

\$243m Brighton bypass and transport hub project starts six months early

ACTION! WORK BEGINS

THE first sod has been turned on Tasmania's largest-ever transport infrastructure projects – the \$243-million Brighton bypass and transport hub.

Tasmanian Premier David Bartlett and the Parliamentary Secretary for Government Service Delivery, Senator Mark Arbib, recently inspected the site and turned the first sod on the project – six months ahead of schedule.

Mr Bartlett said the projects were vital components of joint State and Federal Government plans to upgrade the northern approaches to Hobart.

"The investment in these projects will provide a significant stimulus to the Tasmanian construction industry and the Tasmanian economy – especially in the current economic climate," Mr Bartlett said.

"The bypass will have significant improvements to local communities by cutting travelling time on the Midland Highway and improving safety in the built-up areas at its southern end.

"These projects will significantly

improve connections to the developing Brighton industrial estate and future Brighton transport hub."

"This is of fundamental and long-term importance for the future of transport in Southern Tasmania."

Senator Arbib said the Federal Government's decision to bring forward funding for the Brighton bypass demonstrated a commitment to delivering key road infrastructure projects and creating jobs during the current economic downturn.

"This project is part of our nation-building plan to support local economies during the current global economic recession and with the hub is expected to provide up to 380 direct jobs with additional flow-on effects to local businesses," he said.

"In fact, work on the project is starting six months earlier than previously expected as a direct result of the government's decision to bring forward the necessary funding."

Mr Bartlett 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.

"They are also of critical importance for the Brighton community and we have been working closely with the Brighton Council, transport operators, local business, land owners and the general community," Mr Bartlett said.

"The government has been working on developing the most effective construction program. This has resulted in the integration of the hub and bypass construction programs which will achieve significant efficiencies."

Two joint-ventures have been selected to carry out the work – VEC/Thiess has won the contract for the northern section of the bypass and John Holland/Hazell Bros the southern section, which includes the Brighton transport hub.

The \$79-million hub is expected to be operational by September 2011 and the \$164 million-bypass is scheduled for completion by June 2012.



From left, Parliamentary Secretary for Government Service Delivery Senator Mark Arbib, Premier David Bartlett, Mayor of Brighton Tony Foster and Minister for Economic Development Michael Aird who is also Treasurer and MLC for Derwent.



National singer-songwriting contest winner Sarah Everett with Bridgewater High art teacher Eve Mills, left, and Aboriginal support leader Louise Adams.

Our Sarah is a national talent

FORMER Bridgewater High School student Sarah Everett continues to go from strength to strength with her talent.

She recently received first prize of \$800 and a framed certificate as the national secondary schools winner of

a singer-songwriting contest.

Art teacher Eve Mills, who entered Sarah after seeing an advertisement on the Wakakirri story festival website, said: "We always knew she was good but this just proved how good she is."

You can listen to songs recorded by

Sarah at a song-writing workshop held by Brighton Council in conjunction with PCYC and Regional Arts Songwriting program. Simply search for 'Sarah Everett' on the ABC's website <http://www.abc.net.au/rn/360/stories/2009/2524479.htm>

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MAY 2009

Parks & Recreation Committee

Tuesday, May 12 - 5.00pm

Finance Committee

Tuesday, May 12 - 5.15pm

Ordinary Council

Tuesday, May 19 - 5.30pm

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Students have new hands-on space to learn technical skills

By **ANDY BENNETT***

SINCE the end of April, students at Bridgewater High School have been learning about working with wood and metal in a brand new materials, design and technology centre – the first of the new buildings completed under the Bridgewater and Southern Midlands Learning Federation plans.

The centre, which cost \$850,000 to build and came in on time and on budget, will provide a high-quality contemporary hands-on learning space for students.

Just before its opening, I walked around the facility with Cameron Paynter, the high school's MDT teacher, who described plans for some exciting learning projects his students will undertake in the new centre including expanding lessons beyond working with metal and wood to include working with small motors to develop mechanical skills.

He talked about how he could use outdoor spaces

linked to the centre to give students learning experiences in building and construction that would mirror, on a smaller scale, some of the programs to be offered at the new Trade Training Centre (which is expected to be opened in the middle of 2010)

Cameron and I talked about developing learning pathways for students who are interested in working in the trades.

Once all the facilities and educational programs for the federation are up and running, the pathway for a learner who wants to work in construction, for example, could look like this:

- Start to learn basic carpentry skills in the MDT centre while in grades 7 and 8.

- Develop those skills while enrolled in grades 9 and 10 through a program that is school-based but includes significant work experiences.

- Enrol in a Certificate II Construction course at the Polytechnic component of

the Grade 9 to Adult Learning Centre.

