



Community podiatrist Fairlie Collins at least year's community health expo and who is looking forward to this year's women's health event.

## Brighton venue for first women's health festival

WOMEN'S health has long been a major priority of the Brighton Council, so much so that this month sees the inaugural Women's Health Festival at the Brighton Civic Centre.

Developed in partnership with the State Government's Department of Health and Human Services, the festival will be a celebration of women's health in the municipality with dozens of community groups and services represented.

Community health social worker and the coordinator of the Women's Health Festival, Robyn Bishop, said one of the key aims of the festival was to increase women's knowledge of the services and support available in the district.

The festival will cover every aspect of women's health from general wellbeing to education, employment, disability, alcohol and drugs, and legal support.

"The range of services represented is just too long to list. But every aspect of women's health and wellbeing will be represented," Robyn said.

"The festival is an exciting way for local women to increase their knowledge of a range of health issues and give them greater control over their health and wellbeing.

"More importantly, the day is all about helping local women make connections, improving their knowledge of and access to the extensive health and human services network in this municipality."

The Women's Health Festival has grown out of the successful community health expo for wellbeing run by the municipality since 2005.

"The Brighton Council is very supportive of the festival and is providing the venue, the Brighton Civic Centre, free of charge," Robyn said.

"It just shows the huge

commitment the Brighton Council makes to supporting the health and wellbeing of its residents."

To celebrate women's health there will also be a showcase of women's activities that are taking place in the community.

"The program will cover everything from women's self-defence to community knitting and belly dancing. It really will be a fun day for everyone involved," Robyn said.

"The festival is open to women from outside the municipality. We will be encouraging women to come from Southern Midlands, Derwent Valley and northern suburbs, and from all other areas."

The Women's Health Festival will be at the Brighton Civic Centre, 25 Green Point Rd, Bridgewater on Wednesday, October 28, from 2pm-7pm.

Everyone is welcome.

## Businesses urged to support PCYC programs

# YOUTH AID FUNDS PLEA

LOCAL Brighton businesses are being urged to 'fill the void' left by the loss of funding for the existing YouthLinx program which ceases in January next year.

The Department of Employment, Education and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) provided about \$81,000 a year to Bridgewater PCYC to provide services for at-risk youth and their families as well as a family liaison role where youth and their families receive support, information and referrals.

When this funding ceases next year, it will be difficult for Bridgewater PCYC to offer any meaningful youth programs catering to the most at risk in the community.

Bridgewater PCYC YouthLinx provides the following activities/programs:

- Family liaison officer to provide support, information, advocacy, home visits, referrals etc for at-risk youth and their families.
- Youth Drop-In involving both structured and unstructured activities including eight-ball, video games, internet, air hockey, basketball, badminton, table tennis, and weight training, plus basketball and netball competitions, sporting clinics and workshops.
- Families and Communities Together evenings twice a week involving a meal, cooking, whole-of-family games and activities, support and workshops.
- Cool Camps involving a male-only and female-only

camp once a year for at-risk youth.

- Get Out There involving the entering of four to five youth teams in Clarence Basketball Association and Futsal Tasmania competitions.

- School holiday programs for youth for seven weeks per year during holidays with free places provided and all others highly subsidised.

- Family and Community Garden involving a garden outside PCYC where families can get together with their children and grow healthy foods for family consumption

All DEEWR YouthLinx

programs have been replaced by youth career and transitions programs.

At its April meeting, the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) agreed to the new program to increase young people's exposure to education and training pathways.

The Compact with Young Australians comprises a national youth participation requirement, an entitlement to education or training places for 15- to 24-year-olds and changes to youth allowance and family tax benefit making education and training a

precondition for these payments.

COAG also agreed to bring forward its attainment target so that by 2015, 90 per cent of 20-24-year-olds will have attained year 12 or equivalent or Certificate II or above.

The Compact with Young Australians will be the foundation of a new national partnership on youth attainment and transitions that will also drive longer-term reform to ensure that young people stay engaged in education and training and attain a year 12

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## Happy first birthday for Brighton market

BRIGHTON'S popular market on the first Sunday of every month recently celebrated its first birthday.

Brighton Deputy Mayor Geoff Taylor cut a celebratory cake and congratulated the market organisers.

Children's entertainment was to the fore on the day, with a clown and face painter providing special treats for kids. There was also musical entertainment

by Leo 'Slim' Mundy. All in all it was a great day for everyone.

Danielle Hall and Bill Arnol are now running the market's day-to-day operations. Ruth Slade is concentrating on her own business.

The special Father's Day market saw a musical performance by Tony Voglino that all thoroughly enjoyed.

Organisers have asked Tony back to

help celebrate the Brighton Christmas Twilight Market which will be held on December 13 from 5pm-9pm. This will be a fantastic Christmas event for the community with local schools involved and including a visit from Santa.

Expressions of interest are now being taken so phone 0427 008 353 for this event or our community's local monthly market.



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**The public is welcome to attend.**

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**Heritage & Environment**  
Tuesday, October 13 - 4.45pm

**Parks & Recreation Committee**  
Tuesday, October 13 - 5.00pm

**Finance Committee**  
Tuesday, October 13 - 5.15pm

**Planning Committee**  
Tuesday, October 13 - 5.30pm

**Ordinary Council**  
Tuesday, October 20 - 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)

Meetings dates and times are subject to change.  
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# Brighton crowds roll up for circus festival

EVER wanted to run away and join the circus?

If the huge crowds who turned up for Brighton's Circus Festival are anything to go by – it looks like a few locals have had this dream.

About 400 people came along to learn circus tricks, meet the crazy clown and some brave children even showed off their new tricks in the circus show.

Dynamic acrobatic brother and sister duo Hamish and Amelia Anderson performed to an entranced audience.

Hamish and Amelia made it to the semi-finals of the hit television show Australia's Got Talent.

Their fabulous tricks and costumes wowed the notoriously hard-to-please judge, Red Symonds, who invited the duo back for an encore performance on the show's last night.

The duo from Rose Bay enjoyed teaching children circus and acrobatic tricks.

"Look where these skills got us," Amelia said.

"We were on national television being complimented by Red Symonds – not an easy bloke to please.

"I joined a circus in Ulverstone when I was seven. The troupe was like a second family.

"I want to form another circus in the south of the state. We want to promote the many benefits of circus training."

The Salvation Army organised the Circus Play and Show to encourage children to get active for physical and mental health.

The Salvation Army's Moneka Knight said: "It's wonderful to be able to offer children in Brighton a free event during the holidays



**Circus performers Hamish and Amelia show what circus performing is all about.**

where they're doing something fun and physical while socialising with other children."

The event was organised by staff from the Salvation Army's Home and School Support (HASS) and Communities for Children.

