

Council Notices

Community Forum held at Parkham

Council's first community forum of the year was held at Parkham Community Hall on Tuesday 19 March. Around forty residents from Elizabeth Town, Parkham and surrounding areas met with elected members and Council officers to discuss matters of local interest. Hot topics proved to be waste management, bushfire preparedness, roadside spraying and road safety. It was a cordial gathering with attendees appreciating the opportunity to meet and share ideas and information. Mayor Wayne Johnston introduced seven Councillors present and stressed how important these community conversations were in helping Council better understand local issues. Parkham Community Association kindly hosted the event and provided refreshments. Council will hold a quarterly community forum in a different township throughout the year. The next forum is to be held in June in Carrick.

The importance of talking rubbish

Rubbish and recycling collection are core functions of Council. Achieving balance between the financial and environmental costs associated with waste management and managing the service level expectation of a diverse community can be challenging. Council's proposal to extend rubbish and recycling collection services to include rural households is an initiative carried over from the previous Council. It stems from representations from the community, broader discussions around illegal dumping, improved environmental outcomes and equitable service delivery. Investigations into the suitability of the rural road network were undertaken last year as part of Council's evaluation of the initiative's potential. "Council has a responsibility to continue to investigate opportunities to improve services and sustainable waste management," Mayor Wayne Johnston said. Feedback received in response to a recent letter from Council outlining the proposal was varied and wide ranging. "Council appreciates and thanks all residents who have participated in the discussion. Your feedback is valued and informs our decision making," Mayor Wayne Johnston said. Feedback on the proposal was received for approximately six weeks. "These are important conversations to have and Council would also like to thank the Mole Creek Progress Association for inviting one of Council's Officers to attend a meeting where approximately sixty people participated in the discussion," Mayor Wayne Johnston said. The feedback was reviewed at Council's March Workshop.

Lights on ahead of schedule

Sports lighting at Prospect Vale Park's Australian football oval has been completed ahead of schedule and just in time for the winter months. "Council has worked with Prospect Hawks Junior Football Club to progress the project which has resulted in the facility having one of the first match standard LED lit grounds in the State," Mayor Johnston said. The new lights are significantly more energy-efficient resulting in less power consumption and the upgrade is an important component in the drive to improve the facility, encourage participation and meet the growing demand for female football competitions and programs. There were a number of funding partners for the project including: Prospect Hawks JFC and the AFL, Tasmanian Community Infrastructure Fund, Tasmanian Liberal Party State Election commitment and the Meander Valley Council.

Panorama Road benefits from storm water infrastructure

Council recently approved a quotation received from contractor J&JM Williams to undertake stormwater drainage work along Panorama Road in Blackstone Heights. The work will involve the installation of over 170 metres of pipework to transform the open drain on the eastern side of Panorama Road, between Neptune Drive and Glover Avenue. This project is being undertaken as a commitment of Council to improve roadside drainage across the municipality, with approved funding from the open drainage works program. The work along Panorama Road will improve safety, reduce erosion in the existing drain, and improve the aesthetics of the streetscape and accessibility for maintenance.

Events

Eat & Greet • First Friday of every month • Westbus Shed

Join us in a social and informal 'old fashioned' evening of community friendship from 6.30pm at 63 Meander Valley Road, Westbury. Please bring food to share and enjoy a pleasant evening. For more information phone 0408 134 057

Laughter Yoga • Wednesdays at 9.00am

Deloraine House, 122 Emu Bay Road, Deloraine

A free event hosted by Debby Kemsley. 30 minutes of laughing! Expelling stale air from your lungs and promoting endorphin production. All ages welcome to join in. For more information contact 0477 772 739.

A Little Bit Blue • Wednesday 3 April • Starting at 1:15pm

The Little Theatre, Deloraine – Free for children

An interactive environmental detective story, performed by Jenny Ellis, which combines puppetry and physical comedy. As well as unravelling a mystery, it involves learning about the unique habits of an extraordinary Australian creature, the Satin bowerbird, and their fascination with the colour blue.

Tasmania's Dressage and Jumping Championships 2019 • 6 & 7 April • Westbury Showgrounds

This event is being run by Lilydale District Pony Club and proudly supported by Meander Valley Council, Tasmanian Government and Horseland

Arts Deloraine 2019 Annual General Meeting • Thursday 11 April • Starting at 5:30pm

The 2019 Annual General Meeting of Arts Deloraine Inc. will be held in the Meeting Room, Deloraine District Hospital, East Barrack Street.

Western Tiers Film Society • Saturday 13 April

Leave No Trace - Dir. Debra Granik - USA 2018 Drama - G 109m

The WTFS is a members-only film society, showing films at the Little Theatre Cinema, Deloraine, on the second Saturday of each month, starting at 7:30pm sharp. Fees: \$60 p.a. (\$30 for six months). Pro-rata memberships are available throughout the year. For information phone: 0418 389 868

Bike Maintenance • Meander Valley School Holiday Program • Monday 15 April

Grades 6-12 - Westbury Sports Centre - 1:00pm to 4:00pm - \$5.00 per person

Bring your own bike if you like! Numbers limited. For registrations and enquiries please contact Vicki Jordan on 0400 155 690.

Filming with a Smartphone • Deloraine Online Access Centre • 16 & 18 April • 1pm-4pm

Over two sessions you will learn how to use the camera, create a short film, edit and upload it. Afternoon tea included. To book call 6362 3537 or visit Eventbrite and search *Deloraine*

Participants must bring a smart phone/device and charger. Bookings essential, places are limited

For more information call Anne-Marie 0417 145 243

Archery • Meander Valley School Holiday Program • Wednesday 17 April

Grades 6-12 – Paringa Archery Club, Trevallyn - 1:00pm to 2:30pm - \$5.00 per person

Transport provided! Numbers limited. For registrations and enquiries please contact Vicki Jordan on 0400 155 690.

