

Meander Valley youth encouraged to take a lead on climate change



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MEANDER VALLEY Council is supporting young people in the region to provide input into local action to address climate change and participate in community events ranging from Winter Fire, the Climate change forum and Youth Arts Alliance activities.

The Youth Arts Alliance is presenting a series of inclusive

activities and workshops in craft, music and circus at the Meander Valley Performing Arts Centre (Little Theatre) on 14 October 2022.

These activities will be followed by an evening concert featuring local bands DelTime Killers and the Stingrays.

The Climate Change Youth Forum, held on 3 September

in Westbury, attracted young people right across the municipality from Prospect Vale to Kimberley.

Initiated by Councillor Deborah White, the forum aimed to give young people the opportunity to take a lead in helping to address some of the issues locally.

Attendees presented to

a Council workshop on 27 September to share ideas generated from the forum on ways the community can take positive steps in response to climate change.

Council will be looking to continue encouraging youth and community action through a new youth participation project set to be delivered

in 2023.

The project is funded by the State Government and will focus the community on supporting young people to access and actively participate within community programs as an important contributor to their wellbeing.



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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The corflutes are up!

Candidates for the Meander Valley Council elections have been pouring over population statistics to consider how many votes they need? Where can I get them? How do I get attention and stand out? And what issues will work, and where?

About 16,000 people over the age of 18 will be eligible to vote in this year's mandatory election, with nearly half of all eligible voters aged over 50 years.

People who need assistance to complete postal votes can contact Council to book a time after 17 October.

Voting is compulsory so it is more important than ever to be familiar with the candidates.

Political party endorsed candidates and informal interest / issue-based teams are emerging in this years elections.

There are no problems with parties or teams per se, but a small group of aligned councillors could block progress.

In addition, strongly held views on an issue or party endorsement which carries a position on an issue, could neutralise a councillor who may be excluded from voting on that issue because of a conflict of interest or bias.

Council decisions can not be made in the best interest of particular interest groups or political parties.

Today, Councils operate like a board of management: making majority decisions in the best interests of residents, informed by expert advice and policy, and within the bounds of legislation.

Historically boards have been populated by white, middle-class men, but modern

boards recognise the critical importance of members of different genders and ages, with diverse skillsets from a broad range of social backgrounds.

The broader electoral base for these elections may pivot councils more towards well-being and social justice based issues such as homelessness, antiracism and impacts of climate change.

Elected councillors have three main roles.

The first role is to govern: to act in accordance with the Code of Conduct, to make informed decisions on the overall direction and priorities of the council, oversee the development and implementation of projects, and monitor budgets and progress of plans.

The second role, probably the most contentious, is to act as a member of the local planning authority.

Councillors make decisions regarding the compliance of planning applications with the local planning scheme in accordance with the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*.

In some cases, councillor's decisions on applications that are compliant with the legislation may not be popular with the community.

Finally, the third, but most time consuming and rewarding role, is to advocate for and represent local constituents.

Councillors are elected for four years, so it's useful to think about how your chosen candidates will contribute to decision making that affects your street, town, community and environment over that period. Four years is a long time if you "misvote."

Craig Zimitat, PhD
Editor

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

AN OPEN LETTER TO WESTBURY DOG OWNERS

Dear Editor,

Full disclosure: I am a dog owner and ratepayer in Westbury. I am not on the Council or Westbury Show Committee.

Aren't we lucky to have such a lovely town and areas to walk our dogs here in Westbury? We had a massive scare recently, with the risk of losing The Town Common as an off-leash

dog walking area.

Thankfully that issue has been resolved for now.

But to maintain an inviting and clean environment for all residents and visitors to our beautiful town, I implore all dog owners to please pick up after their dogs and dispose of the waste appropriately.

We must also be mindful of the areas where we are allowed to be, and where we are not.

As noted on the Meander

Valley Council website, dogs are not permitted on playing fields within the municipality, so the football / cricket oval at the recreation ground is out of bounds for all dogs.

We can still walk around the outside of it, just not on the playing area.

Another such area we are currently permitted to use is the Westbury Showground, but this is private property, owned and maintained (without

council assistance) by the Westbury Agricultural Society.

The dumper bin that is located inside the gate is not there for disposal of dog waste or to leave bags of dog excreta on the lids.

Please do the right thing so that we may all continue to enjoy the outdoors with our four-legged friends.

Nanette Steers,
Westbury



VALE GRAEME DAVIS

Dear Editor,

Deloraine has sadly lost yet another valued elderly member in the passing of Graeme R Davis, OAM, on Saturday, 3rd September.

But for Graeme's years of relentless house-to-house interviews with present owners, the grand old historic buildings in Deloraine would have no record of their original

owners, or the role they played initially in the lives of pioneers.

Graeme wrote books: "In Pioneers' Footsteps", published in 2015, followed by a second edition in 2020.

On a personal note, whenever we visited Graeme and Bev's home, we could always count on a warm welcome, and a kettle which readily poured countless cups of tea for all visitors.

Their welcome and generous hospitality will always be remembered by my husband Norman and myself.

Graeme's left behind a wonderful legacy for all, especially those who move to Deloraine in years to come.

Thank you Graeme, you'll always be remembered.

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Celebrating sixty years of Library love

DELORAINE LIBRARY celebrated its 60th anniversary on 21 September 2022.

Established through community effort back in 1962, the library today remains an essential service to Deloraine and surrounds.

It is one of Libraries Tasmania's 46 public libraries and is free to join, giving access to the entire state-wide collection.

A library card today provides access to eBooks, online resources, music, comics, films and so much more.

There are programs for children such as the School Holiday Program and Story Time and Author talks and other activities for adults too.

The library offers a range of learning opportunities such as help to get a car

or truck licence, help with reading, writing and numbers, and help with all things digital (phone, tablets and computers).

And did you know that library fines are a thing of the past?

Here's to another 60 years of providing information, learning support and really great reading for Deloraine.



► Zara Walkden, Wendy Laing, Anne-Marie Loader, Kim Maxwell, Staff. Photo by Robin Foster.

RSL's Call to Arms



THERE ARE over 17,000 ADF veterans in Tasmania.

The percentage of Tasmanian Veterans with long term health issues is also higher than the national average, which presents a significant challenge in providing support services.

In Tasmania, the Deloraine RSL Sub-Branch caters for the welfare of veterans, as well as organising Anzac Day and Remembrance Day ceremonies, whilst the Ex-Serviceman's club which is a licensed establishment and includes catering and social activities, which is open to associate members.

It's an exciting time as the Tasmanian RSL is developing their VeteranHub concept, a game changing model to support our Tasmanian Defence Family.

Through the VeteranHub, we plan to embed a system of early engagement with veterans that provides a continuum of care.

Providing timely and appropriate therapeutic

interventions, lifestyle support programs, and veteran friendly medical treatment will improve the health and wellbeing of veterans and their families.

Many younger veterans are not yet engaged in ex service organisations.

We would particularly like to encourage younger veterans and ex-service members to make contact and ideally put themselves forward as members, particularly in a committee role with potentially fresh ideas moving forward.

It is not an onerous undertaking, but to survive and thrive as a RSL Sub Branch to continue our vital work, we would love to see some new faces, both men and women.

For more information contact: RSL President, Greg Hall (greghall48@gmail.com), V/President Bianca William (biancawilliam76@icloud.com), or Secretary Shirley Howe (deloraine.rsla@gmail.com).

Standing up for our community

We must stop secret decisions made behind closed doors!

Meander Valley Council
Election 2022

VOTE **1** ANNE-MARIE
LOADER

VOTE **2** PETER
WILEMAN

Celebrating new Meander House



► The opening of Meander House was well supported by locals. Photo supplied.

ON 1 October, Deloraine House and Meander Valley Council celebrated the signing of a new lease over the former Meander School site.

The lease expires in 2027, with the option to renew the lease for two additional 5 year terms, providing some certainty to Deloraine House to plan for long term.

A new neighbourhood house, Meander House, is planned to provide community support to residents of Meander and surrounding areas.

It will provide information and referral support, internet access via a computer, help filling in government forms, act as an agent for the No Interest Loans Scheme, and access to

telehealth.

