

\$120m development will result in 400 new homes on former army camp site

Bright new dawn for Brighton

A MAJOR housing development comprising 400 dwellings is under way at the former Brighton Army Camp site.

The largest housing development in Brighton for 30 years, the project has been officially launched by Brighton Mayor Tony Foster.

Brighton Council has approved the development of 328 lots to accommodate 400 new dwellings on the 62-hectare former Army Camp Estate at a value of about \$120 million.

The project is being undertaken by developers Trouma International, with the first lots now being prepared.

Cr Foster said the development would help meet the growing demand

for residential development in the area. "Importantly, it demonstrates how developers are recognising the growth of the municipality and vision that we have for future development for the area," Cr Foster said.

"Over the next six years Brighton's population is set to climb from 16,000 to 20,000.

"This exciting development will allow young people to stay in the district in which they have grown up and encourage others to move to the area.

"It will also complement other major projects that are happening here, including the Brighton bypass and the growth of the industrial estate as more

business and industry relocates because of the Brighton transport hub."

The estate will feature a through road for public transport access, and the larger blocks, around the estate's perimeter, were precluded from unit development.

Peter Binny, project manager for the Trouma International development, said land prices in Brighton had gone up dramatically over the past few years and young people had been priced out of the market.

"With prices ranging from \$80,000 to \$150,000, this estate offers enough lots to satisfy that pent-up demand," he said.



At the development launch from left, Mayor Tony Foster with Deputy Mayor Geoff Taylor and Simon Touma, Director of Trouma International, the owners of the site.

Housing site has history and heritage to be preserved

By JOHN HALL

THROUGHOUT the 20th century, Brighton was the centre of military training in Tasmania.

Troops going to the Boer War and World War 1 trained in paddocks near the Jordan River.

Then in 1939 the Brighton Army Camp on Midland Highway was built

to train soldiers going to fight in World War 2.

The final chapter on these military achievements has concluded with the subdivision of the 68-hectare Brighton Army Camp.

Volunteers, conscripts and cadets once honed their skills in combat, first-aid and other necessities of army life at the camp.

Most of the old buildings have since gone and the grassy level site is being developed as one of the largest housing estates in Tasmania.

Brighton Council has approved the sale of 328 lots. The first 28 lots went on sale on March 15 and 17 were sold in the first 24 hours – all but three sites being sold to

builders.

Lots range in price from \$88,000 to \$150,000.

"This subdivision will be good for the growth of the municipality. We've been over-run with inquiries from people wanting to live here," said Brighton Mayor Tony Foster.

The Brighton transport hub – a key vision of Cr Foster who had been lobbying for the railroad project for 13 years – will be operational by June 2012, and by then he hopes there will be residents in several hundred new homes on Brighton Estate.

"If some of the residents choose to work at the hub it will be only five minutes to drive there," he said.

When Brighton Estate is completed and fully sold in an estimated five years, 400 households will live there in a mix of dwellings which will engender a feeling of community.

The streetscape will be enhanced by underground power and gently curving roadways to slow traffic. Direct access to the Midland Highway will not be available until the Brighton bypass is completed.

A key feature of the subdivision will be the retention of the army parade ground as open space for passive recreation – this represents 15 per cent of the area being

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Tuesday, April 13 - 5.15pm

Planning Committee

Tuesday, April 13 - 5.30pm

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Tuesday, April 20 - 5.30pm

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Heat is on to improve home energy efficiency

BRIGHTON Council has invested in a home energy audit toolkit that is now available free to ratepayers.

The toolkit allows households to undertake their own home energy audits in their own time and space and is considered a complimentary measure to available home energy audit services and

programs.

Households who undertake their own energy audit using the toolkit will gain a deeper understanding of how their home uses energy.

The toolkit also gives the user some helpful tips on how to improve energy efficiency in the home leading to energy savings and there-

fore cost savings for the household.

The toolkit can be borrowed for a two-week period from the Council offices at 1 Tivoli Rd, Gagebrook.

There is a booking system so that if it is not available when you first enquire you can be put on a list and borrow it at a later date.



Bridgewater High student Ashley Collis was a previous cattle-handling champion.

Fun for all at this year's farm fete

THE Bridgewater High School farm fete is on again on Saturday, April 17.

From 10am-3pm, the fete is always a fun day on the farm for the whole family.

Admission and parking is free. There will be plenty of stalls, competitions, wood-chopping events, yard dog trials, a ute competition starting at 10.30am, a baby show and

pet parade, both starting at 11am, puppet show as well as the popular cattle-handling events.

There will also be displays of vintage machinery and cars, wood-turning, sheep and alpaca shearing, the Brighton SES, spinning and belly dancing. As always, the fete is an event not to be missed.

Brighton's army link began with Boer War

BRIGHTON'S proud history with the Australian Army began more than a century ago when soldiers about to depart for the Boer War in southern Africa were trained near the site of the Brighton Army Camp, not yet built.

Fifteen years later troops were mustered there before they went to fight in World War 1.

The Brighton Army Camp was constructed in World War 2 on what had been the first site of Hobart Aerodrome.

In 1931 the legendary

Charles Kingsford Smith piloted the first commercial aircraft to land at Brighton.

With 12 passengers on board, it landed on a dusty paddock which the pilot called "a very fine piece of ground". But four years later Cambridge was chosen as the site for Hobart Aerodrome.

During World War 2 all soldiers from Tasmania underwent training at the Brighton Army Camp before serving in Europe, north Africa and in the Pacific.

During that war, Italian POWs were detained at the

camp; immediately after the war the camp was home to Polish refugees displaced by the Hitler regime.

In the 1950s, the camp accommodated army cadets, reservists and 'nashos' – young men called up for national service.

In 1967 Brighton Army Camp housed bushfire victims and in 1999 the camp once again was used to shelter victims of a conflict in Europe – this time it was the Kosovar refugees.

The camp was decommissioned in 1995.

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opened up to housing.

Also being retained is the former camp hospital, directly behind the parade ground and heritage listed. Ownership of this building

will be transferred to Brighton Council and it will be developed for residents' recreational needs.

Most of the larger blocks – more than 1000sqm – will have two or three units; smaller blocks – between 460 and 750sqm – will have single dwellings.

The value of the subdivision will be around \$35 million and the completed housing will add a further \$120 million.

