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Night owls reveal nature's mystery



Mount Roland Land Care is hosting a free event, Naturally Kentish at Night, at Gowrie Park on Saturday April 5. Pre-registration is essential and closes on Thursday, April 3.

The event will be held at Wilder Tasmania and features a diverse and entertaining program, with music, food and drinks.

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EDITORIAL

Happy to say that our support printers in Hobart are printing for us from now on as our digital press is no longer supported by Fuji Xerox. They recognise the importance of our publication and have given us a good price which will allow us to keep our advertising rates as low as we can. No change for now!

We used our last toners to provide full-colour editions in the run-out but this edition is the first to be printed in Hobart and transported up to Sheffield for distribution. So please be patient as we work out the logistics. The edition will be available for download once the copy has been sent to Hobart so subscribers will receive the editions first. If you would like to have the link sent each month, you can register on the website: www.thekentishvoice.com.au. Or you can download a copy.

Lesley will continue as Advertising Manager, distribution person, and support person for the wonderful community-minded individual who puts their hand up (spoiler alert!) to learn to be our new Editor as Heather retires from the position later this year.

Thank you everyone who has, and is, supporting the Kentish community by supporting our efforts to bring you *The Kentish Voice* each month.

Lesley & Doug

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As I am turning 60 in August this year, I have decided to step down as Editor of *The Kentish Voice* at the end of the year after four years in such a privileged position.

With all the opportunities Kentish has to offer, I would like to 'do' more than 'report'.

It takes about a week each month to put *The Kentish Voice* together, from interviews and photographs, to editing contributed articles and laying out the pages. It's a new puzzle with familiar shapes each month.

It is a Love Job but it brings great satisfaction.

The position would suit someone retired or working part-time who cares enough about this community to spread the word about everything Kentish. Journalism skills are not a prerequisite as Lesley took on the job with no experience in publishing or design. All can be learned.

Our contributors are extremely reliable and most send their copy in by deadline day. All the amazing clubs, groups and organisations are well connected to The Voice and regularly send stories and photos. It's usually a case of what to leave out rather than trying to fill space.

Heather

Changing of the guard at RSL sub-branch

By Heather Eiszele

A 2-2.4m tall silhouette of a Digger standing guard is expected to be unveiled at the Sheffield RSL by Anzac Day, according to outgoing sub-branch president George MacDonald.

The project, by mural artist Damian Rossiter, will be the final project for George, who has handed over the reins to vice president Bernie Binns after five years at the helm.

Many projects have been achieved in that time, with the sub-branch reaching many long-held goals, such as the relocation of the Whitworth field cannon from the museum to the RSL.

Other achievements are not so visible to the public. The sub-branch funded the remodelling of the RSL kitchen, including a new floor and replacing wooden counter tops with stainless steel, and organised for the carpets and chairs to be dry cleaned.

"I've written a lot of grant applications," said George.

The sub-branch also spearheaded the redevelopment of the outdoor barbecue area, installing an outdoor kitchen and pizza oven for RSL guests to enjoy with their families.

Bernie said building relations with Sheffield School was a priority for the sub-branch, introducing younger people to the organisation through the annual dinner and the Anzac Day essay competition.

"It's about keeping the sub-branch relevant," said Bernie.

Added George: "We also get some of the kids to help with the flag on Anzac Day – we try to get them as involved as we can."

In the past five years, the sub-branch has also completed the Cenotaph renovations, renewing all the plaques, and built the Memorial Wall with family plaques.



Kitchen duties: Bernie Binns (left) and George MacDonald.

"Military people get their names up on an Honour Roll for people who died during the war but this is for anyone who's ever worn a uniform and passed away," George said.

"It doesn't matter where they passed away or where they are now, if a family wants to put a plaque up there, they can as long as they're in Kentish. That gives them somewhere to go and be with their loved one."

The sub-branch also updated all the honour boards, repainted the mural wall and moved the flagpole to create a military corner. "The Digger will be facing the flagpole and the cannon," said George.

Both men said mateship was what kept them involved in the Sheffield RSL sub-branch.

"It's such a great little community and we look after our own," said Bernie.



Easter Egg Hunt Make-A-Wish Sausage Sizzle Live Music Face Painting Saturday April 19th

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Sheffield Bible Chapel celebrates 150 years

Members of the Sheffield Bible Chapel invite anyone with interest or connections to join with us for any part of our 150 year celebrations over the weekend of April 5-6.

Mayor Kate Haberle will officially open the celebrations at 1pm on Saturday, April 5, at the Chapel, 45 High Street.

Some of the key events include an historical forum with Q&A, featuring special guests Alan Dyer OAM (local historian) and John Overton of Hobart (direct descendent of early pioneers and currently a doctoral candidate researching Tasmanian history related to brethren churches). Panel host: Tim Dyer. 2-3.30pm on Saturday at the Sheffield Bible Chapel.

Historical documents and photos will also be displayed inside the church through the weekend.

A sesquicentennial singalong will be held from 6.30-7.30pm on Saturday evening, featuring hymns and songs from 150 years ago to the present.

Sunday service will be at 10am followed by a shared lunch.



SHEFFIELD RSL SUB BRANCH

**TRIVIA**

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i.e. MONDAY APRIL 14th

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The Opportunity: Nine artists will be selected to paint a mural in Mural Park from November 2-8.

Prizes: The Judges Highly Commended Prize (\$10,000), the Slaters Country Store People's Choice Award (\$5000) and e-Guide's Volunteers Choice Award (\$1000) will be awarded. All nine Finalists will receive a sponsorship of \$2500.

The challenge? A race against the clock, public scrutiny and ever-changing weather conditions that will push your skills to the limit.

Are you up for the challenge? Be inspirational, be creative, and leave your mark on the Town of Murals.

Applications Open Now. Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to showcase your talent and be part of this iconic event. For more information visit www.muralfest.com.au and download an entry form or phone Sandy on 0427 475 113.



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Montgomery MP farewells electorate

By Leonie Hiscutt

Thank You Montgomery!

As 2025 rushes by, I'm acutely aware this means the Montgomery Election is just around the corner.

When the Election is held in early May it will mark the end of my 12 years as your local member.

I was first elected in 2013, then you all showed your faith in me again when I was re-elected in 2019.

The chance to effect change and advocate for our community has been one of the greatest achievements of my working life and I sincerely thank you for the opportunity to represent you.

While the nature of politics is that you won't always see eye-to-eye with everyone, I'm glad people have felt they can raise their concerns or issues with me and have confidence I will do all in my power to help and advocate for them.

It is my opinion that the highlight of being a politician is spending time at the numerous community and sporting groups in the electorate. I've become a member of so many local clubs and groups over the years, and it's been a lot of fun being an active part of these organisations.

I made it my mission early on to attend as many AGMs as I could fit in and sponsor as many local events as possible; it's been a fabulous way to hear what's happening in the community, support fantastic causes, meet some very interesting people and learn new things.

I've thoroughly enjoyed this time as your local member, representing the people of Central Coast and Burnie, then being lucky enough to welcome a large part of Kentish into Montgomery when the electoral boundaries were redrawn in



Pumped: Leonie Hiscutt refuels with the support of Batman.

2017. I am very grateful for how warmly the people of Kentish embraced me when this happened, it's been a pleasure getting to know so many of you and reacquainting myself with countless old friends.

Supporting our community is something ingrained in the Hiscutt way of life, with such passionate and dedicated examples set for us both by Uncle Desmond Hiscutt and Uncle Hugh Hiscutt. I'm extremely proud to have followed in the footsteps of past family members and hopefully have set a pace for future family members who may stand for election in the seat of Montgomery.

Casey carries the torch

By Casey Hiscutt

For the last six years, I have served as a dedicated councillor for Central Coast, always putting the needs of the community first.

Born and raised in Howth, my roots run deep in this community. I have been with my wife for 18 years and am a proud father of three young children. I understand the challenges local families face. I've worked for local manufacturing companies in South Burnie, Penguin, and Ulverstone and know first-hand the importance of local jobs and industry. I'm a former student of Penguin Primary and Marist and played football and basketball for Peanguin.

I believe in the independence of the Upper House, which serves as a house of review. That's why I'm running as an independent candidate – to ensure that I can represent you without being influenced by party politics. My decisions will be based solely on what's best for the people of Montgomery, including Central Coast, parts of Burnie and Kentish.

Whether it's creating local jobs, improving community services, or ensuring our schools and healthcare facilities are equipped to meet your needs, I'm committed to addressing the issues that matter most to you. I'm always available to listen- whether in person, over the phone, or on my Facebook page.

In May 2025, Vote 1 for Casey Hiscutt in the Legislative Council elections – a strong independent voice you can trust to deliver for the people of Montgomery in the Upper House.

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**Independent, local, and dedicated
to representing you—Hiscutt is a
name you can trust to deliver for the
people of Montgomery.**

As a devoted husband and proud father of three young children, I deeply understand the challenges and joys of family life.

I firmly believe in maintaining independence within the Legislative Council and am committed to thoroughly reviewing and improving the legislation brought before me.

My priority has always been to put the community first, working tirelessly to help in any way I can. I am here to be your voice and your advocate.

This May, vote 1 for Casey Hiscutt in the Legislative Council elections—a strong, independent voice you can trust to deliver for Montgomery.

**Leonie
Hiscutt** MLC
Liberal Member for Montgomery



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Thank you for your support!

The North West is an incredible place, full of so many wonderful people - it has been an honour to serve as your local Member of the Legislative Council.

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Scottish harp tutor shares plucking skills



Kentish Harp Combo, a sub-group of The Folk Federation of Tasmania, were treated to a morning workshop on March 16 by Heather Downie, the Principal Lever Harpist at the Royal Conservatoire in Scotland.

Heather is a renowned Scottish harpist and educator, celebrated for her dynamic performances and innovative approach to traditional music.

As the Principal Harp Tutor at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, Heather plays a pivotal role in shaping the next generation of harpists.

Heather was in Tasmania as part of a tour of New Zealand and Australia. She taught the KHC group two Scottish traditional tunes and helped students with harp technique, warm-ups and practice methodologies.

The workshop was sponsored by The Folk Federation of Tasmania.

Heather finished the Tasmanian part of her tour in the afternoon with a public concert at the Uniting Church in Sheffield. She was also guest tutor at the Harp Society of Tasmania's annual Harp Island weekend event at Grindelwald, and performed in concert at Wynyard and Burnie.



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Still time to apply for grants

The deadline for applications to be submitted for the Kentish Council Large Community Grants Program (\$501-\$2500) has been extended to Friday, May 16.

The Program builds community capacity and resilience by supporting community-led projects. Clubs and organisation are invited to apply to Council for financial assistance.

Examples of previous grants award by Kentish Council include \$1370 to a community group for shed security, \$1600 to a community group for a defibrillator for their mobile food van, and \$2500 to a community hall for historical signage.

Application forms are available from the Council website www.kentish.tas.gov.au or by phoning Darren Harris on 6491 0200.



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While West by North West is helping to facilitate, this is an industry-led conversation—we encourage tourism operators to come along, share their thoughts, and help guide the next steps. Tuesday, April 1, 4-5.30pm, Paranple Convention Centre, Aberdeen Room. Bookings required for this free event. Visit events.humantix.com



Farmers adopt positive outlook for year ahead

Tasmania’s agricultural sector has started the year with renewed optimism, after farmer sentiment had tumbled at the end of 2024, the latest quarterly Rabobank Rural Confidence Survey has shown.

The state’s farmer confidence levels had taken a sharp downturn in the December quarter off the back of ongoing dry conditions, however a seasonal turn-around in recent months has ensured this pessimism was short-lived.

The survey showed Tasmanian farmer confidence to now be among the highest in the nation – taking equal second place alongside Queensland and just behind South Australia.

