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## Letter from the Editor

THE GAZETTE aims to build and enrich social connections amongst community members, celebrate the successes of local people and businesses, share valuable community-based information and support debate on relevant local issues.

So, it is with some trepidation that I took on the role of Editor of the Gazette.

My concerns were two fold: first the pressure to find stories, photographs and advertising and second, the desire to ensure that the Gazette continued as a viable and ongoing proposition and service to the community.

Second things first. My 80 year old mother lives in Childers, Queensland.

It's a country town much like Deloraine with volcanic soils and productive agricultural land, similar services and population. Whilst everyone had an opinion on the 'local rag' – The Isis Recorder – the

loss of the newspaper had a significant detrimental impact on the community.

Over the last decade or so, 106 newspapers have closed, leaving 16 regional local government areas without a paper.

This disproportionately affected older people and those with limited access to technology who reported feeling more isolated and disconnected from what was happening around them.

The Gazette is a significant community asset whose value can not be underestimated, or realised when it has gone.

My concerns about content have been allayed by community members who have willingly offered stories, gardening advice and recipes, sports reports and other information for the paper.

Local organisations, businesses and services are core supporters of the Gazette, which continues to

be provided free to over 9,500 Meander Valley residents from Prospect to Bracknell, Western Creek and Elizabeth Town.

The paper's success also comes from the extraordinary commitment of Abbey McNamara, Advertising Manager; April Underhill, Production manager and Kevin Knowles, Meander Valley Connect Treasurer.

A community newspaper is nothing without a community.

I would like to encourage more regular news and information from the outposts around Meander Valley, stories that connect new residents and older people to their communities, articles and images from our talented artists, and sports and school stories that engage younger readers.

We could have special editions focused on Cars (Speedway, Car show etc), the Craft fair, and other

major events.

Collaborations with the Folk Museum and Westbury Historical Society and Great Western Tiers Tourism Association may help with historical stories and special editions that showcase local businesses.

Expanding our online and social media presence in a way that complements others' presences is an area for active consideration too.

Ultimately we are only restricted by resources.

I'm not a journalist, more of a scientist academic, so I'm still learning the ways of the media world.

I'm very interested to know how local residents would like their Gazette to look like, so I am planning an open Community Forum in mid-September and look forward to hearing your views.

**Craig Zimitat, PhD**  
Editor

## Letters to the Editor

### FROM THE NEIGHBOURS OF ASHLEY

Dear Editor,

Neighbours of Ashley was formed some twenty-five years ago to work with the management of the Ashley Youth Detention Centre (AYDC) and State Government to find a solution to the continuing escapes from the facility and the impacts upon us as neighbours, i.e. theft, damage to property and trespass.

The Group now consists of some thirty families who are either immediate neighbours or landowners within a two kilometre radius of the AYDC and a few other families outside.

The Group which has re-convened in opposition to the building of a prison on the Ashley Youth Detention Centre (AYDC) site.

We would like to replicate

our previous constructive engagement with the Government and the Dept of Justice (DoJ) which has oversight for the construction of the Northern Correctional Facility. However, we feel hampered by the beginning of the process.

On the 7th February 2022, The Examiner Newspaper published an article stating the neighbours of the AYDC were not opposed to a prison on the Ashley site.

The Examiner publication date is interesting because community consultations (i.e. Drop In Sessions) did not start until the 9th February 2022 and ran until 12th March with submissions to be received by 15th March 2022.

The Group put in a submission against the prison and received a confirmation email, other individuals also

sent in submissions but received no confirmation email.

The DoJ *Report on Community Consultations on the future use of the Ashley Youth Detention Centre site* (nd) ([bit.ly/aydc\\_consultation\\_report](http://bit.ly/aydc_consultation_report)) published the following feedback from 33 nearby property owners consulted in early December 2021: 12/33 agreed or were neutral about the prison, 13/33 were against and 8/33 did not contribute.

Since then, Neighbours of Ashley has canvassed the 30 landowners we could identify within the two kilometre radius, a distance set and used by the Justice Department.

Our neighbour survey of support for locating the prison at the AYDC site showed that there were 18/30 against, 1/30 for, 4/30 neutral and 7/30 absentee owners yet to notify

us. The Neighbours of Ashley Group finds it extraordinary that the two survey numbers are so different.

Maybe the DoJ's communications were effective in changing opinions and garnering community opposition in the six months between the surveys.

We believed that the process adopted by the DoJ is flawed and the premature Examiner newspaper article may have only served to provide misinformation to skew public opinion! (and affect participation in the planned Public Drop-in Sessions).

However, what is true, we the Neighbours of Ashley do not support the prison proposal for the Ashley site.

**Neighbours of Ashley**



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# Marakoopa Café picks up top gong at Catering Awards

MARAKOOPA CAFÉ near Mole Creek has won the ONE Music Excellence Award category at the 2022 VIC TAS Australia Restaurant Catering Hostplus Awards for Excellence.

Co-owner Lars and Sarah Cooper say, "It's an honour to be recognized for our commitment to connect musicians and audience for intimate performance experiences.

"Because we have often needed to travel to the major population centres to enjoy live music, we felt we should bring amazing artists here and share our love of live music with our community.

"So we set about creating a unique performance space consisting of an outdoor amphitheatre and intimate indoor performance space."

The Awards for Excellence is a nationally recognised, independently judged awards program that celebrates exceptional service and culinary talent across the state.

More than 130 local restaurants, cafes and catering businesses gathered to celebrate the achievements of their peers who were judged in over 45 categories.

Judging criteria for the Awards for Excellence are determined by consumers who rank what is important to them in the dining experience.

The Awards are judged by an independent team of trained judges who anonymously visit the venues to determine the restaurant/café winners.

The scores are based on the entire dining experience from food to the customer service experienced when the judges anonymously dine.

More than 130 local restaurants, cafes and catering businesses gathered to celebrate the achievements of their peers who were judged in over 45 categories, with the winners announced at the Awards for Excellence ceremony held at Zinc at Federation Square in Melbourne.



## Local Government seeks to broaden representation

THE LOCAL Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) and the Tasmanian Government are calling on people from all walks of life to consider running for their council in the local government elections later this year.

Nominations for the local government elections open on 5th September, and mandatory voting starts in early October 2022.