These are early intervention and prevention programs for children focusing on the child holistically in the context of their family.

"The event was about getting children to try new things instead of saying 'I can't'," Ms Knight said.

"Research shows informal learning out of the classroom, particularly of fun

skills like juggling and acrobatics, can be a non-threatening way to re-engage students.

"If these children are enjoying learning and having successes this helps their self-esteem and can make them more positive about more formal classroom learning."

She said it was a wonderful demonstration of what community collaborations could achieve with people from the Salvation Army, Brighton Council, Good Beginnings, Hobart Gymnastics and PCYC all working together to create a fun community event.

## Youth aid funds plea to business

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or equivalent qualification.

Michael Morgan, Bridgewater PCYC's YouthLinx coordinator, said the goals of YouthLinx were quite different to the Compact with Young Australians program.

Youthlinx programs were based around the support of at-risk youth and families relating to social issues and support rather than simple educational achievement.

"It is certainly worthwhile and a priority to improve educational outcomes for Bridgewater/Gagebrook youth," he said.

"However, the cessation of YouthLinx funding means that realistically the 29 per cent of non-school attendees at Bridgewater High will no longer have any social support out of school hours not directly related to educational

issues.

"The new DEEWR programs do not seem to recognise social issues as a major barrier and treats education as a means in itself and as the panacea for all social issues. On the ground we know this is just not true."

Senior Constable Byron Howard, who is Bridgewater PCYC Club's superintendent, said: "Without funding to run programs for the at-risk youth of Bridgewater and Gagebrook there will be no youth-specific service in the community for those in immediate crisis to seek assistance and there is likely to be increased boredom-related community and individual harm.

"It is highly likely that social issues such as crime, anti-social behaviour, poor health outcomes, homelessness etc, will increase greatly.

"In Bridgewater and Gagebrook, low educational achievement is a serious issue; however, other social issues are just as important.

"Social issues have to be

addressed before educational outcomes can be improved."

Bridgewater PCYC is the only youth-focused service provider in the area, welcomes and targets the most at-risk youth, has the most appropriate facilities and staff, is a non-threatening environment.

Also, about 90 per cent of local youth attend YouthLinx with membership of more than 350 with Bridgewater High enrolment approximately 350.

Further, YouthLinx also attracts those not attending school or only periodically and these youth make up around 30 per cent of clients.

If any local businesses would like to step in and provide short-term financial support to enable Bridgewater PCYC's programs for at-risk youth to continue in 2010 then please give Byron Howard or Andrew Dean a call on 6263 5277.

Bridgewater PCYC is a registered charity and all donations are tax deductible.

## Rainfall a 70-year record

RAINFALL for Brighton for the month of August was 100.4mm making this the highest August rainfall recorded for Brighton since 1939 when 106.6mm fell.

Rain fell on 23 days during August. The three months of winter gave Brighton a total rainfall figure of 246.2mm which is half the total rainfall average for the year.

The total rainfall up to the end of August is 403.2mm.

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# Bypass must proceed for whole community

YOU would be aware of the discussion surrounding our much-awaited Brighton bypass.

In the past couple of weeks the legal manager of the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre, Michael Mansell, has called for all work to be halted claiming the site could have the largest deposit of Aboriginal artefacts in the state.

He said reports showed the area was "full of Aboriginal artefacts and was probably one of the most extensive in the state". He has now suggested that the bypass be stopped and rerouted, even claiming that the existing road could be widened to accommodate the community's need.

## A MESSAGE FROM

*The Mayor*

These archaeological claims came as a complete surprise to Council as to the best of our knowledge all appropriate survey work was undertaken prior to the start of construction.

The Department of Infrastructure Energy and Resources (DIER) engaged experts from Canberra to undertake all the necessary work to survey for Aboriginal heritage sites as well as endangered species.

It is my understanding that all of this preliminary work was successfully undertaken. So it was definitely a surprise to hear that archeologists had now purportedly made this extensive find.

My disappointment is that this site has been discussed as the proposed bypass site for more than 20 years. Indeed, discussions began as far back as when I was first on Council in 1985.

It is difficult to accept that here we are, more than 20 years down the track and we now want to change the goal posts and the government is being asked to find a new route.

It should be remembered this

area has been rural land for more than 200 years and the land has been cultivated and farmed extensively by farmers and their families throughout that time.

In recent weeks, I have spoken to many people about the issue and it is true to say that local people are absolutely dismayed about a proposed blockade of the bypass.

I haven't had one person stop me and say that they appreciate what is being said that is likely to prevent the bypass from being completed. This development has been in the planning stages for many years and to now have it stopped before it has hardly started, doesn't make sense.

I want to reaffirm Brighton's strong history with the Aboriginal community. They were Brighton's first inhabitants and we are very proud of that cultural heritage and our strong cultural links. In this instance there must be a way forward so it can be a win-win for everyone.

I have already indicated that Brighton Council would support an interpretation centre where any artifacts, if found, can be displayed. So I am hoping we can work together with the Aboriginal community to support this for the long term.

It is now up to the State Government to deal with the issue.

Hopefully, it is not going to hold up this much-needed piece of infrastructure.

We fought for years to gain the funding for this project and I, for one, do not want to see it fall over.

I am confident that the State Government can work through this to accommodate the needs of the whole community.

I don't want to see a bun fight over this important issue – common sense must prevail.



Tony Foster  
Mayor

## Samantha now a finalist in training awards

SAMANTHA Andrews, who was this year presented with the young citizen of the year award by Brighton Council, was recently a finalist in the VET in Schools section of the Tasmanian Training Awards.

The annual training awards recognise and reward excellence and high achievement by students, their trainers and employers who support them.

Samantha was a finalist in the student of the year category and while she did not win, we are very proud of her efforts as a young Brighton citizen.

Not only was she presented earlier this year with the young citizen of the year award, she only recently won

a major award for her work with the PCYC at Bridgewater.

Samantha is in year 12 at Claremont College and was presented her award for her efforts in initiating, planning, organising and conducting gym sessions for women at the PCYC at Bridgewater.

Sam is 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 Edin-



Samantha Andrews – one of Brighton's brightest.

burgh Award.

She was an integral member of the college women's basketball team in

2008 and plans to become a qualified personal trainer.

It certainly seems that nothing is stopping her!

## New Art House a great learning space

THE long-awaited Art House was officially opened in Bridgewater recently by Prof Noel Frankham, head of the School of Art at the University of Tasmania, and Brighton Mayor Tony Foster.

The Art House, in the grounds of the Riverside Community Garden and Nursery on Eddington Street, resulted from funding from Brighton Council, Vodafone, Log a Load for Kids, Norske

Skog and STEPS.

As an extension of the nursery, the Art House embraces a holistic view of education in the Bridgewater/Gagebrook area.

