

Council Notices

Preparation underway for major upgrade of intersection on Westbury Road

At its July Meeting, Council awarded the contract for major road infrastructure works in Prospect Vale. At a cost of \$1.6m, the intersection of Westbury and Meander Valley Roads will be re-aligned and replaced with a roundabout. "This is a high growth area and the new roundabout will improve traffic flow and provide better access to a number of facilities, including the Prospect Vale Park sports complex," Mayor Wayne Johnston said. Identified as a priority project, the intersection upgrade will be funded by a Federal Liberal Government election commitment, the Commonwealth Government's Infrastructure Investment Grant Programme and Meander Valley Council. "This intersection upgrade will facilitate the safe movement of pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles in addition to promoting further residential, retail and commercial development in the area," Mayor Wayne Johnston said. Installation of additional crossing points for pedestrians was also an important part of the design. The project aligns with the objectives set out in Council's Community Strategic Plan 2014 to 2024. "Council's Strategic Plan provides us with reference points that guide growth and identifies the types of services and infrastructure that are of most benefit to our unique and diverse community centres," Mayor Wayne Johnston said. Work on the project is due to commence in October.

Happy hens, happy neighbours

Chooks can be wonderful additions to your garden - they keep pests under control, devour kitchen scraps and produce healthy, free range eggs. However, like any animal, they do come with responsibilities. Chicken coops must be well ventilated, provide shelter from the rain and the sun and contain roosting perches and a safe place for the chooks to lay. In addition, it is important that chicken coops are secure. Chooks must be safe from predators such as dogs, cats and quolls. Wasted chicken feed might attract rats and mice so care should be taken to ensure that the coop is vermin proof. How you manage your chooks has an impact on your neighbours... Your chooks should be confined to your property. Roaming poultry can cause a nuisance for your neighbours by damaging garden beds and leaving droppings. Roaming chooks can also cause hazards on local roads. By following good animal husbandry practices, you can ensure you will have happy chooks and happy neighbours.

Planning to enhance your outdoor living space with an awning or pergola?

Before you embark on building your outdoor living space, you need to be certain about the approvals you require. Depending on the scope of the work, seemingly simple additions like awnings and pergolas may still require planning, building and/or plumbing approvals. Work that is done without the correct approvals can be deemed illegal and you may be required to demolish or re-do the work. Illegal work also negatively impacts the value of your property. Check with Council's Development Services Department on 6393 5320 before undertaking any work and, if required you can also request a Planning Review.

North West and Intercity Bus Network Changes

The Department of State Growth (the Department), will soon be seeking feedback from the community in relation to proposed changes to bus services to Burnie and Devonport and the surrounding regions. The consultation process, to be carried out by State Growth, will be advertised as soon as timeframes are available

Events

OVERLOAD art exhibition • 1 June – 9 November • Deloraine Hospital Gallery

An exhibition for Haemochromatosis Awareness - theme: 'Blood is Life'.

Eat & Great @ the Westbus Shed • Friday 2 August

63 Meander Valley Road, Westbury - 6:30pm

Join us in an 'old fashioned' evening of community friendship. Bring food to share, games or a musical instrument. For more information contact Grant or Jan Bingley on 0408 134 057.

How to Talk About Yourself by The Van Diemen Project • Thursday 8 August

11am-12pm - Meander Valley Council, 26 Lyall Street, Westbury

Let's be honest, speaking about yourself is tough. Confident personal communication is something that can be learnt & is a skill that allows you to pitch yourself with purpose for employment, business or personal impact. Come along as we explore and practice practical skills and strategies to talk about yourself.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/how-to-talk-about-yourself-westbury-tickets-65227725884>

'Sixteen Legs' Movie Screening • daily throughout Science Week Sat 10 Aug – Sun 18 Aug

Marakoopa Café - 186 Mayberry Road, Mayberry

Follow the journey of the giant prehistoric spiders trying to find love in the dark. A nature documentary like no other, set in a magical underground ecosystem hidden beneath one of the world's last great wildernesses. *Sixteen Legs* tells the story of the world beneath our feet through six years of filming, over 25 years of scientific research, and hundreds of millions of years of evolution. For more information contact:

Sarah Cooper at enquire@marakoopacafe.com

UTAS Open Day • Saturday 10 August • 10 to 3pm

Launceston PCYC Presents 'Family Fun Day' • 11 August

146 Abbott Street, Newstead – 10am-3pm

Come along and join in the fun! Zorb balls, archery tag, BBQ, gymnastics & more.

