

Council Notices

There's something in the air at Bracknell

If you were in the vicinity of Bracknell Primary School last month, you may have noticed something in the air! As part of an awareness campaign for World Environmental Health Day, students attended an 'Only Share Healthy Air' event which focused on backyard burning and smoke emitted from wood heaters. Coordinated by Council with help from the Environment Protection Authority and the Bracknell Rural Fire Service, the event included a practical demonstration of correct burn-off procedures and a fire truck tour. Students learned about particles in the air and the adverse affects they can have on our health.

"It's important that only dry, seasoned wood is burnt in your wood heater, as smoke can contain toxic particles." Council's Environmental Health Officer, Durga Gopala-Krishnan said. The same applies to backyard burning. Burning off green waste, treated materials, rubber and household rubbish can be toxic for you and your neighbours.

"Backyard burning is only permitted on certain block sizes and must comply with a number of regulations, including some put in place by the Tasmanian Fire Service. If you are unsure of the regulations and how they apply where you live, contact Council before you decide to burn anything in your backyard," Durga advised.

As a general guide, only unpainted, untreated wood, dry vegetation, paper, pellet fuel, charcoal, coal and peat should be burned in a controlled backyard burn. Residents are reminded that in addition to Council regulations, the Tasmanian Fire Service may have further restrictions in place as we head towards summer. Prevailing weather conditions, wind speed and direction are also mitigating factors as smoke drift may affect your neighbours. For more information see Council's website or visit www.epa.tas.gov.au Information on current fire ban alerts and permit advice can be found by visiting www.fire.tas.gov.au

Council committed to Westbury Recreation Ground upgrade

Meander Valley Council has committed up to \$5m for the development of a new community facility at the Westbury Recreation Ground. Work will commence on the development of concept designs presented by a number of Councillors at the September meeting. "It is envisaged that the upgrade will incorporate multi-purpose and shared use spaces that will accommodate the needs of a variety of sporting club users, spectators and community groups," Mayor Craig Perkins said. The focus at this stage will be to refine the design which includes a sports pavilion, change rooms and a function centre - a process that Council will undertake in-house as much as possible. "The Recreation Ground has been an integral part of Westbury since its acquisition in 1884 and any capital works undertaken will aim to enhance this historic, recreational site," Mayor Craig Perkins said.

Proactive approach to sport and recreation

After a lengthy consultation period, Council recently completed a review of its Recreation Facilities Pricing Policy. The policy seeks to ensure that the community has equitable access to sustainable facilities that provide a range of recreational, cultural and educational opportunities.

The review identified that a need to access venues for women's sport is a nationally growing trend. This has led to a higher demand, particularly during peak times. "Council understands the importance of providing a variety of access options for both men and women's sporting teams and concessions have been introduced to support this aim," Mayor Craig Perkins said. Council was also aware of the need to remain consistent with pricing schedules to ensure that active participation in sport is encouraged. "Junior sporting clubs promote lifelong healthy exercise habits, team building, self-confidence and participation. They are the foundation of the future success of sporting clubs throughout Meander Valley and are often run exclusively by volunteers.

We have recognised the health and wellbeing benefits these clubs provide and want these to continue to grow," Mayor Craig Perkins said. Policy changes include an increase in the concession for junior participation and a general reduction in the facility usage charge across the municipality which brings it in line with other municipal areas across the State.

The review was adopted at Council's August meeting.

Hard Waste Collection - register by 8 November

The annual Hard Waste Collection Service offers residents an opportunity to dispose of a range of items that cannot be collected via the regular kerbside service. Residents are reminded that they must register in order to receive the Hard Waste Collection Service. You can register online by visiting Council's website at www.meander.tas.gov.au or by phoning Council on 6393 5300. Residents can also register for assistance if required.

Events

Gypsy Circle Dance • Entally House • 6 October

No partners or experience necessary. Come have a dance to the fabulous Circle Dance Band music and be led by the lovely Linda and Maggie to simple circle dances from around the world. Be prepared for a laugh as well! St Marks Hall, Deloraine from 7pm - 8.30pm. Families \$5, singles, \$2.

Meander Valley Health & Wellbeing Website Launch • Deloraine House • 9 October

Enjoy afternoon tea and a talk from guest speaker Allan Johnson from Wellways after Deputy Mayor Michael Kelly officially launches this new website. For more information phone 6362 2678

A Spring Fashion Show • Rotary Pavillion • 14 October

An initiative of the Rotary Club of Deloraine in support of school girls in Nepal - a very worthy cause and a great day out. Tickets can be purchased (\$15 adults, \$5 students) from Seppenfelts, B'Tahchee Fashion or at the door on the day. 2pm - 5pm, raffle and afternoon tea provided.

