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Cousins Braid mark 90 years



By Heather Eiszele

Born 12 days apart and neighbours for the past 12 years, cousins Ian (right) and Don Braid celebrated their 90th birthdays recently, marking a lifetime of friendship.

The Braid name is well known in Kentish, with the pair being fourth generation from one of the first pioneers of the area, William Braid (Snr) who migrated from Scotland in 1858. The Braid families settled along the Don River in West Kentish

next to the original settlers in Kentish, whose land they bought. William Braid always took an active interest in promoting the welfare of the district.

The Braids have resided in the area ever since and been one of the most influential families of Kentish.

Don and Ian are both one of three with a brother and a sister each, they both had four children; four daughters for Don and Janet, three daughters and a boy for Ian and Thelma.

"We went to school together, sat together, did National Service together, travelled together and now we live next door to one another," said Ian.

Born and raised on the land, Don and Ian have spent their lives as farmers, with Ian venturing into politics, representing Wilmot for the Liberal Party from 1969, serving as Minister in two governments and retiring in 1995.

He was elected Mayor of Kentish Council in 2003 after a period of State Government administration.

Don ran an 80-strong dairy and a Poll Hereford cattle stud where the resident bull was known to sit up like a dog and amuse the tourists.

Both men have been long-term members of The Kentish Lions Club with more than 90 years between them.

They were also instrumental in establishing the Junior Farmers Club, now known as Rural Youth.

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EDITORIAL

Ageing. A relevant topic this month. A concept that invokes images of wrinkles, grey hair and decreased mobility. You know you're getting older when people say "had a fall" rather than "fell", which is a side-bonus of ageing as it leaves you blameless. Wasn't my fault, just happened.

We don't hear as much about those side bonuses as society is so hell bent on preventing the inevitable that every effort is directed towards avoiding ageing. Signs someone is deteriorating are discussed in hushed tones. "He's become very forgetful lately," they'll muse, missing the point that a lot of things are best forgotten.

Dementia is regarded as a dreadful stigma yet those with the condition are often quite joyful. They may not know who you are but they're very happy you're there. And happy to tell you the same story again, with just as much enthusiasm. For some it might feel like Groundhog Day, for others it might be meeting new people every day. Even though they're the same people.

Without wanting to belittle anyone or any situation, it helps to look at the positive side of what *is*.

The range and scope of ageing benefits are not appreciated or celebrated. Wisdom is the Big One, of course, but only if you've learnt from your mistakes and not still repeating them, expecting a different result. It's not so much intelligence or

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book learning, more having seen the same thing happen before. We Humans are repeat offenders and patterns have been laid down for us to follow. Depends whether you want to explore a new path.

Statistics show more than half the population in Kentish is aged older than 50. That's a lot of people at the pointy end of life. The time where you can dare say what you think, dare to take your scruffy old dog on a bicycle ride through Victoria's mountain bike trails, and dare to embrace ageing.

We are so fortunate to have an organisation such as Kentish U3A in our area to keep us oldies engaged, active, challenged, stimulated and to give us a supportive friendship group.

The University of the Third Age (U3A) motto is *Learn, Laugh, Live* and that really sums up what the organisation is about. It's an opportunity for residents to connect through shared activities and interests. The members themselves are the leaders of particular activities and this weekly commitment is testament to their dedication and loyalty. They keep the organisation viable.

U3A has about 160 members participating in 21 activities, from pickleball to guitar, from botanical drawing to French. Where there is demand and interest, new courses are introduced.

So with nearly 3000 residents in Kentish eligible to join U3A, the question has to be asked: "Where the bloody hell are all the oldies?"

Heather

Quilts help blanket drought woes

The Fabric for Drought Project was formed in 2018 to help fellow quilters in rural Australia who were affected by drought. It was our aim to supply a gift of fabric to put a smile on someone's face and brighten their day.

We wanted to help in some small way and contribute directly to someone doing it tough due to drought, flood, natural disaster or other hardships in rural areas.

To date we have sent out 367 packages of fabric to quilters across all states. Each package has enough to make a large quilt. We have sent 30 packages to Mallacoota in Victoria after the fires and they used some of the fabric to make quilts for the sailors on the ship that took them from the beach.

We have had several groups in Qld and NSW who made quilts after the floods with current flooding areas now being assessed.

We have received fabric from across Australia. Many packages just turn up after people are made aware of what we do. Many fellow quilters have donated fabric when cleaning out their, as we call it, stash. Fabric is sorted and stored.