A free hot shower and laundry facilities are also being planned, plus emergency food relief as an agency for Salvation Army Doorways program.

It will also provide opportunities for social interaction through a community garden and other spaces for the community events.

Meander House will open in November. Potential volunteers and those interested in contributing to planning/operations should contact Darren Harris, Deloraine House

There were also celebrations up the road at the Meander Bridge Café which has re-opened after 16 long weeks of renovations.



► Jo and Terry of Meander Bridge Cafe. Photo by Brett Goodsell.

Featuring the best value burgers and home cooked slice in the Valley, customers can now wile away the hours chatting and dining in the café or bask in the sun on the deck.

Jo and Terry's renovations have increased the kitchen and storage areas enough to support an extended menu. And it's licenced now too!

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Taking new patients at Deloraine and Westbury centres

Deloraine and Westbury Medical Centres

DELORAIN AND Westbury Medical are taking new patients at both sites with a fee for the first visit and then bulk billed after that (some procedures excluded).

It includes a visit with the nurse to update details, update our clinical software and then the gp for the consultation.

Recruitment and retention of doctors in rural areas has been in the papers recently and it is a

continuing hardship for practices in rural areas, such as Deloraine and Westbury.

We have attended many different reviews with government officials, local council members and other governing authorities to try and work on a solution to this problem.

Unfortunately, it is a combination of doctors and families not wanting to live outside major cities, their families having to establish new relationships in a new community, work life imbalances due to working on call,

as well as with the local hospital and nursing homes.

D&WMC have worked extremely hard to recruit more doctors to our area increasing the number of doctors at our practice, we now have twelve GPs, although several are only part time.

At Deloraine we have extended our services to the community with extended hours opening later Wednesday and Friday nights until 7.30pm, plus the Saturday morning clinic.

We have plans to hopefully increase that even more in the

coming months to three days per week Monday, Wednesday and Friday 7.30am - 7.30pm, plus the normal Saturday.

At Westbury we have increased the number of doctors working from there and now have three doctors most days to help alleviate the shortage of GPs in Westbury and are planning to increase the services offered there as well.

We hope the community continues to show its support, giving our new doctors a warm welcome.



▶ Introducing Dr Shiwei Wang and Dr Pavel Kurguzkin to the D&WMC team.

Patsy Crawford scribbling away

YOU'VE GOT to hand it to the Brits, they know how to turn on a good show.

If you needed proof of that look no further than the journey south and laying to rest of a monarch who sat – at times gingerly - on the throne longer than most of the people referred to as her subjects have been rattling around the planet.

Love or hate the Buckingham Palace Firm, with its financially

burdensome crew of grace and favour hangers-on, its flapping of garters on silk-stockinged legs, its occasional inability to pronounce the letters o and u in tandem (e.g. Camilla, where's my trysers) and its love affair with horses and Land Rovers, there can be no denying its pulling power. Didn't miss a beat!

The fabulously stage-managed cortege from Balmoral to Windsor, the kingly grasping of hands in Cardiff and Belfast, the extraordinary line of mourners standing for an entire day to troop past the Queen's coffin, the chic black ensembles of the Firm's women, the Vigil of the Princes, the funeral, my God the funeral; look, Baz Luhrmann couldn't have done it better.

There were moments when little touches of Luhrmanism flitted by.

The Vigil of the Princes was top-of-the-range theatre, resonating as it did with any number of literary and mythical pretensions.

Close your eyes and you could have been steeping yourself in Arthurian legend or finding yourself transported to the intergalactic world of House Atriedes, such was the evocative nature of its title.

Instead we saw four members of House Windsor dressed in military and naval uniforms that might with the passing of time have become a little snug.

There were moments that gave cause for concern.

Camilla and Kate and to a lesser extent Meghan needed to have their skates on to make all those costume changes.

And they carried it off, right down to the last nipped-in coat frock and gravity defying hat.

The other worry was, how did those hundreds of thousands of people cope in queues that stretched almost to Lands End?

If one of them needed a wee did someone hold their place in the line while they nicked off to find a lavvy?

Was there the UK equivalent of the CWA coming to the rescue with cups of tea and ham sandwiches?

Was there a welfare organisation handing out blankies to stave off the cold?

It was all well and good for us sitting in our comfy loungerooms but spare a thought for the brave souls who in best British bulldog tradition soldiered on to the queenly coffin.

In the end though, will there ever be anything to top that grandly operatic funeral procession.

Those glittering breastplates, those matching horses, those red-jacketed pall bearers, the pageantry of the procession along Hyde Park, deary me it was hard to refrain from standing up and belting out an anthem.

But I did my bit - when it came to paying respect to the second Elizabethan era, a gin and tonic said it all.



Meander Valley

A Place of Opportunity

“We have made our lives in the Meander Valley.”

The Meander Valley is a place of opportunity, it's our home.

My life has been shared between being raised on our family farm near Deloraine, working and marrying my wife Pam and raising our family in the greater Deloraine area, and in more recent years Prospect Vale.

I'm Kevin House, and I am standing as a candidate for councillor in the upcoming Meander Valley Council election.

As a fourth generation Meander Valley resident, my aim is to further develop and enhance the wonderful opportunities and lifestyle that we have experienced, for the benefit of current and future generations.

KEVIN HOUSE

I am seeking your support to represent our community.

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Generous Donations received from Deloraine Golden Oldies Men's Group and Deloraine Lions Club.

Aged Care Deloraine Inc recently received donations from these two local groups who joined forces to make a donation, enabling the purchase of a Weigh chair (pictured) costing \$2345. The weigh chair allows weights to be undertaken at the point of care instead of residents needing to be taken to the scales.

The aged care sector is greatly unfunded, as demonstrated by the recent Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety; as an organisation, we are fortunate to be in a community that supports our organisation in such ways, and it really does make a difference. We thank the Deloraine Golden Oldies Men's Group and Deloraine Lions Club for your generous donation.

On Thursday, 25th August, Deloraine Golden Oldies Men's Group and Deloraine Lions Club representatives visited Grenoch Home to present a cheque to the residents, Nadine Ozols, Chief Executive Officer, and Joe Guzzardi, Leisure and Lifestyle Officer. Joe worked with the groups to arrange a plaque (to be affixed to the chair) to acknowledge the donations.

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Weetbix Date Loaf

Wendy Hays

AS I flip through my old recipe books and folders, I come across many recipes identified by the name of the person who shared them.

Nancy's Apple Blossom Cakes, Auntie Freda's Meringue and Heather's Sausage Casserole to name but a few.

Many of my go-to recipes came from family, friends, colleagues and even past students. Each recipe has a bit of story and I can often recall the specific event or occasion which lead to the recipe being shared.

Modern recipe books rarely seem to acknowledge the origin of the contents but I'm sure that many contain recipes gleaned from others that have been tweaked and renamed.

This month's recipe comes from my neighbour.

Pat's Weetbix Date Loaf is easy to make, freezes well and

is even more moist if kept in an airtight container for a few days before slicing and buttering.

One thing I know for sure is that food always tastes better when someone else makes it!

Pat's Weetbix Date Loaf

Ingredients

- 3 Weetbix – crushed
- 1 C Chopped dates
- 1/2C brown sugar
- 50 g butter – chopped
- 1 ts.
- bicarbonate of soda – scant
- 1 C boiling water
- 1 C self – raising flour
- ½ C – 1 C of chopped pecans or walnuts (optional)

Method

- 1 Grease and line a loaf tin with paper.
- 2 Preheat oven to 180C.
- 3 Pour boiling water over the crushed Weetbix, chopped dates, butter, brown sugar and bicarbonate of soda.



- 4 Allow to cool for about 15 minutes until the butter has melted. Stir occasionally.
- 5 Gently mix in the flour (and nuts if using) with a metal spoon.
- 6 Spoon into prepared loaf tin and bake for 30 – 45 minutes or until judged cooked when tested with a skewer.

At the movies with the Western Tiers Film Society

Clare Andersen

Our October film is loosely based on Jack London's 1909 semi-autobiographical novel, 'Martin Eden'.

London writes passionately about the great questions of life and death and the struggle to survive with dignity and integrity.

His stories of high adventure (Call of the Wild, White Fang, Sea Wolf) were based on his own experiences at sea, in the Yukon Territory, and in the fields and factories of California, and the resulting novels appeal to millions worldwide.

