

Council Notices

Westbury Recreation Ground Clubroom upgrade progresses to tender

Council has advertised its Request for Tender for the construction of a new function room and alterations to the existing club rooms at the Westbury Recreation Ground. Tenders closed on Thursday 14 February and an assessment panel is now reviewing the tenders received. The commencement of work on the site is subject to Council's decision to award the construction contract to the recommended tenderer at its meeting in March.

"There is a possibility that work onsite could commence as early as April, but this time frame is subject to negotiations with the preferred tenderer," Mayor Wayne Johnston said.

The project has attracted funding from the Tasmanian State Government and the Commonwealth through the Community Development Grants Programme.

Pedestrian connectivity underway at Blackstone Heights

Council approved the construction of a new stage of footpath work in Blackstone Heights at its meeting in February. The work will follow on from the recently constructed footpath along Pitcher Parade and Panorama Road. The new stage will involve the construction of approximately 1.6km of concrete pathway along Blackstone Road from the intersection of Panorama Road to the intersection of Kelsey Road. In approving the work, Council has committed to following through on the implementation of recommendations contained in the Prospect Vale Blackstone Heights Structure Plan.

This plan was developed with input from community consultation sessions held in 2014 that identified the need to improve pathways for pedestrians in the area. The contract for the work has been awarded to Crossroads Civil Contracting and Council Officers will work with the contractor over coming weeks to set the construction program. Residents along Blackstone Road will be notified of the proposed start date.

There will be some disruption to traffic flow along Blackstone Road during construction to ensure work can be undertaken safely. Any disruptions will be kept to a minimum and Council thanks residents for their patience whilst work is completed.

New Council focused on Meander Valley at Community Cabinet

Meander Valley Councillors discussed all things local with Premier Will Hodgman last month at a social event at Fitzpatrick's Inn. "Council took the opportunity to network and participate in discussion about Meander Valley's local achievements and the challenges faced by rural communities," Mayor Wayne Johnston said. The event took place ahead of the Community Cabinet meeting that was held at the Rotary Function Centre in Deloraine on 12 February.

Moving ahead with bridge replacements

Council has recently tendered and awarded the contract for the design and construction of three new bridges in the western part of the municipality. The bridges are located on Barbers Road, Meander (Leiths Creek), Walters Road, Mole Creek (Limestone Creek) and Botts Road, Caveside (Ritchies Creek). These three bridges are the last of eleven bridge projects to be completed as part of Council's capital works program this financial year. The contract was awarded to TasSpan Pty. Ltd. and works are expected to commence in mid-to-late April. Council will advise the public of temporary detours or construction site bypass arrangements closer to the commencement of construction.

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

Movie Magic at Mole Creek • Saturday Night 2 March • starts at 7pm

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 Bohemian Rhapsody - Rated M - The only thing more extraordinary than their music is his story. Golden Globe Award for Best Picture 2018 & Best Actor Nominated for 2019 Oscars for Best Picture & Actor. Entry cost is \$5 single or max \$20 for a family. 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. Movie proudly sponsored by Tim & Allison from Stihl Shop Deloraine. Each Adult/Family will go into a raffle (drawn on the night) to win a Stihl BGA-45 portable blower valued at \$179

For more info, please go to www.molecreek.net or ph Ken on 0419 242 285. Upcoming in April is Mary Poppins Returns, and A Star is Born in May.

Ten Days on the Island • An exclusive Festival briefing with Lindy Hume • Saturday 2 March

Cycles Café, 19 Emu Bay Road Deloraine - 2:30pm

Join Lindy Hume (Artistic Director) for an exclusive behind the scenes glimpse of Tasmania's 2019 Arts Festival. This event is free, but please register your attendance by emailing kylie.rogerson@tendays.org.au

Western Tiers Film Society • Saturday 9 March

Rosalie Blum - Dir. Julien Rappeneau - France 2016

Comedy/romance - M 96m

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

Great Western Tiers Art Award 2018 • Free exhibition open 2-31 March

GWATA is an art exhibition for local artists of all persuasions with works focused on Meander Valley. Its aim is to inspire skills, confidence and friendship through art – encouraging new and experienced exhibitors alike. GWATA was established last year through a partnership between Meander Valley Council and Launceston Art Society and attracts around 30 entries. Its theme for 2019 is 'out of the blue'. A GWATA exhibition will run throughout March 2019 at the Deloraine Creative Studios. GWATA is kindly supported by Great Western Tiers Tourism Association and Deloraine & Districts Community Bank.

