

# One step ahead on upgrade

THE Federal Government's recent approval of \$10.5 million to start work on the \$164-million Brighton bypass next month has been a welcome announcement for the community.

However, the Brighton Council had already begun the process of planning to revitalise the town centre long before the official announcement was made.

Brighton Council has commissioned Tasmanian environmental planning and landscape architecture firm Inspiring Place to look at ways of improving the general appearance, accessibility, safety and functionality of the Brighton town centre along the Midlands Highway between Elderslie Road in the south and Pontville to the north.

Brighton Mayor Tony Foster said Council believed it was important to ensure that planning was well in place for the changes that the

bypass would make to the municipality.

"As a council we recognised that we needed to be fully prepared for the changed dynamic and that is why we commissioned Inspiring Place to help our community moving forward," Cr Foster said.

Inspiring Place principal John Hepper said the purpose of the plan was to consider how the streetscape could be enhanced as a place for the local community to work, visit and enjoy in advance of the bypass reducing passing traffic.

"The plan will consider ideas for improving the streetscape through such things as adding shade trees and amenity plantings, constructing better footpaths and cycleways, improved lighting, adding new street furniture (eg, seating, bins, art), efficient car parking arrangements, signage, location of community

facilities, safe crossing points, improving open space and safe links between the business and residential areas," Mr Hepper said.

"Our role is not to present our vision for the township but to facilitate community consultation and develop an agreed vision for the future look and feel of the main street – one that will build community pride and encourage the involvement of local businesses and residents in the future development of their town and its overall appearance.

"It is also timely given the continuing population growth of the town, its role as a service centre in the wider Brighton area and the proposed development of the regional transport hub between Brighton and Bridgewater."

During the coming weeks Inspiring Place's consultants will talk to all local

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## Federal grant for Brighton streetscape enhancement

THE Federal Government has announced \$271,000 for Brighton's main street enhancement, part of the regional and local community infrastructure program.

Federal Minister for Infrastructure and Transport Anthony Albanese and Lyons MHR Dick Adams recently jointly announced the funding.

"The municipality of Brighton will receive this funding to help enhancements to the main street of the town," Mr Albanese said.

Mr Adams said he was delighted to see funding announced so quickly for the

local community.

"The Rudd Government understands that our community in Brighton is feeling the effects of the global financial crisis," Mr Adams said.

"Investing in local projects is a great way to generate construction activity and provide much-needed infrastructure to local communities."

Mr Albanese said the Rudd Government was determined to act decisively with local communities to support jobs and improve the quality of local infrastructure.

The Brighton funding is part of funding grants, under

which local governments had until January 30 to submit projects.

Brighton's acting Mayor, Geoff Taylor, welcomed the announcement saying it would be a great boost for the Brighton area.

Mr Taylor said this would be stage one of a major upgrading of Brighton's main street (community consultation story this issue), which would be completed as the Brighton bypass was constructed.

"We are grateful to the Australian Government for this funding to improve our community infrastructure," Mr Taylor said.



## Students stunning at dinner

BRIDGEWATER High's grade 10 students celebrated the completion of four years of high school at their leavers' dinner at the Hilltop Granton at the end of last year. Looking stunning are Stacey Nichols, Samantha Knight and Lauren Free.

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**Parks & Recreation Committee**

**Tuesday, 10 March 5.00pm**

**Finance Committee**

**Tuesday, 10 March 5.15pm**

**Ordinary Council**

**Tuesday, 17 March 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](http://www.brighton.tas.gov.au)

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# Planning role a challenge for councillors

By **GRAEME TODD\***

ONE of the most challenging roles for local government councillors involves making decisions on planning applications for the use and/or development of land.

Most people would be aware that under the Local Government Act the main functions of elected councillors are to represent the community, to act in the best interests of the community and to undertake duties and responsibilities as authorised by council.

However, when a council makes decisions concerning planning applications at a council meeting it is required by the Local Gov-

ernment (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2005 to act as a Planning Authority under the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993.

For councillors, land-use planning decisions are a challenging and important responsibility.

Planning decisions affect communities, the environment and quality of life and usually have long-lasting consequences.

The role of a councillor as part of a planning authority is quite different to that of a representative of the community.

Many people are not aware of the different 'hats' elected councillors wear

when making decisions under the Local Government Act and the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act.

The planning authority role can be particularly difficult and challenging when considering development applications where there is considerable opposition by members of the community.

For example, an application may be lodged with Council for eight residential units and many of the neighbours may, for a variety of reasons, be concerned about the proposed development.

If the proposed development complies with all the requirements in the Brighton Planning Scheme 2000 then the Council is

obliged to approve the application.

In these cases the planning scheme must be followed and enforced by the planning authority (the Council), whether or not it is politically palatable.

In such situations it is important to understand that by virtue of election to a council, councillors are fulfilling a role and a responsi-

bility placed upon them by the state's planning legislation, and therefore in carrying out that responsibility they are bound to take a broader and longer-term view of things – perhaps to the extent of being unpopular with individual constituents.