Though he wrote about adventure, he also sought peace and quiet inspiration.

His spiritual retreat, Glen Ellen, on the slope of Sonoma Mountain is now known as Jack London Home and Ranch and is both a California Historical Landmark and a National Historic Landmark.

"All I wanted," said London, "was a quiet place in the country to write and loaf in and get out of Nature that something which we all need, only the most of us don't know it."

London, a colourful, controversial personality, was considered a living symbol of rugged individualism who was quick to side with the underdog against injustice of any kind.

He was an eloquent public speaker and was much sought after as a lecturer on socialism and other economic and political topics. He ascribed his worldwide literary success largely to hard work - to "dig", as he put it.

In 1914 Jack was a war correspondent in Mexico, covering the role of US troops and Navy ships in the Villa-Carranza revolt.

His untimely death in 1916 at age 40, was reported by the San Francisco Bulletin: 'No writer, unless it were Mark Twain, ever had a more romantic life than Jack London.'



MARTIN EDEN

OCTOBER 8

2019 PG, Drama/Romance, Italy-France 129m Director Pietro Marcello

With a heady mix of sex, politics and idealism, this Italian adaptation of Martin Eden is a film of high ambition and firm ideas, well anchored by a magnetic performance by Luca Marinelli.

Eden is a sailor living a roustabout life with little education.

He rescues Arturo from a beating at the docks and is taken home to meet his family, the Orsinis, who live a life of wealth, art, and science.

Eden falls in love with their cultured and refined daughter Elena, but Martin is not only romantically inspired, it's her social status and class that he sets his heart on, as he aspires to reach her intellectual level at great cost and with constant obstacles, whilst struggling to become a writer.

The journey is fruitful and long, engaging and triumphant.

'Despite the liberties it takes with the source material, the film is dramatically and emotionally immensely satisfying.' David Stratton 6/2021

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MVFM goes global

The voices of MVFM

John Phelps

JOHN KENSEY (a.k.a. Little John or L.J.) certainly gets about.

Last year he spent time in New Zealand and Poland.

This year he has already been to Queensland and has his eyes firmly set on Western Australia.

And if all that is not enough, one of the programs he presents for Meander Valley Community Radio (MVFM) is now to be broadcast by an American community radio station.

So, MVFM can rightly boast to be broadcasting to the world.

Mind you, for some time now the same has been achieved by the station's streaming system and listeners have been in touch with the station from Scotland, America, Singapore, Iceland and the list goes on.

The station broadcasts a few programs which originate from mainland presenters - Mark O'Neill sends us "Raised on Rock" from Geelong, Paul Conn presents "The Live Archive" from Canberra and there's Steve Norwood's "The First Australian Music Show" from Melbourne.

Of course, Julia and Gordon's "Cogwebs and Strange" emanates from seedy 19th century East London. But, back to L.J.

Feedback from listeners suggests



that country music is MVFM's favourite music genre.

On Thursday evenings, listeners can hear "New Country Tracks" followed by "Classic Country".

On Saturday mornings, there is "OZ Country", followed again by "Classic Country".

And several of the "local" presenters actually reside in exotic locations such as Westbury, Meander, Chudleigh, Liffey and Hawley Beach.

What a great assortment of music genres and presenters and viewpoints!

The station always welcomes feedback from listeners.

So, if you have any comments or observations about the programs offered currently, please get in touch.

Or, if you belong to any local organisation in search of a guest speaker - again, just contact the station.

And congratulations to L.J. now that he has gone global.

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Beyond daffodils - celebrating the lesser known Spring bulbs

The Exton Gardener

THE DAFFODILS this spring have been spectacular with sheets of gold regaling us at every turn.

Wordsworth would have been inspired! But one can reach a saturation point with golden daffodils and it might be time to look at some of the quieter and more dainty spring bulbs available.

These are some of my favourites.

Snowdrop (*Galanthus nivalis*)

Don't confuse these with the tall snowflake (*Leucojum aestivum*).

The true snowdrop is a smaller gem with a more complex white flower tipped with green.

It is an early flowerer, multiplies readily and is famously divided and moved "in the green."

Chinodoxa (*Scilla forbesii*)

The twentieth century English writer, Beverley Nichols, wanted his country cottage rock garden to display a "waterfall of Chinodoxa" in spring.

I admire his ambition when for me Chinodoxa is shy and fleeting but the true blue of its colouring is exquisite.

The plant is quite small and easily overcrowded but the colour is unmatched.

There is a pink version which is washed out and sadly disappointing.

Trillium (*Trillium spp*)

As its name would suggest, everything is in threes - three leaves, three petals and a three-part pistil.

There are varying sizes and colours and they make a dramatic statement.

If you ever want to see trilliums in all their glory, visit



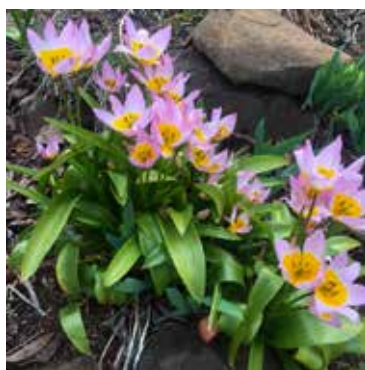
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► Erythronium.



► Fritillaries.



► Tulips.

Kaydale Lodge at Nietta at this time of year.

Fritillaries (*Fritillaria spp*)

I have three species, including the chequered *F. megalaris* which is very easy to grow and multiplies well from seed.

I've planted it around an herbaceous perennial as it grows and flowers before the perennial gets going.

I haven't found the Crown Imperial fritillary yet which is tall and magnificent.

One day perhaps...

Erythronium spp.

It can be called Trout lily or Dogs-tooth violet but neither name really describes it.

There are pink, yellow and white species.

This one is *Erythronium*

dens-canis.

It has been slow to establish and I am always surprised to suddenly see it, but it is such a charmer!

And lastly...

Tulips

Tulip displays are, without doubt, spectacular, but there is a fair bit of work and expense involved.

Tulipa saxatile, on the other hand, is dead easy.

Once established, it seems to require nothing more than the occasional division.

It spreads gently and makes a great display.

So if you have a small area somewhere under deciduous trees, any of these would be a delightful addition to your spring garden.

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Representing you: who's who of elections 2022

IN THE first week of October, Meander Valley residents who are enrolled to vote will begin to receive postal ballots for the 2022 Local Government Elections.

Voting in local elections is now mandatory and ballots must be returned by 2 pm on October 25.

Twenty one candidates are competing for one of nine Councillor positions including Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

To help locals get to know our prospective candidates, the Gazette has asked each of them to provide a personal statement and answer some questions. We asked:

Q1 What qualifications, experiences and/or skills would you bring to Council?

Q2 What is your vision for Meander Valley?

Q3 What are the key changes/issues/ concerns of residents that you plan to support as a Councillor?

Q4 How will you be accessible to Meander Valley residents?

Q5 Do you have any political endorsement or affiliations?



Stephanie CAMERON
Chudeigh
Councillor & Deputy Mayor
A proud sixth-generation Tasmanian, I operate a farm at Chudeigh with my husband where we are raising our two children. We also run a plumbing business, giving me an in-depth understanding of the opportunities living and working in our region. First elected as a Councillor in 2018, I am an experienced advocate in the interests of local families and regional communities. I

value honesty, loyalty, and the opportunity for individual effort to be rewarded. Our community deserves a council which represents the entire region and I am focused on working together on behalf of all ratepayers.

Q1 I am a wife, mother and small business owner. I am a rate payer. I have worked in private enterprise as well having a good understanding of all levels of government. I have been a councillor for four years and am a member of many organisations and community groups.

Q2 A place where my kids are proud to call home. Where small business thrives and where families choose to all home. A region that focuses on the future while being grateful for the past. Where the community is involved in decision making

Q3 Better communication with ratepayers. Responsible spending. A stronger region. Sustainable growth. Community Parks and Playgrounds. Listening to the community.

Q4 I am always keen to hear from members of the community. I am often at community events and love engaging with people about what is important to them.

Q5 Not endorsed or representing any political party. Liberal Party Member.



