



International deal boosts export potential

SOFTWARE SALE COUP

A LOCAL government management software program developed by Brighton Council has been sold to the Suva City Council in Fiji, opening up a potential export market for the local technology.

The PropertyWise software application, to manage local government operations such as property rating, animal control, development applications and property management, was developed by Brighton Council and is marketed by its wholly owned company MicroWise Australia.

The software is already used by 14 local government authorities in Australia, with 10 in Tasmania, three in Western Australia and one in New South Wales.

The installation at Suva City Council represents the first international purchase and Brighton Mayor Tony Foster says it could be the forerunner of increased national and international sales.

Cr Foster said the success should provide a boost for the Tasmanian information technology sector and clearly demonstrated that world-leading software programs could be developed in the state.

MicroWise software development manager Scott Smith has guided the software's progress to international standards, based on the needs of Tasmanian councils.

MicroWise has worked closely with Tasmanian local government to develop the software according to user priorities.

In what is believed to be a first for a local government authority in Australia, the Brighton Council established MicroWise Australia as a proprietary limited company to commercialise and market computer software.



Marking the sale, from left, Suva City Council's director of engineering Jagdish Singh, Brighton Mayor Tony Foster, Premier David Bartlett and Suva City Council's director of finance Apaitia Veigo.

The experience of a lifetime

Bridgewater High student Amber Mathews climbs the rigging on the sail training vessel Windeward Bound during a three-day drip described by another student as "the experience of a lifetime". Story and photos, page 5.

Free HARD & GREEN WASTE Collection Service

Tuesday 5 May 2009



Brighton Council is pleased to provide a free HARD & GREEN WASTE collection service to help residents dispose of unwanted items and green waste. This service is free for residents who currently receive kerbside collection of rubbish.

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- Waste must be placed on the nature strip the night before.
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- Commercial waste will not be collected.
- **HARD WASTE AND GREEN WASTE ARE TO BE KEPT SEPARATE.**
- Total volume of items must not exceed two cubic metres.
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Tuesday 21 April 5.00pm

Parks & Recreation Committee
Wednesday 15 April 5.15pm

Finance Committee
Wednesday 15 April 5.30pm

Ordinary Council
Tuesday 21 April 5.30pm

Agendas available for viewing at the Council Offices four days before each meeting and they are also available online at www.brighton.tas.gov.au

Meetings dates and times are subject to change. Any changes will be advertised in *The Mercury*.

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Trade training centre gets federal funding

By **ANDY BENNETT***

FIRST the good news. On March 5, the Commonwealth Government approved funding of up to \$4.35 million to build the Bridgewater Regional Trade Training Centre on Bridgewater High School land.

This is a wonderful development that will complement our plans to build a new grade nine to adult Learning Centre on the site.

The centre will add great value to the education and training opportunities we provide to our community through the Bridgewater Brighton Learning Federation by improving student access to trade training facilities for secondary students undertaking trade-related pathways as well as assisting people in the community to re-enter education and training and on to work.

The funding will be used to construct a new facility that will include three large workshop areas and associated classrooms and administration spaces as well as outdoor learning areas and storage spaces.

The centre will provide a wide range of certificated courses that lead to apprenticeships and employment including, among others,

electrical technology, construction, bricklaying, carpentry, plastering, plumbing, engineering, agriculture, rural operations and horticulture.

The successful application is the outcome of a great deal of work by the Tasmanian Polytechnic which worked closely with local business and industry to identify skill shortages and with a consortium of schools including Bridgewater and New Norfolk High Schools and Oatlands, Glenora and Campania District High Schools to identify student needs.

We are currently working to identify the location for the building on the Bridgewater High site so we can submit plans to Brighton Council for approval.

We are very hopeful of commencing building by September with a goal of opening the centre in the middle of 2010.

More good news. We have started consultation with our community about what we want to teach and learn in the federation and where, how and with whom that teaching and learning will take place.

Those ideas will be worked into an educational concept brief which will be

the basis of designing the building work that takes place over the next couple of years.

On April 2, as this paper goes to press, staff from all of the schools will meet at the Brighton Civic Centre to begin the task of gathering their ideas for the education brief.

We are busily planning the consultation with students and parents and other interested community members and will begin providing opportunities for people to have their say over the next three weeks.

We will publicise those opportunities through schools and other community organisations very soon. Please look out for your chance to have your say.

Finally, I recently had the opportunity to attend and speak to the Brighton Alive meeting. About 40 people shared news about a wide range of community-based activities.

Individually each of the activities was impressive. Collectively, they underlined just how much goodwill, skill and effort exist in our community.

**Andy Bennett is the manager of the Bridgewater/Brighton Learning Federation*

Software exports opened up

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"MicroWise was launched in 1998 by then Premier, the late Jim Bacon, and the current Premier, David Bartlett, as an officer with the Department of Economic Development, assisted Council in developing the business plan for the company," Cr Foster said.

Mr Bartlett was on hand to mark the Fiji sale with the Suva City Council's director of finance Apaitia Veigo and director of engineering Jagdish Singh.

"This is a major success for Brighton Council and MicroWise and will generate additional income for us to spend on services for residents, increased training and intellectual capital for our employees, as well as export earnings for Tasmania," Cr Foster said.

"Our officers have installed the software in Suva and conducted the initial training of the Fijian council's staff.

"We will also be working with them to assist their operations and market our services to other councils in



MicroWise software development manager Scott Smith spoke to the Tasmanian media at the announcement of the sale to Fiji.

Fiji and other Pacific island nations.

"We are keen to expand our sales throughout Australia as well and MicroWise has also developed an immunisation software program, VacciWise, that is used by most Tasmanian councils to record and manage community vaccination programs."

