

Council Notices

Work underway on refurbishment at the Deloraine Football Club

Work is underway on the refurbishment of wet areas at the Deloraine Football Club, with the umpires room and the home and away shower areas benefiting from refits.

“Due to the age of the existing infrastructure, some challenges have been encountered,” Mayor Wayne Johnston said.

The building work has revealed a lack of wall symmetry, rotting floorboards and some under-slab issues. This has resulted in variations to the original scope of the work.

“Solutions have been found with the contractors who are doing a fantastic job and are still on track to have the work completed before the start of the football season,” Mayor Johnston said.

Time is almost up for outstanding permits

Has any building, plumbing or demolition work been undertaken at your property between November 1994 and November 2012 that had a permit issued?

All building, plumbing and demolition permits that were issued between November 1994 and November 2012 will automatically expire on 1 July this year in accordance with the Building Act 2016. If your property has a permit to carry out any building, plumbing or demolition work during this period and you have not obtained a Certificate of Completion, you must do one of the following:

If the work is complete:

Contact Council to arrange for a Final Inspection so a Certificate of Completion can be issued before your permit expires on 1 July 2020

If the work is not complete:

Contact Council to apply for an extension before your permit expires on 1 July 2020

If you are unsure:

If you are not sure if your property had a permit during this period or you do not know if a Certificate of Completion has been issued, please contact Council and we will be able to assist you.

If you allow your permit to expire, any work undertaken beyond 1 July 2020 will be deemed illegal. In order to obtain a Final Inspection, a Certificate of Completion or to finish the work you will need to submit a new application, supporting documentation and pay any associated fees. If you are unsure of the status of your work, contact Council's Development Services Team on 6393 5320 for assistance and avoid unnecessary fees and application times

Great Western Tiers Art Award • Exhibition open until 31 March

The Great Western Tiers Art Award 2020 exhibition is on display throughout March at the Deloraine Creative Studios, 59-61 Emu Bay Road. This annual exhibition features works by local artists that are focused on Meander Valley and the 2020 theme of 'close encounters'. Free viewing is available in business hours with entry in a prize draw for all who vote in the People's Choice Award. GWTA is an initiative of Meander Valley Council and the Launceston Art Society. Its aim is to inspire skills, confidence and friendship through art.

Careers at Council - New National Website

LGAT is proud to support the launch of a new National Local Government careers website, 'Careers at Councils' www.careersatcouncil.com.au

Events

Movie Magic at Mole Creek • Ford v Ferrari - Rated M • Sat 7 March - 7pm

Based on the true story of the Ford Motor Company taking on the dominating race cars of Enzo Ferrari at the 24 Hours of Le Mans in France in 1966. Big Screen and now in amazing Surround Sound. Movies are back at the Mole Creek Memorial Hall, Cnr Pioneer Dr and Caveside Rd, Mole Creek. Entry cost is \$5 single or max \$20 for a family. Plastic chairs are provided but can bring your own comfy chair or bean bag. BYO drinks and munchies. Popcorn, ice-creams & sweets and Hot Dogs will be available for purchase on the night, This movie is proudly sponsored by R. Stephens Honey, Mole Creek. Movie licenced through Village Roadshow. For more info, please go to www.molecreek.net or ph Ross on [0413 681 252](tel:0413681252)

Western Tiers Film Society presents • Who Do You Think I Am • Sat March 14 • 7.30pm

Dir. Safy Nebbou, France 2019, Drama/Romance MA15+ 104m

The Western Tiers Film Society is a members-only venture. Films are screened at the Little Theatre Cinema, Deloraine. Fees are \$60p.a (includes two guest passes) or \$30 for six months. Memberships are available throughout the year, on a pro-rata basis. For more information contact 0418 389 868 or email westerntiersfilmsociety@gmail.com.

Harmony Week Tasmania • 16-22 March 2020

Harmony Week aims to promote unity, understanding and respect for all individuals who call Tasmania home. How will your group celebrate it? www.harmonytasmania.com

An Evening with the Young Islanders • Fri 20 March • St Andrews Church • 7pm

Local artists present the epic 19th Century tale of the Irish Exiles and how Westbury played its part - through live music, song, dance and narration. Followed by supper and music at the Westbury RSL. Tickets from Council offices, Westbury – PH: 6393 5300. Adults \$20 and U12s \$10 (includes supper)

Westbury St Patricks Festival • Sat 21 March • 10am-4pm • Village Green

Come along to this family friendly event and enjoy the street parade, music, dance, food and craft, petting animals and much more. Entry by donation. For more information contact Amanda. Email: westburyspf@gmail.com or PH: 0467 097 791

