



School farm puts on top display for special guests

THE Governor of Tasmania, Prof Kate Warner, was the official guest of the recent Jordan River School farm fest day. Despite the inclement weather, students, family and friends turned out to enjoy what was on offer and to see first hand what is being done at this fantastic facility.

Prof Warner with is pictured with Kaeylub Slater-Voss, who is a year 8 agriculture student, and Kirk Cowen, who is a year 13 horticulture student.

Our report and further photos from the day are on page 5.

Rates up only 15c a week

BRIGHTON ratepayers will see their household rates rise by just 15 cents a week next financial year following Council's continued support of its fair rating policy that ties rises to no more than the annual CPI increase.

The Brighton Council's budget for 2015-2016 was adopted in principle at its May meeting.

This included a rate rise of 0.9 per cent (the annual consumer price index increase for Hobart) providing a highest increase across the municipality for a residential home of \$8 or just 15c per week.

The highest increase for a residential land block will be \$2 which equates to just

four cents a week.

Mayor Tony Foster said Brighton's fair rating policy featuring a flat rate for residential properties ensured that Brighton ratepayers continued to enjoy the lowest rates per population in Tasmania.

He said this was the 19th year in succession that Brighton had maintained rate increases at, or below, the rate of inflation and he was confident this approach provided the best means of staying off the ideological push for forced council amalgamations.

"Many Tasmanian councils have already got their businesses in order with elected councillors and aldermen telling their general

managers that they will not countenance rate rises this year above the 0.9 per cent Hobart CPI increase. And they are also budgeting for surpluses," Cr Foster said.

"It is all about affordability for ratepayers and efficiency in local government if we want to avoid the prospect of the government of the day forcing councils to amalgamate in the mistaken belief that this alone can achieve efficiency.

"Mayors, councillors and aldermen must now make the hard decisions and demand that their respective managements respond positively."

Cr Foster said the Brighton budget was cash

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Survey shows majority against amalgamation

INDEPENDENT research has shown that Brighton ratepayers are firmly opposed to council amalgamation.

In an extensive survey conducted at the beginning of May, about 60 per cent of ratepayers polled expressed their opposition to a merger and said they wanted Brighton to remain as an independent, stand-alone municipality.

The survey of a statistically valid representative sample of the Brighton community was conducted by Myriad Research to provide Council with an objective assessment of community perceptions and preferences in relation to a range of merger options and other associated issues to assist consideration of the State Government's voluntary amalgamations program.

Brighton Mayor Tony Foster said while Council was yet to receive the final report from the consultants, the interim advice provided showed that Brighton ratepayers remain firmly opposed to any amalgamation.

"Some 60 percent of respondents stated they wanted Brighton to remain as an independent, stand-alone council," Cr Foster said.

"Other options such as a greater rural council encompassing Brighton, Southern Midlands, Derwent Valley, Central Highlands and the rural parts of Clarence, and a merger with one neighbouring council drew little support, and the concept of a

greater Hobart urban council comprising Brighton, Glenorchy, Hobart, Clarence and Kingborough was firmly rejected by ratepayers, drawing only 7.7 per cent support from those polled.

"As a consequence and an alternative to further considering any merger proposals, we will continue our strong push to develop our Common Services Joint Venture initiative, which is already generating significant benefits for Brighton and the other participating councils.

"This has collectively saved participating councils some \$70,000 for the month of April alone – its first full month of operation with the promise of increased savings and enhanced services for ratepayers in the years ahead.

"The annual benefit of the common services exchange for participating councils is conservatively estimated at \$844,000 in the next financial year, rising exponentially in future years."

The exchange of services between councils is conducted at a considerable discount when compared with external consultant rates, or internal and often under-used resourcing, so generating savings and enhancing council sustainability.

The joint venture is assisting in encouraging the retention of skilled staff and fully using the talents of the people employed within the participating councils.

Further, the common service exchange is generating:

- Economies of scale between councils (common documents, procedures and systems).

- Improved networking, relationships and learning opportunities.

- Improvements in staff skills and knowledge of local government as a result of people working across multiple councils.

- Increased responsibility for staff, with employees delivering services across councils becoming leaders in Tasmania's local government sector.

Cr Foster said the efficiencies already achieved and the future potential of the joint venture were significant and that it was already delivering substantial and measurable benefits for ratepayers and would continue to do so.

"We are strongly of the view that Brighton's efforts and those of our partner councils would better serve ratepayers through the continued development of this shared services model," Cr Foster said.

"This is based on the unequivocal views of our ratepayers, the fact the Brighton Council has not received any clear or indeed speculative approach from a neighbouring council to undertake a joint feasibility study on voluntary amalgamations, and the significant outcomes from our new and enhanced Common Services Joint Venture initiative."

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Brighton Council

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Next collection week: starting August 4, 2015

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

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Parks & Recreation Committee
July 7 - 5pm

Finance Committee
July 7 - 5.15pm

Planning Authority
July 7 - 5.30pm

Agendas can be viewed at Council Offices four days before each meeting and online at www.brighton.tas.gov.au

Meetings dates and times are subject to change, and are advertised in the Mercury.



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Brighton launches its new planning scheme

BRIGHTON'S new planning scheme is now in operation.

The Brighton Interim Planning Scheme 2015 was declared and gazetted by Minister for Planning Peter Gutwein and became operational last month.

Brighton Council and Hobart City Council are the first of the councils in the southern region to complete the new planning process.

Brighton Mayor Tony Foster said the milestone represented a positive step forward after a long period of strategic and administrative reforms to standardise planning processes across the state.

"Brighton had already initiated planning reforms within Council to improve the development approval process and had worked proactively throughout the development of its draft interim planning scheme to ensure consistency with other planning schemes," Cr Foster said.

"We all know that planning reform is important to encourage economic growth and development and to send the message that Tasmania is open for business."

The Brighton Planning Scheme 2000 ceased to have effect on May 20. However, any valid permit application that was received by close of



The reception area at Brighton Dog Grooming.

Yvonne specialises in pampering pooches

BRIGHTON Dog Grooming, run by owner Yvonne Bracken, has been operating for two years at 16 Alec Campbell Drive, Brighton.

Yvonne, who trained at the Australian Dog Grooming School in Victoria, said she opened the venture in the municipality because there seemed to be need for such a business.

"We are delighted with the response from the local community over the past couple of years and look forward to continuing to provide a full range of services," Yvonne said.

"Grooming services include bathing, drying, clipping, nails, de-shedding and styling of all breeds."

Yvonne has been well supported by locals and starting to build relationships with customers and their dogs.

"They all love coming to us and we give their beloved pets lots of loving care," Yvonne said.

"We have a comfortable salon where the dogs are happy."

"We take our time so dogs are comfortable and enjoy the grooming experience."

