BRIGHTON Council has started the major project of updating the 2019-2029 strategy plan for the municipality.

Following the development of comprehensive briefing documents in December last year, a key workshop was held in early February involving councillors, council executive team members and other staff, and key external stakeholders comprising local business and community representatives.

The workshop was facilitated by leading business advice firm Ross & Ross. Mayor Tony Foster said the workshop covered the broad range of issues, opportunities and challenges for Brighton and identified the strategies required to meet these.

“The is a lot of work still to be done but we have identified our goals and aspirations for the next decade and beyond and determined the strategies we need to develop and implement to get the best outcome for our community,” Cr Foster said.

“Our expectation is that Brighton will grow by 30 per cent over the next 10 years and will become an important satellite city in southern Tasmania.

“This means that we must properly plan for the infrastructure, community, economic and social needs of a larger and continually growing region.

“Importantly, our 10-year strategy is predicated on Brighton Council leading change to create a more liveable community, based on a ‘can-do’ attitude, with innovation, communication, a caring and helpful nature and great civic pride.

“These attributes may already exist but we are going to build on them over the next decade.”

The workshop established four key goals with supportive strategies to be developed.

- The goals covered strengthening the community, developing Brighton as a Connector Satellite City, infrastructure development and council stability.
- Strategies to be developed ranged from improving the health and wellbeing of the community, housing development and associated facilities, environmental sustainability and increased educational capability, to business and primary industry development, strategic asset and infrastructure management, and Council financial sustainability and governance.

“Cr Foster said Brighton had achieved considerable gains over the past decade, particularly in economic and housing growth and in encouraging the diversity of public and private housing construction, as well as the provision of local infrastructure, facilities and services.

“From the Council perspective, this had been achieved under Brighton’s fair rating system that provided for the lowest rate regime in the state and capped residential rate increases at or below CPI for the past 23 years."

“We are now building for the future. We will learn from the past, as well as innovate to take advantage of new learnings and experiences and take account of the expectations of our community,” Cr Foster said.

“Our 2019-2029 Strategy Plans will embody this and I look forward to presenting this to the Brighton community on its completion.”

From left, Sheryl Rainbird from Centacare Evolve Housing, Brighton Council’s Heath Macpherson and councillors Jessica Whelan and Tennille Murtagh.

The missing link – a welcome addition to Old Beach access

The recently completed Fouche Avenue link in Old Beach, provides vehicular and pedestrian connectivity between the eastern end of Fouche Avenue (accessed from the roundabout off the East Derwent Highway) to the larger western side of Old Beach incorporating Jetty Road.

Brighton Mayor Tony Foster said the new link was a welcome addition to the area.

Apart from connecting residents on the western side of Old Beach to access the East Derwent Highway via the roundabout rather than the uncontrolled intersections of Jetty Road, it also allows easier and safer access to the local shop at the eastern end of Fouche Avenue.

“Cr Foster said the link, which has been missing since the 1990s and although a short section on the western side was completed in 2016, was recently completed and opened as part of the subdivision works undertaken by Catta Pty Ltd.

“The missing link: a welcome addition to Old Beach"
Determining priorities is greatest challenge, says new councillor

Tennille Murtagh said decision-making on issues was perhap’s the most challenging aspect of her new role.

“At the end of the day, I try to balance what’s good for the community and at the same time what will actually work,” Tennille said.

“We all have great ideas that deals but at the end of the day we have to consider the whole community and the priorities for our municipality.

I am also heartened by the feedback I get from random people I meet even when I’m out shopping.

“It’s good to hear first-hand what they have to say and what are their concerns. That makes my role really interesting and involved, and I am loving what I am doing. I am putting 100 per cent of my energy to get the best for the community that has been so much part of my life.

“I am also proud that I am the first female Councillor in Tasmania to have been elected on to a council. I believe strongly in One Nation’s principles and use them as the basis of making sure I am doing what is right for the community.

“We need to look after our community first and foremost and that is the philosophy I stand by.”

