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Call for pokies review

BRIGHTON Mayor Tony Foster has called for a new comprehensive study into the social and economic impact of poker machines on the Tasmanian community.

Cr Foster says previous studies and anecdotal evidence point to gambling on poker machines as having a significant adverse effect on Tasmanian families, small business and general economic activity and the public is entitled to the most up-to-date information to enable it to make an informed judgement.

Cr Foster said Brighton Council had long been opposed to the introduction of poker machines in hotels and clubs and was concerned at the impact this form of gambling was having, particularly on small and regional communities.

“The current monopoly situation means that all the money lost goes out of local communities and this impacts on families, small businesses and the community in general,” he said.

“Although State Treasury publishes some detail, it restricts the provision of information on individual venues and smaller municipalities so it is difficult to gain a clear picture.

“I have written to Treasurer Peter Gutwein seeking specific information on the impact of poker machines on the Brighton community and while my correspondence has been acknowledged I am yet to receive a detailed reply.

“But I suspect the impact is substantial.

“Based on the best advice we can obtain, well in excess of \$2 million is lost on the pokies in Brighton each year and obviously the figure is considerably larger where there are higher concentrations of poker machines.”

Cr Foster said the social and economic harm resulting from gambling on poker machines was a major problem for Tasmania and it was one the State Government needed to address.

“The problems haven’t changed, only increased in

their magnitude,” he said.

“Had previous governments not succumbed to the promise of increased revenue and other sweeteners back in the early 1990s, we wouldn’t have the severe social issues we have today.

“The reality is that the adverse impacts of poker machines go considerably beyond problem gambling.

“Where incomes are low, money spent gambling on poker machines can mean that families go without food, medical treatment, heating and other basic, even vital, necessities as well as subjecting many to domestic violence.

“This is unacceptable and must be addressed.

“The first step must be a comprehensive study to understand the facts and then a planned reduction in the number and placement of poker machines in hotels and clubs.

“If this occurred, millions of dollars would be returned to the community, and families and small businesses, as

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Food festival springs into life and sows seeds for future

EARLY last month Waterbridge Food Co-op, Centacare Evolve Housing, MONA 24 Carrot Gardens and Community Blitz, organised the inaugural and highly successful Spring Food Festival.

The aim was to raise community awareness of healthy food options, the profile of Waterbridge Food Co-op and

launch the 24 Carrot/Community Blitz ‘My Vegie Patch’ project.

It was a perfect day and more than 450 people turned up to take part in the many activities that focused on growing their own food as well as introducing healthy food options.

Pictured above is one happy young festival-goer after he had picked up his

‘My Vegie Patch’ gardening tool kit.

The kits, which were given out on the day, consist of an apple crate garden bed, soil, edible seedlings and gardening equipment, all designed to make growing edible food at home easy, attractive and fun for families.

• **More photos and story in Learning in Our Community on page 7**

Brighton Xmas parade cancelled this year

BRIGHTON’s annual Christmas parade has been cancelled for this year because the organisers did not receive any commitment from community groups, local organisations or individuals.

Disappointingly, the lack of support has made the organisation and logistics of an event of this size extremely difficult.

The event has been cancelled with great regret and organisers hope it can come back bigger and better in 2016.

Council would like to hear from any business, organisation or individual that is interested in becoming part of next year’s organising group or from those who would like to comment.

Please email us at Brighton Council at admin@brighton.tas.gov.au



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We want your nomination

The Brighton Council, in conjunction with the National Australia Day Committee, invites nominations from residents of the municipality for:

Citizen Award

Young Citizen Award (up to 25 years by January 26, 2016)

**Community Event of Year Award
Volunteer of the Year Award**

to be presented by the Council as a focal point for the Australia Day celebrations.

A complete description of the contribution made by the nominee/ events organisers is essential. Individual nominees must include their name, address and date of birth. Nominees must be Australian citizens and live in the Brighton municipality.

Nominations close:
Friday, December 18 2015
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FIRE HAZARDS

Owners and occupiers of land in the municipality are reminded that during November and December abatement notices will, where considered necessary, be issued for the appropriate clearing of fire hazards.

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

Assistance to clear such hazards may be obtained through Council.

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

Hazards are to be cleared and kept cleared for the entire duration of the fire season.

For further information or for reporting of a potential fire hazard, please contact the Council on 6268 7012.

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The public is welcome to attend

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Ordinary Council
December 15 - 5.30pm

Parks & Recreation Committee:
December 8 at 5pm

Finance Committee:
December 8 at 5.15pm

Planning Authority:
December 8 at 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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Teddy bears (and their families) have their picnic

BRIGHTON Childcare and Friends of Brighton held its first annual teddy bears' picnic last month.

The day was a great success with about 20 families joining from Brighton and surrounding areas.

The day was loads of fun with the children and parents participating in the teddy bears parade and some fun games using a parachute.

The highlight of this event was bringing together families within the Brighton and surrounding communities and seeing the children smiling and having a great time.

Many positive comments were made on the day from families such as:

"Wow what a great event in such a beautiful community park"

"Thank you for organising an event like this. A great way to get your family together and have some fun and meet new families."

"Today was so enjoyable for my children and myself,



Enjoying the day are, from left, Jazmine, Caitlin and Izabelle

I hope to see this continue into years to come."

With such a positive feedback from the families we look forward to continuing this annually with next year's event already being

discussed.

Thank you to Craig Townsend, Friends of Brighton, and Brighton Childcare Educators for the time and effort put in to this event on the day.



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Change of day for Brighton carols is family friendly

LIONS Club of Brighton, Citywide Baptist Church and Friends of Brighton have confirmed the 2015 Brighton Community Carols will be held on Saturday, December 12 at the Thompson Oval, Pontville.

Organiser Roger Joseph reminded residents of the change of day.

"Please note the change of day for this year – carols are now on Saturday, December 12 so no more worrying about going to school or work the next day," he said.

Co-host Pastor Craig Townsend of Friends of Brighton said: "We're delighted to be working together again to welcome the whole community as one big family to cele-

brate the reason for the season."

Citywide Baptist and Friends of Brighton will provide children's activities from 6.30pm as families arrive for the evening program.

The carols program proper begins at 7.30pm with the Derwent Valley Concert Band.