- Complete a Certificate III (Apprenticeship) in Construction at the Trade Training Centre after securing a traineeship with a local firm working on building the new transport hub.

Such a personalised pathway is not just for those students interested in trade qualifications.

A pathway can be developed for any learner, no matter whether the preferred destination is employment in trades, retail, office work or further learning at a university.

The courses and programs and associated building to accommodate the multiple learning pathways will be designed and put in place over the next 18 months to two years.

In the meantime the new MDT Centre is a very much needed and exciting first step.

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

Helping keep colds and the flu at bay

By **DR NICK WILTON***

THE common cold or upper respiratory tract infection can be caused by one of 200 viruses with no cure for any of them.

Children get six to 10 colds a year while adults may get two to four colds a year.

A cold virus brings on a sore throat within a couple of days, followed by blocked runny nose, sneezing, coughing, and headache.

Occasionally, mild fever and muscle aches are present. The worst is usually over within a few days.

In contrast, influenza (flu) usually comes on suddenly with high fever, chills and muscle aches.

Symptoms last longer and may lead to complications like pneumonia or sinus infections.

Autumn and winter are the peak seasons for both, when many medicines are

on offer to relieve symptoms.

We know that antibiotics have no effect on the viral colds and the flu, even when there is a bad sore throat. So what works?

First, your body's immunity will fight off the cold without needing much help.

People with asthma may need to increase their preventer inhalers during the virus infection and during the few weeks afterwards.

Some treatment may shorten the length of your cold such as zinc lozenges, and echinacea, but side-effects are possible.

Benefits for vitamin C are doubtful.

Medicines that relieve a runny nose and sneezing may help you sleep and breathe easier but that is about all. Some containing pseudoephedrine may cause restless nights.

Brighton Show offers range of opportunities

PLANNING is under way for the 2009 Brighton Show to be held on November 8 at the Pontville Recreation Ground. The event is the largest held in the Brighton community and we are looking for interested people to become involved.

We are also looking for new and exciting entertainment ideas as well as information stalls or items for sale.

Applications and more information will be available from the secretary on 6249 3390 or by writing to PO Box 29, Brighton. Information will also be available on the show website, www.brightonshow.com

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- Commencement of Bridgewater Foreshore Walkway

Sleepless night worth the wait for major project

WHEN I woke up at 2.30am on Tuesday April 21, I knew it was going to be hard to get back to sleep. The day was to be the official ceremony to mark the start of the Brighton transport hub and bypass projects.

I had been asked to speak at the ceremony along with Senator Mark Arbib, Parliamentary Secretary for Government Service Delivery, representing the Federal Government, and Premier David Bartlett and I did not want to go back to sleep in case it was all a dream.

I was to speak on behalf of the Brighton Council and I knew they would talk about benefits of both the bypass and the transport hub. I decided to reflect on the history and to thank those who had supported us along the way in what has been a very long journey, one that for me goes back to 1985

A MESSAGE FROM

The Mayor

when I first joined Brighton Council.

Then we were discussing the preferred route from Bridgewater to Dysart to bypass Brighton, Pontville, Mangalore and Bagdad. Would it be the east side or would it be best on the west side?

It was decided the proposed corridor be the east side and of course that is now well established and work is under way even though it will be a few weeks until the heavy equipment moves in.

The successful joint-ventures for the projects are VEC/Thiess, who have won the contract for the northern section of the bypass, and

Hazell Bros/John Holland the southern section, which includes the transport hub.

It is great to see two Tasmanian companies, VEC and Hazell Bros, sharing in such an important project.

In my speech I mentioned the corridor for the Brighton bypass was established in the 1980s and that Council rezoned land to industrial on the west side of the Midland Highway in the 1990s, spending some \$300,000 on water, sewerage and road infrastructure to develop the Brighton industrial estate in February 1998.

At that time we dubbed it the transport hub of southern Tasmania. We had the vision then but we knew it was not going to happen overnight.

Council worked closely with the State Government and our neighbouring councils to develop

a plan to upgrade the northern approaches to Hobart from Dysart to Granton and when the transport hub was first mooted by former Premier Paul Lennon, we embraced the proposal and did everything to assist its development.

We thank the following people on behalf of the Council and the people of Brighton:

Mayor Tony Bisdee, from Southern Midlands, Mayor Deidre Flint, from Central Highlands, and former Derwent Valley Mayor Nick Cracknell for their collective support through the many meetings we had with both State and Federal Government politicians.

Locally, Minister Jim Cox and former Minister Bryan Green with whom we worked closely on the bypass proposal along with former Premier Paul Lennon for his vision and great support.

At the federal level, Minister Martin Ferguson who gave us his personal support and had the projects included in the government's election promise.

Most recently, we have had excellent support from Minister for Infrastructure Graeme Sturges.

