

Council Notices

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**Grants Information Session • Weds 22 May • Council Chambers, Westbury - 7pm-8.15pm**

Interested applicants for Council Community Grants are warmly invited to this information session. It will be an opportunity to discuss project ideas and learn about what makes a good application. First-time applicants are particularly encouraged to attend. Please register by calling 6393 5300.

**Westbury set to bloom this spring!**

Westbury will be filled with colour this spring with over 3000 bulbs being planted out in May. In collaboration with Council, the Westbury Garden Club has driven the project which will see bulbs planted at the base of over 200 street trees and on the eastern bank of the entrance to the township. President of the Westbury Garden Club Heather Clarke said, "We are thrilled that Council has embraced the initiative. Their support and involvement has ensured the project can be delivered with greater scope and will have a huge impact."

The bulbs will complement Council's street tree plantings, further enhancing Westbury's aesthetic appeal. The Westbury Garden Club received a \$3,000 grant from Council towards the project, as well as in-kind support from Council's Works Department.

In addition to grant funding, the Westbury Garden Club has contributed \$1,000 for the purchase of bulbs, and many more have come from community donations. "This is a great example of what can be achieved when we all work together. On behalf of the Westbury Garden Club, I would like to thank Council, Club members and the community for their generous donations and offers of help," Heather Clarke said.

The bulbs will continue to grow and the annual floral display will be appreciated for generations to come. If you wish to donate bulbs or lend a hand, drop into Fitzpatrick's Inn or phone Pam on 6393 1153.

**Walking track upgrade is all about the journey!**

With recent track upgrades complete, the walk to Meander Falls is all about the journey. Located in the heart of the Great Western Tiers World Heritage Area, the Falls are one of the tallest in Tasmania with water cascading over two tiers from a staggering height of 130m.

The walk to Meander Falls commences at the Meander Forest Reserve and the 10 kilometre round trip is listed as one of Tasmania's 60 Great Short Walks. "There have been vast improvements made to sections of the walking track enabling greater accessibility," Mayor Wayne Johnston said.

Work undertaken at a number of sites along the track includes levelling of the walking surface, realignment and benching of banks in flood-prone areas, the construction of steps on steep inclines and the clearing of dead and intrusive vegetation.

Fully funded by the Australian Government's Community Development Grants Programme, the project contributes positively to the positioning of Meander Valley as one of the premier short walk destinations in Tasmania. "These practical improvements further the objectives of the Great Western Tiers Tourism Association and Tourism Northern Tasmania in establishing Meander Valley as the place to go to experience World Heritage listed wilderness that is within close proximity to major town centres," Mayor Wayne Johnston said.

The Australian Government's Community Development Grant of \$150,000 fully funded the project and supported three jobs during construction. The upgrade is expected to generate increased trade and job opportunities for local tourism and hospitality businesses.

### **Community Complex cements itself as a major event centre**

It's not just sporting clubs who are enjoying the Deloraine Community Complex, event organisers are also benefitting from all the facility has to offer.

The Complex was recently the venue of choice for the National Square Dance Convention, comfortably catering for over 600 national and international delegates. "The Deloraine Community Complex is a multi-faceted facility that can be used for a huge array of events and conferences," Mayor Wayne Johnston said.

Centrally located with ample parking for vehicles and buses, the centre is the largest and most flexible meeting venue in Meander Valley.

At over 2,100 square metres, there is a heated auditorium and meeting room, a commercial kitchen and dual stadium space. A good selection of AV equipment is also available for hire including projectors, screens, microphones, sound systems, a stage, lighting and more.

With reasonable rates, it is an ideal venue for weddings, corporate events, training days and trade shows. Available for hire seven days a week, experienced Council staff are on hand to help with bookings, site inspections and catering arrangements. For more information phone 6393 5300.