The latest survey has seen the state’s rural sentiment return to positive territory – with more farmers now expecting the

Market Moves

with **Corinne Nicholson**
Principal
Roberts Nicholson
48 Main St Sheffield

I’ve recently sold a home in just 20 days of listing, proving that the Kentish market is thriving! Whether you’re selling, buying, or investing, now is the perfect time to take action. For sellers, small updates can make a big impact. Freshen up the façade, declutter, and enhance outdoor spaces to create an inviting atmosphere. Highlighting features like rural views, cozy fireplaces, or modern kitchens will attract serious buyers. For buyers, autumn is a fantastic time to inspect properties. Look for good natural light, insulation, and energy efficiency to ensure year-round comfort.

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Aug.	30th
Sep.	27th
Oct.	25th
Nov.	29th
Dec.	27th

In case of bad weather please join us at the Blacksmith Cafe for a hot drink and a chat

BBQs are held on the last Saturday of each month 11am - 12:30 pm at Health Park Sheffield

Hydro moves to next stage for Cethana

Thank you to everyone who has joined the conversation about what the future could look like if we build a new pumped hydro project at Cethana. There is a lot happening behind the scenes to plan for this big and exciting infrastructure proposal.

The team will be back out in the community soon so keep an eye out for details!

Workforce accommodation

A new pumped hydro project would mean lots of jobs during construction and that means we need to plan for where we could house all the workers.

Elders Devonport managed an expression of interest process to identify potential sites for a new workforce accommodation facility. There were lots of applications and we are now deciding which one would make the best site for workers to live.

Out and about in the community

We loved bumping into so many locals at the recent Cethana Power Station Open Day. It was a highlight for Gina and Bronnie to welcome people to the station. They explained how pumped hydro works and why it's important not just for the region, but for the whole state.

We are studying all the potential impacts to make sure we get it right for the community and for the environment. This includes studies into: traffic management; noise; air and water quality; and environmental and social impacts. We will share how we propose to manage any impacts.

What's next? Your feedback matters to us. Bronnie is now



Bronnie, Stewart Geard and Gina at Cethana.

collating everything we've received through community surveys, workshops and events.

It will be part of our Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) which is an important part of the planning process.

Gina is planning for more engagement activities, expected to kick off in May this year. We will share next steps, where the planning process is up to and our plan for addressing possible construction impacts and opportunities.

For more information, visit <https://connect.hydro.com.au/cethana-pumpedhydro>

Roland mural celebrates locomotive history



Sixty-eight years after the final train left the stone platform at the Roland Railway Yards, the local community has resurrected the magnificent mural that celebrates the rich locomotive history of the small community.

It has been almost three years of fund-raising, applications, approvals and community effort to return the large 10-panel Roland Railway Mural to public display. Located on the corner of Staverton Road and Adye Street, the new mural location overlooks the old railway yards (now privately owned), providing a scenic outlook up to Mount Roland.

The Roland railway line, a branch line from Railton, operated from 1914 to 1957, facilitating the transport of agricultural and forestry products from the Kentish district. The line was named after Captain Rolland, an early explorer in the area, and the village at the railhead was initially known as Staverton Railway, later Dasher, and then Roland.

The Roland Community will officially celebrate the mural's return with a community BBQ to be held from 11.30am (for a midday formal opening) on Saturday, April 26. The wider community and anyone with a story to share are welcome.

Project update

Cethana pumped hydro

Cethana is a small but mighty part of the Mersey Forth hydropower scheme. It has proven to be an ideal location to build pumped hydro. We have been hard at work on:

- Understanding traffic changes
- How to reduce environmental and visual impacts
- Enhancing tourism and business opportunities
- Housing a future workforce.

Our team will be back out engaging with the community soon!

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stay in touch!



SATURDAY APRIL 26
...from 1130am

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SHEFFIELD CRICKET CLUB

For the second time in our history, both our mens sides made the Cricket North West Grand Finals.

This took our teams to a total of six Grand Finals this season.

Our A grade side defeated Burnie at Sheffield in their semi-final. Sheffield batted first and scored 285 with Alex King 72, Marc Simonds 59, Eli Connelly 50 and Aiden Marshall 43 not out. Burnie were then bowled out for 218 with Aiden Marshall taking 5 for 70.

Unfortunately, in the Grand Final we were outplayed by Ulverstone. Sheffield batted first and scored 122 with Marc Simonds scoring 31 and Jonah Evans 28.

Ulverstone replied with 195 with Aiden Marshall taking 5 for 48 and Sam Robinson 3 for 38. As we were behind on 1st innings, we then tried to make quick runs but this backfired, being bowled out for only 70.

Our 2nd Grade side played Devonport at Sheffield in the Grand Final. We batted first and scored 164 with Sheldon Parker scoring 75.

We were looking good having Devonport 9 out for about 100. However, their undefeated last wicket partnership took them to pass our total, finishing 9 for 165.

At this year's Cricket North West Awards Night, Sheffield players received the following Awards.

Mens 1st Grade – Bowling Average – Aiden Marshall with 26 wickets @ 11.27.

Player of the Year – Alex King.

Women's 1st Grade Wicket- Keeping Award – Samantha Hardy

Mens 2nd Grade - Bowling Average - Joshua Marshall 30 wickets @ 11.3.

Our club took out the Club Championship Award for the second year in a row as well as the Spirit of Cricket Award for a record fourth year in a row.

Alex King, Marc Simonds and Aiden Marshall made the Mens All Star team and Georgia Anderson, Georgia King and Samantha Hardy the Women's All Star Team.

- *Peter King*



Cricket North West Player of the Year Alex King in form.

RAILTON BOWLS CLUB

Well the season is coming into finals and then to a close for the outdoor season, then we commence the indoor bowls. Anyone interested in playing indoor bowls, please contact the club and leave details. We will return your calls and fill you in when training will commence etc.

We have had a couple of events since the last time we put in an article. Mike Gaffney MLC Mixed Fours was held and what a great day, lovely weather and great lot of enjoyment of the game. The Hub Sheffield, what can we say, they have been fantastic in sponsoring two carnivals for our year, the last one being the Veterans Day held last week.

As with all clubs, we would struggle without the great sponsors the Railton Bowls club has. They are: Cement Australia Ltd, The Hub Sheffield, The Stihl shop Devonport, Mike Gaffney MLC, Railton Motor and Tyre and Anvers Chocolates.

We are going to look for sponsors to put sponsorship in for new club tops. The design and team name is up for voting now, make sure you get your names into the club.

Our annual Presentation Evening is May 3 from 6-6.30pm and cost will be \$25 per person. Get your names down and get your ticket for the night. We will also be having our last man standing and a nightly raffle.

Our vote counting day will be April 6 - find out from your managers time and format for the day. Each player receives votes and should be very interested in who gets the votes in your division. There will also be a calcutta, lots of fun and I am sure quite a few surprises.

We will be holding another veterans day on April 1 - anyone wishing to put a team in please contact asap.

If you would like to try the game, check out our facilities for an event, contact the club and leave a message or call Noelene on 0409 768 863.

Good luck to all teams in the finals, enjoy your time away from outdoor for a while. I will see a lot of you around the area.

- *Noelene Purton, Secretary*

SHEFFIELD BOWLS CLUB

It's the end of the pennant season already and we have had mixed success.

The Thursday Ladies team have made the finals. Well done, Ladies! Unfortunately, the Saturday teams have just missed out on a place in the finals this year.

Our long-awaited kitchen repairs are underway after a car went through the side wall back in November.

We hosted a successful Farmers Day event in January sponsored by Gerald Davies from Robert Real Estate and we thank him for his generous contribution.

We will be holding our annual AGM in May with a date yet to be set. Bingo is held on Tuesday, eyes down at 1.30pm with two jackpots.

- *Rosie Bassett, Secretary*

Sheffieldbowls77@gmail.com

**Please email your sports news to:
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SPORT

APPLE ISLE CARRIAGE DRIVING

Thank you to all who came to the Carriage Driving Tasmanian Masters Games and State Show Driving Championships over the March 1-2 weekend at our carriage club grounds in Native Rock Road, Railton.

We hope you enjoyed it and will come again. We apologise for the few glitches behind the scenes (and there are always those) which delayed our start time for the town drive. So apologies to those who waited - but I hear the coffee was great at Gear Café.

A big thank you to Mayor Kate Haberle for coming to have a look at our enthusiastic Masters Carriage Drivers and presenting the medals.

We had a really good turnout of competitors from Flinders Island to Doctors Rocks to the west and all place in between. Drivers of all skills and ages with an assortment of pony types. Sadly our competitors with Clydesdales had to withdraw but there is always a next time.

We hope that it showed that Carriage driving is a sport with many different types of horses or ponies and for all ages. One of our medal winners was 88 years young!

Our competitors say that they enjoyed themselves and we wore them out with the activities and they went home tired but happy. Steph who had travelled from south of Hobart even turned around the next weekend and travelled to Victoria to compete in the Victorian Championships ... what stamina. Enthusiasm has no limits!

Our small club was lucky to have the expertise of not one but three interstate judges (how lucky were we) as we scooped them up as they were on their travels around Tassie, or here working, and Deb who jumped at the opportunity to come to Tassie.

Again I would like to thank our sponsors for their help and support in running the two events. We would not have managed to provide the opportunity for competitors and spectators without them. Sai at Gear Café, Catherine at Seven Sheds and Darren at Kentish Council were all so helpful in pulling off a successful event.



Kentish Community Men's Shed again provided great sausages for such a small event. And What the Froth coming with their great coffee, though they had leave early. And thanks to setting-up gurus Steven and Cocky from the CFA.

Thank you to Railton Hotel for accommodating some of our competitors (their ponies were at the grounds, luckily).

We are planning a Come and Try Carriage Day on April 26. So follow our Facebook page (North West Carriage Drivers) for more info. Or contact Kate Wholagan 0409 311 420 to register your interest. We would love to see you.



TASMANIAN HIGHLAND CROQUET CLUB

The seventh International Women's Day croquet challenge was exciting, and fun filled with a nail biting finish.

There were 12 participants from the neighbouring community varying in age from 9 to 85. We had two qualifying events with a short break for a shared delicious vegetarian lunch.

The final was a close match for all six contestants, but the most critical contest was between two-time winner Nicky Simms and her daughter Victoria.

It was too close to call. Even the referee forgot to breathe. Victoria, the daughter, won. It was a great surprise and a lovely conclusion to a hard-won battle.

The Simms name returns once again to the trophy.

Family rivalry: Winner Victoria Simms (right) with her mother and runner-up Nicky Simms.



RAILTON PARKRUN

Congratulations to Matt Watt who celebrated his 100th parkrun at Railton on March 1. Matt was keenly supported by family members who helped him celebrate the milestone.

On March 15, Stephen Rand (*right with a very excited Hazel*) completed his 300th parkrun. It is worth noting that all but one of these events was at Railton. Congratulations Stephen on a wonderful effort.

Recently we have welcomed visitors from New South Wales South Coast, Brisbane, Launceston, Acacia Hills, Devonport, Margate, Hobart, Sydney, Ulverstone, Hamilton, the UK, Latrobe and Bicheno.

We take pride in acknowledging and welcoming our parkrun visitors and we often receive positive feedback about our wonderful course.

We recently hosted two 'bark run' visitors, Bunny and Molly (along with their Mum and Dad) from the Devonport parkrun who were fortunate to take home their very own doggy bandannas.

Parkrunners and their bark runners (dogs on leashes) meet every Saturday morning at the Sykes Sanctuary entrance on Kimberly Road. First timers receive a 1:1 briefing from the parkrun Director at the gazebo in Lions Park at 9:50am.

Volunteers are an integral component of this free community



Bark runners make the Railton parkrun even more fun.

event; we encourage everyone to consider adding your name to the volunteer roster. Thank you to our regulars and visitors for making this a truly wonderful event.

SHEFFIELD GOLF

Tandara Day was held on March 8 and very well supported with \$2000 being donated to our local Care Facility. Thank you to Camper Plus and Glen (Jimmy) Connors for your sponsorship, this is greatly appreciated. Thank you also to the members who brought along cooking and produce to raffle.