While it took a long time to get here, work is just about to begin and we thank David Spence and his team at DIER, staff from Pitt & Sherry and GHD for a fantastic job through the planning process and the way they communicated with stakeholders and the community.

Phil Cantillon, Brian Dawes, Mike King and Andrew Fowler, who are the bypass team from DIER, were also fantastic to deal with and we now look forward to them overseeing both projects.

Their site office is at 64 Midlands Highway, Brighton, which most of us remember as the old

post office. Maps and designs are there for residents to view, so call in at any time.

Finally, these major projects representing the biggest investment in this type of infrastructure in the history of Tasmania would not have occurred without the financial support of the Federal and State Labor Governments and we thank them sincerely.

It has been a long journey and I look forward to the completion of stage one by June 2012 when we can continue the major streetscaping of the Midland Highway from Brighton to Pontville and it then will become a local road.

Tony Foster

Tony Foster
Mayor

Council renews partnership pact with government

TREASURER Michael Aird and Brighton Mayor Tony Foster recently signed the protocol arrangements for the second partnership agreement between the State Government and the Brighton Council.

Mr Aird said it was a great opportunity to build upon the success of the first partnership agreement, which concluded in September 2007.

"There are many plans for progress in the Brighton municipality over the next few years, and it is important for the state and local governments to work together to make the most of every opportunity and provide the best outcome for the community," Mr Aird said.

The protocol arrange-

ments list the issues to be considered during negotiation of the second agreement.

These issues include a master plan for the Brighton central area; the Brighton industrial estate/transport hub; the implementation of the 'Safe at Home', community respect order and crime-prevention programs; and support of the implementation of the Bridgewater and Southern Midlands educational renewal project.

Mr Aird said negotiation of the new agreement was expected to be completed by June this year.

"The success of the first partnership agreement has shown how much can be achieved when state and local governments work together,"



Treasurer Michael Aird and Mayor Tony Foster sign the protocol arrangements for the second partnership agreement.

Mr Aird said.

"I look forward to working with Cr Foster and the Brighton Council on the next phase of our partnership."

Under the previous partnership, many important community initiatives were pursued, including the Brighton Better Services Project, which resulted in the

publication of a community services guide which listed 170 organisations in the area; the establishment of an inter-agency support panel which supports 'at-risk' children in the area by working with schools and providing advice on programs to assist; a program to support young learner drivers gaining their

50-hours driving experience required to gain their licence; the Move Well Eat Well program for schools, which included picking up and delivering fruit and vegetables for schools, and health and wellbeing initiatives; and a series of performing arts exhibitions and events initiated by Arts Tasmania.

YMCA comes to party with fruit and cakes

THE YMCA has agreed to support the local Brighton community by providing fruit and lamingtons for Billy's Meet and Greet held every Thursday and Friday at the Brighton Civic Centre from 11am-2pm.

The YMCA has also agreed to supply fruit to the Gagebrook Primary School every day for morning tea for every student.

Speed art winners

CONGRATULATIONS to Lana Castle and Brittany Howes, from Rosetta High School, for gaining first place in Speed Art at Pontville early last month.

Their artwork depicted a man's desire to 'make a move' and ask a woman out!

The judges commented on how the students had ideas and concepts beyond what they expected from high school students.

Later this year their art

works will be auctioned to raise money for charity.

Positive thinking

SUCCESSFUL actress, director, choreographer and Hobart-based business woman Leiz Moore will present a workshop on 'Positive Thinking in Negative Times' for the Penguin Club of Australia.

The workshop is made possible through the generous support of the Brighton Council community grants program.

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Fete at the Farm does its bit for drought relief



BRIDGEWATER High's school farm coordinator Jackie Brown was delighted with the turnout to this year's Fete at the Farm.

"The crowd was huge, filled with families, and there were lots of smiling faces and people having fun," she said.

The proceeds of the fete will be used to provide feed for the livestock.

"The drought has made costs higher but the animal programs must continue," Mrs Brown said.

LEFT: School farm coordinator Jackie Brown, left, with former Bridgewater High student Hayley Glover and her mother, Sharon.

RIGHT: International sand and ice sculptor Peter Bignell created a stegosaurus-like dinosaur.



Light-horseman Neville Thomas prepares the crowd for a demonstration of the charge of the light-horsemen.



Bridgewater High grade 7 student Cody Clark with her parents Belinda and Nathan Clark who are former Bridgewater High students.



Bridgewater High student Zack Bennetto, left, with cousin Josh Bennetto and a stuffed Victorian fox that formed part of a display at the fete by the Department of Primary Industries and Water's Fox Eradication Branch (formerly the Fox-Free Taskforce).



Former Bridgewater High students Matt Richardson and Stacey Nichols.