Tennille Murtagh

Brighton Lion’s Club enjoys members boom

By REV CHRIS DUFF

BRIGHTON: Lion’s Club affiliation is enjoying strong growth.

In the past three months membership has almost doubled. At our February meeting we welcomed four new Lions, with more to come at our next meeting in March.

“This is exciting for our club as new connections are made.

Eventually, being part of Lions allows me the opportunity to welcome people who I may not have met before.

My family and I are new to Tasmania and we are making it a priority to meet and get to know local people as we seek to build new friendships.

Lions is one place providing an avenue for us to build those friendships. I recently heard a statistic that it takes a minimum of two years to establish a new friendship.

One might seem like a lot of effort to some people, but friendships – and relationships in general – are too valuable to our human existence.

I remember 15 or 20 years ago asking a young teacher what he taught his students when they asked about the meaning of life, he paused and then answered calmly:

“Tell them the meaning of life is about relationships. Our relationships with God, and our relationships with each other.”

I have always thought that was a cracker of an answer and a pretty good summary of the meaning of life.

But not only that, it helps to fit seamlessly with one of Lion’s International’s core ethics.

Lions work to an ethical code for serving and caring for each other, one of the eight points within that code champions friendship.

It states: Build friendship as an end and not a means.

This proposes that Lion members should be people who are seeking to build friendships with those who may be open, willing and ready for finding companionship; and to check our own motives and desires in order to make sure we are developing friendships for the right reasons and benefit of friendship itself, and not because we have some ulterior motive that may benefit us.

And as we open our hearts to new members to Lions.

We look forward to welcoming more people to make this club a place of friendship for all our local community.

“Rev Chris Duff is a Brighton Lion’s Club board member

Safe homes, safe families roundtable

THE State Government has held the first of a series of roundtable discussions to inform both the next Safe Homes, Safe Families Action Plan and the new Sexual Violence Action Plan, both due for release this year.

The 2018-19 State Budget committed $18 million towards the next stage of Safe Homes, Safe Families, and consultations to help inform the development of this important program will be held in Burnie, Launceston and Hobart this month.
The proposed light rail service, part of the Northern Suburbs Transit Corridor project, that received $25 million funding in the Prime Minister's much-vaunted Hobart City Deal, must extend to Brighton if it is to have any chance of success.

But to achieve this, our politicians and infrastructure planners will have to start thinking 20 to 30 years ahead, instead of taking the current three-year planning cycle approach.

It is true that those making the decisions can only think of today's needs and what must be done in our next election, rather than looking to the future and planning for the community's needs over the next two or three decades and beyond.

Current thinking appears to be that the light rail will only connect Glenorchy to central Hobart. If this is the extent of the project it will be nothing more than a monotonic, wasteful and costly 'white elephant'.

Even the promised Commonwealth funding in Prime Minister Scott Morrison's Federal Budget for a $500 million northern suburbs mass transit system to extend to Brighton if it is to have a chance of succeeding and providing a sustainable public transport option for southern Tasmania.

Brighton municipality already boasts one of the fastest-growing populations in the state and with the transport issues confronting Glenorchy, Sandgate and eastern suburbs (and there were no 'silver bullet' solutions contained in the city deal), undoubtedly future growth will be to the north of the city.

Right now Brighton has no land to establish a comprehensive park-and-ride service for the necessary car parks and associated facilities as well as a young population that would use light rail to travel to and from Hobart for work, education and the like.

This information is fundamental and must be provided to enable an reasonable assessment of the viability of the proposed light rail service.

My suspicion is that all this will be problematic and the $100 million-plus to build a light rail link between Glenorchy and Hobart will be a serious underestimation.

When the required significant land acquisition is taken into account, the cost will balloon substantially, long before the first rails and sleepers are laid. What are Council's options and what would the benefits of such an infrastructure project be? Together how Council can plan for the future and abandon the three-year, attempted vote-winning infrastructure planning cycle. Let's determine what the community will look like 20 or 30 years into the future and plan and build the infrastructure that will meet those needs as well as today's requirements.