Monthly Medal Winners

Members: Sponsored by IGA Sheffield was won by Greg Collis with a great 64 nett from Alan Duncan with 67 nett

Vets: Sponsored by Sheffield Tyre & Mechanical was won by Gerry Hopkins with 67 nett from David Macmillan with 68 nett. Craig Denney had a wonderful 64 nett but as he hasn't reached the "Vet" age yet and so was ineligible to win.

Ladies: Sponsored by D J Williams Refrigeration was won by Winsome Sherriff with 70 nett from Janice Milner 71 nett

Once again a huge thank you to our Monthly Medal Sponsors.

Members:

22/2 John (Sammy) Newman sponsored the Irish Stableford 3 players which was won by Ian Sayer, Lyle Hardwicke and Scott

Gale with 85 nett from Gerry Hopkins, Peter Orchard and Doug Callander with 82 nett. Thanks again Sammy for your support.

8/3 Tandara Ambrose 4 was sponsored by Camper Plus and Glen (Jimmy) Connors, the winners being Rod Curle, Wayne Ivory, Stephen Hope and Leigh Tuson with 52.125 nett from Charlie McCaffrey, Mick Chatwin, David Macmillan and Bob Coleman 52.75 nett

15/8 Stableford was won by Roland Proud with 39 pts from Peter Orchard, Gerry Hopkins, John Hope and Matthew Knight all with 36 pts.

Vets:

25/2 Stableford was won by Michael Haberle 39 pts from David Macmillan 37 pts

11/3 Vets & Ladies combined to play a Scramble Foursome. Winners were Denise Morgan and Janice Milner with 58 nett on a countback from Noel Meyers and Neil Denney 58 nett.

Ladies:

25/2 Stableford was won by Janice Milner with 35 pts from Robyn Von Stieglitz with 33 pts.

Upcoming event: 12/4 Drummonds Ambrose 2

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Labor scheme obliges mobile carriers to ensure access

By Rebecca White

The Albanese Government's world-first mobile phone reform will make the problem of Tasmania's mobile black spots a thing of the past and give Tasmanians the mobile coverage they've been crying out for.

Labor's Universal Outdoor Mobile Obligation (UOMO) will require mobile carriers to provide access to mobile voice

and SMS almost everywhere across Australia, ensuring up to 5million square kilometres of outdoor mobile coverage. This includes more than 37,000km on regional roads, along with national parks, hiking trails or out on the farm. The federal government's Uomo scheme will: expand Triple Zero access across the nation; expand outdoor voice and SMS coverage into existing mobile black spots; and improve the availability of mobile signals during disasters and power outages.



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COMMUNITY NOTES

WORKING ART SPACE SHEFFIELD

Sheffield Art Gallery – 6 Pioneer Crescent, Sheffield

Focus on Sheffield Artists

Commencing April 2 until the end of May, the Gallery will increase its exhibits of works by its members. Get to know Sheffield a little better through the artwork and creativity of this community.

Pop into the Gallery and be surprised by the diversity of creative talent on show and available to purchase: wall art and prints, glass creations, wooden items, ceramics, and a range of craft items, toys and gift cards.

Opening hours: 10am to 3pm daily.

Working Art Space – 4-6 Albert Street, Sheffield

Printing classes: Every Tuesday between 10.30am and 2.30pm. Minimal cost of \$3.00 per person to cover inks and paper. Contact Fay on 0400 491 272 or email faylilly@hotmail.com

Botanical Drawing: Saturdays from 1pm to 3.30pm. If you would like to take part, please contact Colette Binder on 0439 426 665 for more information.

Pottery workshops: Wednesdays from 10.30am. \$20 membership and \$3.00 a week to attend.

On Tuesdays and Wednesdays, please feel free to pop by our Albert Street Gallery to view our pottery and other art displays.

HUB REPORT

We continue to be busy with donations and often have interesting conversations asking; "What is it?" we don't always find an answer.

Recent donations. Polocrosse \$3000; Railton Bowls Club \$1000; Sheffield Football Club \$500; Kentish Regional Clinic \$3000; Kentish Endurance Riders \$1500.

We will be taking a short break over Easter, closing Thursday, April 17, and opening again Monday, April 28.

- *The Committee*

KENTISH LIONS



In March we catered to the many, many people at Steamfest. The weather was fantastic. We sold much more food than we did last year. We also had a wood raffle at Steamfest which raised \$1120. It was won by a Devonport family.

We have removed some trees in a widow's yard and helped a disabled lady move stuff from a storage shed to her home.

Bunnings sausage sizzles continue to be a good source of income. The money raised goes back into our community.

We plan to raffle a trailer-load of wood at the upcoming election so keep an eye out for that one.

Our meetings are the second and fourth Monday of the month. The next two meetings are April 14 and April 28. Guests are welcome. If you'd like to know more about Lions or come along to a meeting, email kentishlions@gmail.com.



KENTISH SCOUTS

Working towards her Scouts Medallion, Sophie chose to participate in Relay for Life again this year and had the honour of being chosen by the R4L Committee to light the third candle - the candle of Hope, at the candle lighting ceremony and read out a message thanking those who have been lost to cancer for the gifts that their lives bought to each of us.

She was joined by other KSG scout members and supporters to walk laps of the Penguin Athletic Track in solidarity fighting against cancer, completing more than 200 laps in a team effort.

A huge thank you to the very generous Sheffield community who donated to the Cancer Council on our fundraising day!

If participating in this type of event and helping the adults of the future to achieve their potential is appealing to you, we are still looking for leaders to join our group.

Please feel free to contact us and attend one of our nights to see if you would be a good fit for our scout family.

- *Tanya, KSG Chairperson, 0438 559 317*



Relay, Relay tired Scouts after the fundraising marathon.

PIZZA CONNECTION

The director of Creation Research Australia and owner of Sea Horse World, Craig Hawkins, will speak at a free event at the Sheffield Town Hall on May 9. More details in next month's edition of *The Kentish Voice*.

SHEFFIELD RSL SUB-BRANCH

Following our recent March meeting there have been some changes made to our committee. Bernard Binns is now appointed as President, Stuart Wilson has resumed the role of secretary, Ron Davies Treasurer, Terry Hughes Welfare.

Planning for ANZAC day services are coming along nicely with the dawn service at 5:45am at the cenotaph & the Town Hall service at 10:30am. Names for laying wreaths to president on 0429 099 904.



**Kentish
Garden Club**

Autumn lilies are no shrinking violets

A part of each monthly meeting of the

Kentish Garden Club is a display of blooms to show what's in flower. Members bring along flowers from their garden for identification and discussion. At the March meeting, Sue Dooley trumped all the beautiful exhibits with a stem of a Josephine lily in full bloom.

The Josephine lily (*Brunsvigia josephinae*) produces a large flower stem topped with a head of flowers made up of many small lily blooms on long stems. The flowers are red and the smooth, stout flower stem appears ahead of the leaves, which emerge in winter.

Josephine lily, named in honour of France's Empress Josephine, is native to South Africa. The flower heads are around 30cm in diameter. Each head may have 30 to 40 individual flowers. Close relatives include nerines and belladonna lilies.

The lily can be grown from offsets from the main bulb (called pups) or from seed. Either way, it can take many years to reach blooming size. Seed-grown plants can take 14 years to bloom. Pups are faster but still take three to seven years to flower.

The mature bulb is large and grows with its neck above the soil. This lily grows best in a warm, sun-exposed position with well-drained soil and a mulch of gravel. Keep free of weeds and competing plants.



Autumn treat: the spectacular flower of the Josephine lily.

Celebrate local and homegrown produce at our Harvest Supper

The next meeting of the Kentish Garden Club is Thursday, April 10, at 6.30pm at the Sheffield Golf Club, 214 Nook Road, Sheffield. This is our annual celebration of autumn with a traditional Harvest Supper.

Members are invited to bring a savoury and/or sweet dish to share in our 'pot-luck' seasonal feast. All welcome but please RSVP (\$15 charge for non-members).

For more information or to RSVP, please call Jennifer Stackhouse (KGC President) on 0488 047 011.

Men's Shed recognised for suicide prevention



Mates helping mates: Terry Hughes and Bruce Long.

Our President and Vice-President travelled to Launceston for the Tasmanian Life Awards and collected a certificate while enjoying a lavish dinner.

The Communities in Action for Suicide Prevention LiFE Awards acknowledge the crucial role that communities play in identifying and taking action towards suicide prevention.

The awards recognise any group or community, whether it's a sports club, community group, or a hobby group, that works together to prevent suicide.

This may involve developing a local plan for mental wellbeing and suicide prevention or organising activities that bring the community together to facilitate social connection and provide opportunities to discuss mental health and suicide prevention.

The Kentish Men's Shed was nominated for its Health Outreach program, which provides a safe space for men to talk to a trusted health professional about whatever is on their mind, while the Men's Shed gives them mateship.

Steamfest 25 is now done and dusted and what a ride that was. Our members were, at times, overwhelmed by crowds of visitors anxious to dine on our renowned sizzling sausages while watching our crew of blacksmiths toiling over a very busy forge.

For Redwater Creek, this was possibly their most successful Steamfest. Appropriate, too, being a milestone 30th. They are to be congratulated for hosting what must be Tasmania's premiere outdoor event.

Certainly our members are quietly proud of the results of that long weekend and we thank the men (and women) who gave so freely of their time and energies.

It has been a busy month indeed. We had troops at the Gowrie Park Rodeo where they raised a goodly sum via a 50-50 raffle which opportunity was afforded us by the Rodeo organisers.

As mentioned last month we had the pleasure of the company of the good folk of the Hub at morning tea which seems to have become a ritual as we try to thank them for their ongoing support of our endeavours.

Once again we must thank Linsey Walsh for the magic she weaves in catering for the event.

Visitors are welcome. We open Thursdays and Saturdays from 9am-1pm. For information, please call Terry 0429 122 520.

KENTISH PROBUS CLUB

The next meeting of the Kentish Probus Club will be Tuesday, April 8, at 10am at the Sheffield Bowls Club.

Guest Speaker will be a rep from The Stroke Foundation.

Outing this month is a Luncheon at the Sheffield Hotel.

Visitors are always welcome. For information, please contact Annelise on 6496 1220.

Tasmazia cafe marks 30 years of service

I would like to thank all those who have supported us over the 30 years we have had the cafe open at Tasmazia. We initially thought we would just be serving Devonshire teas with the luxury of three months off over winter. That is what businesses did 30 years ago.

Boy, did we get that wrong as we have now been open 7 days a week for years with the occasional interruption by bad weather, COVID 19, and the days when we do not have enough staff present to serve more than light meals.

Hence we have gone to a pop-up cafe which means we can usually serve hot drinks and a limited selection of takeaway offerings when we are not able to be fully operational.

Not bad for 30 years in the food business. As Gordon Ramsey

once said: "If you can run a food business for 10 years and not depend on alcohol sales, you have done well."

Being a family attraction we have never wanted to make alcohol a must. We want to allow families the opportunity to come and enjoy the old-fashioned way of imagination and interaction. Many people appreciate the simplicity of it.

Tasmazia itself has a 40th birthday this year. Also not bad for a venture doomed for failure. Instead Tasmazia and the Village of Lower Crackpot has worldwide recognition as a place of fun and laughter!

The Crackpot Team hopes to see you for our Easter Egg Hunt and Make-A-Wish Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser on Saturday, April 19. (see page 3).

- *Lady Crackpot*

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Mayor's message: accolades & ambitions



It certainly has been a very busy but exciting month. Steamfest drew a huge crowd to this event which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended over the three days. The weather was fantastic and this brought people out to attend not only Steamfest but Polocross, the Rodeo and the Pet Parade.

Congratulations to Councillor Simone Haigh for being inducted into the Tasmanian Honour Roll of Women for Service to Emergency Services; Workplace Relations. Starting as a volunteer, Simone has risen through the ranks of Ambulance Tasmania to become an Intensive Care Paramedic and now serves as a Clinical Support Officer.