In addition to other guests on the night, local singer Katherine Downie will sing Silent Night.

The Brighton Lions Club will have its barbecue trailer on site with hamburgers, egg and bacon rolls and sausages.

Glow-sticks can be purchased on arrival to wave as traditional carols are sung.

Pokies impact review urged

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well as the state economy, would be the beneficiaries.

"I also believe the monopoly situation is unhealthy and is not in the best interests of Tasmania.

The study should closely examine this and consider alternatives if we are to have electronic gaming machines outside the casinos."

Cr Foster said Brighton's call was realistic and certainly not radical.

"Indeed, it is line with the submission made by Federal Hotels to the 1993 Legislative Council select committee inquiry into the extension of video gaming machines

beyond the Hobart and Launceston casinos," he said.

"At that time, when it appeared that hotels and clubs would be in competition with his company, Federal Hotels director Greg Farrell argued strongly that poker machines should not be allowed in Tasmania's pubs and clubs.

"He said the money gambled on gaming machines 'would represent a redirection of household disposable income and the impact on restaurants, theatres, cinemas and retail would be disastrous'.

"He also pointed to the social impacts and stated that 'direct access to gaming

machines in pubs and clubs would have a disastrous effect on the social and special culture of Tasmania'.

"It seems Mr Farrell's attitude changed once his company gained the monopoly on poker machines in Tasmania. If anything, the impacts he warned of are even worse."

Cr Foster said with debate now occurring on the extension of Federal Hotels' casino and gaming machine monopoly, the community was entitled to all the facts and to have its say on whether or not the current arrangements should continue.

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Pokies impact on our community is unacceptable

THE Brighton Council has long been concerned at the impact of poker machines on our community.

Indeed, when the machines were rolled out to hotels and clubs statewide some two decades ago, Council refused to allow their installation in our municipality.

This decision was upheld by the Planning Commission but subsequently overturned by the State Government's Gaming Control Act.

So today we have some 60 poker machines at two venues in Brighton and because of the way data is

A MESSAGE FROM

The Mayor

provided it is difficult to actually quantify the real social and economic impact on our community.

Previous studies and anecdotal evidence point to gambling on poker machines as having a significant adverse effect on Tasmanian families, small business and general economic activity and the impact is greater on

smaller and regional communities like Brighton.

The current monopoly situation means that all the money lost goes out of the local community and this impacts significantly.

Although State Treasury publishes some information it restricts the provision of detail on individual venues and smaller municipalities, so it is difficult to gain a clear picture.

I have written to Treasurer Peter Gutwein seeking specific information on the impact of poker machines on the Brighton community and while my correspon-

dence has been acknowledged I am yet to receive a detailed reply.

But I suspect the impact is substantial. Based on the best advice we can obtain, well in excess of \$2 million is lost on the pokies in Brighton each year and obviously the figure is considerably larger in centres where there are higher concentrations of poker machines.

As a consequence, I am now calling for a new comprehensive study into the social and economic impact of poker machines on the Tasmanian community.

Make no mistake, the

social and economic harm resulting from gambling on poker machines is a major problem for Tasmania and it is one the State Government must address.

The reality is that the adverse impacts of poker machines go considerably beyond problem gambling. Where incomes are low, money spent gambling on poker machines can mean that families go without food, medical treatment, heating and other basic, even vital, necessities as well as subjecting many to domestic violence.

This is unacceptable and

must be tackled by the State Government.

The first step must be a comprehensive study to understand the facts, followed by a planned reduction in the number and placement of poker machines in hotels and clubs.

If the number of poker machines is reduced, millions of dollars will be returned to the community, and families and small businesses, as well as the state economy, will be the beneficiaries.

I also believe the current monopoly situation is unhealthy and is not in the best interests of Tasmania.

The study should closely examine this and consider alternatives if we are to have electronic gaming machines outside the casinos.

With the State Government now considering the extension of Federal Hotels' casino and poker machine monopoly, the community is entitled to all the facts and to have its say on whether or not the current arrangements should continue.

Tony Foster

Tony Foster AM OAM JP
Mayor

Council joint venture has produced major savings

A COMMON services joint venture established earlier this year by seven Tasmanian councils is already generating significant benefits and is estimated to save the participating councils more than \$1 million this financial year.

Brighton Council is a key member of the joint venture, joining with the Central Highlands, Glenorchy, Huon Valley, Sorell, Southern Midlands and Tasman Councils.

The Glamorgan Spring Bay, Derwent Valley, West Coast and Flinders Councils also use the joint venture's services.

The councils are providing and sharing common services such as planning, engineering, rating, finance, information technology, asset management, workplace health and safety and risk management.

Since the establishment of the Tasmanian Local Government Common Services Joint Venture Agreement in April, more than 4700 hours of shared services have been exchanged between participating councils, with a net benefit of \$320,000.

It is projected that 15,000 hours will be exchanged this financial year, providing savings in the order of \$1 million.

The net benefits are achieved through the increased use of current council staff and from client councils employing common services within local government at a considerably lower cost than using external consultants.

Brighton Mayor Tony Foster said the initiative had also proved attractive interstate with the Litchfield Council in the Northern Territory joining the Tasmanian joint venture to cut costs and

improve services to its ratepayers.

Litchfield, with a population of 20,000 covering an area of 3000 square kilometres on the outskirts of Darwin, is expected to be the first of a number of Northern Territory councils to join the innovative Tasmanian venture.

Cr Foster said the benefits went far beyond simply saving money for participating councils.

"By sharing expertise, technology, equipment and facilities, the councils are providing improved services for their communities, attracting and retaining skilled employees and bringing a new level of efficiency to local government," he said.

Impetus

"Importantly, all this is occurring without councils losing their individual identities and ratepayers still have ready access to their local councilors.

"The impetus for the model had been provided by Local Government Minister Peter Gutwein. In encouraging councils to consider voluntary amalgamation, the minister has prompted local government to seriously examine how it operates and how it can achieve greater efficiency to benefit ratepayers.

"Clearly, the model ticks all the boxes outlined by Mr Gutwein in his push for reform.

"It is very much in the best interests of ratepayers, provides improved services for the community, preserves and maintains local representation and ensures that the financial status of the participating councils is strengthened."