MicroWise developed a strategic relationship with Eclipse Computing to win the Suva contract.

Globally, Eclipse is one of the largest international providers of business solutions.

Eclipse is the leading Microsoft Gold Certified Partner representing Microsoft Dynamics. Microsoft Dynamics software is integrated with the PropertyWise software.

Suva is Fiji's capital and largest city with a population of 87,000 people and 175,000 people living in the greater metropolitan area.

"We are confident this will be the first of a number of international sales for MicroWise as the company continues to develop leading-edge information technology for local government applications," Cr Foster said.

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Working to improve roads and footpaths

WITH Council in the process of formulating its budget for the financial year 2008-2009, I took the opportunity to recently tour the municipality with our municipal engineer Heath Macpherson and depot supervisor Scott Percey.

For those who have lived in our municipality for many years, you would have noticed that each year we have improved our roads and footpaths little by little in each area as we bring them all up to an acceptable level for our ratepayers.

We are currently putting the final touches to improvements in Old Beach with work on Jetty Road and the footpaths nearing completion. Along with this the State Government is undertaking vitally needed work on the

A MESSAGE FROM

The Mayor

approaches to the new roundabout, which I am sure you will all agree long overdue.

To that end I commend MLC for Derwent Michael Aird for honouring a commitment he made to Council before the last state election to get that roundabout funded and built.

Work on Briggs Road has now been completed with money flowing from the Federal Government's Black Spot funding, and line-marking has now been completed making it a much safer road on which to drive. Line-

marking on Tasmanian roads is very poor and totally underfunded by the State Government.

I am sure good line-marking on our roads would decrease the accident rate and having recently returned from South Africa where road signage and line-marking is the best I have seen, I take every opportunity I get to point this out to our state politicians.

While looking at our road infrastructure we also inspected our recreational facilities to see where we needed to direct funding next financial year and again we will be making further improvements to our sporting facilities and to our neighborhood parks.

Walking paths will receive further funding next year and you will see the first stage of the walk-

ing track from Bridgewater south along the River Derwent beginning very shortly.

Streetscape planning for the East Derwent Highway and for the Midland Highway between Elderslie Road and Pontville Recreation Park is well under way and the first community consultation meeting was held with residents of Brighton to access their views on the proposals being put forward by Inspiring Place consultants John Hepper and Jerry De Gruyse.

Brighton Council received \$271,000 from the Federal Government as part of the stimulus package and this will go towards improving the entrance to Brighton between Elderslie Road and the Brighton Hotel.

While the majority of streetscape changes cannot occur

on the Midland Highway until it becomes a local road when the bypass is completed in 2012, it is necessary to get our plans supported by residents and approved by Council before the bypass is built.

As you would be aware, the State Government has set up three corporations to run water and sewerage from July this year and therefore charges to ratepayers for these services will be taken from the hands of local government and at this point we have no idea of the charges.

While we cannot control this, as Mayor and chairman of our finance committee, I am committed to continuing our policy of rate increases being kept to no more than the Consumer Price Index.

At this time of year we again ask community groups to forward to us any wishes you may have for our Community Grant Scheme as this is the time we assess how we can assist you with all of the good things you are already doing.

May I also remind you that if you have suggestions and ideas how your money should be spent please contact myself or any of the other councillors, and it will be looked at as part of our budget planning over the next few weeks. We look forward to hearing from you.

Tony Foster

Tony Foster
Mayor

Granton junction to get \$14m upgrade

A PROJECT to upgrade the safety of the Granton junction approach to the Bridgewater Bridge will be under way shortly.

Labor MLC for Derwent Michael Aird said he expected construction to begin in the first half of this year.

Mr Aird, who is also State Treasurer, said the upgrade of the busy Midland/Lyell Highway junction was part of a \$14-million project which was jointly funded by the Federal and State Governments.

"This is an important project to the high number of local commuters who travel through the junction



Derwent Valley Mayor Tony Nicholson with Derwent MLC Michael Aird and Brighton Mayor Tony Foster.

every day," Mr Aird said.

Mr Aird was at the site with Brighton Mayor Tony Foster and Derwent Valley Mayor Tony Nicholson to make the announcement.

Federal funding for long day-care centre

LYONS Labor MHR Dick Adams has welcomed the announcement that the Discovery Early Learning Centre in Bridgewater has accepted the Australian Government's offer of long day-care capital funding.

The Discovery Early Learning Centre will use the funding of \$50,500 to upgrade and expand the existing long day-care centre to provide an additional 20 places.

The Federal Government has allocated \$3 million over three years to assist eligible long day-care services in rural and remote areas.

"This funding will enable the Discovery Early Learning Centre to help meet the demand for child care in Bridgewater and provide quality early childhood development and learning programs," Mr Adams said.

Jo Walsh, from Discovery Early Learning Centre, said she was happy to accept the funding.

"I'm very pleased that the Federal Government has funded these capital works. It will enable us to further expand upon the quality services delivered to the community in Bridgewater," Ms Walsh said.

"I know that the growing community in Bridgewater will really appreciate the additional places and outdoor area that this federal money will provide," Mr Adams said.

The Discovery Early

Learning Centre is one of 14 services to have received funding under this initiative in 2008-09.

Each centre will use this money to enhance existing facilities.

To be eligible for this funding, services must be receiving sustainability assistance from the government and have secured equal matched funding for the project from local governments or other community funding sources.

Have your say on Metro access for all

METRO is holding a consultative forum in Hobart to help it prepare a disability action plan.

Metro is committed to providing equitable, dignified access to its premises, services, communications, information and employment processes for all people in the community.

To support this objective, Metro is developing a disability action plan that will assist in improving access for all.