Christine CRONSHAW
Quamby Brook
Councillor
My husband and I have lived in Quamby Brook for the past 25 years. We chose this area not only because of its uniqueness but because it offered us the ability to

seek work and most importantly we believed it to be a good place to live and to raise our daughter. I am a qualified Accountant, I also have a Diploma in Financial Planning. Being a Councillor involves many responsibilities, all of which I take very seriously. I believe a good balance between the rural community, tourism and the general community will ensure this area is sustainable for future generations.

Q1 As a Councillor I believe my experience in finance will be of benefit in Council decisions in addressing community needs. Having been involved on various committees and Boards, I am more than aware of the work and time commitment required of a Councillor.

Q2 My vision for the Meander Valley is to see this area continue to grow for future generations. To ensure the community and local business concerns and ideas are represented to Council to achieve growth and development in the Meander Valley whilst retaining the uniqueness this area offers us.

Q3 Not being a current Councillor I am not privy to all issues relating to residents of this area. I would obtain all relevant information in order to address future issues and those currently not resolved thus allowing me to address the issue appropriately.

Q4 As Councillor I would be contactable by telephone or email. In addition, where Councillors are invited to community meetings, I will make every effort to ensure I attend those meetings.

Q5 I am completely independent, not aligned with any political party.



Lochie DORNAUF
Oasmaston
Councillor & Deputy Mayor
I am putting my hand up for Councillor and Deputy Mayor of the Meander Valley because I feel I have the right mix of experience and youthful exuberance needed to represent the future of our community. I am a proud third-generation farmer; the Meander Valley is in my blood. I have also lived in Melbourne studying Health Science (Public Health) and working for Colliers International. My position of Associate Director provided a strong understanding of property planning and people management. I will always listen and act in the best interests of the people. That is not a statement, it's a promise.

Q1 An effective councillor must first prioritise the ability to listen and gather information before acting. Alongside my Bachelor of Public Health, 4 years of Property and Planning experience and 4+ years as a farm manager I value my time as a Senior Football Coach as an example of listening and leading.

Q2 I truly believe that OUR vision is formulated over time through vigorous consultation with the community. My vision is to best represent those thoughts and opinions with an unwavering commitment to provide a safe, connected and prosperous environment for current and future generations.

Q3 1. Greater consultation and transparency with all members of the community. 2. Explore opportunities to fund enhanced health services in the Meander Valley. 3. Parks and recreational upgrades. 4. Job retention and

training.

Q4 I will conduct a monthly public forum (Q & A) on my personal website. Addressing all issues and concerns with accountability, transparency and further action items.

Q5 I am 100% Independent.



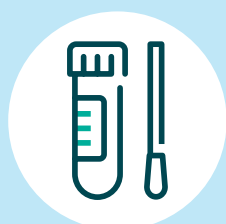
Elizabeth DOUGLASS
Westbury
Councillor
I have lived in the Meander Valley for over six years, running a small business, volunteering in the community and spending almost three years as managing editor of the independent Meander Valley Gazette. Transparency is essential in local government and I believe we need better representation and clarity on the issues of climate change, environmental responsibility, appropriate development and heritage preservation. As a completely independent candidate, I also ask you to support other independent candidates in this election, in particular Ms Anne-Marie Loader for deputy mayor.



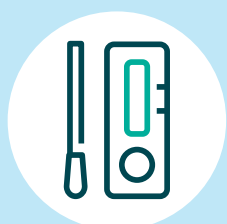
Ben DUDMAN
Westbury
Councillor & Mayor
I'm Ben Dudman and I'm proud to be your candidate for Mayor and Councillor of the Meander

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Valley. My family have called the Meander Valley home for generations. This community raised me, now I want to give back. We need more community consultation, transparency and accountability on council. I will ensure that your voice is heard, and action is taken to address the issues affecting you. You deserve to have your say on the future of our home. Together, we can provide opportunity for our people and prepare for the future.

Q1 I have a background in small business and law. I understand the value of hard work and dedication to community. I have worked on community boards with large budgetary needs, and I have worked across levels of government. I understand how to navigate legislation and develop best practice policy.

Q2 My vision for the Meander Valley is one where our children are given opportunity of secure work and housing and don't feel they need to move away to have a fulfilling life. I want to see the relationship between community and council strengthened and our country charm and culture respected.

Q3 The growth of our region is significant and affects us all. Council must ensure that growth is planned and infrastructure is able to keep up with demand. More open and transparent governance is required on Council. I will ensure this by providing accountable and communicative leadership with residents and ratepayers.

Q4 I will host regular street stalls, utilise social media, and keep my mobile number public. That way you can give me feedback and keep informed of my work and council's.

Q5 Not endorsed/representing a party. Member of the Australian Labor Party.

Richie FELLOWS

Westbury Councillor

I have no fancy slogans, false hope or empty promises to give. I offer you simply what the position is designed for, to give you a voice & to take your concerns & questions to the front line to receive answers & outcomes. These answers won't always be what we want to hear as common-sense doesn't always prevail, but I'll defiantly continue to push for it. I will represent all 20,000 + residents and 50 localities of MV regardless of your opinion to extend your voice as the general

consensus for too long now is nobody listens; this is to represent all the residents of MV not for personal gain.

Mitch HOUGHTON

Blackstone Heights Councillor & Deputy Mayor

I've lived in Meander Valley my entire life. I'm 28 and passionate about community, equity, and the environment. I have run my own small business for eight years and recently began studying social work at UTAS. Through my studies and through activism, I've become more aware of the injustice and unfairness of our social problems. As your local councillor, I would gain insight into our communities from residents and work collaboratively, transparently, and empathetically with you to advocate for positive change.

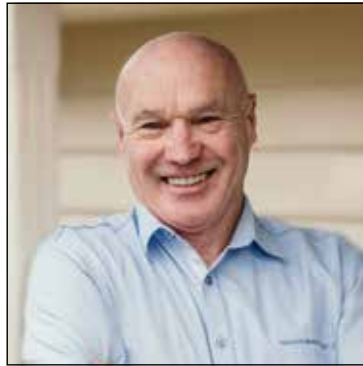
Q1 Business ownership has taught me the value of good working relationships, meeting the expectations of my customers and how to manage the demands of keeping my business viable. I will adapt these skills into community frameworks, along with knowledge from activism and social work, to represent the needs of residents.

Q2 A focus on the social and ecological environment to improve community and individual well-being. Equity for all residents, and a transparent and community lead council. I would aim to raise the standard of living for residents informed by my experience of peaceful political activism and social justice studies at UTas.

Q3 My main focus will be the matters which best create equity and promote diversity and inclusion. I'd like to develop ways that encourage more community participation through any means, including events and consultation, across the whole council population. To help facilitate the council being collaborative and well informed by residents.

Q4 By being as contactable and flexible as possible to meet the specific needs of residents. Including being present at events hosted by local organisations or Council or meeting residents anywhere across the region.

Q5 I'm an endorsed member (Lyons branch) of the Tasmanian Greens.



Kevin HOUSE

Prospect Vale Councillor

As a fourth generation Meander Valley resident, I know and love this community, from end to end! Raised on the family farm and working much of my life in the greater Deloraine area, the past 26 years our family has called Prospect Vale home. Our four grandchildren living here are 6th generation. I believe we have a bright future! With a strong business, leadership and training background, and a consultative, common sense approach, I aim to be a solid contributor in decision making that affects all residents of our wonderful part of the world.

Q1 My roles have included multiple office management across Tasmania, State and National training and systems management, small family business start up and growth, and currently I continue as a Workplace trainer, assessor and mentor with primarily Diploma and Cert 4 Business Units. I have strong communication, and balanced problem solving skills.

Q2 To continue to grow opportunities right across the municipality, and to enable the great community spirit and goodwill to ensure that the more vulnerable are not left behind. Challenges, such as housing availability, will need to be addressed so that all residents can look to the future with confidence and enthusiasm.

Q3 With population growth comes the obvious need for land development, which in turn leads to some inevitable challenges. Development and maintaining and enhancing the lifestyle we all enjoy needs to be well considered and balanced, with strong consultation and long term strategy. Challenges lead to opportunities!

