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Esther Cooke and Ross Smithard

## Taking a leap

The Leap Concert is happening at Cygnet Town Hall on May 4. The Leap Concert has become a tradition that Cygnet resident Esther Cooke started when her mother died on a leap day 16 years ago. Esther says, "I just thought, we have a whole extra day in our year, so what do I want to do to

make it really count? Something that expands my expectations of myself and makes me (and my mum) proud." So the Leap Concert was born. This year there was no venue available for leap day so Esther decided to go for May 4th (May the fourth be with you!)

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## Council calls for improved government support

Mayor Paula Wriedt welcomed the announcement that the state government had formed its new cabinet and called on the premier to support the need for improved health, emergency and sporting facilities in Kingborough.

"The council is keen to see work progress on the \$30 million upgrade of the Kingston Health Centre announced by the state government in last year's budget," Cr Wriedt said.

"Ideally the upgrade would lead to the creation of an Urgent Care Clinic to service the needs of Kingborough and Huon Valley communities, reducing pressure on the Royal Hobart Hospital, but also easing ongoing traffic congestion for residents travelling from this

region to the city.

"I would urge the new government to make this a priority sooner, rather than later," Cr Wriedt said.

"Several months ago the state government undertook a preliminary assessment to establish an Emergency Services Hub in Kingborough which will include police, fire, ambulance and the State Emergency Service. The hub would not only provide additional space and contemporary facilities for our first responders, but would also see an SES presence in the municipality for the first time.

"We know there is a need in the community for this type of service. On many occasions we have heard collectively as a council of the

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## Brochure highlights Cygnet walks

A brochure featuring attractive short walks around the Cygnet region has recently been produced by the Cygnet Association (tCA).

The walks, ranging from just 20 minutes to two hours (6.7km) were compiled by tCA member, Michael Garner, a former Parks and Wildlife Service senior ranger.

The brochure, available at the town hall tourist office features 12 walks with a note stating that

they are aimed at encouraging the community and visitors to get out, exercise in the local area and enjoy this beautiful locality.

The walks mainly follow quiet local roads and paths.

Plotting and describing the walks, then obtaining a community grant to have the booklet published was a year's project, but, says Michael Garner, was well worth it as the

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## What's on

### GENERAL

**Amnesty Southern monthly meeting** 5pm, Bridge Cottage, 1st Monday of the month. 0487 589 844  
**Brumy Island Quarantine Station** 816 Killara Rd, North Brumy 0436 946 001

**Community Shed** West Winds Community Centre, enquiries 6267 4713

**Cygnet Community Arts Council** Gai 6295 0032 or Facebook page

**Cygnet Gallery** 9 Mary St. 10am-4pm, daily for local arts & crafts.

**Cygnet Living History Museum** 37 Mary St. Open most days 11am-2pm. 6202 9713 and [cygnetmuseum@dlhm.org](mailto:cygnetmuseum@dlhm.org)

**Cygnet Riding Club** Play Day 2nd weekend of the month. Instruction day 4th weekend of the month. [cygnet.riding.club@gmail.com](mailto:cygnet.riding.club@gmail.com)

**Gym Class at West Winds** Mon, Wed, Fri 9-10am & 6-7pm. 6267 4713

**Kingston Croquet Club** - social croquet - Beginners welcome. 0405 181 121 and [kingstoncroquetclub@gmail.com](mailto:kingstoncroquetclub@gmail.com)

**Online Access Centre** 10am-4pm Mon to Thurs, West Winds Community Centre. 6267 4713

**Port Cygnet Land and Water Care** Enq. 0429 868 833

**Port Cygnet Mens Shed** 10am-3pm, Mon to Fri. Noel 0448 928 068

**Soft Fit Classes at West Winds** Mon, Wed, Fri 11.30am-12.30pm

**St Ayles Skiff** Rowing most days, Cygnet. Keith 0427 467 225

### U3A Cygnet

[membership@cygnet.au](mailto:membership@cygnet.au)

### West Winds Op Shop

Tues, Wed, Thurs, 10am-2pm. Fri 10am-2pm. Woodbridge.