From left, Maureen and Ron Sanderson show some of the Hasa Design wood products to President of the Senate Stephen Parry and Liberal Senator Eric Abetz.

Local products' flair and flavour on display in Parliament House

BRIGHTON'S general manager Ron Sanderson and wife Maureen took part in the recent Flavours of Tasmania exhibition in Parliament House Canberra.

Mr and Mrs Sanderson participated in the exhibition in a private capacity to showcase the fine wood products produced by Mrs Sanderson's business, Hasa Design.

"We were delighted that

Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull showed some considerable interest in our products and he even took one of our business cards so that he could find out more about the products we produce," Mr Sanderson said.

Tasmanian Senator Eric Abetz started Flavours of Tasmania in 2002 and it has grown to be a must-attend

event in the parliamentary social calendar.

From humble beginnings in a small committee room, Flavours of Tasmania has now grown to take over the Great Hall of Parliament House.

On show is everything from Tasmanian seafood to cheese, chocolate, whisky, wine, beer, gourmet meats and sauces.

Citizen of Year Sonya is in line for state award

BRIGHTON municipality's Sonya Williams is a state finalist in the Australian of the Year awards.

Sonya, who was earlier this year presented with Brighton's Australia Day Citizen of the Year award, is a tireless worker in our community.

From Christmas pageants to soup kitchens, gardening days to needle exchange programs, if it's a community-driven project in Brighton, Sonya Williams will have her fingerprints all over it.

With a volunteering history stretching back decades, Sonya has organised community fun days, provided sandwiches and companionship for people in need, cooked meals for pensioners and has worked to end family violence through the Breaking the Silence advocacy group.

She's knitted woolies for the Royal Hobart Hospital, made meals for Vietnam veterans and lent an ear to those needing a chat.



Sonya Williams

After the local Veterans' Memorial Centre was destroyed by fire, Sonya was there to help bring it back to life.

The founder of Under One Rainbow – Community Coming Together, Sonya led the project to paint rainbows on windows around Bridgewater and Gagebrook as symbols of love, diversity and inclusion.

The mother of three children and the grandmother of three, Sonya has also fostered many children and helps street kids get back on their feet.

Congratulations Sonya.



Road safety in Tasmania – your input is wanted

EVERY person is a road user and has a responsibility for road safety.

The Road Safety Advisory Council is currently developing the new Towards Zero – Tasmanian Road Safety Strategy 2017-2026 and wants your input on how we can improve road safety and strive for a zero road toll in Tasmania.

Although the road toll is trending down, nearly 3,500 people have been killed or seriously injured on Tasmania's roads over the past 10 years.

New initiatives therefore need to be developed to reduce the number and severity of crashes around the state.

The Towards Zero Strategy will be based on the 'Safe System' approach and will consider Tasmania's crash history, best practice solutions

and feedback from the Tasmanian community.

To share your ideas on how we can work 'towards zero' and improve road safety in your local area, come along to a public forum and join in the conversation.

The southern forum will be held from 6-8pm on Monday, November 16 at Rydges Hotel, North Hobart.

To register your interest, email towardszero@state-growth.tas.gov.au or phone 6166 3239.

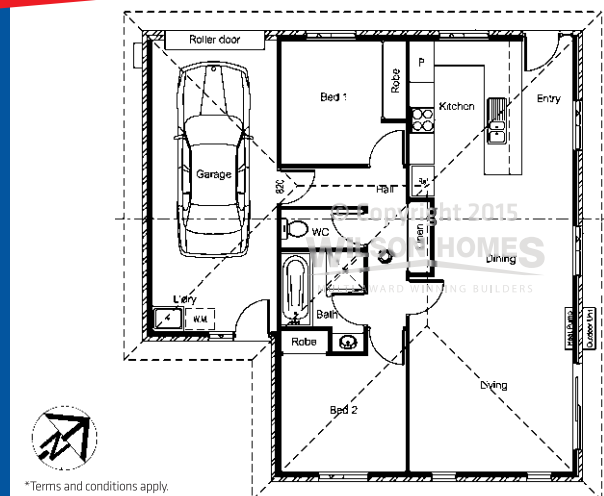
If you can't attend a forum you can still have your say by completing an online survey available at the website below.

For information on the upcoming forums, the Safe System and the development of the Towards Zero strategy, visit www.towardszero.tas.gov.au.

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Good mental health should be more than passing thought

GOOD mental health is important to us all and we can all have our moments when things go wrong, but for some people in our community good mental health is an issue they give more than a passing thought to. In times of need it is important to know where to find help and as part of Mental Health Week a local contact card was developed.

This year as part of Mental Health Week a group of service providers decided to celebrate good mental health and to provide information to the community about mental health services

that are available.

Red Cross, PCYC, Anglicare, Epilepsy Tasmania, Centacare Evolve, Brighton Council, Centrelink, TasWater and the Brighton Boxing Club joined forces to set up information stalls and have some fun together in Brighton's own Mental Health Week event held on the lawns between Green Point Road and the East Derwent Highway.

The event was supported by Communities for Children, Brighton Council and Centrelink.

Boxing champion Luke Jack-



The Brighton Boxing Club also took part in the day's informative sessions about good mental health.

son provided some insight into his success and the importance of exercise in both physical and mental health.

Mental Health Week is a time when we can all give a bit of thought to our own mental health and to those people around us who may need a little

extra support.

Mental health contact cards can be found at many services in our area.

Please look out for one or ask your service providers for information about a service that can support you or the people you care about.

Festival success thanks to efforts behind the scenes

By KIM BOMFORD*

IT was great to see the wonderful response by residents and service providers to the recently held Spring Food Festival.

Many thousands of seedlings were taken home to be planted, new ideas about food options gained and a general sense of community and sharing of ideas provided residents with the spring to take advantage of the warmer weather.

Of course an event like this takes lots of planning and commitment and we would like to acknowledge the teams at Jordan River Services, Waterbridge, MONA 24 Carrot and Community Blitz who, along with Centacare Evolve Housing (CEH), worked behind the scenes to make this a very successful event.

Another successful event for both the community and CEH this month was the first meeting of our Community Development and Engagement Reference Group.