Selbourne Ball • 21 March 2020 • 8pm

Doors open 7pm. \$10 entry. Belle, Matron, Junior Belle, After Five. Déjà Vu playing. Country Supper. Enquiries 0438 669 129

Earth Hour • Sat 28 March • 8.30pm

Every year hundreds of millions of people around the world in more than 7,000 cities in over 180 countries take part in this amazing global conservation movement. Join the movement and take part in Earth Hour by switching off at 8.30pm for 60 minutes as a symbolic gesture of solidarity to show they care about our planet's future. Register here: <https://www.earthhour.org.au/>

Neighbour Day • Sun 29 March 2020

Neighbour Day is Australia's annual celebration of community, encouraging people to connect with those who live in their neighbourhood. Neighbours in communities across Tasmania are encouraged to come together on Neighbour Day for a cuppa, a picnic, or a street party. The theme for Neighbour Day 2020 is social connection, which is the essence of Neighbour Day, every day.

Eat and Greet • 1st Friday of Every Month • 6.30pm • Westbus Shed

We invite you to the monthly social tea and family get together at 63 Meander Valley Rd, Westbury (Westbus shed) at 6.30pm. Join us in a social and informal “old fashioned” evening of community friendship. Please bring food to share and enjoy a pleasant evening with new and old friends. Please also feel free to bring games or a musical instrument. For more information contact Grant and Jan Bingley. Email: jan@merseylink.com.au or PH: 0408 134 057

Mole Creek Market • 3rd Saturday of the Month • 9am–4pm

Fresh food, fruits, vegies, plants, craft and much more. Check it out on the cnr of Pioneer drive and Caveside road, Mole Creek. Stall sites available for \$10-\$15. If interested, please contact Ross on 0413 681 252 or email: molecreekhall@gmail.com

Development Opportunities

TasWriters

Encouraging, supporting and promoting Tasmanian writers and stories
<https://www.taswriters.org/>

Deloraine and Westbury Libraries Story Time • running through school terms

Deloraine Story Time is on Mondays 10am to 10:30am.

Westbury Story Time is on Mondays 1pm to 1:30pm.

Westbury Library will have a morning Story Time on Tuesday 7 April 11am to 11:45am

Volunteers welcome – training provided. Call Anne-Marie on 0417 120 671

Hadspen Neighbourhood Watch • 2nd Thurs of Feb, Apr, June, August, Oct & 1st Thurs Dec

Hadspen Uniting Church from 7.30pm - New members most welcome. For information contact Bev on 0408 936 448

Ticket to Play • Sports Voucher Program

Ticket to Play provides vouchers towards club membership for children aged 5-17 years and listed on a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card or in Out of Home Care. The key objective of Ticket to Play is to increase the number of young Tasmanians playing sport. For information and to apply for a voucher go to <https://www.communities.tas.gov.au/ticket-to-play>.

Meander Valley Choir • New Members Welcome

Interested in joining the Meander Valley Choir? They practice every Wednesday evening from 6:30pm till 8pm at the Uniting Church Hall in William Street, Westbury? Please contact Helen Walker on 6393 1567.

Farm Household Allowance

The Farm Household Allowance (FHA) is an Australian Government program that provides assistance to farming families experiencing financial hardship. Find out about eligibility criteria and how to apply at: <https://www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/farm-household-allowance/how-claim>

Overload Art Exhibition • Call for artists!

The Overload Art Exhibition is looking for artists to contribute their work. The theme for this year's Overload Art Exhibition supported by Haemochromatosis Australia is blood runs deep. For more information and for registration forms please contact Sheila Stevenson, Volunteer Advocate. Email: sheila.stevenson@ha.org.au or PH: (03) 6393 7111

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.

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>

Community Resources

Youth mental health support in Meander Valley • 0455 160 412

The Royal Flying Doctor Service Tasmania Youth Mental Health program supports young people aged 8 to 16 years in remote and rural areas, who are experiencing mild to moderate mental health issues.

A mobile team of youth health professionals provide mental health outreach services to address the needs of young people within a person's own community. Referral to the program can be from your doctor, practice nurse, allied health professionals, community members or even yourself.