*\*Graeme Todd is manager environment and development services*

## One step ahead on streetscape

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businesses and representatives of community facilities fronting onto the Midlands Highway within the town centre.

A community forum will be held in mid-March to allow all residents to have their say about the potential for improving the town's streetscape.

"Residents will be invited to the forum via notices through their letterbox, a notice in the local school newsletter and posters that will be displayed in the town promoting attendance and

participation at the forum," Mr Hepper said.

"Following the community forum, the streetscape plan will be prepared and then placed on exhibition for review and comment by the whole of the community. It is expected that the plan will be completed by the end of May."

Inspiring Place has made initial site visits and background research has already been started to help identify some of the key issues and to consider ideas for enhancing the town's streetscape.

Having completed more

than 250 community projects in tourism, recreation, environmental planning and landscape architecture, Inspiring Place brings a significant amount of expertise and a strong sense of environmental sustainability to the creation of community and commercial facilities and outdoor space.

A community forum to discuss the Brighton town plan and give the community the opportunity to have its say will be held at the Brighton Primary School on Monday March 16 from 7-9pm.

## RATES INSTALMENT REMINDER

Ratepayers who are paying their rates by instalments are reminded that the fourth and final instalment of rates is due and payable by **March 31 2009**. Failure to pay this instalment by the due date will result in the application of interest on a daily basis.



## 2008 rainfall below average

TOTAL rainfall for Brighton in 2008 was 331mm on 120 days. The annual average for Brighton is 477mm, making 2008 results well below the average.

January 2009 was another dry month with only 13.4mm falling on 12 days. The average for January is 23mm.

## Free HARD & GREEN WASTE Collection Service Tuesday 5 May 2009

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- Commercial waste will not be collected.
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# Next 12 months likely to be busy for all

IT looks like this year will be another exciting one for our community. Brighton has much on the drawing board and the signs are positive that this year will be another year of significant achievement.

One of the most exciting developments will see the transition to the new education concept announced last year by Premier and Minister for Education David Bartlett and his government in accepting the major recommendations of the Southern Midlands Education Renewal Taskforce.

New manager of the Bridgewater/Brighton Learning Federa-

## A MESSAGE FROM The Mayor

tion Andy Bennett is already out and about in our community and consulting with stakeholders to ensure that the transition is a smooth one. A profile on Andy and his most immediate priorities is featured in this edition of *Brighton Community News*.

The future of education in our community remains our top priority and we will work closely with

Andy to ensure that the major initiatives of the recommendations are implemented.

Another exciting development is Council's decision to begin forward planning for the new streetscape for the municipality to ensure that we are well and truly on track for the changed dynamic once the Brighton bypass begins.

We commissioned John Hepper, from Inspiring Place, which is a specialist urban planning consultancy that works with communities to develop sustainable projects, to develop a suitable concept.

More information about John's work with Council is contained in

this edition of Brighton Community News.

The Brighton bypass is also proceeding and we expect an announcement shortly about the start of work on that project. Coupled with this is the start of the region's transport hub, west of the Brighton industrial estate, which has been Council's vision for a number of years.

We are confident that this will consolidate Brighton as a regional centre and will help in our future planning for the region.

As with last year we are also anticipating a busy year with a diverse range of community activ-

ities planned, particularly through Brighton Alive. A number of special events are being organised including participation in our municipality once again by 10 Days on the Island which, this year, will be held on Sunday, March 29 at Old Beach.

We also have the added benefit of our new multi-functional Brighton Civic Centre, which was opened at the end of last year and which is already being well utilised by community organisations and individuals alike.

The new centre is providing an ideal venue for activities for all and I have no doubt it will be kept very

busy throughout the next 12 months.

I am looking forward to what will be happening in our community this year and I encourage everyone to take part both in terms of your feedback to Council on issues affecting you, as well as participating in the planned events.

For the latter, I hope to see you at some of them over ensuing months.



Tony Foster  
Mayor

## New Learning Federation leader maps out a course for the future

BRIDGEWATER/Brighton Learning Federation manager Andrew Bennett certainly has his work cut out.

Just a month into his new job of overseeing the implementation of the recommendations of the Bridgewater and Southern Midlands Educational Renewal Taskforce [BAS-MERT] taskforce, Andrew has established some key priorities for ensuring that the revolutionary educational concept becomes reality, sooner rather than later.

While he is no stranger to the Bridgewater/Brighton community, having worked in the late 80s and early 90s as a teacher in the area, Andy has spent the past month re-engaging with the community and establishing a home base.

"The good thing about being here again is that many of my former students are now parents who are engaged in many of the great community groups here,"

Andy said.

Now permanently based at the East Derwent Primary School, Andy has spent the past month meeting with as many people in the community as possible, from community groups, educators through to a range of Council staff and councillors in his effort to ensure he is "talking and listening" to everyone concerned about the way forward.