It complements the nursery, the Shed, PCYC and the Bridgewater High School Farm in that it provides another exciting learning space in addition those offered in the four schools in the area.

One of the goals of the

Art House is to use current educational and recreational programs that focus on the visual arts with an emphasis on building positive relationships, individualised learning programs, enterprise, business skills development and pursuing marketing strategies for artworks produced on site.

There are a number of opportunities for teachers to develop and pursue flexible learning options for students with a variety of needs.

Negotiations are taking place to appoint artists-in-residence willing to share

their knowledge and expertise with a variety of age groups within the community.

The building is wheelchair-accessible and can be made available to young children and their parents, school-age students in the area and the elderly who want to run small workshops or convene meetings in an engaging setting.

If you would like to book the Art House space contact Chelsea on 6263 4911. Small groups from surrounding schools are especially encouraged to attend.

## Full water savings have been passed on to Brighton ratepayers

BRIGHTON Council has passed on to ratepayers this year the full savings of the transfer of water and sewerage services to the new State Government-established authority.

Brighton Mayor Tony Foster said Council had deducted the entire cost of its provision of water and sewerage services and due to its own sound financial management, the average rate increase in the municipality for 2009/10 was just 2.5 per cent.

Cr Foster said it was unfortunate that ratepayers were now receiving substantial water and sewerage bills but it was unfair to blame Council when the reduction in rates did not match the new charges.

"We reduced our rates by the full costs of Brighton

Council providing water and sewerage services previously, and the new Southern Water Corporation set the latest charges," he said.

"As our rate variance table shows every residential property in Brighton is paying an extra \$20 in Council rates for the 2009/10 financial year.

"Brighton Council has adhered to its long-term commitment to maintain rate increases at or below, the rate of inflation.

"While the new water and sewerage charges are beyond our control, it is worth noting that under the management of Brighton Council, water consumption had not increased in 10 years."

Cr Foster said according to the Auditor-General's latest report, Brighton Council

had the lowest rates per capita in Tasmania.

"Brighton Council prides itself on its economic performance and financial management by keeping rates at or below CPI over the last 10 years," he said.

"Our new flat-rate system is working extremely well for Council and for ratepayers and as a result they are not being penalised by hefty hikes in rates each year.

"However, water and sewerage services now come under a new regime and it is incorrect to suggest that Council has been anything but true to its word in passing on in full, the savings it achieved from the transfer of these services.

"It has also been transparent in determining and outlining its own rate charges."

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**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 kerb side collection.



# BRIGHTON ELECTION CANDIDATES HAVE SAY

## MAYOR



**Tony Foster**

### TONY FOSTER OAM

FIRST of all I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank the community of Brighton for their support over these past years, not only of me but also of my Deputy Mayor, other councillors and particularly the staff at Brighton Council.

It has indeed been a privilege to serve as your Mayor since 1993.

It is because of this wonderful team approach that exists at Brighton that I have been encouraged to seek re-election as Mayor and to again ask for your support.

I will continue to see that our Council remains community focused, supportive of economic development and implement sound environmental strategies, innovative youth programs and undertake responsible financial management.

The shaping of our future is a partnership between council and community and while I am pleased with our progress there is still much more to do.

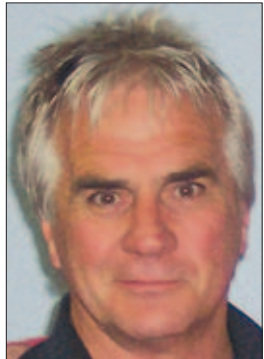
I believe we can build an even better municipality, one that delivers security, jobs and a quality of life of which we can be proud.

I am always proud to say I represent Brighton Council. I hope you also have faith

This month is local government election month in Tasmania and *Brighton Community News* has provided editorial space for those who are standing for Brighton Council in 2009. The following candidates have supplied the newspaper with their message to the Brighton municipality.

in the way we do business and you will entrust the leadership of Brighton to me once again.

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**Phil Owen**

### PHIL OWEN

I AM seeking your support for re-election as councillor and election as Mayor.

It has been a privilege to represent you and to be involved in Brighton Council's significant achievements over the years.

However, there are areas where Council can do much better.

As Mayor, I will work hard to ensure that your views are considered first and foremost on issues before Council.

Recent examples where the Brighton Planning Scheme has been used to promote an applicant's contentious plans rather than to protect your existing lifestyle and amenity are:

- Nielsen Esplanade, Bridgewater – rezoning.
- Sun Valley Drive, Old Beach – units.
- Merriworth Road, Tea Tree – transport depot/buggies.
- Henty Close, Old Beach – units.
- Augustus Street,

Brighton – units.

- Green Point Road, Bridgewater – PCYC.

Residents affected by the above issues will tell you of my commitment to changing how these recommendations are presented to Council.

We should not have to fight to maintain our lifestyle. The onus should be on the applicants to fit in with our amenity, not for us to have to live with their ideas.

Authorised by PJ Owen, 9 Compton Rd, Old Beach, Tasmania 7017

## DEPUTY MAYOR



**Geoff Taylor**

### GEOFF TAYLOR

I, GEOFF Taylor have been a councillor for 24 years, first elected in 1972 and I am currently Deputy Mayor.

I was born at Brighton and have lived and farmed here in all that time.

It has been a privilege and a pleasure to serve on the Council and be a part of the continuing progress made such as the following initiatives:

- Brighton industrial estate.
- Woolworths supermarket and shopping complex.

• Brighton Civic Centre and Old Beach Community Centre.

- Brighton horse training complex.

• Our new rating system that is the envy of other councils.

I am looking forward to the new bypass and transport hub, which should be commencing very shortly for the benefit of the whole community.

I can be contacted anytime by phone: 6268 1408.

Authorised by: Geoff Taylor, 507 Elderslie Road, Brighton 7030.

## COUNCILLORS



**Wayne Garlick**

### WAYNE GARLICK

WITH more than six years' experience as councillor with Brighton Council I have worked tirelessly in response to the community needs.

I would like to thank the community for its support throughout this time while serving as Brighton councillor.

I would appreciate your support to be re-elected and ask you to please consider voting for me to ensure that Brighton keeps moving forward.

I'm proud to be part of a forward-thinking council, working with a strong and successful team that achieves its goals and we need to maintain this momentum.

I am on the following committees and organisations:

- Founding member and chairperson Bridgewater Library + Online Access committee.
- Riverside Nursery.
- Brighton Parks and Recreation committee.
- Planning Heritage and Environment committees.

• Volunteer ambulance officer at Bridgewater for 14 years and station co-ordinator and six months as assistant training coordinator.

• Volunteer at Billy's Meet and Greet Café at our new Civic Centre Thursdays and Fridays.

