnight No-Knead Bread is delicious straight from the oven, freezes well and toasts beautifully.

It's a perfect accompaniment for a bowl of comforting home-made soup.

Seeded Overnight No-Knead Bread

Ingredients

- 3 C of bread flour or 3 C of regular plain flour

- with 2 tsp of Bread Improver added
- ¼ C pumpkin seeds or pepitas
- ¼ C linseed or flaxseed
- ¼ C sunflower seed
- 2 tsp salt
- 1 tsp dried yeast
- 1 tsp castor sugar
- Almost 2 C of lukewarm water

Method

- Place all the dry ingredients in a large bowl and make a well in the centre.
- Using a knife, mix in enough water to make a sticky mixture.
- Transfer mixture to a lightly oiled bowl and cover with plastic wrap.
- Chill overnight or for 12 hours in the refrigerator.
- The next day, on a lightly floured surface, shape the dough into a smooth round.
- Transfer the dough to a lightly floured piece of baking paper and place in a bowl. Cover the bowl with oiled plastic wrap.
- Sit the bowl in a sink of warm water. The water should come most all of the way up the side of the bowl. Cover the sink with a tea towel or towel and leave to rise for about 1 hour.
- Preheat the oven to 220C and place a large casserole dish with a lid in the oven to preheat. Lightly grease the casserole dish and the lid.
- When the dough has risen for about an hour, use a small sharp knife to make a slash in the top of the dough and dust the top lightly with flour if desired.
- Carefully lift the dough into the hot casserole dish and cover with the hot lid.
- Bake covered for 40 minutes.
- Remove the lid and bake for a further 20 -25 minutes until brown.
- Set aside for about 10 minutes before slicing.



THANK YOU TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY FOR YOUR SUPPORT OVER THE LAST FEW WEEKS!

I want to give a shout out to the local community for your support of Aged Care Deloraine over the past few weeks as we have been dealing with COVID-19 outbreaks. Special thanks to the local businesses, especially Mumma Buzz and Mountain View Country Inn, for assisting us with catering and accommodation for our additional workforce. A thank you also to Meander Valley Council for your assistance. A big thank you to the team at the Deloraine Medical Centre, the support provided has been outstanding!

As CEO, I couldn't be any prouder of how the Leadership Team have managed the outbreaks, and I am incredibly proud of our entire staffing team for their commitment and work undertaken during the outbreaks. Many of our staff have gone over and above to ensure our resident's needs are met. We are fortunate to have such a great bunch of people working at Grenoch and Kanangra.

Lastly, thank you to our residents for your ongoing support and patience during this challenging time. Often we hear the word resilience thrown around and attached to various people. Still, I think you would be hard-pressed to find better examples of truly resilient people than the residents who live at Grenoch and Kanangra. A thank you also to our resident's families and representatives for your words of support for our staff.


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I want to remind everyone who visits Grenoch and Kanangra to please monitor yourself for symptoms and not visit if you are unwell or if someone you live with is unwell. There are nasty viruses, not just COVID-19, circulating in the community at the moment, and we need everyone to remain vigilant. With the Public Health mandates ending on 30th June, Aged Care Deloraine Inc, like most other Tasmanian facilities, will continue with the same measures as part of our risk management plan for COVID-19. This means staff will remain in N95/P2 masks and eye protection and continue regular testing via RAT. Visitors will also continue to be asked to undertake a RAT (and provide a negative result) before entry and will be required to wear a mask at all times and undergo a screening process (RAT and mask will be supplied).

Nadine Ozols
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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Tax time scam warning

THE AUSTRALIAN Tax Office is seeing an increase in email phishing scams claiming to be from the ATO.

These scams tell people their '2022 tax lodgment' has been received. The email asks them to open an attachment to sign a document and complete their 'to do list details'.

Opening the attachment takes you to a fake Microsoft login page designed to steal your login details. Entering your password could give

the scammer access to your Microsoft account, allowing them to reset your passwords for other accounts like banking and online shopping.

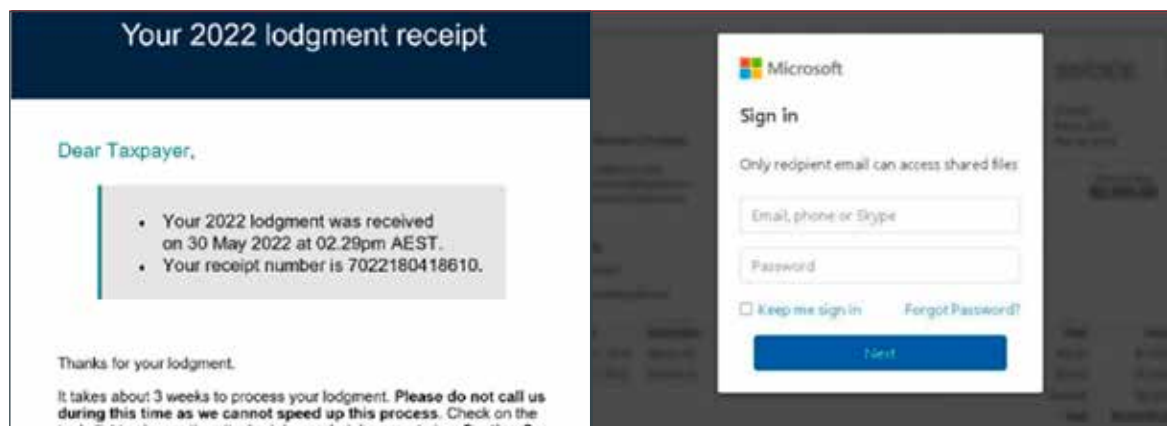
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A scam email telling recipients that their 2022 tax returns has been lodged and asking them to sign the document attached to the

email. A fake Microsoft login screen that asks recipients to enter their account details and password.