"One of my first priorities is building relationships with everyone from principals, community representatives, Council and the general community so I am spending a lot of time getting reacquainted with the community," he said.

His most recent meetings have involved those who are providing community services from birth to age four.

"There are so many people doing great things here, and we are working out how we can work effectively with



Andy Bennett

them in the future," he said.

"The Learning Federation is an educational enterprise that is trying to improve the provision of education for everybody in the community from zero to adult.

"What we are doing is setting a benchmark for education for the future and so therefore the eyes of education and the community in general will be on us as we plan and implement the concept."

Andy said the BAS-MERT recommendations provided a strong blueprint for moving ahead which was guiding the federation.

Andy was full of praise for the Bridgewater and Green Point Primary School communities for working collaboratively and effectively through the challenging amalgamation process.

"I recognize that school amalgamation is a difficult emotional issue," he said.

"The parents, students and staff of the two schools should be congratulated on all that they have achieved in a relatively short time.

"It was a great pleasure to attend the launch of the new school uniform a week before school began.

"You could see the pride and in the faces of the students who modelled the new uniform.

"I was particularly impressed with the comments of parents who indicated that the students

themselves were leaders in bringing the two schools together."

An immediate key is to ensure that the community understands what the Learning Federation is doing and how its work is to engage with community and government services.

Andy said establishing agreement and understanding to ensure that it worked effectively with all groups and other providers was a priority.

"The challenge is to do this quickly and take advantage of current funding opportunities," he said.

Most of the planning is likely to be undertaken by

June, earlier if possible, so that a commissioning brief can be provided to the architects for the start of the new financial year.

"This really is a fantastic chance for us to build something new and exciting – it is not just about restructuring schools and tinkering at the edges," Andy said.

"We are looking at the best possible provisions of education for the community from birth through to adulthood and while this is challenging, it provides tremendous opportunities for the whole community.

"The most important thing is it's going to happen."

## Three tender for major projects

THREE joint ventures have tendered for the \$243-million Brighton bypass and transport hub.

Minister for Infrastructure Graeme Sturges said the projects were vital components of joint Tasmanian-Australian Government plans to upgrade the northern approaches to Hobart.

"The Australian Government's decision to bring forward funding for the bypass will allow us to accelerate work, which is welcome news for the state's civil construction industry," Mr Sturges said.

"Planning work has already started for the bypass, which will cut trav-

elling time on the Midland Highway and improve safety in the built-up areas at its southern end.

"Bypassing of Brighton and Pontville will significantly improve connections to the developing Brighton Industrial Estate and future Brighton transport hub."

Mr Sturges said the Brighton transport hub would provide a modern road-rail interchange and freight distribution hub to improve the efficiency of freight movement into and out of southern Tasmania.

Preliminary construction is due to start in April and work is scheduled for completion in 2012.

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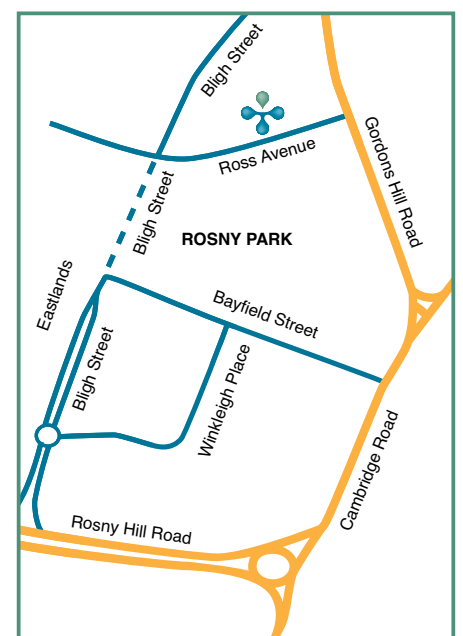
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# Bridgewater awash with new business

IF you are wondering how to keep you car, truck, or dog clean, then look no further than the new Bridgewater Wash House.

The Bridgewater Wash House is in Hurst St and is being run by two long-time friends, David Luelf and Brendan Pursell.

It seems it really was a business just waiting to happen.

David and Brendan have been close friends for many years, David a businessman in Victoria and Brendan previously a horse trainer in Melbourne but who returned to Tasmania.

Brendan trained some of David's horses while he was in Melbourne and their friendship ensued.

For a long time they had wanted to enter a business together and it seems they have found their niche.

While David still lives in Melbourne, he is a partner in the business that Brendan now runs which opened late last year.

After much thought and planning, they both decided that the carwash, laundromat and dog wash was something that the area really needed and so the Wash House was born.

The hardest part was trying to find the land and then to proceed with building the facility," Brendan said.

"We found the land in Bridgewater, which we felt could be a good thing as the area around is growing all the time and is really going to keep going.

"We had looked in the Brighton area but there was



The new Bridgewater Wash House in Hurst St where you can wash just about everything.



nothing suitable. The spot we are in now is right in the middle of Brighton and Old Beach area.