As it stands, the light rail service and the Northern Suburbs Transit Corridor project appear built on political spin and election pork-barrelling for today, a recipe hardly worthy of enthusiastic support.

But look to the future. Extend the proposal to the Brighton municipality and accompany this with detailed advice of the planned park-and-ride facilities on the route and it will become its most fervent and vocal supporter.

Tony Foster AM OAM JP Mayor

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Employment program builds its 2019 crew

AFTER a successful 2018 when more than 30 young job-seekers were able to access employment opportunities or further training, Build Up Tassie is back for 2019.

New project officer Adrian Broomball is looking forward to getting the 2019 crew under way.

Build Up Tassie is a project of the Social Impact Program (SIP) which is a collaborative initiative of the Archdiocese of Tasmania and primarily funded by CatholicCare Tasmania and Centacare Evolve Housing.

SIP aims to drive positive change and strengthen individual and community wellbeing in innovative and creative ways.

“I’m grateful for the ongoing support of Centacare Evolve Housing and in particular for its recognising that every individual’s journey is unique and requires a unique approach and I am excited to be a part of this amazing opportunity to support young community members towards meaningful employment outcomes,” Adrian said.

Build Up Tassie is a free work-readiness program for young men and women aged 15–24 from the areas of Brighton, Glenorchy and the Derwent Valley run by SIP on behalf of CatholicCare Tasmania.

“We will walk with our crew members, building their skills and confidence to transition into further training and meaningful employment,” Adrian said.

“Our commitment to all Build Up Tassie crew members is to provide a support network of work-readiness coaches as well as business and industry mentors.

“We will use our strong links with business and industry to link crew members to employment opportunities and provide ongoing support once employed, as required by each individual.”

Scholarships of up to $300 are available for crew members towards costs to help with barriers to employment.

“This could be for driving lessons, a forklift licence, first aid or other qualifications that might increase suitability for employment,” Adrian said.

“Your commitment is simply choose to turn up and have a go!”

Build Up Tassie crew members take part in a nine-week orientation program based at the Southern Central Trade Training Centre in Brighton.

“Through this program, our crew gets exposure to work sites, offices, work-related facilities and activities so that they can feel full of confidence and ready to explore the world of employment,” Adrian said.

“This year we’ll also provide space for groups to work on community projects that give them the opportunity to research, consult, develop a project plan including budgeting and then put the project into action.

“We want to provide an opportunity to give something to others and create a feeling of pride in those who take part.

“Build Up Tassie’s commitment to business and industry partners is to connect our crew to your workplace needs.

“We can also link you to financial incentive schemes to encourage employment of young local employees.”

To get involved contact Build Up Tassie project officer Adrian, on 0408 173 297 or email builduptassie@ostas.org.au

Build Up Tassie is run by SIP Brighton, Glenorchy and the Derwent Valley on behalf of CatholicCare Tasmania and Centacare Evolve Housing.

By SHERYL RANBRID

“Building homes, creating homes, growing communities are some of the top priorities of Centacare Evolve Housing. So our organisation is keen to support residents and their families to have access to affordable housing to allow them to thrive in the community. We want to create opportunities for our young people to gain work experience and to grow through this.”

Sheryl Ranbrid, CEO of Centacare Evolve Housing.

Once the property becomes vacant and maintenance work is under way, our tenancy manager starts the allocation process.

“This means generating a list of eligible applicants from the wait list who match the property’s benefits and features.

“This is part of how we create homes — by making the best fit to the tenant’s needs.

“It’s a great way to ensure our tenants have a home where they can feel safe and secure as they join our community.

“One potential tenant is identified, there’s a phone interview to confirm their circumstances have not changed before final allocation is made.

“If we can’t contact an applicant, we can’t offer them the property, so we move on to the next applicant.

“Sometimes people are quite selective in their requirements, such as only writing down one suburb rather than including the surrounding ones as well.

“The best tip our tenancy manager has for anyone on the Housing Connect wait list is to make sure all their details are kept up to date with Housing Connect.