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► These images are examples of the format this scam can take.

At the movies with the Western Tiers Film Society

Clare Andersen

THE MAN IN THE HAT
JULY 9



2020 PG, Comedy, UK, 95m. Directors John Paul Davidson & Stephen Warbeck

In a Fiat 500, The Man in the Hat journeys around the French countryside facing the eccentricities of an old continent. Why is there a framed photograph of a woman on the car seat beside him? And why is he being pursued by five bald men in a 2CV?

This musically rooted trip comedy, with influences of Jacques Tati, likely provides satisfaction to

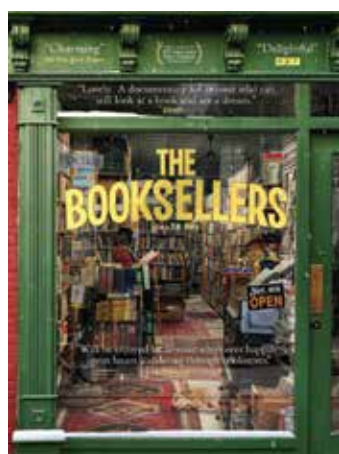
the French tourist board. Although a largely silent film, it is interspersed with bursts of music and songs. The Guardian called the film "a whimsical French car chase"; other critics call it "a perfect example of the kind of pleasant diversion one should seek during these trying times".

'Great little slices of rural France. Plenty of humour and some funny characters - interesting studies of the gentler side of people.' Audience review, 03/2022

Rotten Tomatoes Critics 100%/ Audience 80%

BONUS
THE BOOKSELLERS

JULY 23



2019, PG, Documentary, US, 99m Director D.W. Young; narration Parker

Posey Premiering at the 57th New York Film Festival, The Booksellers is a behind-the-scenes look at the rare book world of New York and the fascinating people who inhabit it. Be they dreamers or intellectuals, the antiquarians offer a rare glimpse into the hunt for unique objects and the next great find, be it a Da Vinci or early hip-hop documents.

With affable eccentricity, in style it's conventional, but it bounces along with brisk editing and a jazzy score which sets a fusty yet lively tone not far removed from the films of Woody Allen.

'Unputdownable doco that evokes the thrill of reading preloved pages and reveals that a passion for collecting is not just a hoarding instinct, but a way to preserve and share culture.' Top Critic, June 2020

Rotten Tomatoes Critics 90%/ Audience 74%

For information about the WTFS, email them at westerntiersfilmsociety@gmail.com or call 0418 389 868 for a membership application and program

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Meander Valley Council



Above: Waiting for grass to grow...landscaping at the Meander Valley Pump Track must be established to ensure the site is safe and ready for all to enjoy.

Anticipation for Meander Valley's Pump Track Builds

The Deloraine Pump Track, initiated by the Meander Valley Youth Committee and the Lions Club of Deloraine Inc. is reaching final stages of construction, and is greatly anticipated by the community and Council alike.

"We can't wait either!" Meander Valley Mayor, Wayne Johnston said.

"But like everyone else, we have to wait as the opening of the pump track is subject to good ground and weather conditions to enable landscaping to establish a safe site for all to enjoy."

New seating and safety fencing will also be completed concurrent with material delivery.

"Once the site is ready, this will be a world-class recreation space in Meander Valley," Mayor Johnston said.

The O'Connor Group,

founded by mountain biking champion, Shaun O'Connor, has been working on the site since January.

"This pump track will be the first in Australia to be built using full GPS mapping.

"Shaun has ridden the track at different stages along the way, using his expertise to make small tweaks and create the best ride for users of all abilities," Mayor Johnston said.

This expertise has been instrumental in bringing the vision of Meander Valley's youth to reality.

Council will provide an update on the progress of the development to the community as an opening date draws near.

Meander Valley's pump track project has received funding from the Tasmanian Government alongside contributions from Council.

Council's 2022-23 budget reflects the challenging economic influences

Meander Valley Council has adopted its 2022-23 budget, making a substantial investment in community grants, infrastructure, sport and recreation.

Council will be delivering more than \$12.6M in infrastructure projects including a safer school crossing in Deloraine, blackspot mitigation at Moltema, upgrades to Country Club Avenue, a bridge replacement in Montana and an extensive road resurfacing and footpath development program.

Community open space has also featured, with funding allocated to playground renewal at Westbury's Village Green and community consultation on the proposed redevelopment of the former Deloraine Racecourse into a recreational precinct.

"We have focused on helping the community and

been proactive in supporting initiatives through our \$100k grants program. We have also halved the fees for regular user groups of Council's sport and recreation facilities," Mayor Wayne Johnston said.

Like all in the local government sector, Meander Valley Council has experienced significant increases in costs of construction, maintenance and waste management over the last financial year.

"Waste particularly continues to become more expensive and managing this price trajectory has led us to implement some major changes to reduce cost and environmental impacts for our municipality. The introduction of the State Government's Landfill Levy from 1 July has also been considered," Mayor Johnston said.