LGAT President, Australian Local Government Association of Australia Vice President and West Tamar Mayor Christina

Holmdahl said the campaign will encourage diversity in local government.

"Strong and effective councils reflect the diverse communities they serve," Mayor Holmdahl said.

"That's why we must do all we can to encourage and empower people from a diverse range of backgrounds, abilities, genders and ages to stand for their community," she said.

Local government offers an exciting and rewarding opportunity to work with residents and businesses and

make a real difference in the lives of Tasmanians.

"It's an enormous privilege to represent your community; I'd encourage everyone to consider giving it a go," she said.

Minister for Local Government Nic Street echoed the call, encouraging locals who want their voices heard to consider nominating.

"As the closest level of government to the community, councils make important decisions every day that impact peoples' lives and they should

reflect the broad range of the communities they serve,"

Councillors, Deputy Mayors and Mayors all play a vital leadership role in developing and implementing their community's vision and values.

"Over four years, they help enable the economic, social and cultural development of the community, as well as supporting individuals and groups and providing a wide range of wellbeing services.

"If you have a strong sense of community and are keen to make a difference in your local

area, I urge you to consider nominating for the upcoming elections.

If you are interested, there is plenty of support available to help you take that next step," Minister for Local Government Nic Street said.

LGAT and the Office of Local Government have comprehensive information available on the LGAT website that provides potential candidates with all they need to run as a candidate in the election.

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# WinterFire lights up the night

DID WE spot you at WinterFire 2022?

Photos by Garry Edwards, Anne Gilles, Kath Willmott,

Steve Huth and Brock Gale from the night are available to view online at [www.meandervalleygazette.org](http://www.meandervalleygazette.org)



► Photo by Anne Gilles.

# Youth voice on community action in response to climate change

CLIMATE CHANGE will significantly impact our health and wellbeing, the natural environment and the economy.

The 2021 Australian Local Government Climate Review reported that the majority of councils who participated were already impacted by climate change and were setting or planning emissions reduction targets for their own operations and across their community.

Meander Valley Council will host a Climate Change Youth Forum on Saturday 3 September 2022 from 10:30am to 3:30pm at the Westbury Function Centre in Franklin Street, Westbury.

“Meander Valley Council is already collaborating at a regional level to develop Council’s understanding and responses to climate change.

“We also want to create

awareness and encourage action across the community, and this starts with our youth,” Mayor Johnston said.

Initiated by Councillor Deb White, the Forum will provide an opportunity for young people of the Meander Valley to express how they want to be engaged in climate change actions and to enable them to design local projects that can be implemented by

the community.

“We really want to hear from our young people on this, they are passionate and innovative and bring a fresh energy and eagerness to issues,” Councillor White said.

Designed with input from local young people, the Forum will be run by skilled facilitators engaged to help our youth explore local social, economic and environmental issues that

are likely to arise from global climate change.

Sessions will maximise young people’s contribution with the support of local adult mentors.

Registration for the Forum will be targeted to 16-30 year olds from the Meander Valley.

For more information, contact Council’s Community Wellbeing Department on 6393 5300.

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If interested, please contact the club secretary Pam Coleman on 0409 549 199 for more information or to RSVP before Sunday August 31, 2022.



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OPINION EDITORIAL

# NCF not a done deal?

THE STATE Government has repeatedly reaffirmed its commitment to adhering to a proper process regarding planning matters in relation to establishing a Northern Prison.

Their ads and website have asserted that establishing a Northern Prison at the currently preferred site has a 'Permitted' status under the current Tasmanian Planning Scheme for the Meander Valley (TPSMV).

On the Tasmanian Government's Department of Justice website, for example, it provides the following FAQ, "Is a Custodial Facility a permitted use under the relevant planning scheme at the AYDC site? Yes."

Preliminary desktop assessment by the Department of Justice indicates that under the Tasmanian Planning Scheme for the Meander Valley (TPSMV) municipality a custodial facility is a permitted use class within the Community Purpose Zone which is the current zone applied to the AYDC site under the planning Scheme."

Not only is that statement incorrect, or misleading in a general sense, it is also incorrect in terms of its application, as the permitted use status relates specifically, and only, to the Ashley Detention Centre (AYDC) on the Ashley site. A custodial facility is in fact a prohibited use under the TPSMV within the Community Purpose Zone, with one exception.

That exception is a Discretionary Status for 'alterations or extensions to an existing Custodial Facility' under the Statewide Planning Provisions. The example within MV is the Ashley Youth Detention Centre itself.

What's the complication? The exception under the Statewide Planning Provisions has in the case of the AYDC site been modified further by what is referred to as a site-specific qualification that it has a 'permitted' status under the relevant Use Table in respect of the Ashley Youth Detention Centre.

The permitted status which was meant to be a direct transfer into the Statewide Scheme, of the equivalent provision from MV's previous Interim Planning Scheme has upon inspection not been correctly translated into the new Scheme.

The site specific qualification is meant to say that Custodial Facility permitted - 'if for the Ashley Detention Centre'.

When the Scheme was compiled, the words "if for Ashley Detention Centre" have been omitted.

The Department of Justice was not responsible for the compilation error, but the Planning and Policy Unit of the Department of Justice issued a clarifying document in August 2018 clearly stating the words regarding the above raised matter that were to be transitioned into the new Scheme.

The "permitted" status or otherwise has been raised by me with the Government earlier in the year but thus far, no change, correction or clarification, has been forthcoming.

Why is this important? If an adult Northern Correctional Facility, including a Remand Centre, is nothing to do with the Ashley Youth Detention Centre (and it isn't), then it would be a 'prohibited use' on the Ashley site.

Does that mean a Northern Prison couldn't be established on that site? No; but it would mean that a comprehensive assessment would need to be undertaken from a planning point of view, such as would convince MV's Planning Authority (Council) as well as the Tasmanian Planning Commission (subject to any appeal process that might occur) as to why the planning scheme itself ought be changed to allow same to occur on that Ashley site.

This is a major exercise compared to what would be an almost tick a box assessment that would likely occur if the supposed permitted use status remains.

Attempting to change the scheme itself, comes with full rights of involvement by the community in such a process by way of making representations etc, versus the alternative, whereby approval could theoretically be given without even coming before Council (councillors) itself/(themselves).