### Wombats Childcare

Mon to Thurs 8.30am-3.30pm, West Winds, Woodbridge, school terms only. 6267 4713

### MONDAY

**Craft Chat Group** 10am-12pm, West Winds, Woodbridge. 6267 4713

**Cub Scouts** (8-11yrs) 5.30-7pm, Burtons Reserve, Cygnet. 6295 0136

**Cygnet Singers Choir** Cygnet Sports Centre 7.30-9.30pm, Amanda. 6264 1182

**Badminton** 10am, Cygnet Sports Centre. 6264 0370

**Games(general) & mah jong** alternating weekly. GeCo, Geeveston. 12pm. 0437 050 746.

**Geeveston Hartz Girl Guides** (11+) 5-7pm during term time. 0400 908 412

**Geeveston Platypus Girl Guides** (7-10yrs) 3.15-4.45pm, during term time. 0400 908 412

**Joey Scouts** (5-8 yrs) 4-5pm, Burtons Reserve, Cygnet. 6295 0136

**Kingborough Women's Club Needlework** 10am-12pm, 34 Ewing Ave Kingston Beach. 6286 8206

### Mah Jong Monday

Huon Valley Hub, 23 Main Street Huonville, 10.30am-2pm. 6264 0300

### Seniors Strength for Life

9.30am Huonville. Pls phone Irene 0412 705 199

### Tai Chi/Qigong

9.30-11am. Cygnet Supper Room. Sylvie 0487 589 844

### Cygnet U3A Book Club

1.30-4pm, Last Mon of mth. Lyn 0477 550 171

### Woolcraft Spinning Group

1st & 3rd Mon. 9am-12.30pm Cygnet Health Centre.

Anne 0419 559 532

### Yoga at Kettering

10-11.30am.

Janice 0401 253 139

### TUESDAY

**ALP Huon Branch** 2nd Tuesday 7pm, Huonville. 0419 585 369

**Art Group** 10am-1pm, Huonville Library, 1 Skinner Dr. 6121 7010

**Badminton** 7-9pm, Cygnet Sports Centre. 6264 0370

**Cygnet Choir** 6.30-8pm, Cygnet Town Hall. Rose 0403 918 404

**Cygnet Sea Dragons Junior Soccer Club training** (boys & girls born 2015 & 2017-2019) 3.30-4.30pm. Cygnet Primary School Oval. [cygnetseadragons@gmail.com](mailto:cygnetseadragons@gmail.com)

**Dover Devils Soccer Club** (kinder-grade 6) 4-5pm, Jim Casey Oval, Dover. [www.facebook.com/doverdevils](http://www.facebook.com/doverdevils), [doverdevilsinc@gmail.com](mailto:doverdevilsinc@gmail.com)

**Girls Group Gym Classes at West Winds** 5-6pm. 6267 4713

**Mah Jong Cygnet** 12-4pm. Beginners most welcome. Enq. 6-7pm: 0437 050 746 or email: [bekkema.tas@gmail.com](mailto:bekkema.tas@gmail.com)

**Pickleball** 3.30-5.30pm, Cygnet Sports Centre. 6264 0370

**Rock 'n' Rhyme/Storytime** 11.30am, Cygnet Library

**Rotary Club Huon Valley** 1st and 3rd Tues, 6.30pm, Huonville Bowls Club. Wayne 0431 171 508

**Tai Chi/Qigong at West Winds** 10am-11.30am. Sylvie 0487 589 844

**The Roses Craft Group** 10am, Port Cygnet Sailing Club. 0421 814 988

**Uthando Project** Making dolls for Zulu children. 11am-3pm. Uniting Church, Mary St, Cygnet. 6295 1953

**U3A Cygnet Creative Writing** 10am-12pm. David 6295 0518

**U3A Cygnet Play Reading Group** 1.30-4pm. Catriona 6297 8240

**WEDNESDAY**

**Cygnet Area Concert Band** Beginners 3-3.40pm. Senior band 4-5.30pm, general purpose room Cygnet Primary Sch. 0459 041 762