Opening hours are Monday to Thursday 9.30am to 6pm. Phone Yvonne for appointment on 6263 2015 or 0438 808 943.



A happy customer. (Looks can be deceiving!)

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positive and would allow for a healthy scheme.

"This is despite cuts in federal grants and councils providing support to the State Government through reduced water dividends with the removal of TasWater's headworks' charges at a time when TasNetworks increased its headworks' charges to approximately \$8000 per property.

"Brighton Council's strong financial position will allow for a significant increase in capital expenditure next financial year that will benefit the entire community.

"Because of our operational efficiency and fair rating regime, we have been able to keep down rates, provide the full range of local government services and, at the same time, guarantee that ratepayers are protected from major rises as a result of revaluations or other factors.

"The effectiveness of our operations, strong financial management, coupled with our commitment to shared services with other like-minded councils means that Brighton ratepayers continue to benefit from the full range of services provided at the lowest possible cost."

The Brighton Council budget and rate determination will be officially passed at Council's June meeting.

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Proud of Council success on rates restraint

I AM proud of Brighton's leadership in keeping down rate increases and to report to you that the coming financial year will be the 19th in succession that we have maintained rises at or below the rate of inflation.

The next 12 months will see ratepayers paying a rate rise of \$8 a year, or just 15 cents a week next financial year following Council's continued support of its fair rating policy.

The rate rise is in line with Hobart's annual CPI increase of 0.9 per cent.

The highest increase for a residential land block will be \$2 for the year, which

A MESSAGE FROM

The Mayor

equates to just four cents a week.

Our fair rating policy, which features a flat rate for residential properties, ensures that Brighton ratepayers continue to enjoy the lowest rates per population in Tasmania and recognises our commitment to fairness and the efficient running of our Council.

We continue to provide a

high level of services to our community but we also recognise that people are facing cost-of-living pressures.

We don't want to add to these pressures, so in real terms Brighton's rates are the same as last year and the years before that.

What we have said to management is that this is the budget and you must work with it.

And I must say our management team has responded magnificently.

Indeed, we are actually able to enhance and expand the services we provide because Brighton is at the forefront of initiatives such

as providing and sharing services with other councils and earning valuable income from this, as well as from our information technology business Microwise.

Certainly other councils and particularly ratepayers in other municipalities are taking note of what Brighton is doing.

Some seven councils have already joined us in our Common Services Joint Venture and a number are at last looking at our fair rating system following pressure from their ratepayers.

My strong view is that holding down rate increases, as well as lifting local govern-

ment efficiency, provides the best means of combating the push for forced council amalgamations.

Essentially, mayors, councillors and aldermen must now make the hard decisions and demand that their respective managements respond positively. That's what Brighton has done and, as I have said, our management team and our staff are doing their part.

As I said on announcing our rates decision, it is all about affordability for ratepayers and efficiency in local government.

We must deliver if we want to avoid the prospect of

the government of the day forcing councils to amalgamate in the mistaken belief that this alone can achieve efficiency.

Bigger is not always better and in many instances can be far more expensive.

Take TasWater for example, where many ratepayers are now paying the single state authority considerably more for their water and sewerage services than they were previously paying councils for the same service.

Undoubtedly the early success of our initiative of sharing services with like-minded councils is providing a clear demonstration that

there is a better way, that we can improve services and facilities for ratepayers and the community, and that we can achieve significant and long-term savings.

That fact, and the views of ratepayers as expressed in our independent survey of ratepayers as reported in this issue of *Brighton Community News*, provides the strongest possible incentive for us to continue to resist the amalgamation push.

Tony Foster

Tony Foster OAM
Mayor

Students share their vision for those in need

By DANNICA GREEN *

LAST month I had the great pleasure of escorting five Jordan River Learning Federation (JRLF) Senior School student representatives to the World Vision Youth conference in Hobart.

Tiffany Barton Kitchin, Connie Jones Berry, Kaeylub Slater Voss, Jordan Goodsell and Abbey Orr spent their day being inspired and empowered to stand up to global poverty and injustice.

The day consisted of motivating keynote speakers, games that required strategy and deep thinking, and the opportunity to consider what they would like to do as individuals and as a group to help put an end to the inequalities that should not be occurring in today's society.

I was incredibly proud of our five students throughout

the day.

Not only did they show great maturity and compassion for the issues being explored, they demonstrated great confidence by standing up in front of a large audience and sharing their own personal ideas and hopes for the future.

They also won 'selfie of the day', acquiring a new book for our school library.

JRLF Senior School will participate in World Vision's 40th anniversary 40-hour famine.

This will be a student council-led endeavour and students will give up food, technology or furniture for 40 hours in the month of August hoping to raise funds for those in need.

*Dannica Green is a teacher and coordinator of the Student Representative Council at the Jordan River Learning Federation.



The team of JRLF students who took part in the day's events give it the thumbs-up.

Project gives jobless important skills

A BRIGHTON Council project, co-funded by a grant from the Tasmanian Community Fund, is ensuring young people are learning important skills in heritage restoration and repair.

Conceived by the Centre for Heritage at Oatlands and called the 5x5x5 Project (five projects, five regions and five skills streams), the three-year funded program is aimed at five Tasmanian councils that have important community heritage assets located in areas of higher than average youth unemployment.

The first project, already started in the Brighton municipality, is the repair and refurbishment of the Brighton Army Hospital with the trainees already on site.

The hospital was built in

1943 and is the only remaining building on the site of what was the major army training facility in Tasmania.

The Council-owned hospital has been the subject of vandalism over the years.

Brighton Council's manager of development and environmental services, James Dryburgh, said the Brighton Army Hospital provided an excellent challenge for the trainees.

"Council wants to use the hospital building for community purposes as it is located within a large key residential growth area, which will require community services as it develops over the coming years," he said.

"We believe the project will give our young trainees, who otherwise would have

difficulty finding work, important and lasting practical skills as well as an appreciation and understanding of our heritage."

Mr Dryburgh said the six trainees involved in the first phase of the seven-week project were learning occupational health and safety, plaster repairs, carpentry, including cladding, floor repairs/sanding and framing/joinery repairs, glazing and window repairs and painting, including surface preparation, colour sampling and application.

The 5x5x5 project manager, Brad Williams, said the response of the trainees had been fantastic.

"They are so keen and enthusiastic they want to work even longer on the project but we also want to ensure we can give a second group an opportunity to learn similar skills," Mr Williams said.

"The current group is from Gagebrook, Bridgewater and Brighton aged between 16 and 25. They have been recruited through Workskills and have been chosen because they are at some disadvantage to obtain work, either straight out of school or after having been unemployed for some time.

"They are under the constant supervision and guid-

ance of an education officer and a tradie all the time they are participating in the skills training.

"We seek to give them a high level of support in order to meet learning objectives as well as to assure that a good quality of work is undertaken given the heritage value of the buildings.