Her most notable achievement is initiating a senate inquiry into the mental health of first responders which resulted in the implementation of presumptive PTSD legislation that has transformed workplace relations and support systems for emergency service workers. Kentish is very proud of your achievements.

Kentish Men's Shed was nominated in the Communities in Action for Suicide Prevention Section at the recent Tasmanian Life Awards. Although they didn't receive the final award, it was wonderful recognition of the importance of the Men's Shed which has become a powerful tool to improve men's health and help them feel valued and part of the community.

Members have set up a safe and accessible health program, having recognised a range of health issues and experiences across the group. Each month, a local nurse from Rural Health Tasmania visits the shed to help with a range of physical and mental wellbeing questions and concerns. This service has been widely accepted and plays an important role in the overall wellbeing of the men.

With the federal election getting closer, we are being asked

what our priorities are for Kentish. As Tasmania's third largest tourist destination, it is important to continue to build on our resources to ensure that visitors have a positive experience when travelling in our region. We are presenting four major projects for consideration by the candidates. They include the Cradle Mountain Gateway Trail, Short Walks Capital of Tasmania, Wild Mersey Mountain Bike Trail for a 4WD access shuttle road, and the redevelopment of the Sheffield Recreation Ground Club Rooms.

The National Rowing Championships were held at Lake Barrington at the end of March. It was a fantastic event and it was very pleasing to see how our businesses rose to the occasion to provide a wonderful service for our visitors.

The Governor-General, Her Excellency, the Honourable Ms Sam Mostyn AC, was in attendance on the final day for the official reception. We are very honoured to have such an important dignitary in our municipality at this national event.

The Sheffield first and second grade cricket teams played in their respective grand finals but unfortunately it wasn't to be their year. Both teams have played very well this season and just getting to the grand final is success in itself. Well done to all the players, coaches and volunteers for all your efforts.

ANZAC Day will be commemorated on April 25 with two services. The Sheffield Dawn Service will be held at the cenotaph on the school corner at 5.50am and the morning service will be held in the Town Hall at 10.30. A service will be held in the Kings Hall at Railton at 12 midday followed by the march to the cenotaph for a service and laying of wreathes. Wilmot will also be commemorating ANZAC Day with a service at 11.00am in the Wilmot Hall.

With Easter just around the corner, I would like to wish everyone a very happy Easter as you take a break from normal routines and spend time with family and friends. Stay safe if you are travelling to a holiday or family destination.

Kentish Council's annual report - a snapshot

A total capital program of \$4.24 million was delivered, with the new Sheffield roundabout completed in early in FY2024/25.

Other key projects included:

- Annual road reseal program, \$507,000
- Kerb and channel extensions in Main Street, Sheffield, \$456,000
- Railton Neighbourhood Centre extensions, \$173,000.

Work on the Railton Flood Mitigation project concluded that the funding from State and Federal Governments was insufficient to provide an acceptable level of flood mitigation for the Railton township under the funding requirements. Work continues to explore alternative options to protect the town from floods like experienced in 2011.

Financially, we incurred an underlying deficit of \$0.81 million, \$0.84 million unfavourable to budget primarily due to:

- \$442,000 higher than budgeted depreciation due to revaluation of Council's transport infrastructure assets after the 2023/24 budget was adopted
- \$201,000 higher than budgeted waste management contract costs mainly due to disposal costs of asbestos illegally dumped at the Sheffield Waste Transfer Station
- \$159,000 lower than budgeted share of profits from Dulverton Waste Management Authority

- The remaining \$46,000 variance to budget is the net effect of various other costs exceeding budget including contract maintenance costs for public amenities, building maintenance costs, audit costs and insurance costs.

Local Government Reform

In summary, the submission highlighted:

- Disappointment with the scenarios primarily focussed on boundary adjustments;
- Both Councils supported 4(B) which combines Kentish and Latrobe council areas; and
- raised transition challenges and options should the support for the merger of the two Councils be progressed.

Capital Works Program

Notable projects undertaken during the financial year include:

- Barrington Hall roof structure and reroofing.
- Bridge Barrier Upgrades.
- Completion of kerb and channel extensions at Main Street.
- Completion of Nook Road footpath and widening.
- Cradle Mountain Road remediation of storm damage and road slip at Bell Mountain.
- Footpath and Kerb/Channel in Formby Street, Sheffield.
- Wilmot Hall reroofing.

KENTISH COUNCIL

MESSAGE FROM MAYOR HABERLE COUNCIL TERM PLAN 2025/26

I am pleased to promote our inaugural Kentish Councillors 2025 / 2026 Term Plan, a unified strategic document that not only assures accountability but also reflects our collective commitment to Kentish's progress.

This first-ever Term Plan clarifies councillor priorities throughout their tenure and is compatible with our existing 10-year Strategic Plan and Annual Plan. It is intended to steer and support Council decision making, while simultaneously presenting councillors with a pragmatic agenda to define and measure success.

It is paramount to meet the community's expectations regarding councillors' conduct and the Term Plan seeks to assist us in upholding these standards of accountability and integrity. We persistently put weight on the community's trust in councils proper functioning and compliance with the Local Government Act.

Governance, Community & Economic Development, Infrastructure and Development & Regulatory form the backbone of our local government. As such, it is the councillors' responsibility to ensure these priorities are well-understood and equipped with relevant strategies and success measurements in place.

The Term Plan, published on our Kentish Council website and available at Council Offices, will be advertised through different platforms, fostering transparency and keeping us focused and accountable. We eagerly anticipate the upcoming strategic planning framework and Strategic Plan review to set the tone for our long-term objectives.

As longstanding residents dedicated to the care and flourishing of our community, we extend our appreciation to the members of Council and the community for their time and unwavering commitment to the advancement and prosperity of Kentish. Coming together in our shared vision of establishing Kentish as an exceptional place where people aspire to reside; one that is celebrated for its empathetic community, rich diversity, awe-inspiring environment, and vibrant local economy.

Together, we shall continue to form that "distinctive place" we envision.

RATES REMINDER

A reminder the fourth and final rate instalment for the 2024/2025 financial year is due and payable on or before the **30 April 2025**. Should you be experiencing financial difficulties, please contact our Rates Officer to discuss payment arrangement options.

LARGE COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME DEADLINE EXTENDED

The deadline for applications to be submitted for the Kentish Council Large Community Grants Program (\$501 - \$2,500) is extended to Friday, 16 May, 2025, which is in line with the budget process.

Guidelines and application forms are available from the Council website www.kentish.tas.gov.au or by phoning Darren Harris on 6491 0200.

KENTISH EASTER CLOSURES

The Council Office and Depot will close for the Easter Period on **Friday, 18 April, 2025** and will reopen on **Wednesday, 23 April, 2025**.

The Sheffield Waste Transfer Station will be closed on **Good Friday** and **Easter Sunday**. The Wilmot Waste Transfer will be closed on **Easter Sunday**. Open other days as per the normal schedule.

Recycling collection services scheduled for **Friday 18 April** will be collected the day after on **Saturday 19 April**. Residents should put their bins out the evening before. There will be no changes to the Waste/FOGO service.

Council wishes everyone a safe and happy Easter.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION EVENING

Council will hold the following Community Information Evenings:

- **Wilmot Meeting** – Thursday, 10 April, 2025 at 7pm at the Wilmot Hall
- **Lower Barrington Meeting** – Thursday, 1 May, 2025 at 7pm at the Lower Barrington Hall

All residents are invited to attend. RSVPs are essential via Council's website www.kentish.tas.gov.au or phone 6491 0200.

BIN REPAIRS

If your waste, recycling or FOGO bin is broken and needs repairing, please contact the Council Office on 6491 0200.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of Council will be held at the Council office on **Tuesday, 15 April, 2025** commencing at 6:00pm.

KaLIBA backs business initiatives

Instant business start-up, streamlined liquor licensing, and having individual red tape issues addressed should add up to Tasmania being the best state for small business.

In a groundbreaking move to release the brakes on small business in Tasmania, three new initiatives tackle some of the biggest issues facing many KaLIBA members.

“This is a massive announcement in line with our priority of reducing red tape and encouraging new businesses,” said Gordon Williams, CEO of the Kentish and Latrobe Independent Business Association.

“KaLIBA, and the 700 local businesses that make up its membership, look forward to the timing, detail and implementation of these initiatives.

Instant business start-up

To simplify the process of starting a business, the Tasmanian Government has announced a radical new scheme that will make it easier for entrepreneurs to launch and trial new low-risk businesses.

A single Small Business Start-Up Permit will allow new or existing business entrepreneurs with new business ideas to begin their operations by completing a single form, which will be processed swiftly with a positive and supportive approach.

The 12-month trial period will allow businesses to test their viability while receiving ongoing support. During this period, they will also be guided on compliance and will have access to advice to ensure they're ready to keep operating and growing their business after their initial 12 months of operating.

The new process will allow anyone to open and trial new businesses without the traditional red tape, while gaining real-world experience and active support from the government as they build their ventures.

Revolution in Liquor Licensing

For businesses, community groups and others, obtaining Liquor Licensing approval will be a simplified online process. Applicants will be guaranteed a response times of 10 days or less, with automatic approval if this processing time limit is exceeded. Applicants seeking changes, special event permits, or full liquor licenses will benefit from simplified online forms and streamlined processes, and fixed timeframe, which will provide incentive, flexibility and surety to businesses.

Red Tape reporting and action initiative

For any issue where red tape is affecting your business, there is now an easy way for it to be reported and acted on - visit www.cg.tas.gov.au/supporting_business/red_tape_reduction

This allows businesses to directly report issues related to red tape that are hindering their operations.

Every submission will be acted upon, ensuring businesses can cut through issues, and obtain the support they need to thrive in Tasmania's dynamic environment.

KaLIBA is committed to supporting these initiatives, working closely with key stakeholders to advise government on what is needed to successfully implement these reforms.

The Association will continue to host events and provide communications and education to help businesses navigate this exciting new era of entrepreneurship in Tasmania.

With the combination of permit-regulated time guarantees, these three new initiatives, and more to come, Tasmania is poised to become the start-up capital of Australia, offering the resources, support, and encouragement needed for businesses to flourish.

Ecofest walks the talk: Zero Waste at festival

We're thrilled to announce Ecofest's commitment to going zero waste by 2025. Our food vendors are embracing reusable plates and bowls, with composting and recycling at the forefront. Festival-goers can engage in composting and FOGO sorting activities.

Thanks to our supportive vendors and volunteers, we anticipate a seamless transition to a zero-waste event. Join us in leading the way to a sustainable future. Visit our “Waste NOT Hub” at the festival to be part of the action.

Ecofest has something for the whole family. Children's activities, presentations, workshops, music, great food, and more than 100 exhibitors to inspire your sustainable living journey. Join us for both days to ensure you don't miss a thing. Two-day pass from \$18. Children U14 free. Buy online, save and jump in the fast queue on entry. Tickets also available on the day, cash or card. Visit ecofesttas.com.au for all festival info, programs, and tickets.

See you at Camp Clayton, Clayton Road, Ulverstone, from 9am to 4pm on April 5-6. Ample parking onsite.



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Explore night life through experts' eyes



From Page 1

Guest presenters include Dr Lisa Cawthen who will lead

us off with *The Secret Life of Bats*. Lisa is well known for her funny, lively and very informative presentations – she is a true expert in the field, and a memorable presenter.

Ben Alldridge is our second feature presenter and an amazing young man. Formerly a marine biologist, now a globally celebrated astrophotographer and winner of the Australian Geographic Landscape Photographer of the Year (2024), Ben's presentation is *Nox Perditus: A Night Destroyed* – the impacts of light pollution and the loss of true night on our natural world.

That might all sound a bit alien. Ben's presentation will take us to new places, but all with a surprisingly profound connection to core landcare values and everyday human health. Do not miss this. Check out Ben's website for more - <https://www.benjaminalldridge.com/>

Weather permitting, both Lisa and Ben will lead outdoor walks later in the evening, to further explore the world of bats, night time skies and the surprising worlds of biofluorescence in our local environment.

