

Council Notices

Council adopts 2019-2020 Budget

Meander Valley Council adopted the 2019-20 Budget at its June meeting, approving an increase in the General Rate of 2.5 percent. The increase keeps pace with inflation and supports the costs of service delivery over Council's ten year financial plan.

In determining this year's budget Council considered a number of external pressures, including the additional cost of providing new infrastructure to the community.

"We have been very conscious to keep rate rises low, despite a number of external factors. We have maintained capacity for capital works projects and service delivery and it is expected that Meander Valley will continue to have the lowest General Rate in Northern Tasmania," Mayor Wayne Johnston said.

In order for Council to meet the costs of waste facilities and waste management, a small increase in the fixed service charge from \$52 to \$56 has been adopted.

"With regard to waste, all properties pay the same fixed service charge. This funds the operations at our tips and other costs associated with the management of municipal waste. The costs of waste management are a challenge for all Councils, but despite this, the additional charge for kerbside bin collection will remain unchanged," Mayor Wayne Johnston said.

The total rates and charges income in 2019-20 equates to \$12.966 million and goes some way to funding Council's total operating expenditure of \$20.131 million.

The budget provides funding for a number of infrastructure projects that will be delivered to the community in the next twelve months.

This includes improvements to the road, bridge and storm water networks, completion of the Westbury Recreation Ground clubroom upgrade and a new roundabout to assist traffic flow along Westbury Road in Prospect Vale.

In addition to the operating expenditure, the budget includes capital works program funding totalling \$11.978 million.

New property values set to apply to rates from 1 July

General Rates fund a range of Council services such as maintenance and construction of roads and bridges, recreation and community facilities, animal control, planning and building services.

Rates are calculated on each property's Assessed Annual Value, which is determined by the State Government's Office of the Valuer-General. New valuations occur every six years. This year, new property values will apply to rates from 1 July 2019.

An increase in a property's Assessed Annual Value does not necessarily mean an increase in rate revenue to the Council. Whether a property's rates increase, decrease or stay the same is determined by comparing one property's Assessed Annual Value with another.

Property owners will receive a Notice of Valuation advising of any change to their property value from the State Government's Office of the Valuer-General. Additional information will be enclosed including

instructions about how to lodge an objection with the Office of the Valuer-General if you do not agree with the revaluation. Objections can be lodged up until 29 August 2019.

Rates must still be paid by the due date whether you lodge an objection or not. If your objection results in a reduction, Council will issue you a refund.

Carrick Community Forum • held 13 June

Just a quick note of thanks to everyone who attended and contributed to this productive meeting; elected members and Council staff all enjoyed themselves and felt it was most worthwhile. Some important issues were raised by community members, particularly around public safety, and the format, setting and hospitality worked really well. Forum notes will be circulated and important actions followed up. Council holds quarterly forums in different townships to share information and to discuss matters with residents. Its next Forum will take place in Westbury in mid-September- venue and date to be confirmed.

Mosaic Art Exhibition • ‘Personality Plus’ • 1 July to 30 August 2019 • Meander Valley Council

A new exhibition is now on display in Council Reception. It involves works by the Meander Valley U3A art group (University of the Third Age). It's unusual to see mosaic art so do take the opportunity to check it out. 26 Lyall Street Westbury – Mon to Fri 8:30am to 5:00pm

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 5334 / 0418 507 113.

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 6th July • 6.30pm (note time change for winter)

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 First Man - Rated M - Starring Ryan Gosling. "First Man" is so immersive in its glitchy, hurtling, melting-metal authenticity that it makes a space drama like 'Apollo 13' look like a puppet show - Variety. 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 and proudly sponsored by the Mole Creek Post Office. For more info, please go to www.molecreek.net or ph Ken on 0419 242 285.

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

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

Westbury Library • School Holiday Activities • Monday 8 – Friday 19 July

Many different activities available to keep the kids entertained involving bugs, butterflies and lego. For a full look at the program or to book your spot, contact 6701 2189. Numbers limited.