"Everyone loves a clean car and the Wash House makes keeping a car clean so much easier and certainly less complicated.

"We are hoping locals will get behind us and support our business as it really is an asset to the area.

"The Wash House has three bays, one for the larger vehicle, boat or truck and great automatic touch-free wash, as well as vacuums and accessories.

"There is also a laundromat, which has been something people have really appreciated.

"There is also something for the dog – a great dog wash for small and large pooches.

"That's why we call it the Bridgewater Wash House – you can wash everything here as it has the lot."

## Good food and good company the ideal recipe

ST Vincent de Paul Society, in conjunction with Brighton Council, held its first Dining With Friends early last month and it was a great success.

More than 80 people of all ages attended the evening and were served a roast meal and vegetables.

Dessert was also provided with the children enjoying berries and ice cream and adults tucking into lemon pudding.

Dining With Friends aims to bring people together to enjoy a meal, socialise and meet new people.

The Veterans Memorial Centre arranged transport and pick up for those who didn't have transport.

Organisers particularly want to thank a range of supporters for their generous donations: Matt Bartlett, Steps Community Garden, Hill Street Grocer, Strawberry Avenue and Verneys Butcher, Sandy Bay.

Jo Cook is also to be



A hive of activity: volunteers at work in the kitchen

commended for coordinating the meal.

Jo is a qualified chef who not only prepared all the food but even found time to seek donations.

The next Dining With Friends will be held on Wednesday March 4 as Brighton Community News goes to press.

### IMMUNISATION CLINICS 2009

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 2009:

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

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

## Big truckin' and ute event hits Pontville

BRIGHTON Agricultural Society's first truck and ute competition, in conjunction with a music show, will be held at the Pontville Recreation Ground on Sunday, March 8.

As well as competition classes for all types of trucks and utes, there will be a wide range of vehicles and machinery on display. Food and refreshments will also be available.

The Brighton Football Club will have its facilities open for those wanting some liquid refreshments.

Entries for the trucks and utes will be taken from 8am-11am on the morning of competition or you can pre-enter by contacting Trudy on 0407 356 257 or Rosie on 0400 446 252.

Entry forms can be downloaded from the website at [www.brightonshow.com](http://www.brightonshow.com).

Judging will begin at mid-day and presentations should start at 2.15pm.

Competition vehicles should enter the ground through the Midlands Highway gate and all others through Glen Lea Road. Parking will be free for all spectators.

Local bands will begin at around 3pm and continue into the night under the lights at the Pontville grounds.

Bands include Wolf Brothers, the Frets, the Hilos and Skyplane and others as well as solo artists.

Entry is \$10 per family (two adults, three children), \$5 per adult, and children under 12 are free.

Organisers thank major sponsors Brighton Council, 7HO FM, Modern Musician, CJD Equipment, TasFreight and Lyons MHR Dick Adams.

## 10 Days event expanded

THE Brighton arts committee has expanded the 10 Days on the Island Junk Theory event at Old Beach on March 29.

The Choir of High Hopes (Hobart) and local musician Amy Kendall have been invited to perform on the jetty before the junk arrives in Old Beach around 8pm for a dusk show.

From 6.30pm, 50 people will pay \$50 to have a meal inclusive of wine, beer and soft drinks while sitting on

the jetty, which will be decorated and lit for the occasion.

All proceeds will go to the Cancer Council. There are a few tickets still available from Council.

For those not taking part in the meal, the event will be free and members of the public can bring their rug or chairs and sit on the fore-shore and grab a snag and a drink from the Old Beach Community Group barbecue.


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Owners and occupiers of land in the Municipality are reminded that over the coming weeks abatement notices will, where considered necessary, be issued for the appropriate clearing of fire hazards.

Under the Local Government Act 1993, Council is required to issue Fire Abatement Notices that calls for the removal of the hazard within a specified time period.

Assistance to clear such hazards may be obtained through Council.

Failure to remove fire hazards by the specified time, could lead to compulsory clearance at the property owners expense.

For further information or for reporting of a potential fire hazard, please contact the Council Depot on 6268 7030.

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**Pontville Recreation Grounds**  
**Sunday 5th April 11:00am-3:00pm**

*See fantastic murals created in front of your eyes!*

*Brighton Sunday Market will also be running on the day with stalls galore and many bargains to be found!*

*Come along and soak up the atmosphere!!*

*There will be food and drink stalls, jumping castle, helicopter simulator, face painting and balloon twisting for the kids, dance performances, live band and so much more!!*

*All Murals will be on sale and proceeds go to City Mission.*







Happy friends get together: from left, Aaron Maynard, Jacki Kemp, Brodie Bryant, Laura Burns, Haydn Davis, Mark Ransley.



ABOVE: From left, Ashley Cleaver, Emily Johnson, Danielle Latham, Stacey Nichols, Nicola Chugg and Melissa Magrath

## Students strut their stuff at leavers' dinner

BRIDGEWATER High's grade 10 students celebrated the completion of four years of high school at their leavers' dinner at the Hilltop Granton at the end of last year.

