

THIS WEEK

NEWS

☐ Eastern Shore resident and former secretary of lobby group Bicycle Tasmania, Stephen Jay, has welcomed Clarence City Council's initiative to develop a bicycle plan.

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☐ A pilot 12-month program is planned by Clarence City Council for kerbside collection of recyclables.

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☐ New Kids on the Block: The latest arrivals at Queen Alexandra Hospital.

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☐ The comprehensive Community Express diary.

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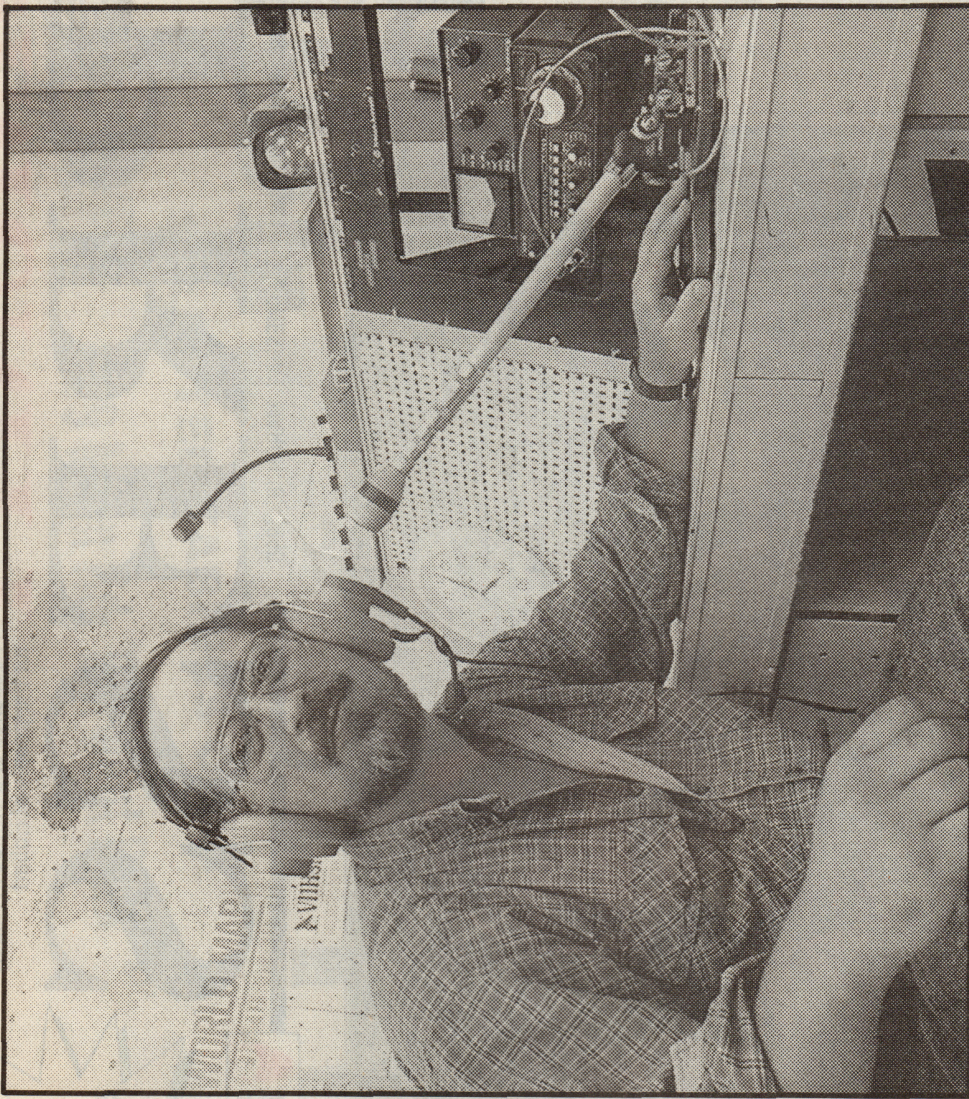
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Andrew Dixon, president of the Southern Branch of the Wireless Institute of Australia, Tasmania Division, which will begin a 15-week course in amateur radio on March 21.

Wide-ranging hobby that could save lives

By MONIKA ANDERSCH

in Yugoslavia.

"We have a lot of shortwave

"I was just tuning around when I picked it up and I contacted the

KEEPING TRACK

Arts and crafts at home

THE Queen Victoria Home in Milford St, Lih, will hold an art and craft exhibition weekend, starting from Friday at 10.30am. Works will be for sale and are by both established and emerging artists. All commissions earned towards extras for frail and aged residents Sunday, starting at 10.30am at the home, will fair with entertainment for all the family. There will be camel rides, wandering minstrels, rides, trash and treasure stalls, plants, vegetables and more. The giant auction starts at 12.30pm

Wilderness rally against chi

THE Wilderness Society will hold a rally and march about "How we can save our forests from wood-chipping" on Saturday. The rally will be held at noon the Parliament House lawns in Hobart. All welcome.