Is it reasonable that neighbours of the Ashley site, or the broader community be disenfranchised from having their say by the omission of a few words from the planning scheme, such that it gives a completely different meaning?

I, for one, don't think that is reasonable.

**Rodney Synfield,**  
Meander Valley Councillor

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# Craft Fair returns to full scale!

THE TASMANIAN Craft Fair is already known as the largest working craft fair in the Southern Hemisphere but the last couple of years have meant some changes due to COVID.

But over this November long weekend, the fair returns to its full size with a few new additions too that promises to give people of all ages a great day (or two) out.

Around 20% of the exhibitors will be there for the first time.

Each year there are new crafts being added, some to tempt tastebuds, others to be worn, or even more to furnish your home.

Organisers have noticed more younger couples attending in recent years as they look for something more bespoke as part of their interior design.

This year's Craft Fair Director Michael Plunkett says "Our Rotary committee have had a busy couple of years adapting the event to keep up momentum - in 2020 it was online and in 2021 it was Tasmanian only.

"We know that for many craftspeople, our event is their major selling event of the year so that's why there's a real buzz about getting back to full size."

There will also be a calendar

of masterclasses being announced in the program, as well as the return of the highly esteemed \$10,000 Tasmanian Premier's Arts Prize.

This year the emerging artist being featured is Emma Magnusson-Reid, a visual artist whose instagram handle, @theflowerthief gives some insight in to the materials used in her work.

The fair also features Mae Finlayson, a Tasmanian with accomplishments abroad who makes soft sculpture blending familiar and ordinary materials in unusual ways.

Then of course there are over 240 exhibitors to have a chat with and ask all the finer details of the works they have on display.

There's been a welcome addition to ticketing too. In a normal year, around 13,200 different people attend, with nearly 19,000 attendances overall according to the last Nielsen survey.

This means that almost half of our guests are attending more than one day.

As such the Craft Fair organisers have now made all tickets available for the full 4 days, you no longer need to buy a 4 day ticket.



► Gene McLaren and Belinda Kelly of McLaren Bespoke are regulars at the Tasmanian Craft Fair which will be back in full force November 4-7, 2022.

The impact of the fair to the Northern region extends far beyond the long weekend with almost half of interstate visitors advising in surveys that they intend to come back to explore more of Tasmania within 12 months!

Over 10,000 volunteer hours goes in to this event, which also pays volunteer

groups as well as raising funds for community projects in Tasmania and abroad.

More than 7500 attendees came from outside of the Northern region in 2019, and officially 26% of them shared their trip to Deloraine on social media.

Fair Director Michael shares excitement for this return,

"We're really looking forward to being back at full scale, it means a lot to all the small businesses who share their works so if you've never been before, this is a great year to make it happen!"

Tickets are only available online at [www.tascraftfair.com.au](http://www.tascraftfair.com.au) or through the Great Western Tiers Visitor Centre.

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# The life of Cliffy Crack

## Brian Roles

LOUIS CLIFFY Crack well known identity around the district just celebrated his 90th birthday. Cliffy was born on 9-7-1932 on King Island and grew up with six brothers and one sister.

He attended school at Egg Lagoon School, it was about two miles to school which he walked, each day.

His father was share-farming milking cows on the Island. His dad said, 'if they learn to ride the old horse, they could ride it to school', which they did and tethered the horse at the school ground while they attended class.

Cliffy's last teacher was well-known Northwest Coast Footballer and Administrator Noel Atkins.

Cliffy left King Island when he was just 16 and went to work on a Horse Stud at Woodend in Victoria, which was a big shock to Cliffy waking up in the morning to see a heavy frost on the ground, which was very rare on the Island, always a breeze.

Cliffy worked two months before moving down to Caulfield to become an Apprentice Jockey. He worked there about 12 months.

Life was very tough in those times, living in a little room at the stables. Cliffy recalled in those early days, having to take a horse on the float to race at Werribee as a strapper.

Cliffy's horse had run and was unplaced, so the strapper in the stall next to him said, 'we think our horse can win the last race', so Cliffy went up to the tote and backed the horse, which won.

So Cliff stopped to collect his winnings, but there was a protest which took about 30 minutes to finalise, it was dismissed so Cliffy collected his winnings and back to the stalls to find his horse was gone.

The truck had picked up all the horses and gone, so Cliffy was stranded. A trainer who was still there gave Cliffy a ride back to the Caulfield area and guided Cliffy in the right direction to get back to his lodgings at his master's stables.

Cliffy's dad moved back to Tasmania and became the Horse Trainer from Mr Boyce Youl at Symons Plains, so Cliffy returned to Tasmania to help his dad.

Cliffy used to ride the horse, which he remembered, one morning a horse he was riding work spooked and bolted and Cliffy had one leg caught in

the stirrup, but fortunately his boot came off and he fell clear to the ground.

Cliffy's weight went up to 8 stones, too heavy to be a jockey, so he gave the game away and moved back to Launceston to Kings Meadows and got a job with Bender Cool Store in Elizabeth Street and helped out in the smallgoods factory making sausages, which helped him get a job at Meadow Mews Butchery which is where Toyota is at Kings Meadows.

Cliffy used to walk across the paddock where Coles is now.

He worked at the Butchery for 16 years. He also played football with Kings Meadows seconds. After leaving the butchery, Cliffy moved to George Town to work at Comalco in the 1960s.

He did a lot of double shifts and worked as a brick layer in the baking plant and lived in a caravan, and that's where he met his wife Mavis who worked as the house maid and cook for the then Harbour master who guided all the shipping into the harbour.

After 5 years they married, they bought a small farm (160 acres) at Weetah, just out of Deloraine in 1975.

Cliffy milked a few cows and



▶ Cliffy Crack, Don Simpson, Ralph Crack and Brian Roles celebrated Cliff's 90th Birthday at Mole Creek Hotel.

had a few pigs as a sideline. He had a slaughter house built on the property and for many years ran a business killing beef, sheep and pigs for many people around the district up until 1994 when they sold the business and farm and moved into Deloraine, where he still lives.