The forum will provide an opportunity for people with disabilities, carers and service providers to have input into the development

of the plan.

A survey is also available to gather information from people who may not wish or be able to attend the forum.

The forum, to be held at the Hobart Town Hall in the Elizabeth Street Conference Room between 10am and midday on Monday, April 20, will be facilitated by Access Audits Australia which has supported many organisations in this process.

To register your attendance or request a survey, email Tony Jago at Metro at tony.jago@metrotas.com.au, phone 6233 4269 or SMS 0418 550 904 by Wednesday April 15.

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Structure plan for Brighton created

BRIGHTON Council, in conjunction with the Department of Economic Development and the Department of Justice – Land Use Planning Branch, has formed a structure plan for the municipality and it is seeking public input.

The plan's objectives are:

- To provide a plan for the long-term sustainable growth of Brighton.

- To ensure the timely and necessary coordination of key government and business stakeholders.

- To integrate with related studies and programs being undertaken in the municipality.

- To provide a framework for planning, managing and implementing future commercial, industrial and residential growth to 2026.

The structure plan, a strategic planning document that presents a vision and future planning framework for the integrated development of the municipality, has been prepared by Connell Wagner, one of Australasia's largest and most-experienced multi-disciplinary consulting practices.

It guides the major changes to land use, built form and public spaces that together can achieve identified economic, social and environmental objectives.

It will provide the foundation for changes within an area by defining the preferred direction of future growth and articulating how that

change can be managed.

Importantly, it builds on the visions of its founding documents, the JLUPI Land Use Strategy and the Brighton Council Strategic Plan 2006-2016.

Brighton is one of a number of municipalities forming the urban/rural interface of the Hobart metropolitan area.

With the establishment of public housing and private development over the past 20 to 30 years Brighton has evolved from a mostly rural municipality to a mix of low-density residential and typical urban development.

In light of the changes such as the Brighton bypass and Brighton transport hub and planned future changes, the structure plan is necessary to manage change and improve the amenity and environment of the local community.

Council is seeking input from the public before formally adopting the structure plan.

Copies of the document are available from the Council office and can be viewed on the Council website.

A public information and feedback session and opportunity to meet members of the project team has been organised for Thursday, April 16 at the Brighton Civic Centre from 4-7pm.

For further information and/or to request a copy of the plan, contact Robert Higgins on 62 687 038 or email robh@brighton.tas.gov.au



Teacher Donna Humphries is wicket-keeper as Katie-Ann Green prepares to bat in a game of beach cricket – maybe not international standard, but the game was hard fought!

Camp helps students in transition to high school

BRIDGEWATER High's three-day camp for grade seven students was time well spent, say teachers.

The February camp made use of the comprehensive accommodation and activity facilities on offer at the Guides Tasmania Orana camp site at Roches Beach.

Head of middle school Alanna Green said the school's tradition of holding camps at the beginning of the year was part of the transition process from primary school to high school.

"They assist in the process of easing the students into grade seven from grade six, and of becoming accustomed to working



Emily Fisher exercises on the outdoor gym equipment.

cooperatively with new people, a skill that is necessary in both the classroom and in the students' future employment," she said.

It seems that this year's camp did just that with lots of new friends made while students had fun at Roches Beach.



Head of middle school Alanna Green and grade seven coordinator Cameron Paynter find it hard to hold back their pleasure at seeing the students enjoy the camp.



Jamila Peers enjoys a drink at the end of the day.

Being healthier makes us happier

By DR NICK WILTON*

HOWZIT is the South African term for 'how are you doing?' or 'good day mate!'

In this column I am going to address some of the medical issues relating to how we are.

Our health is integral to how we are doing. The healthier, the happier, the better we are doing.

Hypertension or high blood pressure is the silent killer.

As a doctor, I am always bemused by the patient who complains: "My blood pressure's playing up."

Invariably we are not aware of our blood pressure at all. The patient with the raised blood pressure often has no

complaint and is discovered at routine examination.

High blood pressure is a reading greater than 140/90 mmHg. Ideal blood pressure is less than 130/85 mmHg.

Does it make me feel bad now? No. Will I feel anything? Probably not.

So why all the fuss? It has been shown that long-term raised blood pressure can result in an increased incidence of stroke, heart disease, peripheral vascular disease and kidney failure.

The consequences we fear the most are stroke and heart attack.

What causes it? The honest truth is that in 80-90 per cent of patients we don't know.

In about 10 per cent of

patients we find a secondary cause and the majority of these are kidney-related.

Regular blood pressure checks by your doctor remain vital but are not always the best way to make the diagnosis.

One reading is not enough to make the diagnosis and multiple readings should be taken. Your blood pressure changes all the time.

Home monitoring devices are not always reliable. Ideally, a 24-hour ambulatory blood pressure device (walking around with

a special blood pressure machine for a whole day) should be used.

This is not always practical and your doctor will decide whether this is, in fact, necessary.

So, doctor, what can I do? The best way is to:

- Achieve ideal body weight. If overweight, even a slight reduction will help.

- Eat healthy – low fat and low saturated fats. Increase your fruit and vegetables.

- Live healthy – decrease alcohol and make sure you

exercise.

- Breathe healthy – no smoking (even cutting back helps).

- Ensure you have regular check-ups with your doctor or nurse and ensure that your blood pressure is within normal limits.

Enjoy your life. Stressing about your blood pressure won't change it. Do something positive about your health today.

*Dr Nick Wilton is from Brighton Doctors, which is providing a monthly health column for our community

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Community fund aids Op Shop extension

THE Uniting Church Op Shop, serving Bridgewater and Gagebrook, has been extended as a result of a partnership between the church, community and the Tasmanian Community Fund (TCF).