Many half-made or full quilt tops have been received and, with the backing of the Mt Roland Sew Friends, Exeter Quilters and many volunteers from around Tasmania, we have been able to make over 70 quilts.

On June 11 we gave away 58 quilts to charities, community organisations and several individuals. Homeless services Hungry Shepherd and Shekimah, Kentish House, Glen Haven, Benevolent Society, Tandara, Hope in a Suitcase, Waratah Dementia Ward, Yemaya Women's Support to name a few and several went to the West Coast.

We receive no funding other than the small amount raised by



Providing comfort: Coralanne Walker, Evelyn Shipton (Exeter Quilters) and Lesley Chintock.

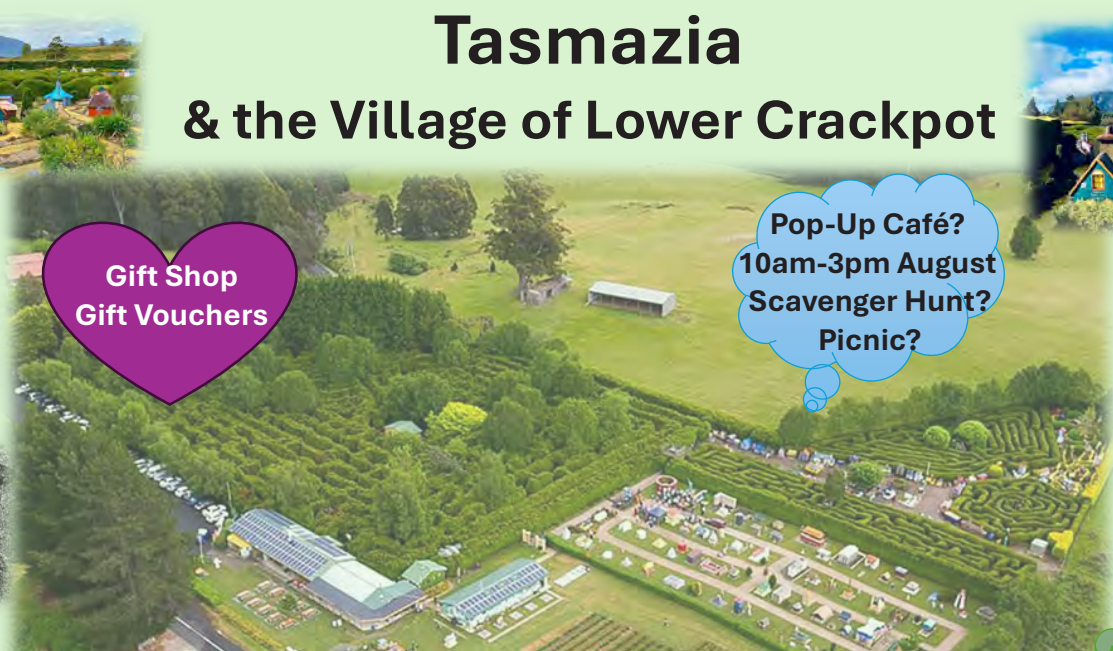
our Christmas Open House and Christmas Ladies Night In.

We have already got a number of quilts in progress ready to give to those who would like to help for 2026. We can supply the kit which includes fabric and cottons to make a quilt.

If you know someone who needs a gift to brighten up their day, be it a fabric pack or a quilt, let us know by email to stockman5956@gmail.com with your details and why this person should be considered.

We are looking to pay it forward.

- Coralanne and David Walker



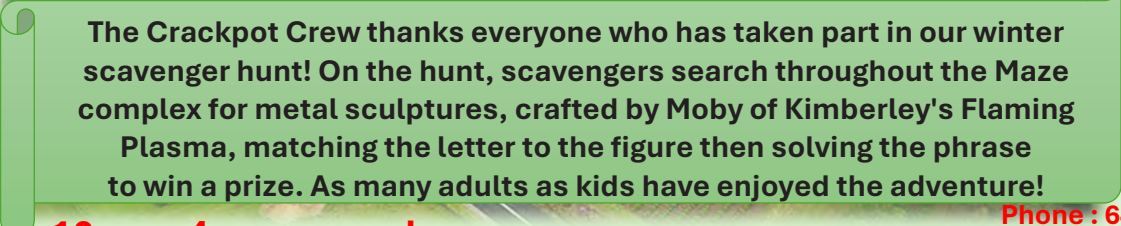
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Picnic?



The Crackpot Crew thanks everyone who has taken part in our winter scavenger hunt! On the hunt, scavengers search throughout the Maze complex for metal sculptures, crafted by Moby of Kimberley's Flaming Plasma, matching the letter to the figure then solving the phrase to win a prize. As many adults as kids have enjoyed the adventure!