"The biggest challenge is that they want to stay on and keep doing it longer than the three days a week that they are currently on site, which of course is a very positive challenge for us.

"At the end of the training we put them in touch with others who can assist in their future employment pathways.

"For example, trainers from TasTAFE are brought in to guide them with their next

steps and to transition them into other areas. So the future looks very bright for these young participants."

A second 20-day project will be offered on the same site later this year for another group of trainees.

At the end of the project each participant will be given a statement of attainment outlining the skills learned in the project.

"We believe this will greatly assist in not only demonstrating their ability to learn about heritage but also giving them valuable trade skills which will help them undertake further training or enter into employment with these skills under their belts, not to mention the restoration of an important community asset," Mr Dryburgh said.

Council backs proposed light rail to Brighton

BRIGHTON councillor Phil Owen has thanked the many *Brighton Community News* readers who provided feedback indicating their support for the northern suburbs light rail public transport proposal.

As a result of the discussion around the article Cr Owen said Brighton Council's May meeting unanimously reiterated its support of the northern suburbs light railway from Hobart to Brighton.

"There has been much written and talked about of the increasing traffic congestion around cities Australia-wide and the realisation that additional and wider roads into the cities are not the

answer," Cr Owen said.

"The way Australian urban areas are going, commuters will be spending more and more time sitting in their cars or on buses every day.

"Hobart and the environs are no different.

"It is already taking well over an hour by road to get from a number of areas in our municipality to the CBD.

"Regardless of whether you use public transport at the moment or not, traffic congestion will mean your trip to work in your car will take longer too.

"A faster more efficient transport system might be a refreshing, relaxing alternative commute."

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Top tips to keep warm and lower power bills

By KIM BOMFORD

IN the colder, dark months of a Tasmanian winter we turn up our heating which can cause our electricity and gas bills to go sky high.

There are some simple things you can do around the home that will help to keep the house warm and cut down your energy bills.

1. Seal gaps and cracks.

In your average home, if you added up all the cracks and gaps it would be the equivalent of having a window open all the time.

For any door or window gaps use weather-strips and simple door snakes for the bottom of the doors, which you can buy at low cost from

your local hardware store.

2. Use heavy curtains to stop heat escaping from your windows.

Heavy, lined curtains which extend below the window frame will insulate your windows and help keep the warmth in.

If you don't have curtains or blankets to hang, try looking in your local op-shop or community centre.

3. Close off any rooms that are not in use.

Why waste energy heating areas that you're not using? A great way to keep the heat where you want it is to keep the doors to your living space closed.

4. Let the sun shine in.

The cheapest form of

heating comes from the sun. To make the most of this free energy it's a great idea to open up your blinds and curtains during the day, especially north facing (for the morning sun) and west facing (for the afternoon sun).

5. Heating.

Keeping the heater at a consistent temperature is more energy efficient for most forms of heating, rather than running it for short bursts at very high temperatures.

If you have a heat pump installed, a handy tip is to keep the unit continuously running at a reasonable warmth.

Set it at 21 degrees in the evening, dropping to 17

degrees when you head to bed.

6. Focus on people, not your house.

Finally, it sounds obvious, but often it's easier to warm yourself rather than the whole house. If you're wearing a t-shirt and jeans indoors, your heater is probably set too high.

A warm pair of ugg boots and a snug jumper around the house, and thick socks and flannelette pyjamas in bed could save you hundreds in heating and energy bills.

Stay warm this winter.

**Kim Bomford is the state manager of housing operations for Centacare Evolve Housing.*

Shared services provide \$70,000 savings for participating councils

COUNCILS participating in southern Tasmania's shared services joint venture collectively saved \$70,000 for the month of April.

A total of 725 hours of common services were exchanged during the month showing both the provider councils and client councils benefiting with costs approximately halved.

This equated to savings of \$70,000 for the participating councils.

Brighton Mayor Tony Foster said the joint-venture arrangement saw increasing use of staff at councils to provide common services to other councils as opposed to external consultants, generating significant savings.

"Following the JV's establishment in late January, a draft strategy has been com-

pleted documenting the goals and objectives of the Common Services Joint Venture," Cr Foster said.

"It sets out the actions necessary to implement common service models for key service areas."

The participating councils are currently assessing service areas with a view to join in collaborative tendering, sharing of assets, and exchange of common services where cost benefits exist.

"The service areas include maintenance, waste management, street sweeping, plant and equipment, procurement, debt collection and rating.

Cr Foster said in other initiatives, Brighton Council had implemented a common IT help desk system with Sorell Council enabling IT technicians from both

councils to monitor and provide IT support to either council during times of high demand.

Councils are looking at a range of other plans to achieve savings and boost efficiency.

For example, Brighton Council, Glamorgan Spring Bay Council, Sorell Council and Tasman Council are looking at hiring a common resource for geographic information system management, based on those councils' joint demand.

"Amid all the political huffing and puffing about local government amalgamation, it is a clear demonstration that there is a better alternative that can enhance the efficiency of councils and leave grass roots democracy intact," Cr Foster said.

Limit sugar intake for both dental and general health

By DR BADRUN NISA SINGH*

THE new World Health Organisation (WHO) guideline has recommended that our daily sugar intake should ideally be just five per cent of our total energy intake.

This has halved the previous WHO recommendation of a daily sugar intake of no more than 10 per cent of total energy intake.

For adults, the new WHO recommendation equates to a maximum of six teaspoons of sugar a day, and for children just three teaspoons.

So just one can of sugar-sweetened soft drink (10 teaspoons of sugar) tips an adult over the daily limit, while it contains three days' worth of sugar for a child!

The Australian Dental Association's January media release *2015 New Year's Resolution: Take Care of Your Smiles* recommended that sugary foods and drinks are consumed only in moderation.

Many oral healthcare professionals feel it necessary to raise the awareness of our patients to the dangers of these drinks, to lobby locally for



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banning sugar-sweetened beverages (SSBs) in hospitals, city councils, schools and sports facilities, and to target politicians to encourage them to implement taxation measures on SSBs, advertisement bans, sponsorship bans, and measures to limit availability of SSBs, particularly in schools and child care facilities.

A lot of the sugar that people are eating is hidden in processed foods, making it hard to determine daily sugar intake.

Making our food environments healthier also is important – fewer vending machines with sugary drinks and snacks, workplace policies that offer non-sugar food options for meetings and limiting sugary drinks in schools will help people make healthier choices.

Not surprisingly, given the media bombardment by the sugar and soft drink industries, rates of tooth decay are rising in many at-risk population groups across Australia, most notably in the very young, the very aged and the most vulnerable in our society.

Your dentist is ideally placed to advise on the quantity, frequency and type of sugars you or your child consumes.

