

## Council Notices

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### **Do you live in Reedy Marsh? Are you bushfire ready?**

Living in an environment that is prone to bushfire prompts us all to develop situational awareness and start planning early for the bushfire season.

It is critical to be able to make choices that reduce the level of risk. Will I stay and defend if there is a fire in my area? Will I leave early? What does it mean to have a defensible property? Am I prepared for the impact of staying and defending? If I leave early, where will I go to and when? Does everyone in my circle of influence know what we have planned and agreed to? What about my pets? Suzette Harrison, Community Development Officer with the Tasmania Fire Service, is currently working with the Reedy Marsh community to assist them to be better prepared should a bushfire result in their area. Residents of the Reedy Marsh area are invited to an information session to explore Bushfire Survival Plans. This will be held at the Rotary Function Centre, Alverston Drive, Deloraine, on Tuesday 29 January from 7pm. Other interested community members are also welcome to attend. For information contact Suzette on 0418 451 954 or [suzette.harrison@fire.tas.gov.au](mailto:suzette.harrison@fire.tas.gov.au)

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### **LEDs to shine a spotlight on Prospect Vale Park**

The sports lighting on the AFL Ground is being upgraded as part of the Prospect Vale Park Development Plan. "Council has worked with the local AFL clubs in order to progress the project which will result in the facility having one of the first match standard LED lit grounds in the state," Mayor Johnston said. Construction is due to commence in January and is expected to be completed by March 2019. LED lights are significantly more energy efficient resulting in less power consumption. They also have a globe life that is three to four times longer than traditional metal halide globes. The LED lights have a dimming function and a reduced light spillage which is advantageous given the proximity of the AFL ground to residential areas. The upgrade of the lights is an important component in the drive to improve the facility, encourage participation and meet the growing demand of the women's AFL competition. Council is funding the project in conjunction with grants sourced by the Junior Prospect Hawks Football Club from the AFL Facility Development Reserve, Sport and Recreation Tasmania and an election commitment from the State Liberal Government.

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### **Westbury cycling criterium a success**

Westbury's tranquil streets bordering the Village Green came alive with cyclists of all ages and abilities on Boxing Day. The green was tinged with gold when the superstars of Australian track cycling descended for the 2018 edition of the Westbury Cycling Criterium, which launched the 2018-19 Tasmanian Christmas Sports Carnivals.

Gold Coast Commonwealth Games gold medallists Sam Welsford, Alex Porter and eventual winner Kelland O'Brien headlined the men's race. While in the women's Alexandra Manly was upstaged by local Perth raised rider Georgia Baker, who was upbeat in praise: "It's always great to be back in Westbury.

The day also had a Masters Criterium and a people's community ride which ensured more than 100 cyclists showcased their talents and the feature events had the largest amount of competitors across all three Criteriums in the series.

Meander Valley Council Mayor Wayne Johnston said he was thrilled that the Carnivals' criterium racing had returned to Westbury after an absence last year: "It's fabulous that cyclists of such high calibre graced our streets on one of Tasmania's most challenging and spectacular criterium courses," he enthused.

The Mayor also launched the 30-minute community ride which kick-started the criterium event. Participants had the opportunity to complete as many laps of the 1.3km circuit as possible and new Councillor Susie Bower led the charge.

Council and Carnival organisers were very pleased with the great atmosphere for families who enjoyed the community ride, free bouncing castle, display of vintage cars and tractors, food and drinks and a piper who introduced each race of the day. Thanks to the Westbury RSL and community volunteers for their support. A review and planning is already underway for 2019.

Mayor Johnston described Westbury's Boxing Day criterium festival as a success and one that is sure to grow in coming years.

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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

### **Movie Magic at Mole Creek • Saturday 5 January**

Big Screen and Big Sound Movies are back at the Mole Creek Memorial Hall, Cnr Pioneer Dr and Caveside Rd, Mole Creek. This month's movie is **Paddington 2 - Rated G** - 5 Star Movie. *ABC Top Movie of 2018*. Vulture - "*Children deserve more movies like Paddington 2, and honestly, so do adults*" Starts at 7pm. **Entry is free**. Bring your own comfy chair or bean bag. BYO drinks and munchies. Popcorn, ice-creams & sweets will be available for purchase on the night. Movie licenced through Village Roadshow Movies. For more info please go to [www.molecreek.net](http://www.molecreek.net) or ph Ken on 0419 242 285.