Also featured on the night will be 10 entries in the youth creative award 'Naturally Kentish'. We have received an

outstanding array of entries, and your vote on the night will determine the winner. Winners will be announced on the night!

So many other highlights, including live music, and native plant sales from Laura Wildsmith's entirely youth run community plant nursery, all in the fabulous venue of Wilder Tasmania with food and bar available.

We'll also announce the 10 properties/landowners selected to be part of the 2025 tree planting program – this will kick off on Saturday, April 12, with a public tree planting day at Railton. Our goal this year is to plant 2000 trees.

Kristen Lang is known to many locally, and her amazing *Life on the Mountain* project is recording for the first time intimate details of the plant and animal life of Mount Roland through remote sensor cameras. Kristen will update us on her work.

Wearing another hat, as a multi published and celebrated poet, Kristen will open the event with a Welcome poem guaranteed to make you tingle. It's worth coming just for that!

Many have enjoyed public events organised by the volunteers at Mount Roland Land Care in recent years and there have been some memorable days. But this event may top the lot – do not miss out!

All are welcome but you must register to attend. Full details can be found at: www.mountrolandlandcare.org.au

Disabled riders celebrate 50 years of connections



RDA (Riding for the Disabled) Tasmania marks a remarkable milestone this year as it celebrates 50 years of bringing horses and people together. From its humble beginnings as a grassroots volunteer initiative, the organisation has blossomed into a vital community that continues to change lives across the island.

As part of its golden anniversary celebrations, RDA Tasmania is launching a community storytelling campaign, inviting past and present participants, volunteers, and supporters to share their personal experiences with the organisation.

"Every success at RDA Tasmania represents countless hours of dedication from our volunteers and the remarkable determination of our participants," said RDA Tasmania Chair Stephanie Mirowski. "We want to capture and share these stories as part of our history."

The organisation's impact spans generations, with thousands of Tasmanians benefiting from its programs since it began 50 years ago. Led by nationally accredited coaches, RDA Tasmania provides horse-related activities for people of all ages with

disabilities or additional support needs. Each session is carefully designed to build confidence and independence while ensuring participants enjoy safe, healthy, and stimulating experiences.

The success of RDA Tasmania stems from the unwavering commitment of its community - from the volunteers who dedicate their time week after week, to the participants who consistently push beyond perceived limitations, and the generous supporters who ensure the organisation's financial sustainability.

"This milestone belongs to every Tasmanian who has been part of our journey," said Stephanie. "Together, we've built something truly extraordinary, and we're excited to shape an even more impactful future for the next 50 years."

Community members interested in sharing their RDA Tasmania stories are encouraged to contact the Executive Officer, Claudia Nevah on 0429 943 247 or email admin@rdatas.org.au. These narratives will help document the organisation's rich history and inspire future generations.

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Did you know that your Libraries Tasmania membership gives you access to Beamafilm?

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Autumn School Holiday Program

Check out what free Autumn school holiday activities are happening in the North-West by picking up a program from the library or by visiting the Devonport Library Facebook page.

Book Chat at Sheffield Library

Last Thursday of every month; 4-5pm

Textile Craft at Sheffield Library

Second Thursday of every month; 3:30-5pm

Sheffield Library opening hours: Tuesday 3-6pm; Wednesday 9-11am and 3-6pm; Thursday 3-6pm. We are located at Sheffield School, 12 Henry Street. Call us on 6491 8233.

Book Review

The Accident by Fiona Lowe

In small Australian towns, everyone knows everyone and everything about each other don't they? That is what Hanna loves, and Freya hates about their small-town home.

Hannah has moved into town recently, following the love of her life to build the home of her dreams and replace the family she tragically lost.

Freya has lived here her whole life but that suits her fine. She has a man she loves and a thriving business that leaves little room for anything else, even though her ageing mother and wayward, newly divorced sister are running her ragged.

When Hannah finally gets to plan her big day, Freya is right there beside her. But on the day before the big event, tragedy strikes and not one person is left unaffected by the accident and the unimaginable aftermath.

This novel is filled with twists and turns, it's beautifully descriptive and has you questioning just how well you can really know someone, even when you have promised them the rest of your life.

- Review by Jane

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Nell & Neat drive shitbox from Perth to Darwin



By Anita Allen

We are a mother-daughter duo, from Northern Tasmania, participating in Shitbox Rally 2025 - Winter! This year, all the teams are driving their shitboxes from Perth to Darwin. This will be our third rally as a team.

Shitbox Rally is the largest community lead fundraiser for Cancer Council in Australia and is now in its 15th year. Part of the participation is that all teams have to raise a minimum of \$5000 but most teams raise well above this amount as you can see with the Winter 2025 rally target set at \$2,000,000 plus.

These funds go to Cancer Council and we are extremely proud to be doing our part to support such a worthy charity. The fundraising is the hard part, so any donation you can give is greatly appreciated.

Visit <https://winter2025.shitboxrally.com.au/nell-and-neat>



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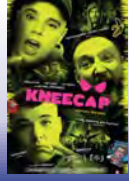
Preview all films at: www.nwfs.org.au/upcoming-films



12th March @ 7pm
Memoir of a Snail
M | 95 mins | 2024 | Australia | Animation, Drama
A poignant, heartfelt, whimsical chronicle of the life of an outsider finding confidence and silver linings amongst the clutter of everyday life.



9th April @ 7pm
The Critic
M | 101 mins | 2023 | UK | Drama, Mystery, Thriller
Based on the 2015 novel Curtain Call, The Critic is a whodunnit wrapped in a Faustian pact. A story of ambition, blackmail and desire with an anti-hero theatre critic (played by Sir Ian McKellen) at its dark heart.



14th May 2025 @ 7pm
Kneecap
MA | 105 mins | 2024 | UK | Docudrama, Comedy
(MA15+ Strong coarse language, drug use, nudity and sex scenes)
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Final call for entries in short film festival

Emerging and established filmmakers have one final opportunity to submit their work for the 2025 Weindorfer Short Film Festival.

Entries close on Sunday, April 13, marking the last chance for storytellers to showcase their creativity, passion, and unique perspectives through short films.

The Weindorfer Short Film Festival is a celebration of storytelling, fostering creativity, community, and connection while honouring the legacy of Gustav and Kate Weindorfer.

The festival provides a platform for filmmakers of all backgrounds to explore themes including:

- The value of Tasmania's natural wilderness;
- The Cradle Mountain World Heritage Area;
- The profound influence of conversation pioneers on the Tasmanian environment; and
- How individuals can make a positive difference.

This is an exciting opportunity for young and aspiring filmmakers to develop their skills, gain visibility, and have their work seen by industry professionals and a broader audience. Finalists will receive recognition, mentorship, and the chance to have their films featured at the festival's premiere event on May 4, at Weindorfer Day in Wilmot.

Categories & Prizes

The competition is open to all levels of experience, with two entry categories:

Under 19 (\$5 entry fee)

Open (\$25 entry fee, \$15 concession for students or pensioners)

Winners will receive cash prizes and exclusive accommodation at Cradle Mountain, offering an unparalleled opportunity to immerse themselves in Tasmania's breathtaking landscape.

How to Enter

Submissions must be received by April 13. Visit: https://weindorferfilmfestival.com.au/film_submission_guidelines/

Join the Celebration of Film and Storytelling

Whether you're an experienced filmmaker or taking your first steps in the world of cinema, the Weindorfer Short Film Festival welcomes you. This is your moment to create, inspire, and share your vision with the world.

For further details, please contact: Sandra Rowden-Rich, Vice-President of the Weindorfer Association, on 6459 0422 or email: info@weindorferfilmfestival.com.au

Weindorfer Day at Wilmot



Viewing the winning entries in the Weindorfer Short Film Festival is just one of the great attractions on offer at the annual Weindorfer Day held in Wilmot on Sunday, May 4.

Celebrating the inspiration of Gustav and Kate Weindorfer, the pioneer botanist conservationists who started the first tourist accommodation at Cradle Mountain in 1912, the attractions at Wilmot include vintage cars, blacksmithing, indigenous sacred foods of the Cradle, plant-based wearable art, games of yesteryear, live music, children's art exhibition, coffee van, and barbecue by the Kentish Men's Shed.

The guided bus tour "Cradle Trail, Wilmot to Waldheim" is always very popular with the visitors who enjoy a bushwalk through the Fagus forest, a historic tour of Waldheim and a splendid Wilmot afternoon tea. Numbers are limited and bookings essential through Eventbrite.

The day starts at 10am promptly with a non-denominational memorial service dedicated to Gustav and Kate in the Wilmot Memorial Hall that includes beautiful music and art.

Come and enjoy the autumn charm the Valley of Views.

Visiting service

If you need help with Centrelink, Medicare and Child Support payments and services, we plan to visit your community soon.

**Services Australia will be visiting
Sheffield and Railton.**

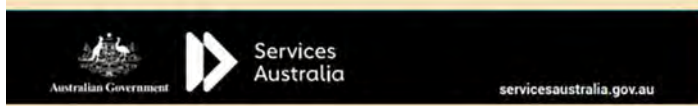
**The team will be located at the following venues
and times:**

Wednesday 2nd April & 30th April 2025

Kentish House, Sheffield 09:30 am to 11 am

Kings Hall, Railton 12:00 pm to 12:30 pm

Please phone Cassandra @Kentish House on 0447325343 to book a specific appointment time or walk-ins are welcome.



Choose your maple for Autumn colours

By Robert Gower

We are halfway through Autumn and soon all of the deciduous trees will be turning on all their beautiful foliage colours. It's a great time of the year with the still days and cold nights bringing out all the colours of Autumn.



So if you are looking for a tree that will give you great Autumn foliage, I recommend *Acer rubrum* "October Glory". This *Acer* is one of the lipstick range of maples with its beautiful crimson foliage. This is a large growing maple up to 12m by 9m, and tolerates warmer conditions than other red maples. If you have the space it's well worth planting one.

The next choice is *Acer platanoides* "Crimson Sentry". I have this one growing at my place. The thing I like about crimson sentry is the dark purple foliage turning a golden brown in Autumn. The growth is quite tight in its habit, growing up to 7m by 4m. It's been growing at my place for about seven years now, and the possums have not shown any interest.

My last choice is *Acer palmatum*. This one is quite common in gardens. It's the smallest of the three I'm recommending, growing to 4m by 4m. Unlike the other two, this maple likes some protection from hot winds in exposed areas. It comes in various shades of autumn foliage.

I have seen the autumn foliage in a yellow/ burnt orange, which is a stunning colour. The downside is possums can get a taste for this maple, so it does need some protection when young.

There are many other maples available. My advice is to have your camera or phone nearby, so when you see one in autumn foliage you can take some photos of the leaf and the shape of the tree, so you can get the local nursery to identify the species.

Scorecard highlights growth in agri sector

The value of Tasmania's agricultural production has grown by 5 per cent on the previous year according to the 2022-23 Tasmanian Agri-Food Scorecard released recently.

The scorecard measures and reports on the value and final market destinations of the state's agriculture, food and beverage production.

Liberal Member for Lyons, Guy Barnett, said agriculture was a way of life in Tasmania.

"From wine to cattle, our world-class fruit and spuds – Tasmania's agriculture is nothing short of spectacular," Mr Barnett said.

"Agriculture is the backbone of our economy and the lifeblood of our rural and regional communities – this couldn't be more so than across Lyons.

"This is why, as a Government, we're committed to growing the farm gate of the State's agriculture sector to \$10 billion by 2050.

"The latest edition shows that 2022-23 was another year of growth for Tasmanian agriculture, with the gross value of agricultural production growing by 5 per cent to \$2.46 billion in 2022-23, compared to \$2.34 billion in 2021-22.

Healthy Habits with Jon Delaine Care Coordinator Rural Health Tasmania



In the lead up to Easter, early morning stretching, lunging and squats have been the norm for the team at Rural Health Tasmania (RHT), with the launch of a seven-week bootcamp fitness trial in Sheffield.