The country singers were popular.



Acting principal Chris Gee, right, with Senator Carol Brown at the scarecrow-dressing competition.

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eLearn success for the 'digital dozen'

MEMBERS of the Bridgewater community have been recognised for completing training to boost their computer skills.

Derwent Labor MLC and State Treasurer Michael Aird presented certificates to 12 graduates of the eLearn program, completed through the Bridgewater Library and Online Access Centre.

"The eLearn program is designed to give participants basic skills in information technology," Mr Aird said.

"During the 10-week course, delivered through a partnership between Online Access Centres and the Tas-



Derwent Labor MLC and State Treasurer Michael Aird, fifth from left, with the eLearn program graduates.

manian Polytechnic, each student is paired with an online teacher with local support provided by an Online Access Centre coordinator and volunteers.

"Successful participants obtain four units towards Certificate I in Information Technology.

"The Bridgewater Library and Online Access Centre has strongly embraced the eLearn pro-

gram with more than 140 patrons undertaking the course over the past seven years.

"Since July 1 last year the centre has had 15 eLearn enrolments and nine clients are currently undertaking the program.

"We have committed \$90 million to build up to 30 child and family centres and \$14.9 million to build five Learning and Information

Network Centres (LINC)s around Tasmania, including one at Bridgewater.

"The LINC will be part of the broader Bridgewater Brighton Learning Federation now under way, which is looking at the future direction for education and training provision in the Bridgewater/Brighton community.

"The Bridgewater Library and Online Access Centre offers the community

a range of library and education programs that target the needs of all age groups from babies to senior citizens.

"I'd like to congratulate the successful graduates of the eLearn program and commend the Bridgewater Library and Online Access centre for their work in providing lifelong learning opportunities to the local community."

Students enthralled by visit to theatre

By DILLON WILSON and MITCHELL BYERS*

ON Friday, March 27, we went to the show *Martha* during 10 Days on the Island. We travelled a long way to see it.

It was quite funny, plus it had good music, good actors, a good setting and really good sound effects.

The characters were very good. The costumes must have taken a long time to make.

The play was the best. The props were good.

My favorite part was when the goose danced and trashed the house and Mitchell's favorite part was

when he was told to keep still, but kept moving.

We had lunch afterwards as we were very hungry; then we came back to school on the bus.

PS. A special thank you to Brighton Council for providing this opportunity for students and teacher.

*Dillon and Mitchell are in grades 3/4 at Oatlands District School

March rainfall

THE total March rainfall for Brighton township was 48.6mm over 10 days bringing the total for the year to 97.6mm.



A visit to the 'old school' was a highlight for some of the Gagebrook Primary students.

Youngsters enjoy day on the farm

GAGEBROOK Primary School grades 5 and 6 recently visited Hagley farm and some of the students put pen to paper to relay their experiences.

Jessica May Knight thought all of the activities were "heaps of fun".

Another student, Brad Stieger, said there were "creepy crawlies in the pond" which everyone was

able to collect.

Brooke Haynes enjoyed seeing the farm animals, particularly "Patricia the pig who was pregnant with 18 piglets" and she agreed it was a "fantastic few days".

Kaitlin Jarvis loved the 'old school' and the opportunity to "dress up in old clothing and draw with a quill and ink".

Sara Seabourne

summed up most comments by saying the camp was "fantastic fun" and it was sad to leave.

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Family Support is located at the Gagebrook Community Centre, 191 Lamprill Circle, Gagebrook.



Shoplifting on the increase in Bridgewater

By INSP GLEN WOOLLEY*

SHOPLIFTING is a crime of stealing and a major problem for retailers.

Basically, anyone who dishonestly takes any property without the consent of the owner, can and will be charged.

At Bridgewater, over the past 12 months there has been a noticeable increase in the number of people being detected stealing from shops within the area, especially considering the increase in the number of retail developments within the area.

The total cost of shoplifting is estimated at around \$810 million per year, or \$110 per incident; however, the true extent of the problem is unknown because not all incidents are detected and/or reported to the police.

With the increase in the number of retailers within this area police have been working with shop owners to reduce the risk of shoplifting by making it more difficult to steal items and increasing the likelihood of being detected.

A number of strategies have been adopted. Staff members have been trained to be alert for shoplifters and are aware of the tactics

used by offenders to remove property.

Signage in and around stores makes it clear that shoplifting is an offence and it is a store policy to prosecute offenders.

Retailers have upgraded their physical security strategies and installed video surveillance cameras that work in conjunction with security mirrors, good lighting and well-trained staff.

Warning systems have been implemented among shop owners to keep them alert for known offenders and people who are shoplifting.