Resident representation is vital to the ability of this group to form a plan for the future of the community.

It is for this reason that we are so keen to add more resident voices. Please contact Sheryl on 6122 0120 if you would like more information about this work – she would love to hear from you.

Talking of spring, we are now heading into warmer weather and thoughts turn to relaxing days in the yard around the pool.

Tragically, every year a number of children drown in home swimming pools – a leading cause of accidental death in very young children.

To help prevent such tragic events, Brighton Council has strict regula-

tions about fencing for pools. Every pool where the maximum water surface area is greater than nine metres and/or the maximum water depth is greater than 30 centimetres must be fenced.

CEH policy is that residents must comply with Council requirements around fencing if you plan to have a pool on the property.

We understand that many families like the option of a pool in the backyard in summer but please help to avoid a tragedy.

Whether it's spring, summer or winter, we realise that pets are an important part of many people's lives.

If you wish to keep a pet you need permission first. Apart from assistance animals, CEH will only give permission if we believe that the type of home you live in is suitable for the type of pet you want.

Some pets are suitable in most homes (such as goldfish), while others have particular needs: a dog needs a fully fenced and enclosed yard and MUST be registered with the Council and evidence provided to CEH.

If we approve your request to keep a pet you must comply with all legal obligations for keeping the pet, care for the animal in a satisfactory manner, be responsible for controlling the animal at all times and ensure it does not disturb neighbours, become a nuisance or danger or cause damage to the property.

If you are not sure about anything relating to your tenancy just give us a call or pop into the office – we are happy to help.

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

Tourism audit to assess infrastructure needs

LYONS Liberal MHR Eric Hutchinson is calling on those involved in the tourism industry in Lyons to share their future plans with him.

The feedback will be part of an audit of tourism infrastructure in the Lyons electorate that Mr Hutchinson will conduct over the next couple of months.

The information will be handed to the appropriate government departments, such as the Department of Foreign Affairs, so that the material can be used by federal department officers when talking to potential international and national investors or making decisions about possible funding. Mr Hutchinson welcomed the

recent appointment of Tasmanian Senator Richard Colbeck as the new Federal Tourism Minister.

"It's an ideal time for Tasmania with the appointment of a new Federal Tourism Minister, to take stock of what is going on in Lyons and start planning for future opportunities," Mr Hutchinson said.

Mr Hutchinson said Senator Colbeck's appointment was good news for Tasmania at a time when there was huge potential for growth in the sector.

He said the state's tourism industry had always punched above its weight and it was important to maintain that momentum. "We have many of the most

iconic places for visitors in Lyons, like Maria Island, Mt Field National Park, Cradle Mountain and Port Arthur," he said.

Mr Hutchinson is calling on operators in Lyons to contribute to his tourism audit to build a plan for tourism expansion in the state which fits with the Federal Government's Tourism 2020 Strategy aimed at achieving Australia's tourism potential.

"I'm looking for a diverse range of information from roads to rest stops to multilingual signage to accommodation and food," he said.

He also hopes for local government input to the audit.

"We would also be encourag-

ing local government to authorise within state planning guidelines the land in their municipalities that would be suitable for tourism infrastructure," Mr Hutchinson said.

"We are looking for an audit of the gaps that exist in the tourism sector that both levels of government might put money into.

"It might be viewing platforms like the whale-watching platforms on the east coast that received federal funding last month or signage for dangerous corners for visiting motorists up to the major tourism investments proposed across Lyons."

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Greg's community conservation effort recognised

CONSERVING the environment is a message Bridgewater's Greg Bygraves is ensuring his son Jaycobb knows a lot about.

And for his efforts Greg has been nominated in the Pride of Australia Medal in the environment category.

Mr Bygraves and his 11-year-old son have helped significantly improve the condition of the banks of the Jordan River at Bridgewater through their landscaping and litter collection scheme.

The pair came up with the idea some years ago and Mr Bygraves said his son was always keen to help out.

"He's on my case all the time to go down there," he said.

"I think I've used five whippersnippers and probably three pairs of long-handled cutters doing all the branches and the big prickles. It's a beautiful spot."

The pair have helped preserve the area that is now a frequent hub for recreational activities and fishing.

Mr Bygraves had to overcome per-

sonal adversity during the project, with vandals attacking his prized bulbs at his house several times when he was out maintaining the area.

"It just takes it clean out of you," he said of the vandalism.

"They took probably 8500 bulbs of prize lilliums worth about \$40,000, which really devastated me.

"I had been collecting them for more than 20 years and they have been in the ground for about seven years.

"It is really disappointing that someone would do this when we were using some of these bulbs to beautify our own municipality.

"I'm absolutely thrilled with the nomination.

"What really motivates me is when people comment on how fantastic the river area looks now.

"A bloke pulled up on the bridge the other day and said 'Well done fella, it looks absolutely fantastic'. That really gives me a lift."

Greg said one of the main reasons for cleaning up the river area in particular was to provide a safe area for children who wanted to go there and fish.

"Clearing the grass and the weeds ensures there is no chance of snakes and makes the area safe for children. Our boys love to be there so it's all the more motivation," Greg said.

"So many people are using the river now which is fantastic and they are taking pride in it. We don't see burnt-out cars there any more and it used to be regular occurrence.

"I particularly want to thank Brighton Hardware, which is a family-owned business and which gave me a fantastic grass rake which is invaluable in what we do.

"The store also provides me with whippersniper cord to keep the grasses down."

Well done Greg. The Brighton municipality congratulates you and salutes your community spirit.



From left Jaycobb, Greg, Kalebb and Thelma alongside the Jordan River.

St Ann's provides affordable living option for seniors

A NEW affordable senior housing development from St Ann's Living is providing senior Tasmanians with the opportunity for a fulfilling and secure retirement.

St Ann's Living offers manufactured homes that are architecturally designed, customisable and designed for seniors approaching an active retirement who are looking for both financial security and the comfort of knowing their needs will be met.

St Ann's CEO Susan Parr said this was the first time in Australia that a manufactured home development had been attached to a fully accredited residential aged-care facility that could also provide home-care services, creating a unique and leading-edge solution for senior Australians.