The acid attack sustained by the enamel on our teeth if left unchecked leads to cavities and invasive dental treatment such as fillings, extractions or root canal treatments can then become necessary.

Making healthier food and snack choices for yourself and those under your care can assist in prevention and stabilisation of tooth decay.

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BRIGHTON ratepayers are being reminded of the ease of paying their rates using BPAY View.

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This exhibition is the outcome of a semester – long project where 4th and 5th year architecture students from University of Tasmania and Monash University have undertaken research and community consultation in the Brighton area to inform the design of new public spaces and buildings for Pontville, Brighton, Bridgewater, Gagebrook and Old Beach.

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Casual chat grows into a thriving veterinary practice

By JOHN HALL

WHEN two young mothers were chatting at a children's playgroup at Tea Tree Hall seven years ago, neither thought their conversation would lead to setting up a much-needed and successful local business.

But it did. Those two young mothers are now joint partners in Brighton Veterinary Services.

The clinic is just three years old but already it has a team of seven staff – three vets, a practice manager, two veterinary nurses (one qualified, one in training) and a receptionist.

The partners are veterinary surgeon Margaret Thompson and practice manager Sally Nus.

Margaret recalled that chat. "I was talking with Sally at the playgroup and told her I was a vet and we agreed that Brighton municipality needed a veterinary clinic," she said.

Sally then recounted:

"Well, I had been a medical receptionist and so I suggested we could set up our own clinic as partners.

"No way!" shouted Margaret, who had recently given birth to her second child."

But the two young mothers got to thinking it was a good idea after all.

Sally's three boys were growing up and she wanted to return to a work environment after 15 years as a stay-at-home mum.

Margaret, with three young girls, had been doing some casual work as a vet, including working from home.

They found a house in Briggs Road, just north of Bonorong wildlife sanctuary, painted it throughout, widened doorways, constructed a ramp for easy access, put up signage and were open for business.

"We didn't expect the clinic to grow at this rate," said Margaret. "There are now two vets working alongside me."

In setting up the practice the partners have been confident they're serving a fast-growing community.

They have local knowledge – Sally, 42, and Margaret, 38, have homes in Brighton.

Sally went to school in Campania and Rosny. Margaret grew up in Oatlands and studied veterinary science at Melbourne University before returning to Tasmania in 2000.

With six children between them, the partners are committed to using the clinic to give young people work experience. Zoe Brown, who lives on a farm in the Derwent Valley and attends St Mary's College, recently spent time at the clinic.

And Hillary Ramirez, an 18-year-old from Costa Rica in Central America, has also been gaining veterinary science experience at the clinic. She's in Tasmania for five months, currently staying with a host family in New Norfolk.



The team at Brighton Veterinary Services: back row, from left, Sharyn Tilgner (vet), Margaret Thompson (vet), Sally Nus (practice manager) and Natasha Williams (vet); middle row, Brooke Parker (trainee vet nurse), Kelly Figgel (vet nurse) and Julie Daft (receptionist); front row, Zoe Brown (volunteer trainee vet nurse) and Hillary Ramirez (exchange student from Costa Rica).

Hillary is part of the international not-for-profit American Field Service, which promotes worldwide peace through student and volunteer exchange programs in 50 countries.

"We like offering work experience to students, whether they be local kids or someone from overseas," Sally said.

"We live in a young

community and it's important that local businesses help guide young people into career opportunities."

The clinic has answered calls for help from neighbouring Bonorong. The vets make house calls around the municipality and attend to creatures great and small – from cattle to mice.

Brighton Veterinary Services also offers assis-

tance further afield, due in no small way to Margaret being remembered in the Midlands as a girl growing up in Oatlands.

One day each month Margaret is on the road from Ross to Runnymede attending to animals in need of her care. "Our practice has developed outside the municipality by word of mouth," she said.

The clinic's rapid growth has resulted in the employment of two more vets.

Sharyn Tilgner, from the Blue Mountains in NSW, has been with the practice for two-and-a-half years, and Natasha Williams, from Adelaide, joined a year ago.

The practice has come a long way from when two young mothers were having a casual chat in Tea Tree.

Fabulous farm fete a credit to the organisers

By JACKIE BROWN*

DESPITE two weeks of preparation in the pouring rain, the Jordan River School Farm students, farm staff and Friends of the Farm group organised one of the best days on the farm for many years.

It was heart-warming to see so many former students and their families enjoying a day on the farm.

The Governor of Tasmania, Prof Kate Warner, was our official guest.

Students Dannielle Chandler and Kirk Cowen escorted Prof Warner on a tour of the farm.

Students did a terrific job, the weather was fantastic, our community turned out in droves, everyone seemed to have an enjoyable day and we raised more than \$10,000.

Some of our VET students also recently began at shearing school which allows them to participate in a two-and-a-half-day introduction

Melinda Sward, left, and Tenisha Dale, who are both year 11 agriculture students, hone their shearing techniques.



Jackie Brown

to work in a shearing shed.

The students learn basic shearing skills with Jack Monks, a shearer with 38 years' experience, who is employed by Primary Employment and Training to work with young people interested in gaining these skills.

The students also worked with Mel from NSW, who is a wool classer and was preparing the students for the wool-handling competition at Campbell Town Show.

*Jackie Brown is the Jordan River School Farm's teacher and educational programs manager.



Governor of Tasmania Prof Kate Warner was given some insights into sheep judging during the farm fest.

Photographs by Tenisha Dale and Melinda Sward.



Agriculture student Tenisha Dale with shearing trainer Jack Monks.

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Opportunities for young job-seekers

YOUNG job-seekers in Lyons will get new opportunities to secure employment from the Federal Budget, says Lyons Liberal MHR Eric Hutchinson.

Mr Hutchinson said the national \$5.5-billion Growing Jobs and Small Businesses package would help employers in Lyons employ more young Tasmanians.

"Through the \$1.2-billion national wage subsidy pool, eligible employers will receive up to \$6500 if they hire eligible young job-seekers under 30 years old," Mr Hutchinson said.

"New measures will focus on making job-seekers more employable, reducing the costs of taking on new staff and bringing job-seekers

and job providers together.

"The government has also earmarked \$331 million nationally for its youth employment strategy.

"It will include a \$212-million Transition to Work program to help disengaged young people aged 15 to 21 years become job ready.

"This program will start on January 1, 2016."



After School Hours Care

For 5-12-year-olds. sport, art and craft, eight-ball, video games etc. Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays from 2.45-6pm. Bus pick-up from local schools. \$5 per day. Parents must pick up afterwards. 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 Merima on 6213 3555. Services include 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.