The Op Shop in Gagebrook has been serving the local community for more than 10 years and provides an outlet for affordable clothes, furniture and homewares.

The extension was required to provide a new and improved display area and restore the shop's storage and processing facilities. The new shop was opened by Mayor Tony Foster on January 23 this year.

The \$190,000 cost of the project was met by a combination of Uniting Church appeal funds, the sale of a church building and a \$40,000 grant from the TCF.

Rev John McRae, of the Uniting Church, said the Op Shop met a vital need in the community.

"It provides a source of affordable and recycled goods and helps many families in Bridgewater and Gagebrook," Rev McRae said.

"The restoration of our storage and processing area means our adjacent church meeting room that we were using for this purpose, will soon be available for community meetings and classes.

"The Op Shop can now operate much more effectively and the enhanced facilities have been welcomed by the community, as well as by our volunteers."

The not-for-profit Op Shop and Uniting Church Centre provide valuable support in the Bridgewater Gagebrook community.

As an example, the centre distributed hampers and toys to more than 300 families at Christmas and assists some 10 families daily under its emergency relief program.

TCF chairman Gerald Loughran said the Op Shop extension was an excellent example of how the TCF and the community

could join together to provide a much-needed community facility.

"The TCF is pleased that it could provide funding to support such a worthwhile project, that will make a real difference to the lives of many families in Bridgewater and Gagebrook," Mr Loughran said.

"It is a tremendous achievement on the part of the Uniting Church and all involved in this project are to be congratulated.

"Importantly, the community has an upgraded facility and the Op Shop can continue to serve local families."

Over the past eight years, the TCF has provided more than \$38

million in funding to 1072 community organisations or projects throughout Tasmania.

The Tasmanian Community Fund was established in 2000 from the proceeds of the sale of the Trust Bank, to make grants for worthwhile community purposes throughout the state.

The TCF holds two general grant rounds every year, each of which attracts approximately 250 applications and distributes funds across a broad range of project areas, offering benefits to many different community sectors and regions.

The TCF also conducts special targeted funding rounds and late

last year, launched a special initiative entitled 'Building Tasmania as the Learning Community' focusing on adult and family literacy. Expressions of interest for special funding under this initiative closed on February 5.

These are now being evaluated and selected projects will be invited to make a full submission for funding.

The latest TCF funding round closed on March 26 and the successful projects will be announced in mid-June.

Further details and funding guidelines are available from Melissa Gunn on 6233 2920 or by email at admin@tascomfund.org.



Bryan Williams at work in the kitchen.

Sail training trip adventure of a lifetime

A GROUP of Bridgewater High grade nine and 10 students recently spent three days learning the ropes on the sail training vessel *Windward Bound*.

Teacher Philip Oddie said the students had to learn a lot of new terminology very quickly and to be able to understand the instructions shouted by the first mate.

"They were exemplary in paying attention and cooperating," he said.

"On the first day they were trained in how to handle the square sails and yard arms to which they were attached.

"Students formed one crew on the starboard side and one on the port side.

"By the second day they were not only operating correctly but the two sides were working successfully in unison in the way they manoeuvred the yards."

Overnight, the students kept watch, with four hours on and four hours for sleep.

"They didn't get much sleep due to the frequency of the watch changes but they continued to cooperate and pitch in," Mr Oddie said.

School chaplain Naomi Wright, who organised the trip, said: "It's an experience that encompasses so very many opportunities for learning, growing, strengthening, building relationships, recognising strengths and abilities in self that rarely have the opportunity to be discovered in daily routine."

Grade 10 student Kayden Clark summed it up: "It really was the experience of a lifetime."

LEFT: Eric Grice is a study in strength and determination as he hauls on a rope.



Recharging their energy: at rear, Eric Grice, left, and Chris Woolley. Front, from left, Joshua Turley, Kayden Clark, Jonathon Schmidt and Dylan Monks.



Chris Woolley in a safety harness.



Amber Mathews enjoys the sunshine and cool breeze.

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After school care (OSHC)
\$2.20 per day. For 5-12-year-olds. Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays from 2.45-6pm. Bus pick-up from local schools. Parents must pick up afterwards. Sport, art and craft, eight-ball, video games etc. Forms available from PCYC.

Basketball teams at Clarence
Free. Teams for males and females aged 9-18. Games played at Clarence on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday nights depending on age group. Transport to and from games provided along with uniforms. Get enrolment form from the PCYC.

Brighton Alive meetings
Monthly at the Brighton Council Chambers at 10am. Phone John or Ben on 6268 7035.

Brighton Nursery
Mondays to Thursdays 9am-4pm, Eddington Street. Come browse our plants and check on upcoming courses or just ask questions about your garden.

Family food educator courses
Training courses on becoming a family food educator start this month in Bridgewater at the Brighton Community Centre, Green Point Road, each Tuesday from April 21-May 19, 9.30am-2.30pm. Morning tea and lunch as well as free childcare are all provided. For more information phone Michelle Fletcher on 6224 9198 or email familyfoodpatch@iprimus.com.au

Family fun night
Thursday nights at Bridgewater PCYC from 6.15-8.15pm. Dinner provided. Come along as a family and enjoy use of the facilities and spend time with the kids. If you have any problems support is available. Phone 6263 5677.

Free computer courses
Bridgewater or Brighton Online Access Centre, every weekday. Phone 6263 6444 or 6268 0682.

Good Beginnings
Play and learn sessions. Every

Calendar items for Brighton Community News are published for community groups free of charge. Any changes for 2009 should be sent to editorial@brightoncommunitynews.com.au

Monday 8.45-11am, Gagebrook Primary School (in the Terrapin). Free. Join the fun for families with children aged up to five. Also access information about other services. Phone Simone Johns on 0417 316 987.