He joined the Veterans running group, but they are now called Masters, at the age of 70. Cliffy competed in 10 Burnie Tens during his running career, and ran in over 300 races. He won his 70-79 age group for the Burnie Ten in 2002 and again in 2004!

Cliffy was pretty good on the track at St. Leonards, he held the record for 5000 metres in a time of 22m 23s, in his age group, but this has since been broken by a younger person.

Cliffy was Deloraine's John Landy and is known as the Peter Cundall of Deloraine, a master gardener. He has a large vegie garden that supplies a lot of locals.

He also enjoys watching and following sport. He has been a St. Kilda supporter all his life.

Cliffy joined the Deloraine Golden Oldies about six years ago, and enjoyed the company and companionship with the members, and never misses a meeting.

He is one of the fittest people for his age around here, Cliff walks six mornings a week about five to six kilometres.

Cliffy has his own man cave under his house, his wood heater burning away with about 10 ton of wood stacked out the front ready to go on.

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## Have your say!

Throughout the year, Council holds forums in different townships to discuss local achievements and issues with residents. These gatherings are intended to be an informal sharing of information to raise awareness and to generate practical outcomes. Councillors and Council officers will be in attendance and all interested community members are welcome. Refreshments are provided, please come along and share your thoughts!

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889 Weegenah Road, Weegenah  
Monday 1 August 2022 • 5pm-7pm

**Prospect Vale Sports Club & Clubhouse**  
2 Harley Parade, Prospect Vale  
Monday 15 August 2022 • 5pm-7pm

**Bracknell Football Club**  
Louisa Street, Bracknell  
Monday 29 August 2022 • 5pm-7pm

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# Youths showcase talent and skill

A NEW group is emerging in the Meander Valley dedicated to including young people in community participation, events, arts and culture.

The Youth Arts Alliance Meander Valley, shortened to YAA, recently bought to Deloraine a day of Music, Movement, Performance and Workshops on Friday 22 July in an all inclusive event run by, and designed for young people.

The daytime event 'Mix it Up' was an all age session with Djembe Drumming, Table Tennis, Supersillyus Circus activities and a Looping/Sound workshops with Benjamin Hayward Segal.

Entertainment on stage was offered in the Little Theatre by local dance sensations – Tech Steps Irish Dancers then with music from Taylor & Co and Ross Clippingdale.

A beautiful BBQ lunch was provided by Lions Deloraine with the support of JBS Longford.

Young people also enjoyed making slushies with Joe from the Royal Flying Doctors Service on their purpose made pedal power smoothy bike.

The session was well received with over 100 participants from all throughout our community.

The evening session was a show case of local young musicians who have all been supported in various ways by the Deloraine Community Band.

The event, themed 'Teen Spirit' consisted of almost three hours of the sounds of various musical ensembles and amazing vocals with bands, groups and singers from the Meander Valley area.

Deloraine Development Band commenced the evening with a few beautiful numbers followed by Charlotte and Cecilia Wickham and Becky Walters who have been performing in various line-ups since Primary School.

'Taylor and Co' were next with more of their splendid repertoire.

The "Delttime Killers" a local Deloraine High School line up rocked the stage, followed by the dynamic 'Man Down'.

The audience was then treated to the awesome sounds of 'The Stingrays'.

It really was a pleasure to

see and hear such a talented line up of amazing young people.

The Bush Inn, Deloraine Town Café and Woolworths Deloraine provided sponsorship, so the crowd was able to enjoy pizza and savouries for dinner.

The event was proudly supported by various community groups who deserve sincere Thanks to: Deloraine Community and Development Band, The Den (Delgunyah), Westbury Health Advisory Committee, Inclusion Table Tennis (Deloraine Table Tennis League), Lions Club Deloraine, Meander Valley Council, SupersillyUs Circus and the Royal Flying Doctors Service.

YAA is looking forward to inspiring and empowering young Meander Valley residents and hosting more youth events in the near future.

YAA is also looking for young people to join in – they can be contacted by messaging the Facebook page YAA- Youth Arts Alliance Meander Valley or by emailing yaa.meandervalley@gmail.com



## VOTE 1

# Ben Dudman

for Mayor and Councillor  
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# Banana breakfast treat

Wendy Hays

WITH THE price of fruits and vegetables sky rocketing, many of us are committed to using every skerrick of fresh produce that we buy.

Bananas seem to be one of the few fruits that have not increased in price considerably over the past few months.

This month's recipe is a good one for using bananas which are overripe and may be going a little brown.

It is also a good excuse for eating what is essentially a cake for breakfast!

I use a stick blender to blitz the last five ingredients of the recipe together before mixing into the dry ingredients.

Slices of banana bread freeze beautifully. They can be warmed in the microwave or toasted then topped with ricotta cheese, fresh banana and drizzled with a little honey for a breakfast treat.



- ½ C brown sugar
  - 2 eggs – lightly beaten
  - 4 very ripe bananas – well mashed
  - 125 g butter – melted and cooled
  - 1/3 C milk
  - 1 ts vanilla essence
- Method**
1. Preheat the oven to 180C.
  2. Grease and line a loaf pan with baking paper.
  3. Sift the flour, salt and cinnamon into a large bowl and add the brown sugar.
  4. In a large jug or bowl, combine the eggs, mashed banana, milk and vanilla.
  5. Using a metal spoon, gently mix the wet ingredients into the dry ingredients. Do not over mix.
  6. Pour into pan, smoothing the top.
  7. Bake for 45 minutes to 1 hour until cooked when tested with a skewer.
  8. Cool in pan for 5 minutes before turning onto a wire rack to cool completely.
  9. Serve sliced with butter or a topping of your choice.

## Banana Bread

### Ingredients

- 2 C self- raising flour
- ¼ ts salt
- 1 ts ground cinnamon

## At the movies with the Western Tiers Film Society

Clare Andersen

This month's move, 'The Duke' is set in the 60's - a period when UK citizens really began to feel that they had moved on from post-war austerity, going from the black and white 50's to the technicolour 'swinging sixties'. Post war rationing had stopped in 1954 and slum clearance and rebuilding programs were slowly gaining momentum. It was the decade in which history notes the whole way of life changed for the better, as never before in modern history. In the revolutionary spirit of the times, The Duke shows the audacity of a pensioner taking on the government bureaucracy in a moment of cranky anger.