My family and I are proud to live in Bridgewater and have done so for the past 29 years.

Authorised by Lyn Garlick, 18 McShane Rd, Bridgewater, Tasmania 7030



**Leigh Gray**

### LEIGH GRAY

MY family (wife Prue, Michaela, Ainsleigh, Emmeline and Llewellyn) and I enjoy living and participating within our community.

I have enjoyed representing the people of Brighton municipality over the past four years and strongly wish to continue in the role of councillor.

I thank the people of our municipality who showed faith by electing me to represent them in 2005. I intend to continue to be honest, accessible and available.

Our community deserves well-informed and diligent representation, a representative who will work hard for each stakeholder within our community.

I am in touch with issues that local residents face daily and, with a family of six on a single income, I'm well aware of the many difficulties that confront families regularly.

Brighton Council is proactive and progressive. I am proud to have contributed towards this.

Together with the community we have developed a plan for 2040 and achieved a substantial number of identified goals.

I am committed to the continuous improvement of our community, further enhancement of our com-

munity assets, services, resources and providing ratepayers and residents with a municipality we can all be proud of.

Thank you for your consideration.

Authorised by Leigh Gray, 295 Elderslie Rd, Brighton, Tas. 7030.



**Kelly Read**

### KELLY READ

MY name is Kelly Read and I am 35 and running for local council because I care!

As a nurse who has spent more of her life raising a family of three in the Brighton area I have witnessed many positive changes within the greater community.

Sadly, I have also witnessed the grass roots social problems such as poor public transport, social isolation, petty crime, inadequate education outcomes, vandalism and poorly organised essential services that negatively impact on many families.

As a Joey Scout leader and active supporter of projects such as the Bridgewater school farm and Brighton Alive I have seen first hand what can be achieved by people who are prepared to put aside the big picture and focus on the small things that add meaningful outcomes to people's lives.

I believe families need a voice focusing on what effects them, that business must be balanced against the needs of the individual and that councils should be the place where better communities are created.

Finally, I believe that to be part of the solution you must be prepared to contribute, which is why in the hope of making a better community I have decided

to run for Council.

Authorised by Kelly Read, 9 Farrow Place, Bridgewater TAS 7030



**Sonya Williams**

### SONYA WILLIAMS

I HAVE been a Brighton councillor for the past four years.

I have lived in the municipality for 27 years and have three adult children, a grandson and two foster children.

In my spare time, I volunteer for a number of community projects including Dining With Friends, Loui's Van, Community Christmas Pageant and Joey Scouts.

This involvement assists with my need to keep informed on community issues or concerns and enables face-to-face discussions.

Providing a 'voice for our community' is an opportunity I would like to continue, with my particular interest areas being community safety, improved infrastructure and continued support for local services and organisations.

Promotion of positive community achievements is also high on my agenda, which would assist in addressing the negative stigma which is often portrayed of Bridgewater and Gagebrook.

I am strongly committed to the Brighton municipality and look forward to its continued growth and prosperity.

Please contact me on mobile 0437 932 212 or email [cr.williams@brighton.tas.gov.au](mailto:cr.williams@brighton.tas.gov.au) to talk to me about any issues or would like more information.

Authorised by Sonya Williams, 14 Barwick Pl, Gagebrook, Tasmania 7030

## Showcasing services and support for women

## Women's Health Festival

**Wednesday 28 October**

Brighton Civic Centre

25 Green Point Road, Bridgewater

Time: 2pm to 7pm

**Cancer support, breast care, carer and respite services, personal safety, legal services, local programs, employment, education, self care and much, much more!**

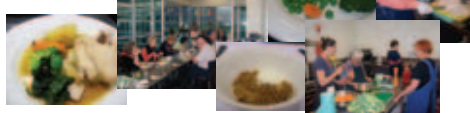
**REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE**

*Join in creative art activities, talk to health services, listen to inspiring women's stories, link into your community, dance with the belly dancers, kick back and relax while having a cuppa and a good chat.*

Enquiries please phone  
**6268 4240**



**Now starting earlier**



## Dining with Friends

First Wednesday of each month

**6:00 pm**

Brighton Civic Centre  
Greenpoint Road, Bridgewater

Dining with friends aims to bring people together to enjoy a nutritious meal, meet new people and socialise.

All donations enable the continuing success of Dining with Friends and are gratefully accepted and appreciated.

For more information please contact John Klug on 6268 7035 or 0438 005 378



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## OLD BEACH SCOUTS

Want to involve your child in something where they can learn and have fun at the same time?

## THEN CONSIDER SCOUTS

Where they can learn new things, have combined nights with other groups, have FUN, FUN, FUN, engage in special family events and, earn badges and awards

All in a child safe environment  
Joey Scouts 6 to 7 ½ years  
Cub Scouts 7 ½ to 10 ½  
Scouts 10 ½

For further information call Les or Kelly on: 6263 7615, 0408 073 237 or 0449 085 860



## Eatery satisfies industrial strength appetite

THE rapid growth of the Brighton industrial estate has been a real boon for one local business.

Crooked Wicked Food, which is situated in the middle of the estate, is proving to be especially popular with truck drivers and employees at the estate.

Michelle Cooley, who owns Crooked Wicked Food with her husband Steve, said they had never been busier.

"We give our customers what they want – good, home-style cooking, great coffee and friendly service," Michelle said.

"And it's not only truckies. More and more businesses are starting up in the estate and people want good-quality, home-style cooking."

"We do a roast every day, which is very popular."

"We even have pensioners coming in to buy a takeaway roast dinner. The salad bar is very popular too."

"It's about giving people what they want – good quality food at a reasonable price."

Michelle and Steve started Crooked Wicked Food about two years ago.



The team from Crooked Wicked Food, from left, Michelle, Donna, Cecily and Jayne.



"We have had a transport company, Cooley's Transport, for about 15 years," Michelle said. "When we bought the site on the new industrial

estate we saw the need for a food outlet.

"This is our first experience in the food business and we have never been busier."

"The industrial estate is growing rapidly and so is our business. We have nearly doubled our turnover in the last two years."

"We employ three local ladies and my husband works in the shop with us from time to time."

"We do catering as well for local businesses, the Council, schools and community centres. It's a lot of work, but very rewarding."

Crooked Wicked Food is located at 23 Crooked Billet Drive and is open from 6am-3pm, Monday to Friday.

Takeaway orders can be placed on 6263 4666 (UHF 36).

## Pontville is a long way from dispensing justice in PNG

By JOHN HALL

RICK Giddings spent 36 years in Papua New Guinea – including two decades of dispensing justice as a senior magistrate.

He was a big man there in every way – almost two metres tall, highly respected and he helped participate in the transition of Australia's once-dependent northern neighbour to nationhood.

