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AUSSIE CELEBRATION AT ESPLANADE

Australia Day was marked this year on January 26, with a family and community event at the Esplanade in New Norfolk. A 10 kilometre fun run and walk, organised by the Road Runners group, set the tone for the day. In bright sunshine, locals and visitors enjoyed the spectacle of a children's colour fun run, free barbecue, games, dragon boat and community group displays, music from the Derwent Valley Concert Band and an address from Australia Day Ambassador, Dr Ian Wilson. Two local residents received their citizenship in a ceremony conducted by Mayor Evans. For more on the Australia Day event, including images of the celebration, visit our website: derwentvalley.tas.gov.au



Citizens of the year Perri King (left) and Paul McMaster



The crowd went wild for our first colour fun run

MAYOR'S WELCOME

It's with great pleasure that I introduce to you this first edition of the DVC, one of the suite of communication tools we'll be rolling out at Derwent Valley Council this year.

DVC will be produced as a quarterly publication, to be mailed with rates notices. You'll also find it on our website, and at local stores, post offices and LINC's throughout the Derwent Valley.

My Councillor colleagues and I believe this newsletter is a useful way to stay in touch with our community, so please let us know what you think of this idea - contact us at: dvcouncil@dvc.tas.gov.au.

This year we'll be looking at the different communication channels to find the most effective way to connect with you. May I wish you and your loved ones a happy new year in 2018, filled with opportunities and positive community connections.
Martyn Evans, Mayor



Mayor Martyn Evans

GENERAL MANAGER'S NEWS



Changing the face of our town - bollard replacement

2017 was a year filled with future-focus and continuous improvement at Derwent Valley Council. Our organisation rolled out a range of capital works activities across the municipality. I was pleased to welcome two senior managers to the team, so we could better support and guide staff and processes at the Council and we were also busy working on our built facilities and ensuring our service contractors were operating in the most efficient manner, providing the services our community needs into the future. The PCYC appointed a manager, with a passion for promoting health in young people and we welcomed development applications for several new businesses.

This year we'll continue to examine our processes and make continuous improvements to our services.

We're always pleased to connect with you. Thanks for taking the time to read this newsletter and we hope you will find it useful. If you have ideas for items you'd like to see included in this quarterly publication, please contact us at the Council office in Circle Street, New Norfolk, call us on 62618500 or drop us a line at: dvcouncil@dvc.tas.gov.au.

Happy New Year!

Greg Winton, General Manager

MANAGING OUR STRUCTURES

A contract has been awarded for the ongoing maintenance works for Council infrastructure in Maydena and Westerway. The contractor will provide daily management of public toilets, rubbish collection and provide first response activity for road alerts and removal of driving hazards.

DESTINATION ACTION PLAN LAUNCHED

The Derwent Valley has developed a Destination Action Plan (DAP) which outlines ways for the local tourist industry to improve the visitor experience in the region over the next three years. Funded by the Tasmanian government and facilitated by tourism industry group Destination Southern Tasmania, the DAP is the result of a shared information and cooperation between tourism operators in the region and represents the local industry's vision for a great visitor experience in the Derwent Valley. The launch was held at beautiful Glen Derwent in New Norfolk, with industry speakers sharing their stories of tourism business development in the Derwent Valley.

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Launch attendees enjoyed high tea at Glen Derwent

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OUR VALLEY'S YEAR

The Annual Report for the Derwent Valley Council is a record of achievements and challenges from the past year, and a tool to measure ourselves as an organisation, against our stated goals.

The 2016/17 year was one of a steady progress towards corporate consolidation and strength through an examination of Council practices and processes, and formation of new policies and procedures to better serve our community.

It's our responsibility to make decisions about issues which affect the daily lives of our community. In 2016/17, we focussed on what matters to the people we serve.

Our Annual Report can be viewed in detail on our website: derwentvalley.tas.gov.au

VALLEY HOSTS SPECIAL EVENTS

Activities and events add much to the liveability of our region. Promoters attracted by the beautiful scenery and our enviable lifestyle have recently visited the Valley with new events not previously seen in Tasmania.

Our annual Autumn Festival, music performances by the Derwent Valley Concert Band, the Medieval Festival, a new street market in New Norfolk, the Relay for Life, the Christmas Parade and Carols by Candlelight and in February this year, Obstasplash at Tynwald Park.

Your Council supports events in-kind with planning and safety services, grounds maintenance, waste collection and traffic management. Register your event on our website: derwentvalley.tas.gov.au and search for the events calendar under our Council tab.

MAYDENA SPINS ITS WHEELS

Maydena was abuzz on Australia Day, with the opening of the long-awaited Bike Park, reputed to be the prime gravity bike trail riding experience in the state. The range of trails includes tough enduro and various other designs and levels of challenge. The opening of the park has created over ten local jobs, tourism infrastructure and much excitement in Maydena. Visit the Maydena Bike Park Facebook page for information on the stage one trails map.

NEW RECYCLING CONTRACT

Veolia has been awarded a contract to deliver waste collection services to residents of the Derwent Valley. This contract is in addition to the current contract held with Council to manage recycled waste collection.

The company provides services to industry, government and community nationally and states that it aims to provide a range of sustainable, resource-based solutions to optimise environmental social and economic efficiency.

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Our Children's Services staff in the new gardens at the Valley Children's Centre

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ROADS OUR FOCUS

Derwent Valley Council provides and maintains an extensive network of roads over an area of 4,111 square kilometres. The planned road works for this financial year will be mainly road rehabilitation for existing roads, with one project also including some stormwater improvement work. Our objectives for the works are to maximise the life expectancy of the roads and to improve the liveability of our municipality.

Your Council has a commitment to providing and managing numerous assets, helping local industries to thrive and continuing to improve and enhance local infrastructure.

HUMPHREY STREET CHANGES

Council is changing conditions for vehicle traffic on the link road between Humphrey Street and Council's Works Depot car park. The street will be changed to one-way for traffic access, entering off Humphrey Street (travelling uphill).

Watch out for the new street signs telling you about the change. For more information on the change, visit our website: derwentvalley.tas.gov.au

FAIRVIEW SAFER ROADS FOR STUDENTS

Fairview Primary School in New Norfolk has been consulting with Council officers over traffic queuing and parking problems around the school zone during peak times before and after school.

We'll be updating street signs and road markings and holding an information and education campaign, with support from local Police and the school to increase vigilance from motorists travelling in the area during the first term.

Changes to the signage and road markings in the area will ensure the bottlenecks and road crossing dangers of previous years will be addressed.

Students, particularly primary school students, are vulnerable road users and should be approached with care by motorists, according to Council's Senior Manager Richard Blackwell.

"We've met with the School Principal to discuss the road dangers for young school children and worked on developing safer and more accessible school zones" Richard said. For more information on the changes visit our website: derwentvalley.tas.gov.au

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