In population terms, the new estate will go a long way to helping Brighton municipality grow from the present 15,000 to the projected 22,000 by the year 2026.

Project manager Peter Binny has been working on the subdivision for the past two years.

The developer has had to strip asbestos from the hospital building, he says, as well as cleaning the site of contamination, primarily oil and metals – the leftovers of decades of army habitation. Hazell Bros is doing the major construction work.

Mr Binny says the through-road network will enable access by public transport and the estate is within walking distance of Brighton Primary School, shops, hotel and restaurant. Stormwater will be collected in open space at the northern perimeter of the estate and this will make its way into the Jordan River. Grey water will be treated at the Green Point facility for subsequent piping to farms in Tea Tree.

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Public spaces a priority for community growth

YET further signs of how the major projects in our community are now coming to fruition was the recent launch of the largest housing development for Brighton in the past 30 years (see story on page 1).

While the numbers of homes and the ability to encourage more people, particularly young families, to remain in our wonderful municipality is welcome, the other exciting and very important aspect of the development will be the

A MESSAGE FROM *The Mayor*

provision of more public open space for the whole community.

An integral part of Council agreeing to the housing development on the 62-hectare site, was the setting aside of two major areas – the parade ground and the former army hospital – for community use.

The parade ground will be refurbished, irrigated and developed into an open space for the community, primarily as bike and walking tracks for passive recreation.

In terms of the hospital, its final use will be determined through consultation with all relevant stakeholders but it is our vision that the hospital be put to good community use, particularly for those young families who will eventually be accommodated in the housing

development itself.

The bike and walking pathways within the development will link up with the track that is planned from Pontville Oval through to Brighton proper.

This will be finalised once the bypass is completed but it will complement all of the bike and walking tracks already completed throughout the municipality in Bridgewater and Old Beach.

Another aspect of the development is how we retain the historic army

gates. We are already developing preliminary design work on how best to retain the gates which are an important part of Brighton's history.

The designs will be finalised in consultation with the relevant stakeholders such as the RSL before being put to Council for approval.

With other aspects of major activity that is currently occurring in the municipality, such as the Brighton bypass, the growth

in the numbers of businesses and industries that are relocating to the industrial estate and the transport hub, as well as the detailed planning and design for the new streetscapes to be implemented once the bypass is completed, Brighton is certainly forging ahead.

I am constantly being told by 'outsiders' who are either visiting or travelling through Brighton that we are indeed, a thriving municipality.

This makes me very

proud of the achievements of and for our community by everyone involved who wants to see us continue to grow and prosper.

You just have to look at what is happening to see that Brighton is tangibly demonstrating its strong leadership for the benefit of the whole community.



Tony Foster
Mayor



Clean Up Australia Day volunteers, from left Mackenzie-Rose Penwright, Stacey Turner, Larissa Murtagh, Ken Turner, Brent Lees, Natalie Turner, Vick and Ryan Liderth take a well-earned break.

Brighton does its bit on Clean Up Australia Day

SUNDAY March 7 was national Clean Up Australia Day and in our municipality it was no different.

A small dedicated group cleaned an area from Cassidy's Bay on the East Derwent Highway towards Otago Bay.

This group was predominantly friends of local woman Stacey Turner who, along with Brent Lees, owns and operates a landscape and garden maintenance business called Earth Impressions.

Ms Turner said the area cleaned from Cassidy's Bay, which only covered 700m of riverside and highway, took six hours to clean.

"We collected two ute loads of rubbish and recyclables, everything from car parts lost in vehicle accidents, television sets, tyres, old trailer parts, many, many beer bottles, soft drink and fast-food containers," Stacey said.

"The collectors were amazed that in such a short stretch of highway such an

accumulation of rubbish had been dumped, mostly from passing vehicles.

"Next year we aim to involve more people and move further up the highway and clean up more of this wonderful community."

"The exercise also showed us the necessity to recycle and be responsible with our own rubbish and waste removal."

If you are interested in being involved in next year's clean-up contact Stacey at earthimpressions@bigpond.com

Campbell Gunn was one of nature's true gentlemen

CAMPBELL Gunn, who died last month, was one of the senior statesmen of the Brighton community – a former municipal councillor, Rotarian, bowls enthusiast and farmer.

Mr Gunn was, as he would have said with a whimsical smile, "in active retirement".

The patriarch of Tea Tree's well-known family of farmers died suddenly on Friday March 12. The funeral was held one week later on what would have been Mr Gunn's 82nd birthday.

Brighton Mayor Tony Foster was among the estimated 300 mourners at the funeral.

"The large number of mourners came from throughout the community," Cr Foster said. "Campbell was one of nature's true gentlemen and was so well-respected."

He recalled the four years when he and his old friend served as councillors together.

"Campbell was fairly conservative and never rushed into things. Even when he retired as a councillor he was always happy to give sound advice or a second opinion if I phoned to ask for it," Cr Foster said.



Campbell and Anne Gunn pictured at home last year.

Mr Gunn had two terms as a Brighton councillor – from 1966 to 1977 and from 1993 to 1996.

In an interview in Brighton Community News last year, Mr Gunn recalled his years as a councillor.

"It probably wasn't good having a second spell as a councillor – too much homework, too much reading," he said.

The Brighton Council chambers were originally at Pontville, the seat of local

government until the late 1970s when a vote was taken.

Mr Gunn wanted to rebuild the chambers at Pontville, but Council voted to build new chambers at Gagebrook instead.

Until he retired from active farming, Mr Gunn lived with his family at the historic homestead Glen Quoin on Back Tea Tree Road, in Tea Tree.

The farming property had been given to Mr Gunn's great-great grandfather William Gunn by Lieut-Gov Arthur as a reward for his "patriotic exertions".

William Gunn led colonial soldiers in a confrontation with Matthew Brady's bushranging gang at Sorell and lost an arm in the con-

flict.

In his later years Campbell Gunn and his wife Anne, a former district nurse in Richmond, lived in a smaller house just 2km from Glen Quoin.

Their two sons, Ronald and Christopher, farm sheep and cereal crops on the property. Ronald, the eldest son, lives in the historic homestead and Christopher lives close by.

A third son, Andrew, is a stock manager in Victoria's Western District and Campbell and Anne's daughter Elizabeth is a nurse in Launceston.