This year's budget will see Meander Valley's general

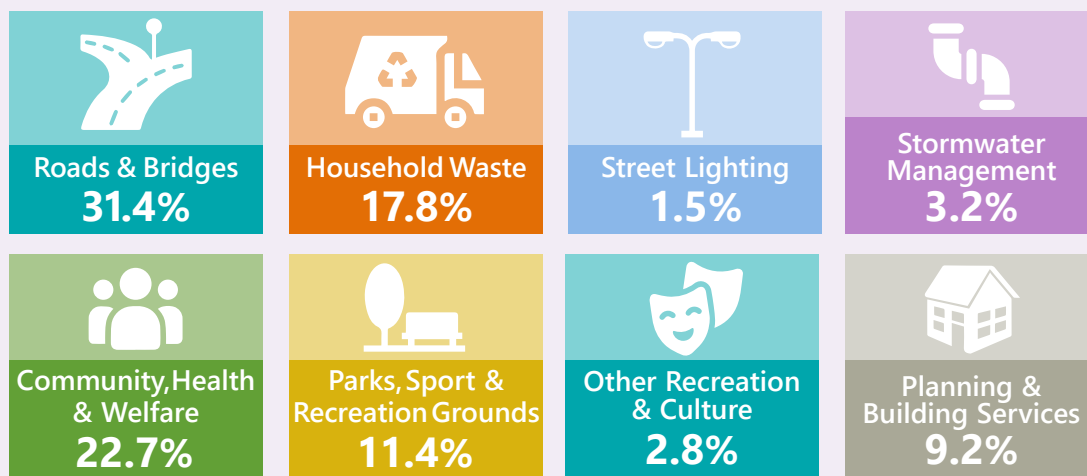
rate increase by 5.95 percent but despite this, Council will be in a deficit position for the 2022-23 financial year.

"We anticipated this when we provided a zero rate increase and delivered our \$1.7m COVID-19 support package, but the effects have lingered, given the cost increases we have all experienced in recent times.

"We have been impacted by very challenging economic influences and Council faces the same financial pressures as most other sectors. We have worked hard to balance rising costs with service expectations to minimise the impacts on our ratepayers in every way we can and, comparatively our rates and charges remain some of the lowest in the State.

"Regardless, Council remains on track to return to an annual surplus in line with its long term financial plan," Mayor Johnston said.

Where is Council's budget spent?



Community Drop-in Sessions set to reconnect and engage after COVID-19 hiatus

Meander Valley Council is inviting people to have their say and attend upcoming Community Drop-in Sessions in their neighbourhood.

Mayor Wayne Johnston said Council was looking forward to engaging with residents throughout the municipality.

"As we emerge from Covid-19, we are dusting off our community programs. We want to connect with the community we serve and hear people's views on how Council can improve and focus services."

"These sessions will allow people to have a cup of tea and a biscuit, and sit down for a one on one chat with Councillors and Council staff."

The first sessions will kick off this month at Carrick, Mole Creek, Hadspen and Weegen, with more to come in the following months.

As well as providing face to face feedback at the sessions, people can also complete a short survey about a range of Council services.

For those who can't make the sessions, the survey will be available on Council's website for the next three months.

General Manager John Jordan encouraged people to drop in anytime during the sessions.

"The sessions will be low key. People will be free to raise issues important to them and meet Councillors and staff. Being a drop-in style event, people can come and go as they please rather than feel they need to remain for the full two hours," Mr Jordan said.

Mayor Johnston said Council would be providing key information on Council programs and activities and the upcoming local government election.

"We've all been somewhat isolated throughout the pandemic, but these events provide residents with the opportunity to engage with their elected members and learn more about local government before casting their vote in October."

To view a full list of Community Drop-in Session events, visit Council's website.

Upcoming Community Drop-in Sessions

Carrick
Carrick Community Hall
Wednesday 13 July
5pm-7pm

Mole Creek
Mole Creek Memorial Hall
Monday 18 July
5pm-7pm

Hadspen
Hadspen Memorial Centre
Tuesday 19 July
5pm-7pm

Weegen
Weegen Hall
Monday 1 August
5pm-7pm

Meander Valley's waste transformation keeps pace with expectations

Reducing the cost and environmental impacts of waste and growing community expectations about sustainability have prompted a major overhaul of Meander Valley's waste management.

A suite of changes have already come into effect including the expansion of waste and recycling collections in some rural areas and the expansion of food organics, garden organics (FOGO) collections for residents in Prospect Vale, Travellers Rest and Hadspen.

"The FOGO collection service in Blackstone Heights has been incredibly successful and Council has had increasing demand from the community for FOGO, particularly at the eastern end of the municipality," Mayor Johnston said.

Bin collection schedules have also changed to maximise the efficiency and capacity of Council's collection vehicles and to accommodate bin collection services in areas of Selbourne, Birralea, Four Springs, Rosevale and Westwood for the first time.

"Costs of managing waste have continued to rise, so we must take steps to transition to more sustainable services whilst doing all we can to meet the expectations of residents and deliver value for our ratepayers," Mayor Johnston said.

The introduction of the State Government's Landfill Levy is another reason to reduce what we send to landfill.

Council is required to collect the levy on behalf of the State Government, which will commence at \$20 per tonne and will be reflected in Council's tip fees.

Mayor Johnston said Council understands that additional costs to use the landfill site will have an impact.