Q4 In business, I have always had an "open door" approach as communication and rapport are so vital. If successful, my contact details will be publicly available on the Council website to enable contact.

Q5 I have no alliance or membership with any political party.



Wayne JOHNSTON

Meander Councillor & Incumbent Mayor

As Mayor, I have represented our community's best interests, ensured people's wellbeing during COVID-19 and delivered new and upgraded facilities to the municipality, such as the Deloraine Pump Track and Prospect Park. My family operates a 4th generation mixed farming enterprise; I led the state's peak farming organization (TFGA) for 6 years and have 30+ years of volunteering with Tasmania Fire Service. Meander Valley is the greatest place in Tasmania to live. I want to ensure this is the case now and for the generations to come. With this vision, I seek your support for re-election as Mayor.

Q1 I am a volunteer with Tasmanian Fire Service and have been for 30+ years. Before becoming Mayor, I spent 10 years on the board of Tasmania Farmers & Graziers Association, with 6 years as Chairman. These experiences in addition to being a business owner show that I can represent our community.

Q2 I want to continue to make Meander Valley the best place to live, work and build a life now and for generations to come; to continue to improve the services and facilities available to the community and work together for everyone's benefit.

Q3 We have to upgrade our Waste Management plans, continue to review our rates management, and fund our Capital Works Program for improvements across the municipality such as the Bracknell hall and Deloraine Racecourse Precinct. Keeping rates affordable is always a priority.

Q4 I'm always contactable by phone, email, and in person. As Mayor, I have taken countless calls and met with residents across the community to discuss what is important to them.

Q5 I have no affiliation or membership with any political party.



Michael KELLY

Western Creek Councillor & Incumbent Deputy Mayor

I seek your support to be re-elected as Deputy Mayor and Councillor. A lifetime resident of our municipality, I love our community. With family, properties and a business in the community I understand that people's needs vary across the urban and rural diversity of our region. With 11 years as a Councillor and 8 as Deputy Mayor I get things done. I will represent your interests, honestly and practically. Stability is something I offer. I support growth, smart investment and choice; I want our community to thrive. Thank you!



Barry LEE

Westbury Councillor

A true Meander Valley local with passion for community, local government, and issues affecting fellow citizens. A candidate with the vision and determination make a real difference to Council decision making, improve feedback and communication, while delivering beneficial outcomes for the municipality including a focus on Tourism. Integrity and accountability have been key principles underlying my work ethic. I will respect, listen, act and respond. Experience includes Westbury Council Clerk, Bursar Deloraine High School, Tas Parks Guide, Volunteer roles. A Grade cricket & tennis player.

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Q1 With fifteen years Municipal office experience, together with formal LGAT qualifications, and the property owner at Hadspen, Deloraine, and Westbury I have an intimate knowledge of the whole Municipality.

Q2 The backdrop of the Great Western Tiers, the mix of urban lifestyle offers a healthy choice for new and old residents.

Q3 Council must improve and listen to the citizens' concerns. Integrity and accountability are paramount at all times.

Q4 Recently retired from 50 years full time work. I am available to assist all residents with their concerns.

Q5 I will be a true independent, straight forward representative.



Anne-Marie LOADER
Westbury
Councillor & Deputy Mayor

I love Meander Valley, it's been home for 15 years. From farming in Montana with my husband Paul, to living in Westbury. I'm invested in our community and want to see us flourish. I have unique skills and lived experience, in cities, towns and the farm. From Mole Creek to Prospect, I understand that we're all different, but we all want one thing: for our Council to make the best possible decisions for everyone. We want to know what Council is doing and be involved in decisions that affect us. My commitment is to listen, be well informed and to advocate. You won't hear me say that's not my job.

Q1 I've managed staff and volunteers for over 20 years. Supporting adults with learning and literacy is my passion. I achieved a Masters degree while working and raising three children. I'm skilled at managing grants, budgets and report writing. My work and volunteering demonstrate my dedication to community.

Q2 Meander Valley is beautiful. My vision is to see the area managed appropriately. To have developments that enhance and not detract. To be a place where our community can realise their potential and goals. Meander Valley from now to the future: home, environment and industry harmoniously working together.

Q3 Having listened to community the length and breadth of the municipality, the key issues of communication and transparency have been reiterated again and again. Our Council needs to ensure that development is appropriate and that those close to, and affected by, are truly consulted. Consult first, then make decisions.

Q4 I'll regularly visit each area in the municipality. I'll let everyone know where and when via The Gazette and Facebook. I'll be promoting 'walk and talk' gatherings in local parks.

Q5 I'm completely independent.



Linda POULTON
Westbury
Councillor

I'm a solicitor with over 20 years' experience. I believe that: strong action needs to be taken to combat climate change; our towns are being overrun by inappropriate development; transparency in government is essential. On current evidence, I do not support: the Northern Regional Prison; Marinus Link. Unlike many other candidates, A-M Loader, P. Wileman and I are unsupported by any political party network. We are your truly independent, progressive candidates. We are passionate about standing up for our community. Please vote for us and for Anne-Marie first, as your independent Deputy Mayor.

Q1 I am a solicitor with over 20 years' experience. I have the skills to readily assess the range of planning and policy decisions that come before Council. I

would make an informed and independent contribution to all Council decisions. I have the skills to contribute to better governance.

Q2 Meander Valley is a place that people are proud to call home. We should capitalise on our strengths to attract the growing tourism market and protect and promote our unique heritage and natural values. My vision does not include a maximum-security prison which will detract from the above.

Q3 Poorly conceived, intensive developments across our municipality must be discouraged. Any application for a prison warrants the closest scrutiny. Council's response to climate change is inadequate and must be addressed urgently. Council transparency and accountability need significant improvement. Councillors should be truly independent of political parties.

Q4 I would make myself available at various venues across the municipality on a regular basis and would attend community driven forums to ascertain community concerns.

Q5 Past member of the Local Party (independents' network): not endorsed/representing.

Dan PROBERT
Hadspen
Councillor & Deputy Mayor

My wife and I purchased property and moved to the Meander Valley earlier this year because we believe it is one of the best places on earth where we can be at home and begin our family. Home and homes are what I am ultimately most passionate about. Homes materials, in providing affordable and sustainable housing for all our residents. Homes human, in creating a safe and prosperous environment for the raising of children. And homes spiritual, through the promotion of a community of which we can all be proud to be members of, a stake in the country we can all be responsible for.

Q1 I am an ADF Veteran and volunteer firefighter with experience supporting communities through fires, pandemics, and flood. I have worked in tertiary and secondary education, small business, and government, and currently work for the State Government in

environmental management. I hold degrees in engineering, philosophy, education, and business.

Q2 I envisage a Meander Valley where all who desire it can pursue the Australian Dream of affordable property ownership and raising a family in a safe and peaceful community, supported by the modern infrastructure we need. I see us being a national hub for sustainable development and agribusiness innovation.

Q3 I am passionate about sustainable development and want to improve our planning scheme for the long term. This means housing and infrastructure that is affordable, human-scale, aesthetic, sensitive to our heritage, and environmentally sound. This will make Meander Valley a centre for families and business investment.

Q4 As a younger candidate, I am fluent in most forms of communication, and will be available through mainstream social medias, email, and participation in community events throughout the Meander Valley.

Q5 I am a Liberal member but not endorsed.



James REDGRAVE
Elizabeth Town
Councillor

My moral contract to Meander Valley: I will support all of you fairly & consistently. I will be accountable, Honest & inclusive. My 15 years of Local Government experience allows me to understand the needs & wants of our beautiful Meander Valley. I serve our Communities as a Firefighter, Deloraine Lion, Veteran & District Lions Chairperson. Your Vote for me will ensure a balanced seat at Council with the experience, knowledge & skills. If I make a mistake I will own it & mitigate it. We all live in the beautiful Meander Valley. I will ensure we keep it that

way for generations.

Q1 With 15 years of Local Government experience. Associate Diploma Local Government Governance. 35 years private and commercial agent investigating several councils in that time. Associate Diploma Business Management. Six start up Business operations with three still running today. Several Board positions over my 38 years of my working career.