All shoplifters apprehended will be dealt with by police. Adults will be arrested and charged. Young people will be charged and dealt with through diversionary procedures and repeat offenders will be prosecuted.

In any event a conviction for shoplifting is recorded on a crime record as stealing and is required to be disclosed on any job application, if requested.

The clear message from police is 'Don't Steal'.

*Insp Woolley is divisional inspector, Bridgewater Division of Tasmania Police

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WHITELION supports young people to build better lives for themselves and helps make our community a more inclusive and safer place. Each year thousands of young people are disconnected from our community due to abuse and neglect, drug addiction and poverty.

These young people have often had horrific life experiences with few positive role models and are caught in a 'cycle of discouragement' that is very hard to break. Many of these young people end up in Out-of-Home Care and in some cases in the Youth Justice System.

Whitelion has started its employment program in Southern Tasmania. Since its inception in 2000, the Whitelion has trained and found employment for over 450 young people from disadvantaged backgrounds.

For more information about Whitelion, please visit our website at: www.whitelion.asn.au

Gemma Smith can be contacted at the Bridgewater Community Centre, 6 Bowden Drive on 6263 3584



BRIGHTON

Community Calendar

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

Anglicare Family Mental Health Support Service
There will be a Family Support Worker who can 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 for children of parents with mental health issues; and family or one-to-one counselling.

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

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

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

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 (beginning March 30) from 2.30-4pm.

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 courses or to receive a registration form please phone the Gagebrook Community Centre on 6263 6097. Computer Fundamentals Course, every Wednesday from 10am-12pm.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Helping Hands
Helping Hands is a minor home maintenance project for residents of Gagebrook and Bridgewater.

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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 6263 6097.

Jewellery Class for Children
Bring your children along and let them learn how to make their own jewellery. Every Friday from 3-4pm. For more information phone the Gagebrook Community Centre on 6263 6097.

Jewellery Class for Adults
Come along and learn how to make some wonderful unique jewellery. Cost is \$5 per session. Every Friday from noon-2pm at the Gagebrook Community Centre.

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.

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

Kids' Breakfast Club
Monday to Thursday 8.15 to 8.45am, Bridgewater Community Centre. The club provides a healthy breakfast and nutrition education every day to school children in areas of greatest need to help them start the day well. Phone Jordan River Service on 6263 4303.

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

NILS (No Interest Loan Scheme)
The scheme is available to

purchase essential household items such as a fridge or washing machine. Monday to Friday, 9am-2.30pm, Bridgewater Community Centre. Phone 6263 4303.

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

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. The Shed is available to community members to carry out their own projects using equipment that they do not have access to at home. The volunteers at the shed also get involved in community projects. The shed is at 10 Sorrell St, Bridgewater phone 6263 5142.

Quality Hem/Sew/Repair Clothing Service
Sewing repair, such as hems, zips, waistbands, seams and patches. Prices dependant on time and fabric. Pickup and delivery your responsibility. You can drop in to the Bridgewater Community Centre or call to arrange a time. Cost \$3-\$8.

RECLINK
Free. Tuesdays or Wednesdays 10.30am-2pm. Involves various sports and social activities such as football, netball, cricket, golf, fishing. For 14-24-year-olds. Transport provided to activities and lunch provided. Phone Andrew on 6263 5277.

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 ages 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 giving applicants significant life benefits including gaining employment, re-engaging in education and improved autonomy. Phone Jordan River Service on 6263 4303.

What's Cooking Group
The Gagebrook Community Centre will hold 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 starting Monday April 6 from 9am. Cost is \$5 per session. Eat the meal there or take it home!

Weight Gym
\$2.20 per session plus \$10 annual membership. Open to the public for adults and youth aged 14 and over, weekdays 9am-6pm. Phone Andrew on 6263 5277 for more information and an initial assessment and tailored program or drop into the PCYC. First session is free.

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

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

Guests most impressed by Dining with Friends concept

ST Vincent de Paul Society, in conjunction with Brighton Council, recently held its third Dining with Friends event.

More than 160 people attended the evening and had great shepherd's pie with vegetables and apple crumble for dessert.

Guests were also entertained with music provided by the Bridgewater Country Music Club.

Guests included Mayor Tony Foster and Mrs Foster as well as the state president of the St Vincent de Paul Society, Peter Lyall and Mrs Lyall who travelled from

Launceston.

Mr Lyall was most impressed with the concept of Dining with Friends.

"This was a great example of a community coming together for a social occasion," he said.

Mr Lyall will also report on his Dining with Friends experience to the society's next national council meeting.

After the meal, the children (and many adults) were delighted with a visit from the Easter Bunny who gave away Easter eggs generously donated by Cadbury Schweppes.

Many thanks go to all the volunteers for their tremendous help and also to the supporters of Dining with Friends.