"St Ann's Living is not a retirement village. This is a genuine alternative for people on lower to middle incomes who are planning for their later years and looking for security of tenure,"

Ms Parr said.

"St Ann's Living is an expansion of our pioneering Verve development in Old Beach, which opened in 2011 and quickly became a model for Australian aged-care providers."

Ms Parr said St Ann's Living homes were affordable because they separated ownership of the land from the ownership of the home, so anyone purchasing a home entered into a 49-year lease for exclusive occupancy.

"With no land to purchase and no rates to pay, this makes your home more affordable and frees up more of your money for other things – like enjoying an active life," she said.

"This is a cost-effective opportunity to be part of a secure and caring community, which can provide you with a range of services as you age, including a place in a fully accredited residential aged-care facility, should you ever need it."

St Ann's Homes has long been a leader in services and



From left, St Ann's CEO Susan Parr, iRetire developers Wayne Rogers and Denis Celata, with Brighton Mayor Tony Foster.

care, providing a range of community services, independent community living and residential aged care to clients, and developing innovative solutions to enable people to enjoy their later years in comfort and financial security.

To create St Ann's Living, St Ann's Homes has formed a partnership with the iRetire Living Group, a business that shares its philosophy of providing affordable living solutions for senior Tasmanians.

As part of the partnership agreement, St Ann's Living guarantees that all homes will be manufactured in Tas-

mania providing significant work for local businesses.

Brighton Mayor Tony Foster said he was pleased Brighton would be home for St Ann's Living.

"St Ann's is the largest employer in Brighton and works closely with Brighton Council to provide events and services that support the community," Cr Foster said.

"One of the most impressive aspects of this development is that St Ann's Living is providing financial security for people in lower and middle income brackets, which is widely acknowledged as a problem for an aging Aus-

tralia.

"In this case, private enterprise is providing an innovative solution to aged care without any burden on the taxpayer.

"We expect St Ann's Living will make a wonderful addition to the Brighton community."

For more information visit www.stannsliving.com.au.

New pilot program helps families with child care problems

LYONS Liberal MHR Eric Hutchinson is urging those interested in becoming involved in the new national nanny pilot program to apply now before it's too late.

The pilot has been designed to help families who struggle to access child care because of where they live or the hours they work.

"This should be of particular interest to Tasmanians who work shiftwork in emergency services like police or nurses and those who live in regional areas where there might not be child care services," Mr Hutchinson said.

"The nanny pilot program is a great opportunity for parents who need flexible care such as a nanny in order to work or get to work."

Families are eligible for the Federal Government's nanny pilot program if they earn less than \$250,000, both parents work, train or study at least eight hours a fortnight and at least one parent is an Australian citizen or permanent resident.

The nanny pilot program is part of the \$40 billion the Federal Government is investing in child care and early learning over the next four years, including an extra \$3.5 billion into the Jobs for Families package to make child care simpler and more affordable and flexible for families.

Applications for families and more information can be obtained from www.dss.gov.au/nannypilot or by phoning 1800 249 873.

New literacy and numeracy strategy

THE State Government has announced a 10-year strategy to improve adult literacy and numeracy. *26TEN Tasmania: Tasmania's Strategy for Adult Literacy and Numeracy 2016-2025* sets an ambitious new direction to improve adult literacy and numeracy.

The strategy replaces the previous five-year *Adult Literacy Action Plan 2010-2015* which gave rise to 26TEN, a network of organisations and individuals working together to improve adult literacy and numeracy.

Education Minister Jeremy Rockliff said the new strategy would allow 26TEN to engage with a broader cross-section of the Tasmanian community and send a message about the importance of adult

literacy and numeracy to even more.

"The strategy provides a framework to help business, community groups, government, education and training providers and individuals to work together to ensure all adults have the reading, writing, numeracy and communications skills they need for life and work," Mr Rockliff said.

"The Tasmanian Government is committed to funding this strategy and is providing \$4.5 million to fund the direct provision of literacy and numeracy support to adults through LINC Tasmania and through a 26TEN grants program and to supporting 26TEN with financial and human resources."

Last financial year more than 2250

adults received individual literacy support from 26TEN tutors through LINC Tasmania, more than 1900 received assistance based on individual learning plans and a further 343 took part in literacy group programs.

Six new members have been appointed to the 26TEN coalition. They are Malcom Wells, education sector; Tim Tierney, legal sector; Mellissa Gray, State Government sector; Angela Ross, media sector; Tanya Denison, civil construction sector; and Daryl Quilliam from local government who will also take on the role of chairman.

They join existing members Siobhan Gaskell, Mary Bent, Royce Fairbrother and Jo Crothers.

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Free HARD & GREEN WASTE

Next collection week: starting December 1, 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

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

Please do not endanger Council staff by leaving out broken glass, asbestos or chemicals.

For more information on this service, phone Brighton Council on 6268 7000.
Remember this free service is available only to residents who currently receive kerbside collection.

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After School Hours Care

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Anglicare Family Mental Health Support Service

A family support worker is available to support/see people from the Bridgewater and Gagebrook Community Centres by phoning 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 Meals on Wheels

Brighton Meals on Wheels invites all drivers and previous volunteers to Pontville CWA Rooms on Tuesday September 8 at 1.30pm for afternoon tea and a chat. Everyone is welcome.

Brighton Playcentre/Playgroup

Holds Playgroup sessions for children (0 to 5 years) each Monday and Friday 9.30-11.30am. at 42 Dollery 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

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

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 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.

Family Tree

James Richard Thornton born 31.19.1914 died 11.3.72 Wife Alice, sons Robert James, Barry, David. If any family is interested in ancestry contact Brenda 6263 7285.

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.

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

Bridgewater PCYC Judo Club now training Mondays 4.30-5.30pm and intermediate class from 5.45-7pm and Thursdays 6.30-8pm. 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 gather at 6pm for 6.30pm with the opportunity for a meal if you are inclined. Brighton Lions organise Brighton Community Carols and do other work in the community. We welcome new members. Call Roger Joseph on 0419 558 421 or Tony Hudson on 0410 626 710.

Meals on Wheels

Always need volunteer drivers and helpers. Delivery of meals one to two hours, most volunteers are only rostered once a month, petrol allowance offered, training provided, insurance coverage provided. Being a volunteer gives a sense of satisfaction by helping the community. Phone 6268 0559.