The group of around a dozen participants has included RHT staff and participants from across Kentish.

Bootcamp activities include indoor and outdoor sessions, with some spectacular sunrises accompanying the 6.30am morning workouts.

Aimed at building strength, balance and coordination, the program trial has been a roaring success – with participants extending the twice weekly bootcamp sessions beyond the initial trial.

A call for new participants for the next round of Bootcamp will occur in late April, or register your interest at the RHT Sheffield Clinic.

As we approach Easter, the temptation to binge on chocolate eggs and bunnies can leave us with unwanted waistline blowouts. Packed with sugar and fats, Easter chocolates are some of the highest kilojoule foods around!

In fact, a 50g hollow Easter egg takes around 30 minutes of jogging to burn off our waistlines, with a buttered-up hotcross bun taking an hour to burn off with a dedicated jog.

Don't deny yourself that sweet treat this Easter, but remember to enjoy your treats in moderation.

You can also enjoy the milder autumn weather and leap into nature during our Easter holiday period. Take a walk around your neighbourhood, enjoy one of our many local waterfalls or bushwalks, and connect with friends and community."

Rural Health Tasmania, Henry Street Health Centre. Jon works Mon-Wed and can be contacted on 0499 445 030.

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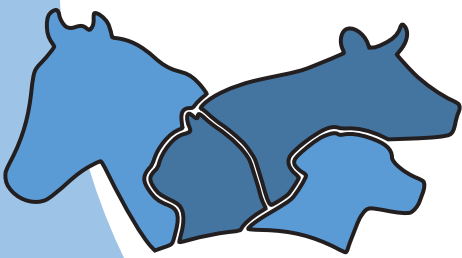
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Grade sixers still enjoy each other's company



The 1950 Grade 6 class from the Sheffield Area School reunited at the Sheffield Hotel for their annual get-together recently.

Seventy-five years ago this group were in Mr Tom Beswick's Grade 6 class and are now aged 86/87 years.

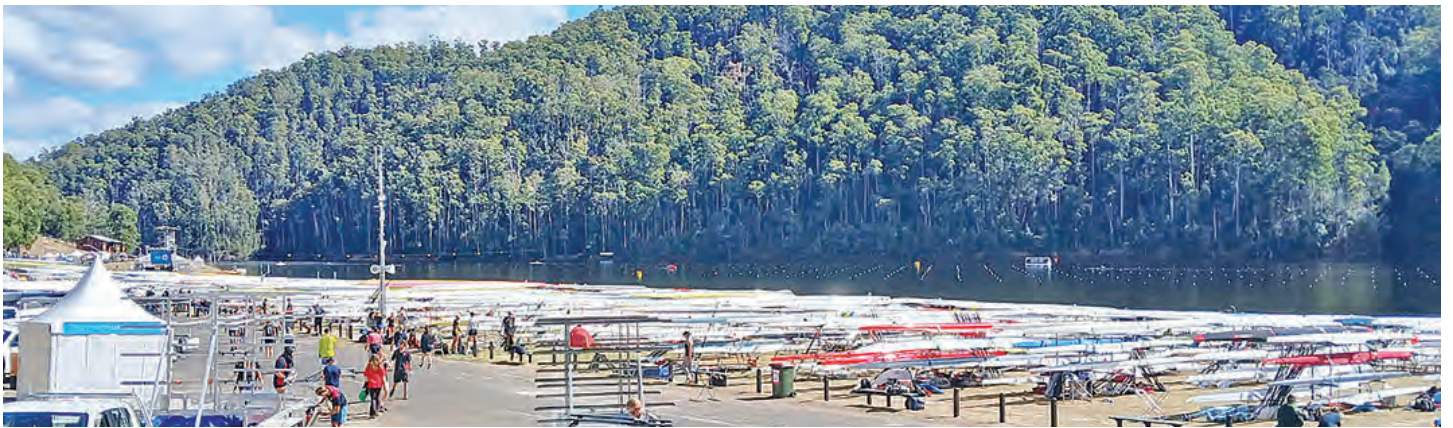
Despite being a smaller group this year, special memories,

life experiences and musical entertainment (provided by Cyril and Shirley Simpson and Kerry Ashman) were enjoyed immensely.

Thank you to all who organised and attended.

- Bev Peebles nee Jordan

Early action at national rowing regatta



Boatload of boats at Lake Barrington. Photos above and below left: Jennifer Braid. Below right: Rowing Tasmania





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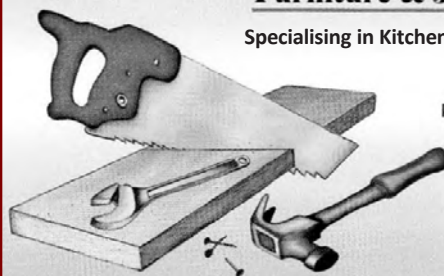
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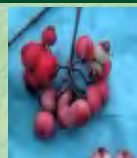
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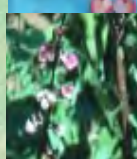
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"Helping hungry people feed themselves well"

By Geoffrey Curtis

Have you ever suggested to someone they ought to try eating kangaroo or wallaby?

Most likely they have said, "Oh, yuk, no thank you". How about tasting Kangaroo Apple Fruit, Pine Heath Fruit, or Yam Daisy Tubers baked in an oven?

Again, probably a resounding "No".

All of these natural foods are available in Tasmania. Yet, in comparison to many other places globally, nutritious, tasteful, easy-to-grow, and reliable edible food is abundant.

We need plants to stay healthy and having a variety is important. Starchy staple foods like maize or root crops give us the energy to live and work. But these should not be refined, which means having all the fibres removed, leaving only white flour or white rice. This can lead to obesity and depression.

Also, we require protein, which can be obtained in beans and leaves, such as cabbage or lettuce. We need nuts and some seeds like roasted watermelon or pumpkin, for example, to provide zinc as these are important to resist disease.

Dark green leaves are vital for iron and (preferably cooked in oil) for proVitamin A for our blood and good eyesight. These are just a few examples.

Many scientists around the world are now rediscovering traditional and local food plants. And you might well ask, why we can't have some of them here in Tasmania?

The plain answer is we may not have the right growing conditions. Most of us are accustomed to eating the same foodstuffs and resisting change, and big businesses are not going to grow food that is not profitable.

There are about 500 million smallholders mostly in the tropics, who are attempting to feed 2 billion people. There are however constraints. An average farm (85%) in today's world is less than 2 hectares and those seeking to produce this food are often illiterate and poor. 750 million women can't read, so materials need to be highly illustrated. Education therefore plays an important part in knowing nutritious plants available.

It is estimated that 161 million children under five years of age are stunted, chronically malnourished, and underweight. In comparison, the UN World Health Organisation (WHO) estimates over 600 million people are obese, with consequences

ranging from premature death, chronic health and reduced overall quality of life. Australia is not immune to this as many of us know.

What is the solution? The key is feeding malnourished populations and reducing the consumption of poor-quality food. One way is to share information, which Bruce French (who lives in Devonport) has done for over 60 years as a tropical agriculturalist investigating edible plants and building up a database. This can be viewed online, 'Food Plants International' with over 31,400 food sources.

You might ask how Bruce knew if a plant was poisonous or not. After all, recommending plant sources must surely come with a 'Good to Eat' tag.

One of the major problems in some countries is the loss of cultural norms of food sources as younger populations flee to live in cities and choose foreign eating habits. Bruce says when the information is hard to come by, locate older people who still know the food source. We might call them an ethnobiologist.

To the layman in the village, he might be the elder statesman or the last remaining person of his or her generation, who understands knowledge of plant local names, their ecological characteristics, and food preparation.

Of course, there are thousands of edible plants we in the West do not know about, but the local people grow and eat them daily across the global agricultural terrains.

You might like to select some of these plants that are suitable to grow in Tasmania. If not, approach your local Community Garden and see if they are interested? The best of luck!

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Irrigation schemes vital to food security

Comment - Tasmanian Farmers and Graziers Association

Tasmania's farmers are working hard to grow the agricultural sector to \$10 billion in farm gate value by 2025. According to the latest Tasmanian Agri-Food Scorecard, the industry remains ahead of projected forecasts and is on track to meet this ambitious goal.

This growth and success is being driven by investments in irrigation schemes designed to mitigate future environmental stress. These schemes ensure a reliable water supply while safeguarding environmental and other essential needs.

Another key success factor is that these investments allow producers to transform low-value dryland farming into high-value irrigated enterprises. This shift not only increases employment opportunities, but also stimulates significant on-farm capital investment, fostering new entrepreneurial ventures for service providers and farm owners.

The viability of irrigation schemes relies on the current three-way funding model, where the federal government contributes 50%, with the remaining costs shared between irrigators and the state government.

This structure has been critical in securing producer participation and ensuring the success of these schemes. TasFarmers maintains that before the Greater South East Irrigation Scheme, the funding model was unsustainable. Both sides of politics need to recognise Tasmania's crucial

role in national food security and its potential as a key food-producing region for the country. To move the industry forward, governments must not walk back on their current contribution levels.

The next Australian government will need to do everything in its power to maximise Tasmania's output as a result of climate change.

As climate change intensifies, irrigated land will become increasingly productive, ensuring food security at a time when traditional agricultural regions on the eastern seaboard face mounting pressures.

On a federal level, Tasmania must be recognised as the next major land mass without complete and widespread irrigation access. Yet, its climate is ideally suited for high-value viticultural crops, as seen in the Tamar Valley wine region, which is attracting significant investment in infrastructure, generating seasonal harvest jobs and long-term employment.

A business case is currently underway for the Tamar Irrigation Scheme, which proposes a dual-use model for both agriculture and industry. The next step is for governments to launch educational campaigns to inform potential buyers and producers about the benefits and then build the scheme.

The Tamar Irrigation Scheme presents a crucial opportunity for the next federal government to enhance the sector's sustainability and profitability. Without a firm commitment to the industry, long-term certainty cannot be guaranteed and investment opportunities will be missed.



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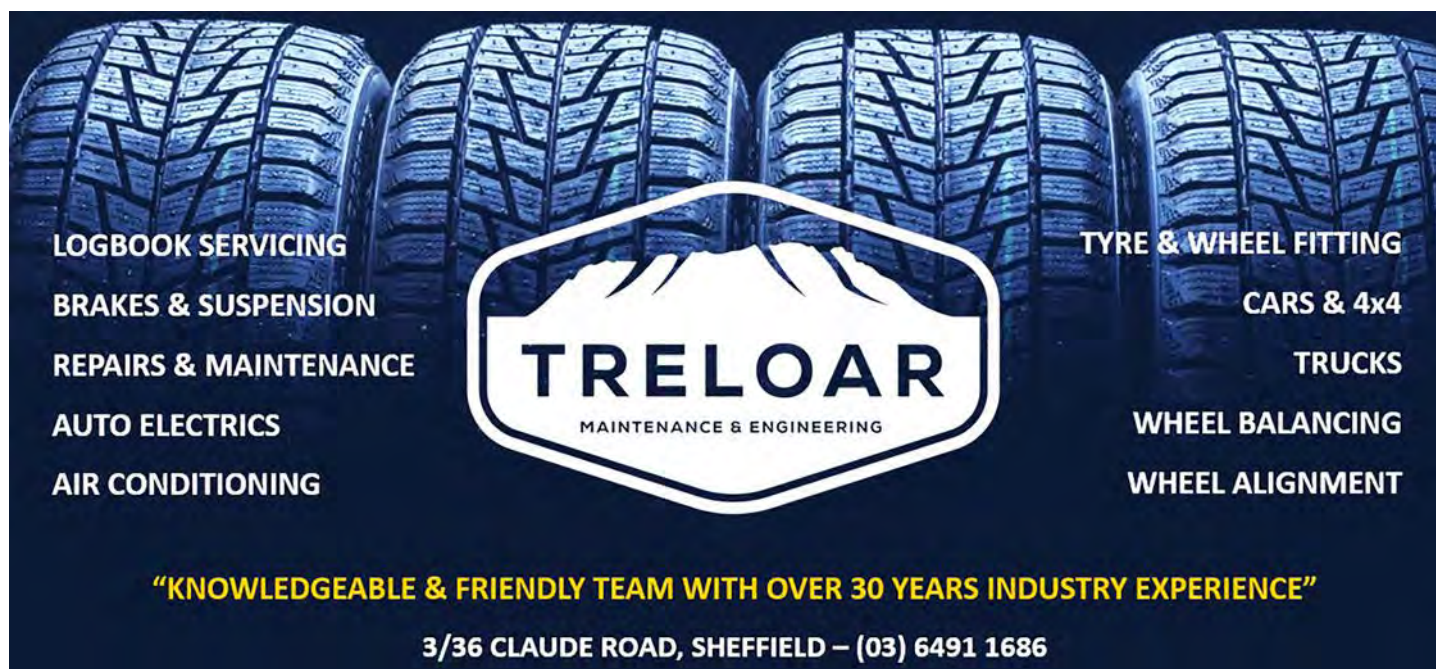
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Women drum up African rhythms

Women Who Drum will again be a part of the North West Eco Fest on April 5-6 at Camp Clayton in Ulverstone.