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

Pump Track at Railton • Thursday 11 July • MVC School Holiday Program

Do you ride a bike, scooter or skateboard? Come along to ride the new Pump Track. Only 10 places available! Transport provided - \$10 per person. For more information contact Vicki Jordan on 0400 155 690

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/>

Western Tiers Film Society • Sat 13 July • The Guilty

Dir. Gustav Moller - Denmark 2018 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

Christmas in July • Friday 19 July • MVC School Holiday Program

Would you like to treat your family to a special meal, and learn some valuable work skills in the process? Help host the meal! 5:30pm for a 6:00pm start. For more information contact Vicki Jordan on 0400 155 690

How to Climb Mt Everest in 29,000 Easy Steps • Saturday 27 July • 7:00pm

Rotary Functions Centre, Alveston Drive Deloraine - \$25 per person

Come along and meet John Zeckendorf, the first Tasmanian to climb Mt Everest. Hear about his experience and insights into the lives of Sherpas in Nepal. For more information or to book tickets, call Lois Beckwith on 6369 5393.

National Tree Day • Sun 28 July

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/>

Junction Arts Festival Launceston • 4-8 September

Be the first to find out what's on. Get involved, promote it to your community and share the community spirit. <https://junctionartsfestival.com.au/>

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

Paws on the Green • Sat 19 October 2019 • Westbury Village Green

Paws on the Green is a celebration of all things doggy 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

Wendy Kilroy: 0413 437 720 / 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

Deloraine Dramatic Society • working bee – Sunday 7 July from 11am

Help us inject some much needed TLC into our beloved Little Theatre. We need help with painting, cleaning, sorting, tidying etc. For information and to register interest please call Kaylene on 0433 249 760 or kayewer79@gmail.com

UN Youth Australia • Junior Leadership Weekend • 2-4 August • \$130

Designed to teach young Tasmanians in grades 7 to 9 skills and confidence to represent themselves and to engage in issues of both local and global importance. The theme of Junior Leadership Weekend is 'The Future of Disease', and students will be learning about health and disease on a local, national, and international level. <https://unyouth.org.au/event/junior-leadership-weekend-tasmania/>

ICC T20 World Cup • Tasmania 2020 • Volunteers wanted

Roles include client and customer service, media and broadcast, drivers, operational support and hospitality. You'll gain important skills, meet new people and be contributing to a world class cricket tournament. For information, visit the [ICC T20 World Cup website](#)

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 for information.

Hadspen Neighbourhood Watch • 2nd 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

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: 0491 445 552

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

Baby Play • Tuesdays 23 July to 27 August • 10am-10.30am • Deloraine House

Join us for this fun baby and parent/carer weekly 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.

Seniors Week • 14-20 October

To register or find out what is happening in your community, visit <http://www.cotatas.org.au/programs-events/sw2019/>

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 & Term 3 Newsletter

Available at 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 • 1st 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.

Deloraine Community Garden • Open Wednesdays from 10am-2pm

Deloraine House – 112 Emu Bay Road, Deloraine

Its winter and we are offering soup to volunteers, so come along and get busy in the garden! BYO mug or bowl!

Grants & Awards

Tasmanian Community Fund Round 39 • opens 13 July

Applications for small grants (\$1,000 to \$20,000) will close at 5.00pm on 11 September 2019. Applications for medium grants (\$20,001 to \$70,000) will close at 5pm on 25 September 2019. Stage 1 applications for large infrastructure/ equipment grants (\$100 000 to \$300 000) will close on 21 August 2019. Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application in mid-December 2019. 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).

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](#)

Healthy Tasmania Fund • open 1 July – late August 2019

Providing grant funding to organisations to improve the health and wellbeing of your community. Focusing on reducing smoking, obesity and improving healthy eating and/or physical activity. Up to \$200,000 will be available. For more information, go to www.health.tas.gov.au/healthytasmaniafund

Sport and Recreation Major Grants Program • open 1 July – 30 October 2019

This program provides grants of between \$15,000 and \$80,000 to sport and recreation organisations, local government and other not-for-profit providers of sport and active recreation. Grant funding is limited to a maximum of half the project cost and eligible projects must benefit sport and/or recreation clubs.

[Communities, Sport and Recreation website](#)

'Thank you' on behalf of the Meander Valley Community Radio Inc Committee

This is to say a heartfelt thank you to Meander Valley Council for the Community Grant recently received by Meander Valley Community Radio Inc. It has helped us to purchase the up-to-date equipment which will allow us to provide even better service to the Meander Valley Community.

Meander Valley Council Community Grants • Next round closes 10 September 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 10 September 2019. For information contact Patrick Gambles on 6393 5334 or 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>

Community Resources

Deloraine Police Station • Tel 6701 2194 • not always staffed, especially at nights

131 444 is the non-emergency generic police telephone line

The National Public Toilet Map

Know exactly where to go! 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

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

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

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

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).

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

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 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

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 Defib for Life fundraising page.