

## Lady Daphne at Toosey



Lady Daphne Bucket (AKA Gary Madden) from Sussex, England, entertained an appreciative gathering at Toosey on Wednesday afternoon 27th August, 2008 with sparkling repartee and a display of flower arrangement. A man was brought in off the street to read a poem, and a black swan died in a scene from "Swan Lake". An enjoyable afternoon was had by all.

## Police Perspective

Sgt Wick Meyers, Tasmania Police



Unfortunately I missed last month's issue of the Country Courier, not because I was busy, but simply forgot. I have been approached by a number of readers who questioned me as to why my article was not published and I had to be truthful, although it is some what a change to be questioned instead of me questioning someone else.

It would appear that the cold weather is having an impact on reports received, we are still getting the usual jobs that require our attention but, the colder it gets, the quieter it is getting.

This has enabled us to give extra attention to local drinking establishments and the patrons leaving these venues have been getting very close and personal with local officers who are ensuring that the drink/drive legislation is being adhered to.

Since my last article we have a new officer to the Longford Sub-Division, Senior Constable Ockerby, has transferred from Traffic Services Launceston, to Evandale.

The best part of that is now when I ring Evandale Station and ask for Steve I can be talking to either officer as they have both have the same first name. (Sorry, a sick joke, but it makes me smile)

Yesterday myself and other staff members of the Longford Station both Police and Public Servant, spent the day wood cutting and delivering 10 metres of dry firewood to the successful bidder. This may not seem so special but during the last five years we have been cutting and delivering wood for the "Koinz 4 Kids", which has been auctioned on 7LA and the money raised going to the children's ward of the Launceston Hospital. In the five years we have been assisting this appeal, we have raised in excess of \$3000, - not a bad effort.

Unfortunately Steve was not able to attend, his excuse was something along the lines that the "BIG M" don't deliver to the bush, so he was not coming to play.

Be safe, be happy

Wick

Editors note: To which Steve do you refer?

## Smelling is believing!



The Proprietors of Launceston Tyrepower and Pride Autos & LPG, have had numerous enquiries regarding an advert which appeared in the August edition of the Country Courier, promoting a tyre which had the aroma of lavender - definitely one for the girls! They wanted to know if this was a gimmick, or "was it for real?"

The answer is that it is not a gimmick, motorists can enjoy the calming effect of lavender with Kumho Aroma Tyres, and for the performance attuned motorists, the Kumho range of "Drifter" tyres will leave the opposition in a cloud of bright blue smoke, red smoke - the choice is yours.

Don't know too much about Kumho tyres? Well at the recent Le-Mans 24 hour car race, a Lola won its class using Kumho performance tyres. Need more convincing? Well the preferred tyre for the new Mercedes Benz A class is guess what - Kumho Tyres!

## Update of proposed changes to Council Planning Scheme



Council has agreed to extend the time for informal comment on its current Planning Scheme review to allow for further feedback and also to clarify what is being proposed. Currently a number of discussion plans are on display and Council is seeking comments and suggestions from its communities before 1 October to assist it in deciding what changes should be formalised and then sent to the Resource Planning and Development Commission for consideration.

It is a complex process, as State Government requires all future schemes to comply with its template format and at the same time introducing a new push for regional planning.

During the 2006 Strategic Review, the communities of the Northern Midlands were invited to express their needs and ideas through submissions and two rounds of public meetings. This process resulted in the adoption of the Northern Midlands Council Strategic Plan 2007-2017. The Strategic Plan identified the "Community Vision", the Planning Scheme is one of the major tools available to Council to promote the community agendas identified in the "Community Vision".

Earlier this year, the State advanced its regional planning project which separates the state into three regions (based on the old telephone districts) and aims to prepare a single overarching regional plan for each area. This regional plan will provide for broad growth areas, for residential, commercial and industrial development; and address major transport routes, agriculture, irrigation and forestry.

A significant outcome from this process will be a new Planning Scheme for each council, the planning schemes will be 80 - 90% consistent with each other, with only a relatively small component of local content.

As the State will introduce the new Planning Schemes within the next two years, council decided that it would be of more use to amend the current Planning Scheme as an interim measure towards the new format and style of the State's template for the new Regional Planning Scheme.

Council staff have recently facilitated community meetings to present their ideas and to invite feedback. The responses so far have been mixed with some suggestions receiving community support and the intent of others being questioned.

To provide additional time to obtain further feedback and clarify concerns, Council has resolved to extend the period of time for informal comment for a further month until 01 October 2007.

The discussion plans can be viewed at: the Council Office in Longford; the Perth Community Centre; the Evandale Community Centre; the Post Offices at Ross and Avoca; and the Campbell Town Town Hall. They are also available on council's web site ([www.northernmidlands.tas.gov.au](http://www.northernmidlands.tas.gov.au))

A number of changes have already been suggested to both the plans and the text of the scheme, the changes have been categorised as follows:

### ● Correction of existing anomalies within the scheme.

It is inevitable that every planning scheme will contain a number of errors, mistakes and unintended consequences. This review is a good time to fix many of these.

### ● The format of the new Planning Scheme

The State requires the Planning Scheme format move to the new template style. This will require a number of changes to zones and use class names. Many of these will have no practical effect.

Some zones, such as community purposes normally applied to churches, schools and hospitals, will be replaced with residential or recreational zones. These changes will be an interim measure until the new Planning Scheme is introduced.

### ● Changes to the Planning Scheme - identified by the community as part of the Strategic Plan consultations held in 2006, i.e. community agendas such as:

Improved heritage areas and provisions;  
Protection of defined strategic land areas  
Provision for future needs for commercial and transport based development, and room for residential expansion.  
Ensure the continued growth and vitality of the Northern Midlands as a place to live, to work and to play,

To recognise its agricultural value and local opportunities, the planning review has considered opportunities to:

- \* Provide a succession area for Translink, possibly west of the Midland Highway between Breadalbane and Perth.

- \* Address the areas of Perth likely to be affected by the future Midland highway by-pass. Suggestions to

resolve the need for commercial development space have not been well received by the Perth community. It has been suggested that strategic land simply be reserved without predetermining its future use, this being the case, any future proposals will need to go through another public amendment process.

- \* Grow the rural processing and storage area currently located in the Powranna area. As the agricultural emphasis shifts towards increased cropping in the midlands, there will be a growing need for appropriately located areas to store and partially process these harvests.

- \* Facilitate the continued development of Campbell Town as a district centre.

- \* Address the land use and growth needs of all of our communities in accordance with the advice they have already given.

- \* Provide for the implementation of recommendations of the Environmental Management Plan.

- \* Establish the significant centralisation of the Northern Midlands Community to the Regional Planning Process by nominating areas for residential and commercial growth.

Council is seeking continued input from its community over the next month. After 1 October, Council staff will consider all submissions and prepare a draft amendment to the Planning Scheme, a report will then be prepared for Council's consideration, to recommend that the formal amendment process begins.

If Council resolves to accept the recommendation, the complete draft amendment to the Planning Scheme will then be formally exhibited for further public review. The draft and any formal comments will then be sent to the Resource Planning and Development Commission, who will hold public hearings before making the final decision to approve, alter or refuse the proposal some time early to mid next year.

Please send your thoughts and ideas by mail to Duncan Payton at Northern Midlands Council, PO Box 156 Longford 7301 or email to [planning@northmidlands.tas.gov.au](mailto:planning@northmidlands.tas.gov.au).