Women Who Drum will be on the main stage sharing traditional African rhythms from 2.30pm on Saturday.

They have been rehearsing together for more than three years.

Lavender Lily initially placed an advertisement in *The Kentish Voice* calling for expressions of interest in African drumming back in September 2021.

Since then, she has taught many local women more than 20 rhythms from West Africa, that were shared with her by master African djembe players.

Lavender Lily believes it's like passing on the joy of a tradition that's hundreds, if not thousands of years old.

"We feel somehow connected with the African people who played these rhythms. Each rhythm has a specific purpose, some are played in initiation ceremonies, or at the start of a harvest season, or as a welcome rhythm.

"All tunes are polyrhythms, meaning they are layered with multiple rhythms being played all at once on djembes and dun duns. Each drummer in the circle may be playing a different rhythm to the drummer next to her."

Up to six different rhythms can be playing in the circle at the same time.

African Drumming fosters the creation of boundaries and deep listening to self and others. The word djembe translate into

English as 'to gather together in peace.'

The women who gather to drum in Sheffield each week are from Sheffield, Elizabeth Town, Ulverstone, Deloraine and Lower Barrington and each one has a story as to why they joined.

The Women Who Drum group is at an intermediate level now. With growing interest in drumming particularly from women, and with all the wellness benefits, the new beginners class is on Tuesdays from 6-7pm.

The African Drum Fun Workshop is on each Tuesday from 6-7pm at the Uniting Church Hall, Sheffield. Cost is



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Letters home from the boys at the

The following letters were written home to parents from the frontlines of World War I by our brave Kentish boys who so willingly volunteered to defend 'King and country' when the call came. Most letters have been condensed to fit the needs of this article.

Sheffield

To Mrs Celecia Rouse of 'Highfield', Spring St Sheffield, from the Ministry of Defence, New Zealand, **Nov 1917:**

'I have much pleasure in informing you that your son **Sergeant Claude Rouse** (29), who joined up while visiting NZ, has been awarded the military medal for gallantry in the field of action. Please accept my hearty congratulations on his having gained such a coveted distinction.

Sgt Rouse is one of the men who landed on the Gallipoli Peninsula on April 22 and fought throughout the whole campaign. He was one of the last seven men to be evacuated and later drafted to Egypt. In the Palestine conflict, Sgt Rouse showed conspicuous gallantry in Gaza, where he single-handedly captured two Turkish guns. For this, he was awarded a military medal.'

Sadly, only days later, Mrs Rouse's next communication informed her that Claude was killed in action on Nov 14.

Catholic chaplain **Rev O'Donnell** in France writes to **John Pfau, baker, Main St Sheffield** telling him how his son **Private William Pfau** (20) was killed on 25 Aug 1918 under tragic circumstances:

'During a recent battle, your son, being an excellent soldier and brave lad of German extraction, called out in the German language as he walked towards a trench in which there were 40 Germans. They put up their hands and made signs they wished to surrender.

Pvt Pfau went back to his trench and reported the matter, then said he would return to their trench and bring them in as prisoners. A second time he called out to the Germans, and again their hands were raised, so Pfau walked up to their trench. As he came near, one of the Germans fired point-blank at him with a revolver, killing him instantly.

Pfau's mates, who were watching, immediately turned six machine guns on them, then attacked with bayonets. Only three were taken alive. Young Pfau certainly showed great courage, and had he lived, he would have received a decoration. He was laid to rest in the field of glory near the spot where he so gallantly fell.'

Beulah

Well-known Lower Beulah residents **George & Hannah Edwards** had no less than six sons serving as members of the armed forces abroad – a proud record for any parents. Their sons' names were **James, George, Charles, Arthur, William and Bert Edwards**.

In July 1915, oldest son James Edwards writes:

'I have a poisoned hand. I am in the hospital in Malta at present. We get treated well here. All the nurses in this hospital are very nice. Nothing seems a trouble to them. We have concerts three times a week, but these get stale sometimes.

I am wanting to get back to the front with my mates, helping them to kill more of the Turks. We had two hard fights with them. They don't like our bayonets; they run for their lives

when we get at them with 'the steel'. I don't mind the bullets, but I don't like the shells. I have had a lot of narrow escapes but have not been hurt much yet.

When we landed at the Dardanelles, 17 left the steamer in one boat, 15 were killed, and the remaining two were taken back wounded. By the time this reaches you, I will be back at the front again.'

George & Hannah Edwards were advised that their son Private James Edwards was killed at Lone Pine on 7 Aug, 1915. All their other sons returned safely from the war.

Staverton

Private Albert Davies to his parents, **Dan & Emily Davies** (Aug 1915):

'We landed at Gallipoli on May 12. I saw Mel Shepherd, who was wounded a few weeks ago but is all right again now. Also heard Clem Jubb is in Alexandria and nearly well after his wounds. I saw the place where poor Ira McNab was killed. It happened on the first day after they landed there. Sid Duff has arrived at last.'

Later, Albert Davies wrote from Gallipoli (Oct 1915): 'Only one left out of six mates, the rest having been sent away sick at different times. I am fortunate to be one of 18 men selected as bodyguards to British General Sir Ian Hamilton (commander-in-chief of the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force on the Gallipoli Peninsula) when he relinquished command and returns to England.'

West Kentish

Driver **Ted Harvey** writes (Mar 1917) to his parents, **James & Martha Harvey**:

'You will be pleased to know that I am with my brother **Frank** in Egypt, living in the same tent. It seems like old times to be with him once more. I had rather a rough time in the hospital but am quite well now. All three of us brothers met up in Egypt. **Brother Percy** was very excited to see us the first night he got back from the Peninsula. He only had two days' spell in Egypt before starting back into action, this time on his horse as the whole regiment has changed to cavalry work.

He has had some very narrow escapes. It could have been nothing but an Unseen Hand that has protected him during seven months in the trenches.

I suppose you would like to know how we spent Christmas. For Christmas dinner I had ham, beef, vegetables and plum pudding. My Christmas stocking contained one pint of beer, two soft drinks, one cigar and two packets of cigarettes. I expect both Frank and I will be in action before this reaches you. We are anxious to do our bit towards pushing this dreadful war to an end.'

Later, Frank Harvey (22) was reported wounded and gassed.

Claude Road

Sheffield's Anglican minister **Rev Wm Best** conveyed to **Mrs Jessie Hetherington** in Jul 1917 that her husband **Private Victor Hetherington** had been killed in France. His young wife **Jessie (nee McCoy)** with her two infants **Victor Jr** (3½) and **Olga** (1) were left to mourn their loss.

Out of over 30 who had enlisted from Claude Road, this was the first casualty, although two more were reported during the week: **Private Jock McCoy**, suffering from gas poisoning, and **Private Tom Elliott** as wounded.

Railton

Lance-Corporal Arthur Hoodless (29) to his parents, **James & Eva Hoodless** (Dec 1916):

'I am writing this letter on paper taken from an old ledger in a most beautiful church near Verdun, France, which has been blown to atoms. The bullets are falling all around me as I am writing. Some of the most beautiful buildings in the world are here where this terrible battle is raging and are all being destroyed by the murderous Huns.'

Among the church ruins, Arthur says, he picked up two richly embroidered stoles and a cardinal's white biretta (4-peaked-cap) damaged by fire, dirt and bullet holes. He posted these relics home to **Father O'Connell** at St James' Catholic Church, Railton, who, upon receiving them, reverently preserved them in the Railton church.

Three months later (Mar 1917), Presbyterian Army Chaplain with the 9th Battalion wrote to Mrs Hoodless:

'You have doubtless heard by cable from the Defence Department of the lamented death of your elder son, Lance-Corporal Arthur S. Hoodless. Arthur was in C Company of this battalion and had been in the trenches only two days when the troops went on the attack, pushing the Germans back with gallantry

'In seven weeks, I only had my clothes and boots off for three hours.'

in the face of a barrage of high explosive shells. Arthur was hit in the legs by one of these exploding shells. He was removed to the casualty clearing station, but after a day or so, the shock and effects of loss of blood began to be felt. Your son passed peacefully away on 25 Feb 1917.

'The Anglican chaplain conducted the funeral service in the presence of your other son, Cyril. I have some confidence that your son had his faith fixed in Christ, which I am sure you will find a source of comfort in your hour of sorrow. I pray that God may grant you that comfort which He alone can give. Lance-Corporal Hoodless was one of the steadiest and most reliable of the men of the battalion. He was popular with his mates and trusted by his officers. Respectfully, Rev Wilson Macaulay.'

James & Eva's youngest son, **Cyril Hoodless**, writing (Aug 1915) from Cairo:

'Cairo is a lovely city but so filthy and dirty. I visited the pyramids yesterday: 450ft high, all granite, in 20-ton blocks, brought from 500 miles away. I also saw **Herbert Shaw** from Stoodley and **Russell Singleton** and **Jack McGuire** from Sheffield. Poor **Albert Day** died of pneumonia soon after we landed. We followed him to his last resting place and all felt so sorry for him. I have been through the big hospitals and have seen some terrible sights – one poor fellow with a strong body but without either arms or legs.

'We are having corned beef and rock biscuits now and will soon be moved to the firing line in the trenches at the Dardanelles.'

Later, **Cyril Hoodless** (March 1917) wrote from France:

'I am still in hospital suffering very much from trench feet caused by the intense cold and wet in the trenches, but I am getting the best of care; the Red Cross nurses are so very kind. Everything was done to make us happy.'

Two months later, **Private Cyril Hoodless** (aged 19 yrs, 9 mths)

died of head wounds received in action on 31 May 1917, three months after his older brother **Arthur Hoodless** was killed.

Stoodley

One of three brothers at the front, **Private Jim Mawer** writes (June 1915) from military hospital, Malta, to his parents, **Samuel & Susan Mawer**, at Stoodley:

'I was seven weeks on the Gallipoli Peninsula under fire and four weeks in the trenches. It is very rough and hilly where we are. Our trench is about two miles from the beach, but on top of the hill are the Turks' trenches. If you lift your head a little over the trench, you'll get a bullet. That is how my mate **Herbert Shaw** stopped one. In the trenches, we couldn't get water. I did not have a wash for over a fortnight, and in seven weeks I only had my clothes and boots off for three hours. The stench of the dead Turks is terrible.

'Ever since we landed, the firing only stopped for four hours to allow the Turks to bury their dead. I was sorry for poor **Lionel Weeks**. He was lighting the fire to boil the billy for dinner when he got wounded. I know the taste of a bullet; one went through my trousers and burnt my leg. I got sunstroke and was taken on the hospital ship to Malta. It was a treat to have a bed to sleep on instead of the hard ground. I hope soon to be at the front again.'