### **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.

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## Events

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### **Rod Quantock • ONE NIGHT ONLY! • Sat 4 May • Little Theatre, Deloraine**

Arguably Australia's best political comedian - doors open 6,30pm, show begins at 7pm. Tickets \$25 available from Seppenfelts <http://www.quantock.com.au/>

### **Movie Magic at Mole Creek • Saturday 4th May • 7.00pm**

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 *A Star is Born* - Rated M - starring Bradley Cooper and Lady Gaga "With appealing leads, deft direction, and an affecting love story, *A Star Is Born* is a remake done right - and a reminder that some stories can be just as effective in the retelling". 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 Teena Blair. For more info, please go to [www.molecreek.net](http://www.molecreek.net) or phone Ken on 0419 242 285

### **BOFA Breath of fresh Air Film Festival • Launceston • Thursday 16 - Sun 19 May**

<https://breath-of-fresh-air.com.au/>

### **The History of Churches in the Westbury District • Sat 18 May • 10am-3pm • Westbury RSL**

May is Heritage Month with the theme "This Place Matters". As a part of this, the Westbury and Districts Historical Society is hosting the above exhibition. Please come along to find out interesting facts about the many churches in the district, both past and present. There will be photos and memorabilia and we would love to hear your stories - entry by donation. For further information, contact Amanda on 0417 097 791.

**National Volunteers Morning Tea • Thursday 23 May • 10.30am-12.00pm**

112 Emu Bay Road, Deloraine - Deloraine House

As a part of National Volunteer Week, Deloraine House is hosting a morning tea for all volunteers! Please RSVP by Monday 17 May with numbers so catering can be organised. Email [info@delorainehouse.com.au](mailto:info@delorainehouse.com.au)

**High Tea Fundraiser • Anglican Parish of Quamby • Saturday 25 May**

You are warmly invited to a High Tea with a touch of history at the Fitzpatrick's Inn, Westbury. Cost \$25, including a drink on arrival, lucky door ticket and a delicious afternoon tea. All funds raised go to the Anglican Parish of Quamby sustainability fund, vital to keeping our churches open. All welcome - tickets and enquiries to Wendy Kilroy on 0413 437 720.

**Market and Car Boot Sale • Sat 25 May • Parkham Hall, 9 Bradys Plain Road, Parkham • 9 am–2pm**

Devonshire tea, sausage sizzles and soft drinks will be on sale and raffle prizes to win. Bring along all those bits and pieces of bric-a-brac and take home some new treasures. Stall holders are invited @ \$5/car or \$10/table. For info & stall bookings phone Kaylene on 0499 554 316. Facebook page: Parkham Community Inc. All proceeds to aid Hall building fund.

**Deloraine Lions Club • An Evening of Cheese, Wine, Supper & Swing • Saturday 1 June**

Deloraine Community Club - 33 Parsonage Street, Deloraine

7:00pm until late - Tickets available from the Alpaca Shop, or Call Sue on 0427 357 735.

**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)

**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.

Development Opportunities

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**Preserving Your Harvest • six sessions • starts Weds 8 May • 9am-10.30am**

**• Deloraine House • \$5 per session**

Ever wondered what to do with those extra fruit on your trees and those tomatoes you grew? Learn the theory and practice of all things preserving. Find out how easy it is to keep food safely with simple and cheap methods and not waste our produce. For information contact Dinah on 0417292622

[westburyhealth@gmail.com](mailto:westburyhealth@gmail.com)

**FREE Suicide Prevention Training for Mental Health Carers • Weds 15 May • Deloraine House**

**• 9am-1pm** This training is fully funded for friends, families and carers (in an unpaid role) of a person with mental ill health who is developing a mental illness or experiencing a mental health crisis. All enquiries and bookings to 6228 7448 or [admin@mentalhealthcarerstas.org.au](mailto:admin@mentalhealthcarerstas.org.au) Registration closes 9 May

**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.

**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)

**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

**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/>

**Launch of Commissioner for Children and Young Ambassador Program 2019**

The CCYP Ambassador program will provide more children and young people with an opportunity to have their voices heard about matters that are important to them, and on how things can be improved for children and young people in Tasmania. CCYP Ambassadors will be provided with opportunities to come together to discuss key issues and to influence decision-makers. The information pack and electronic application form are now available on the CCYP website at: <https://www.childcomm.tas.gov.au/ccyp-ambassador-program/>

**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/ars6zcurrSCSwllS73>

**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](http://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](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.

### **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.

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#### Grants & Awards

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### **RACT Community Foundation Grants • Applications now open**

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

### **Heywire's Youth Innovation Grants • applications close 14 May**

Grants of up to \$10,000 are available from the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR) to help improve regional Australia for young people. The Youth Innovation Grants are an opportunity for not-for-profit community-based organisations in rural, regional and remote Australia to adopt and act on one of the seven innovative Heywire project ideas. The communities selected to pilot the programs will implement their projects in the next 12 months from September 2019.

### **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](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)

### **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

### **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**

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.