**Cygnet Branch Pensioners Association** 1st Wed, 1.30-3.30pm, The Enjoy Church. 0437 489 771

**Cygnet Sea Dragons Junior Soccer Club training** (boys & girls born 2012-2013) 3.30-4.45pm. Cygnet Primary School Oval. [cygnetseadragons@gmail.com](mailto:cygnetseadragons@gmail.com)

**Cygnet Sew-cials** 11am-3pm, workshop behind Cuckoo. [cygnetseadragons@gmail.com](mailto:cygnetseadragons@gmail.com)

**Cygnet U3A Smorgasbord of Talks** 10am-12.15pm. [secretary@cygnet.au](mailto:secretary@cygnet.au)

**Huon Explorer Guides** 10-14yrs, 4-6pm, Huonville Guide Hall. 6266 4283

**Huon River Guides** 5-10yrs, 3.30-5.30pm, Huonville Guide Hall. 6266 4283

**Huon Valley Concert Band** 7pm, Huonville Community Church. 0429 868 833

**Kingborough Women's Club Mahjong** 10.15am, 34 Ewing Ave, Kingston Beach (Kingston Beach Oval), beginners welcome. 6267 4842

### Lions Club of Port Cygnet

1st & 3rd Wed, 6.30pm, Top Pub, Cygnet

**Meditation** 11am, Huonville Library. BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL. [dagrich@aapt.net.au](mailto:dagrich@aapt.net.au)

**Men's soccer** 7-9pm, Cygnet Sports Centre. 6264 0370

**Rollerskating** 4-6pm, Cygnet Sports Centre. 6264 0370

**Woodbridge & Channel District Probuc Club** 2nd Wed 10am-12pm, West Winds Community Centre. 6267 4665

**Yoga** 9.30am, Huonville Library. BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL. [dagrich@aapt.net.au](mailto:dagrich@aapt.net.au)

**Women's soccer (social)** 6-7pm, Cygnet Sports Centre. 6264 0370

**THURSDAY**

**Bingo fundraiser** 6pm, every 2nd Thu. Huonville Bowls & Community Club. Ros 0417 780 891

**Cygnet Community Craft Group** 10.30am, 8 Mary St. 6295 1953

**Cygnet U3A Garden & Gourmet** 10am-12pm. Elaine 0427 172 179

**Cygnet CWA Cakes and Crafts Shop** 10am-2pm, Bridge Cottage, Burtons Reserve, Cygnet. Kath 0419 582 390

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**Food for Life** Hot veggie meals. Cygnet Uniting Church Thu 12pm-1.30pm; Steve 0403 788 591

**Kettering Community Assoc** 1<sup>st</sup> Thu of mth. 7pm. Kettering Community Hall.

**Scouts** (11-15 yr olds) & Venturer Scouts (15-18 yr olds), 7-9pm Burtons Reserve, Cygnet. 6295 0136

**Seniors Strength for Life** 9am Huonville. Pls phone Irene 0412 705 199

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**Table Tennis** 10am, Cygnet Sports Centre. 6264 0370

**FRIDAY**

**Cygnet Motorcyclists** 9.30am coffee and ride, Old Bank Cafe

**Cygnet Sea Dragons Junior Soccer Club training** (boys & girls born 2018-2010) U15/16 Youth team. 4pm. Cygnet Primary School Oval. [cygnetseadragons@gmail.com](mailto:cygnetseadragons@gmail.com)