Westbury Ball at Selbourne • Saturday 16 March • 8:00pm (Doors open at 7:30pm)

Selbourne Hall - \$10 entry

Belle, Matron, After-Five and Junior Belle. Déjà vu. Good supper. For more information call 6393 1188.

Westbury St Patrick's Festival • Saturday 16 March • 10am-4pm

The Village Green, Westbury - Entry by donation

Come and celebrate Westbury's Irish heritage with traditional folk music, food, crafts, plenty of activities for the children and more. For more information please contact Amanda on 0467 097 791 or

westburyspf@gmail.com

St Patrick's Day Community Service • Sunday 17 March • Holy Trinity Church • from 2pm

A celebration of Westbury's unique links with Ireland through music, song and recital. Afternoon tea to follow –all welcome. An initiative of the combined churches of Westbury

Tasmanian Garlic & Tomato Festival • Sunday 17 March • 338 Four Springs Road, Selbourne

Tastings, produce, guest speakers, competitions and more, a great day out for all the family in the glorious Tasmanian countryside. Adults \$10 - Children under 16 free - DOG FRIENDLY EVENT. Stalls open 10am

Community Forum for Elizabeth Town and Parkham • Tuesday 19 March

Throughout the year, Council will hold quarterly forums in different townships to discuss local achievements and community matters with residents. These gatherings are intended to be an informal sharing of information to raise awareness and to generate practical outcomes. Councillors and Council officers attend and all interested community members are welcome. The first Forum for 2019 will be held at Parkham Community Hall, commencing 7.00pm. It will focus on the communities of Elizabeth Town, Parkham and surrounds. Refreshments are provided, please come along and share your thoughts.

MVC Stepping Stones Leadership Camp • Hagley Farm School • Friday 22-Sunday 24 March

18-25 year olds - 7:00pm Friday 22 to 4:30pm Sunday 24 - \$85 per person

Face new challenges, build relationships and develop leadership skills, and have lots of fun! Fully supervised by Meander Valley Council staff & volunteers. For registrations and enquiries contact Vicki Jordan on 0400 155 690.

Arts Deloraine presents Crescendo Choir • Sunday 24 March • 2pm-4pm

Gallery 9 - West Barrack Street, Deloraine

Relax and settle in for a fabulous afternoon's entertainment celebrating the life of Gustav Weindorfer, one of the pioneers of Cradle Mountain. Tickets available at The Alpaca Shoppe, Deloraine or online at

www.trybooking.com/BAADS

A Little Bit of 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.

Development Opportunities

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

The Birds and the Bees • Photographs by Sarah Lloyd • 12 February-31 March

Birds and insects of Meander Valley. On display at Meander Valley Council office, 26 Lyall Street Westbury
Viewing is free and available during business hours.

Business Connect Event • Tuesday 5 March • 5:15pm-7:30pm

Tailrace Centre, 1 Waterfront Drive, Riverside

Come along and meet the people delivering Government programs that might help your business. For more information and RSVPs, contact Leaha.Dent@industry.gov.au

Free CORES Meander Valley Suicide Prevention Training • Sat 30 March

Westbury Community Health Centre - 9am to 4:30pm

Training designed to provide the essential skills and resources required to identify and respond to a person at risk of suicide. For more information and to register contact 6362 2678 or info@delorainehouse.com.au

Sign up now for the World's Greatest Shave • March 13-17

Join in and help the 35 Australians diagnosed every day with leukaemia, lymphoma or myeloma. You'll be supporting families living with a blood cancer and funding research to help more people survive. Sign up today at www.worldsgreatestshave.com

Free Mindfulness Workshop • 3 x Sundays (3 & 24 March - 14 April)

Deloraine Community House - 10am to 4pm

Come and learn practical strategies for managing difficult feelings, thoughts and situations in a relaxed environment. For more information contact 0488 064 228 or go to www.mindfulnessaus.com.au

Meander Valley U3A Class Program & Newsletter

Available at www.mvu3a.org

Get Active in the North 2019

Free booklets available for U3A members. Check them out at

[http://www.dpac.tas.gov.au/divisions/csr/sportrec/publications/Get Active](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 www.cotatas.org.au/programs-events/embracing-the-future/tasmanias-ageing-profile-part-i/. Part II will be released by June 2019.

Grants & Awards

Tas Community Fund Grant round 38 • various programs • open until early March

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.

http://www.tascomfund.org/about_our_grants/apply_for_a_grant

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>

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 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

Hydro Tasmania Community Grant Program • Closing date 31 March

Grants up to \$5000 for a non-for-profit community based organisation to help fund projects that make a real difference to people and communities. For more information visit

<https://www.hydro.com.au/community/community-grants>

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

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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