Anglicare Personal Helpers and Mentor Program

Is your mental health affecting your ability to cope with everyday life? Would you like support with your recovery journey to manage mental illness so you can lead a fulfilling life? If you are 16 years or over you may be eligible for the Personal Helpers and Mentors Program (PHaMs). You don't need to have a medical diagnosis of a mental illness to join the program. To make a referral or for more information call 1800 243 232

Bingo

St John Ambulance, every Friday night at Weily Park Hall, Bridgewater. Eyes down at 7pm. Phone Kath Burns 6249 4665 for information.

Birthday Parties

The Bridgewater PCYC is available on weekends for birthday of all ages. The cost is \$80 an hour which includes access to clubs equipment and facilities and even the jumping castle. Party times are 11am-1pm & 2-4pm. Please book early as spaces do run out quickly. For further information please contact the club on 6263 5277.

Boot Camp

An instructed activity that will push you to reach those goals you have set. Operates at the Bridgewater PCYC Monday and Wednesday 9.30-10.30am, Tuesday and Thursday 6.30-7.30pm and Saturday 9-10am.

Brighton Alive Meetings

Monthly at the Brighton Civic Centre at 10am. Phone Brighton Council 6268 7035. Brighton Alive is on Facebook at www.facebook.com/#!/brighton.alive.56 with all the events, activities and training happening in the Brighton municipality.

Brighton/Broadmarsh Country Women's Association

Meetings held at the CWA rooms, Pontville Hall, Pontville. Brighton group meets 10am on the third Wednesday each month, phone 6268 1474. Broadmarsh group meets 12.30pm on first Monday

each month, phone 6268 5254. New members welcome.

Brighton Heritage Museum

Old Council Chambers, Brighton Rd, Pontville. Open last Sunday in the months of January, February, March, April, May (Heritage Month, every Sunday), September, October and November from 1-3pm. Other times by appointment by phoning 0402 956 692.

Brighton Heritage Association

Meets several times a year. For information about meeting dates/times and other inquiries phone 0402 956 692. New members welcome.

Brighton Playcentre/Playgroup

Holds Playgroup sessions for children (0 to 5 years) each Monday and Friday 9.30-11.30am. at 42 Dollyery Court (formerly 1 Eucalypt Crescent), Brighton during school terms. For more information phone 6268 1851.

Brighton Senior Citizens Club

New members are welcome to the weekly meetings held in the Old Council Chambers, 371 Brighton Rd, Pontville. The club meets on alternate Tuesdays for a shared lunch and Bingo and card games. Bus trips are also undertaken. For further details on any of these activities contact Barbara Walker phone 6268 6262.

Bright Start Programs

Play and Learn Programs: Gagebrook Primary School, Mondays 9-11am; Brighton Community and Health Centre, Wednesdays 9-11am; Tea Tree Hall, alternate Thursdays 10am-noon. Teenage Parents 2gether: Gagebrook Primary, Mondays 1-2.30pm. Contact Play and Learn: Brighton Community and Health Centre, Tuesdays 9.30-11.30am. Home Visiting: Brighton, Mondays to Thursdays 9am-4pm. Grow and Learn: Riverside Nursery, monthly Mondays 9-11am. Phone 6268 4257.

Camp Quality

Volunteers needed. Camp Quality believes in improving the quality of life for children living with cancer and their families through unrelenting optimism and the healing power of laughter. We are seeking passionate people who want to help us bring lots of fun, smiles and excitement into the lives of children with cancer and their families. If you are over 18, energetic and love to laugh – there are heaps of ways you can help make laughter the best medicine. To become an amazing Camp Quality volunteer, phone us on 6231 5445, email tas@campquality.org.au or send us your details online at www.campquality.org.au

Community Knitting Group

The group meets at the Terrapin Room at the back of the Brighton Community Health Centre in Green

Residents and community groups are asked to carefully check their community calendar items, which have been carried over from last year, to see if they are still applicable for 2015. Please provide amendments/corrections to editorial@brightoncommunitynews.com.au

Point Rd, Bridgewater on Tuesdays, weekly 12.30-3pm. There is no cost and women are invited to call in and have a chat and a cuppa. Phone Robyn Bishop on 6268 4240.

Computer Classes

The following computer courses are available at the Gagebrook Community Centre: digital media fundamentals; word processing fundamentals; presentation fundamentals; internet and world wide web fundamentals. For more information on any of these courses or to receive a registration form phone the Gagebrook Community Centre on 6263 6097.

Derwent Valley Country Music Club

14 Millvale Road Dromedary. Held on alternate Friday/Saturday nights at 7.30pm. Barbecue every Saturday night at 6.15pm Cost \$5 includes light supper and spot dances. New singers welcome. Phone Denis Black 6272 3290 or 0479 084 410

Early Support for Parents (ESP)

ESP is a not-for-profit organisation that trains and supports volunteers to work with families in their own homes. The work of an ESP volunteer is varied and extremely rewarding. ESP has a comprehensive training program for volunteers with support from the coordinator and other volunteers, guest speakers and ongoing training. ESP has families in need and offers free training to new volunteers to meet these needs. A light lunch is provided at all training sessions. Contact Mary Thornton on 6223 2937.

Get Fit While Having Fun

Circuit, cardio and boxing sessions with a fully accredited trainer. Brighton Primary School gym Mondays and Thursdays 6.30-7.30pm. Call Lisa on 0420 983 434.

Good Beginnings

Play 2 Learn (up to 5yrs) program, 10-11.30am Thursdays (during school terms), Pontville Hall, Brighton Rd, Pontville. Phone Catherine 0458 732 950.

Gymnastics

Hobart Gymnastics Academy is situated in Hurst Street Bridgewater. We run classes from the age of walkers to adults, in trampoline, rhythmic, cheerleading

and acrobatics programs. We offer a free come-and-try session for all first individual lessons (conditions apply). We also have group bookings for schools, playgroups and gymnastics-specific birthday parties at the academy. Contact us on 6263 3460, email admin@hga.org.au, look us up at www.hga.gymnastics.org.au or find us at Facebook.

Heart Foundation 'Heartmoves'

A gentle physical activity program suitable for anyone who hasn't done any exercise in a while. You can exercise at your own pace in a friendly atmosphere. Heartmoves is open to everyone and designed to be safe for people with long-term health conditions such as heart disease, diabetes or obesity. \$5 per 45-minute session. Every Tuesday 12.30pm and 1.30pm; Thursday 12.30pm. Brighton Community Health Centre, 27 Green Point Road, Bridgewater. Ph Andrea 0439 938 403, 6263 6097.

Jodi Law Advocacy group

Women we need you! Be the change you want to see! Are you looking to create change? If you said yes we need you as a member of the advocacy group. Our Mission is to support women regarding their personal safety around Domestic violence in their community. To remember Jodi Eaton with suitable women's safety community awareness events. Bridgewater Community Centre, 6 Bowden Drive Bridgewater, Wednesdays at 11am. Contact Chelsea on 6263 4303 for more information.

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.