Based on a true account, of the first and only theft in the National Gallery's history, The Duke is truly a movie of that time.

### THE DUKE AUGUST 13



2020 M, Comedy/Drama UK, 95m

Director Roger Michell  
Dealing with the 1961 theft of the Portrait of the Duke of Wellington, The Duke premiered at the 2020 Venice Film Festival. When released in early 2022, English publications as The Guardian, Daily Mail and Daily Telegraph gave it multiple awards.

With Jim Broadbent and Helen Mirren, it is an entertaining delight with 60-year-old taxi driver, Kempton Bunton, breaking into the National Gallery

to steal the Goya painting, citing "they care more about art than charity". Championing the abolition of compulsory TV licence fees for the elderly, he sends ransom notes to the government. What happened next became the stuff of legend. It took 50 years for the full story to emerge - a startling revelation of how a good man set out to change the world and in so doing saved his son and his marriage.

'A charming, understated and completely enjoyable frolic about how ordinary people can do extraordinary things that seems doubly startling because, while seeming implausible, it also happens to be absolutely true.' Observer Top Critic, May 2022.

Rotten Tomatoes Critics 97%/ Audience 86%

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# Inside Nurse Harvey's Hospital

GRAEME DAVIS' local history book "In Pioneer's Footsteps" indicates that the Harvey Sisters operated a maternity hospital in Cordwainer House, 33 West Barrack St, Deloraine.

A generation of Meander Valley grandparents and great grandparents were born there from 1919-1936.

He also noted that the nature of the business conducted there previously was 'lost in the mists of time.'

We shed some light on the early history of the house and the history of Harvey's hospital.

Nurse and Midwife, Margaret Harvey (1886-1942), relocated from her hospital in LaTrobe to operate a maternity and general nursing hospital in leased premises at 33 West Barrack St, Deloraine.

Harvey's hospital opened in late 1919 when the Spanish influenza pandemic reached Tasmania.

The property was leased from John Richard Abey, William Arthur Abey and Nathaniel Hart who inherited the property from Mr and Mrs William Abey upon their deaths in the early 1900s.

William Abey was a cordwainer (i.e. bootmaker not cobbler), apparently the

most prosperous amongst Fred Owen, Arthur Scott and Peter Clengliffer who also worked in Barrack St.

Margaret Harvey was the primary practitioner at the hospital and employed her younger sisters Rosa May (1887-1957) and Sarah Jane (Jean) (1886-1944) to provide care at the hospital too.

Local medical practitioners Drs Frank Cole, Grounds and Rail Robertson attended the hospital at various times and conducted basic surgical procedures.

Based upon Birth notices in local newspapers (mainly The Examiner and The Advocate), there were at least 70 births at the hospital over the fifteen year period of its operation.

James Vaughan Clarke was the first child born at the hospital on 07 August 1919, very shortly after it opened.

There is a long list of local family surnames amongst those born at the hospital: Badcock, Furmage, Best, How and Miles to name a few.

There were two pairs of twins born – the Spencer girls in 1925 and the Blair children in 1929.

There was only one still-birth reported (in 1921), which is unusual given the pandemic at

the time of opening, but under-reporting may be a reflection of social customs.

The Harvey sisters also provided general medical care and respite care for elderly locals.

There were several accidents in busy (West) Barrack St where victims were conveyed to the nearby hospital.

In 1921, Mrs Stagg was admitted for shock following a fall from her buggy in West Barrack St after her horse was startled and bolted.

A few years later in 1934, a motorcyclist collided with pedestrian Effie Atkins outside the Don Store, leading to her admission to Nurse Harvey's hospital.

Alfred Radford (1928) was admitted following a farm accident and Mrs Bye, wife of Methodist minister Reverend Bye, resided at the hospital for post operative care.

There were several deaths recorded at the hospital too.

Shearer Jack Venn died in December 1921 following a motorcycle accident at Mole Creek and Mr John Barry of Devonport also died in 1924 following a protracted illness.

The last recorded event at the hospital was the admission



▶ A 1940s photograph of the house sitting lonely in the midst of the large block of land. Source: Unknown from owners.



▶ A rear view of Nurse Harvey's hospital circa 1930 with two of the Harvey sisters in the photograph. Source: Deloraine Folk Museum.

of 18 year old Arthur Philpot of Meander who was admitted after suffering a hand injury following a rifle misfire in January 1934.

It appears that Nurse Harvey's Hospital closed in 1936, some time after Miss Winch's recovery from "bronchial trouble" and prior to the conversion of Dr Cole's residence *Arcoona* to a hospital

in 1937.

If you have any photographs of further information about Harvey's Hospital or the early history of Cordwainer House at 33 West Barrack St, please email [cordwainerhouse1863@gmail.com](mailto:cordwainerhouse1863@gmail.com)

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# A musikophile on the loose in the Valley

## The voices of MVFM

### John Phelps

SO, HOW does a budding musikophile get started?

Well, in the case of MVFM's Paul Conn it was when his mother gave him the Beatles "Help" album in 1965.

Then, it was his final school year mates and their albums – Led Zeppelin, Black Sabbath, Grand Funk Railway and all the others.

Having got started, Paul collected LPs (albums, note,

not just singles) for 15 years and then moved to CDs.

Nowadays, he has an impressive collection – thousands of CDs plus a hundred box sets, lots of DVD concert recordings and several metres of music books.

Paul worked with the National Film and Sound Archives in Canberra (where one of his colleagues was our very own Director of Music, Nick Weare) and among his achievements was the curating of some CDs of rare Australian music.

About 36 years ago, Paul became involved in radio, firstly with the ABC and then, for the past decade or so, in community radio in Newcastle, Cessnock, Queanbeyan and Canberra.

Currently he is with a U3A music group in Canberra where he has presented sessions on Woodstock, Rolling Stones and Bob Dylan.

Lately, Paul has concentrated on presenting 'Live Archive', featuring concert material from a diverse range of artists and uses the tag-line "some famous, some not so much".

He loves to broadcast material that is just not heard on any other public community or commercial radio. So, we are fortunate indeed to have his interest and knowledge available to us in the Meander Valley.

We can hear his program, "The Live Archive" on MVFM 96.9 each Wednesday evening from 8 o'clock.