**Friends of the Kingston Library Book Sale** 1st and 3rd Fri, 10am-12pm, Kingston Library

**Live Blues** last Fri/month, 7pm @ Geeveston Ex-Services Club, LightwoodBottomBluesClub.com

**Parlons Français!** 10am-12pm, term time, Huonville Library. 6121 7010

**Tai Chi/Qigong** 6-7.30pm. Cygnet Supper Room. Sylvie 0487 589 844

**SATURDAY**

**Seventh-day Adventist**, Crescent Drive, Margate. 9.30am Bible Study; 11am Worship Service

**Writers Group** 1st & 3rd Saturday, 10am-12pm Huonville Library. 6121 7010

**SUNDAY**

**Anglican Parish of Channel & Cygnet** 9.30am - Woodbridge, 10am - Cygnet.

**Margate Garden Club** last Sun mth outings. Anne 6267 2152

## Strange but true

### Cash heist

Thieves have stolen up to \$US30 million in cash from a money storage facility in L.A., in an audacious raid that has been described as one of the biggest heists in the city's history. The culprits are believed to have broken into a warehouse belonging to Canada based security company GardaWorld via the roof, at about 4.30am on Easter Sunday, before cracking the safe and fleeing the scene. They also tried to breach the building's side in the raid, which triggered one alarm but the raid was not discovered until Monday. Security analysts said the thieves almost certainly had inside intelligence, and that the weight of their cash haul may have exceeded three tonnes. The FBI and Los Angeles police are investigating.

### No show fines

French patients would have to pay a 5 Euro fine if they miss a GP appointment, under new rules proposed by the prime minister, Gabriel Attal, last week. Doctors in France report an estimated 27 million no shows per year, he said, and he predicted that the fines would free up 20 million appointments. Patients would give their credit or debit card details when booking, allowing doctors to fine them if they fail to turn up without 24 hours' notice or a good excuse. However, the plan has immediately come under fire from doctors' unions and patients' groups, who said it would strain doctor patient relations, and was an attempt to blame members of the public for the health system's shortcomings. The plan is one of several proposed by Attal last week, to boost French healthcare in the face of staff shortages, increasing costs and growing demand. Among the others was an expansion of medical school places.

### Count Biface

Count Biface has unveiled his manifesto for the London mayoral election. In his list of 24 policies, the spoof candidate pledged to force Thames Water bosses to take a dip in the Thames to see how they like it; to ban shops from selling croissants for more than £1.10; to turn the Millennium Dome into a nature reserve; and to force those using speaker phones on public transport to watch a box set of The One Show. Biface is also pledging to turn shops that play Christmas music before December into public libraries, and to build at least one affordable house.

### Statistics watch

60% of Gen Zers (those aged 12 to 27) believe that table manners are no longer relevant. More than a third admit to using their phones at the table, and more than three-quarters say that leaving elbows off the table is outdated nonsense.

### Bons mots

"Taste has no system and no proofs."  
- Susan Sontag, writer, critic and intellectual, USA



# Council calls for improved government support

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time delays in providing adequate medical emergency support for our community, as well as the lack of space at the Kingston Police Station for their staff – they are simply bursting at the seams and cannot accommodate any additional allocation of officers within the constraints of their existing location.

"An Emergency Services Hub in Kingborough would be of great benefit to everyone in our municipality and the Huon, particularly during a major emergency or natural disaster, providing a space for a co-ordinated response through an incident control centre.

"We are aware that the state government's preferred location was identified as the council's works depot on the Channel Highway in Kingston (opposite the United Service Station adjacent to Bunnings). "It's great that the state government has responded to our calls for this type of emergency services hub in Kingborough, but now we need them to make this a reality by funding the relocation of the depot facilities to free up the land and to

look at funding the Spring Farm connector road to provide the necessary linkage for emergency vehicles to get from the site to the Huon Highway.

"Throughout successive elections, the council has also been calling out for funding help to support Kingborough's sporting infrastructure in light of significant growth in the area.

"Indeed, the Kingborough Sports Centre precinct houses 33 different sporting clubs and with participants coming from further than just Kingborough and the Huon the area is servicing a potential catchment of over 100,000 people.

"We are literally bursting at the seams at the Kingborough Sports Centre, and there is no room for teams such as basketball, netball, pickleball, volleyball, futsal, badminton or walking football to expand.

"We are calling on funding to support the construction of two new multipurpose indoor courts which would allow the expansion of these and other sporting teams.

"Every election for the last 15 years we have seen significant promises being made for sporting infrastructure in many other municipalities with much smaller populations, especially in the north and north west of the state, yet little has been allocated to the southern region where the most population growth has been.

"It's time to address this inequity and support our active communities," Cr Wriedt said.