Cr Foster said after the funeral: "Campbell Gunn will be sadly missed by many in the Brighton community."

Fabulous fathers take turn in kitchen

COOKING with children can be a messy challenge – food can be splattered around the kitchen and on hands and faces.

But as a group of local dads found out recently, if the meal is easy, cooking together can be a fun, learning experience and a tasty one too.

About 15 dads and grand-dads met at Bagdad

school for a fabulous fathers' cook-up and together they cooked pizza roll-ups and rice paper rolls.

Communities for Children project officer Kelly Woodward said: "These are easy and nutritional snacks and fun to make."

"Sometimes if dads haven't spent much time in the kitchen, when they have

their children, they can run out of meal ideas.

"We want to spend time cooking healthy and easy meals and children are more likely to eat what they prepare because they have selected the fillings."

Cooking with children also provides learning opportunities. For instance, dads can talk with their child about measurements and learn about the weight of ingredients.

"The great thing about cooking is that it's a nice tactile experience for children and when we cook something together we can make sure no unhealthy ingredients are added," Ms Woodward said.

"It was wonderful to give the dads a Communities for Children recipe book as part of their 'fabulous fathers tool kit'."

"The kit is great for dads to have on hand with resources on positive par-



Lyndon Foster, of Dysart, selects fillings for a pizza wrap with daughter Brandy-Rose Foster, five.

enting and handy things to entertain children, like a DVD, CD and books.

"There is also a toothbrush, drink bottle and sun block."

The event was funded by Australia Post and Communities for Children (CfC).

Communities for Children hopes to host similar sessions in schools in Brighton. Interested schools can call 6234 2299.

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Playcentre going from strength to strength

THE Brighton playcentre/playgroup is going from strength to strength providing Brighton and its surrounding areas with both playcentre and playgroup sessions during the school term.

One of only three community playcentres in southern Tasmania, it has been successfully operating and managed by a volunteer parent committee for more than 20 years.

The hard-working group of parents oversees the finances, fundraising ventures and ensures the centre meets licensing requirements.

All income is spent on operating and improving the centre's services and facilities, for the benefit of the local children.

The Brighton playcentre/playgroup operates in a council-owned building that was formerly a home, which helps to provide children with that familiar, secure, home-like environment.

Brighton playcentre is licensed by the Tasmanian Department of Education and caters for children aged between two and four.

The staff members are very experienced, committed and dedicated to providing the highest-quality care and education to children and their families.

Carers work alongside parents raising children to become life-long learners.

The centre offers sessions for tiny tots (two to three-year-olds) and playcentre



Some of Brighton playcentre's charges with loving carers, from left, Jennifer Heawood and Maree Millhouse.

(three to four-year-olds) on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Programs have a weekly theme and are based on providing stimulating and fun educational activities and experiences that are suited to the needs, interests, talents and developmental level of individual children, as well as the group overall.

The centre incorporates routines such as storytime, outside playtime, music, craft, mealtime, which all help to promote skills in readiness for school.

The centre is very proud of its long-running and highly regarded playcentre and the way it allows children to build their independence, confidence, social skills and knowledge of the world, so that they can make that smooth transition from home life to kindergarten.

The centre also offers playgroup sessions on Monday and Friday mornings from 9.30-11.30am up to five-year-olds.

This is a great opportunity for parents/carers to interact with others and to have some special time with their children, as well as a great opportunity for their children to learn to socialise with others.

Phone the Brighton playcentre/playgroup on 6268 1851 for further information, or visit the centre at 1 Eucalypt Cres, Brighton.

Tackle swine flu through free immunisation

By BRENT BASSTIAN

THERE hasn't been much media attention regarding the swine flu but this doesn't mean that the dreaded H1N1 virus has gone away.

Like all seasonal flu infections the swine flu virus is expected to re-emerge with this next wave predicted to be coming soon.

It is also predicted that this year the swine flu will be the most prevalent form of flu.

The effects of the H1N1 virus have proved to be not as severe as first expected but the alarming trait of this virus is that it is three times more contagious than the regular flu, and immunocompromised persons, such as the young, elderly and those with underlying medical conditions, are susceptible to further health-related problems if they are affected.

To reduce the spread of this disease throughout the community, Brighton Council's environmental health department held two free swine flu vaccination clinics on February 17 and 24 at the Brighton Civic Centre in Bridgewater.

A total of 350 people were vaccinated during these clinics and not only are those vaccinated protected from the virus themselves but they have reduced the spread of the disease to their family, loved ones and other members of the community.

Free swine flu vaccinations are still available at the Council's monthly immunisation clinic held on the first Tuesday of every month from 2-3pm at the Brighton Council Chambers in Tivoli Road Gagebrook.

Children over six months can also be immunised against the virus, but parents and guardians of children should note that two vaccinations are required for children aged under 10.

If you have any further questions regarding swine flu or any other vaccinations available, please contact Council's environmental health department on 62687029.

Brent Basstian is Brighton Council's Senior Environmental Health Officer

Flu season means it's vaccine time

EVERY year, new strains of the highly contagious influenza virus emerge.

This year, completely new virus strains are being covered by the Fluvax vaccine, as well as the 'swine flu' strain, which remains threatening.

Brighton Doctors recommend immunisation should occur between March and May, before the onset of the flu season.

Protection develops about two weeks after the injection and lasts for up to one year.

People at risk of complications from influenza (eg, pneumonia) are those with weakened immunity or pre-existing illness:

- Everyone aged 65 and over.
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 15 years or over.
- All public hospital outpatients and inpatients with high risk factors.
- Anyone from six months of age with heart disease, chronic lung disease, chronic

neurological conditions, impaired immunity and other chronic illnesses, such as diabetes, kidney disease and haemoglobinopathies.

- Residents in nursing homes or other long-term care.
- Severe asthmatics who require frequent hospital visits.
- Pregnant women.
- Children on long-term aspirin therapy.
- Other chronic illnesses requiring regular medical follow-up or hospitalisation.

People who can put others at risk should definitely consider vaccination because this helps prevent virus spread.

This applies to anyone working or living with people listed above, including carers, hospital and aged-care staff, plus any workers providing essential services, people involved in the commercial poultry or pig industry, and anyone travelling as part of a group.