Many thanks to Mrs Conn who gave help (!) to young Paul as he began his journey in music. We are indebted to her.

By the way, don't bother



checking on the word 'musikophvile' – this writer just made it up.

# Lawn looking lunar this Winter?

## The Exton Gardener

THERE ARE two main lawn pests in Tasmania. The first is the infamous corbie grub.

Strictly speaking, it's a ground dwelling caterpillar which pupates into a moth.

There are two species in Tasmania, *Oncopera rufobrunnea* and *Oncopera intricacata* (the winter corbie). It is the latter what would be active now.

The thing with corbie grubs is that they live in tunnels. The opening is covered with webbing and debris.

If you have a balding patch in your lawn you can soon see if is caused by corbie grubs by

clearing any loose debris away.

Boys used to hunt for corbie grubs with a length of wire poked down the holes.

Now the prevailing wisdom seems to be to flood the area with soapy water.

I have tried this with little success and I'm dubious about the damage some detergents can cause to the microbiology of the soil.

A trickling hose works far better and it can take about five minutes of flooding the area before the shiny heads pop out of the tunnel entrances.

I grab them with secateurs and they can be dispatched immediately with a snip or fed

to the chooks. (I did have a cat once who would eat them...but that's another story...)

The other lawn pest is the cockchafer, specifically, the red-headed cockchafer pupae, which hatch into a largish beetle, (*Adoryphorus coulonii*.)

It is no use flooding the area with water, soapy or otherwise, or even dousing the area with chemicals which may work on the blackheaded cockchafer but not on the redheaded.

These larvae won't come to the surface. They live all their pupal life underground, feeding on the roots of not only your grass, but other herbaceous plants.

Birds may sometimes dig them up, but bandicoots love them, hence the moon craters.

Of the two species of bandicoot in Tasmania, the Southern brown bandicoot (*Isoodon obesulus*) looks like a large rat with a short tail and nose.

These fellows are enthusiastically tearing up my grass in search of their prey - and it looks pretty bad.

What to do? Well, I have to be philosophical about this.

Bandicoots are endangered and they're rather endearing marsupials. I'm going to let them do their thing and topdress in spring...



▶ Corbie grub.



▶ Redheaded cockchafer larvae.



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He came to Tasmania on holidays in the late 80s and fell in love with this beautiful island. He bought a house in Meander and ran a welding business in Deloraine for over 30 years.

Devoted to his craft of welding, general maintenance and mechanical know-how, he was a brilliant craftsman.

He gained the respect and friendship of farmers and the Deloraine community alike. After a short illness, sadly Klaus passed away in late May.

He will be missed by many. Rest in peace Klaus.

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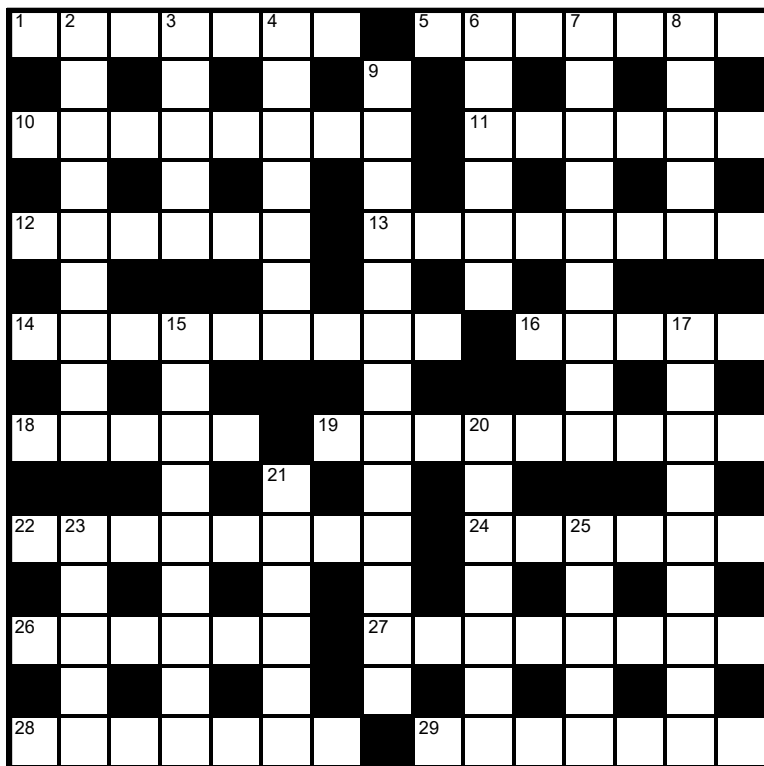
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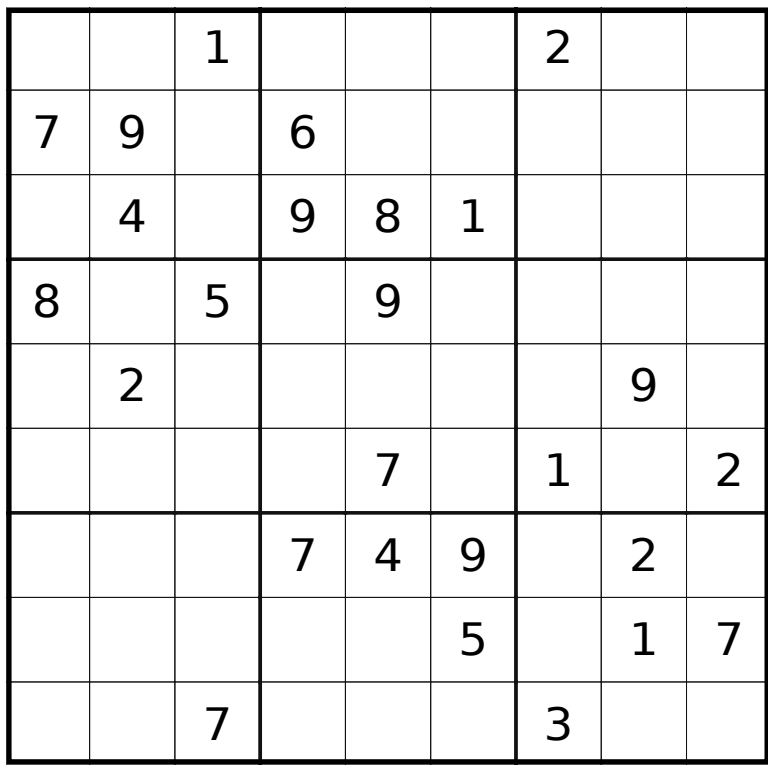
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## Crossword