Suicide Prevention Training • Wednesday 14th August or Thursday 7th November

Town Hall Reception Room, 18-28 St John Street, Launceston - 9:00am-4:30pm

Have you ever been worried about family, friends, neighbours or work colleagues? Are you concerned someone is having troubling thoughts? Would you know how to help or what to do?

This free training is designed to provide the essential skills and resources required to identify and respond to a person at risk of suicide. To RSVP contact admin@kentishrc.com.au or 64 911552.

Invitation - Meander Valley 100 Day Challenge Community Forum • Friday 16 Aug

The 100 day challenge is all about purpose - and our purpose is to help create a community where our young people love to learn, work and live. You are invited to be part of the challenge. 100 days of activity designed by you, the local community, to address a key focus area of need based on data from workshops undertaken by students. It all starts at the community forum on Friday 16th August: 9am – 12pm. Come and find out what it is all about and assist the design process. This is an opportunity for families, businesses, government and community members to join hands with our local schools to help young people thrive on their learning journey. The more people we have involved, the more we can achieve. We only have 100 days to make an impact so it will be fast, furious and fun! The project is currently being supported by Meander Valley Council, Devil's Advocate, The Van Diemen Project, Westbury Community Health Centre, Collective ed. and Deloraine High School. Sound interesting? For more info, or to become a partner, contact Victoria Homer Collective ed. lead at Victoria.homer@beaconfoundation.net RSVP bit.ly/MV100DC

AMWU WOMENS FORUM • Friday 16 August • 6pm-11pm

Go Beyond. Explore new careers and ideas. Great for aspiring and emerging leaders. All welcomed to attend. Hear career journeys from a broad range of successful women and be inspired. Free event, including a 3 course dinner. RSVP by Friday 2nd August. (Need to be quick)

Deloraine House • Saturday 31 August • 11am – 2pm • 112 Emu Bay Road Deloraine

Celebrating 30 years of community. You are invited to join the celebrations. Free food & drink/entertainment/children's activities/house displays. Call on 6362 2678 for more info.

Junction Arts Festival Launceston • 4-8 September

Be the first to find out what's on. Get involved, promote it to your community and share the community spirit. <https://junctionartsfestival.com.au/>

Meander Valley Council Community Forum • Tuesday 10 September

Westbury Bowls Club - 9 Franklin Street - 7-8:30pm

Throughout the year, Council holds quarterly forums in different townships to discuss local achievements and issues. Councillors and Council officers will be in attendance and all interested community members are welcome. Please come along and share your thoughts. For more information contact Patrick Gambles on 6393 5334.

Agriculture Careers Forum • Fri 20 Sept 2019

The Forum will include presentations, followed by networking with Uni staff, students and fellow industry representatives. Time: 4 – 7pm (includes refreshments) Venue: Stanley Burbury Theatre, Sandy Bay Campus. For more information email Joanna.Jones@utas.edu.au or call 03/6226 2557

MVC Stepping Stones Leadership Camps

Grade 6-8 on 1-3 October & Grade 9-12 on 7-9 October

If you are interested in learning, facing new challenges, building relationships, being involved in your community, while developing self-awareness and leadership skills and having lots of fun, then a Stepping Stones camp is for you. This event is drug and alcohol free and fully supervised by Meander Valley Council staff and volunteers. Only 20 spaces available – Need to BOOK EARLY – Contact Vicki Jordan on 0400 155 690.

Seniors Week • 14-20 October 2019 • registrations open until 7 July

Online registrations for Seniors Week events are now open. This year's theme is 'Connections'.

More information: seniorsweek@cotatas.org.au

Paws on the Green • Sat 19 October 2019 • Westbury Village Green

Paws on the Green is a celebration of all things doggish organised by Westbury Health Inc with proceeds going to 'Let's Read', the Smith Family's early literacy program. We are inviting pet-related organisations, food vendors, and anyone else who would be interested in joining us on the day. For information contact:

Florida Rickard: 0418 134 304 / florida.rickard@bigpond.com

Wendy Kilroy: 0413 437 720 / wendykilroy61@gmail.com

Westbury Primary School 180th Birthday Open Day • 25 October

Taylor Street, Westbury - Starting at 1:30pm

Music, delicious food, maypole dancing, and plenty of entertainment for the kids with face painting, jumping castles and more! For more information please contact Stacey Tweedale on 0413 453 567 or email Westbury180@outlook.com