The new Loui's Van service operates on a Monday night from Herdsmans Cove Primary School from 6.55pm-7.15 pm and Work-skills car park, Bridgewater, from 7.20pm-7.40pm.

The Friday night service will continue as usual.

Guests (above right) enjoyed a wonderful get-together along with great food prepared by volunteers (right).



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Community Luncheons

The Gagebrook Community Centre will be holding community luncheons on the third Monday of every month with the first one on Monday 20 April.

All welcome to attend.


Lunch will be served at 12 noon. Cost is \$10 for two courses.



For more information please phone the Centre on 6263 6097

Bridgewater Library + Online Access Centre in partnership with B4 proudly present:

National Simultaneous Storytime



A very special story time for children

Join in National Simultaneous Storytime, when a highly-acclaimed picturebook will be read simultaneously at libraries and schools across Australia to more than 100,000 children!

Who: For all parents/carers with children from birth to 5 years old
When: Wednesday, May 27
Where: Brighton Civic Centre
Green Point Rd, Bridgewater
Time: 10.15am-11.20am
Bring: Feel free to bring along a drink and nibbles for your own child

Come along and get involved in lots of activities

For more information please contact the Bridgewater Library + Online Access Centre on 62636222 or your B4 Coordinator at East Derwent, Gagebrook, Brighton and Herdsmans Cove Primary Schools.

Junk Theory shines its light on a beautiful night

By SHIRLEY WILLIAMS

BRIGHTON Arts Committee was delighted that 10 Days on the Island once again chose to host an event in the Brighton municipality.

On a beautiful, calm Sunday evening about 200 people lined the shore to witness Junk Theory.

At dusk at Old Beach a beautiful traditional Chinese junk, the *Suzy Wong*, drifted by, her sails set and filled

with moving imagery.

Films, photographs, maps, portraits and text were woven together by the haunting voice of singer Wei Zen Ho wafting from the decks.

Junk Theory evolved as a result of the race riots at Cronulla, NSW, in December 2005.

Junk Theory was a forward-looking response to the shock and hurt in the community that aimed to

prove it's harder to hurt someone when you know their story

Junk Theory, produced by Tasmania's Big hART, explores why something that was once new loses value, becomes redundant and then gains value again.

To complement this amazing spectacle on the water, the Arts Committee decided to host a long table on the jetty, giving people the opportunity for prime viewing and to enjoy a meal with proceeds from the meal going to the Cancer Council of Tasmania.

As the volunteers from the Arts Committee worked and planned for this evening, there were many anxious moments and hopes that good weather would prevail.

Ambience

The Arts Committee is fortunate to have so many helpers and supporters, including Cr Wayne Garlick and family who adorned the jetty with hundreds of coloured lights, creating a beautiful ambience; and Mary Allen, from the Bridgewater Library + OAC, who made the red table runners.

Appreciation and thanks go to Right Price Meats, Cove Hill, that so generously donated all the meat for the spit roast.

Thank you to 10 Days on the Island and Brighton

Council.

Thank you also to all who helped set the table, serve the meal and the refreshments and cleaned up afterwards, and thank you to all who bought tickets to dine at the long table.

While waiting for dusk to view the Junk Theory we were entertained by Hobart's Choir of High Hopes who are no strangers to our community, as well as Hobart singer/songwriter Amy Kendall.



Diners at the long table enjoy a beautiful meal on a wonderful night.



Traditional Chinese junk, the *Suzy Wong* before the show.



The traditional Chinese junk, the *Suzy Wong*, drifts by, her sails set and filled with moving imagery.



Entertainer, singer/songwriter Amy Kendall delights those who gathered for the event.

New Red Cross service centre at Bridgewater

A NEW Tasmanian Red Cross service centre at Bridgewater was recently opened by Minister for Human Services Lin Thorp.

"Red Cross' new strategic direction is redirecting resources and energies to places where they are needed most," Ms Thorp said.

"This means working with the most disadvantaged people in the most disad-

vantaged places to overcome social exclusion by providing bridges back into the community.

"The State Government is committed to the development of a Tasmanian social inclusion agenda and has established a Social Inclusion Unit in the Department of Premier and Cabinet to progress this work.

"It is very encouraging to



Minister for Human Services Lin Thorp opens the new Red Cross office.

see the Red Cross embrace this philosophy."

The Bridgewater Service Centre will provide all the familiar services previously offered in the city.

These include the community visitors scheme; disaster and emergency services; MATES – a service for people with a mental illness and their supporters; a prisoner-support program; the save-a-mate service for young people; transport services for medical appointments across Tasmania for

people who have no other means of transport; and youth and education school-based programs.

"The opening of the service centre at Bridgewater is evidence of the organisation's commitment to put services where they are most needed," Ms Thorp said.