Principal Chris Gee said the students were most impressive in their formal dress.

"I have enjoyed watching them mature and grow into confident young ladies and gentlemen," she said.

"I wish them every success in continuing their education at college or elsewhere and trust they will carry with them fond memories of their time at Bridgewater High."



Bianca Woolley, left, and Khloe Cocker.

The boys look the part: from left, Damien Cane, Joshua Golding, Shaun Roberts, Xavier Smith, Sam Burns, Christopher McHenry, Ben Glover, Brody Hayes and Aaron Maynard.

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## Communities for Children Family Connections Day

Wednesday March 18 @ Brighton Civic Centre  
Greenpoint Road, Bridgewater

You are invited to an exciting and informative event - all about children and families. Special guests from Queensland, South Australia and Tasmania will share their knowledge about issues that are important to parents, including: **Positive parenting techniques** - **How children learn through PLAY** - **Helping children deal with loss and grief** - **Community Building**.

Book early places are limited to 30 participants for each session  
Supervised play time activities for 0-5

**Session 1A** - Geraldine Harris, Foundation for Families in Queensland

**Session 1B** - Cherene Wessels, Director of Grief Management Services South Australia

**Session 2A** - Jim Cavaye, Director Cavaye Community Development Queensland

**Session 2B** - Cheryl Larcombe, Principal Project Officer Early Years & Kaye van Nieuwkuyk, Manager Training/Professional Support Lady Gowrie

Fill in the registration form and give to the playgroup co-ordinator, (tell them if your child will do play time during the session) or **Fax Chris Barclay 6275 2654** or email [barclayc@missionaustralia.com.au](mailto:barclayc@missionaustralia.com.au)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Organisation \_\_\_\_\_

Tick with session you would like to attend:

Session 1.A \_\_\_\_\_ OR Session 1.B \_\_\_\_\_

Session 2.A \_\_\_\_\_ OR Session 2.B \_\_\_\_\_



## Brighton market adds new events

THE ever-popular Brighton Market, which runs on the first Sunday of every month, is combining other popular events such as speed art and miniature pony judging in coming months.

The market, which runs from 9am-2pm at the Pontville Hall, has been established in the area since June last year and it has grown from about 40 stalls to about 80 stalls now

Miniature pony judging will be held over the next two months with speed art to be held in conjunction with the market in April.

The market has bought a barbecue for community groups to use to raise money.

Organisers are also always interested in the community's thoughts as to what can be done with money the market has raised for the community.

Its latest fundraising efforts will be for the Victorian bushfire victims so get along and support your local market.



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**OPEN DAY**  
Tuesday 17th March, 2009

**Primary Campus & Secondary Campus**

Guided tours of the campus in action:

9:30am – 2:30pm & 4:00pm – 5:30pm

Tours running every 15 minutes, the last tour departing at 5:00pm

Limited spaces are still available in some year groups for 2009 and applications for 2010 are now open.

For further information, contact:  
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[www.dominic.tas.edu.au](http://www.dominic.tas.edu.au)





# RELAXATION CLASSES

**Where:** Old Beach Community Centre  
**Day:** Fridays for eight weeks  
**Time:** From 10-11am.  
**Begins:** March 20 – May 15  
**Cost:** FREE

**Learn:** The techniques of progressive muscle relaxation, guided imagery, breath control and other de-stressing techniques.

**Bring:** A light rug, a pillow and a water bottle.

Enjoy some revitalising time out for your physical and mental well being.

**TAKE SOME TIME FOR YOU.**

Ring Robyn Bishop  
Community Health Social Worker  
**6268 4240**



# Rules clarified on use of dirt bikes

By BRENT BASSTIAN\*

THERE is much confusion over the rules regarding the permissible use of dirt bikes and other recreational vehicles in residential areas with Brighton Council and police receiving many complaints from concerned residents.

The Environmental Management and Pollution Control (Miscellaneous Noise) Regulations 2004 states:

"The use of any motor vehicle (dirt bikes etc.) for sport or recreation within 500m of a person's home without that persons consent is prohibited."

## 500m exclusion zone applies in residential areas

sent is prohibited."

This means the use of any dirt bikes or similar vehicles in a residential area is prohibited, as dirt bike users will never get the consent of all the relevant property owners.

If complaints are received by council or police about people illegally using motor vehicles such as dirt bikes, and these can be confirmed along with the person's residential address, a \$240 infringement notice may be issued.

Offenders can also face a \$6000 fine plus a further \$600 fine for each additional day the offence continues if found guilty by a magistrates court.

Property owners may also face these penalties for allowing others to use such vehicles on their properties.

Unfortunately, council cannot pursue those who are illegally using these vehicles.

If we receive information on where these people live and can

confirm they are involved in the illegal use of dirt bikes, however, we can serve the person with an infringement notice.