"To help support residents we have increased the value of waste vouchers to \$32 to allow for the levy and will once again be offering all residents a hard waste collection service."

Council will also be making a substantial investment in Meander Valley's waste facilities, particularly at the Deloraine landfill site which is reaching end of life.

"Investment is needed to construct a new waste transfer station at Deloraine and rehabilitate the site. The new facility will be contemporary, more accessible and will better meet the needs and expectations of the community.

"These improvements, together with the new state-wide approach to waste management are key to us achieving sustainability," Mayor Johnston said.

Sorting remains one of the best ways to reduce the amount of waste sent to landfill.

"By diverting more recyclables and organic material away from general waste, the amount of landfill each household generates can be greatly reduced. The recent changes to our waste services will support more residents to do that, but it doesn't end there. More change will come and we are committed to helping residents throughout this transition long term," Mayor Johnston said.

For more information about what goes in which bin, visit Council's website at www.meander.tas.gov.au



What do the changes to waste mean for me?

New bin collection schedule from 4 July

New bin collection calendars were mailed to residents the week beginning 20 June. If you did not receive a calendar in the mail, contact Council. Calendars are also available to view and download from Council's website.

Recycle Coach app user update

If you are registered with the Recycle Coach app to receive bin collection reminders, the app was updated just before 4 July. You should have received a text message asking you to re-confirm your details. Once complete, you will receive your bin collection reminders as normal.



Introduction of a food organics, garden organics (FOGO) collection in Prospect Vale, Hadspen and Travellers Rest

After a successful trial in Blackstone Heights, the areas of Hadspen, Traveller's Rest and Prospect Vale will receive a new FOGO collection service, commencing in July.

New FOGO wheelie bins (green lid), kitchen caddies and information packs were delivered to residents in June.

For more information about how to make the most of your new FOGO service visit Council's website.



Introduction of the Tasmanian Government's Landfill Levy

The new levy commenced on 1 July and will apply to all waste material sent to landfill. Council is required to collect the levy on behalf of the State Government. For more information on the Landfill Levy, visit the Tasmanian Government's Department of Natural Resources and Environment website at www.nre.tas.gov.au

Waste Disposal Vouchers 2022-23

Two waste vouchers will be issued to every rateable property in Meander Valley for use in the 2022-23 financial year. Vouchers are designed to assist residents to manage their general domestic waste and provide access to a range of waste facilities. Vouchers will be included with annual rates notices when these are mailed in July.



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2022 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

Voting in Local Government elections is now compulsory.

The 2022 elections will be conducted by postal ballot to fill Councillor, Mayor and Deputy Mayor positions for all 29 councils statewide. Anyone who is enrolled on the State roll for an address in a municipal area is required to vote in that Council election.

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Radio committee hard at work

The voices of MVFM

John Phelps

CONTRARY TO what might be assumed by a reader looking at the accompanying photograph, it is not mandatory for members of the Committee of Management of Meander Valley Community Radio to be bald, grey-bearded and male.

There are ten members of the committee and not all of us fit that description.

The committee meets regularly and oversees the contributions from volunteer presenters, announcers, admin staff, technicians, maintenance workers, sponsors and members.

The result is the fine local radio station usually known as MVFM 96.9.

The station is best known for its range of music programs hosted by local presenters and for the service it offers to sponsors and club members to connect with our community.

It is reassuring to receive a great deal of feedback from members of the community who wish to express their comments and thanks.

The station normally offers



► Treasurer Tim Biggs and President John Phelps attend to some information from Program Manager John Kenzey at a recent Committee meeting.

programs all day and night every day of the week.

Unfortunately, during the wild weather we experienced a couple of weeks ago, we were off the air for a time. We apologise for that.

But, we continued our streaming service, and our

many listeners were able to tune in.

We've ascertained that we have hundreds of 'streamers', local, Australia-wide and throughout the world.

And one thing we've learned is that our most listened-to program is Country Tracks.

One listener was moved to assure us that 'MVFM is the best local radio station in the country!' Hyperbole, perhaps, but we are grateful for the support.

Membership of the station for the 2022-23 year is now available – just contact us on

webmaster@mvfm.com.au or phone 6362 4969 to join and you will be very welcome.

And we would also welcome you to attend our AGM in September and to seek nomination to the Committee.

Remember – you don't need to be bald, bearded or male!

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Preparations underway for Agfest 2022

PREPARATIONS FOR Agfest 2022 are well underway and the excitement is building with tickets on sale now!

Passionate and hardworking Rural Youth volunteers have been proudly organising Agfest in Tasmania for 39 years and this year are celebrating 40 years of Agfest.

Agfest 2022 will again offer a broad range of exhibitors and several new features.

The new features include an exciting and interactive program by the University of Tasmania and an expo of some of the best Tasmanian hospitality, food and beverages by the Tasmanian Hospitality Association.

All the usual features like the heritage agricultural machinery, sheep dog trials, livestock and the Agfest boat show will appear again.

The decision to postpone from May to August for the 2022 event has been vindicated with the State Government

lifting density and crowd limits. This means everyone who wants to purchase a ticket this year will have access to one.

Agfest Chairman Caine Evans commented, "Our committee made the brave decision to move Agfest 2022 to August to keep the event successful under difficult circumstances.

"I am pleased to say that it has paid off. We now have a 2022 event with uncapped patron numbers and an opportunity to welcome everyone back to Agfest.