Local ANZAC Day Services • Thursday 25 April

Carrick Cenotaph - 7:00am service with a complimentary breakfast to follow at the Carrick Inn
Deloraine Cenotaph - Services at 6:00am and 11:00am
Westbury Cenotaph - Services at 6:00am and 11:00am (main parade at 10:40am assembling on William Street) with a breakfast and light lunch to follow at the Westbury RSL and 2-Up from 2:00pm
Hagley Cenotaph, - Service at 9:45am

Baby Play • Tuesday 21 May to 25 June • 10am-10.30am

112 Emu Bay Road, Deloraine - Deloraine House
Join us for this fun baby and parent/carer 6-week 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.

Development Opportunities

Rural Alive & Well Tas • Free Mental Health First Aid Training • 17-18 April (2-Day Course)

112 Emu Bay Road, Deloraine - Deloraine House
9:00am-4:00pm - 18+ - Maximum of 25 participants. To register your expressions of attendance please contact the RAW office on 6254 1092.

Wanted: Piano Accompanist • Meander Valley Choir

Call Robert Clarke - Choir Director on 0428 600 109, or Bev Stevenson - Secretary on 0418 741 162.

Future planning for community groups

Council offers a free and practical 2-hour session in organisational planning. Does your group have a plan to guide its activities over the next few years? Has it identified what its main direction and priorities are? For information please contact patrick.gambles@mvc.tas.gov.au or 6393 5300 / 0418 507 113.

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/ars6zcrrSCSwllS73>

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 Fundraising page.

Deloraine House activities, groups & services

Please download our April- June Activity Brochure at <https://bit.ly/2TCVzLq>

Meander Valley U3A Class Program & Newsletter

Available at www.mvu3a.org

Get Active in the North 2019

Free booklets listing activity opportunities for older adults are available from Council Offices, Westbury. Check them out at http://www.dpac.tas.gov.au/divisions/csr/sportrec/publications/Get_Active

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.

COTA Embracing the Future • Tasmania's Aging Profile Part I

Details the demographic profile of Tasmania's ageing population, today and into the future. To view the report and fact sheet please visit <https://bit.ly/2OukxeQ> Part II will be released by June 2019.

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.

'A History of the Churches of Westbury District' • Exhibition for Heritage Month

The Westbury & Districts Historical Society are preparing an exhibition for Heritage Month in May. Do you have any photos, memorabilia or information that may be of interest? We would love to hear from you! Please contact Amanda on 610467 097 791 or email westburyhist@bigpond.com.au

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>

Disability Voices Tasmania Survey

We are asking people with a disability and their allies across Tasmania what needs to be done to ensure people with a disability have a strong and collective voice on issues of interest and concern. You can do this by completing the survey at www.disabilityvoicestasmania.org.au. For more information you can also contact Fiona Strahan on 0429 488 151.

Grants & Awards

RACT Community Foundation Grants • Applications now open

Grants of up to \$2 000 available to community organisations

Sport4Everyone Grants • closes 22 April 2019

Sport4Everyone provides grants of up to \$10,000 for projects and activities that will positively impact on female participation, children's activity, leadership, diversity and inclusion. See [Australian Sports Foundation website](#).

Levelling the Playing Field Grants • EOI close 2 May

This program seeks to fund projects that develop or improve functional and inclusive facilities for female sport participants, including change rooms, lockers, toilets, shower facilities and amenities, and safety requirements to support access and use of change rooms and amenities. The program will provide grants of between \$15,000 and \$1 million per project.

Community Heritage Grants 2019 • close 6 May 2019

Community Heritage Grants of up to \$15,000 are available to assist in preserving Australia cultural heritage. Not-for-profit organisations, such as historical societies, regional museums, galleries, public libraries and Indigenous and migrant community groups are encouraged to apply. For more details visit <http://www.nla.gov.au/awards-and-grants/chg>.

Calvary Community Council Grants • close 17 May 2019

Now open! Community organisations can apply for up to \$5,000 for projects that support marginalised & venerable group, children & adolescents, young adults and the elderly. For more information visit <https://www.calvarycare.org.au/lenah-valley-private-hospital-hobart/community-benefit/>

Meander Valley Council Community Grants • Round closes 15 June 2019

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 15 June 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>

Community Resources

Department of Human Services Mobile Road Show • Monday 15 April • 9am-4pm

Westbury Sports Centre car park, Franklin Street

To help people with their services and payments - including new claims for Centrelink, updating information, mobile apps, Medicare, etc. as well as providing information about Department of Veterans Affairs programs and support services. The Westbury RSL will be running a BBQ lunch from 11:30am-1:30pm.

eBooks at Deloraine Library • Deloraine Library • Tuesday 30 April • 9:30am to 10:45am

Did you know that Libraries Tasmania has over 20,000 eBooks in their collection? In this session we will cover how to download the eBook app and how to use it. Please bring along your smartphone or tablet / iPad and your iTunes or play store password. To book and find out what's happening at Westbury and Deloraine Libraries please visit Launceston Library's

Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/o/launceston-library-8084977432>

Conversation Circle • Mondays 2-3pm • Deloraine House, during school term

A cuppa and chat about anything under the sun. All welcome. For info call Anne-Marie 0417 120 671

Story Time

Deloraine Library – Mondays • 10am-10:30am • Westbury Library 1pm-1:30pm during school term

Story time at Westbury Community Health Centre, the next session will be Wednesday 10 April - 10am to 10:45am.

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

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).

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 www.delorainehouse.com.au

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

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
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 ring 6362 4969.

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