Judo

Tuesday beginners 4.30-5.30pm; Tuesday intermediate 5.45pm-7pm; Wednesday 6.30-8pm; Thursday seniors 6.30-8pm at Bridgewater PCYC. Phone 6263 5277.

Jumping Castle

Now available for hire. Speak to Byron or Andrew at PCYC on 6263 5277.

Lions Club of Brighton

The Lions Club of Brighton meets at the York Hotel, Granton on the third Monday of each month. We

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the Close To My Heart range of products. Enjoy some time with your friends or come along and make new ones. We are a friendly group of paper crafters. Contact Shelley Harwood 0409 003 602 or gandsharwood@bigpond.com.

Parents R Us

Every Monday 11am-2pm at the Gagebrook Community Centre. Free program of activities and light lunch provided. Childcare on site.

PCYC Gym for Girls

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

PCYC Midgets

For up to 5-year-olds every second Tuesday 9.30-11am at Bridgewater PCYC. \$2.50 per session. Bring the kids.

Penguin Club Brighton Group

First and third Wednesday of the month 7.30-8.30pm. St Paul's Church, Community Room, Paice St, Bridgewater. Ph 0416 928 903.

Pete's Shed

Pete's Community Work Shed is a focal point for people from the Bridgewater and Gagebrook area to learn woodwork and metalwork as well as simple and practical home maintenance skills. Pete's Shed is always buzzing with a variety of people and is available to community members to carry out their own projects using equipment that they do not have at home. Projects include making outdoor furniture for nursing homes and community parks and working closely with other community groups such as the Gagebrook and Bridgewater Community Centres. Pete's Shed is at 10 Sorrell St, Bridgewater. Phone 6263 5142.

Play 2 Learn - Gagebrook

Good Beginnings invites you to Gagebrook Primary School, 4 Tottenham Rd, Gagebrook, Mondays 8.45-10.30am. Please bring a piece of fruit and a drink, and a sense of adventure. For young children aged up to 5 years, parents/carers and grandparents. Learn through play, games, story-time, interactive art, craft and music. Parenting information and support. Contact Tanya Hose on 0458 732 950

Rhythmic Dance Centre

Classes at 1 River Court, Brighton and Uniting Church Hall, Claremont. Jazz, tap, classical ballet, song and dance, hip-hop and zumba. Phone 6268 0864.

Riverside Community Nursery

Monday to Friday 9am-4pm, Eddington St, Bridgewater. Come and browse our plants and check on all of our upcoming courses and

programs.

Rock and Rhyme

For pre-schoolers. Join us for 30 minutes of rhyme, rhythm and fun with nursery room favourite songs and stories. Tuesday and Wednesday at 10.30am during school term at the Bridgewater LINC. No need to book. Phone 6165 5446 for more information.

St John Ambulance Brighton Division

Looking for adults interested in becoming members of the division as a volunteer. If you have an interest in learning first-aid skills and building on any skills you already have we need you. Ph: Kath on 6249 4665.

School for Seniors

School for Seniors meets every Tuesday during school terms at Bridgewater LINC and runs from 10am until noon. The school is open to anyone and we have a wide range of speakers dealing with many different topics. It is a great time to socialise with others. For more information call Shirley on 6268 0842 or Geoff on 0418 121 814.

Storytime for Kids

Join us for 30 minutes of sharing stories, singing rhymes and songs and other fun activities Thursdays at 11am at Bridgewater LINC. No need to book. Phone 6165 5446 for more information.

Top Gear Program

Need to complete your 50 hours? Then call Bridgewater Community Centre to book an appointment with one of their volunteer mentor drivers. Monday to Thursday 9am-2pm, Bridgewater Community Centre. The program gives applicants significant life benefits including gaining employment, re-engaging in education and improved autonomy. Ph Jordan River Service on 6263 4303.

Weight Gym

\$3 per session plus \$20 annual membership for adults and \$10 for children. Weekdays, 9am-6pm. Open to adults and youth aged 14 and over. Phone Andrew on 6263 5277 for more information and an initial assessment and tailored program – or drop into Bridgewater PCYC. First session is free.

Youthfutures Drop In

Free for 11-16-year-olds, every Monday and Wednesday from 2.45-6pm. Activities include eight-ball, X-box games, internet, basketball, gym, table tennis etc. Phone Bridgewater PCYC on 6263 5277.

Go wild in a onesie at the zoo

ZOODOO Zoo at Richmond plans to help raise much-needed funds for the World Wildlife Foundation (WWF) by taking part in its Wild Onesie Week fundraiser.

Wild Onesie Week (WOW) aims to 'raise more than eyebrows' by encouraging participants to wear their onesies in order to raise much-needed funds and awareness for the conservation of threatened and endangered species worldwide.

WOW was launched by the World Wildlife Foundation (WWF) last year with about 1200 participants raising more than \$115,000 for the WWF.

The money raised supported conservation efforts for some of the world's most endangered species including

tigers, orang-utans, loggerhead turtles and giant pandas.

During WOW Zoodoo staff will raise funds in a variety of ways, by:

- Wearing their onesies and encouraging visitors to make donations.

- Asking people to sponsor the Zoodoo staff to wear their onesies throughout the week by going to their WOW fundraising page and 'giving now' <https://www.wowwwf.org.au/wow/doit/Zoodoo-Zoo/>

- Hosting a Wild Onesie Week day in June, where visitors of all ages will be invited to come to Zoodoo wearing their own onesies with discounted admission rates for any person (adult or child) wearing a onesie.

For each person (adult and child) who arrives to Zoodoo on this day, wear-



The staff at Zoodoo Zoo pride themselves on their passion and love for all of life's creatures, great and small and art supporting the onesie fund-raising program.

ing a onesie, Zoodoo will donate \$10 to the WWF and each onesie-wearing visitor will earn a ticket into the draw to win a free family pass to Zoodoo Zoo, valued at \$76.

All funds raised by Zoodoo will support WWF's conservation work in protecting a variety of endangered species and their homes in both Australia and abroad.



Immunisation Clinics 2015

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

Bridgewater Health Clinic

Green Point Rd

between 2pm - 3pm

Clinics for 2015:

- July 7 • August 4
- September 1 • October 6 • November 3
- December 7

Further information contact: **Council's Environmental Health Officer Phone: 6268 7029**



LEARNING *in my Community*



Notes from the kitchen of a Fast Foodie

By **CHRISTINE GIMBLETT**

I'm Christine and this is my first of regular cooking articles for *Brighton Community News*.

I am super excited because I get to share the recipes and stories from the Waterbridge Food Co-Op Fast Foodies cooking group.

Waterbridge Food Co-Op is a really important project which aims to improve access to healthy and nutritious food in the Bridge-water and Gagebrook area.

The Waterbridge Food Co-Op project is funded by Tasmanian Medicare Local and the Fast Foodies cooking group is funded through a grant from Feeding the Future.