When he and his wife Lynn, after half a lifetime in the tropics, moved to Tasmania for a lifestyle change, what did Rick put his formidable skills to next?

He ran a colonial accommodation business at Pontville – including doing the housekeeping!

Now at the age of 72 and retired in Pontville, Rick has time to reminisce. He tells of the dramatic generational changes he witnessed in PNG.

"I associated with lawyers and helicopter pilots, excellent young people, whose grandfathers walked about carrying stone axes and wearing bones through their noses," he said.

And he talks, briefly but with pride, of his and Lynn's two daughters now living in Hobart – Sonya, 40, the FOI officer in the Department of Infrastructure, whose husband Darren runs a food wholesale business (including coffee from PNG), and Lara, who at 36 is Deputy Premier in the Bartlett Government.

Rick and Lynn married in 1960 in Melbourne. Lynn's parents had moved from Tasmania to Melbourne during the Depression to find work.

Back in the 1830s, one branch of her family, the Tabarts, built and lived in the



Rick Giddings

log cabin that is now part of the Fonhill estate, with its recently restored gothic mansion, in the Southern Midlands.

Rick grew up in Lancefield, central Victoria. When he was 18 he was accepted as a cadet patrol officer in Papua New Guinea, then administrated from Canberra.

He went to PNG in 1956 and worked there for 36 years, working his way up from patrol officer to senior magistrate.

Their daughters were born in PNG. The girls were educated at the International Primary School in Goroka, in the Eastern Highlands of PNG and completed their secondary education at MLC, in the Melbourne suburb of Hawthorn, where their mother had been educated.

The daughters completed tertiary courses – Sonya did social sciences at

Melbourne's RMIT and Lara studied arts/law at UTAS.

Around this time Rick and Lynn were deciding that they should return home to Australia.

While on leave in Tasmania to visit some of Lynn's relatives in 1983, the couple drove down the Midland Highway and saw a for-sale sign on Lythgo's Row, the 19th-century stone building overlooking the Pontville bridge.

Lythgo's Row, now painted white, was built of locally quarried sandstone in the mid-1800s.

It is named after Pontville pioneer William Lythgo, a former convict who became a policeman and shopkeeper. He constructed the building – a combination of dwellings and shops.

Lynn moved to Tasmania in 1986 and oversaw major renovations to The Row while, for the next six years, Rick served out his contract as a senior magistrate 2000km away in the highlands of PNG.

When Rick retired to Tasmania, he went back to work – running a colonial accommodation business. The cottages that comprised Lythgo's Row provided four-star self-contained colonial accommodation for three couples.

The Giddings also lived on the historic property.

After 14 years as mine host, in 2006 it was time to retire. The Giddings sold The Row and bought a new home on the outskirts of Pontville.

Now Rick is busy in the garden – he particularly likes creating with local rocks.

"Lynn and I love being part of a village community," says Rick.

"It's a long way in every sense from where I spent most of my working life."

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### WAYNE GARLICK

**Need assistance with Council matters?**



Mobile 0448 950 043  
Home 6263 7946  
or email  
cr.garlick@brighton.tas.gov.au

Authorised by: Lyn Garlick, 18 McShane Road Bridgewater, Tas 7030

Old Beach Community Centre

### Yoga

Wednesdays  
6.30pm – 7.30pm

Gentle exercise and stretching  
Come along and do something for yourself – build a leaner, fitter and stronger body in 2009!

For further information contact:

John Klug on 6268 7035 (Brighton Council)  
Terry Buchanan on 0414 916 555 (Instructor)

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Fax: (03) 6376 2799  
Email: heather.butler@parliament.tas.gov.au  
Web: www.heatherbutlermha.com

## OLD BEACH FUN DAY

Wednesday, October 12  
From 10am - 2pm

At the Old Beach Community Centre  
COME ALONG AND HAVE SOME FUN

All ages welcome

ACTIVITIES PROVIDED ON THE DAY

- Balloon twisting
- Face painting
- Magic make believe performer
- Yummy food & drink provided
- Jumping castle
- Give aways
- Toddlers obstacle course
- And more.....

For more information contact  
Ben 6268 7000 or Donna 6249 2319



Communities for Children initiative is supported by the Australian Government

### WANTED – CASUAL CLEANERS

Council is seeking expressions of interest from suitably qualified cleaners to become part of a pool of casuals to provide relief for Council's cleaners.

Duties will be to provide cleaning for the Council Offices, Works Depot and Council-owned halls and public toilets.

Council cannot guarantee any set or minimum hours for successful applicants. Police checks will be required for all casuals in the relief pool. Enquiries to Council's Human Resource Officer, Gill Anderton on 6268 7006.

Applications, addressing relevant cleaning experience, should be sent to:

General Manager  
Brighton Council  
1 Tivoli Road  
GAGEBROOK TAS 7030

By October 30 2009



## DON'T DIE LOOK UP LOOK OUT

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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**  
A family support worker is available to support/see people from the Bridgewater and Gagebrook Community Centres by phoning Seth on 6213 3555. Some of the services offered are access to information and resources, links to other support services, support to children of parents with mental health issues, 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.

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

**Brighton Bowls**  
Bingo, Mondays 7.30-10pm. Barefoot Bowls, Tuesdays 6-8pm. Club provides bowls and coaching. Flat sole shoes to be

worn. \$5 entry fee includes sausage sizzle and prizes. Bar facilities. Phone M Wiltshire on 6268 0905.

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

**Celebrating Womens Health Festival**  
Brighton Civic Centre October 28 2-7.30pm. For further information phone Robyn on 62684240 or email robyn.bishop@dhs.tas.gov.au

**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. Also a variety of craft activities for children will be available. Every second Monday 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 worldwide web fundamentals. For more information on any of these courses or to receive a registration form phone the Gagebrook Community Centre on 6263 6097. Computer fundamentals course every Wednesday from 10am-noon.

**Early Support for Parents (ESP)**  
ESP is a not-for-profit organisation that trains and supports volunteers to work with families in their own homes. The

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work of an ESP volunteer is varied and extremely rewarding. It offers a comprehensive training program to our volunteers with support not only from the coordinator but from other volunteers, guest speakers and ongoing training. ESP has families in need and would very much like to offer training to new volunteers to meet these needs. A light lunch is provided at all training sessions. Contact Mary Thornton on 6223 2937 for further information.

**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

Road 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. Barbecue supper provided.

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

**Jewellery Class for Children**  
Bring your children along and let them learn how to make their own jewellery. Every Friday from 3pm. 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 8.15-8.45am, 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 such as a fridge or washing machine. Monday to Friday, 9am-2.30pm, Bridgewater Community Centre. Phone 6263 4303.

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

www.brightonalive.com.au for more details. Phone Greg Hunt 0409 553 572.