This 500-metre exclusion zone does not apply to vehicles which are being operated on a public street but all vehicles which are being operated on public streets must be registered under the Vehicle and Traffic Act 1999 and the reckless, dangerous driving of any vehicle is forbidden with offenders being prosecuted under the

anti-hoon laws.

Tasmania Police strictly enforces these laws.

In a recent newspaper article, Sgt John Delpero, of the Bridgewater police station, said: "Hooning is a concern but strategies are in place to apprehend hooners and seize their bikes."

He said more than 50 motorcycles had been seized in the Bridgewater area in the past few months for hooning and noise pollution offences.

In short, the off-road use of any motor vehicle within 500 metres of a domestic premises is strictly prohibited as is the use on a public street of any motor vehicle that is not registered.

If you want to report illegal use of dirt bikes in your area, and have knowledge of where these offending people live, please contact Council.

All other concerns should be reported to the police.

\*Brent Bastian is Brighton Council's environmental health officer

## Getting through: Lois's story is an inspiration

RAISING five children on your own is difficult enough for anyone, but when your youngest child is born with a serious disability, a parent has to draw on all his or her inner strength just to get through.

Such is the experience of Brighton resident Lois Sheridan who found her inner strength a constant companion.

Lois has written a book entitled *A Condition Known as Down Syndrome: Embracing Joseph*, to share her experiences with others in a similar position.

"I already had four children. I became a single parent the moment Joseph was born," Lois said.

She said life became an uphill battle from there.

"As a parent you simply have to find a way to cope," she said.

"The idea for the book came to me when I was studying for my master's degree in indigenous research.

"I realised that so many elements of Aboriginal culture, such as story-telling, dance, painting and singing were ideal for teaching special needs children such as those with Down syndrome or an intellectual disability.

"With Joseph it's about teaching him by doing what seems to come naturally. He's a real ham!

"Joseph is 18 now. Our journey has been such an extraordinary one I wanted to write about it and share my experiences with others in a similar position.



Lois and Joseph.

"Having a child with a disability is a constant fight for resources and equal rights.

My message to other parents is: yes, it is tough, but you can get through it.

"It's quite normal to experience the range of emotions from guilt to anger and sadness but you have to get angry at the system or the situation, not at your child.

"You use all the resources you can tap into, draw on your inner strength and just get on with it."

Having completed her master's degree at the end of 2006, Lois finally had time to complete her book and have it published locally.

She is marketing the book herself and has approached a number of local bookstores about carrying it.

"It may be about my journey with Joseph, but anyone dealing with disability will get a lot out of the book," she said.

Lois can be contacted by email to [loismaree10@bigpond.com](mailto:loismaree10@bigpond.com)

## Martial arts room gets revamp and new classes

By ANDREW DEAN

THANKS to funding from the St George Bank Foundation and Tasmanian Community Fund, the martial arts programs at Bridgewater PCYC are being expanded in 2009.

The room is being fitted out with new mats and new equipment has been bought for training purposes.

The old mats were becoming a bit tatty and now the PCYC has a room which is state of the art.

Karate classes have recommenced on Wednesday and Thursday evenings at a cost of \$4 per session.

If you wish to learn karate just come along on one of these evenings from 6.30pm.

Brazilian Jujitsu classes will commence shortly and if you wish to learn this martial art then phone Matt Chick on 0437 841 036.

The jujitsu classes will be provided free of charge to certain needy groups in the future along with uniforms.

### School holiday programs

BRIDGEWATER PCYC's two school holiday pro-



grams (one for kids under 12 and the other for youth) held during January were again very successful.

More than 500 children attended with activities such as laser skirmish, swimming, mini-golf, Zone 3 laser games and visits to Moorilla International Tennis and Pizza Hut.

Thanks to the Allport Bequest for making the YouthLinx program so cheap and for providing some free places.

### Brilliant Attitude workshops

FOR parents who want to learn how to improve their lives in a fun and interactive manner, attending the PCYC's Brilliant Attitude workshops might be the answer.

The workshops have proved successful for young people attending PCYC camps and if young people enjoyed the workshops

(always hard to please) then adults are sure to really enjoy and learn new attitudes.

Four workshops take place in March, each dealing with different issues and approaches.

The first evening was on Tuesday March 3 and the next ones are scheduled for March 17, 24 and 31 beginning at about 6.15pm for an hour.

Attendance is free and supper will be provided afterwards along with activities for children. So bring the kids as well.

Just turn up on the evening or phone Leah Clark on 0400 939 510 for more information.

Workshop 1: Introduces participants to having a 'brilliant attitude' every day. It doesn't matter what your past has been, it doesn't equal your future.

Workshop 2: How to avoid conflict and influence other people's attitudes.

Workshop 3: How to cement and put passion into existing relationships.

Workshop 4: Overcoming fears and limiting beliefs.

## Industrial estate offers room to move

SINCE its relocation to the Brighton Industrial Estate in 2003, SRT Logistics (formerly Statewide Refrigerated Transport) has found that its new home provides a lot more room to move.