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.

Northern Suburbs Junior Soccer Association

NSJSA is a not-for-profit organisation and our area includes New Norfolk, Bagdad, Brighton and the northern suburbs of Hobart. There are two teams in the Brighton area – Derwent United and Brighton – and games are played Friday nights and Saturday mornings. Age groups are under-six to under-12. All contact information is on the website for clubs at www.nsjsa.org.au. Any queries please call Chris on 0407 579 039.

Old Beach Cricket Club Inc

All past and new players welcome at the Cloak Oval, Jetty Rd, Old Beach. Enquiries to oldbeachcricketclub@gmail.com

Oral Health Services

Oral Health Services Tasmania provides FREE dental examinations and preventive care to all children under the age of 18. If treatment is required, it is FREE for the children of a current Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card holder. For all other children a co-payment is charged for treatment. Phone for an appointment 6268 4270.

Papercraft

Cardmaking and scrapbooking classes in Brighton, Bridgewater and Claremont on regular monthly

basis – day and evening. Join us at our workshops where we share with you some clever ideas using 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 Sorell 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. Thursdays at 11am 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. Tuesdays 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.

Teeth grinding a common occurrence

By DR BADRUN NISA SINGH*

TEETH grinding (bruxism) is the involuntary clenching or grinding of the teeth. It generally happens during sleep but some people experience it when they are awake.

Teeth grinding can cause a range of oral health problems which may include:

- Cracked tooth enamel.
- Excessive wear and tear on the teeth.
- Broken teeth or fillings.
- Strain on the joints and soft tissue of the jaw joint.
- Rarely, it can cause enlargement of the jaw muscle.

The signs and symptoms of teeth grinding include grinding sounds while the person is asleep, headache, jaw joint or ear pain, aching teeth – particularly upon waking, aching or stiffness of the face and temples upon waking, aching or stiffness in



***Dr Badrun Nisa Singh is a practising dentist at the Brighton Dentist Clinic in the Brighton Medical Centre.**

the jaws while chewing – particularly during breakfast, clenching the jaw when angry, anxious or concentrating, sensitive teeth, cracked or chipped tooth enamel,

tooth indentations on the tongue, raised tissue on the inner surfaces of the cheeks caused by cheek biting, or loose, wobbly teeth.

Some of the factors that may trigger grinding include emotional stress, such as anger or anxiety, mental concentration, physical effort or stress, such as illness, nutritional deficiency or dehydration, incorrect tooth alignment, drug misuse (particularly amphetamines), and eruption of teeth (babies and children).

If you think you may be grinding your teeth, see your oral health professional as soon as possible.

They will examine your teeth and may take x-rays to check the severity of the problem and the damage done to teeth and bone.

They might also suggest some therapy to assist in removal or reduction in the habit.

Many children grind their teeth at some stage.

Some children clench their jaws quite firmly. Others grind so hard that it makes a noise.

Children will not usually be woken up by the sound of their own teeth grinding but the sound can be disturbing to parents and caregivers.

In most cases, children who grind their teeth don't cause any damage to their

teeth.

In only a few very extreme cases where the grinding is very regular is it likely that your child could cause damage to teeth.

Your dentist can provide you with advice and information if you are concerned about a grinding habit.

In some cases, a special 'night guard' may be necessary for patients who grind their teeth.



2015 Immunisation Clinics

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

**Bridgewater Health Clinic
Green Point Rd
between 2pm - 3pm**

Clinic for remainder of 2015

December 7

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



LEARNING *in my Community*



Festival focus on all the fun of the fare

By GWEN HARPER*

AFTER many months of planning, the Spring Food Festival sprang into life at the Gagebrook Community Centre last month.

The idea for the festival was to raise awareness of healthy food options, the profile of Waterbridge Food Co-op and launch the 24 Carrot/Community Blitz My Vegie Patch project.

Festival-goers were tempted with a variety of delicious healthy food options and by thousands of vegetable seeds, seedlings and kitchen garden plants on offer.

The festival organisers, Waterbridge Food Co-op, Centacare Evolve Housing, MONA 24 Carrot Gardens and Community Blitz, were delighted that more than 450 people showed up on the day.

The fact that so many



Dennis Crispin from Community Blitz gets the balloons sorted for the festival.

people turned up to support our festival is a great tribute to the organisations that helped make it happen – Jordan River Service, Vinnies Growth Centre, Loui's Van, Youth off the Streets, Red Cross, tagari lia, Colony 47, the list goes on.

It was an amazing example of what can be done

when so many organisations come together.

Major drawcards for the festival were the door prizes with 10 My Vegie Patch kitchen garden kits won throughout the day.

My Vegie Patch kits consist of an apple crate garden bed, soil, edible seedlings and gardening equipment, all designed to make growing edible food at home easy, attractive and fun for families.

My Vegie Patch runs in conjunction with the MONA 24 Carrot garden program at Gagebrook Primary, Herdsman's Cove Primary and East Derwent Primary Schools, is funded by Community Blitz, and supported by the local community centres and Vinnies Growth Centre.

There are 50 kitchen garden kits in total so expect to see them popping up all over the place.

Another runaway festival success was the cooking demonstrations hosted by MONA chef Tony Caruthers.

His healthy 'cook once, eat twice' recipes were a real hit with the audiences and his three recipes can be found on www.waterbridge-food.org/kitchen/.

Kids and adults alike also loved Snakes Alive, Mrs Posie Flowers, face painting and the balloon artist in the children's entertainment zone.

The weather was perfect for showcasing gardening-focused businesses and organisations. Waterbridge, Tasmanian Horticultural and Landscape Supplies and Jordan River Learning Federation Farm School all ran gardening demonstrations to show how easy it is to grow a kitchen garden at home.

But it was the healthy



Young festival-goers eat some freshly picked peas from the Waterbridge Garden.

food on offer that wowed so many festival goers, with two gourmet food vans, Big Henry's Food Truck and Sip

& Spoon, tempting everyone with sweet potato fries, spicy fried broccoli popcorn and delicious, guilt-free smoothies and desserts.

Herdsman's Cove Primary also cooked delicious, healthy barbecue burgers containing lots of 'hidden vegetables' and was the first food stall to sell out.