Group 15 Green Point Penguin Club
Every second and fourth Monday of the month at Brighton Community Centre, Green Point Rod 7.30-8.30pm. Shirley Williams phone 6263 6444.

Helping Hands
Minor home maintenance service that helps residents with small jobs such as rubbish removal, pruning, stacking wood. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 9.30am-

3pm. Donations between \$5 and \$25. Phone Gagebrook Community Centre on 6263 6097.

Hands across Hobart basketball
Free basketball games against African youth from Hobart PCYC on Friday nights monthly. Players aged 13-18 required. BBQ supper provided.

Karate
\$4 per session. Wednesday and Thursday evenings 6.30-8.30pm. Males and females aged 10 and over, including adults. Turn up on the evening to enrol at Bridgewater PCYC.

Kids' Breakfast Club
Monday to Thursday 8.15-8.45am, Bridgewater Community

Centre. The club provides a healthy breakfast and nutrition education every day to school children in areas of greatest need to help them start the day well. Phone Jordan River Service on 6263 4303.

Kinder gym
\$2.20. For children aged up to five, every second Tuesday 9.30-11.30am. Come along with the kids.

NILS (No-Interest Loan Scheme)
The scheme is available to purchase essential household items such as a fridge or washing machine. Monday-Friday, 9am-2.30pm, Bridgewater Community Centre. Phone 6263 4303.

PCYC gym for girls
Mondays and Wednesday, 4-5.15pm at Bridgewater PCYC. \$2 per session. Phone 6263 5277.

RECLINK
Free. At Bridgewater PCYC. Tuesdays or Wednesdays 10.30-

2pm. Various sports and social activities such as football, netball, cricket, golf, fishing etc. For 14-24-year-olds. Transport provided to activities and lunch provided. Phone Andrew on 6263 5277.

Speed Art Day
Sunday April 5, Pontville Recreation Grounds from 11am-3pm. Presented by Brighton Alive.

Table tennis competition
Monday nights from 6.15-8.15pm, free. For those aged 10 and over including adults. Come along as a family. Prizes each week. Just turn up on the evening.

Top Gear program
Monday to Thursday, Bridgewater Community Centre giving applicants a significant life benefit including gaining employment, re-engaging in education and improved autonomy. Phone Jordan River Service on 6263 4303.

Weight gym
\$2.20 per session plus \$10 annual

membership. Open to the public for adults and youth aged 14 and over weekdays, 9am-6pm. Phone Andrew on 6263 5277 for more information and an initial assessment and tailored program or drop into the PCYC. First session is free.

Youthlinx drop-in
Free for 11-16-year-olds each Monday and Wednesday from 2.45-6pm. Activities include eight-ball, X-box games, internet, basketball, gym, table tennis etc. Gagebrook residents dropped home afterwards and pick-ups from Gagebrook and Herdsmans Cove Primary around 2.45pm.

Youthlinx Saturday drop-in
Free for 11-16-year-olds each Saturday from 10am-2pm. Activities include eight-ball, X-box games, internet, basketball, gym, table tennis etc. Get Out There excursions will begin in April.

Knitting group needs wool for charity efforts

THE Brighton municipality community knitting group has just begun its third year of knitting for a variety of charities, both at home and overseas.

Last year the group sent an impressive array of knitted items to babies and children overseas via the Guardian Chemist aid program.

This year members of the group have expanded the number of organisations



Some of the members of the group busy knitting for charity.

they are knitting for. These include beanies and scarves for men at Bethlehem House, rugs and other items for the Palliative Care Unit's Whittle Ward at

the Repatriation Centre, tiny babies' clothes for the Neo-Natal Unit at the RHH and 'trauma' teddies for the fire and ambulance services.

If anyone has any unused wool at home they would like to donate, the group would be only too happy to take it and turn it into something needed.

Donations of wool can be dropped into the Brighton Community Health Centre which is opposite the shopping complex in Green Point Road, Bridgewater.

If you are interested in checking the group out further, come along to the Ter-

rapin Room at the Health Centre on Tuesdays from 12.30pm, have a cup of tea and enjoy the relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

Members are at all stages of skill and knowledge and to begin with you don't actually have to know how to knit, only to have an interest in learning.

As much as anything, it is about sharing company which research tells us is of proven benefit to our general health and wellbeing.

For further information, contact Robyn Bishop, community health social worker at the Brighton Community Health Centre on 6268 4240.

Whitelion expands operations with Bridgewater office

WHITELION, a non-profit organisation that supports disadvantaged young people, has established an office at Bridgewater that will allow it to expand its employment program into southern Tasmania.

The program, which helps young disadvantaged Tasmanians enter the workforce, has been funded since 2006 through the Workforce Development Unit of the Department of Economic Development and Tourism.

Based on the success of the program to date, the Tasmanian Government recently announced a further three-year commitment of \$900,000 that has allowed Whitelion to establish a third Tasmanian office at Bridgewater.

Announced by the Minister for Primary Industries and Water, David Llewellyn, the grant will help 120 of Tasmania's most disadvantaged jobseekers into new jobs statewide over a three-year period.

"Many of these jobseekers are either in the youth justice system or at risk of entering it and are disconnected from their families and community through abuse, neglect and a range of other issues," Mr

Llewellyn said.

"Whitelion works closely with these people to address their individual and sometimes multiple barriers through mentoring and training.

"The program is successful because of the careful matching of jobseekers and employers.

"Employers are provided with ongoing support from Whitelion during the employment relationship."