ABOVE: Girl Guides Tasmania encourages girls to develop their creativity and express themselves. RIGHT: Guides is all about fun and friendship.



Guides celebrate centenary with challenges

WITH Girl Guides celebrating its centenary year, 2010 is a great time for girls of all ages to become involved.

Girl Guides Tasmania offers opportunities for women of all ages, cultures, faiths and abilities to become involved in Guiding.

The support and development officer for Girl Guides Tasmania, Susan Northcott, said being a unit leader, assistant or helper provided opportunities to develop skills, take on new challenges, provide amazing experiences for girls and young women, make new friends and have fun.

"Brighton has two active, vibrant guide units that meet in Pontville Hall every Monday during the school terms and cater for girls aged from five to 14," she said.

"At guides, girls are able to experience exciting challenges with friends, learn new skills and have lots of fun.

"Every week is a different experience.

"Guides get to try a wide range of activities appropriate to their age and interests.

"Activities range from cooking and craft to adventurous activities such as kayaking, abseiling and bushwalking.

"There are also many statewide events that cover a wide range of interests, such as the environment, music, art and drama.

Ms Northcott said that guiding encouraged team work, built confidence and self-esteem and provided opportunities to take on new challenges in a supportive environment.

"You don't need to have a guiding background to become involved," she said.

"We offer fantastic training opportunities."

If you are a woman aged 18 or over looking for an exciting new challenge, phone Guides Tasmania on 1300 447 548 or email office@guidestas.org.au and they will put you in touch with your local unit.

Programs for all at PCYC

JUDO is now at Bridgewater PCYC on Monday nights with a fee of \$4 per class and all ages are welcome. Phone Michael 0447 299 124.

Other PCYC activities include: tai chi, Wednesdays 4.30pm-5.30pm; Outside School Hours Care, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 2.30pm-6pm, \$5 per child, free bus collection from local schools; PCYC Midgets, up to five years, Tuesdays 9.15am-11.30am; Youth Futures, 11-16 years, Mondays and Wednesdays including basketball and futsal rosters; Families Together evenings, Thursdays 6.30pm-8pm, free program with a meal included.

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July start date for new dog control laws

FROM July this year, dog-owners will need to comply with a range of new control requirements that have been introduced to reduce the risk of dog attacks in the community.

An outline of the new requirements and general information on other dog ownership issues will be provided over coming months in *Brighton Community News* starting next month.

Under the new laws you have an obligation to keep your dog under effective control and non-compliance can be an offence punishable by a fine of up to \$600.

This means that when your dog is in a public place, such as on a road or in a road-related area, it must be held on a lead not more than two metres long by a person able to control the dog.

For example, a small child should not be put in control of a large dog.

A court may also order that a dog be destroyed.

A full outline of the new laws and an owner's responsibilities will be in next month's edition.

For more information phone Council's animal control officers on 6268 7008.

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There are more fruit display cases and meat fridges to put in.

Fresh new market is good news for Brighton

SINCE it took over the Brighton fresh food market, Fresh Country Markets has turned the local venue into a hive of activity.

Fresh Country Markets general manager David Dillon said he was delighted with the initial response of the local community.

"We still have a lot of work to do to get the market up to our standards," he said.

"The people of Brighton obviously appreciate quality fresh produce at an affordable price, and that's what we're all about at FCM."

Brighton FCM manager Michael Stone said people were getting more confidence as they got to know the new market.

"We still have more fruit display cases and meat fridges to put in and lots of signage to go up yet," Mr Stone said.



From left, FCM's David Dillon general manager, Michael Stone store manager and Josh Snell assistant manager.

"But we thought it was better for our customers if we kept trading rather than closing down the whole operation for a month."

"We have lots in store for our Brighton customers, including fresh bread daily and our own locally produced milk."

"One thing we insist on at FCM is quality control, which is why we deal direct with local farmers and have our own butchers and bakers on staff."

"Brighton customers can look forward to many more developments in the months to come."

Natural gas delivers cost cuts for Roadways

ROADWAYS' decision to switch from LPG to natural gas at its asphalt manufacturing plant at Bridgewater was not a difficult one to make.

Managing director Phil Sidney said when he looked at the company's requirements and sat down and did the sums, the figures showed that natural gas was up to 60 per cent cheaper than LPG.

"While we invested \$325,000 to cover some minor conversion costs onsite and to construct a 1.4-kilometre natural gas pipe from Covehill Road to our plant, we benefited from a return on the investment well within our targeted expectations," he said.

Roadways uses natural gas to dry and heat aggregate and sand, sourced from the adjacent Boral Construction Materials quarry, which is then combined with bitumen to make asphalt.

The company provides between 35,000 and 50,000 tonnes of asphalt per annum for road infrastructure projects at a federal, state and local level, and for private contractors in the south of the state.

Mr Sidney said the company was able to remove a 25-tonne LPG cylinder from its plant site when it connected to the natural gas network in January 2008.

"We have been very pleased with the way natural gas has performed for our business," he said.

"Given the cost savings and its performance, we are also considering converting our Wivenhoe plant at Burnie from LPG to natural gas if economics stack up."

"We have held discussions with Tas Gas about such a conversion and are keen to explore this further."

Mr Sidney said the natural gas infrastructure investment at Bridgewater was well timed given the current strength of the market.

Competitive

"It has allowed us to contain cost inputs which ultimately maintain our competitive position in the market place," he said.

"There are a number of significant opportunities available in the marketplace at the moment, with all the indications pointing to a continuation of this for the next couple of years."

Roadways is a privately owned business that was incorporated in 1964 by its founder, the late Ian Harrington.

It employs more than 40 people full time statewide, and up to double this number during the busier summer months.



Roadways managing director Phil Sidney at the company's asphalt manufacturing plant at Bridgewater.

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BRIGHTON COUNCIL - CONTINUES TO PUNCH ABOVE ITS WEIGHT



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Anglicare Family Mental Health Support Service
A family support worker is available to support/see people from the Bridgewater and Gagebrook Community Centres by phoning Seth on 6213 3555. Services offered include access to information and resources, links to other support services, support to children of parents with mental health issues, and family or one-to-one counselling.