As the Fast Foodies coordinator I get the pleasure of working with a wonderful (and ever expanding) group of volunteers who cook nutritious meals, jams and chutneys for the Waterbridge Food Co-Op Pantry.

Our cooking sessions are noisy, fun and we really know how to work as a team to serve our high-quality dinners, jams and chutneys.

In writing this first article I want to thank the volunteer crew who contribute their time, energy and recipes to the Fast Foodies cooking group. We couldn't do it without you.

This month I thought I would share the recipe for this very yummy chutney which we will be making in the Fast Foodies kitchen in the next few weeks.

We try to use seasonal fruit and vegetables in our cooking and at the moment we are loving the autumn apples, rhubarb and chillies.

The rhubarb, apple and chilli chutney we make in cooking class will be on sale in the Waterbridge Food Co-Op Pantry which is located at the Gagebrook Community Centre.

The pantry is open Tuesdays noon-2pm and Fridays 10am-noon. Pop in and have a look.

I hope you enjoy this recipe as much as I do. Happy cooking!

Rhubarb, apple and chilli chutney

Ingredients

650g Granny Smith apples, peeled, cored, roughly chopped.
2 medium red onions, finely chopped.
1½ bunches (10 stalks) rhubarb, trimmed, roughly chopped.
1½ cups firmly packed brown sugar.
2 cups cider vinegar.
2 teaspoons mixed spice.
2 long red chillies, thinly sliced.
1 teaspoon salt



Christine Gimblett at work in the kitchen.

Method

Place all ingredients in a large, heavy-based saucepan over medium heat.

Stir, without boiling, for 4 to 5 minutes or until sugar dissolves. Bring to the boil.

Reduce heat to low and simmer, uncovered, stirring occasion-

ally, for 50 minutes or until mixture is thick.

Spoon hot chutney into hot sterilised jars and seal immediately.

Store in a dark place for at least 3 weeks to allow flavours to develop.

Refrigerate once opened.

Long-time 'Blitzers' honoured for their community work

By **DENNIS CRISPIN***

COMMUNITY Blitz is well served by people from the job service agencies, Community Corrections and volunteers from the community.

These people provide the labour force to get some significant projects completed in the Brighton municipality and without them many community projects would still be waiting to get started.

The Community Blitz team has undertaken a weed removal and re-vegetation project on the foreshore walking track around Old Beach since late last year.

Around 300 hours of work have been put into this project to make this area more attractive to residents.

Much of the team's focus this year has been to help set up the MONA 24 Carrot kitchen gardens at Gagebrook and Herdsman's Cove Primary Schools converting grassed areas in front of the schools into productive vegetable gardens for the community.

There has been much weed removal, digging soil, mixing in fertilisers, mulching, laying irrigation systems and finally planting.

Another significant project has been the plantings at Remembrance Park, Brighton in time for the Anzac centenary.

Four of our long-term partici-

pants were recognised at a small celebration ceremony at the Bridge-water LINC recently.

The ceremony was also attended by members of Community Blitz Governance Group and Mayor Tony Foster who presented certificates to the four.

Glenn Randall said he had really enjoyed working with the Blitz team, meeting new people and putting his learned skills into the community projects.

Glenn has worked for more than 120 hours with Blitz and said he was putting back into this community for the first time and as a result was more fulfilled.

Recently Glenn completed his work experience commitment with MAX Employment and now volunteers with Community Blitz two days a week.

All of the participants have learned new skills and many are job ready.

Employers who may be interested in hiring new people can contact Peter Griffiths, our works manager, on 0418 121 824.

Community members who would like to volunteer their time on worthwhile community projects are asked to ring Pete.

Find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CommunityBlitz

*Dennis Crispin is Community Blitz project manager

Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters (HIPPY)

2015 EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

The Brotherhood of St Laurence, through HIPPY Australia, is seeking Expressions of Interest (EOI) from organisations within 25 new communities to deliver HIPPY. The communities selected have a focus on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families.

The program currently operates in 75 communities across Australia. It is a two year home-based early learning and parenting program that empowers parents and carers to be their child's first teacher. The program builds the confidence and skills of parents and carers to create a positive learning environment to prepare their child for school. It also offers some parents and carers a supported pathway to employment and local community leadership.

Organisations wishing to apply should demonstrate:

- experience working with families, children and the local community,
- links to early childhood education, child care, schools and other community, family and children's services.
- provide managerial support to the program coordinator,
- provide office space and a child friendly group meeting space.

Interested organisations can download the EOI Application forms from www.hippyaustralia.org.au

All enquiries should be directed to HIPPY Australia on 03 9445 2400 or 1300 990 907 and/or email hippyaustraliaEOI@bsl.org.au.

HIPPY Australia is open Monday to Friday from 9am-5pm (AEST). Completed applications must be received by 5pm (AEST) 26 June 2015 (Friday). Only fully completed applications will be assessed.

New Communities for 2015

Brighton
Broome and Surrounds
Bunbury-Collie
Cairns Central
Cairns South
Cherbourg
Cooktown and Surrounds
Darwin North
Deception Bay
Doomadgee
Goonellabah and Surrounds
Hedland
Kalgoorlie-Boulder

Kempsey
Midland and Surrounds
Milingimbi Island
Mooroopna and Surrounds
Mowanjum-Derby
Nambucca and Surrounds
Northern Peninsula Area
Port Augusta
Taree-Forster
Tennant Creek
Whittlesea
Wyong and Surrounds



The Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters is funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services

Brighton to host local youth at AFL football

BRIGHTON Council is providing the opportunity for young local football fans to attend the forthcoming North Melbourne AFL matches at Blundstone Arena.

Brighton Mayor Tony Foster said the Council was keen to support the playing of AFL fixtures in southern Tasmania but wanted to ensure that any funds it allocated directly benefited the Brighton community.

Under the initiative Brighton Council is working with the Bridgewater Police and Citizens Youth Club (PCYC) and will host 10 children, each accompanied by a parent, at the two remaining North Melbourne matches this season – against the West Coast Eagles on June 7 and St Kilda on August 15.

Cr Foster said Brighton Council would purchase the match tickets, the PCYC would supply the bus transport to and from Blundstone Arena, and the North Melbourne Football Club had agreed to provide team hats and football programs for the group.

Heroes

“It will provide a chance for young people who otherwise may not have the opportunity to see their football heroes up close, to attend a match and experience the AFL first hand.

“Brighton Council is very supportive of the playing of AFL football at Blundstone Arena but our priority is the Brighton community.

“By joining with the Bridgewater PCYC and hosting our young people at the football, we believe this is the best way of meeting all our objectives.”

Students show off researched designs

STUDENTS from Monash University and the University of Tasmania are continuing to investigate the changing nature and role of public architecture and spaces in Brighton’s rapidly growing suburban and regional areas.


