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DECEMBER EVENTS

12 HUONVILLE FESTIVAL OF CAROLS
Free concert, 7pm-9pm at the Huonville Town Hall

12 GEEVESTON CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
Assemble for the parade in School Road at 6pm. Parade starts at 6.30pm and will be followed by a barbecue (gold coin donation) in Heritage Park.

13 GLEN HUON CAROLS IN THE PARK
Barbecue at 6.30pm, Santa arrives at 7pm and carol singing follows. Glen Huon Memorial Park.

19 HUONVILLE CHRISTMAS PARADE
Follow Santa along Main Street, Huonville to the soccer grounds for a free barbecue.

21 PELVERATA BUSHFIRE SURVIVAL PLAN WORKSHOP
2pm-4.30pm, Pelterata Memorial Hall. For more information contact Lesley King (Tasmania Fire Service) on 6225 8504 or email lesley.king@fire.tas.gov.au

21 CYGNET COMMUNITY CAROLS
6pm-9pm, Burtons Reserve, Cygnet.



JANUARY EVENTS

09-11 CYGNET FOLK FESTIVAL
Various locations around Cygnet.
www.cygnetfolkfestival.org

26 AUSTRALIA DAY BREAKFAST BY THE RIVER
8am-2pm, Huonville Esplanade. Free breakfast and activities, including face painting, jumping castle, and live entertainment. Australia Day awards and citizenship ceremony at 10am.

26 AUSTRALIA DAY POOL PARTY
Huonville Swimming Pool. Free entry all day, activities from 2pm.

Email events to communications@huonvalley.tas.gov.au

Exercise area gets bark of approval



Karen Newbon and Reba enjoy the Huonville dog exercise area. Inset: Huon Valley Dog Walking Association members Karen Newbon, David and Susan Moore and Linda Lawson with their dogs.

Huon Valley Council has been working with the Huon Valley Dog Walking Association to develop the area's first fenced dog exercise area.

Fence work is currently being completed and the improved exercise area will also include a water fountain for dogs.

The area will be available for informal exercise, organised training sessions, the Million Paws Walk and as an emergency refuge in times of bushfire.

The exercise area is located on Heron Street, near the Huonville Swimming Pool

There are about 3,900 dogs registered in the Huon Valley, which equates to 25 dogs per 100 people. This compares with the national average of 19 dogs per 100 people.

Huon Valley dog owners currently have to travel to Kingston and Blackmans Bay to use fenced dog exercise areas.

Huon Valley Dog Walking Association members say they are looking forward to using the fenced area in Huonville.

CELEBRATE AUSTRALIA DAY BY THE RIVER

The Huonville Foreshore will be the centre of Australia Day celebrations in the Huon Valley on 26 January.

The free festivities begin at 8am and will include a breakfast barbecue, face painting, a jumping castle, live entertainment and a nature walk.

Presentation of the Council's Australia Day awards and a citizenship ceremony will be held at 10am. Australia Day Ambassador, novelist Fiona McIntosh, will be the guest speaker.

A bus will be provided to pick up and drop off people from Dover, Geeveston, Franklin and Cygnet on the day. A registration form for those wishing to catch the bus will be available from the Council's website later this month.

The Huonville Pool will also be offering free entry all day on Australia Day. A pool party, including volleyball and cricket will kick off at 2pm.



KEEP WEEDS AWAY THIS HAY SEASON

Farmers and horse owners cutting hay or bringing hay and stock feed onto their properties are urged to be on the lookout for new weeds.

Hay, silage and grain can contain parts of weeds or seeds that are capable of growing on your property and can be toxic to livestock.

The following strategies can help reduce the risk of introducing new weeds to your property:

Source locally-grown feed to reduce the chance of introducing new weeds.

Check the origin of feed. Has it come from a known weed-infested area? Ask the supplier for written certification on any potential weed content.

Keep records of purchased hay or stock feed and include the content, source,

producer, date purchased, transporter and feed-out area.

Feed out in a confined area away from drainage lines.

Monitor feed out areas regularly and keep an eye out for any unfamiliar plants.

For more information contact HVC's NRM unit or go to www.dpipwe.tas.gov.au/weeds

If you are involved in producing hay or fodder crops, check for weeds regularly and control as appropriate (the Council's Natural Resource Management unit can provide information about identification and control).

As weeds can contaminate harvesting machinery, good hygiene procedures should be followed before and after harvest.

Early identification and control are extremely important when it comes to weed management.

HUON VALLEY COUNCIL CHRISTMAS CLOSURES

Customer Service Centre closed 25 December, re-opening 5 January.

Waste transfer stations open as normal, but all stations closed Christmas Day.

The kerbside collection scheduled for Christmas Day will take place on Wednesday 24 December.

Medical centres close at 12.3pm, 24 December. Otherwise open as normal but closed public holidays.

Childcare centres close at 1pm, 24 December and re-open 7 January.

Port Huon Sports & Aquatic Centre closed Christmas Day, re-opening 4 January. Operating hours will be reduced from 22-24 December and 5-9 January as follows: Monday 8-10am & 3-7pm, Tuesday 3-7pm, Wednesday 8-10am & 3-7pm, Thursday 3-7pm, Friday 8-10am & 3-6pm, Sunday 10am-1pm.

Cygnnet Sports Centre closed 20 December, re-opening 4 February

Huonville Swimming Pool open as normal but closed Christmas Day.

Visitor Information Centre open as normal but closed Christmas Day.

HUON VALLEY COUNCIL WISHES YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

SCHEDULE OF WORKS

JANUARY (WEATHER PERMITTING)

GRADING

Cradoc area

Harrisons Road, Park Street, Welling's Road, Cemetery Road, Schultz Road, Cowmeadows Road, Rows Road.

UNSEALED DRAINS AND CULVERTS

Cradoc area

SEALED ROAD REPAIRS

Cygnnet Area

Wattle Grove Road, Silver Hill Road.

POTHoles

Cockle Creek Road, Glocks Road, Lowes Road, Rankins Road, Pelverata Road, Cross Road (Nicholls Rivulet), North Huon Road, Kalonga Road, Reeves Road, Pillings Road.

COUNCIL DECISIONS

2013-14 ANNUAL REPORT

The 2013-14 Huon Valley Council Annual Report was adopted.

COUNCILLOR PORTFOLIO ALLOCATION

Council endorsed the following portfolio allocation:

Finance & Risk: Mayor Peter Coad

Information Technology: Mayor Peter Coad;

Community & Cultural Development: Cr Rosalie Woodruff

Community Relations & Customer Service: Cr Lydia Eastley

Emergency Management & Community Safety: Deputy Mayor Ian Paul

Recreation: Cr Bruce Heron; **Aged Care & Housing:** Cr Pavel Ruzicka

Children's Services & Education: Cr Mike Wilson

Rural Health: Cr Bruce Heron

Youth Services: Cr Lydia Eastley

Parks & Property Management: Cr Liz Smith;

Stormwater: Cr Ken Studley

Transportation: Deputy Mayor Ian Paul

Development Services: Cr Pavel Ruzicka

Economic Development: Cr Mike Wilson

Environmental Management: Cr Liz Smith

Tourism Promotion: Cr Ken Studley

Waste Management: Cr Rosalie Woodruff.

MEETING MINUTES AND MORE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON THE COUNCIL'S WEBSITE.

THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 28 JANUARY AT 6PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HUONVILLE.



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