"The Agfest Committee, volunteers and Rural Youth staff are proud of the event we deliver year in, year out and this year is no exception. We thank the State Government for their continued support of Agfest," he said.

Agfest and Rural Youth are committed through their Covid plan to provide a safe and compliant event to protect the safety, health and wellbeing of volunteers, exhibitors, patrons

and the wider community.

Tickets are on sale now and they will remain on sale right up to and including the event days themselves.

For this year's event tickets will only be available to purchase online with no gate sales available.

Tickets can only be purchased for each individual day and are not transferable. There are no multiday or family passes available for this year's event.

Once again, Rural Youth has partnered with Telstra Shops around the state to assist people with the online ticketing process. People will be able to visit their local Telstra Shop and be assisted by the helpful and friendly Telstra staff with purchasing their Agfest tickets online.

Telstra spokesperson Sarah Ebbelaar, Regional Engagement Manager, said "For some people in our community, relying on day



► Deloraine High School students Jack Goodwin, Will Philpott, Zach Slyp, Charlotte Wall-Holmes, Meika Webb displaying their craft at Agfest 2021. Photo by Darren Harris.

to day online activity can be daunting. At Telstra, we believe we can all play a part in helping improve digital skills of those around us.

"All 9 Telstra stores state-wide will have staff available and happy to assist people to purchase Agfest tickets online in store."

Agfest 2022 in the Paddock

runs for four days from Wednesday 24 August to Saturday 27 August. Gates open from 8am to 4pm each of the four days.

Agfest then moves online to the Cloud on Saturday 27 August to Friday 2 September.

For more information visit agfest.com.au

Patsy Crawford scribbling away

SOMEWHERE IN the corner of six Ukrainian rooms lie the remnants of stage show outfits.

Discarded spangles, shreds of tie-dyed fabric, whirls of coloured satin so blinding you lose balance, feathers, leathers, spandex, faux fur, ruching, stiffened organza, you name it, parts of it have adorned the all-dancing, all-singing bodies of the fabulously named Kalush Orchestra.

In case it's slipped your mind, Kalush Orchestra won this year's Eurovision.

Their song, Stefania, was pretty good but it finished way behind the outfits.

The boys took to the stage in a range of clothing that looked as though it had been run up by their mums on the Singer treadle.

Who cared? Kalush could have bounced into the room in their y-fronts and sung Three Blind Mice and they'd have won.

As the daughter pointed out, hardly anyone even pretends it's about the song anymore.

It's all about the outfits and the showbiz.

I think she's on the money.

Bet if we were asked to hum any winning song in the past ten years, we'd be stumped.

But we remember the frocks, the dancing and the corny ensembles.

To mention an honourable few, I give you a Devo-inspired duo in what looked like aluminium foil, a moustached man in a long glittery ball gown, a group in witches hats riding around on unicycles, a man dressed as a tiered caked, our very own Sheldon Riley all Hollywood vamp in a vast multi-layered cloaked arrangement that came in at 38 kilos and had sewn into it 90,000 pearls, crystals and feathers.

Going further back, who can forget (or indeed forgive) Abba.

Agnetha! Those flare-kneed, electric blue satin pants! Those platform soled boots!

No matter how much we tee-hee and roll out eyes whenever Eurovision is mentioned the grand final is irresistible. Nothing is too tacky. No performance too absurd. No costume too frilly. No hairstyle too bouffant.

It all meshes seamlessly into one big camped-up party helmed by Liberace and Boy George.

Then there's the patriotic

dimension to introduce that note of seriousness.

Every contest there's a few countries that go rampantly nationalistic although given that sometimes the group is dressed in rainbow-coloured pirate outfits or puffy-sleeved kaftans this tends to take away from the gravitas of the performance.

But not Kalush Orchestra, thank you very much.

The boys wore their patriotism with pride and panache.

When last I heard they had headed home to Ukraine where at the Polish border they rendered Stefania to an adoring throng which cheered lustily and pelted them with blue and yellow flowers.

They then planned to throw off the Euro-outfit, don the Zelensky khaki and take on the Russians.

Australia could take a leaf out of their book.

Instead of trotting out performers in beaded masks and long trains and women wobbling around in mid-air on poles, we could kit out a bunch of Aussies in regular guy ensembles.

I'm thinking Bad Dad Orchestra: open necked shirts, blundstone boots, sensible trousers, funky version of anything from the Slim Dusty songbook.

Brilliant.