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Brighton Industrial Estate is the centre of this major infrastructure initiative and represents a unique opportunity for business and industry development and expansion. With more than 300 hectares of grade one heavy industrial-zoned land featuring large block sizes, plus room for small and medium enterprises, the Brighton Industrial Estate represents some of the best industrial land parcels in southern Tasmania.

Brighton Council is recognised as having one of Tasmania’s most progressive local government administrations so make the Brighton Industrial Estate part of your gateway to growth.

For all inquiries and more information contact:

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THE Orange Sky Laundry mobile laundry service that usually operates from the PCYC on Wednesdays from 11.30am to 1.30pm is moving to Gagebrook Uniting Church in Tottonham Road as of Friday, March 1.

Operating times are every Friday, 11am to 1pm.

The laundry has a simple formula: it provides a platform for everyday Australians to connect through a regular laundry and shower service.

The focus is on creating a safe, positive and supportive environment for people who are too often ignored or who feel disconnected from the community. Volunteers are not social workers or experts on homelessness — they are empathetic listeners and great conversationists.

More detail can be found at orangeskylaundry.com.au/locations.

Creating homes is at forefront of CEH’s business

By SHERYL RANBRID

“The words ‘Building homes, creating homes, growing communities’ are on some of Centacare Evolve Housing’s signs and on our cars, and they tell a lot about what we do.

“You may wonder how a housing provider ‘creates homes’ as this is most often seen as a role of residents.

“For Centacare Evolve Housing, creating a home starts with the allocation process that happens when a property becomes vacant.

“Our tenancy manager considers a number of questions about the house.

‘Is the access flat or are there stairs? How many bedrooms are there? Is it close to services? Is it wheelchair friendly? Is the property in a complex and does that complex have certain requirements? ’

“This is one part of the allocation process, the other is consideration of the needs of a prospective tenant.

“Our tenants are allocated from the social housing waiting list – sometimes called the Housing Tasmania wait list – and it is managed by Housing Connect.

“Housing Connect is the first port of call for anyone seeking housing in Tasmania and it has processes for prioritising applicants.

It’s a great way to ensure our tenants have a home where they can feel safe and secure as they join our community.

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Crime Stoppers helps make everyone safer

Crime Stoppers is an independent not-for-profit organisation helping to keep your community safe. Sometimes the smallest piece of information can turn a police investigation around and sometimes that information is held by one person who prefers not to talk with the police.

It might be that they don’t want to speak with police because they are afraid or they just don’t want to get involved.

That’s where Crime Stoppers comes in. People can anonymously provide information to Crime Stoppers by phone, or online.

This anonymity means that all callers or online reporters keep their identity secret and they will not be required to talk to the police to share their evidence.

In 1976, Greg MacAleece, a detective in the city of New Mexico, USA, had used up all possible leads in a pure case and decided to take a unorthodox approach.

Michael Carmen was only two weeks away from getting married and had taken an extra shift at the petrol station to give a co-worker the night off.

When police responded to an emergency call they found Carmen, shot in the stomach at point blank range with a 12-gauge shotgun.

No witnesses came forward and it appeared the sensation and brutal shaming would remain a mystery, even though it was a case that should have outraged the community and produced many witnesses.

Detective MacAleece arranged for a re-enactment of the murder to be shown on a local TV station and invited viewers to call him with information.

In return he offered them anonymity and the possibility of a cash reward if the information led to an arrest.

An arrest was made within five days of the re-enactment being shown – and Crime Stoppers was born.

Today there are more than 1700 Crime Stoppers services worldwide, including one in every Australian state and territory.

Crime Stoppers in Australia was started in 1987 and the program began in Tasmania in 1994.

Crime Stoppers combats the three major problems faced by the police in getting crime-solving information: reluctance to get involved, fear of backyard and laziness.

Crime Stoppers overcomes these barriers by offering an ability to provide information in Tasmania in 1994 includes calling 1800 333 000 or online at crimestoppers.tas.com.au.