**Ouse Festival and Community Fun Run**  
Saturday, November 14. Ouse Recreational Ground 10 am start. Free entry, enter on day but arrive early please! Great event catering for all ages and abilities. Children's events include 400 to 600 metres. Adults run/walk cross-country 5km and 10km. Fantastic prizes for all events For further information go to www.gohighlands.org.au or

phone Mary 6287 2001 or Melanie 6287 1256

**PCYC Gym for Girls**  
Mondays and Wednesdays, 5-6pm at Bridgewater PCYC. \$3 per session. Phone 6263 5277.

**Pete's Shed**  
The shed provides a focal point where people from the Bridgewater and Gagebrook area can learn new skills of woodwork and metalwork as well as simple and practical home maintenance skills. Pete's Community Workshed is always buzzing with a variety of people. The shed is available to community members to carry out their own projects using equipment that they do not have access to at home. The volunteers at the shed also get involved in community projects such as making outdoor furniture for nursing homes and community parks and also work very closely with other community groups such as the Gagebrook and Bridgewater Community Centres. The shed is at 10 Sorell St, Bridgewater phone 6263 5142.

**RECLINK**  
Free. Tuesdays or Wednesdays 10.30-2pm. Involves various sports and social activities such as football, netball, cricket, golf, fishing etc. For 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 those aged 10 and over including adults. Come along as a family. Prizes each

week. Just turn up on the evening.

**Top Gear Program**  
Monday to Thursday 9am-2pm, Bridgewater Community Centre 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 holds a 'What's Cooking Group' once a fortnight for anyone interested in learning how to cook at home for yourself, your family and your friends. Come along to the Gagebrook Community Centre from 9am. Cost is \$5 per session. Eat the meal there or take it home!

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

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

**Youthlinx Saturday Drop-In**  
Free for 11-16-year-olds each Saturday from 10am-2pm. Activities include eight-ball, X-box games, internet, basketball, gym, table tennis etc.

# Treating gastroenteritis, a common ailment in children

By **DR HELEN WARD-MacCANA\***  
OUTBREAKS of viral gastroenteritis in children are common.

The cause is nearly always viruses of different sorts, more common in winter.

Diarrhoea, often accompanied by vomiting, can last up to three to four days – the body's attempt to get rid of the infection.

There may be added symptoms of fever, runny nose, rash and fatigue.

All children can withstand several days of no food but no child has enough fluid reserves to withstand several days of diarrhoea, unless the fluids are replaced during that time.

This is done with clear fluids such as lemonade, or fruit juice diluted one part juice to four parts water (full strength juice can worsen diarrhoea.)

Electrolyte solutions from the phar-

macist can be used. If tolerated, bland foods such as banana, rice, and toast can be given.

What treatment is best? The illness usually looks after itself, so medicines are not usually helpful.

Fluid replacement is the key to riding out the illness.

- If you are breastfeeding do not stop. Offer your baby more frequent breast feeds and water or oral rehydration solution between feeds.

- If your baby is bottle-fed, stop the formula and give clear fluids for 12-24 hours or until diarrhoea and vomiting improves.

Consult your doctor if there are signs of problems like these:

- Blood in the stools or severe abdominal pain, especially if there is tenderness.
- A persistent fever (above 38C).

- In an infant, more than either seven bouts of vomiting or diarrhoea in 24 hours.

- Dehydration in infants with decreased urination, sunken eyes, poor colour, and drowsiness or lethargy.

- Diarrhoea that persists beyond five days without improvement.

Prevention: Rotavirus is the most common cause of severe diarrhoea among children and infants.

Free vaccination of infants two to six months old under the National Immunisation Program brings at least 75 per cent protection against rotavirus gastroenteritis, especially severe bouts.

Beyond this, very careful personal hygiene (eg hand washing after handling nappies) can help prevent viral gastroenteritis spread.

*\*Dr Helen Ward-MacCana is with Brighton Doctors*

## Community Luncheons

The Gagebrook Community Centre is holding community luncheons on the third Monday of every month.

**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**

### BRIGHTON MARKET

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH  
PONTVILLE MEMORIAL HALL  
9am-2pm

**Homemade produce & craft supplies, giftware, bric-a-brac, plants, Devonshire teas, hot & cold food/drinks.**

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**BILLY AND FRIENDS COMMUNITY MEET AND GREET**

**EVERY THURSDAY AND FRIDAY 11AM TO 2PM**

**BRIGHTON CIVIC CENTRE**

**CALL IN FOR A FREE CUP OF COFFEE**

**COMMUNITY INFORMATION**

**FIND OUT WHAT IS HAPPENING IN BRIGHTON MUNICIPALITY FROM THE LOCAL EXPERTS**

**OR**

**JUST HAVE A CHAT OVER A COFFEE WITH A FRIEND**

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## FREE BBQ

**Dads, Mums and Kids Welcome**

### RIVERSIDE NURSERY BRIDGEWATER

**Kids can paint murals on the garden shed, make billy carts and cook up a storm with veggies from the garden!!**

For more information please contact Simon on 0417 316 987

**Every Tuesday 11.30am - 2pm**

**JUST DROP IN**



**Community bus transport to the nursery can be provided from Bridgewater/Gagebrook for FREE**



# Woodchopping makes a welcome show return

WOODCHOPPING is returning to the Brighton show on November 8.

After last year's absence, organisers say they are looking forward to seeing the chips fly at the new site on the dog arena, right next to the new animal nursery.

Mums and dads will be able to keep an eye on the children at the nursery while watching the chopping.

In a first this year, dressage events will be held under lights on Thompson Oval on November 7.

This follows a day of breed

classes for horses and a full schedule of pony club classes as well as the inaugural pony club shield, a series of team competitions to which all the southern pony clubs have been invited.

Many regular attractions will be at new sites because of construction work.

The baby quest and show ambassador competitions will be held on Ferguson Oval, along with Make Believe Children's Entertainment and dancing by local group Rhythmic Dance.

Entries for the baby quest and

show ambassador will be taken on the oval before competition.

There will also be performances by the Southern Districts Concert Band as well as vehicle displays and the Brighton Rural Youth Ute Comp.

Thompson Oval will host the state dog high-jump championship, sponsored by the Showmen's Guild of Tasmania with \$200 prize money.

Other attractions will be Fusion, a working bullock display from Brian Fish, and the band Sundown.

Eddie Freeman, the Chainsaw Man, returns to show his skill with a chainsaw and a block of wood. Peter Bignell will display his magnificent sand creations.

Other features will be shearing displays, barefoot trimming for horses, the Campania Junior Fire Brigade's pet parade and the usual classes for sheep, goats, cattle, poultry, pigeons and fleeces.

There will be a hall of industries competition with a full equestrian schedule including English and Western classes.