SRT Logistics general manager Robert Miller said the industrial estate was an ideal location for a growing transport operation like SRT Logistics.

"As one of the largest refrigerated transport com-

panies in the state, we have trucks up and down the highway every day," he said.

"We needed a large space for warehousing and room for easily manoeuvre our B-double trucks any time day or night.

"Being on the outskirts of Hobart we're not restricted by narrow streets and local residents trying to sleep."

With large customers like Woolworths, Tasmanian

Bakeries, Coca-Cola and Ingham Chickens, SRT Logistics is conscious of the need to move goods quickly and efficiently.

"Rather than having heavy vehicles clogging up the city streets, we now consolidate the loads here and have smaller vans pick up or deliver to our client across town wherever we can," Robert said.

SRT Logistics has depots close to Hobart, Launceston, Devonport and Melbourne.

"While we actually have more vehicles on the road, the smaller vans save us a lot of time," Robert said.

"The new Brighton

bypass will make things even easier with faster turnarounds and less delays."

The Brighton Industrial Estate has become a major hub for companies distributing goods across the state.

"Eighty per cent of our business is within Tasmania and while Brighton is just out of Hobart, it is an ideal base," Robert said.

With first-class road and rail access, and just 20 minutes from both Hobart ports and the Hobart International Airport, the Brighton Industrial Estate is now regarded as the industrial hub of Hobart and the gateway to the rest of the state.

### Bridgewater PCYC BRILLIANT ATTITUDES WORKSHOP

Supported by the Australian Government

It's **FUN** and **FREE**. Not just a talk-fest.

The Brilliant Attitudes Workshop is a great opportunity for families that require assistance in the area of positive thinking, avoiding conflict and interacting with others.

Brilliant Attitudes will run for four weeks in March at Bridgewater PCYC on  
**Tuesday the 3rd, 17th, 24th, 31st March**  
The sessions will run from **6pm—8:30pm**

For more information please contact Leah on 62635277 or email [leah.clark@bridgewaterpcyc.com.au](mailto:leah.clark@bridgewaterpcyc.com.au)

Light supper will be provided on these nights.  
Bring the kids along as activities will be provided for them.



### COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

Applications for financial assistance to sporting and community groups, are now being called for 2009-10 financial year. Groups are invited to submit applications by noon on March 31.

Policy guidelines, funding criteria and application form can be obtained from Brighton Council's website [www.brighton.tas.gov.au](http://www.brighton.tas.gov.au) or from Council's Community Liaison Officer, John Klug on 6268 7035.

Applications must be on the appropriate form and will be considered against the appropriate funding category and criteria.

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### TWILIGHT FAIR

Thursday 2nd April

4.00pm - 7.00pm

Bring the whole family and join us for an evening of fun, entertainment, food and bargains!

Sideshow Alley, Cake Stall, Animal Nursery, Trash and Treasure, Produce, Chocolate Wheel and Book Stall

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# SPORT

in the Brighton Community



## Hobart United fields strong teams this season

HOBART United Football Club is going from strength to strength.

This year the club will field a number of teams: men's division 1, men's division 1 reserve, women's division 2, boys under 13s [existing] and new in 2009 women's division 1, youth under 18s and girls under 14s.

Through football, renowned as 'the world



game' (more commonly known as soccer), the club promotes friendship and

builds racial harmony, peace and social integration across communities within Hobart and Brighton areas.

If you would like to be part of this campaign as a player join us at our training every Monday and Wednesday at Rugby Park from 6.30pm-8pm.

The fees for season 2009 are \$220 for adults, \$180 for youths (14-17) and \$80 for juniors (under-13 boys and

under-14 girls).

All Hobart United home games will be played at Thompson Oval (Saturdays - for men) and Seymour Oval (Sundays - women).

For more information, you can also log on to club website [www.hobartunited.com](http://www.hobartunited.com). Meanwhile, during this season the club will also be raising the profile of breast cancer through its 'Score a GOAL against Breast Cancer'

awareness program

The new women's division one team will wear a pink jersey and the reigning men's division one team will don a pink away jersey.

The club will donate \$5 for every goal scored by the women's and men's division one teams for season 2009.

The club will seek businesses or individuals to sponsor (either by matching the \$5 per goal as committed

by the club or increase the donation per goal scored) for this awareness campaign.

Throughout the season the community will be able to make a donation by supporting the club barbecues, through gate takings and other fundraising events.

More details will be posted on the website.

All proceeds are being donated to the National Breast Cancer Foundation.

The National Breast Cancer Foundation is the only national not-for-profit organisation that is dedicated to supporting and promoting high-quality research into the prevention, detection and treatment of breast cancer.

Initiatives such as Score a Goal against Breast Cancer make a vital contribution towards allowing the Foundation to continue its work.

## Young PCYC stalwart's efforts gain recognition

SAMANTHA Andrews, who was recently presented with the young citizen of the year award by Brighton Council, was proudly nominated for the award by one of her gym members.