Stringfest to return to Deloraine • Easter 2020 • call for volunteers

Stringfest is a celebration of stringed instruments and the music they make; from harps to ukuleles, from baroque to blues. Next year's event will build on the popular instrument making workshops and will feature some of Tasmania's finest instrument makers and the local timbers they use. A range of volunteer roles are available for interested individuals. For information, please contact Nick Weare on 0437 195 026 or Bob Muller on 041 487 701

Redress Scheme Support Service

SASS Redress Scheme Support Service is a free and confidential support service for people who are seeking information on or wanting to apply to the National Redress Scheme. The National Redress Scheme provides support to people who experienced sexual abuse as children while in care of an institution. You can find more information about the National Redress Scheme on the official website [here](#). SASS has a Redress Support Service Counsellor based in Burnie (contact 03 6231 0044 or 0437 375 284) who delivers services to Northern Tasmania and the North West Coast, alternatively email admin@sass.org.au

Development Opportunities

ICC T20 World Cup • Tasmania 2020 • Volunteers wanted

Roles include client and customer service, media and broadcast, drivers, operational support and hospitality. You'll gain important skills, meet new people and be contributing to a world class cricket tournament. For information, visit the [ICC T20 World Cup website](#)

Under 16 Homelessness Taskforce Survey • Open 20 July to 20 September

The State Government has created a Taskforce to help address homelessness for children and young people under 16 in Tasmania. The Department of Communities Tasmania want to make sure that all children, young people, parents and carers of children that have experienced homelessness have a voice. The survey will take around 10 minutes to complete and can be accessed at

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/32F5KGS> If you would like more information on the Under 16 Homelessness Taskforce please email youthatriskstrategy@communities.tas.gov.au

Emerging Community Leaders 2020 Program • applications close 29 Nov 2019

Emerging Community Leaders supports up to 24 participants a year with a focus on increasing their skills in governance, finance, leadership, management, communication, and project management. The sessions will be delivered throughout the year comprising 10 days in total. The sessions will be delivered in the South, North and North-West. The program is open to all Tasmanians and the program is keen to see diversity across the participant group. There is no maximum age requirement but participants must be at least 18 years of age. For information please visit the [Emerging Community Leaders website](#) or contact the Tasmanian Community Fund on 6232 7395.

Tasmanian Leaders Program 2020

Do you know someone with leadership potential and the ability to influence Tasmania's future?

To find out more, download an information pack or register for one of the Tasmanian Leaders Program's information sessions held across the state.

Launceston - Tuesday 27 August 5.00 pm, CH Smith Centre

Burnie - Wednesday 28 August 12.00 pm, Cradle Coast Authority

Hobart - Thursday 29 August 5.00 pm, Salamanca Building

To book, please visit <https://portal.tasmanianleaders.org.au/events>

Arts Deloraine • Volunteers welcome

Want to expand your circle of friends? Need an outlet for your creative energy? Flex your organisational skills? Then maybe you might want to volunteer with Arts Deloraine and be part of a vibrant, creative community group; and update your skills and share ideas. Arts Deloraine coordinates many public events throughout the year and is always looking for community minded individuals to get involved. Contact info@artsdeloraine.com for information.

Hadspen Neighbourhood Watch • 2nd Thurs of June, August, Oct, Dec (1st Thurs)

Hadspen Uniting Church from 7.30pm

New members most welcome. For information contact Bev on 0408 936 448

LIFELINE Facilitator Training Program • 2-3 hours duration

Lifeline Tasmania is inviting interested individuals to participate in a free training program focused on helping communities set-up and run regular support groups for local people bereaved by suicide.

The training is suitable for anyone who has a passion for facilitating a support group, has existing well-developed group facilitation skills, is a local community leader (such as sports coaches or community house staff or volunteers), or who has lived-experience of losing someone to suicide more than two years ago.

For info call: 0491 445 552

Baby Play • Tuesdays 23 July to 27 August • 10am-10.30am • Deloraine House

Join us for this fun baby and parent/carer weekly program. This is for babies aged up to 12 months. We'll sing play and tell stories! For more info call Anne-Marie on 0417 120 671 or Deloraine House on 6362 2678.