"By targeting prevention through early intervention, the Red Cross will endeavour to break the cycle of disadvantage while continuing to support and respond to crises where necessary."

WATER METER READING CHANGE OF SCHEDULE

Ratepayers are advised of a change to the schedule of water meter readings for the municipality. These readings will begin in May (instead of April), with the accounts being processed during June (instead of May).

Please ensure that Council staff have easy access to your meter by ensuring it is clear of debris and not obstructed by trees and plants.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Training workshops for emergency volunteers

RED Cross is calling on Old Beach and Bridgewater residents to consider training to be part of the national registration and inquiry system that helps local communities in the event of an emergency.

Registering people who have been evacuated is a vital part of reconnecting them with loved ones and their communities and Red Cross provides training to be a registration and inquiry volunteer to help the community in times of emergency.

The local training session familiarises a registrant with the REDiPlan community

awareness program that covers how members of the community can prepare their households for an emergency.

The local training courses are the registration and REDiPlan workshop on Monday, May 18 from 9am-1pm at the Old Beach Community Centre, and/or the induction course in personal support to be held at Brighton Civic Centre, on Monday, June 22 from 8.45am-4pm.

Register by phoning 6235 6015 or email tas_emergency_services@redcross.org.au.

LOCAL CHURCH SERVICES

ANGLICAN PARISH OF BRIGHTON

(Ph 6268 0066)

St Mark s, Pontville

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

St George s, Old Beach

Every Sunday: 8.45 am

St Thomas s, Tea Tree

2nd and 4th Sundays: 8.45 am

Bridgewater/Gagebrook (Sunday Connections)

4th Sunday: 2.30 pm

BRIDGEWATER-BRIGHTON-CLAREMONT

CATHOLIC PARISH

Fr Dudley Perera (OMI) (Ph 6263 6242)

St Paul s, Bridgewater

Every Sunday: 9 am

St Matthew s Pontville

1st Sunday: 10.30 am

3rd Sunday: Noon

St Bernard s, Claremont 10.30 am every Sunday

NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN CENTRE Brighton Civic Centre, Green Point Rd

Pastor Denis Pythian (Ph 6249 2523)

Every Sunday: 10.30am

UNITING CHURCH GAGEBROOK

Rev John McRae (Ph 0400 128 122)

Every Sunday: 10am

UNITING CHURCH PONTVILLE

1st Sunday: 11.15am

Scrapbooking

Are you interested in Scrapbooking?
Always wanted to learn but never got the chance?

The Gagebrook Community Centre will be holding a Scrapbooking Classes every Friday from 12noon - 2pm starting Friday May 1. Cost per session is \$5.

Scrapbooking cutters and scissors and other accessories available

At the first session there will be the following available for you to purchase:

- ~ Scrapbooking albums (12x12 albums)
- ~ A variety of paper
- ~ Limited accessories

For more information or to register your interest please phone the Centre on 6263 6097.

SPORT

in the Brighton Community



Michael Klim talks to children at the Brighton Civic Centre and proudly displays some of his Olympic medals.

Swim superstar Klim makes a splash in Brighton

AUSTRALIAN swimming sensation Michael Klim made a special appearance at a Communities for Children fitness event, promoting the benefits of exercise for children at the Brighton Civic Centre.

The five-time Olympic medal-winner and devoted father of two says it's never too early to start encouraging children to enjoy active play and physical activities. "I was a very active child and look where that got me!" he said.

"I encourage my children to be active. We gave our babies plenty of tummy time and continued to provide opportunities for them to exercise as they grow.

"We also enjoy exercising as a family. It's all about creating good habits to set them up for later in life."

Communities for Children promotes physical activities for children aged up to five because exercise is important for a healthy body and research also highlights

the significant impact exercise has on brain development.

About 75 per cent of brain development occurs in a child's first three years of life.

Exercise assists brain development by activating nerve cells in the brain and stimulating them to create neurological pathways.

These pathways are significant because they lay the foundations for learning later in life.

When children learn new skills during physical play, like throwing a ball, jumping and doing an obstacle course, different areas of the brain are developing pathways.

These facilitate key connections for learning.

The more opportunities children are given to develop new physical skills, the more pathways they can develop.

Research says the neural pathways that are developed in a child's first three years are often referred to as the 'roadmaps' to later learning.

Ethan savours rewards of a great season all round

FOURTEEN-year-old Ethan Engels, playing his first season with the Old Beach Cricket Club (OBCC) in the Kookaburra Southern Cricket Association, has been named Young Cricketer of the Year for the 2008/09 season.

His season included such great individual efforts as 102 not out and 6/47 (including a hat-trick) against Rokeby in the fourth division.

