

## Council Notices

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### **Mayor Johnston ready for new role**

Newly elected Mayor, Wayne Johnston is more than ready to take on the challenge of Local Government, leading a newly formed Council to represent the constituents of Meander Valley. Whilst undertaking his Declaration of Office early last month, Mayor Johnston acknowledged the work of the previous Council and the commitment made by former Mayor, Craig Perkins.

“Meander Valley has benefited from the dedication shown by Craig. The role of Mayor is a rewarding, but challenging one. To serve for seven years is an outstanding achievement and on behalf of the residents of Meander Valley, we thank you,” Mayor Wayne Johnston said.

A Meander Valley local, Mayor Johnston follows his father into Local Government who was a Councillor for the former Deloraine Municipality. Five of Meander Valley’s nine elected members are new to the role, adding further diversity to the collective group of Council. “Together we will be working hard to advocate for the Meander Valley community, aiming to balance growth with service delivery,” Mayor Johnston said.

The opening of the Westbury Show was the Mayor’s first public engagement, one he describes as “fitting”. “Local shows reflect the rural and regional values of Meander Valley. Behind the scenes, an army of volunteers work hard all year and their contribution has ensured the success and longevity of this event”, Mayor Johnston said.

“Meander Valley is unique and our diversity serves to strengthen our region both economically and socially. The community displays an incredible work ethic and, because of that we have the opportunity to live, work and shop locally. I am humbled to have been elected and I thank everyone for their goodwill and support.

I look forward to serving the community as Mayor and working with you,” Mayor Johnston said.

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### **Track cycling superstars on their way to Westbury**

Westbury’s tranquil streets will be tinged with gold on Boxing Day when superstars of Australian track cycling descend upon the Village Green precinct to kick-off the 2018-19 Fulton Hogan Tasmanian Christmas Sports Carnivals. Gold Coast Commonwealth Games gold medallists Sam Welsford, Kelland O’Brien, Alex Porter and Alexandra Manly will spearhead a top-flight contingent of more than one hundred racing cyclists from across Australia and overseas.

“It’s fabulous that cyclists of such high calibre will be gracing our streets,” Mayor Johnston said. What’s special this year is that everyone will have a chance to experience the race circuit for themselves.

“Prior to the race, Meander Valley Council will be hosting a 30 minute Community Ride. Open to cyclists of all ages, it’s an opportunity for everyone in the family to complete a circuit or two and get a real feel for the course,” Mayor Johnston said.

The Community Ride will start at 3.30pm and participants will be able to register on the day. The 1.3km circuit starts and finishes on Lonsdale Promenade (near the RSL) and encompasses Lyall, William, Dexter and Adelaide Streets.

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## Events

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### **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

### **2018 MV U3A Art exhibition • 8-23 December • 10am–4pm • Deloraine Creative Studios**

Paintings and mosaics created by emerging and returning MU3A artists during 2018

### **Blackstone Park Market Day • Sat 8 December • 9am – 1.30pm**

Entrance off Kelsey Road - for info Facebook 'Blackstone Community News'

### **Carrick Hall Garage Sale • Sat 8 December • 8.30am–4pm**

Bring all your second-hand wares, craft, food, plants, whatever you would like to sell at this garage sale. Anyone who would like to busk is welcome. Table inside hall costs \$10.00 - space outside \$5.00  
Devonshire teas will be on sale by Carrick Guides. Money raised goes towards the upkeep of the Carrick Hall. Ring Sheila for bookings or more info - 6393 7111 or 0428576795

### **Fine Crafts Exhibition • St Andrew's Church, Carrick • 8, 15 & 16 December • 9.30am – 4pm**

Admission \$10 or \$15 for 2 days – all proceeds to Anglican Parish of Quamby Sustainability Fund

### **Traditional Christmas Carols • Carrick Church Grounds • Sun 9 December - 7pm**

### **Westbury Market • Sat 15 December • St Andrews Church • 8.00am – 1.00pm**

### **Westbury Carols • Village Green • Sun 16 December • from 6.30pm**

### **Westbury Cycling Criterium • Community Ride • Weds 26 December**

Community Ride starts at 3.30pm. Open to cyclists of all ages for free criterium circuits. Register with Council prior or on the day from 2.30pm on Westbury Village Green. For more information visit [www.meander.tas.gov.au](http://www.meander.tas.gov.au) or phone Council on 6393 5300. *All participants must be competent bike riders, have a roadworthy bike & wear a helmet.*

### **Festival of Small Halls • Thurs 10 January • tickets now available**

International folk concert at Meander Memorial Hall. Bar and BBQ from 5.30pm, show starts at 7pm. Tickets are limited and subsidised so secure yours as soon as you can. Available now from Council's Westbury office (Tel: 6393 5300) or online at [www.festivalofsmallhalls.com](http://www.festivalofsmallhalls.com). Cost is \$15.00 with under 12 years \$10.00 and children under 5 years free.