Mr Llewellyn said the expansion had also enabled Whitelion to establish a new partnership with the Tasmanian building and construction industry.

Recruiting

"The building and construction industry in Tasmania continues to grow, with work in the state in the December quarter 6.5 per cent higher than in the September quarter," he said.

"It's the right time for young people to get involved in the industry and for industry to look at new ways of recruiting."

Hazell Bros, which employs about 500 people statewide, has provided its in-principle support to the program.

Human resources manager Jon Schwaiger said the company was already involved in the sponsorship and support of U-Turn, a program for young people aged 15-20 with a history of motor vehicle offences or who were at risk of becoming involved in motor vehicle offences.

"Through our involvement with the U-Turn program, we provide three-months of paid work experience for the best graduate," he said.

"Of the three program participants Hazell Bros has provided work experience to, two have become full-time apprentices with the company."

Mr Schwaiger said Hazell Bros was happy to support the building and construction program that it saw as an extension of its long-term recruitment strategy.

"We like to give people a go," he said. "We have found that if we are supportive of our employees, they will support us."

Mr Schwaiger said under the building and construction program, Hazell Bros was giving a young person a three-month trial and an opportunity to work full-time.

Affordable home computers

THE Smith Family and Green PC have joined forces to offer families in Bridgewater and Gagebrook the opportunity to own their home computer at an affordable price.

The package includes a fully refurbished Pentium IV computer with speakers, 17-inch (43cm) monitor, software and more, 12 months unlimited dial-up internet connection, free five-week introduction to computers training course, 12-month warranty and 12-months free telephone helpdesk support.

To be eligible, you need to have children at school, a health care or pension concession card, a home phone

line and you must not already own a home computer.

The offer doesn't cover the cost of phone line, monthly phone line rental or calls, delivery of computers

to home and internet access after the 12-month period

To find out more or to order your own home computer package phone Julia Fassina on 6223 4729 or 0427 665 318.

WATER METER READING CHANGE OF SCHEDULE

Ratepayers are advised of a change to the schedule of water meter readings for the Municipality. These readings will commence in May (instead of April), with the accounts being processed during June (instead of May). Please ensure that Council staff have easy access to your meter by ensuring it is clear of debris and not obstructed by trees and plants. Thank you for your co-operation.



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Fun at the Nursery for Dads and Kids

Dads bring your kids along (Mums welcome too) to fun at the Riverside Nursery Bridgewater

We will also make a scarecrow, a wiggle waggle worm farm and have a BBQ or 2

Have some fun with your kids playing, potting and growing veggies.

Enjoy the open space and the opportunity to have fun with your kids.

Learn the magic of growing veggies from seed to plate

When: Every Tuesday 11.30am to 2pm
Where: Riverside Nursery, Bridgewater

For more information please contact
Bob Walker (Dads Connect Coordinator) on 0488 218 809
Simone Johns (Bright Start Early Years Centre Coordinator) on 0417 316 987

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EVERY THURSDAY AND FRIDAY
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www.brightonalive.com.au

Teaching your baby with rock, rhythm and rhyme

ROCK and Rhyme is an interactive session for parents and their babies, held every Wednesday at 10.30am during school terms.

Our half-hour session includes songs, nursery rhymes, stories, musical instruments and lots of actions.

We believe that singing and repeating rhymes with your baby helps to develop their listening, memory and vocabulary skills as well as promoting a greater bond between child and parent.

At our sessions your



baby will also have the chance to interact with other babies in a friendly, relaxed environment.

Reading together

THE State Library runs parent and child pre-read-

ing sessions every Thursday morning at the Bridgewater Library + Online Access Centre.

The sessions start at 10am and run for an hour each week during school terms.

The program is called Reading Together and is designed to help parents, grandparents or carers support their three- to four-year-old children develop pre-reading skills.

Each session is based around a story-telling, singing, rhyming and activity program which focuses

on a particular letter of the alphabet.

Adults are also provided with tips to help support their children become readers.

For further information phone the Bridgewater Library + Online Access Centre on 6263 6222.

Student artwork on display

WE are fortunate to have on display at the Bridgewater Library + Online Access Centre a selection of artwork painted by the stu-

dents of the Gagebrook Primary School.

If you have not seen the artwork come on in to our facilities in Green Point Road and take a few minutes to enjoy the beautiful display.

eLearn courses

ONCE again, the Bridgewater Library + Online Access Centre is offering free TAFE eLearn courses.

eLearn is a 10-week, self-paced basic course to improve your computer skills and covers basic OH&S; Microsoft Word – learn how to produce, store,

change and edit letters, flyers, posters, fax cover sheets, and memos; internet – learn basic search and surf the internet; email – learn how to set up an email account, send, receive, add photos and more; Microsoft Excel – learn how to produce a basic spreadsheet and more.

Staff at the Bridgewater centre take great pride in providing you with a supportive, friendly environment to undertake this course and assure you support, guidance and assistance is available at all times.

We run three courses a

year aligned to the school term.

Round one is under way and will conclude on May 22. Round two enrolments take place from June 1-12 with the course starting June 15 and concluding August 28.

Round three enrolments take place from September 7-18 with the course starting September 21 and concluding December 4.

There is no cost and anyone interested should apply to the coordinator to see if eLearn is for you, phone 6263 6222.

Affordable housing supply gets local boost

TASMANIA'S stocks of affordable housing have been increased with the handover of four new homes in the Brighton municipality.

The homes in Bowden Drive have been built by STEPS and have been leased to Tasmanian Affordable Housing Limited (TAHL) as part of its program to provide low-cost houses for people on the public housing waiting list.

TAHL managing director Derris Gillam said the four new homes would add to the 66 houses already built and occupied under a program started in the middle of last year.