Bingo Bingo Bingo
Come along and join in the fun at the Bridgewater Community Centre every Tuesday from 12.30-2.30pm. Coffee and tea available. Books are \$2 with great prizes to be won. We look forward to seeing you there.

Brighton Alive meetings
Meetings held third Tuesday of the month, 10am at the Brighton Civic Centre. Phone Cathy 6268 7035.

Brighton Bowls Bingo
At Bowls Club, 68 Midlands Highway, Mondays 7.30-10pm (two jackpots). Phone 6268 1325.

Brighton Bowls Random Draws
Wednesdays and Saturdays 12.30pm start, \$5 entry includes tea/coffee and prizes. Begins Saturday April 10. Phone M Wiltshire 6268 0905.

Brighton Heritage Museum
Old Council Chambers, Midland Highway, Pontville. Open the last Sunday in the month from 1-3pm.

All welcome.

Bright Start Programs
Play and learn programs. Gagebrook Primary School, Mondays 9-11am; Brighton Community and Health Centre, Wednesdays 9-11am; Tea Tree Hall, alternate Thursdays 10-noon. Teenage Parents 2gether: Gagebrook Primary, Monday afternoons 1-2.30pm. Contact play and learn: Brighton Community and Health Centre, Tuesdays 9.30-11.30am. Home visiting: Brighton, Mondays to Thursdays 9am-4pm. Grow and learn: Riverside Nursery, monthly Mondays from 9-11am. Phone 6268 4257 for more information on all programs.

Community Barbecue and Kids Craft
Call into the Bridgewater Community Centre and have a sausage and a look around, get to know the staff and chat about programs you would be interested in participating in. Also a variety of craft activities for children will be available. Every second Monday from 2.30-4pm.

Community Knitting Group
The group meets at the Terrapin Room at the back of the Brighton Community Health Centre in Green Point Rd, Bridgewater, on Tuesdays, weekly from 12.30-3pm. There is no cost and women are invited to call in and have a chat and a cuppa. Phone Robyn Bishop on 6268 4240.

Computer Classes
The following computer courses are available at the Gagebrook Community Centre: digital media fundamentals; word processing fundamentals; presentation fundamentals; internet and world wide web fundamentals. For more information on any of these

Calendar items need to be updated for 2010 and this can be done by emailing editorial@brightoncommunitynews.com.au

courses or to receive a registration form please phone the Gagebrook Community Centre on 6263 6097. Computer fundamentals course, Every Wednesday from 10am-noon.

Early Support for Parents (ESP)
ESP is a not-for-profit organisation that trains and supports volunteers to work with families in their own homes. The work of an ESP volunteer is varied and extremely rewarding. It offers a comprehensive training program to our volunteers with support not only from the coordinator but also from other volunteers, guest speakers and ongoing training. ESP has families in need and would very much like to offer training to new volunteers to meet these needs. A light lunch is provided at all training sessions. Please contact Mary Thornton on 6223 2937 for any further information.

Families Together
Thursday nights at Bridgewater PCYC from 6-8pm. 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.

Group 15 Green Point Penguin Club
Every second and fourth Monday of the month at Brighton Community Centre, Green Point

Road 7.30-8.30pm. Shirley Williams phone 6263 6444.

Helping Hands
Helping Hands is a minor home maintenance project for residents of Gagebrook and Bridgewater. Some of the jobs they can help you with are rubbish removal, pruning, weeding, lawn-mowing, and small paint jobs. Jobs cost between \$5 and \$25. Helping Hands are available on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9.30am-3pm. For more information phone the centre on 6263 6097.

Historical Walk around Pontville
Sunday May 16 at 1pm starting Old Council Chambers, Midland Highway, Pontville. Cost is \$15 (includes afternoon tea and guided tour).

Jordan River Pensioners Club
Meets third Monday of every month at 1pm. Bus trips on last Wednesday of every month. Special luncheons. Phone the Gagebrook Community Centre on 6263 6097.

Jumping Castle
Now available for hire. Speak to Byron or Andrew at PCYC on 6263 5677.

Karate
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 phone 6263 5677. 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.

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

Old Beach Community Group
Meets every third Wednesday in each month, Old Beach Community Centre, Jetty Rd, Old Beach from 7-8.30pm. Any community-based issues are discussed, including planning, road safety, local facilities and organising community events such as quiz nights, family fun days and theme evenings on a bi-monthly basis. See community notice board outside the Old Beach Store or Brighton Alive website. www.brightonalive.com.au for more details. Phone Greg Hunt 0409 553 572.

PCYC midgets
\$2.50. For up to five-year-olds every second Tuesday 9.30-11.30am at Bridgewater PCYC. Come along with the kids.

PCYC gym for girls
Mondays and Wednesday, 5-6pm at Bridgewater PCYC. \$3 per session. Phone 6263 5277.

Pete's Shed
The shed provides a focal point where people from the Bridgewater and Gagebrook area can learn new skills of woodwork and metalwork as well as simple and practical home-maintenance skills. Pete's Community Workshop is always

buzzing with a variety of people! The Shed is available to community members to carry out their own projects using equipment that they do not have access to at home. Projects such as making outdoor furniture for nursing homes and community parks and also work very closely with other community groups such as the Gagebrook and Bridgewater Community Centres. The shed is at 10 Sorrell St, Bridgewater, phone 6263 5142.

RECLINK
Free. Tuesdays or Wednesdays 10.30-2pm. Involves various sports and social activities such as football, netball, cricket, golf, fishing etc. For 12-16-year-olds. Transport provided to activities and lunch provided. Phone Andrew on 6263 5277.

Research Your Family Tree
Introduction to Tracing your Family History Sunday May 23 at 1pm at the Old Council Chambers, Midland Highway, Pontville. Cost: \$10 (includes afternoon tea). Phone Mrs N Foster 6268 1241 or 0400 161 102 for bookings and information.

Riverside Community Nursery
Mondays to Thursdays 9am-4pm, Eddington Street. Come browse our plants and check on all of our upcoming courses and programs.

Sanity Sessions for Parents
Every Monday from 11am-2pm at the Gagebrook Community Centre. Free program of activities and a light lunch provided.

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 9am-2pm,

Bridgewater Community Centre. Need to complete your 50 hours? If you answered yes to this question then give the centre a call for more information about booking an appointment with one of their volunteer mentor drivers. The program gives applicants significant life benefits including gaining employment, re-engaging in education and improved autonomy. Phone Jordan River Service on 6263 4303.