The Waterbridge Pantry saw a large amount of visitors enjoying their cheap fresh fruit and vegetables with many people visiting the pantry for the first time.

"We were thrilled to see so many new faces," said Natasha Turner, Waterbridge Pantry officer.

"It's local people coming

to our pantry that will keep our food co-op open after grant funding ceases next June."

The pantry is part of Waterbridge Food Co-op, who also run gardening and cooking programs for local community members.

Community Blitz and Waterbridge Food Co-op are funded by the Australian Government through Primary Health Tasmania.

For more information on their projects, events and activities and an overview of their partners visit www.waterbridgefood.org or *

*Gwen Harper is project manager of the Waterbridge Food Co-op



Emma Szabados from Tas Horticulture and Landscape Supplies helped with festival bunting on the garden row.



East Derwent Primary School students brought their drums to add to the festival vibe.

Viewing poverty through our children's eyes

THE Salvation Army as the facilitating partner for Communities for Children in south-east Tasmania coordinated an Anti-Poverty Week arts exhibition, *Through the Eyes of Our Children* last month at the Brighton Civic Centre.

This exhibition featured artwork from children in grades 3-6 at Bagdad Primary, Bothwell District High, East Derwent Primary, Fairview Primary, Kennerley and New Norfolk Primary.

Artwork showcased how the children view the world they currently live in and how they would like to see the world in the future.

It included pegboard collages, PowerPoint presen-

tations, paper jewellery, photographs, paintings, performance, papier mache and a poetry book.

There was also an *Airing our Dirty Laundry* display by the Young People's Community Network, Brighton.

The book of poetry, entitled *Through the Eyes of Our Children: Our Ponders about Poverty*, was written and illustrated by New Norfolk Primary School students from grades three to six, and developed and produced by Communities for Children.

The children's poetry illustrates how they view poverty on a local and international scale. The poems contained within are thought-provoking and honest.



Proud Bagdad Primary School students with their artwork.

A performance by the East Derwent Primary School girls' vocal group was the opening act for the exhibition.

A special thank-you to Ethan, Zac and Lily for read-

ing their poems on the day.

Thank you to the Commissioner for Children, Mark Morrissey, who opened the event and to John X for being the master of ceremonies.

Seniors resume for last sessions of year

By SHIRLEY MCKERROW

AFTER an interesting and informative year, Bridgewater School for Seniors has begun the last group of meetings for 2015.

The year included celebrations for our 10th anniversary and a Christmas in July lunch at the Crown Inn, Pontville.

We had 'Tea with Harriett' at Runnymede in New Town and later in the year a visit to Narryna, a striking heritage home in Battery Point.

We have enjoyed listening to speakers on a wide range of topics and wel-

comed new speakers as well as those who give up their time to visit us on a regular basis.

On our first meeting back after a three-week break, students from the Jordan River Federation gave us a presentation on the advantages of wearing a Fitbit to monitor our health and activity progress then helped those members who needed assistance with iPads, tablets and mobile phones.

Other topics on the program include Nan Chauncey's Travelling Suitcase, a visit to a restored church in Old Beach, a presentation on the Milky Way and a discussion on the Swinging Sixties.

This last term has only eight weeks so we will finish with an end-of-year lunch on December 8 at a venue to be decided.

Thanks go to all those who make our meetings enjoyable, especially the committee members and the members who organise the morning teas.

If you are interested in joining Bridgewater School for Seniors you still can do so for the rest of the meetings this year or when meetings resume at the start of the school year in 2016.

For information ring Shirley on 6368 0842 or Geoff on 6373 2395.

Students inspired by top business women

TWO outstanding Jordan River Federation Senior School College students were recently given the opportunity to attend the Telstra Business Women of the Year event.

Such a prestigious event will have unlimited benefits for Sharnie Clark and Heather Fletcher, the two young women who were selected from JRLF Senior School.

Meeting brilliant business women and hearing their stories was truly inspirational.

Both girls who are in year

12, were delighted with the evening and enjoyed meeting many of the inspirational women who had many stories to tell about their careers, jobs, interests and passions.

Such opportunities do not occur very often and JRLF congratulates the Telstra Business Women's Awards schools program which has a focus on motivating and encouraging young women to achieve their goals, not giving up and making lifelong connections.

JRLF Senior School students look forward to being invited again next year.



Brighton Council



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is given that the annual general meeting of the Brighton Council will be held at 5pm on Tuesday, December 15 2015, in the Council Chambers, Council Offices, Old Beach

ANNUAL REPORT

The Annual Report can be obtained by contacting Council on 6268 7000. The report can also be viewed on Council's website www.brighton.tas.gov.au

The community is invited to make submissions in regard to the Annual Report and those submissions will close on November 30 2015, to enable them to be included on the Agenda for the Annual General Meeting.

Dated at Old Beach this 7th day of November 2015
Signed: Ron Sanderson, **GENERAL MANAGER**



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Lily Kelly proudly shows off her some of her winnings, above, as well as enjoying the company of her team mates at national competition, above right.

Lily takes aim at a berth in Paralympics

BRIGHTON'S vivacious Lily Kelly, 17, has a degenerative muscular condition but that hasn't prevented her from reaching for her life's goals.

When she was still in primary school, Kevin Faulkner, from the Paraquad Association, introduced her to playing boccia and since then Lily hasn't looked back.

She has competed in four national titles and one Victorian title. She has several medals in her classification – ramp player (BC3) – from the competitions, including gold for best junior single player 2013 and 2014.

"I'd been looking for a sport for ages that I could actually do and then boccia came along and I can do it, and I love doing it," Lily said.

Boccia is played in more than 50 countries around the

world and it became a Paralympics sport in the 1980s.

It's a mix between lawn bowls and bocce and the aim is to get as close to the white ball or jack as possible. People with similar disabilities compete against each other and those like Lily who can't throw the ball use a ramp.

"It's not just aiming up for the white ball, you don't really know what your competitor is going to do next shot, so it's always good to get your good shot in first," Lily said.

She has someone helping her move the ramp but they can't help aim.

"The ramp assistant has to have their back to the game at all times; they can't ask the athlete any questions. What it comes down to is the athlete is in control," Kevin Faulkner said.