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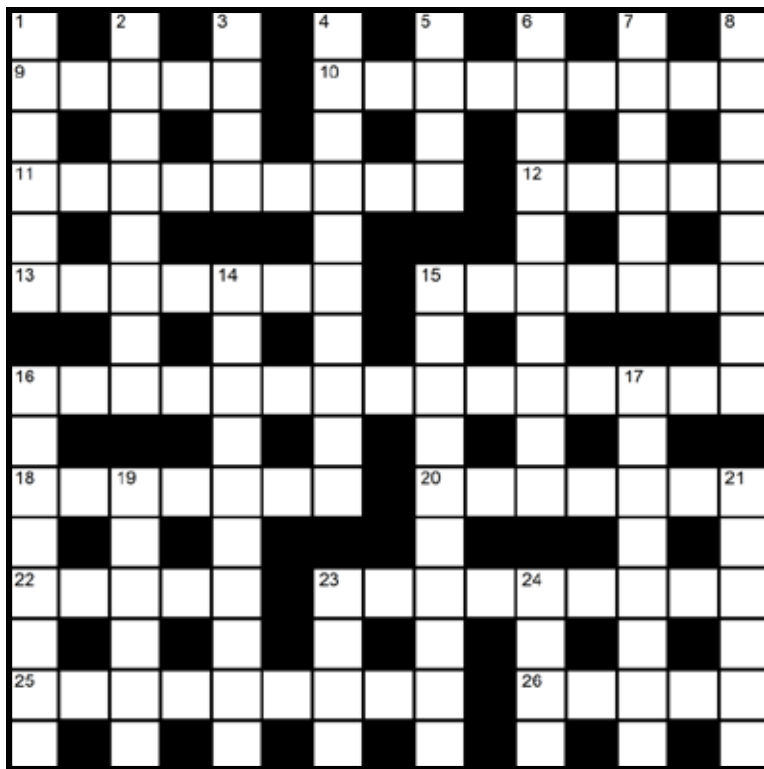
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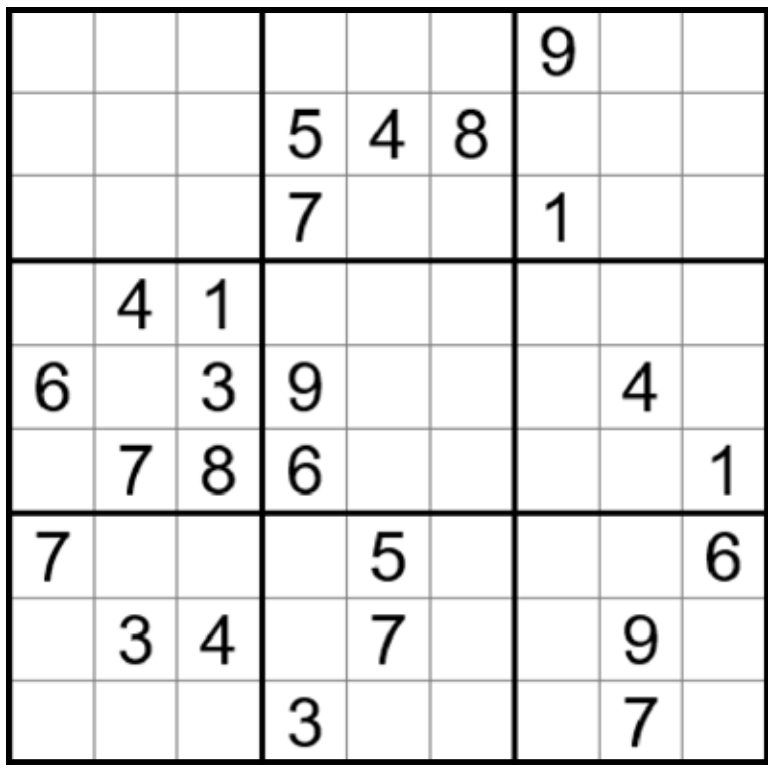
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Crossword



- Across**
- 9 Coarse (5)
 - 10 Law (9)
 - 11 Reviewing (5,4)
 - 12 Group of experts (5)
 - 13 "Fifteen men on a ---'s chest ..." (4,3)
 - 15 Don't have to (4,3)
 - 16 Poll outcomes (8,7)
 - 18 Area near the wicket (7)
 - 20 Often dry lake in NW NSW (7)
 - 22 Former national netball captain Liz --- (5)
 - 23 The Royal ---, a carnivorous white bird (9)
 - 25 The Golden-headed ---, "the finest tailor of all birds" (9)
 - 26 True up (5)
- Down**
- 1 Very cold (6)
 - 2 Dismember (8)
 - 3 Ruffian (4)
 - 4 Olympic gold, silver and bronze rower - and policeman (6,4)
 - 5 Free from bias (4)
 - 6 Pro golfer Jan --- (10)
 - 7 "Imagine" songwriter (6)
 - 8 Sportspeople (8)
 - 14 Vessel in charge of smaller ones (6,4)
 - 15 "Sticks", former St. George Dragons pro footballer and coach (4,6)
 - 16 Factual proof (8)
 - 17 Mischievous youngster (8)
 - 19 Homespun (6)
 - 21 Ashore (2,4)
 - 23 Inoffensive person (4)
 - 24 Ark builder (4)

Sudoku



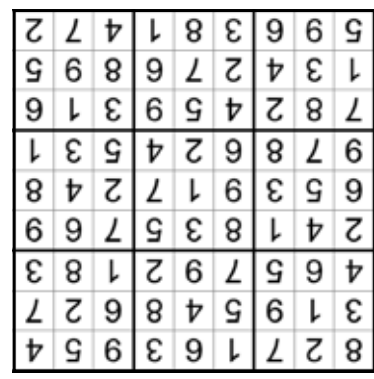
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Crossword July 2022 solution