Q2 Keeping Meander Valley the best kept secret in Australia. By ensuring Prospect Vale and Blackstone Heights get their fair share of the pie. Sympathetic Development that encourages the natural beauty of Meander and supports the separate communities and village lifestyle. Retaining farm land for farming and Farming Families of Meander

Q3 Keeping Rates as low as possible. Ensuring Council's budget is fit for purpose. The creation of a consultative committee which will include ratepayers and community members of all villages and suburbs. Tackling waste and the Container refund scheme to ensure council gives back to the community who pays for them.

Q4 My Email is jredgrave2022@gmail.com. Please feel free to send me your concerns or questions and I will endeavour to get the answers or advice to HELP within 72 hours.

Q5 I'm not a member of any political party!



Justin ROBINSON
Deloraine
Councillor

"Voting 1 for me, means having a council member who is willing to listen to the residents of Meander Valley. It means having someone on your side, someone who acts for the people. I have been a member of the Meander Valley for a good number of years. My spouse has lived here all of their



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life and is deeply entrenched into the community. I am a dedicated husband and community member. I vow to try my hardest to uphold the values of the community of Meander Valley."

Q1 My youth brings a different kind of element to being a councillor. It allows me to see issues across all generations, and I can understand the community more completely. My day to day job is engaging with and helping people, and I love to listen to my community.

Q2 The Meander Valley I see is a place where people can call home. It's a community that is unified, and safe. I would like to see cleaner and well maintained public areas, and greater community orientated activities. At the end of the day, Meander Valley is a family orientated area.

Q3 Issues regarding transparency, is just one of the main the issues I would like to support as a member of the council. A council that listens to the people and is always transparent is the main change I would like to see. Also a council that represents all residents of the Municipality.

Q4 I plan, if elected, to always be accessible, as the community needs people on council who are always there to listen and help.

Q5 Member of the Labor party; Not endorsed or Representing.



Daniel SMEDLEY
Prospect Vale
Councillor & Deputy Mayor
Your No.1 Vote will ensure full support to the Mayor and Meander Valley. I live and volunteer in Prospect Vale and am standing to give voice to residents of the eastern end of the municipality. I'm a Registered Nurse working in mental health. Previously 20 years sports manager for Council & AFL. Married 34 years with two sons at St Patrick's. President, Life Member, Coach Prospect Park Sports Club, Hawks Junior Football and Northern Tas. Umpires. Priorities: cost of living pressures, safer road; pedestrian ways; health; youth services; sport facility development & green waste strategies.

Q1 University educated: sociology (BA), business (MBA), nursing (BN). Public service Australian/Tasmanian government departments and Councils for 15+ years and manager for 15+ years in sport industry. Key skills: Governance & leadership, Budget & financial management, Grants procurement, Community consultation, Development planning, Facility & Risk

management, Primary/mental health.

Q2 Meander Valley: an enhanced region, well planned, environmentally progressive and supported urban spaces. Vibrant and liveable hubs that thrive on accessible housing, economic growth, healthy and socially connected residents. Empowering people of all ages and abilities to live, work and access opportunities for culture, recreation and sport into the future.

Q3 Review rubbish collection in Prospect Vale. Ensuring housing densities are well planned and supported with greater urban greening. Ensure sport and recreation hubs meet the needs of all ages and abilities. That older and younger residents have services, programs and infrastructure that supports their safety and inclusion in Meander Valley.

Q4 I will be available daily on social media, email, mobile phone. Propose in person at a pop-up (or permanent) venue in Prospect Vale/Hadspen one day per fortnight.

Q5 Independent candidate. No affiliation with any political party.



Rodney SYNFIELD
Western Creek
Councillor & Mayor

I've represented you for eight years; I care, listen to, involve and am accountable to you the community; I'll continue to stand up and work for better solutions. Some of the serious issues to address right now; loss of many experienced council staff; traffic access/congestion PV/BH, including Westbury Rd; planning matters - housing density/amenity, siting of an adult prison, if at all and an equitable spend of rates across municipality. For action, please vote 1 Synfield for councillor, and for Mayor, to help keep Meander Valley a great place to live and raise a family.

Q1 Some tertiary study, including Personnel Management and Accounting units whilst working in Launceston, including for CPS. Eight years experience as a Councillor. MVC Committees: 5 years Townscapes, Reserves and Parks & two years NRM. Current MVC Councillor representative on Launceston City Council Homelessness Advisory Committee. Decades long history, seeking better planning outcomes.

Q2 To have a council that is truly passionate, energetic and driven to meet and exceed community expectations in all that we do,

such that going forward, the municipality is an even better place to live, work, play and visit and that we don't exclude, or leave anyone behind.

Q3 Council transparency in decision making. Greater advocacy role by council; prison siting, if at all, an example. Equitable spend of rates/grant monies across municipality. Protecting Council's Intellectual Property and dealing with employees fairly and transparently is vital - given significant >30 indoor staff losses in < 3 years, in my view, council's failed.

Q4 Continue attending as many community meetings/functions as possible and be available via phone, email and face to face contact, so as to involve community, in council's decision making process

Q5 No Political party connection; yes to representing my community!



John TEMPLE
Westbury
Councillor & Mayor

Re-elect for lower rate rises, equity and putting strategic long term community benefit ahead of short term gain. I am your easiest to find councillor, most days I am at the John Temple Gallery in Westbury, a wilderness and landscape photography gallery I started 21 years ago. I have experience of serving on, and also chairing a number of community, government and business boards at local, state and national levels. As a former winner of the Australian Design Award, the Enterprise Australia Award and the National Small Business Award, I do know how to get things done.

Q1 Served as Commissioner of the Australian Heritage Commission, Chair of Industry Training Boards and as State President of the National Trust. Worked as General Manager of group of companies employing over 200 people, before that as a farmer, now as a landscape and wilderness photographer, printer, and gallery owner.

Q2 The Meander Valley offers a great lifestyle, it is visually outstanding, with untapped potential which needs to be carefully nurtured. The Meander Valley needs to be known nationally for its own qualities, not simply as a little-known appendage to Launceston or as a space between Devonport or Cradle Mountain and Launceston.

Q3 Manage growth strategically

and understand the impact that multiple dwellings close together on the one block has on the character of the municipality. Provide better and multiple road access to the growing urban areas. Plan in conjunction with neighbouring councils a corridor for a Greater Launceston Ring Road before the land is developed.

Q4 I am easily accessible, most days residents can find me at the John Temple Gallery, 103 Meander Valley Road, Westbury.

Q5 I would prefer it if political parties were to keep out of Local Government.



Deborah WHITE
Exton
Councillor

In my 35 years in the Meander Valley I've had a strong focus on community well-being, co-founding the Community Shed, Garden and Health Centre in Deloraine, planting trees in Deloraine, Westbury and Carrick, and supporting the Hadspen Skate Park, Bush Tucker Trail and LED Street lighting initiatives. Well-being needs a thriving economy: since elected in 2009 I've advocated for business and industry that can adapt to the environmental changes impacting our lives, and for diversity and innovation in food and farming, tourism, manufacturing and transport. If re-elected, I will continue to do so.

Q1 My experience as a teacher, counsellor and Councillor have given me the skills of good listening and clear thinking to help find solutions by rational debate, not allowing personal issues to interfere (thus being known as the Voice of Reason by some) and always fostering respectful relationships at Council.

Q2 I believe we are in for hard times due to pandemics, climate change and war affecting resources, supply, markets, and prices. Therefore, we need to diversify our products and services, develop and support local markets and businesses; provide creative solutions to the housing crisis, and strengthen local support networks.

Q3 I will support: amending the State-wide Planning Scheme, which has allowed density of housing to diminish green space, amenity, and natural habitat; the right of the community to be heard concerning the siting of the northern prison; electrifying transport - government, public and private, and a target of zero waste.

Q4 The Council website contains details of Councillors' contact details. I am always happy to hear from people about their concerns, and to advocate on their behalf for any action required.

Q5 I'm not a member of/endorsed by any political party.



Peter WILEMAN
Westbury
Councillor

I've lived and worked over much of the world. The Meander Valley is where my wife, Doreen and I decided to put down roots 20 years ago. We ran Hobnobs Restaurant in Westbury for 10 years; I have life experience and understanding of running a small people business in a regional community. I've lived and worked in large cities so understand the needs of urban life. Community views, opinions and concerns must guide the Council, openly, transparently, in trust, for the benefit of the whole community. On Council my one job will be to listen to the community of the Meander Valley and represent them.