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## Recycling reminder app available

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## Taking a leap

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instead. Ross Smithard, Malcolm Martin, Rose Wilson and Helen Merrick will be 'leaping' with Esther, with diverse and slightly different to what you might expect performances. "I love to encourage and support others to make their own leap, we're all so much more capable than we think," says Esther.

Doors open at 5.30pm and the concert starts at 6pm. Bring your own food and drink. The seating is open and there will be tables available. Tickets are \$22 per adult in advance, kids under 12 years are free, and are available at <https://events.humanitix.com/leap-concert>

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# Children connect with nature at platypus and waterbug discovery session

Landcare Tasmania hosted a school holiday event focused on platypus and waterbug discovery on Monday 15 April at Garden Island Creek. The aim of this sold-out event was to connect children and families with their local environment and active Landcare groups.

Local children and families engaged in a hands-on exploration of the unique wildlife and water ecosystems of Tasmania. Participants took the opportunity to delve into the fascinating world of platypuses and waterbugs through various activities and presentations.

John Gooderham, a freshwater ecologist, and Simon Roberts from the Upper Huon Wildlife Monitoring Group led discussions and activities, shedding light on the behavior, habitat, and importance of platypuses in the local

creek ecosystem.

Children got the chance to embark on a waterbug identification adventure with John Gooderham, using the latest technology and tools to collect and identify local waterbugs. This interactive session fostered a deeper understanding of aquatic biodiversity and encouraged environmental stewardship among young participants.

"Children found out what types of waterbugs are on the menu for the platypus that live in Garden Island Creek. There were 20 different types of waterbugs found on the day," said John Gooderham, from the The Waterbug Company. "Adding all these bugs together gave this bit of river an ecological health score of 6.2 ...which is high. It will be a green dot on the Waterbug Blitz maps."

Furthermore, attendees learnt practical ways to contribute to conservation efforts, such as adopting platypus monitoring sites and participating in local Landcare initiatives.

"With 69 people – 45 children and 24 adults – in attendance, it was the largest Waterbug Blitz event ever in Tasmania. It was a unique opportunity for children and families to connect with nature and learn about the incredible wildlife in their backyards," said Bianca Burford, education coordinator at Landcare Tasmania. "Events like these not only educate but also inspire a new generation of environmental custodians."

The event was made possible through the generous support of the Huon Valley Council, the Friends of Garden Island Creek Landcare Group and the Department of Premier and Cabinet's Premier's Fund for Children and



Anura Arden-Wong collecting waterbugs with the help of mum Anna and waterbug expert John Gooderham. (Photo: Bianca Burford).

Young People.

Keen to be involved in more waterbug surveys, spending time at local creeks and waterways or be part of the next Know Your Local Patch event? Contact Landcare Tasmania through our website to RSVP: <http://www.landcaretas.org.au>

## Upcoming events

- Sunday 28 April, from 1pm to 4pm at Mountain River. Places are limited, please contact Landcare Tas to RSVP.
- Sunday 26 May, from 1pm to 4pm at Lonnvale. Places are limited, please contact Landcare Tas to RSVP.

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# HMAS Huon crew coming to Huonville

On Saturday 4 May 2024, the crew of HMAS Huon will be visiting their ship's namesake region, the Huon Valley.

This will be a very significant occasion, as the HMAS Huon is set to be decommissioned soon, so an event like this may not take place again.

The crew and Navy band will set off from the Huonville Cenotaph in Heron Street at 10.30am and march along Main Street. They'll stop at the War Memorial building to meet our local Tasmania Police sergeant who will grant the procession "Freedom of Entry" into the town. The march will continue to the Huonville Town Hall.

Huonville's Main Street between Heron Road and the traffic circle (including Sale Street to Skinner Drive) will be closed to traffic for approximately 30 minutes between 10.30am and 11am. Traffic will be diverted during this time and we will be taking all the necessary measures to ensure minimal disruption and inconvenience.

You're invited to stick around after the parade and meet the crew in the town hall from 11.15am.

Everyone is encouraged to join in, line Huonville's Main Street and welcome the crew!