Tomorrow Together

The City of Launceston is running a 18 month community consultation project called Tomorrow Together. You can get involved and have your say about the future of the region and be kept informed about the project by registering online at: <https://yourvoiceyourlaunceston.com.au/>

Seniors Week • 14-20 October

To register or find out what is happening in your community, visit <http://www.cotatas.org.au/programs-events/sw2019/>

Westbury & Deloraine Library events

What's on at Deloraine and Westbury Libraries? To find out about events and programs visit Launceston Library's Eventbrite page and Launceston Library Facebook. You will find out about what's happening in the greater northern area but also in our Meander Valley libraries.

<https://www.libraries.tas.gov.au/locations/Pages/Launceston.aspx>

<https://www.facebook.com/LauncestonLinc/>

Meander Valley Business Directory

Do you run or know someone who runs a business, big or small in the Meander Valley? We are putting together a comprehensive business directory covering all industry sectors to promote to residents and visitors to the Meander Valley. If you would like to be included in this free service, please visit the link below and fill in your details. <https://goo.gl/forms/ars6zcrSCSwllS73>

Meander Valley U3A Class Program & Term 3 Newsletter

Available at www.mvu3a.org

Deloraine House Heart Foundation Walking Group • Tuesdays & Thursdays

Join the WalkieTalkies, leaving at 9am outside Deloraine House - Everyone walks at their own pace! For more information call 6362 2678.

Meander Valley Diabetes Support Group • 1st Tuesday of the Month

Westbury Community Health Centre - 1:30pm to 3:30pm

Type 1, Type 2 & carers welcome. Please contact Sheila Stevenson, volunteer coordinator on 0428 576 795 for more information.

Deloraine Community Garden • Open Wednesdays from 10am-2pm

Deloraine House – 112 Emu Bay Road, Deloraine

Its winter and we are offering soup to volunteers, so come along and get busy in the garden! BYO mug or bowl!

Grants & Awards

Marketing Tasmania Grants • Applications open 1 August

Up to \$10,000 on a matched funding basis to organisers of events in Tasmania. Applications close Monday 30 September. For more information, including eligibility criteria, full guidelines and application details, go to www.eventstasmania.com/marketingtas or call 6165 5022.

Get Moving Activity Award • nominations close 14 August

The Get Moving Tasmania Physical Activity Award acknowledges the important role not-for-profit community organisations play in promoting and providing opportunities for physical activity. Nominations close on 14 August 2019. For information visit the [Community Achievement Awards website](#)

Tasmanian Community Fund Round 39 • closes 21 August

Applications for small grants (\$1,000 to \$20,000) will close at 5.00pm on 11 September 2019. Applications for medium grants (\$20,001 to \$70,000) will close at 5pm on 25 September 2019. Stage 1 applications for large infrastructure/ equipment grants (\$100 000 to \$300 000) will close on 21 August 2019. Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application in mid-December 2019. If you have a project idea that you would like to seek funding from the TCF for, you are encouraged to talk to TCF staff as soon as possible (6232 7395).

Sport and Recreation Major Grants Program • open 1 July–30 October

This program provides grants of between \$15,000 and \$80,000 to sport and recreation organisations, local government and other not-for-profit providers of sport and active recreation. Grant funding is limited to a maximum of half the project cost and eligible projects must benefit sport and/or recreation clubs.

[Communities, Sport and Recreation website](#)

'Thank you' on behalf of the Meander Valley Community Radio Inc Committee

This is to say a heartfelt thank you to Meander Valley Council for the Community Grant recently received by Meander Valley Community Radio Inc. It has helped us to purchase the up-to-date equipment which will allow us to provide even better service to the Meander Valley Community.

Meander Valley Council Community Grants • Next round closes 10 September

Grants up to \$3,000 are available to community organisations for projects that address community needs through special events, sport and recreation and/or community development. Information and application forms are available from the Westbury Council Offices and www.meander.tas.gov.au Applications for consideration in the next adjudication round should be lodged by 10 September 2019. For information contact Patrick Gambles on 6393 5334 or patrick.gambles@mvc.tas.gov.au

Community Grant Alerts

The Department of Communities Tasmania administers a range of grant programs to support the provision of quality facilities and environments that meet the community, sports and recreation needs of Tasmanians and support community development and engagement. Find out about grant programs and subscribe to free grant alerts. <https://www.communities.tas.gov.au/services/funding-and-grants>

Applications for the Healthy Tasmania Fund are now open

The Healthy Tasmania Fund will provide grant funding to community organisations to improve the health and wellbeing of their communities. Grants up to \$200,000 will be available for projects or initiatives up to two years in duration. Applications close on 30 August 2019. For more information, including the guidelines and how to apply, visit www.health.tas.gov.au/healthytasmaniafund