Q1 My trade qualifications to Master Craftsman. Academically, I have degrees to MSc in education and training. My career has been hospitality based, from apprenticeship to head chef, then TAFE to University level teaching hospitality management. For ten years I owned and ran 'Hobnobs' restaurant in Westbury with a good team.

Q2 People choose to live and visit Tasmania for its history, charm, clean green environment, and a gentler pace of life. The need for housing is indisputable, but all developments must be sympathetic and appropriate in order to maintain our attractiveness as a business base, home and as a tourist destination.

Q3 Appropriate developments that meet the expectations of ratepayer, with balanced input from ratepayers and developers. Adjustments must be made to the MVC Planning Schedule to give more balance whilst still meeting the Tasmanian Planning Scheme. Regulations are made by people, and can be better improved by politically unaligned people.

Q4 I prefer to meet face to face with the community through being available at community 'clinics' on a roster basis that I'll publish on Facebook and the Gazette.

Q5 'The Local Party' member. Not supported or representing the alliance.



Hard Waste Collection 2022

Meander Valley Council's annual hard waste collection is an opportunity for residents to dispose of bulky items such as furniture, old toys and whitegoods.

Residents must register by the closing date to receive the hard waste collection service.

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- Young Citizen of the Year
- Community Event of the Year
- Sports Award

Nominating is quick and easy!

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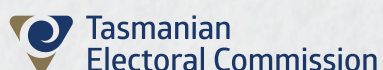
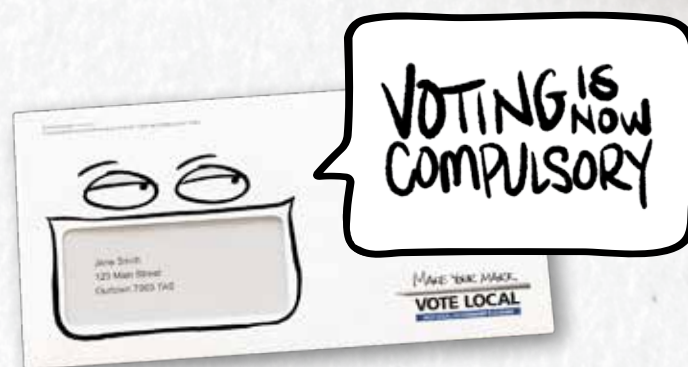


Local government elections are on now and voting is compulsory.

Eddie the envelope was delivered during the week of 3 October. Voting is easy – all you have to do is consider the candidates, complete your ballot papers and put them in the mail or deliver them to Council so they are received by 2pm, Tuesday 25 October.

If you haven't received your postal ballot pack, simply visit your local council office to collect a pack, or call us and we'll send one to you.

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Shamrock legends launch new cricket season



► Shamrocks Inductees L to R: Nick Spencer, Rob Peters and John Walker. Photo supplied.

IT IS 25 years since St Patricks Old Collegians Cricket Club entered the Northern Tasmanian Cricket Association (N.T.C.A.).

The connection with Westbury Cricket Club came about with a merger prior to the start of season 2004-05.

For both clubs to survive it made sense to merge as St Patricks had a strong junior base and a Second Grade senior side.

Westbury Cricket Club had senior teams but no juniors.

The merger allowed both clubs to prosper fulfilling teams from First Grade right through to juniors, with Westbury now known as the

Westbury Shamrocks.

Westbury Shamrocks opened the new cricket season with a re-union dinner and induction of three players into the club's Hall of Fame.

Premiership teammates of 1961-62 and 2011-12 and St Patrick's Old Collegians were re-united and witnessed the induction of bowlers Nick Spencer, John Walker and Rob Peters into the club's Hall of Fame.

They join Michael Claxton, Bob Ingamells and Ian Crowden.

Guest speaker at the dinner was 2001 Brownlow Medallist Jason Akermanis.

Get on your bike!

MEANDER VALLEY'S much anticipated pump track on Alveston Drive in Deloraine was officially opened on Monday 19 September 2022.

Initiated by the Meander Valley Youth Committee and the Lions Club of Deloraine Inc., completion of the project has been greatly anticipated by the community and Council alike.

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The pump track has been completed with funding from the Tasmanian Government's Community Sport and Recreation Grant program and Meander Valley Council.



► The crowd at the opening of Deloraine's Pump Track. Photo by Brett Goodsell.

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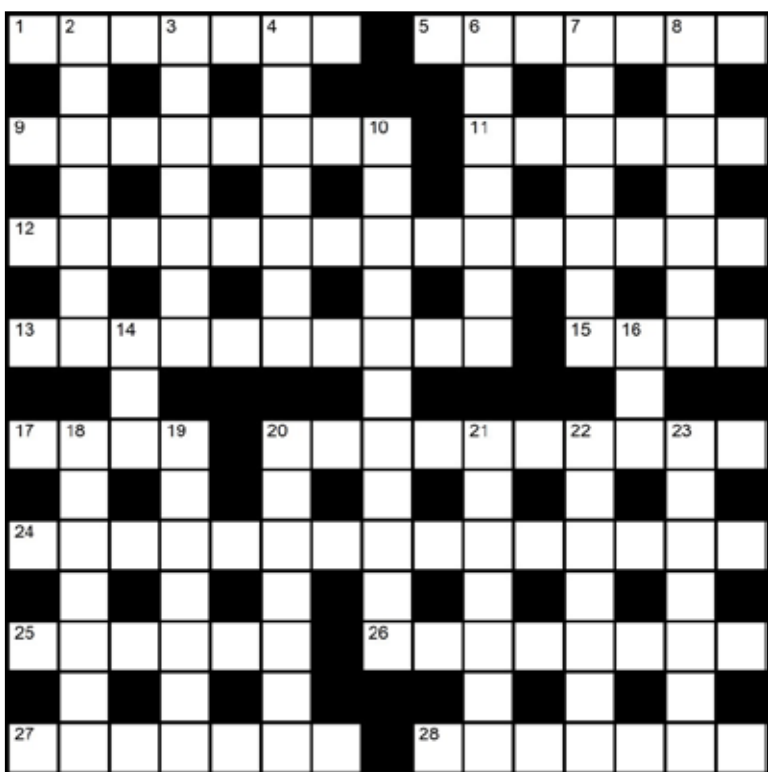
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Tapering four-sided pillar (7)
 - 5 Gulp down (7)
 - 9 Went downhill (8)
 - 11 Former South Vietnam's --- Van Thieu (6)
 - 12 Airliner steward (6,9)
 - 13 Parts of cities (5,5)
 - 15 --- Laurel, old comedian (4)
 - 17 Tom Clancy hero Jack --- (4)
 - 20 Small NSW seaside resort with brilliant white sand (5,5)
 - 24 Arising at the same time (15)
 - 25 Panda food (6)
 - 26 Moron (8)
 - 27 Bizarre (4,3)
 - 28 In a coarse way (7)
- DOWN**
- 2 A very hot day (7)
 - 3 Italian dish (7)
 - 4 Ol' Blue Eyes (7)
 - 6 Players at the edge (7)
 - 7 Saint Bernadette's city (7)
 - 8 Australia is its biggest component (7)
 - 10 "--- Holt", and disappear (2,3,6)
 - 14 Squeezing snake (3)
 - 16 "--- With Mussolini" (1999 Zeffirelli film) (3)
 - 18 Salty Western Australia Nature Reserve (3,4)
 - 19 With distinction (7)
 - 20 Olympic hockey gold-medallist Robert --- (7)
 - 21 Australasian ---, the silver seabream (7)
 - 22 Brought to bear (7)
 - 23 Local government body (7)