What's Cooking
The Gagebrook Community Centre holds a 'What's Cooking Group' once a fortnight for anyone interested in learning how to cook at home for yourself, your family and your friends. Come along to the Gagebrook Community Centre from 9am. Cost is \$5 per session. Eat the meal there or take it home!

Weight gym
\$2.50 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 Bridgewater PCYC. First session is free.

Youthfutures 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.

Yoga
If you are interested in doing yoga locally, please phone or SMS Yoga Instructor Rachael on 0413 766 136 to express your interest.

Take steps to stop your home being burgled

By INSP GLEN WOOLLEY*

THE past 12 months has seen a considerable increase in the number of home burglaries in the Bridgewater, Gagebrook and Brighton areas.

Over this period 149 home burglaries were committed which a devastating impact on each of the victims, especially considering the damage caused in the attempt to unlawfully enter

the house.

One way to deter home burglary is to install a security lighting system.

Security lighting should form part of an overall security regime and it need not be expensive to install, maintain or run and provides a real deterrent to intruders.

Effective security lighting substantially reduces the time available to a potential intruder by making them

vulnerable to discovery while they attempt to gain access to your property

Well-thought-out lighting protects you, the householder, by creating a feeling of uncertainty for the intruder, deterring him and providing light to help you detect or identify intruders.

It also displaces intruders to areas that are less well illuminated and gives the impression that good security is practised.

When installing security lighting, give consideration to cost-effectiveness. Different lights (such as halogen versus low pressure sodium) have varying initial and running costs.

Some lights are more suitable for constant illumination while others are ideal for combining with passive infrared detectors.

Other considerations include reliability and maintenance requirements, statutory requirements regarding light nuisance, and CCTV systems that need sufficient light to be effective 24 hours a day.

Lighting can be activated by motion sensors or left switched on throughout the night.

Studies have shown that a lower level of continual light is more effective as a deterrent than sudden, bright lights.

A good compromise is to use high-efficiency, low-energy lighting controlled by a photo-electric cell (dusk to dawn switch).

This type of light, sited out of reach (say three

metres or 10 feet above ground level) provides ample illumination, with few shadows and costs only a few dollars a year to run – even if left on throughout the night.

Application of the following principles will help to DETER, DETECT and DELAY any potential intruders:

- Target hardening – make your property more resistant to entry or more difficult to remove or damage.
 - Target removal – permanently or temporarily remove vulnerable property;
 - Removing the means to commit the crime – make sure that material capable of being used by an offender to commit a crime is not accessible (ladders, for example).
 - Access control – restrict access to sites, buildings or parts of sites and buildings.
 - Visibility/surveillance – making sure that an offender would be visible if they carried out the crime.
 - Environmental design – change the environment of a building, a site or parts of sites or buildings.
 - Rule setting – introduce codes of conduct to set out what is acceptable behaviour.
 - Increase the chance of being caught – and anything that slows down an offender.
- Applying these principles to your property will give you peace of mind and discourage any potential intruders.

* Inspector Glen Woolley is divisional inspector at Bridgewater

Our canny canine is on to something!

WALK is a word that is guaranteed to prick up the ears of every dog, but their owners would do well to listen-up too, because keeping your dog healthy also keeps you healthy.

Recent Australian research found that dog owners walked significantly more and were more active in general than those without pets.

Walking is the most popular form of physical activity for most people – it's easy and accessible for virtually everyone, irrespective of age and fitness levels.

A brisk walk for at least 30 minutes, five times a week, will keep you healthy.

Don't have 30 minutes to spare? Don't worry – three bursts of 10 minutes is just as good.

"Regular physical activity has been shown to help with sleep, feelings of happiness and confidence, and improve strength, balance and coordination," said Heart Foundation Tasmania CEO Graeme Lynch.

"If you need more motivation to get walking, why not join a Heart Foundation Walking group?"

Groups are available across Australia and best of all they're free.

Apart from the benefits for your heart health, it's also a great way to make new friends and get out into the community.

"A whopping 38 per cent of us own a dog and if all dog owners in Australia regularly walked them for even 30 minutes a day, the direct

Walk to a healthier heart

IF being more active was one of your New Year resolutions try this:

- Set realistic goals – like walking your dog each day.
- Try walking with others – they keep you motivated and committed.
- Find ways to make being active a part of your daily routine

A great way to do this is through Heart Foundation Walking – to find a group in your local area just call 1300 36 27 87 or visit www.heartfoundation.org.au

healthcare cost savings could be as much as \$175 million a year," he said.

Like walking, it has long been recognised that pet ownership is also good for your overall health and well-

being.

So dog owners unite – put on your walking shoes, put paws to the pavement and get walking.

Your dog will love it and so will your heart.

IMMUNISATION CLINICS 2010

Brighton Council sponsors a **free**, monthly immunisation clinic at the **Brighton Council Chambers, Gagebrook.**



Immunisation sessions are conducted on the **first Tuesday** of every month from 2pm-3pm. **The following are the dates set for 2010:**

Tuesday 4 May
Tuesday 1 June
Tuesday 6 July
Tuesday 3 August
Tuesday 7 September
Tuesday 5 October
Tuesday 2 November
Tuesday 7 December

For further information, please contact Council's Environmental Health Officer on 6268 7029.

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St Thomas's, Tea Tree	
2nd and 4th Sundays:	8.45 am
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Every Sunday:	10am
UNITING CHURCH – PONTVILLE	
1st Sunday:	11.15am

LEARNING *in your Community*



Federation will lead to range of outcomes

By **ANDY BENNETT**

MOST often my columns are about progress with the building program at our schools and I have included a quick update at the end of this piece, but this time I wanted to write about why we are undertaking such a major building construction program in light of what we are aiming to achieve.

The federation vision is ambitious and wide-reaching. We want to improve the education, training, employment, health, social and economic outcomes for the people who live in our community.

To do so we will increase the quality and range of opportunities for learning for all people from birth to 99 years of age.

To improve outcomes



Andy Bennett

we are reshaping how and where education and training and related services are provided. For example:

- We will build an indigenous children and family centre that provides outstanding early years education, care and parenting programs that are connected to and work in partnership with the wide range of exist-

ing early years programs already operating in the community.