### **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.

### **Western Tiers Film Society • Sat 12 January**

Blackkkkiansman - Dir. Spike Lee - USA 2018

Biopic/drama/comedy - MA15+ 128mins

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

### **School Summer Holiday Program • 15-31 January • Grades 6-12**

Program details <https://bit.ly/2F8cxgV> - For registration and enquiries contact: Vicki on 0400 155 690

**Circus workshop for kids 6-12 years • 23 & 24 January • 10.00am–3.30pm**

Chudleigh Memorial Hall - \$10.00 per child

Limited places – to book call Liz 0419 278 539 or [zabriskini@gmail.com](mailto:zabriskini@gmail.com)

Supported by Meander Valley Council and Deloraine Community Bank

**Australia Day Celebration • Friday 25 January • from 6pm • Country Club Tasmania**

The annual presentation of Meander Valley Australia Day and Volunteer Awards - with entertainment and refreshments To attend, call Merrilyn on 6393 5317. All welcome

**Australia Day Breakfast • Sat 26 January • Westbury RSL Club**

Serving breakfast from 7.30am to about 10.00am Entry: \$12 per person or \$25 per family

Proceeds to support Research into Motor Neurone Disease

*\*Gluten-free options available*

**Australia Day Breakfast • Sat 26 January • Chudleigh Hall & Gardens**

Serving breakfast from 8.00am to 10.30am Entry: \$15 per person - under 10s free

Complimentary glass of champagne or juice on arrival - For information phone 0407 810 150

**Meander Valley U3A • memberships and class enrolments • Tuesday 29 January**

Westbury Town Hall Supper Room 10.00am – 12.00 noon

Ph 0484 758 466, or email [meandervalleyu3a@gmail.com](mailto:meandervalleyu3a@gmail.com) for class program

<http://www.mvu3a.org>

**Great Western Tiers Art Award 2018 • entries close 1 Feb**

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)

**Meander Valley Skating Club • Inaugural Meeting • Friday 8 February**

Meander Valley Performing Arts Centre Stadium, Deloraine - 6pm to 7.30pm

If you would like to register your interest in being part of a new club for general skating and/or inline hockey and receive more information please contact Peter on 0409 234 061 or [patasaust@gmail.com](mailto:patasaust@gmail.com)

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Development Opportunities

**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

**Looking for casual work doing something you love? • recruitment 17 & 18 January**

The YMCA is recruiting staff and volunteers to deliver 'skating' sports competitions and coaching clinics throughout Tasmania. If you are passionate about Skateboarding, Freestyle BMX or Scooter riding, this is the ideal opportunity for you to have a positive impact in your community. All applicants must have a current working with children's check and be available to attend our induction and recruitment sessions on 17 and 18 January. For info call Alice on 0430 409 105

## **Wildcare**

Wildcare Tasmania is a powerhouse team of volunteers and donors supporting the care and conservation of Tasmania's wild places, wildlife and cultural heritage. Wildcare has over 7,000 members and 90 Branches located all around the State. To join visit <https://wildcaretas.org.au/>

## **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/ars6zccrSCSwllS73>

## **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 our latest activity brochure <https://bit.ly/2SCfSZy>

## **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)

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## **Grants & Awards**

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### **Meander Valley Council Community Grants • Round closes 15 March 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](http://www.meander.tas.gov.au) Applications for consideration in the next adjudication round should be lodged by 15 March 2019. For information contact Patrick Gambles on 6393 5334 or [patrick.gambles@mvc.tas.gov.au](mailto:patrick.gambles@mvc.tas.gov.au)

### **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)

**‘Highways and Byways’ 2019 Small Grants • close 14 February**

Available to community groups and not-for-profit organisations for initiatives which benefit women and girls across the generations- Details available at <https://bit.ly/2QPW8UD>

**2019 Tasmanian Volunteering Awards • nominations open until 10 March**

The Tasmanian Volunteering Awards program officially recognises the amazing variety and number of volunteers we have. Do take the opportunity to nominate someone who has made a real difference through their volunteering activities. There are eleven Award categories. All details <https://bit.ly/2UelxVY>

**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>

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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](#) 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.