It’s then just about the information – not who and where it comes from.

As another incentive, Crime Stoppers offers rewards if the information you provide leads to the charging or arrest of offenders, the recovery of stolen property or the seizure of drugs.

To claim a reward, eligible callers are provided with a unique code number to facilitate a payment from a participating bank. These rewards are thereby also paid anonymously and do not require the informant to give their name when collecting the payment.

What’s Crime Stoppers track record?

Reports to Crime Stoppers have helped create a safer Tasmania. Their contribution since they started in Tasmania in 1994 includes:

• Received more than 361,000 tips.

Fun event planned to build community connections

DO you know what services are available for you and your family in the area?

The Community Connections in our Hoon event will help answer this and more for you.

It is a free event with lots of service groups attending and lots of free activities and information.

This expo is being held in conjunction with Neighbourhood Day, which this year has a focus on kindness.

The Brighton Library will also host its popular Makers Market and Brighton Lions Club will cook up a free sausage sizzle.

There will also be a lucky door prize draw, giving you extra reason to come along.

A photo competition is being run in conjunction with the event and community members are being urged to vote for entries while at the event.

This is a free event which will be held at the Brighton Civic Centre in Green Point Road (the building in front of the library) from 10am until 2pm on Thursday, March 28.

Come along for lots of information and fun.

To keep up to date on this event check out the Facebook page: Community Connections in our Hoon.
All contributors to the Brighton Community News calendar for 2019 are asked to check their entries (below) carefully and send any changes to editions@brightoncommunitynews.com.au or phone 6268 8404.

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6268 0453

Family dental practice in Brighton offering: Smileyplan – an interest free dental payment plan

Call us to find out more
Tel: 6268 0453

**Brighton Meals on Wheels**

Address: 302-304 Grand Parade, Brighton. Phone 6268 0959 or 1800 696 959 for a meal. Meals are always required to deliver meals. Please contact 6268 0959 if you are interested or for further information. A police check is required, which is organised and paid for by MOA Tasmania.

**Brighton Playgroup**

Held playgroups sessions for children aged 0-4 years. Monday from 10.30-11.30am during school terms at 42 Dockey Court, Brighton. For more information please phone the centre on 6268 1981, or visit our Facebook page. Free for families who need or offers free training to new volunteers to meet these needs. A light tea is provided at all training sessions. Contact Mary Thorns on 6221 2381.

**Brighton Workshop**

Meet Tuesday each month, phone 6268 0959 or 1800 696 959 for a meal. Meals are always required to deliver meals. Please contact 6268 0959 if you are interested or for further information. A police check is required, which is organised and paid for by MOA Tasmania.

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Monday, 5pm, Gagebrook Primary School (in the old school); St Paul’s Play2Learn: (school terms) 9-11am at St Paul’s school. 11am-1pm at the Bridgewater Primary School. Details available on 6268 8404.

**Bridgewater PCYC**

Monday 11-1pm. For further information please phone 6268 3658 or just turn up.

**Bridgewater PCYC Judo Club**

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**Brighton**

Bridgewater PCYC is available to support/see people of all ages, and is open to anyone doing it tough or over the age of 18. It is also open to new members. For more information contact Barbara Jordan on 6268 0559 or 1800 696 959.

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Listening and learning with 1000 voices

By JOSEELLE GRIFFIN*

Owning, the next few years you will be hearing about an initiative in Bridgewater, Gagebrook and Bridgetown that is focusing on supporting our community to create the best start to life for our youngest children.

At tagari lia Child and Family Centre there is a backbone team that is undertaking this work but we want to support the community to lead any change that is needed.

1000 Voices is about listening and learning from our community. In the first instance we are aiming to get 1000 voices from parents and from children.

We have made six meetings for this community this year to get feedback and help to understand what families want for young children and what is needed to make a difference.

To date our community con-

New college program prepares students for university study

AN exciting new initiative at Claremont College this year is the Claremont College Academic Pathways program (CCAP) which is designed to mentor and support students in a uni-

The topics are varied and aimed to cater to a variety of interests. Usually there is a bus trip each term and the terms coincide with the four school terms.