- Across**
- 1 Gentleman of the road (7)
  - 5 Mistreating (7)
  - 10 Explosive with a clock (4,4)
  - 11 Hearing music on the phone, perhaps (2,4)
  - 12 Resident of Aden or Sana'a (6)
  - 13 Submerged (8)
  - 14 Former international cricketer, brother of fellow-cricketers Steve and Dean (4,5)
  - 16 Clean vigorously (5)
  - 18 Roof supports (5)
  - 19 What a gyroscope should provide (9)
  - 22 Where WW1 started (8)
  - 24 Walked lamely (6)
  - 26 Wild horse (6)
  - 27 Poison remedy (8)
  - 28 Temporary dogs' homes (7)
  - 29 Rich fabric with raised designs (7)
- Down**
- 2 The banded ---, a bird of dryer regions (9)
  - 3 Cackling birds (5)
  - 4 Pacific island site of famous US victory in 1945 (3,4)
  - 6 Flowers (6)
  - 7 Globular (9)
  - 8 Nick --- of "Lorenzo's Oil" (5)
  - 9 Epic film about 1944's Operation Market Garden (1,6,3,3)
  - 15 Perth rocker, with The Scientists and The Surrealists (3,6)
  - 17 Not given medical care (9)
  - 20 Long pillow (7)
  - 21 The other side of Mr. Hyde (6)
  - 23 Give consent (5)
  - 25 Military doctor (5)

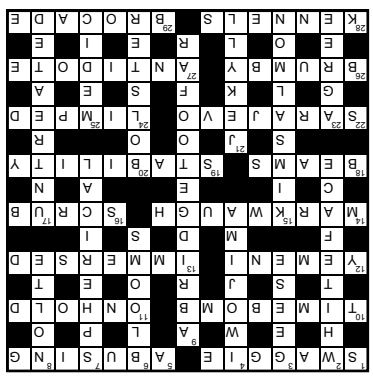
## Sudoku



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

Crossword August 2022 solution



Sudoku August 2022 solution

4	9	3	8	1	2	7	5	6
7	1	6	5	9	3	4	8	2
5	2	8	6	4	7	3	1	9
2	5	1	9	7	8	6	3	4
8	6	7	4	3	5	9	2	1
9	3	4	2	6	1	5	7	8
3	7	9	1	8	6	2	4	5
1	4	5	3	2	9	8	6	7
6	9	8	7	5	4	1	3	2

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## Events diary

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Mon, 1-1.30pm	Story Time At Westbury Library	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 Wed, 1-4pm	Indoor Carpet Bowls	Western Tiers Community Club
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, 1-3pm	Cards (Crib, Canasta etc)	Western Tiers Community Club
Every Fri, 3-4pm	Tai Chi	Western Tiers Community Club
Every Fri, 7.30pm	Upbeat SQRZ-square dancing	Western Tiers Community Club
Every Sat and Sun	Deloraine Walking Club	Walks and bike rides- go to <a href="http://delorainewalkingclub.weebly.com">delorainewalkingclub.weebly.com</a> for program of events, contact and membership info
Fri 5, 7-9pm	Eddie Tuleja Live @ The General Store	Wandering Trout, Mole Creek
Fri 5, 7-9pm	Celtic Players	Cycles @ The Empire Hotel, Deloraine
Sat 6, 9am-1pm	Deloraine Market	Deloraine Showgrounds
Sat 6, 4-9pm	Film, Food N Fire	Memorial Hall, Mole Creek
Sat 6, 11am-5pm	Agricultured	Landscapes of Learning, Meander Valley
Sat 6-Sun 7, 10am-2.30pm	Agricultured	Acoustic Life of Farm Sheds, Meander Valley
Sun 7, 12-4pm	Agricultured	We Are What We Eat, Meander Valley
Sun 7, 2-5pm	Raw Jam	Cycles @ the Empire Hotel, Deloraine
Aug 8, 1-4pm	BINGO!	Western Tiers Community Club
Aug 22, 1-4pm	BINGO!	Western Tiers Community Club
Thurs 11, 11am-1pm	In a Pinch Pottery Workshop	Cost: \$55 bookings essential. Phone: 0488 137 315. Art as Mania, 20 - 22 Emu Bay Road, Deloraine.
Fri 12, 7-9pm	Scott Mainwaring Live @ The General Store	Wandering Trout, Mole Creek
Sat 13, 7.30pm	Western Tiers Film Society The Duke	Little Theatre, 2 Meander Valley Rd, Deloraine (UK 2022, Comedy/Crime/Drama, M, 95m)
Sat 13-Sun 14, 9.30-5.30	TAZPIN 2022	Australian Italian Club, Prospect
Fri 19, 6.30-9pm	Trivia & Auction Night	Mole Creek Hotel
Fri 19, 7-9pm	Saree Salter Live @ The General Store	Wandering Trout, Mole Creek
Sat 20, 9am-1pm	Mole Creek Market	Memorial Hall, Mole Creek
Sat 20, 9am-1pm	Westbury Market	Anglican Church, Westbury
Tue 23, 7.30-10pm	Deloraine Heat of Australian Poetry Slam	Cycles @ The Empire, Deloraine
Wed 24-Sat 27, 8am-4pm	AGFEST 2022	Quercus Park, Carrick
Fri 26, 7-9pm	Neil Gibson Live @ The General Store	Wandering Trout, Mole Creek



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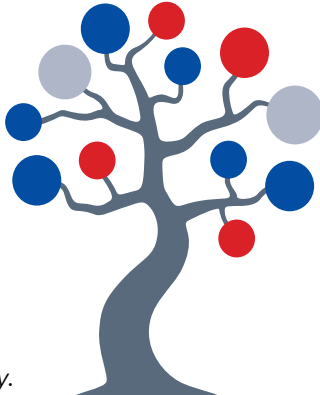
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## World trampoline champ returns home

**DELORAIN** **TEENAGER** Leuca McLeod has just returned from Portugal where he won silver at the Trampoline World Cup in Coimbra in June.