St Patrick's Day festivities

THERE will be a St Patrick's Ceili and a pit this Saturday at the City Gate convention centre Mornington at 7pm. The entertainment will include Irish dancing displays with Australian champion Conor Hayes and live music with Rakiah. Entry to the Ceili (pronounced Kaylee) costs \$2 a sit-down meal and the chance to get up and dance. Inquiries: 65 2598.

Preparing for birth — natural

A PANEL of midwives will take classes on natural birth preparation, starting on Monday, at 6.30pm. The panel will lead expectant couples through exercises, meditation and discussion on aspects of birth preparation. The approach will be towards making birth as natural as possible in a hospital home birth context. There will be plenty of room for discussion of choices and individual interests. Classes will be two hours long, last for 10 weeks, cost \$100 or \$80 concession. Inquiries: Childbirth Information Service, 143 Davey St, Hobart, or phone 24 3311.

Addresses on monarchy

THERE will be two addresses organised by the Australian Council for Constitutional Monarchy be held on Monday, at 7pm. Under the title "British Heritage of Australia", the first address "Our National Inheritance", will be by Reg Waugh of the Anglo-Saxon Keltic Society. The second will be "The Golden Threads of British Justice", by David Mitchell. The addresses will be at the Victoria Theatre.

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SPORT

□ A sport for young
and old, orienteering
has started its new
season, and with it a
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Wide-ranging hobby that could save lives

By MONIKA ANDERSCH

AN amateur radio operator could
save your life.

Operators aren't merely people
who tinker around with com-
munication devices, chatting to
one another, they are sometimes
involved in civil emergencies and
have often been the first point of
contact in moments of distress.

President of the Southern
Branch of the Wireless Institute,
of Australia, Tasmania Division,
Andrew Dixon, said a lot of people
thought amateur radio enthu-
siasts were just interested in
radios, but it was really much
more than that.

"A lot of people don't know
quite what it is," Mr Dixon said.
"It's basically a hobby based
around electronics and radio com-
munications," he said.

And people participate in club
activities for many different
reasons, even to the point of
keeping abreast of happenings
during the Gulf War and events

in Yugoslavia.

"We have a lot of shortwave
listeners," Mr Dixon said.

"Some people just build stuff
and only speak two or three words
on air in their life.

"Some people design antennas
or try and build radios that use as
little power as possible, while
others have ambitions to get QSL
cards, which are cards that prove
you've made contact with some-
one," he said.

In fact, Mr Dixon and another
member of the institute, John
Rogers, pointed out that amateur
radio was such a wide-ranging
hobby that people couldn't hope to
know every facet of it.

"For example, people don't
know that the first non-govern-
ment communication satellite
was put up by amateur radio
people," Mr Dixon said.

He was also involved with an
SOS once, being the first person
to pick up the distress signals
from a ship that was going down
off the coast of Victoria.

Sorell road

RE the letter from M.J.
Taylor, published on
March 1, about the clo-
sure of Forcett St,
Sorell, between the high
school and primary
school sections.

He told us the road
had been closed to allow
the laying of footpaths
from Gordon to Walker
Sts, and also said it
should be left closed be-
cause of the number of

LETTERS

students crossing the
road.

As it turns out, school
councils have been
trying to close the road
for at least 10 years.

Since the year I
started my education at
Sorell until earlier this
year, parents, students
and teachers wrote let-
ters and spoke to minis-

ters and Sorell Council
members about getting
Forcett St closed.

Finally, two years after
I left Sorell school the
road has been closed
permanently.

M.J. Taylor had a good
idea and we're lucky
somebody thought of it
10 years ago, otherwise
it would take another 10
to get it closed.

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David Mitchell. The addresses will be at the Victoria
League Building, 197 Macquarie St, Hobart. In-
quiries: 29 1239.

Flower show at Lindisfarne

THE ABC's Judy Tierney will officially open the
Lindisfarne Garden Club's "Gardening is Great
Flower Show", to be held at the Uniting Church
Hall, Lindisfarne, on Saturday. The show will run
from 1.45 pm to 4.45pm, with the official opening at
2.30pm. Admission is \$1 adults and afternoon tea
will be available for \$2.

Classes at Rosny centre

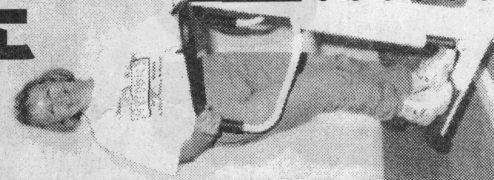
ROSNY neighbourhood classes will be held at the
Rosny Seventh-day Adventist Community Centre,
Riawena Rd, Rosny. Enrolments are now being
taken for classes in silhouette cards, Easter buns
and bread rolls, lampshade making, vegetarian
cooking and paper tole. Inquiries: 48 1083.

Choir seeking members

ST ANDREW'S Caledonian Choir would like to hear
from any tenor or bass singers interested in joining
this mature age choir which has been running for
more than 30 years. The choir sings at a variety of
venues, including homes for the aged. Inquiries:
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