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Learn how to prepare for floods in Railton

Railton residents are invited to the Resilient Railton Community Emergency Preparedness Open Day on **Saturday, August 23**, from 10am to 2pm at the Railton Fire Station.

This free, family-friendly event is designed to help the Railton and Kentish community prepare for emergencies such as floods, bushfires, and storms - and connect with emergency services.

Parts of Railton are exposed to major flooding at a 10% Annual Exceedance Probability (AEP)—a 1-in-10 chance each year of significant flood impact.

These events have previously affected homes, roads, and infrastructure across the town as recently as 2022, 2016 and 2011. The region is also classified as high bushfire risk, particularly during the summer months.

With increasingly dry conditions and dense vegetation, fast-moving fires pose a serious threat, especially on the town's outskirts.

The open day supports the broader goal of building a resilient Railton—a community that is informed, connected, and empowered to act before, during, and after emergencies.

It recognises that disaster resilience starts at the household level but is strongest when supported by community engagement.

The event is part of a growing movement across Tasmania to make emergency preparedness more accessible, relevant, and action-oriented for all.

Whether you're new to emergency preparedness or looking to refresh your plan, this event offers practical advice, live demonstrations, and the chance to engage directly with experts from Tasmania's emergency services.

RESILIENT RAILTON

Community Preparedness OPEN DAY

RAILTON FIRE STATION
11 Crockers St, Railton
Saturday 23 August, 10am – 2pm

- 10:15 am Welcome
- 10:30 am Community flood guide – know your risk
- 11:30 am Community fire safety – bushfire and home fire session
- 12:30 pm Make an emergency plan for you and your household
- 1:15 pm Sandbagging demonstration
- 1:45 pm Raffle draw and close
- PLUS:**
 - Emergency services expo
 - Doorprize – win an emergency kit
 - Sausage sizzle



Help fund Lauren



Lauren Rayner is a 35-year-old mum of three and oncology nurse from Sheffield. In 2024, she was diagnosed with a rare and aggressive cancer: Stage 4, Grade 3 Neuroendocrine Carcinoma.

As someone who's spent over a decade caring for others through their cancer journeys – including her late dad – Lauren suddenly

found herself on the other side. The prognosis she was given was devastating – just 14 months. But with the help of friends, family and even strangers, she was able to travel to Germany for cutting-edge treatment. Today, her scans show no visible tumours.

But the financial challenges continue. Some of the treatment she needs isn't funded in Australia for her cancer type, and she must return to Germany every six months.

Lauren is determined to do whatever it takes to stay alive for her young family, including seven-year-old Belle and five-year-old twins Flynn and Otis.

Said Lauren: "My primary tumour started in my bowel, I unfortunately had multiple lymph node tumors involved in my neck which were protruding and pushing on my trachea and vocal cords. I had another lot of multiple lymph node tumors that were wrapped around my abdominal aorta and a small tumour spot in my lung.

"I have been with patients and their families right through grueling treatments, transplants, remission, relapses and end of life care but it is obviously nothing like being the cancer patient yourself. The possibility of dying is so very confronting but I am determined to get as much quality time out of my life with my young children and my husband. I refuse to let my children grow up without a mother especially while they are so young.

"Stage 4 cancer means that there is no stage 5 and that for rare cancers there is limited successful treatment options

"My husband Jason and I decided that we would go over to Germany for treatment. I had cared previously for a man who had been to a clinic in Germany and he had lived another five good years at 'end stage' after going there and I was determined to get *any* extra amount of time with my husband and kids.

"So with the biggest thanks to our family and friends they managed to raise enough money to get me over to Germany for treatment. I have since returned back home and have had a recent PET scan which shows that all my tumors have completely shrunk down to nothing. Now I know my cancer is stage 4 cancer but if I can get multiple more years with my family I will do *anything*.

"I have managed to access three-quarters of my treatment that I had in Germany here in Australia but because it is approved here for other cancers but not for my type of cancer, it is not funded with the PBS which means we have to pay for treatments privately.

"I also still have to fly to Germany for more targeted injections every six months which has already cost us an absolute fortune even with all the amazing fundraising done for us. How can you put a price on someones life? We are so truly grateful for everyone that has helped us so far."

Anything you can contribute to help give them more time together is deeply appreciated: <https://bit.ly/3TKpzXe>

Tandara's safe hands wave goodbye

By Heather Eiszele

Retiring Tandara Lodge CEO Paul Crantock believes some elderly people should move in to nursing homes earlier – and he's not just touting for new business.