Playing alongside his two brothers, Luke and Kurt, and his father Paul, Ethan also picked up the awards for best first-year player, most wickets, best bowling average and most runs in the club's fourth division at the OBCC annual awards day in late April.

This season was the first time since its inception in 1899 that Old Beach Cricket Club has fielded three teams, and this can be attributed to the growth in the community and the junior development policy at the club.

The club had mixed results this season with the

fourth division team finishing sixth in its first year, first division finishing fifth and bowling out after their second final was washed out, and third division playing off in the grand final only to be narrowly defeated in a close and tense encounter.

The club is looking to grow in the future and with a strong committee, community and Council support and upgrading of the Cloak Oval facilities, as well as the possibility of expanding further to four teams next season.

Pre-season training for the 2009/10 roster will begin in August under coach Brian Davison.

Anyone interested in being part of the club in the upcoming season can contact secretary Davin Wooldridge on 0417 110 937 or by email to old-beachcc@bigpond.com

An excited Ethan Engels with the rewards of a good season with the Old Beach Cricket Club.



Brighton Primary climbs to top of athletics ladder

APRIL was a fantastic month for Brighton Primary School with the school's athletes performing brilliantly at the recent southern primary athletics carnivals.

The A team of 65 students competed against seven other southern schools and put in a fantastic late effort to win the carnival from Lauderdale

and Howrah Primary Schools.

Students participated in the normal sprint events, field events such as long jump and vortex, and the traditional relay events.

It wasn't until the last two or three relays that the final results were known, and for 2009 Brighton Primary School is the best 'A' division team in the south!

The B team also gave its utmost and participated in similar events.

It was narrowly beaten into third place this year, which is a mighty effort con-

sidering that the team was F division champion in 2008.

Very well done to the students who made up the B team!

As Brighton Community News was going to press, 36 students were taking part in the champions carnival in Hobart.

This is a record number of students for the school and everyone in the Brighton School community congratulates all the champions.

Well done on your school's achievement in athletics in 2009.

Grand final success for PCYC futsal team

BRIDGEWATER PCYC has won this season's mixed futsal grand final.

PCYC won the semi-final 6-2 with Sam Burns best in an outstanding team effort.

The grand final against Bakers Utd, which was played at the Clarence Basketball Stadium, was a torrid affair with Georgie Bailey throwing herself into every contest.

In a tight tussle Bridgewater came out on top winning 2-1 with Daniel Hall

scoring the winning goal in the last two minutes of the match.

Scott Drake was outstanding as goalkeeper with Matt Hill best in a great team effort.

Members of the winning team were Daniel Hall, Scott Drake, Georgie Bailey, Matt Hill, Sam Burns, Brodie Haye and Bec Richardson. The team would like to thank Max O'Neill and Brian MacQueen who acted as team managers and, importantly, bus drivers.

Free HARD & GREEN WASTE Collection Service Tuesday 7 July 2009



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

How to get the hard/green waste collected:

- Waste must be placed on the nature strip the night before.
- Items must be able to be lifted safely by two men.
- All hard waste items must not exceed 2 metres in length.
- All items such as tree branches & cuttings must be tied in 20kg or less bundles and a maximum of 1.5m in length and 20cm in diameter.
- Loose material must be bagged.
- Tyres will be collected (a maximum of two to be placed out for collection).
- Items such as rubble, soil, rocks and concrete will not be collected.
- Commercial waste will not be collected.
- HARD WASTE AND GREEN WASTE ARE TO BE KEPT SEPARATE.
- Total volume of items must not exceed 2m³.

Please do not endanger Council staff by leaving broken glass, asbestos and chemicals out for collection.

If you have any further queries regarding the free HARD/GREEN WASTE collection service, please phone Brighton Council on 6268 7030.

Remember this service is available only to residents who currently receive kerbside collection.

Students enjoy day at the AFL football

WITH support from the Brighton Alive community and Sport and Recreation Tasmania, 40 local students, with their parents, recently travelled to Aurora Stadium as guests of AFL Tasmania.

The students played at half-time in the big match between Hawthorn and the West Coast Eagles.

PCYC Bridgewater did an outstanding job organising this day for the children, and all who participated represented Brighton with distinction.

Cameron Blight, from AFL Tasmania, who is doing fantastic work for the AFL at Brighton, organised the free

tickets.

The day was cold and bitter, but the Tassie Hawks won and may have spotted the next Grant Birchall running around at half-time from the students from Gagebrook/Herdsman Cove or Bridgewater.

Thanks to St Pauls and Northern Suburbs Christian School for supplying buses at short notice and all volunteers who supported the northern trek.

All kids had a fantastic day and according to the principal of St Pauls "were still on a high" when they returned to school on the Monday.

Yogi's boxing classes

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