Following the research, an exhibition of designs of new public spaces and buildings for the Brighton municipality will be held on June 10 at the Brighton Civic Centre from 3-5pm.

Brighton Public is a ‘live’ research study that has been investigating the changing nature and role of public architecture and spaces in the rapidly growing area of Brighton.

The 16 Monash and six UTAS masters students (fourth and fifth year architecture) spent time in Brighton being briefed by Council’s manager of development services, James Dryburgh, followed by a tour of key sites around the municipality as well as public information-gathering sessions.

Brighton Council is supporting the project.

The public is invited to the open viewing of the designs and a free barbecue.



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2nd and 4th Sundays: 9am

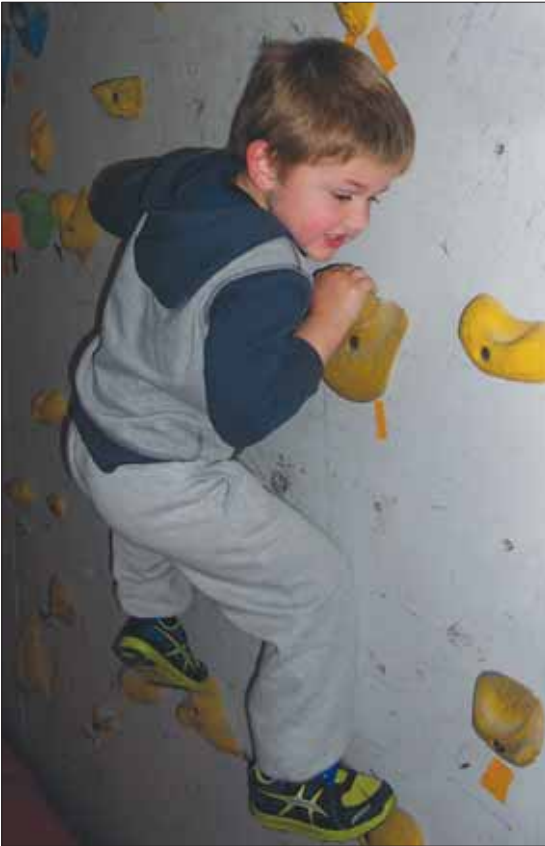
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UNITING CHURCH – GAGEBROOK
Ph 6263 5100
Every Sunday: 10am



Taliah Honey is at the top of her game in rock climbing.



Kurtis Davis is a professional at the rock-climbing wall.



Liam Coulsen works his way through the play gym maze.

School holidays a journey of discovery for youngsters

THE Discovery Gunn Street Vacation care program was once again a huge success during the recent school holidays.

The children enjoyed a number of excursions including trips to rock climbing, Far Out Play Centre, movies, a barbecue at the park and beachcombing for treasure.

The children also enjoyed making Mother’s Day crafts. They spent time with friends and made new friends while getting out and about, challenging themselves and trying new things.

If you would like your child to be part of the centre’s after-school care program or to book for the next vacation care program (school-age children: kinder to grade 6) call Discovery on 6263 7809 or email gunnstreet@discoveryelc.com.au.

The centre also has vacancies for before-school care, after-school care and in its long day care (six weeks of age to five years). Bus pick-up and drop-off services are available for all programs.



Cooper Daly shows off his scooter skills.

Neighbourhood Houses celebrate communities

By CHEYNEE PULLEN*

THE Jordan River Service (Gagebrook and Bridgewater Community Centres) held two events for Neighbourhood House Week.

At the start of May, the Bridgewater Community Centre held a community breakfast and we asked the brave community members who ventured out on such a wet, windy day to put down on paper what the Bridgewater Community Centre means to them.

We received so many lovely comments that we need to share them with you all.

The Bridgewater Community Centre means.....

“Family! A safe place to go, a place to seek help and info when needed.”

“Help with food assistance, a place to go to talk when feeling down, learn more and make new friends.”

“I can always have a cuppa, even when I’ve got no coffee or milk at home. And I always get greeted with a smile.”

“I come here because it’s just fun here.”

“A place to be listened to. A place to be respected. A place to be safe.”

“Strong community getting together to improve the area, and help each other to have better lives.”

“I can come and use the computers after school.”

“Where you can come and use the computers; they help you out with food and family issues. They are amazing.”

“A lot to people of this community. A place where people are treated with respect and kindness. Thank you Chels and volunteers.”

“It’s cool because we get to play in the amazing garden and also get to play on the computers.”

“Somewhere safe to go for help and feel like part of the community.”

All staff and volunteers at Bridgewater Community Centre really appreciate all the lovely comments on what the community centre means to you.

Our community mean the world to us. Thank you for being an awesome community, we love you all.

Later in the month the Gagebrook Community Centre held a barbecue lunch with lots of information and freebies for the children.

We also asked community members to write down what the Gagebrook Community Centre means to them which we are also sharing with you.

The Gagebrook Community Centre means...

“A place where people come together and celebrate all that is good.”

“This is my first time here and I was so surprised what there is on offer that is put back into the community.”

“An awesome support for our community.”

“Support, a friendly place to enjoy company. Craft and scrapbooking is fun, wonderful people to talk to.”

“Friendship, support and somewhere to send people in hard times.”

“Smiling faces, helping hands. Food in our tummies, caring and sharing lovely people.”

“A fantastic place to connect with the community.”

“Meeting new people, great support for the good and bad. Everyone makes you feel welcome.”

We would like to thank everyone who came along and celebrated Neighbourhood House Week with us, it was a fantastic day.

**Cheynee Pullen is coordinator of the Gagebrook Community Centre.*

Government to take action on family violence

THE government is determined to take action to reduce the incidence of family violence in the state.

“There must be a cultural change in attitudes towards family violence,” Premier Will Hodgman said.

“Every perpetrator of family violence must understand it is unacceptable to be violent towards women and children and every woman must be secure in the knowledge they and their children have a right to be safe.

“It is estimated that one in three women have experienced some form of family violence in their lifetime and the majority of domestic violence cases include children as victims as well.

“Tasmania has already committed to being the lead jurisdiction to draft model legislation by the end of 2015 to underpin a national domestic violence order scheme.

“Tasmania is also part of a new national campaign to raise awareness and change negative attitudes.

“Tasmanian Police Commissioner Darren Hine has been appointed to the panel to advise the Council of Australian Governments.

“The Tasmanian Government will join the national OurWatch initiative, a campaign which partners with sporting codes and peak bodies to identify ways to prevent violence against women and children.

“We will work directly with service providers and those affected by domestic violence to change behaviours and attitudes in our community, improve services for those who are affected and strengthen the legal framework to deal with perpetrators.

“Family violence is an incredibly serious problem and very much a top order priority for my government.”