Fish Feast • Lions Club of Westbury • 14 October

This annual event is held at Quercus Rural Youth Park from 7pm. Cost is \$35 per person for fish, chips, salad bar and desserts. The night will feature a tribute to Adrian Geard who tragically lost his life earlier this year. Proceeds from the night will go to St Giles - one of Adrian's favourite charities. RSVP by 29 September by phoning 0409 936 234 or 6393 6237.

Tasmania's only Creative Ageing Festival • 16-22 October

Showcasing innovative arts and health programs for older adults living in the community. Know someone who's a bit isolated? Encourage them to participate in the wide variety of events on offer and reconnect with their community. Programs can be obtained at the Meander Valley Life office or downloaded from the Deloraine House website. For more information phone 0409 891 118.

Festival of One Act Plays • Little Theatre • 20 - 21 October

Presented by the Deloraine Dramatic Society. A variety of up to 14 performances over two days, followed by supper. For more information phone 0409 568 291.

Westbury Maypole Festival • Village Green • 21 October

Live music, jumping castle, games, school history display, cake stall, sausage sizzle and more! Presented by the Westbury Primary School. 9am - 2pm, entry is free.

Bracknell Primary School Fair • Bracknell Primary • 28 October

Rides, games, entertainment, face painting, food and craft stalls, giveaways and a major holiday raffle! Free entry. 10.30am - 2.30pm, 53 Jane Street Bracknell. All welcome!

Commemorating the Battle of Beersheba Centenary • Westbury • 31 October

Graveside commemorations from 11am for the Westbury District 3rd Light Horsemen buried in the Westbury Anglican Cemetery. A free courtesy bus will depart from the Westbury RLS at 10.45am. Commemorative service from 12.30pm at the Westbury Cenotaph featuring the unveiling of the Light Horse silhouette. Light lunch to follow in the Westbury RSL clubrooms from 1pm. All are welcome.

Tasmanian Craft Fair • Deloraine • 3-6 November

An amazing array of talented artists and craftspeople exhibit and demonstrate their work. Visit www.tascraftfair.com.au for more information.

Pearns Steam Spectacular • Westbury • 4-6 November

This year a rare Ford will feature as we celebrate 100 years of manufacturing by Henry Ford. Gates open at 9am, tickets are \$10 adults, \$5 for children and includes free train rides for all!

Westbury Agricultural Show • 11 November

One of Tasmania's oldest country shows, featuring horse events, cattle showing and pet lamb competitions! Visit www.westburyshow.com.au for updates and information ahead of the event.

Gardenfest • Entally House • 11-12 November

Two days of flowers, food and festivities! Gates open from 10am. Visit www.entally.com.au/gardenfest for more information.

Development Opportunities

Stepping Stones Leadership Camps • Meander Valley Council • October/November

If you are interested in learning new skills, facing new challenges, building new friendships and having lots of fun, then a Stepping Stones Camp is for you. Coordinated by Meander Valley Council, camps are drug and alcohol free and fully supervised by Council staff and volunteers. Only 20 places available in each age group so book early.

9-11 October (Grades 6-8), 24-27 November (18-25yrs)

To register or for more information please contact Vicki Jordan on 0400 155 690 or email vicki.jordan@mvc.tas.gov.au

Drugs Don't Discriminate - Community Forum • 19 October

A community forum for young people, parents, youth workers and interested community members. Presentations by Glen Munso and health and police representatives. 7pm-9pm, Western Tiers Community Club, 33A Parsonage Street, Deloraine. Entry is \$5, refreshments are provided. For more information contact Patrick Gambles on 6393 5334.

Worksafe Tasmania Month • October

Don't leave it to someone else. October is all about health, safety and wellbeing, with a huge range of informative events being held across the state. Engage with industry leaders, strengthen your knowledge and increase your health, safety and wellbeing skills. Visit www.worksafe.tas.gov.au

Deloraine Library Seeking Volunteer Courier

Deloraine Library is looking for a volunteer courier to work with the Home Library Service. Volunteers must have a working with vulnerable people card to fill this position. For more information phone 0417 120 671

Hadspen Playgroup • Tuesdays

Join us for play, learning and lots of fun! Uniting Church Community Centre, Cr Claire and Main Streets in Hadspen. Tuesdays from 10am - 12pm during school terms. \$3.50 per week, per family. For more information phone 0423 939 304