The HMAS Huon ship will unfortunately not be visiting Tasmania for this event, as it is set to be decommissioned soon.

Further information about the Freedom of Entry event can be found on the Huon Valley Council website.

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# Transformer project given the green light

A major drawcard for the Huon Valley region has taken another step forward.

Transformer, Darklab's 'destination' public artwork and visitor centre proposal, has been approved by Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service (PWS).

The Transformer artwork and visitor centre, to be built and operated in the Ida Bay State Reserve, will be a major drawcard for Tasmania and advance the visitor economy in the south.

Since the project's development application was approved by the Huon Valley Council, Darklab's project planners have worked closely with PWS.

Minister for parks and environment, Nick Duigan, said the relevant environmental assessment documentation to secure approvals for the development to progress have now been completed.

"This is an exciting step forward for the project, submitted as part of the tourism EOI process, and the Tasmanian government remains committed to seeing the development progress," Minister Duigan said.

"It will generate sustainable growth to our visitor economy and support jobs, particularly in the Huon Valley region. Transformer will be a unique project, one that will connect visitors with the

environment through art."

The Transformer artwork includes a pavilion with reflective interiors that will create a kaleidoscope viewing effect which will provide visitors with a unique perspective of the surrounding landscapes, including the Southwest National Park within the globally significant Tasmanian World Heritage Wilderness Area.

"It is expected to attract 30,000 people to the area each year," Minister Duigan said.

Darklab Pty Ltd submitted a concept as part of the Tourism EOI process, established to reinvigorate visitation to the Huon Valley region following the 2019 bushfires, with the project receiving funding support from the Tasmanian and Australian governments.

PWS is now working closely with Darklab to finalise the lease for the Ida Bay site.


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Freshwater ecologist, John Gooderham will lead each session where we will assess the status of a local river by surveying aquatic macroinvertebrates – known as waterbugs. The sessions are 'hands on' involving everyone to collect the bugs and use the latest technology to identify and record the sample using the Waterbug App. It's free to download and fun to use. The data will be uploaded from each site to the Waterbug Blitz website and mapped to reflect local water quality, as indicated by the bugs collected in the survey ([www.waterbugblitz.org.au](http://www.waterbugblitz.org.au)). The sessions are suitable for young children to adults with participants using a mix of basic tools (hand lens, ice-cube tray and plastic spoon) and The Waterbug App, to identify live waterbugs.

**Acknowledgements:** These workshops are provided with the support of the Huon Valley Council.

# New blister pack recycling scheme

Huon Valley Council is pleased to inform residents of collection points for blister pack recycling. This new service is free for residents, who are encouraged to drop off their empty packs at a convenient collection point.

Collection points are available at:

- Southbridge Waste Transfer Station, 2899 Huon Highway, Huonville
- Huon Valley Hub, 23 Main Street, Huonville
- Dover Waste Transfer Station, 53 Cemetery Road, Dover
- Cygnet Waste Transfer Station, 83 Tobys Hill Road, Cygnet

“For households, the blister packs that many medications come packaged in are hard to avoid and particularly difficult to recycle,” said

Huon Valley mayor Sally Doyle.

“This recycling program is a great opportunity to provide a solution for our community.”

The blister packs collected will be processed by the council’s recycling partner Pharmacycycle, who operate a large network of collection points and recycles 100% of packs collected.

“We chose to work with Pharmacycycle due to its proven experience and transparency in their recycling processes,” said Mayor Doyle.

“When the council provides a recycling service to the community, we want to ensure we have done our due diligence in knowing where the materials are going to end up.”

To find out more about how the blister pack recycling process works, visit Pharmacycycle’s website: [www.pharmacycycle.com.au](http://www.pharmacycycle.com.au)

HUON VALLEY COUNCIL

# New mule for Bruny

Emergency services on Bruny Island now have a wheeled stretcher (known as a ‘mule’) at the ready! Tasmania Police’s Search and Rescue unit helped to purchase the mule with funds raised by the Bruny Island Health Auxiliary, and ran training for volunteers from Tasmania SES, Ambulance Tasmania and Tasmania Fire Service on how to use it.