"As well, developers are preparing to lodge building permit applications for a further 73 houses, with another 262 houses in various stages of the planning and approval process," Mr Gillam said.

"As well as in Brighton, the houses are being developed in Clarence, Hobart, Margate, Launceston, Ulverstone and Wynyard.

"The program is already making a real difference and represents substantial progress on our objective of increasing the supply of affordable housing around the state.

"As more houses come online over the next 12

months, roofs will be put over the heads of many Tasmanian families waiting for homes."

Mr Gillam said TAHL's model was unique in Australia, with the company leasing new residential housing and then sub-leasing the homes to people on the public housing waiting list.

"It is a true partnership between the private and public sectors, with the developers building the houses on both public and private land and the scheme backed by a government guarantee that provides security for the developers," he said.

"As well, the government's contribution ensures that tenants are charged an affordable rent."

TAHL was established in late 2006 by the Tasmanian Government and community organisations as a public, unlisted company, with the objective of developing and leasing 700 new houses.

"Our real success is achieved when we give people the keys to their new home and with the houses at Brighton and the others already developed, about to be constructed or in the planning process, we are well on the way to meeting our objective," Mr Gillam said.



Derris Gillam, right, receives the new house keys from Ken Langston, of STEPS.



The new affordable houses in the Brighton municipality.

Greenhouse gas monitoring pact

THE Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT), in conjunction with Planet Footprint, has launched the Tasmanian local government carbon pollution reduction program.

President of the Local Government Association of Tasmania Mike Gaffney said

the program would result in Tasmania being the first state or territory in Australia to have all 29 councils undertaking monitoring, benchmarking and reporting of greenhouse gas emissions.

"This is a significant achievement for our local government sector," he said.

The program is part of

the statewide partnership agreement on climate change.

"Planet Footprint will be working with the Local Government Association of Tasmania to implement its energy and greenhouse scorekeeping service into Tasmanian councils over the next few months," Cr Gaffney said.

Walking to school instils healthy habits in young

BRIGHTON parents and carers will be encouraged to walk to school with their children as part of National Walk Safely to School Day on May 15.

An initiative of the Pedestrian Council of Australia (PCA), Walk Safely to School Day urges all parents and carers to include exercise in their young children's daily routines.

PCA chairman Harold Scruby said starting healthy habits from an early age was proven to reduce obesity and related health problems.

"Walking is one of the best and easiest ways to exercise. And it's free," he said.

"All parents and carers are asked to walk their children safely to school either all or part of the way on Walk Safely to School Day.

"In addition to promoting health to young Aus-



tralian, Walk Safely to School Day aims to raise awareness of pedestrian safety for children and promotes environmentally friendly transport."

The event is sponsored by the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing and supported by all state, territory and local governments.

It is also supported by the Heart Foundation, Cancer Council, Diabetes Australia, BeyondBlue and Planet Ark.

Schools interested in participating can register at www.walk.com.au.

February rain above average

BRIGHTON'S rainfall for the month of February was 35.6mm over nine days.

The average rainfall in February is 32.7mm. The total for the year so far is 49mm.

LOCAL CHURCH SERVICES

ANGLICAN PARISH OF BRIGHTON
(Ph 6268 0066)

Easter Services 2009

Sunday 5th April - Palm Sunday

8.45 am - St George s, Old Beach, Holy Communion

10.30 am St Mark s, Pontville, Family Service & Holy Communion

Thursday 9th April - Maundy Thursday

6.30 pm - Passover meal, Burrows Centre.

Friday 10th April - Good Friday

10.30 am St Mark s, Pontville

Sunday 12th April - Easter Day

8.45 am - St George s, Old Beach, Holy Communion

8.45am - St Thomas s, Tea Tree, Holy Communion

10.30 am St Mark s, Pontville, Family Service & Holy Communion

St Mark s, Pontville

Every Sunday: 10.30 am, 2nd Wednesday: 11.30 am

St George s, Old Beach

Every Sunday: 8.45 am

St Thomas s, Tea Tree

2nd and 4th Sundays: 8.45 am

Bridgewater/Gagebrook (Sunday Connections)

4th Sunday: 2.30 pm

BRIDGEWATER-BRIGHTON-CLAREMONT

CATHOLIC PARISH

Fr Dudley Perera (OMI) (Ph 6263 6242)

St Paul s, Bridgewater

Every Sunday: 9 am

St Matthew s Pontville

1st Sunday: 10.30 am

3rd Sunday: Noon

St Bernard s, Claremont 10.30 am every Sunday

NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN CENTRE Brighton Civic

Centre, Green Point Rd

Pastor Denis Pythian (Ph 6249 2523)

Every Sunday: 10.30am

UNITING CHURCH GAGEBROOK

Rev John McRae (Ph 0400 128 122)

Every Sunday: 10am

UNITING CHURCH PONTVILLE

1st Sunday: 11.15am

Please remember to turn back your clocks on

Saturday 4 April



SOLID WASTE COLLECTION & RECYCLING GOOD FRIDAY

RECYCLING - there will be **NO COLLECTION** on Good Friday (10 April). Residents are requested to have their recycling crate placed on the kerbside by 6am **SATURDAY 11 APRIL**.

GARBAGE - Residents are advised that there will be **NO COLLECTION** of wheelie bins on Good Friday (10 April). Those residents whose normal collection falls on Good Friday are requested to have their mobile garbage bins placed on the kerbside by 6am **SATURDAY 11 APRIL**.

WASTE TRANSFER STATION CLOSED - GOOD FRIDAY

Residents are advised that the Waste Transfer Station will be closed **ALL DAY** on Good Friday, 10 April.