- Our three kindergarten to grade six primary schools will become birth to grade four schools. At these sites our youngest children and their families will be welcomed and provided with outstanding early years education and upgraded, purpose-built facilities that will fit seamlessly with kinder to grade four foundation years education.

- The current Bridgewater High School building will be completely refurbished and we will provide a middle school education program that meets the specific needs of pre-adolescent and adolescent students in grades five to eight.

- We will build new facilities on the Bridgewater High School site that will

include grade 9/10 and grade 11/12 centres as well as catering for adult learning. A trade training centre will be co-located on the campus. For the first time, students will be able to follow a supported and managed pathway to further education, training and employment from grade 9 to 12 and beyond while remaining in our local area.

- Increased adult learning opportunities will be available, including access to a range of programs delivered at the trade training centre, the new facilities at the Bridgewater campus and a new learning and information network centre. These provisions will be complemented by the successful adult learning programs that take place in the local neighbourhood houses.

We are doing all this

because we know there is a direct relationship between employment and the quality of people's lives and their levels of engagement and success in education and training.

This is particularly so in today's world where we know that more than 80 per cent of future jobs will require a grade 12 or equivalent training qualification and that the skills needed to maintain and progress in employment will continue to change as new technologies come into being.

Building update:

The safety fences defining the construction works for the new buildings on the Bridgewater campus are now in place. Work to mark out the footings has begun. The heavy machinery for digging foundations will arrive on site in the week beginning

March 29.

The pre-cast panels for the walls of the new school and community gymnasium will arrive on site on April 12 and construction will progress quickly from then.

Our grade 10 students have moved to very colourfully refurbished Terrapin buildings. Space to begin the refurbishment of the first part of our new middle school is now available. Initial demolition work will begin very soon.

Work continues on schedule at the trade training centre Bridgewater campus site.

Refurbishment work at East Derwent and Herdsman's Cove Primary School has been completed. Work at Gagebrook Primary School begins after Easter.

A recommendation from our local enabling group to

build the indigenous children and family centre at the Brighton Civic Centre precinct has been forwarded to the relevant Tasmanian Government committee. We will also ensure that the centre has a presence in the Gagebrook area.

Federation website and email address:

Our website at www.education.tas.gov.au/basmlearningfederation is being updated to include news about latest developments, including building concepts and plans. Your comments are welcome.

Alternatively, you can email comments to bsm.learningfederation@education.tas.gov.au

**Andy Bennett is manager of the Bridgewater and Southern Midlands Learning Federation*



Herdsman's Cove primary students performed better than similar schools across Australia.

Local primary school proud of its students' results

THERE has been a lot of publicity in the media over recent weeks about the Federal Government's My School website which publishes schools' results in literacy and numeracy in relation to national testing.

Herdsman's Cove Primary School principal Carolyn Brown said her students performed better than students from similar schools across Australia, especially in the writing test.

"While some students performed exceptionally well, we are extremely proud of the efforts of all of our students," Ms Brown said.

"Congratulations to our wonderful students, parents, teachers and literacy team in working together to achieve our best!

"Our school manages learning programs for students from birth to year six and involves families in partnership in all aspects.

"At Herdsman's Cove Primary School we strongly value parent and carer support in order to enhance student learning outcomes.

"Rich teaching and learning opportunities in the areas of literacy and numeracy form the foundation for learning in all other areas.

"Our aim is for strong foundations in these areas in preparedness for lifelong learning and success."

Mixed bag of topics to entertain seniors school

By **ELIZABETH HOLLOWAY**

WITH our slightly increased membership, our year began well.

There was a lively interaction with our first speaker, Prof Jeff Malpas, from the university's department of philosophy and ethics.

Jeff urged us to keep asking questions, no matter how awkward, because only then can we become clear about any subject.

Our second week saw a visit by Andrea Garland, of The Smith Family, and Chelsea, from the Riverside Community Garden.

Andrea and Chelsea talked first about how they enthrall children into healthy eating by introducing them to the benefits and the fun of growing their own vegetables and fruit.

They then took us on a tour of the garden and some of our members offered to donate other items to enhance the community garden's aims.

Alan Seath, of Bridgewater, presented the second part of a talk on research into ancient stones in New Zealand.

It brought home to us that though we regard ourselves as intelligent, we are no more so than these people

who devised their own versions of a calendar.

As *Brighton Community News* goes to press, our group is visiting the Steppes, hosted by Anne Thwaites, the daughter of well-known bushwalker Jack Thwaites, who started the Hobart Bushwalking Club.

Our next presenters are Ken and Jane Short. Ken will talk about his time as a radio presenter and bring along his keyboard and Jane will lead us in some of our old favourites songs.

There is plenty more on offer. To join our group, phone me on 6263 5627, or



Three of our group with Andrea Garland, of The Smith Family, and Chelsea, of the Riverside Community Gardens.

Geoff Dodge on 0418 121 814.

Visitors are always welcome, to see if they would like

to join us as full members.

**Liz Holloway is Bridgewater school for seniors' program coordinator*



Come to the Community Garden on Fridays!

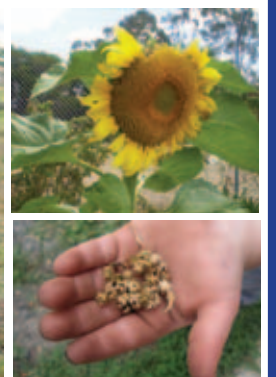
9.30 am – 11.30 am - Grow and Learn

A play-based fun in the garden session for toddlers, young children and parents & grandparents!

1.00 pm to 2.00 pm - Bub & Me

(at Brighton Civic Centre)

A playgroup session for infants, babies and parents



Just turn up on the day or for more information feel free to **phone Chelsea at Riverside Nursery and Community Garden, Eddington Street, Bridgewater on (03) 62 634911** or Andrea at The Smith Family 0427 665 318.

EARN \$500 TO ASSIST WITH EDUCATION COSTS

Do you have a child at school or are you studying and would \$500 help cover your education expenses?

Saver Plus is a nationally-recognised program developed by Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ that is being delivered in your area by The Smith Family. Saver Plus pays people one dollar for every one dollar they save (up to \$500) to help pay for education. By joining you could receive up to \$500 to help pay for items like computers, books and uniforms.