Internet Broadband for Seniors

Personal tuition from a friendly volunteer is available. Learn how to use your computer for the internet and email. Bookings essential. Phone Deloraine House 6362 2678

Tai Chi & Qigong

Learn to relax and improve your health. Suitable for all ages. Beginner and intermediate classes. Thursdays from 9am at Deloraine House. To book phone 0409 477 828

U3A • Term 4

The U3A term 4 newsletter is available to download at www.mvu3a.org

Grant & Award Opportunities

Tasmanian Young Achiever Awards • Nominations now open

The Tasmanian Young Achiever Awards aim to acknowledge, encourage and most importantly promote the positive achievements of all young people up to and including 29 years of age as of 31st December each year. To nominate someone or for more information visit www.awardsaustralia.com

2018 Voluntary Services Awards • Nominations close 17 November

Council is seeking nominations for individuals who have undertaken over 1000 hours or 3000 hours of service or have performed acts over and above normal volunteer work. If you know of someone in Meander Valley that deserves recognition for their services as a volunteer, nominate them. Nomination forms are available at www.meander.tas.gov.au

Australia Day Awards • Nominations now open

On Australia Day, Council recognises the exceptional voluntary contribution of its community members with the presentation of Australia Day Awards. The Awards are presented in the following categories: Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Community Event of the Year, Sports Award, and Volunteer Services Recognition Awards. If you know someone who deserves such an award, complete the nomination form available on Council's website at www.meander.tas.gov.au. Nominations should be received by Friday 17 November 2017. For more information contact Merrilyn Young on 6393 5317.

Community Resources

Tasmanian Government Major Grants Program • Applications close 2 November

The Major Grants Program provides grants of between \$15,000 and \$80,000 to clubs, associations, local government and other not-for profit providers of sport and active recreation. Eligible projects must benefit sport and/or recreation clubs and applicants must contribute at least half of the project funding. For further information phone 1800 204 224

Community Safety Online Group • Carrick & Hagley

A new community Facebook group has been created to connect residents in the Carrick & Hagley area: Carrick Hagley Community Facebook. Free fridge magnets of emergency contacts and booklets on 'Safe and Secure Living' are available from Council's offices in Westbury and Carrick, Hagley and Westbury post offices.

Harvest Helpers

We connect home owners who are unable to harvest their own produce themselves with volunteers to pick and share in the harvest. A third share of the harvest goes towards community meals and emergency care for those who do not have access to healthy, fresh food. Preserving, juicing and pruning skills are part of the program. Volunteers are registered under Deloraine House. Phone 6302 3377 for more information.

findhelptas.com.au

An online database is now available that lists services in a variety of categories such as addiction support, crisis and emergency support, resources for children, young people and older Tasmanians, relationship support, health and housing services. It's designed for everyone to access.

Internet Safety

The Australian Government has developed a website offering educational resources and information around cyberbullying. To access this initiative visit www.esafety.gov.au

Who do I call after hours?

Primary Health Tasmania has just launched a new education and awareness campaign to guide Tasmanians to the best options for after-hours medical care. If you need care at night, over the weekend or on a public holiday you can call Tas After Hours on 1800 022 222 and speak to a registered nurse. The telephone service is free.

Deloraine Community Shed

Develop your wood working skills. The Deloraine Community Shed is a gathering place for men and women to enjoy their woodworking interests while enjoying a friendly chat and a warm cuppa. There is a fully equipped workshop to share skills and design your very own project with regular visits by guest craftspersons. New members welcome. Phone the Shed co-ordinator on 6362 4522.

Youth Network of Tasmania

The YNOT website contains a range of resources available for the youth sector and for young people to use. Visit <http://www.ynot.org.au/>

Wombat 4 Rescue

Based in Birralee, this quiet, community service is available 24/7 for all orphan wildlife. Wombat 4 Rescue is a not-for-profit charity, run mainly on self-help and dedication. It can offer tax receipts for donations and would be happy to accept sponsorship for its orphans. For more details see its Facebook page or call Debbie on 0438 003 543

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. Hosts community groups, activities and a number of free services including Housing Connect, financial counselling, legal advice and emergency relief. Deloraine House has a fully equipped kitchen, a large function room and meeting rooms available for hire. A phone, photocopier and data projector are also available for use. Phone 6362 2678 for more information or visit www.delorainehouse.com.au

Positive Solutions Mediation and Counselling

Positive Solutions provides free mediation and support for people living with a life limiting illness, their families or those that have been bereaved. They offer support when making difficult decisions and can assist in cases of family conflict. To make an appointment call 1800 064 039