The Bridgewater Library + Online Access Centre

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Monday	Noon - 5pm	CLOSED
Tuesday	Noon - 5pm	10am - 12.30pm 1.30pm - 4pm
Wednesday	10am - 3pm	CLOSED
Thursday	10am - 3pm	1pm - 3.30pm
Friday	10am - 5pm	CLOSED
Saturday	CLOSED	CLOSED
Sunday	CLOSED	CLOSED



Bridgewater: 28 Green Point Rd

(in the Service Centre) Phone 6263 6222

Brighton: Brighton Primary School
Downie Street Phone 6268 0682

SPORT

in the Brighton Community



Brighton gets active with government grant

BRIGHTON Council has received a grant of almost \$35,000 from the State Government to deliver its Active Brighton! program across the municipality.

Labor MLC for Derwent Michael Aird said Active Brighton! was addressing barriers to participation as outlined in the Brighton Council's 2005 community survey.

Mr Aird visited a group of young people involved in an Active Brighton! program in conjunction with the Tassie Tigers cricket team.

Brighton Street Cricket was held in Seymour Street among a crowd of enthusiastic young people, including members of the Tassie Tigers team.

"The Brighton area has

produced some very good local and state cricketers over the years," Mr Aird said.

"Luke Butterworth, a former student of Bridgewater High School, is a fine example of that talent."

The Tasmanian Tigers were represented at the event not only by young batsman Jonathon Wells, but also by Australian Test off-spinner Jason Krejza.

Mr Aird said a 2005 Brighton Council survey found that 80 per cent of people did not participate in organised sport and cited barriers such as transport and finance.

"It is really important that we provide positive, practical and interesting activities for young people to be involved in," Mr Aird said.

"Having Tasmania's best cricketers here in Brighton is a great way to encourage young people to get out in the community and get active."

"Cricket is not only good for keeping active, but it's also great for building relationships and forming new friendships."

The first stage of the Active Brighton! project began in 2008, involving a review of existing sport and recreational activities run by Brighton Council.

John Klug, Brighton Council's community liaison officer, said the program would improve the Brighton community's capacity to support a variety of new and already established sport and recreational activities.

"Extensive research went

into finding out exactly what this community required when it came to getting involved in sport and recreation," he said.

This involved a survey of about 280 students from the seven primary schools in the Brighton area to identify sports that children are interested in playing, and what barriers need to be overcome for them to participate.

Survey responses were also sought via the Brighton Alive newsletter, website and radio show.

New activities offered by the Brighton Council have already included bushwalking, surfing, gardening, cooking, yoga, mental health classes and boot camp.

It is also hoped that



Some of the municipality's young Active Brighton! program participants with Labor MLC for Derwent Michael Aird.

white-water rafting, kayaking, golf and lawn bowls will eventually be included in the exciting range of activities.

As well as cricket, popular sports such as football and softball will continue to be offered with the aim of Brighton Council to provide a maximum of 12 activities and programs.

Activities such as basketball, netball, rock-climbing and orienteering are planned for some of the schools within the area.

Each school will provide students with the opportunity to participate in several sports after school, with the focus on having students take up at least one of the sports offered.

The grant will also give students the chance to participate in one off-campus activity.

"It's pleasing to see that Brighton Council recognises the needs of the public through the delivery of programs that give everyone a chance to get fit and healthy," Mr Aird said.

Cricket raises money for bushfire appeal

By JOHN KLUG*

BRIGHTON Council hosted a 20/20 cricket bushfire appeal game at Pontville Park in March under lights.

More than 500 people raised over \$1400 watching local celebrities such as Mayor Tony Foster, Heath Macpherson and the talented Betty Stapenell lose by one run to the TCA All Stars featuring celebrities Kim and Dave, Matt and Haydo, Tasmanian cricket coach Tim Coyle and mega-star Blair Brownless.

It was a wonderful community event, marred only by PCYC's Andrew Dean wearing underwear while batting.

Thanks to all those involved, particularly the TCA, Brighton Football Club, Brighton Bakehouse, Rosie and Michael Purdon and all players. Special thanks go to Chris Garrett and Andrew Dykes from the TCA.

*John Klug is Brighton's community liaison officer.



The cricket raised more than \$1400 and a great day was had by all.



Spanish event for Hobart United coach

HOBART United FC has scored well for season 2009 by securing the services of Michael Mckenna as goalkeeper-coach.

Michael, 25, is a highly accomplished and respected goalkeeper in both the outdoor game and futsal (indoor).

A mark of his experience and high regard was Michael's selection as a member of the Vikings national men's squad, which is competing in the world challenge eight-nations tournament in Spain.

Michael is believed to be the first Tasmanian to take part in the international tournament.

The Vikings Futsal tournament has given Michael an unbelievable opportunity.

"I would never get this playing the extended, outdoor version of the game," he said.

Hobart United wished Michael and the team all the best for the tournament which was being played as Brighton Community News went to print.

The tournament will enhance Michel's prospects for selection for a tournament in Russia later in the year.

Girls, girls and only girls @ the Bridgewater PCYC Gym!

From 5-6pm every Monday and Wednesday, the PCYC gym will be open to women only – women who want a personalised program put together by qualified trainers in the first class PCYC gym.

All Ages. All Sizes.

Men dress up as woman will be screened and evicted.

Come and enjoy the privacy, get fit and have fun.

Contact Andrew or Sam on 6263 5277 for further information

"The PCYC gym is one of the best in Hobart." - Simon, Derwent Park.

"Why didn't we know this was here. It's great." - Kim, Brighton.

\$2.20
per
session

\$10 Annual Membership

You need to bring:
Appropriate clothing,
water bottle and
hand towel.