

Council Notices

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**Community Forum at Carrick • Thurs 13 June • from 7pm**

Council holds quarterly forums throughout the year in different townships to discuss local achievements and community matters with residents. Councillors and Council officers attend and all interested community members are welcome. The second Forum of 2019 will be held at Carrick Community Hall and will focus on the community of Carrick and surrounding area. Refreshments are provided, please come along and share your thoughts.

**Autumn Gold • Council offices, Westbury • in business hours**

A new art exhibition is available for viewing in Council's Reception area over May /June. 'Autumn Gold' features the work of Launceston Art Society members. The Society is a regional body with many members resident within Meander Valley.

**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 5334 / 0418 507 113.

**Meander Valley Council prioritises affordable housing & urban growth**

Council has developed a master plan for an urban growth area located at Hadspen in partnership with private landowners. This is in response to the demand for affordable housing in the north of the State. The rezoning approval of around 200 hectares for residential growth creates the opportunity for construction of up to 1,100 new homes, shops, parks, walking tracks and possibly a primary school.

"This project demonstrates Meander Valley Council's commitment to future development and our desire to lead the way in supporting sustainable growth," Mayor Wayne Johnston said.

Meander Valley Council is now focused on securing the funds to build the critical infrastructure to service the development. The preliminary design and cost estimates have already been completed for the essential infrastructure required to service the development, making this an attractive investment for government and the private sector.

"A sewerage treatment plant upgrade is some of the infrastructure that is essential in order to progress this development and Council has identified this as one of the priority projects," Mayor Johnston said.

Council is seeking 50 percent of the funding for the plant from the State or Federal Government, with an option for the balance of the construction costs to be borne by Council and recouped through the staged development process.

"We will see population in this area double over the next 20-30 years. New residents will be attracted to the open space, livability and the easy commute to town centres. Council is excited to play such a strategic role in residential development," Mayor Johnston said.

Development of the area is already underway with the first 33 lot subdivision approved at the Council Meeting held in May.

### **Footpath construction works underway at Blackstone Heights**

Work involving the construction of approximately 1.6km of concrete pathway is underway at Blackstone Heights.

Council approved the construction of a new stage of footpath work along Blackstone Road from the intersection of Panorama Road to the intersection of Kelsey Road at its meeting in February. The work follows on from the footpaths constructed along Pitcher Parade and Panorama Road.

Temporary bus stops and traffic diversions are currently in place to ensure work can be undertaken safely. Greater pedestrian connectivity forms part of the Prospect Vale Blackstone Heights Structure Plan which was developed with input from the community. Council Officers have worked with the contractor, Crossroads Civil Contracting to set the construction program. Efforts have been made to keep disruptions to a minimum and Council thanks residents for their patience while work is in progress.

### **Driving essential service**

Travelling over 1,800km a week, the Deloraine Community Car is certainly well utilised. Last month, driver Thomas McMullin was in pole position to take a brand new Community Car on it's first trip. Mr McMullin has been volunteering as a driver for five years and is one of 14 volunteers that provide regular or fill-in support.

"The community car provides a vital service, transporting over 1200 passengers a year," Mayor Wayne Johnston said.

Without the service, many passengers would find it difficult to make it to their medical appointments. The Community Car drivers also provide assistance by transporting medical items.

If you require transport, the Community Cars operate from Deloraine and Westbury and whilst the cars are available for travel at any time, bookings are taken between 9am - 5pm Monday to Friday. To book the Deloraine Community Car phone 0427 505 546. To book the Westbury Community Car phone 6393 5300 or 6393 2717. If phoning outside these hours, please leave a message and a coordinator will return your call.

### Events

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

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

#### **Winter Fire 2019 • Sat 22 June • from 4pm • Deloraine Showgrounds**

A community celebration of all things Winter. Join us for a family-friendly night of great food, dancing entertainment, and warming yourself by the bonfire. Adults \$10, children under 16 are free. Tickets can be purchased on the night at the gate or pre-purchased at [www.trybooking.com/BCLEH](http://www.trybooking.com/BCLEH)

#### **Festival of Voices • 28 June – 14 July**

FoV is Tasmania's original marquee winter event. It is Australia's premiere celebration of the voice. <https://festivalofvoices.com/>

#### **NAIDOC Celebration • Weds 10 July • Deloraine Cenotaph & Riverbank • 11am -1pm**

**Western Tiers Film Society • Sat 13 July • The Guilty**

*Dir. Gustav Moller - Denmark 201 8 Drama/thriller/crime M 88m*

Films are screened at the Little Theatre Cinema, Deloraine on the second Saturday of each month at 7:30 p.m. sharp. Fees: \$60 p.a. (includes 2 guest passes), \$30 for six months. Memberships are available throughout the year on a pro-rata basis. Enquiries to: 0418 389 868 or [westerntiersfilmsociety@gmail.com](mailto:westerntiersfilmsociety@gmail.com)

**National Tree Day • Sun 28 July 2019**

National Tree Day is Australia's largest community tree planting and nature protection event. It is a call to action for all Australians to put their hands in the earth. It's a day to venture outdoors and get to know your community, and most importantly, to have fun! <https://treeday.planetark.org/>

**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](mailto: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](mailto:florida.rickard@bigpond.com)  
Wendy Kilroy: 0413 437 720 / [wendykilroy61@gmail.com](mailto:wendykilroy61@gmail.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

Development Opportunities

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**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.

**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](mailto:info@artsdeloraine.com) for information.

**Hadspen Neighbourhood Watch • 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

**FREE Suicide Prevention Training • Sat 8 June • Westbury Community Health Centre • 9am-4.30pm**

The training is designed to provide individuals and organisations with essential skills and resources required to identify and respond to a person at risk of suicide as well as supporting the person at risk to access appropriate services. RSVP on 6362 2678 or [info@delorainehouse.com.au](mailto:info@delorainehouse.com.au)

**FREE forum for sporting clubs and associations • Tues 18 June • 6pm-9pm • Silverdome**

This event is a must for committee members, treasurers and fundraising coordinators at all levels of sport. Key note presenters will provide easy to understand information and tools to enhance fundraising and financial management at your club. Register [here](#). For further information call 1800 252 476

**Free mental health workshop • Tues 18 June • 5.30pm–6.30pm • City Mission, 46 Frederick St LTN  
Focused on mature workers 55years+**

Join local presenter Penny Terry in conversation with industry professionals and clinicians to discuss the impacts mental ill-health can have on the workplace and learn what support is available for employees and employers; and how to navigate the complex system.

Bookings essential - contact [hayden.fox@healthytasmania.com.au](mailto:hayden.fox@healthytasmania.com.au).

**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 Phone: 0491 445 552

**Baby Play • Tuesdays 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.

**Laughter Yoga • Wednesdays at 9.00am**

Deloraine House, 122 Emu Bay Road, Deloraine

A free weekly session 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 information contact 0477 772 739

**Deloraine House activities, groups & services**

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

**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 & Newsletter**

Available at [www.mvu3a.org](http://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 • 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## Grants & Awards

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### **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](http://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](mailto:patrick.gambles@mvc.tas.gov.au)

### **Tasmanian Community Fund • closes 13 July**

The round will include three streams – small general grants from \$1,000 to \$20,000; medium general grants from \$20,001 to \$70,000; and large grants focused on infrastructure, equipment and assets from \$100,000 to \$300,000. 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).

### **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>

### **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](#)

## Community Resources

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### **The National Public Toilet Map**

Know exactly where to go! [www.toiletmap.gov.au](http://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](http://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

### **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

### **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](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 call 6362 4969.

### **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](http://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 Fundraising page.