School for Seniors launches into new year

By SHIRLEY MCKERROW

BRIDGEWATER School for Seniors began meeting for this year in the second week of February with a welcome back morning tea that was enjoyed by all participants.

We then listened to one of our members describe his experiences on a recent cruise that started in China and made its way back to Australia via visits to the best places of interest. It was a very enjoyable morning.

The topics include a selection of speakers and interesting topics and will include a trip to historic Hobart church and a quiz session. School for Seniors as a title for the group sounds very formal but the meetings are not as class in the school system but a place where all members can meet and enjoy the company of others as well as listening to an interesting speaker each week.

The best place to start is to eat veggies as part of your meals and snacks. If your family eats them, your child will too.

By ALISON WARD*

YOU want to give your kids the best start and it’s easy to get caught up in what your child is or isn’t eating but the long-term goal is for your child to have a healthy relationship with all food.

Vegetables have an important role in nourishing our bodies but they’re only one part of the variety of foods we need to be healthy.

Thinking about food this way helps reduce the pressure on you and your child.

The best place to start is to eat veggies as part of your meals and snacks. If your family eats them, eventually your child will, too. For some kids this is a nicker journey than for others.

Here are some ways we can all eat veggies everyday:

- Add vegetables to dishes for taste and texture, such as pasta saucers, soups and casseroles.
- Base some meals around veg-

ges, such as filled jacket potatoes, stir-fries, vegetable fritters, salads with roasted pumpkin, cauliflower or chilekokes.
- Cucumber, capsicum or carrot served raw with a dip like hummus makes a good snack.
- Make vegetable dips. Add grated cucumber to yoghurt with lemon juice and oil, blend hotmato or carrot to canned chickpeas and olive oil to make colourful hummus. For flavour add tahini, cumin or lemon juice.
- Snack plates with chopped veg-

ettes are great for hungry kids, especially for pre-dinner hunger. For kids under three make food safe by grating, mashing and cooking.
- Mix it up. Try new food and recipes to help keep it interesting. Kids may not eat at first but don’t give up if the family enjoys the new food.
- Keep offering your child meals and snacks with a variety of veggies in different ways. Don’t save them all for dinner.
- Other tips

Be patient. Some kids accept most vegetables straight away and others take years. Keep offering veg-

If your family eats veggies, eventually your child will too.

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Joeys learn to HOP at Old Beach Scouts

By GWEN HARPER*

MOST adults will agree that children between five and seven years are pretty irresistible. It’s that wonderful age when kids wriggle and skip when they’re happy, when they stare at you with huge wonder eyes and a grin full of tiny teeth.

For this age group, the world is exciting and everything new is to be explored and enjoyed.

Story-telling and singing is a normal part of everyday life craft-work is an immense source of pride.

Old Beach Joey Scouts is all about this, and more. The goal of any Joey mob is to introduce children to the natural world, but also to introduce them to their community.

Old Beach Joey Scouts learn to HOP (Help Other People) by being involved in community service activities such as Dining With Friends, National Tree Planting Day and Clean Up Australia Day.

Our Joey mob also go on adventures to the South Pole (Mawson's Hut), help in emergencies (visit an ambulance station) or even solve a crime by visiting the Police Academy.

Both cub scouts (eight to 10 years) and scouts (11-15) have comprehensive programs to follow, using games and activities that get the children to learn and practice outdoor, first-aid, safety and self-care skills.

The Joey program, for five to seven years, is more about encouraging creator expression, learning how to share and care and look after other people as well as the environment.

Joeys are introduced to native birds, animals and plants and will start to develop an understanding on ways we can reduce our environmental impact.

Joeys will even have an option to do a sleepover at our annual group camp, an important and fun first for developing independence.

Old Beach Scouts are lucky to be able to welcome two new trainee Joey scout leaders, Clare Gillie and Carolina Corvalan, so there will be opportunities for new children to join starting in term two.