Bushfire: Information for businesses

A single access point has been established for up-to-date government information on bushfire support for business. This hub will provide information about financial assistance and support packages, State and Territory emergency information, grant and program support where reporting obligation fall due, tax support, company fees, workplace health and safety, mental health and wellbeing.

business.gov.au/News/Bushfire-support

Community Care Tasmania

An informative website for family members and carers who may be navigating aged/disability care services. Includes a useful planner tool www.cct.org.au

Regional Arts Network Tasmania e-news

RANT Arts Ltd is a not-for-profit Arts Organisation focused upon the needs of Tasmanian artists and arts workers across the state. It provides a wide array of services including: project management, administration, curatorial services, arts business advice, grant writing, career development, capacity building and community engagement. RANT manages a social media network with a dedicated arts network of over 4000 people. RANT administers the Regional Arts Fund (RAF) in Tasmania and is also an NDIS approved provider <https://www.rantarts.com/>

Find community activities in your area

COTA Tasmania is pleased to announce the launch of its Communities Activity page website that details over 700 social, learning and physical activities, and one-off or annual events, throughout Tasmania that older people can participate in www.cotatas.org.au/information/activities/

Embracing the Future: Tasmania's Ageing Profile

COTA Tasmania is very pleased to announce the launch of this Report and its two Fact Sheets about older Tasmanian's health, relationships, cultural diversity, income, housing, and employment. It focusses on social isolation and loneliness, highlighting populations who may be at risk of these while recognising that these are not normal experiences of ageing. Available [here](#).

Portable Water Stations

TasWater's Portable Water Stations are ideal for large outdoor public events such as concerts, sporting events, shows and markets. <https://www.taswater.com.au/Community---Environment/Portable-Water-Stations>

Great Western Tiers Visitor Centre • 100 Emu Bay Road, Deloraine

Your local community travel centre. We can help you with state-wide and national accommodation and tour bookings. Need a ticket on the Spirit ferry? We can do that for you! We're here to help with free reservation services and travel information. Phone 6362 5280.

Modular mobile stage available to community groups • 3.5m x 3m • for hire

Enquiries to Mark – Empire Hotel 6362 1029 or Alfred – Seppenfelts 6362 4242

Toolkit Launch: Sports Values in Every Classroom

This kit is designed to help teachers to instil in children the sport values of respect, equity and inclusion through movement-based classroom activities and provide students with transferable skills with which to make sound decisions and actions 'beyond the school gate'. The toolkit can be downloaded from the [World Anti-Doping Authority \(WADA\)](#)

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 welcome. Phone 6362 2678 or visit www.delorainehouse.com.au. Download our latest Activity Brochure [HERE](#).

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.

Grants & Awards

Meander Valley Council Community Grants • Next round closes 10 March

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 March 2020. For information contact Council on 6393 5300.

LGBTIQ+ Grants Program 2020 • Applications close 13 March

The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex and Queer + (LGBTIQ+) Grants Program was established to provide \$50,000 annually to assist community organisations and tertiary institutions to increase the number of Tasmanians who are accepting of diversity, improve resilience and capacity in the LGBTIQ+ community, foster inclusion, respect and dignity for LGBTIQ+ Tasmanians, enhance access to services and increase participation for LGBTIQ+ Tasmanians.

New support for community projects • submission deadline 15 March

The Great Regional City Challenge has now launched and is offering individuals, groups and organisations the chance to share in > \$100,000 of cash and support services. The funds and support are for projects that can help make Launceston and NE Tasmania one of the great regions of the world. Projects can focus on ways to build on our innovation and creativity, or our liveability, or our diversity or our connectedness. Meander Valley community groups are eligible to participate with local projects. <https://launcestontgether.com.au/how-it-works>.

Indigenous Visual Arts Industry Support Grants • Applications close 16 March

These grants fund organisations that support professional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists to produce, promote and market their art. <https://www.arts.gov.au/funding-and-support/indigenous-visual-arts-industry-support-program>

Hydro Tasmania Community Grants • open until 27 March

Hydro Tasmania offers grants of up to \$5,000 for not-for-profit (NFP) community organisations based in Tasmania to help fund projects that make real difference for people and communities. To submit an application visit the [Hydro Tasmania website](#)

2020 Tasmanian Volunteering Awards • close 30 March

These awards celebrate amazing people contributing across Tasmania and in every aspect of life. There are ten categories. To nominate, visit <https://www.volunteeringtas.org.au/>

Tasmanian Community Fund • Round 40 now open for small, medium and large grants

Eligible projects: A wide range of projects which support community wellbeing, increasing workforce engagement, community infrastructure, leadership and capacity building and meeting community need.

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. www.communities.tas.gov.au/services/funding-and-grants