All the attractions of sideshow

alley, great food stalls as well as sale stalls in the main hall are also expected to delight the crowds.

Entry is the same as last year with adults \$10, children under 16 \$5, children under five free, and concession card holders \$5.

A family ticket for two adults and three children will be available for \$20 and early-bird tickets will be available at the Brighton Post Office or by contacting the secretary, Carol on 6286 1122.

The cost of an early bird ticket is \$15 for two adults and three children.

Applications from stallholders are accepted until the week of the show and are available from Carol, phone 6286 1122 or email carol@brightonshow.com.

Schedules and groundspace applications are also available from the show website, www.brightonshow.com.

Schedules for all competitions will be at the usual outlets over the next couple of weeks.

Any community group wishing to hold a display at the show this year can contact Carol for details.

## Country music club scoots past 15 years

THE Bridgewater Country and Friends Club recently celebrated its 15th birthday. The club's headquarters are at the Coronation Hall and participants meet every Sunday night for great country music entertainment and an opportunity to get together. Brighton councillors Leigh Gray, far left, and Wayne Garlick, far right, joined the Bridgewater Country and Friends committee for the celebrations.



# Learning centre sees the Big Picture and builds on three Rs

By ANDY BENNETT\*

AFTER extensive research, information gathering and consultation we have decided to adopt a Big Picture model for the development of our grade 9-12 learning centre.

Big Picture is an exciting and innovative way of organising learning that builds on the three Rs:

- Relevance – working with students to develop their interests and ensuring their individual learning program is connected to those interests.

- Relationships – supporting students to learn to work with their peers, their learning mentors and people in the community.

- Rigour – continually challenging students to deepen their learning, set and reach high expectations and achieve their learning goals.

Big Picture has been adopted as a model in a growing number of schools around Tasmania, including Rosetta and Claremont High Schools, Ogilvie High School, Ulverstone High and Prospect High as well as schools in Queensland, Victoria and Western Australia.

In 2010 we will run a pilot Big Picture program with the aim of starting a full school model when all our buildings are

up and running in 2011.

As a first step we have appointed Ms Cluny Addis to lead the development of the pilot program in term three.

Community, parent and student information sessions are a major part of our development plans. We will advertise dates for those sessions very soon.

There have been many developments in the federation's building program since my last article.

Design work for the new gymnasium and science centre at the Bridgewater High School site was completed on September 4 and the tender for construction of the new buildings was advertised on September 12.

The tender period ended on October 2. We anticipate construction work will begin at the end of October.

We have started the design process for the new grade 9-12 and adult learning centre. Those buildings will be located on the high school site and will include the science centre.

Much of the design process will aim to meet the needs of the Big Picture model mentioned previously.

We anticipate that the design process will take up to two months and, allowing for further community consultation and

adjustments and the tender process to follow, we aim to start stage one of the construction work in December.

Shortly afterwards we will begin designing the refurbishment of the current high school buildings to accommodate students in our new grade 5-8 middle school.

Subject to community consultation we aim to begin to stage one of that building program in December.

Work at East Derwent primary schools is now well under way. We anticipate the work at Herdsmans Cove will begin in the next two to three weeks. The start of building work at Gagebrook Primary will follow.

Plans for the primary school redevelopment can be viewed on the federation website. The science and gymnasium plans will be added after the consultation period has been completed.

For further information and to provide your comments about the federation you can go to [www.education.tas.gov.au/basmlearningfederation](http://www.education.tas.gov.au/basmlearningfederation) or email your comments to [bsm.learningfederation@education.tas.gov.au](mailto:bsm.learningfederation@education.tas.gov.au)

\*Andy Bennett is manager – Bridgewater and Southern Midlands Learning Federation

## Property preparations a must for fire season

THE rain over the past few months has been welcome after such a long period of drought conditions.

However, property owners need to bear in mind that the increased rainfall will lead to more vegetation growth than has been seen for several years.

Everyone will remember the devastation and loss of life that occurred through bush fires in Victoria earlier this year and Council will endeavour to ensure that a similar situation does not occur in our municipality.

The need to remove and prevent this vegetation from becoming a fire hazard should become a priority over the next few months leading into

the summer fire season.

All property owners and users are asked to be proactive in maintaining their properties to prevent the predicted vegetation growth by regular mowing/slashing and removal of vegetation that could become a fire hazard.

It is the responsibility of the property owner to maintain the land throughout the entire fire season.

To ensure property owners maintain their land in a safe condition, through Brighton Council's fire abatement inspections, we will notify property owners if their property is deemed to have a potential fire hazard and would appreciate urgent action to be taken to remove

the identified hazard.

These inspections will begin when the Tasmania Fire Service publicises the fire permit season.

The Tasmania Fire Service can be contacted for advice and assistance in options for dealing with vegetation reduction and have advice and recommendations for preparing to survive a bushfire and other recommendations on their website <http://www.fire.tas.gov.au>.

If residents have any concerns or queries in relation to fire hazard and vegetation reduction please phone Council's depot and fire abatement inspection officer on 6268 7030.

## Politicians entertain and inform

By LIZ HOLLOWAY\*

OUR new term began with an entertaining talk by Craig Farrell, of the Derwent Valley Railway, illustrated with DVDs of trips up the Derwent to National Park and the trains and engines that have operated on our main lines.

Other planned talks to entertain or inform included Labor's Michael Polley MHA, the Liberal's Michael

Hodgman MHA, followed by a talk by Greens member Tim Morris MHA who visited us in July.

We will be entertained on October 27 by the Schubert Quintet, two of whose members will be familiar to most of us.

David Leaman's talk on October 20 will be *The Importance of the Dead Sea Scrolls*, quite timely in view of the publication of various

novels with a creative slant on biblical themes.

We have five new members increasing our membership to 40 and as always, visitors to our meetings are welcome.

For more information about School for Seniors, phone Liz Holloway on 6263 5627, or Geoff Dodge on 6273 2395.