Sudoku July 2022 solution



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| DATE | EVENT OR BUSINESS | DETAILS |
|--------------------------|--|--|
| Mon, 11-11.30am | Story Time At Deloraine Library | Term 4, 11 October to 16 December. Deloraine Library, 2-4 Emu Bay Road, Deloraine. 6701 2180. |
| Mon, 1-1.30pm | Story Time At Westbury Library | Term 4, 11 October to 16 December. Westbury Library, 33 William Street, Westbury. 6701 2189. |
| Every Tues, 10am-12 noon | Hadspen Playgroup | School term. 47 Main Road, Hadspen. Contact Abby Johns 0417 264 378, hadspenplaygroup@gmail.com. |
| Every Tues, 10-11.30am | Happy Hands Art Time, 1-5 Year Olds | School term. Deloraine Seventh-Adventist Church Hall, 4445 Meander Valley Rd. |
| Every Tues | Hidden Talents Craft Group | 10am-12 noon. Deloraine Gospel Chapel, 46 Parsonage St, Deloraine. All welcome. |
| Every Wed 7-9pm | Trivia Night | Bolters, Prospect |
| Every Thurs, 10-11.30am | Chat Westbury Play Gym, 0-5 Year Olds | School term. Westbury Sports Centre, Franklin St. \$3.50 per child (under 12 months free). 1st visit free. |
| Every Thurs, 7.30-9.30pm | Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting | Westbury Uniting Church Hall. cnr William and Dexter Sts. Contact phone 0409 931 727. |
| Every Fri, 7.30pm | Upbeat SQRZ-square dancing | Western Tiers Community Club |
| Fri 8, 7-9pm | Zac Henderson Live @ The General Store | Wandering Trout, Mole Creek |
| Fri 8, 5-9pm | Pizza & Pasta Night | Deloraine Deli |
| Sat 9, 7.30pm | The Man In the Hat | Little Theatre, 2 Meander Valley Rd, Deloraine |
| July 10-4 | Framed! | Drawings Paintings Collages by Barbara Regent. Deloraine Creative Studios |
| Fri 15, 7-9pm | Kiarnna @ The General Store | Wandering Trout, Mole Creek |
| Fri 15, 10am-12pm | Soy Wax Candle Making | \$45 bookings essential on 0488 137 315. Art as Mania, 20-22 Emu Bay Road, Deloraine |
| Sat 16, 9am-1pm | Mole Creek Market | Memorial Hall, Mole Creek |
| Sat 16, 9am-1pm | Westbury Market | Anglican Church, Westbury |
| Sat 16, 3pm-late | WinterFire | Deloraine Showgrounds |
| Thurs 21, 11am-1pm | In a Pinch Pottery Workshop | \$55 bookings essential on 0488 137 315. Art as Mania, 20-22 Emu Bay Road, Deloraine |
| Fri 22, 12-3pm | Youth Arts Alliance (YAA) Meander Valley-Mix It Up | Little Theatre, Deloraine |
| Fri 22, 5-9pm | Youth Arts Alliance (YAA) Meander Valley-Teen Spirit | Little Theatre, Deloraine |
| Fri 22, 7-9pm | Ben Wilson Live @ The General Store | Wandering Trout, Mole Creek |
| Sat 23, 7.30pm | The Booksellers | Little Theatre, 2 Meander Valley Rd, Deloraine |
| Fri 29, 7-9pm | Ben Lawless Live @ The General Store | Wandering Trout, Mole Creek |
| Sat 30, 4-7 | Film, Food N Fire | Mole Creek Memorial Hall |

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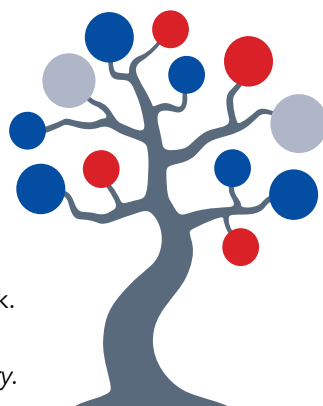
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Statewide success for pony club

ON SUNDAY June 5 the Deloraine Pony Club and three other Northern Zone riders travelled to Hobart to ride in the Pony Club Tasmania Prince Phillip State Mounted Games competition.

This event was hosted by Brighton and Southern Midlands Pony Club at Pontville equestrian centre.

To be selected for this

competition, clubs recently competed in the Mounted Games held in Springfield in May, hosted by the North East PC.

Fifteen teams from eight Pony Clubs competed in an A and/or B Division comps with the top four teams in A Division going forward to the State competition, and the DDPC made it through.

While the north of the

state was being battered by bad weather conditions, the south turned on some sunshine for the riders.

Mounted games are a combination of speed, skill, agility and hand/eye coordination challenges.

The DDPC team was on fire all day, making very few mistakes and winning 11 out of 15 games.

They extend their

thanks to their amazing and dedicated coach Geraldine How.

After an exciting action-packed day, the results were fantastic for the Deloraine team (made up of five riders and ponies and a reserve rider).

Deloraine District Pony Club came home with a first place in the B Division.

The riders on the day were

Sophie Orchard riding Roy, Paige How riding Donkey, Indi Bowles riding Holly, Charli-Anne Bennett riding Tommy, Ruby Atkins riding Shrek, and the reserve rider was Natalia Blair riding Tarn.

Thank you to Cristy Hall, Commissioner of the Deloraine District Pony Club District, for supplying this information.

Choosing a house for chooks



CHOOK HOUSES come in many different shapes and sizes and are made of many different materials.

Mobile – Kit Chook Houses

Pet shops and big hardware sell kit chook houses usually made of pine (it rots quickly) these houses wont last long in the weather and can be blown over in strong winds.

The metal houses won't blow over but are unsuitable in summer unless they are well ventilated and placed in the shade.

These houses are high maintenance they need to be cleaned regularly and you are always bent over.