Lily's ramp assistant is her dad Mark.

"Every time the ball goes down the ramp you just want to go and have a look but you're not allowed to look, not allowed to speak," Mark said.

Lily's done pretty well in the sport since taking up boccia two years ago.

"She was soon spotted by the Australian Paralympics Committee and put in a training program. But her sights are firmly on Brazil for the Rio de Janeiro Paralympic Games next year.

"I would like to go to the Rio games but need more competition before that happens," Lily said.

Kevin said: "From when she started playing to now, her understanding of the game strategically and competitively, she's got that glint in her eye when she's playing that she's here to win and do her best."

He hopes to see boccia played by more children who can't take part in other sports. He's been going around to schools showing them how to play the game.

"My goal is just basically to give people with disabilities the opportunity to play sport and if I find a person who goes on to be a Paralympian then even better," he said.

On November 14, the first Tasmanian boccia titles will be held at the Moonah Sports Stadium.

Players from throughout Tasmania, and interstate will be competing in different classifications.

It should be a great event so go along and support our young athletes like Lily.

Basketball tournament a slam-dunk success

By JAYDEN THORTON

IN September, Bridgewater PCYC, supported by Smart City Hobart and SeaFM, hosted a three-on-three basketball tournament.

The tournament was a massive success on the night with the attendance of more than 70 people.

The competition saw a mixture of local youth and men playing together competing in an elimination set-up with the grand final winners each taking home a

\$100 voucher and a basketball, supplied by Smart City.

We would like to thank everyone who made this night a success: the players and the spectators, Hobart Chargers' Tom Wright and Arop Majok, Ron Lambert and all the guys from Smart City Hobart, SEAFM's Caitlin McCormack for commenting the games and PCYC's Allan Matcham for putting in a tremendous effort to organise this great event.



Minister for Police and Emergency Management Rene Hidding officially launched the new artificial green at the Brighton Bowls and Community Club.

New greens launched as club continues transition

By VAN RANSLEY

ALMOST 100 members and guests witnessed the Minister for Police and Emergency Management and Infrastructure, Rene Hidding, send down the first official bowl on the Brighton Bowls and Community Club's new artificial green, after declaring it officially open late last month.

After club stalwart and former long-serving secretary June Latham had perfectly rolled the first official kitty, Mr Hidding's bowl was a reasonable attempt for a first effort.

During his opening speech, Mr Hidding congratulated the club on its initia-

tive as it transitions from catering for bowls only to a community entertainment and activity hub.

He said he was pleased to see the result of the government's financial contribution through Sport and Recreation's grant program towards the cost of replacing the green and spoke of the government's interest in the club's changed strategy, which he noted still required funding support to bring it to completion.

In introducing Mr Hidding, club president Ross Howard paid tribute to the present and former club members who had collectively and continuously

strived to improve the club's viability, thereby enabling it to provide the balance of funding for the project, which includes an access ramp enabling the mobility-challenged to access the green.

Mr Howard spoke of the immense contribution of the club's dedicated volunteers who, through assiduous attention to the previous green, had enabled it to be used for almost double its anticipated life.

The club entertained visitors and VIPs, including club sponsors Craig Farrell MLC, Deputy Mayor Barbara Curran, Mark Shelton MHA and Eric Hutchinson MHR.

Flying Paws brings dog sport to Brighton

TASSIE Flying Paws Dog Club (TFP) is now at the Pontville Oval at Brighton every Sunday.

Currently the club focuses on flyball but will expand to other dog sports in the future.

Flyball consists of a relay race between two teams of four dogs.

Each dog must jump over four hurdles, retrieve a ball by triggering a flyball box pedal and then return over the hurdles to the start/finish line.

Flyball is a canine team sport which is founded on the activities that dogs love to do – run, jump, fetch, retrieve, compete and, most of all, to please their owners. There is no discrimina-

tion in flyball. Any dog, regardless of breed, size, shape or formal training, can participate and join in the fun.

If you would like to come and see flyball in action or think you and your dog may be interested, come along on Sundays to Pontville Oval.

Team dogs run at 10am followed by intermediate and beginners.

Beginners are welcome to arrive at 10am to watch the flyball team dogs in action and to socialise their dogs. The cost is \$3 every Sunday.

For further information contact Greg, head trainer, on 0457 328 372, Helen, co-ordinator, on 0409 946 705 or email iloveflyball@gmail.com.

Council donation helps Eagles Cricket Club soar

BRIGHTON Council has made a donation to the Brighton Eagles Cricket Club to help the club buy uniforms for both its senior teams and its recently formed under-13s side.

The club has about 40 registered players including under-13s.

It also has eight players ranging in age from 12 to 24 who have never played cricket before.

President Scott Arnold said it was club's aim for next season to have three senior teams including first grade and at least two junior teams

including under-11s.

"Thompson Oval is now being used both Saturday and Sundays on a weekly basis, up from once a fortnight last season, which has also helped us raise all-important funds through our canteen, and hopefully providing revenue for the council," Mr Arnold said.

"On behalf of all concerned with the Brighton Eagles Cricket Club we thank Council for its support as we look to continue to build cricketing opportunities for those in the Brighton municipality."

LOCAL CHURCH SERVICES

ANGLICAN PARISH OF BRIGHTON

Rev. Rod Curtain Ph 6263 7700 or 0406 004 501 St Mark's, Pontville
Every Sunday: 10.30 am, 2nd Wednesday: 11.30 am
St George's, Old Beach
Every Sunday: 9am
St Thomas's, Tea Tree
2nd and 4th Sundays: 9am

BRIDGEWATER-BRIGHTON

CATHOLIC PARISH
Fr Leo Ph 6263 6242
St Paul's, Bridgewater
Vigil: 6pm. Sunday 9am
Weekly Mass Tues-Thurs 9am, Fri 12 noon.
St Matthew's Pontville
1st Sunday: 10.30 am (Rosary 10.10am)

NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN CENTRE

Brighton Civic Centre, Green Point Rd
Pastor Brian Edwards Ph 0458 505 070
Every Sunday: 10.30am

UNITING CHURCH – GAGEBROOK

Ph 6263 5100
Every Sunday: 10am