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 October 2022 solution



Sudoku October 2022 solution

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


EVENTS DIARY 

Mon, 11-11.30am	Story Time At Deloraine Library	Deloraine Library, 2-4 Emu Bay Road, Deloraine. 6701 2180.
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 Tues and Thurs, 9-12	Westbury Men's Shed	Corner of King St. and Franklin St. Westbury.
First Wed/month, 4pm - 6pm	Asperger's Peer Group Deloraine	Deloraine House 112 Emu Bay Road, Deloraine 6362 2678
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 delorainewalkingclub.weebly.com for program of events, contact and membership info
Wed Weekly, 7 - 9	Trivia Night	Bolters, Prospect
Every Sat, 9 - 11	Parkrun	Town Common, Westbury
Oct 1 - 16, 10 - 4	Metamorphosis: Meander Valley Art Exhibition	Westbury Town Hall. Free weekly event open to all levels of fitness. Pre-event briefing at 8:50am.
Oct 1 - 31, 10 - 4	More Than Black & White Exhibition	Deloraine Creative Studios
Sat 1, 9 - 1	Deloraine Market	Showground, Deloraine
Sat 1, 11 - 6	Oktoberfest at Bush Inn	Bush Inn Brewhouse, Deloraine
Sat 1, 5.30 - 10.30	Jim Hermel Band	Australian Italian Club, Prospect
Sun 2, 2 - 5	Raw Jam	Cycles @ the Empire Hotel, Deloraine
Mon 3, 5 - 6	Fire Spin Jam	Duck Pond, Deloraine Riverbank
Tue 4, 6.30 - 8.30	Pollie in the Pub	Cycles @ The Empire Hotel, Deloraine
Oct 6 - 8, 9 - 5	Royal Launceston Show	Quercus Park, Carrick
Thur 6, 6.30 - 9.30	Westbury Hoedown	Westbury RSL
Fri 7, 7 - 9	Celtic Players	Cycles @ The Empire Hotel, Deloraine
Fri 7, 7 - 9	Neil Gibson Live @ The General Store	Wandering Trout, Mole Creek
Sat Oct 8, 7.30pm	Western Tiers Film Society <i>Martin Eden</i>	Little Theatre, 2 Meander Valley Rd, Deloraine (2019 PG, Drama/Romance, Italy-France 129m)
Sat 8, 9 - 1	Liffey Valley Market	Old School, Liffey
Thurs 13 Oct, 9am	AGM Westbury Health Advisory Committee	Westbury Community Health Centre 89 Meander Valley Rd, Westbury
Fri 14, 12 - 2	YAA Presents Mix it Up	Little Theatre, Deloraine
Fri 14, 5 - 8	YAA Presents Teen Spirit	Little Theatre, Deloraine
Fri 14, 7 - 9	Kiarrna Live @ The General Store	Wandering Trout, Mole Creek
Sat 15, 9 - 1	Mole Creek Market	Memorial Hall, Mole Creek
Sat 15, 9 - 1	Westbury Market	Anglican Church, Westbury
Sat 15, 10 - 4	Great Lake Tie-In	Great Lake Community Centre, Miena
Sun 16, 9 - 3	2022 Classics on the Green	Village Green, Westbury
Wed 19, 9 - 8	Tasmanian Chamber Music Festival	Westbury, Tasmania
Wed 19 Oct, 2-3:30	Better endings- speaker, afternoon tea. Free event.	RSL Club, Lonsdale Promenade, Westbury. Enquiries: meandervalleyu3a@gmail.com
Fri 21, 2 - 10	Festival of One Act Plays	Little Theatre, Deloraine
Fri 21, 7 - 9	Scott Mainwaring Live @ The General Store	Wandering Trout, Mole Creek
Fri 21, 8 - 11	After 5 Rock & Roll	British Hotel, Deloraine
Sat 22, 3 - 5	Rural Rumble	Quercus Park, Carrick
Sun 23, 11 - 3	Oktoberfest at 41 South	41 South Salmon Farm, Montana
Fri 28, 4.30 - 7.30	Fiesta on Goderich	Our Lady of Mercy School, Deloraine
Fri 28, 7 - 9	Special Event - The Lawless Quartet	Wandering Trout, Mole Creek
Oct 28 - Nov 13, 10 - 5	Artist in Residence Trail Exhibition	Art as Mania & Empire Hotel, Deloraine
Sat 29, 2 - 8	Music on the Lawn - Tasha Zappala & Raccoon Dog	VDL Creamery, Christmas Hills

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Footy Season wraps up for another year

Deloraine Football Club

The Kangaroos had a good showing at the NTFA Association Awards.

Tyler Kelly was selected in NTFA Premier Divisions Men's Team of the Year, whilst Tahlia Powe and Claudia Gardner were named in the NTFAW Division 1 Team of the year.

The Annual Dinner, attended by over 200 players and supporters was held on 16 September 2022.

The occasion was an opportunity to celebrate the successes of our 13 teams throughout the season and to acknowledge players through significant Club awards.

Terry Roles Memorial Award: Tayla Smith who, although injured, supported their team in every way possible.

Deloraine Football Club Persons of the Year Award 2022.

Addison Cosslett who is always first to arrive at training and last to leave and this year guided his young charges to a

finals appearance.

Elise Moreno who has trained young people around the Club and given them skills that they will also be able to use in their working life away from the Club, and they are also willing to help anyone in their role at any time even with their work commitments away from the Club.

Steve "Farmer" Earley Memorial Award: Shannon Brough who embodies the things about Farmer that we all loved so dearly—a friend to everyone, supportive of his team and willing to go above and beyond to help in any area needed, while also having fun.

John Loone Memorial Award - Damon Howe who has put in consistent performances every week and leading by example on and off the field though his exemplary standard of training and play along with the respect he shows his teammates, opponents and umpires.

Life Membership conferred on Adam "Robbo" Robinson in recognition of the many years of service to the Club as

a 250-game player, coach and support staff member.

Certificates were awarded to 13 volunteers for their exemplary service in keeping the Club running.

Bracknell Football Club

The Redlegs had a good showing at the NTFA Association Awards.

Sam Borlini, Matty Dennis and Sam Douglas were selected in the 2022 NTFA Team of the Year.

Matty Dennis won the Premier Division Best and Fairest; Cody Brinckman won the NTJFA Under 16 association Best and Fairest, and Kade Mulder was Runner Up in NTFA Best and Fairest

The Annual Dinner was held on 10 September in the club rooms at Bracknell.

The 2022 Season Best and Fairest Awards were presented to Ollie McFarlane (U18), Kade Mulder (Reserves), and Nick Mitchell and Sam Douglas (Seniors).

Three Club Legends were inducted: Nicky Chilcott, Sharmane Jones and Marilyn Shelton.

Life membership was conferred on two time Best and Fairest Jake Huett.

Meander Valley Suns

Our Reserves and Seniors had a tough year on the field this season, however with our new Senior coach Brennan Savage we began building a solid foundation with a lot of young talent emerging through the ranks and hope to see some more success on-field in the 2023 season.

Our women had a very successful season this year, beginning with the recruitment of several new experienced players along with some young girls who were new to football and have picked up the game so quickly and fit into our existing group perfectly.

After a lot of hard work from the entire group, we gradually developed throughout the year and made it to our first grand final, which was the first Grand Final any Meander Valley Suns team has made since joining the league in 2014.

Unfortunately, we couldn't get the win however we have set ourselves up for a very exciting and promising 2023 campaign.

Season's Best and Fairest Awards were presented to: Liam Shegog (Senior Best and Fairest), Brendan Johnson (Reserves Best and Fairest) and Kia Rogers (Women's Best and Fairest).

Club awards were presented at the Annual Dinner held on 10 September in Westbury



► MVFC Kia Rogers (centre).



► DFC Tayla Smith.



► DFC Addy Cosslett.



► DFC Elise Moreno.



► DFC Damon Howe.



► MVCF Liam Shegog.



► MVFC Brendan Johnson.



► DFC Adam Robinson.

to Seniors: Most Courageous – Kyran McMahon; Best Backman – Joe Lowe; - Leading Goal Kicker – Sam Archer; - Rising Sun – Dylan Bakes and Coache's Award – Matthew Brooks

Reserves: Best Backman – Curtis Hodgetts; Leading Goal Kicker – Brendan Johnson;

Coaches Award – Jacko Bennett.

Rising Sun – Henry Wilson
Women's: Best Backman – Kia Rogers; Leading Goal Kicker – Cleo Cresswell; Coaches Award – Jacqui Hodgkinson, Rising Sun – Dakota De Haan and Ella Cresswell and Best in Finals – Ella Cresswell

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