In Portugal McLeod was the youngest competitor in the field.

"As it was my first time competing at a senior level, I would have been over the moon just to get into finals," said McLeod.

"Getting a medal was mind blowing."

McLeod's final pass was a triple forward somersault with a 180 degree twist followed by

a triple back somersault onto the landing mat.

Both were in tuck position.

"It's quite a tricky pass. It was also a personal best for me," says McLeod, clearly happy with the result.

The sixteen year old trains two days a week a PCYC in Launceston. Once a week he travels to Hobart to train at Kingsborough Gymnastics where two of the Australian coaches are based.

McLeod also coaches younger gymnasts at PCYC two days a week.

He has been trampolining since he was about three

years old.

After success in Portugal, McLeod hopes to compete at the World Age Championships in Sofia, Bulgaria in November.

He has been nominated for the Australian team again, but needs to attend national squad training on the Gold Coast in September.

If selected for the Australian team he will compete in open double mini trampoline and under 22 trampolining and synchronised trampolining events.

After family and friends helped the teenager get to Portugal, Leuca wants to do his

bit to raise the money to travel to Bulgaria.

He's contributing his 1000 Swiss Francs prize money won in Portugal with money I get from coaching towards the trip.

He hopes that Tasmanian businesses might be willing to join him in fundraising for the World Age Championships.

Leuca has set up a fundraising account for businesses and readers who would like to support his attendance: <https://gofund.me/6fc16596>



## Deloraine tree-felling dominance continues

**THE GURR** family maintains their champion reputation at the World Championships held in Sydney and the recent Campell Town show.

Daniel Gurr used his experience, strength, endurance

and precision taking on his nemesis Mitchell Hewitt, to win the World Championship Tree Felling title for the second year.

The tree-felling event is a heart racing spectacle and crowd pleaser.

Perched on board they wedge into the trunk of a 4.5m high timber block, the axeman works his way up and down the block before finally severing the block a few metres off the ground.

Later in the year father and

son Matthew and Daniel Gurr combined to win the final Tasmanian woodchopping championship of the season at the Campbell Town Show in June 2022.

In the 600mm Standing

block title (also referred to as the butcher's block), where two competitors team up to cut through a massive log.

The Gurr's dispatched their block in an impressive time of three minutes and 40 seconds.

## First Parkrun takes off

**THE WESTBURY** Town Common parkrun is a fun, free event organised by volunteers for the benefit of everyone.

Parkrun is a positive, welcoming and inclusive experience where there is no time limit and no one finishes last. Everyone is welcome to come along, whether you walk, jog, run, volunteer or spectate.

The course is 5000m (5k) long and extends around the Westbury Town Common.

The course is run entirely on

trail paths, so runners, joggers and walkers are urged to take care. Some sections of the course may accumulate mud, leaves and puddles after rain.

Dependent on availability, marshals will be at key sections of the course, or signs will be in place.

The run is pet friendly. For the safety of all runners, participants may run with only with one dog at your side, within reach at all times, on a short, handheld, non-

extendable lead.

The inaugural Park Run was held on Saturday 30 July, 2022 with nearly 150 participants.

The event continues on a weekly basis, commencing at 9am on Saturday mornings, close to the eastern entrance of The Town Common at the corner of Mary and King Streets, Westbury.

For more information and registration see: [www.parkrun.com.au/westburytowncommon](http://www.parkrun.com.au/westburytowncommon)

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## Table tennis season wraps up

**THE DELORAIN** Table Tennis club has just completed their Autumn competition season.

Team champions were Tony Elkin, Leon Porter, Levi Streets, Gordon Ferguson, with runners-up Ashan Ashrat, Ian Stubbings, Josh Streets, Brodie Streets.

Singles champions were John Stuart (Level 1), Liam Collins (Level 2/3) and Colin Roney (runner up Melissa McCarey) (Level 4).

The club has been at the

forefront of inclusive sport.

Every Monday for the last month or so they have been running a program with Giant Steps school.

About 20 students and their teacher assistants bus down to the MVPAC hall (Little Theatre) and play with our club volunteers.

This Winter season the club will run its annual eight-week lunchtime competition at Deloraine High School.

## Join local chess club

**THE DELORAIN** Chess Club is seeking new members no matter whether you're just interested, a novice or an expert.

Meetings are held weekly on Wednesday nights 6pm at The Den, West Barrack Street, Deloraine.

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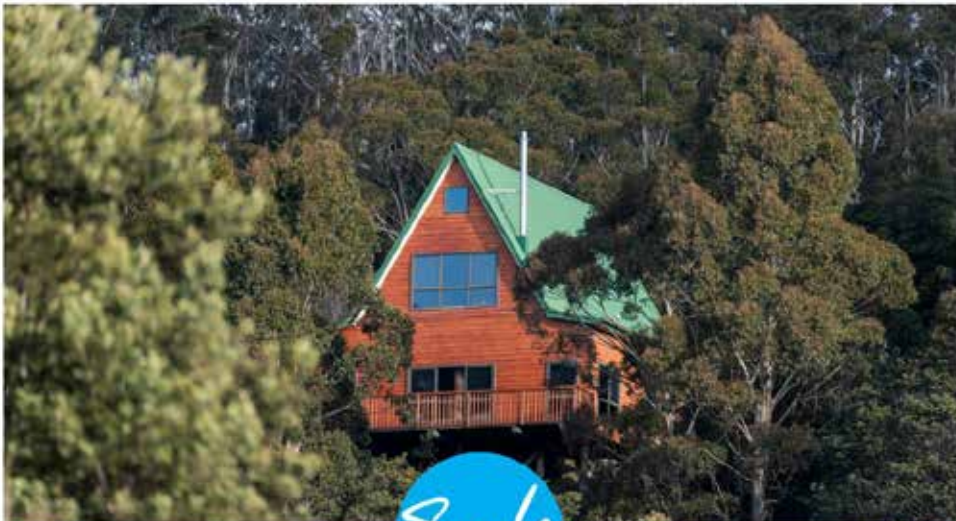


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