Samantha is in year 12 at Claremont College and was presented with her award for her efforts in initiating, planning, organising and conducting gym sessions for

women at the PCYC at Bridgewater.

Sam is currently studying a VET certificate 2 course in sport and recreation, athlete development, maths and English applied.

She completed certificate 1 in 2008 and was employed by the Australian Coaching Council to run sports activities at Herdsman's Cove Primary School.

Sam is also working towards her Duke of Edinburgh Award.

She was an integral member of the Claremont College women's basketball team in 2008 and plans to become a qualified personal trainer.

To top this off, Sam has just been successful in gaining her provisional driver's licence.



Samantha Andrews, Brighton's young citizen of the year.

## Yogi's boxing classes are for all skill levels

YOGI'S boxing classes have begun at the Poultry Shed Pavilion (new shed just past the Pontville cricket and footy ovals).

The classes are held four nights a week (Mondays to Thursdays), from 6pm-7.30pm with children from 10 years old and upwards invited to join.

Joseph 'Yogi' Maughan, a former boxer who has been boxing since he was eight years old, said the classes provided a great environment for young people to learn the sport.

The classes have boxers of all skill levels currently training, from beginners right through to boxers who have represented the state.

There is no obligation on boxers to compete with many choosing to train for fitness and fun; however, all benefit from the 25 years of training and experience brought to the club by trainer Yogi.

Come along and meet new friends, have fun, get fit, and learn the skills of boxing.

A small joining fee of \$20 per year covers equipment and insurance and then you are able to attend all classes with no additional costs.

Contact Yogi after 2pm weekdays for more info on 0437 508 953, or just come along to a training session and give it a go.

## Victorian BUSHFIRE APPEAL 20/20 CRICKET MATCH

Thursday March 19th - Thompson Oval, Pontville  
Commencing at 7pm, under lights.

20/20 Cricket Clash between the TCA All-Stars and the Brighton All-Stars!  
Celebrities including TCA Cricketers, Radio Personalities, Local Councillors, School Principals and other likely types!

TCA CEO David Johnston and Brighton Council General Manager Ron Sanderson will be the opposing captains.

Then join us in the Brighton Football Clubrooms for the launch of a fundraising CD created and performed by local youth along with local performer Sarah Everett.

*All for a Gold Coin Donation or whatever you're willing to give. All proceeds go to the appeal.*

## Bridgewater mile tightly contested

THE second annual Bridgewater Mile has been run and won, with Grant Page and Donna MacFarlane retaining their titles on Green Point Road.

This year's event grew into a food festival, with wonderful food from Germany, Ethiopia and Australia on offer.

A two-lap course covering Green Point Road and Eddington St was tackled by nearly 50 runners looking to share in \$550 in prize money.

Page's winning time of 4:27.53 put

him well clear of a fast-finishing Phil McConnon who had a blinding run to fly past training partner Damon Court in the final metres to take second in 4:38.13.

Dominic Anastasio was fourth, followed by Paul Luttrell and Alex Humphrey who shared in the money.

Mel Daniels ran bravely, keeping up with MacFarlane in the first half of the race, before the Beijing Olympian took off in the back end of the race to win

the women's race in 4:48.35.

Natasha Fitzpatrick hung on for third and Rosie Woodworth took home \$40 for her troubles in fourth.

A community event with free entry was also held shortly after the main race, with giveaways from sports manufacturer Asics and chocolate makers Cadbury, which resulted in a well-supported event.

Thanks must go to Brighton City Council and the local community for making the event possible.

## IS PINK FOR YOU?

HOBART UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB (HUFC) is coordinating a "Score a GOAL against Breast Cancer" in Season 2009

Hobart United Football Club during the 2009 season will be raising the profile of breast cancer through football. The new Women's Division One Team will wear a brand new pink LEGEA jersey and the reigning Men's Division One Team will don a pink away LEGEA jersey.

The club will donate \$5 for every goal scored by the Women's and Men's Division One Team for Season 2009 for this awareness campaign about the importance of research in finding the cure finding the cause of breast cancer.

Throughout the season the community will be able to make a donation by supporting the club B.B.Q's, portion of gate takings and other fundraising events. The "Score a GOAL against Breast Cancer" campaign will be launch during March 2009, prior to the commencement of Season 2009.

If you are interested to be part of this awareness campaign as a player (men's or women's) join us at our training on every Monday and Wednesday at Rugby Park from 6:30pm til 8pm. Fee for season 2009 is \$220 for adult, \$180 for youth (aged 14-17) and \$80 for junior (under 14s).

Any new player enquiries, please contact Mark Broadbent (Senior Head Coach) on 0408 347 508. For sponsorship enquiries, please contact Austin Chong (Vice President) on 0409 252 020. Any volunteers, please contact Adrian Pickin (President) on 0435 115 099.

For more info, you can also log on to club website, [www.hobartunited.com](http://www.hobartunited.com)



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