Jim writes (Sept 1915): 'I have had two months in bed on a milk diet and feel terribly weak. This enteric fever is a terrible disease to get. I expect to be sent to England for some months to regain my strength. I heard that **brother Jack** was wounded and is in Egypt. I have not received any mail since I came here.'

Jim writes again (Oct 1915) from the Red Cross Hospital, England: 'Just a few lines to let you know that I am still living and having a good time. We left Cardiff Hospital three days ago, and now we are at Hereford. It is a very nice place. The nurses work so hard and get no pay, just doing it to comfort wounded and sick soldiers. We are allowed out every day from 1:30–5pm. We Australians get a lot of attention – they make such a fuss of us. Some very rich ladies live here, and they are always taking us out for motor car drives and to tea. Yesterday, several of us went out in a motor car about 90 miles into the country. The views were just beautiful. You could not wish for better treatment. I am getting quite strong and fit again. Soon be ready to have another slap at the Turks or Germans. I am anxious to get back; I owe Mr Turk another hit.'

Two years later (Nov 1917), Jim's parents received word: **Private Jim Mawer** wounded in action.

From third son Driver **Keith Mawer** (Aug 1917) to his parents: 'Arthur Hoodless has been killed. If you see Mrs Hoodless, tell her that I put a nice little cross on his grave. I saw him a few hours before he was killed. We both enlisted together. It seems very hard. I have lost nearly all my best mates over here, but I suppose it is God's will. I am lucky to be living myself after what I have been through these last five months, but I don't think I can go on much longer.'

In March 1917 **Hon John Hope** (Sheffield), speaking in parliament, drew the ministers' attention to the matter of bogus telegrams, presumably coming from sons at the front, requesting that money from their parents be forwarded to them. He cited several instances occurring locally. The minister, replying on behalf of the attorney-general, believed the best remedy was to publish such facts as widely as possible so that people would make more careful enquiries before forwarding money.

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By Don Thwaites

Kentish U3A held our AGM last month. It was reported that we are now in our 10th year, and thanks were given to the original

steering committee that was set up in 2015 and formed the first committee in Feb 2016.

Committee members Leoni Read and Margaret McLachlan have both been on the committee ever since and Lynne Ellis has been part of the committee for much of that time. All are retiring members and a huge vote of thanks was given to them for their efforts. The 2025 committee will keep the ball rolling as best they can without them.

The new committee is: Don Thwaites (President), Jennifer Braid (Treasurer), Heather Eiszele (Secretary and Course Coordinator), Nita Pountney, Jan Gursanscky, Alison Carroll, Mark Young, Lyn Curr and Julie Marshall.

It was stressed that our goals remain the same as when they first started, and the call goes out again to community members who feel they might have something to share with others. All of our activities and courses are led by our members.

So if you have a special interest, knowledge, skill or experience why not share it with others in U3A? It's all about healthy ageing in a friendly and enjoyable environment.

Please contact our new Course Coordinator Heather Eiszele on 0407 546 486 if you want to discuss an idea.

Leoni & Marg retire from retirees club

Two founding members of Kentish U3A Inc – which celebrates its 10th anniversary this year – have stepped down from the committee after many years of ideas and energy.

Course Coordinator Leoni Read (*right*) and tutor Margaret McLachlan are the only original members from the 2015 founding committee and have dedicated significant time to ensure its success.

“How could you not have it in Sheffield with so many retired people?” Leoni reflected.

“With so many new people coming into town, it's not only useful for people who are living here but it's a great way for people to make new friends.”

Leoni's connection with the Uniting Church provided the ideal location for U3A to host activities and hold monthly meetings. The Uniting Church Hall is now used regularly for exercise groups, music, and games, which keeps costs down.

“We've always kept fees really low,” Leoni said. “Money wasn't going to be the thing that stopped people from joining.”

U3A currently has nearly 180 members who pay an annual fee of \$45.

Many courses have been introduced over the years, including cooking classes, photography, geology, local history and computer skills.

“It's amazing how you come across people who have the right skills,” she said.

Different U3As suit their own communities and the demand for what people want.

“The one in Hobart is mostly based on lectures and runs completely differently. All are quite different.”

Kentish U3A committee members are always conscious of not introducing classes that would compete with commercial operations, such as yoga or tai chi.

“We've got a fantastic range of courses. Who would have thought we would have nature walks with someone who's really qualified to do that.”

Margaret McLachlan, who is the tutor for cycling and leisure walks, said she heard about the “mysterious” University of the Third Age from relatives while still working full time.

“When the Kentish community had the opportunity to form a U3A group, I jumped at the chance,” she said.

“As an early childhood educator, I have always been keen to



learn and could see the benefits for me and the community to be involved. I really wanted to learn to play the ukulele, do cryptic crosswords and reverse a box trailer!”

Margaret said fun and an amazing friendship family had kept her going for 10 years and she will continue to lead courses.

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April Crozzle

All words go in a straight line but in any direction – Up, Down, Left, Right, Diagonal. Most words are joined to another word by at least one letter, so any letter may be used in more than one word. Circle the words in the graph as you find them and when all the words are circled, there will be letters left over. Write these in the spaces below to discover the Theme Word.

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CRYPTIC PUZZLE TASMANIA Answers P39

1. Dry? Oh that can't be right (5)
2. Rich Joe bankrupt (7)
3. Wealthy Scotsman, dole-bludger initially (8)
4. Scot made a comeback (3))
5. Do span (9)
6. See precipitation in Scottish river (9)
7. Mere (tarn) polluted (8)
8. anal poo effluent (7)
9. Sinking lad resuscitated (4,6)
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farmer with 40 + years of experience
looking to lease grazing country long
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to know more please contact Corinne on
0488 611 968 or drop into the office to
discuss.

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LIONS NEED YOUR OLD GLASSES & HEARING AIDS

They can be left at
Turnbull's Pharmacy,
Sheffield Medical Centre,
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or call Lion Robin Bricknell
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Lower Barrington Baptist Church

Sheffield Road, Lower Barrington
All warmly welcomed - Sundays 10am
1st Sunday - Holy Communion
Fri 18 April - Good Friday Service 10am
Sun 20 April - Easter Sunday Service
Kid's church in school term
Mens & Ladies Bible studies
Enquiries: Steve - 0409 944 296.



Sheffield Baptist Church

"Caring and Making a Difference in Our Community"

104-106 Main Street, Sheffield
Service Time 10:30am each Sunday
All welcome – friendly atmosphere
Fellowship Tea every third Sunday
5:30pm - 7:30pm Favourite hymn singing, good food and fellowship
Ph: 6491 1150

CHURCH NOTICES

Holy Cross Catholic Church

High Street Sheffield
Mass is celebrated Sundays at 11.30am.
All Welcome.
Parish Office Ph 6424 2783



Sheffield Uniting Church

Home of Library Aid Int'l, Kentish U3A and Mountain Echoes Choir



Corner of Main/Henry streets
A church serves its community in many ways. At present, we do not hold Sunday Worship. Instead, we invite you to join in a time of quiet reflection and prayer at an Ecumenical Service 8.30am Mondays. We also offer a place for friends to meet, laugh and relax. Phone Leoni Read 0429 705 062.

Traditional Anglican Church

For service information, please ring 6425 5605

St John's Kentish Anglican Community Church

92 Foster Street Railton
Every Sunday at 10 am.
Holy Communion is celebrated on the Second Sunday of the Month
Prayer Group Monday 10am
Bible Study Group on alternate Thursdays @ 6.30pm
'Ekklesia' Food Outreach Program Thursday 10am King's Hall Railton
Contact: John Gray - Honorary Priest - 0417 524 979; 47johngray@gmail.com

Roland Gospel Hall

Sunday Worship 10am - 11am
Fellowship (Family Service) 11am-noon



Sheffield Bible Chapel

45 High Street Sheffield
"A caring church for the whole family"
The Sheffield Bible Chapel conducts weekly services beginning 10am.
Enquiries please phone 6491 1447
Youth Group Enquiries, phone Joy Tekinay on 0428 666 494.



1800 729 827

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Rural life throws up many challenges and we recognise that navigating those ongoing challenges can become tiresome.

Our team are passionate about building thriving and sustainable communities. To achieve that, we first have to make sure our people are healthy.

It's not easy to reach out for support, but we have tried to make it simple. Call directly or submit a call back request



WHAT'S ON IN APRIL

	Focus on Sheffield Artists, Sheffield Art Gallery
Apr 1	Tourism forum 4-5.30pm, paranple Convention Centre, Devonport (see p9)
Apr 2	Services Australia 9.30-11am Sheffield; 12-12.3pm Railton
Apr 5, 06	Sheffield Bible Chapel 150th anniversary celebrations
	Ecofest , Camp Clayton, Ulverstone
	Steam Engine rides 11am-4pm, Sheffield Steam & Heritage Centre, 14 Spring Street
Apr 5	Lower Barrington Hall reopening 2pm, 1027 Sheffield Main Road
	Naturally Kentish Wilder Tasmania, Gowrie Park
Apr 6	Sheffield Produce Market 8.30am-1pm, Uniting Church grounds, Sheffield
Apr 7	Free legal advice Kentish House, 9am-noon (see p5)
Apr 8	Kentish Probus meeting 10am, Sheffield Bowls Club
Apr 10	Kentish Garden Club Harvest Supper 6.30pm, Sheffield Golf Club, 214 Nook Road
	Community Information Evening 7pm, Wilmot Hall
Apr 13	Weindorfer Film festival, entries close (see p24)
Apr 14	Trivia 6.30 for 7pm, Sheffield RSL, 77 Main Street, Sheffield
Apr 15	Kentish Council meeting 6pm, Council Office, High Street, Sheffield
Apr 19	Easter Egg Hunt & fundraiser Tasmazia, 500 Staverton Rd, Promised Land
Apr 20	Sheffield Produce Market 8.30am-1pm, Uniting Church grounds, Sheffield
Apr 24	Book Chat 4-5pm, Sheffield Library, 12 Henry Street
Apr 25	Anzac Day
Apr 26	Roland Mural community BBQ 11.30am, crn Staverton Rd & Adye St
	Come & Try Day , Carriage Club grounds, Native Rock Road, Railton
	Mr Perfect BBQ 11am-12.30pm, Health Park, Sheffield
	Produce Swap 3pm Barrington Hall, 52 Barrington Road
Apr 30	Services Australia 9.30-11am Sheffield; 12-12.3pm Railton
DATES FOR THE DIARY	
May 1	Community Information Evening 7pm, Lower Barrington Hall

Cryptic Puzzle Answers

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| 1. Hydro | 6. Deloraine |
| 2. Jericho | 7. Tranmere |
| 3. Richmond | 8. Paloona |
| 4. Cam | 9. King Island |
| 5. Cambridge | 10. Ringarooma |

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225/70R16 103H HP5 \$210 ea.*
235/55R17 103W HP5 \$220 ea.*
235/50R18 97V HP5 \$225 ea.*

185R14C 102/100R MCV+3 \$125 ea.*
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FRIENDS OF RAW

Friends of RAW network has been created in consultation with key industry stakeholders, to address an unmet need from frontline workers experiencing individuals sharing the harsh impact of situational stressors and mental health challenges.

Friends of RAW aims to help individuals navigate the day-to-day situations they find themselves in by equipping them with the skills to understand and set boundaries, have safe conversations and know how to **Recognise** the signs, **Ask** the questions and **Work** together.

The network is designed to empower individuals to bridge the gap and be a conduit to connecting people to RAW's support services.

Friends of RAW is aimed at front line works, business owners, live stock agents, cropping contractors, farmers, local community and groups who are impacted by or will come in contact with others who are directly affected by drought and need support to navigate their way through it.

To kick start involvement, we have an practical and tangible training session designed to up skill individuals to better navigate unexpected conversations and situations.

Ready to Join the Network?

Find & Register for a Session Near You at
www.ruralaliveandwell.com.au/friendsofraw

Recognise. Ask. Work together.

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