The fundraising effort was assisted by Senior Constable Leonie Ridge.

The mule will be a valuable resource in the event of an emergency.

TASMANIA POLICE

# Brochure highlights Cygnet walks

From front page ➡

booklet has been well received by the community.

Among the interesting walks are Echo Sugarloaf Summit Track, Kings Hill Road Loop, Kays Beach to Gourlays Bay, a Lymington Road Coast Walk and the Two Churches Circuit.

Proceeds from the sale of the booklet (just \$2) goes to other projects being undertaken by the Cygnet Association to promote and develop the district.

THE CYGNET ASSOCIATION

# Opinion

From back page ➡

causes, rather than having been slaughtered in an approved and licensed facility. There have been hundreds of similar recalls of pet food in Australia over the last decade. There is, incidentally, a shortage of approved and operating slaughterhouses in Tasmania, due to infractions in practice reported by animal liberationists. The only operating facility in the Classifieds area has a chequered history and is currently for sale.

The moral of this story? Don’t feed your pet with processed food unless you know what’s in it.

JOHN FLEMING II

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# Safety improvements to the Channel Highway

Work has commenced upgrading the Channel Highway south of Margate to improve road safety for motorcyclists and other road users.

The project will deliver improved road user safety for motorcyclists and other road users along the 40km section of the Channel Highway from south of Margate through to Verona Sands. It will deliver additional road signage including:

- speed advisory signage;
- the adjustment of concealed road signage;
- side road signage;
- changes in road topography signage.

There will also be the installation of new barriers with underrun protection and additional underrun protection to existing barriers on

some corners.

Construction started on Monday 22 April and will take about six weeks. There will be some temporary traffic changes to ensure the safety of workers and road users. A reduced speed limit will be in place during work hours and this may affect travel times.

Road users should allow up to 10 minutes extra travel time during this work. Please keep to speed limits and follow the directions of traffic controllers and signs.

If you have any questions regarding these works, please email the project team at [channelhighway-upgrade@stategrowth.tas.gov.au](mailto:channelhighway-upgrade@stategrowth.tas.gov.au) or phone 0411 621 170.

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25 April 2024

## This week’s puzzle





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The numbers 1 to 9 must appear in every row, column & 3 x 3 box. Use logic to define the answer, which will appear in next week’s Classifieds.

### Last issue’s solution

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## LOCAL WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday		Cloudy	7/15°
Friday		Cloudy	8/17°
Saturday		Cloudy	7/18°
Sunday		Possible shower	7/18°
Monday		Shower or two	8/16°

Weather forecast for Huonville from [bom.gov.au](http://bom.gov.au) on Tuesday afternoon



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# Opinion

## What's that in Fido's dish?

Disclaimer: I don't own a pet. My interest in this topic was aroused by a recent news item about an outbreak of vitamin D poisoning attributed to manufactured pet food. And when we talk about manufactured pet food we are really only talking about what we feed to the cats and dogs who share our homes. In our suburban environment we procure their feed, largely, at the supermarket, not our friendly and verging on the extinct, local butcher. And it comes in cans. Last year, a veterinarian treated a number of animals that made her, and me, think about Australia's pet food industry. She saw three dogs who had acquired vitamin D toxicity from their food, something that was confirmed through blood tests. These dogs presented with increased thirst and increased urination. And a couple of them were also vomiting. While two of these dogs recovered after a few weeks, one went into mild kidney failure and now has permanent kidney damage. Eventually this was attributed to a 'bone-building' supplement added to many dog foods. As you do, I carelessly Googled 'pet food' by way of preliminary enquiry, and invoked a deluge of references. It is obviously a big, a very big, business. I pressed on. First question: is the manufacture of pet food in Australia regulated? No, apparently. This is surprising, given that there are more pets than humans in Australia. Around 40% of households own a dog, and 27% a cat, the feeding of which is estimated to be worth

around \$5.7 billion. In 2018 the Senate enquired into 'regulatory approaches to ensure the safety of pet food' ([https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate/Rural\\_and\\_Regional\\_Affairs\\_and\\_Transport/SafetyofPetFood](https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Rural_and_Regional_Affairs_and_Transport/SafetyofPetFood)). The report of that enquiry makes interesting reading, but as is so often the case, no action was taken.