Children are offered a four-week trial period without having to pay any joining fees but please remember the minimum age is five years – children must have had their fifth birthday and be eligible for full-time school (prep) here in Tasmania not kindergarten, so be born on January 1, 2014 or before.

Our Joey scouts are equally split between boys and girls and meet on Wednesday nights between 6pm and 7pm at the Scout Hall, Clasol Oval, Old Beach.

Our older sections, cub scouts and scouts, are currently fully subscribed and we are actively seeing volunteer assistant leaders so we can accept more children.

Volunteers do not need to be experienced (training provided) but do need to be reliable, attentive, cheerful and have a can-do attitude – as this is the role model we set for the children.

These volunteer roles are very rewarding, not just for the social element and fun activities but also for the value they add to a resume.

To find out more about Old Beach Scout Group, to go on the waiting list, or to view the volunteer opportunities, visit our Facebook page Old Beach Scout Group.

*Gwen Harper is acting Joey scout leader

A new Joey Scout is invested at a special ceremony to welcome them to the scouting family.

Training facilities boost for little athletes

East Derwent Little Athletics centre is located at Weily Park in Bridgewater and caters for children between the ages of five to 15 years from the Derwent Valley and Brighton municipality areas.

Derwent Labor MLC Craig Farrell visited the club in early February to see the new scissor-kick high-jump mats for under-eight to under-10 athletes.

Because the Tasmanian Little Athletics Association has changed mat height requirements on this equipment for this season, the East Derwent centre needed to replace its old mats which would have been a substantial cost to the club.

Mr Farrell donated funds towards the purchase of new mats.

On the club’s behalf, he sought help from Premier Will Hodgman who agreed to assist and donated the remaining funds through the Premier’s Discretionary Fund.

Mr Farrell also gave his time to learn more about the club and also help with some of the club’s multi-event medal presentations to some athletes.

The club thanks Mr Farrell for his efforts on its behalf.

RIGHT: Craig Farrell MLC presents one of the East Derwent club’s multi-event medals.

Children to benefit from sports shoes gift to PCYC

RECLINK has delivered more than 50 pairs of shoes to the Bridgewater PCYC, which will go towards sport and recreation activities in the Bridgewater region.

State manager Richard Allanby was alerted to a shortage of footwear for people who accessed the PCYC, and was delighted with the response when he asked for assistance from the Reclink community.

I had a meeting with a staff member and he said the children around here really struggle with footwear and it stops them participating, especially when kicking balls is a requirement,” Richard said.

“We look to assist wherever we can and give purpose to people in their everyday lives.

We understand the importance sport plays in communities so we wanted to give as many people as we could an opportunity to participate in the activities the PCYC runs in conjunction with Reclink.

“Reclink’s mission is to Respond, Rebuild and to Reconnect and we give all participants the power of purpose and we are confident we have done this in a small way today.

“We target some of the community’s most vulnerable and isolated people.”

Staff at the PCYC said they were grateful for the assistance and that the sand-shoes and football boots would help young people as well as older people not only to join in sport and exercise but also PCYC’s Work for the Dole programs, not only now but into the future.

PCYC volunteer Emma with Reclink state manager Richard Allanby.

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LOCAL CHURCH SERVICES

ANGELIC PARISH OF BRIGHTON
Rev. Rod Curtain Phone 6263 7700 or 0406 004 501
St Mark’s, Portola
Every Sunday: 10.30 am, 2nd Wednesday; 11.30 am

BRIDGATER-BRIGHTON
CATHOLIC PARISH
Fr Leo Phone 6263 6242
St Paul’s, Bridgewater
Mass: Sunday 9am
Weekday Mass: Tues-Thursday 9am, Fri 12 noon.
St Matthew’s, Portola
First, third and fourth Sunday; 10.30am (Rosary 10.10am)

NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN CENTRE
Bighton Civic Centre, Green Point Rd
Pastor Brian Edwards Phone 6068 355 079
Every Sunday; 10.30am

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