You must be over 18 and have a child in school or be studying yourself, earnings from a job (including informal jobs like child minding, gardening) and a Health Care or Pension Card.

Contact Karli at The Smith Family on 6223 7264 or karli.fone@thesmithfamily.com.au



SPORT

in the Brighton Community



Cooking teacher toasts gold medal

BRIDGEWATER High home economics teacher and keen soccer player Georgie Roberts is enjoying her team's victory at the World Masters Games at the end of last year.

As a member of the Tassie Strikers, Tasmania's over-35 women's football team, she made it through to the nail-biting final.

The Strikers won with a penalty shootout after the scores were one goal each.

Georgie, who plays soccer for the health and social benefits, had set up the single goal scored by the Strikers.

"I like the interaction with other people and it keeps me fit," she said.

Georgie started playing soccer when she was about

18, choosing the sport because "it was different to hockey."

She says it is easy for girls to get started in soccer.

"They just need to join a club," she said.

"Most of us play for Clarence United but there are heaps of clubs around. Ask your phys ed teacher about it."



The Northern Suburbs Athletic Club is looking forward to even bigger things this year.

Athletics club aiming for 150 members this year

AFTER last year's record-breaking winter season, the Northern Suburbs Athletics Club is hoping for even bigger things this year.

Having exceeded 100 winter registrations for the first time last year, they are trying for 150 members this season.

Club secretary Jim Court said last winter saw people take up cross-country and road running in record numbers.

"It is exciting to see more people turning to athletics," Jim said.

"People looking for a healthy activity, youngsters looking for a challenge, summer sportspeople looking to establish a fitness base for the next season, triathletes and dedicated runners all follow the Athletics South cross-country

season program.

"Nearly every Saturday an event is held in a different venue, each with its unique set of challenges.

"The fun run encourages competitors of all ages, both men and women.

"There is keen competition among some of Tasmania's best distance runners, contrasted with the more gentle exertion of those who simply want to master the course and those who just want to enjoy a brisk walk.

"Registration and entry fees are very reasonable and no special skills are needed."

Historically, Northern Suburbs has been one of Tasmania's most successful winter clubs.

In the past few years the club's mix

of top distance runners and huge range of more average performers from all age groups has kept it on top of the winter competition.

"This year we expect a big challenge from other emerging clubs and we will need to be on top of our game to maintain our position," Jim said.

"The key is to have strength in all the five age groups and that comes down to getting as many members as possible."

For more information about the cross-country and road-running season and about the Northern Suburbs Athletic Club, contact Jim on 6223 5778 or email jcourt43@gmail.com.



Bridgewater High home economics teacher and World Masters gold medal winner Georgie Roberts with grade 8 students Skye Fitzpatrick, left, Carly Saunders and Kristen Swan.

Brighton Bowls Club outstanding in pennant

BRIGHTON Bowls Club has enjoyed the best pennant season in many years with six out of the seven teams in the 2009/10 finals.

The women, in particular, excelled throughout the pennant series.

In the women's pennant, division 2 finished first and capped the season off by winning the Southern Tas-

manian Bowls Association (SBTA) premiership.

Division 4 finished third and also won the SBTA premiership which was a fantastic result.

As *Brighton Community News* was going to press, both women's divisions were competing in the state finals against North and North-West winners.

In the men's pennant, division 2 finished second, division 3 reserve third, and division 5 mixed came fourth and reached the preliminary finals.

Midweek division 4 finished first and is playing in the premiership final.

Well done to the club for an excellent season!



Tea Tree golf club founding member Joy Hartill is presented with a life membership by club president Wayne Bird.

Joy tees off with a life membership

AFTER more than 30 years, as both player and administrator, Tea Tree Golf Club has recognised Joy Hartill with a life membership.

Friend and fellow member Brenda Saltmarsh said Joy had been an active member of the club since it began 34 years ago.

"Joy has been a dedicated

member and actively involved in every aspect of the club," she said.

"She has played in the majority of our pennant teams and is currently captain of the club."

Club president Wayne Bird presented Joy with her life membership at the AGM in February.

Walk to school – it's a good way to keep active

BRIGHTON'S schools have been asked to encourage students to make those important steps towards a healthier childhood by participating in national Walk Safely to School day.

Now in its 11th year, the Walk Safely to School day initiative will be held on Friday May 7.

All schools will receive their Walk Safely to School day kit, including posters and stickers, before the Easter holidays.

Those schools wishing to help promote the event are being asked to register their school at www.walk.com.au.

The website also features walking tips and healthy breakfast menu ideas.

Harold Scruby, of the Pedestrian Council, said Walk Safely to School day promoted the vitally important message – Active Kids are Healthy Kids.

"The event encourages parents, carers and their children to build regular walking to and from school into their daily routine, because children need a minimum of 60 minutes exercise per day," he said.

"Experts agree that children need an absolute minimum of 60 minutes of

moderate to vigorous exercise each and every day and the more time spent being active, the better off they'll be.

"For many children, the 60-minute minimum can be achieved by simply getting off the bus a few stops earlier and walking the rest of the way to and from school or walking to the shops or to a friend's place.

"And walking with children can help parents achieve the minimum 30 minutes of exercise that is recommended for Australian adults each day."

Dangerous

Mr Scruby said walk to school day encouraged parents to drive less and walk more, aiming to decrease dangerous vehicle congestion around schools and reduce carbon emissions from idling cars.

"It is also important to teach children healthy lifestyle habits from a young age," he said.

"Walking is the best form of exercise.

"It's easy, free and almost anyone can do it at anytime. And these habits tend to last a lifetime."



Communities for Children Family Support Program

Small Grants Program

SE Tasmania
(Derwent Valley, Central Highlands, Southern Midlands and Brighton)

Incorporated community organisations can apply for grants up to \$5,000 to support activities for families with children aged 0-12 to:

- * Encourage school readiness & attendance
- * Support positive parenting
- * Promote good health, nutrition & wellbeing
- * Promote social inclusion
- * Engage with at risk families encouraging links to support

Organisations can apply for grants for equipment, resources or activities which focus on families and promote community engagement.

Closing Date 16 April 2010

For information or an application form please contact:

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