Even more interesting is the submission to that enquiry by the Pet Food Industry Association of Australia. (<https://pfiaa.com.au/pet-food-standards/>). If you read it you may never open another can of pet food, given what is apparently permissible. There is an Australian Standard for the manufacture of pet food. It costs over \$100. I didn't buy it, and I imagine that this cost would be a barrier to popular access. I also found that there is a welter of informal mission statements, adherence to which is voluntary. A minority of companies even publish their own 'standards'. Evidence of any enforcement is hard to come by.

There is some good news. The Australian Veterinary Association runs something called petFAST Reporting. "PetFAST is a system to track health problems in dogs and cats that are suspected of being associated with pet food, treats and pet meat. It is designed to identify possible patterns that might point to a cause. PetFAST is a voluntary joint initiative of the Australian Veterinary Association (AVA) and the Pet Food Industry Association of Australia (PFIAA)" (<https://www.ava.com.au/library-journals-and-resources/ava-other-resources/petfast/>). I'm a bit sceptical about the industry connection but I guess it's better than having them outside the tent.

There is little in the way of pet food prosecutions in Australia. In 2021 the ABC News reported that "no charges have been laid over the sale and manufacture of contaminated pet food which killed 24 dogs and made a further 44 seriously ill with liver disease in Victoria". A joint investigation by PrimeSafe and Agriculture Victoria found pet food manufacturing laws were not broken (!) and there was no fault in the supply chain. While retailers have recalled the toxic meat, authorities are concerned more dogs could die if pet owners still have

the contaminated pet food in their freezers at home ([www.abc.net.au/news/2021-08-19/pet-food-case-closed-but-no-charges-over-dead-dogs/100389272](http://www.abc.net.au/news/2021-08-19/pet-food-case-closed-but-no-charges-over-dead-dogs/100389272)).

The dogs had eaten pet food made from meat from the Maffra District Knackery in Gippsland. It was found to contain indospicine, a toxin found in a low-growing native Australian herb in the *Indigofera* genus. You would be justified in suspecting that the carcasses of cattle which had died as a consequence of grazing on this weed were used in the manufacture of the pet food, and that the carcass meat used was not only contaminated as a result, but that the cattle had died accidentally from unknown

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## Event Diary April

- 27 Geeveston Art Show – 10am-4pm, Geeveston Town Hall
- 27 Deep South Blues Festival – 2-6pm, Southport Community Centre. Tickets at [trybooking.com](http://trybooking.com)
- 27 Colourwork Knitting class – 10.30am-3.30pm, CUCKoO, 17 Mary Street, Cygnet
- 28 Beginners Knitting class – 10.30am-1.30pm, CUCKoO, 17 Mary Street, Cygnet

## May

- 4 HMAS Huon crew visit – 10.30am march down main street starts at Heron Street, Huonville
- 4 Leap Concert – 6-9pm, Cygnet Town Hall. Tickets: Humanitix. \$22 adult, kids under 12 free
- 5 Franklin Forest 2km free ecology guided walk – 10am-1pm. Meet at the Living Boat Trust, Franklin. Please book on Eventbrite or RSVP to [friends.franklinforest@gmail.com](mailto:friends.franklinforest@gmail.com)

## Market Diary April

- 27 Snug Beach Community Market – 10am-2pm, Snug Community Hall
- 28 Cygnet Autumn Garden Market – 10am-3pm, Cygnet Town Hall and environs
- 28 Franklin Market – 10am-2pm, Palais Theatre, Franklin
- 28 4 Seasons Market – 10am-2pm, Kingston Community Hall, 35 Redwood Road
- 28 Kingston Town Market – 9am-2pm, Kingston Town Shopping Centre carpark

## May

- 2 Geeveston Feast – 5pm-8pm, Geeveston Hall and Visitor Centre

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