### **Great Western Tiers Art Award 2018 • entries now open**

The GWATA is an art exhibition for local artists with works focused on Meander Valley. Its aim is to inspire skills, confidence and friendship through art. Information and entry forms are now available from [www.artlas.org.au](http://www.artlas.org.au)

## Development Opportunities

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### **Pathways to Higher Education • free info session**

Thurs 6 Dec 11am – 1pm Deloraine trade Training Centre

VET courses, short courses, Uni Prep program, Diplomas, Associate Degrees

Refreshments provided. To register go to [www.utas.edu.au/college/pathways](http://www.utas.edu.au/college/pathways)

### **Raw 4 Busking Competition for 16-35 year olds • entries close 9 January 2019**

Audition forms available online at [www.theatrenorth.com.au](http://www.theatrenorth.com.au) or from the Princess Theatre Box Office

### **Young Agricultural Professionals Network (NW)**

New monthly meet up for young people in the sector (u35 years)

Last Weds of the month River Arms, Ulverstone - for 6pm meal

For info call Margot on 0419 200 450

### **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](mailto: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/ars6zcrSCSwllS73>

### **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**

Such a lot on offer – Please download the latest activity brochure [HERE](#)

### **Associate Degree in Agribusiness •Blundstone Scholarship**

Scholarships worth up to \$4,000 per year will be offered to students commencing or continuing study in 2019. These scholarships will support course costs, including those associated with attending a series of hands-on industry workshops that form part of the course. For more information visit [www.utas.edu.au/blundstone-scholarship](http://www.utas.edu.au/blundstone-scholarship)

### **Applications for 2019 Pharmacy Scholarship Scheme • close 25 January 2019**

Students from rural and remote locations who are studying pharmacy or are intending to study pharmacy are invited to apply for the Pharmacy Scholarship Scheme for 2019. Supported by the Australian Government Department of Health, applications for the scholarships are worth up to \$40,000. For info contact the Pharmacy Guild, Tasmanian office: Phone: 03 6220 2955 Email: [guild.tas@guild.org.au](mailto:guild.tas@guild.org.au)

### **MV University of the Third Age (U3A)**

Meander Valley U3A is a self-help learning community for people in retirement or semi-retirement. Term 4 programs and newsletter now available at <http://www.mvu3a.org>

## Grants & Awards

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### **Tasmanian Young Achiever Awards • Nominations close Tuesday 11 December 2018**

Do you know an inspiring young Tasmanian sportsperson who deserves recognition through the Tasmanian Young Achiever Awards? Nominations are now open online.

### **Women's Art Prize Tasmania • entries close 14 December**

The \$15 000 Women's Art Prize Tasmania is now open for entries. Originally established in 2002 as Material Girl, the prize promotes awareness of culture, visual arts, women and gender issues across Tasmania.

### **Meander Valley Council Community Grants • Round closes 15 December**

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](http://www.meander.tas.gov.au) Applications for consideration in the next adjudication round should be lodged by 15 December 2018. For information contact Patrick Gambles on 6393 5334 or [patrick.gambles@mvc.tas.gov.au](mailto:patrick.gambles@mvc.tas.gov.au)

### **Disabled Peoples and Families Organisations • ILC Readiness Grant Round • closes 21 December**

The Australian Government is inviting organisations through an open non-competitive process to apply for the [Disabled Peoples and Families Organisations – ILC Readiness Grant Round 2018-19](#)

### **Tas Community Fund Grant round 38 • various programs • opens 2 February 2019**

This round will include large program (\$100 000 to \$500 000) focused on increasing workforce engagement and general small (\$1 000 to \$20 000) and medium (\$20 001 to \$70 000) components. Changes are happening to guidelines and it's never too early to start planning!

[http://www.tascomfund.org/about\\_our\\_grants/apply\\_for\\_a\\_grant](http://www.tascomfund.org/about_our_grants/apply_for_a_grant)

### **Community Grants**

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

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### **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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://www.suicidecallbackservice.org.au)

### **Meander Valley Gazette**

Your local community newspaper available online at [www.meandervalleygazette.org/](http://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](http://www.mvfm.com.au) or ring 6362 4969.

### **Better Councils Better Communities**

Visit [Better Councils Better Communities](http://www.bettercouncilsbettercommunities.org.au) to see how Councils deliver for communities.

### **National Volunteer Guide launched by Justice Connect**

The guide provides an overview of the key legal obligations organisations have to their volunteers with practical examples and tips. There are checklists, template documents and sample policies. All aimed at helping community groups better manage their relationship with their volunteers.