The Young Carer Bursary Program

Will be open from the 23rd July and closes at 5pm AEST on the 3rd of September 2019. The program aims to support young people caring for a family member or friend to continue with their education. There are a number of bursaries available Australia wide of \$3000 each. To apply or for more information, please see the Young Carers Network Website: <https://youngcarersnetwork.com.au/young-carer-bursary>

Community Resources

Deloraine Police Station • Tel 6701 2194 • not always staffed, especially at nights

131 444 is the non-emergency generic police telephone line

The National Public Toilet Map

Know exactly where to go! www.toiletmap.gov.au

Not online? Call 1800 33 00 66 for similar information

26TEN Chat – change someone’s life refer them to the 26TEN helpline

When all Tasmanians understand that asking for help with literacy is as easy as calling the 26TEN helpline, then we will know we are breaking down barriers and building a state where we all have the skills for life in the modern world www.26tenchat.tas.gov.au

Healthy Kids Toolkit

The Healthy Kids Toolkit features simple and practical information about food, nutrition and physical activity, all in one place. Age groups covered include pregnancy, babies, early childhood, school-age children, and young people <http://www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/healthykids>

Rosevale Hall is available for hire

Inside and outside areas including the oval. Reasonable rates apply. All enquiries to 0430 454 108 - Information at <https://www.meander.tas.gov.au/page.aspx?u=569&c=14837>

National Disability Insurance Scheme • Local Area Coordination by Baptcare

A free service for NDIS participants, people with a disability who are not NDIS participants and any community group who would like to be more inclusive - 1800 290 555

Rural Alive & Well (RAW)

A free and confidential 24/7 support service with a focus on suicide prevention and mental health and wellbeing - information, strategies and support in difficult times
<http://www.rawtas.com.au/> or I need help now - call 1300 4357 6283

Deloraine House • 112 Emu Bay Road

A warm and inviting neighbourhood house that helps to create connections within our community and support the people of Meander Valley. The House hosts community groups, activities and a number of free services including Housing Connect, financial counselling, legal advice and emergency relief. Volunteer helpers welcomed. Phone 6362 2678 or visit <http://www.delorainehouse.com.au/>

Free legal advice for older Tasmanians

Are you an older Tasmanian who needs legal advice? Or are you worried about an older person you know? Legal Aid offers free, private and confidential legal advice, representation or referrals. Appointments are offered statewide. If you are unable to pop into our Hobart office we can arrange a phone appointment for you. Contact COTA TAS 6231 3265 or email admin@cotatas.org.au to make an appointment (appointments are essential).

Support for LGBTI Tasmanians & their Families

Click on the following link to access a range of inclusive and supporting services for the LGBTI community <https://bit.ly/2Wyl2rj>

Free legal advice

Launceston Community Legal Centre
6334 1577 or free call: 1800 066 019 Web: www.lclc.net.au

Suicide Call Back Service

Free 24/7 nationwide professional telephone counselling and online support for anyone affected by suicide. Available to people who are feeling suicidal, worried about someone, those who have lost someone to suicide, and professionals supporting clients at risk of suicide. 1300 659 467
<https://www.suicidecallbackservice.org.au/>

Meander Valley Gazette

Your local community newspaper available online at www.meandervalleygazette.org/
Community stories and business adverts are most welcome Tel: 6286 8212

Meander Valley FM 96.9

Your local community radio station will advertise your business and your community event - www.mvfm.com.au or call 6362 4969.

CENTRE FOR REMOTE AND RURAL MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

Listen to podcasts with rural people on a variety of topics as they battle the elements, financial circumstances and health issues <https://www.crrmh.com.au/get-help-now/self-help-resources/podcasts/drought/>

Newsbyte for artists

This informative fortnightly newsletter contains funding, employment opportunities, scholarship's and residencies and more. The newsletter also includes information about grants and opportunities open to artists. The newsletter is a MUST if you are a community group who wants to understand and create partnerships with artists in Tasmania. To receive a copy visit www.arts.tas.gov.au

The Tasmanian Writers Centre (TWC)

Where writers connect for the latest information on the State's literary scene, get updates on events and find support. We are here to help, whatever your query. Visit the website and FB page <https://www.taswriters.org/>

Defib for Life

The Defib For Life Fundraising Kit is designed to help you organise your fundraising event or initiative; including activity suggestions, marketing tools and information about your responsibilities as a fundraiser. Simply go to the Defib for Life fundraising page.