\*Liz Holloway is coordinator of the School for Seniors

### 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 3 November**

**Tuesday 1 December**

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

### LOCAL CHURCH SERVICES

ANGLICAN PARISH OF BRIGHTON

Rev Kaye Paice & Rev Rodney Curtain 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

Every Sunday: 10.30 am

Vigil Mass, every Saturday: 6 pm

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



## Keith Potger

founding member of The Seekers

returns to Coronation Hall

**Friday, 13 November 2009, 7pm**  
**Coronation Hall, Old Main Road, Bridgewater**  
**support Cassa Robertson**

\$30/\$25 tickets available from [www.dramatix.com.au/arelmedia](http://www.dramatix.com.au/arelmedia) or at the door

members of JRS, B&FCMC and Vets tickets available from your centre

**second show**  
**Saturday 14 November 7pm**  
**Polish Club, Main Road, New Town**  
**dinner and show \$60**  
**support Twice Bitten**

for more information go to [www.arelmedia.com.au/entertainment.htm](http://www.arelmedia.com.au/entertainment.htm) or ring Roger Joseph 03 6105 0585

**A BIT ABOUT KEITH POTGER'S SHOW...**

Keith's show appeals to a broad demographic. Aside from the huge fan base of THE SEEKERS that exists in Australia, New Zealand, the UK and the Orient, Keith is developing another strong market. This is the audience for whom his music is a breath of fresh air; the fans who appreciate the man and his guitar (and boy, can he play that 12 string!). Throughout the show, Keith shares some amusing anecdotes from over 40 years on the international music scene. Usually made up of two 45 minute sets, the programme contains some old favourites from The Seekers, a touch of Nashville, some beautiful original ballads and a few covers of hits from the '60s to the '80s that appeal to the generation who grew up with their folks playing SEEKERS albums.

In all, this is an up-beat, heart-warming event that leaves the audience reliving their memories of the past while sharing the joy of new beginnings that is Keith Potger's foray into solo performing.

Web site is [www.keithpotger.com.au](http://www.keithpotger.com.au)



# SPORT

in the Brighton Community



## Colts bolt through grand final with ease

By DONNA HOWLETT\*

THE Brighton Colts are the 2009 grand final winners.

The Colts defeated the favoured New Norfolk team convincingly by 48 points.

Going into the match everyone knew it was going to be a great game.

New Norfolk had beaten the young Brighton side quite comfortably in both encounters during the home and away season so

it was a huge surprise when the Brighton boys beat New Norfolk in the qualifying final, New Norfolk's first defeat for the season.

Brighton was too good for Cygnet in the second semi-final advancing straight to the grand final.

The team had an exciting week leading up to the biggest day of the year.

The boys had a great week together, watching footy, playing golf, training hard and bonding with a players' tea.



Right: the victorious Brighton Colts team – teamwork, guts and determination won them the grand final.

Parents enjoyed the week, also getting together to make a fantastic banner.

The boys have put in a tremendous amount of work all season, which has paid off.

Right from the first bounce, the teamwork, guts and determination was thrilling to watch with the whole team giving their all for team mates and the Brighton Football Club.

Credit goes to 'Brucey' (Michael Bruce) who is the team coach and who kept

the hard work up to them encouraging them all season to believe in themselves and give their best.

With the success of the grand final win and the amount of talent coming through, the future is looking great for the Brighton Football Club.

The final scores were Brighton 13.9 (87) d New Norfolk 6.3 (39).

\*Donna Howlett is secretary of the Brighton Football Club.

## Students' soccer skills come to fore in regional tournament

BRIDGEWATER High School students Shelby Kelly and Nevenka McKenzie were selected to travel up to Launceston and compete in the regional Launceston Cup soccer competition.

It was a great experience and also lots of fun.

They provided the following report for Brighton Community News:

"Our first match was on the Saturday and we played

against North-West and we beat them 8-0.

"Our second match was also Saturday, which was actually a grudge match was against Southern and we drew with them 1-1.

"Our third match was Sunday and we beat North-West again 5-0.

"Our fourth match was on Sunday also and we played against Southern again and it was a 'must-win' match but we lost 3-0.

"All our four games were played well and showed a lot of teamwork and courage.

"In the whole competition we came second out of three teams.

"We did well considering we only had played four games as a team before the competition. The other teams started the year off together."

Shelbie Kelly and Nevenka McKenzie  
Bridgewater High School, Year 7.



Grade 7 students Shelby Kelly, left, and Nevenka McKenzie who participated in the Launceston Cup regional soccer competition.



Tim Boucher

## Brighton's Tim best and fairest in reserves

By DONNA HOWLETT\*

WHAT a fantastic footy season it's been for Brighton's Tim Boucher.

To cap off a great season at club level, Tim took the honors at the league's William Leitch Medal count night to win the George Watt Medal for the reserves

best and fairest.

Tim, 24, won by one vote in a nail-biting finish which saw him get best on ground in the final match of the home and away season.

In an even and low-scoring count, Tim finished with 14 votes, with the Brighton contingent at the dinner

erupting in loud cheers and applauding as he was announced the winner.

Tim played in the reserves side this season because of time constraints after he and his brother Brad set up a business together, but he's keen to play at senior level next season, hopefully having more time to commit to his footy.

Tim has been at the Brighton Football Club for more than seven years having made his senior debut at the age of 16.

Congratulations Tim on your wonderful achievements this year.

### Brilliant

We have had some fantastic efforts by our teams and individuals this season culminating in end-of-year functions to recognise players and present their awards.

An interesting finish in the U14s was a three-way tie to cap of their brilliant season and to emphasise the talent coming through our club.

Best and fairest winners and runners up for season 2009 at the Brighton Football Club were:

**Seniors** – Gary Splann, Matthew Coppleman.  
**Reserves** – Tim Boucher, Brad Boucher.

**Colts** – Peter Howlett, Darren Wiggins.

**U15s** – Jayden Wylie, Mitchell Grace.

**U14s** – Tom Matthews, Jak Chapple and Wade Burgess, Zac Webster.

**U13s** – Matthew Howlett, Jordan Byers.

\*Donna Howlett is secretary of the Brighton Football Club

## Brighton Women's Touch Football Roster



• Are you interested in touch football?

- Would you like to form a team with work mates or friends?
- Haven't got time to travel to the eastern shore to compete?
- Would you like to keep fit, have fun but still keep your competitive edge?

## Then the Brighton Women's Touch Football Roster is for YOU!

We are looking for expressions of interest from local women and businesses that are keen to organise a team(s) for this summer.

Games will be played after work at Seymour Oval in Brighton on Thursday nights commencing October, running for 7 weeks.

All gear is supplied - Gold coin donation per game  
For further information or to express interest please contact Ben at the Brighton Council on 6268 7035.

**Hurry limited spots available and going FAST!**



Bridgewater PCYC



## YOUTHLINX

Activities for 11-16 Year Olds

It's FUN and FREE!

**Mondays and Wednesdays at Bridgewater PCYC**  
2.45-6.00pm

**Drop In and play 8-ball, video games, use the internet etc.**

**Mondays:** Basketball Games 3.30-5.00pm, Weight Gym 4.00-5.00pm for Boys 14 +

**Wednesdays:** Indoor Soccer Games 3.30-5.00pm, Exercise Gym 4-5pm for Girls 11 +

Pick Up From Gagebrook Primary and Herdsman's Cove Primary from 2.45pm and all Gagebrook residents dropped home around 5.30pm

For more information please contact Mike on 62635277 or email michael.morgan@bridgewaterpcyc.com.au

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