Chooks need at least 0.6 square meter per chook so you need to factor this when purchasing.

The Permanent Chook House

Chook houses come in many shapes and sizes, but the one the Victorian and New South Wales Primary Industry Departments recommend is this house designed for 12 laying hens (see plans).

The house should face north to get the full benefit of the sun - the plans detail a 800mm overhang on the roof that allows the winter sun in and shades it in summer.

The roof should be

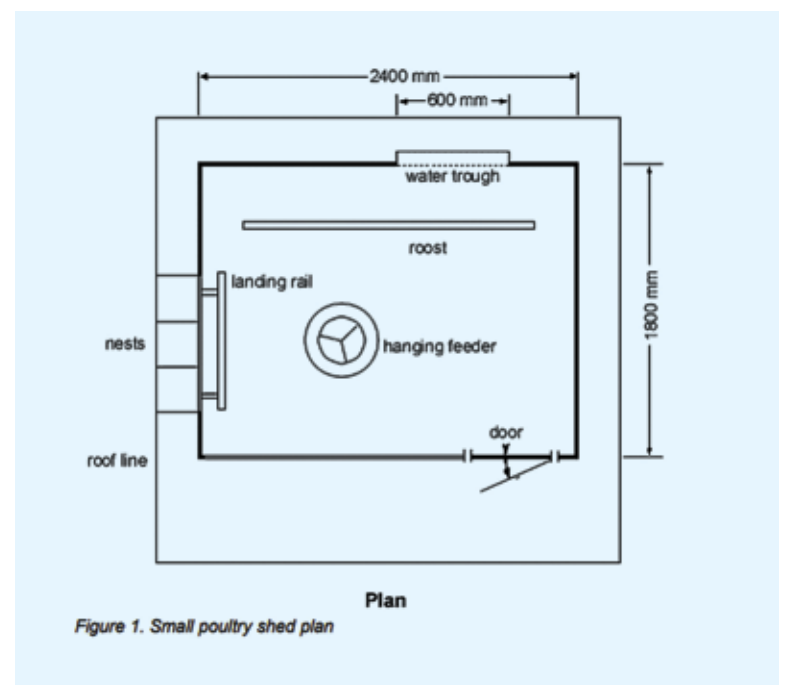
insulated and the iron should be light coloured to greatly reduce the heat in the pen during summer.

The front of the house is partially covered in wire netting with a small diameter that will exclude small birds and rodents.

The plan suggests placing the nest boxes on the outside but I prefer to place them inside to provide the opportunity to check on the chooks when collecting the eggs.

The water should be placed inside the house.

I would recommend concrete footing to depth of 30cm be put in place rather than a slab as this will allow you to use the deep litter method which reduces internal parasites and is low maintenance.



Finding Information

In previous articles, I have said information is available online but I realise that many people don't have access to a computer or know how to use one.

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Last year Tasmanian standing offer power prices decreased by 7.11 per cent for residential and 11 per cent for small business customers, meaning prices have been

among the cheapest in the country.

Aurora's retail costs account for just 12 per cent of total electricity prices. More than 70 per cent of a customer's final bill is made up of wholesale energy (generation) and network (transmission) costs. As part of the Regulator's recent Price Determination, Aurora Energy's allowances it can recover will decrease in real terms over the next three years.

Aurora Energy Chief Operating Officer, Kane Ingham, acknowledged the difficulty already being felt by Tasmanians, and wanted to reassure customers they are here to help.

"We know today's news is going to make it very tough on some individuals and families who are already

struggling to make ends meet," Mr Ingham said.

"But as Tasmania's 100 per cent owned and operated energy retailer, we genuinely care about our customers – we're customers too – and we're committed to doing what we can to help during this challenging period because it's our community and we're invested in it.

"Supporting each other is an integral part of what it is to be Tasmanian and it's why we are so proud to be a part of the Tasmanian community.

"We encourage any customer who may be struggling to keep on top of their energy bill and are in need of support to get in contact; we have the support, services and strategies available to drive customers' energy bills down."

The Regulator also announced the Feed-in Tariff rate for customers with solar installations will be increased to 8.883c/kWh due to the increase in the wholesale electricity price for 2022-23.

Any customers that need an extra hand are encouraged to contact Aurora's YES Team (Monday to Friday from 9am-4.30pm) on 1300 10 2010 or visit auroraenergy.com.au

Aurora Energy's three point plan for high energy bills:

- Support: Extended payment options, relief via Aurora Energy's nation-leading YES (financial hardship) program, including an extension of the incentive program, and an enhanced Customer Support Fund to

support anyone experiencing financial vulnerability;

The Tasmanian Government has announced an increased rate for concessions customers, as well as a \$119 Energy Bill Supplement, to be provided from 1 August 2022.

Services: aurora+ available with no product service fee from 1 July 2022, enabling more customers to gain greater control over their energy usage and ultimately reduce their electricity costs;

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Rotary Deloraine are providing transportation for ticket holders to and from WinterFire's event site. This free volunteered bus service will run continuously from 3.30pm to 6 pm and will leave from the Visitor's Information Centre with a pick up at the Train Park.

Return trips will start at 8 pm with the last bus at 10:30pm

- Arts Deloraine encourages people attending WinterFire to:
- Wear gumboots
 - Catch the bus
 - Bring a torch
 - Dress warmly
 - Invite friends and family
 - Participate in the Parade
 - Stay safe around fires

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