"At home they're quite often lonely, they don't see people, they don't get entertained and normally they're not fed very well," he said. "They come in and they've got people they've known all their lives here. They put on weight, they get interaction with staff and other residents, visitors. It's not bad."



Paul, 65, has been at the helm of the community nursing home for the past 20 years and says it is the people he will miss most when he hands over to Matt Flakemore, acting CEO at Aged Care Deloraine, on September 15.

"What sets this place apart is that quite a lot of the staff are related to residents and that gives you a very different tone," he said. "We've got a great crew of people here, they make the difference. They've got patience, compassion... they're just fantastic."

Nearly 90 staff work at the nursing home, making it one of the area's biggest employers.

Paul has seen Tandara Lodge Community Care Inc grow from 35 beds when he started in 2005 to 46 beds, with 75 people on the waiting list. Tandara is also responsible for the adjoining affordable housing estate, Dyer Court, with 49 units and 52 people wanting to get in.

"What has changed, and it's across the industry, is that we have more high-care residents, people are much more dependent on nursing care, it's virtually a hospital. Before it was high-care and low-care and residents would have cars out in the carpark and go for a drive."

Tandara's Board bought the adjoining property at 8 Nightingale Avenue, the former St Barnabas Church, in 2019 with plans for expansion and additional beds.

This acquisition is reflective of the CEO's management, guiding the organisation to financial stability and introducing innovations, such as solar power, to secure its future.

"We pay less for our power now than when I first started, even though we have a much larger building," Paul said. "We have

solar panels and big battery storage for emergency power. We draw down at peak power times from our battery and use the grid when it's lower pricing.

"We have double-glazed windows everywhere, LED lighting, heat pumps. It makes things more comfortable for our residents and staff."

Paul said the strategic direction for the Board was to remain sustainable.

"The goal is to survive – over 60% of nursing homes in Australia are losing money. Wages are 80% of running costs and this is a \$6 million business."

He leaves knowing Tandara is financially secure.

"It's nice to be in a place that runs well, does what we say we're going to do, and looks after people properly.

"It doesn't feel like 20 years – feels like 10 minutes! It's satisfying work to be able to help look after people.

"I definitely won't miss the compliance! The paperwork and red tape has got much worse. And a lot of it is unnecessary."

Board chairman Les Braid, who was born at Tandara when it was the District Maternity Hospital, said

"Tandara has been blessed to have Paul as its CEO for the past 20 years. Over that time, Paul has, in his quiet and conservative manner, led Tandara from a struggling entity to one that is viable and well respected with the industry, as too is Paul.

"His tenure in the position aligns with the longevity of his predecessor, Noel Button, and is matched with the long serving Directors of Nursing, Kathleen Braid and Pam Von Stieglitz.

"The Board and I will miss his counsel, insights and abilities to source funding options for operational and infrastructure developments. He has been a champion for constructive changes within Tandara's operations, its outreach to the Kentish community, provision of cost-saving measures such as solar power, overseeing recent acquisitions (RSL units, old St Barnabas Church and the adjoining Manse), many renovations to the main building and refurbishment of Independent Living Units (Dyer Court and Railton).

"Paul has provided a firm foundation for the future, and leaves for a well-deserved retirement."

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Anthony Hendrikus Hennekam

April 3, 1940 – July 9, 2025

Tony was known to many in Sheffield from his time as a Kentish Lion, and his almost daily coffee sessions at the various cafés in Sheffield. Tony had a very active and interesting life.

Tony was born in Haarlem, Holland on April 3, 1940. Tony's parents and 11 of the children six boys and five girls) migrated to Australia in 1953

when Tony was 13 years old. A twelfth child, a daughter, was born in Australia.

On arrival the family spent several months at Bonegilla Migrant Camp, an old Army camp, before moving to an Immigration Hostel at Holmsglen for another several months before moving to a house in East Oakleigh. Tony left school at 14 and trained as a shop assistant at Myers until he was 15 years old and then commenced an apprenticeship as a carpenter. Tony went travelling and working away at the end of his apprenticeship.

Tony's parents bought 15 acres at Carrum Downs. His parents asked if he would come and help with the property. Using his skills as a Carpenter Tony built all the sheds and they established a farm growing chickens and opening a Chicken Bar to sell Bar-B-Q Chickens.

Twelve months later Tony's father died leaving Tony, his mother and a brother to run the family business. In 1966 Tony married Mary, who also worked in the business, and they had three children, Steven, Daniel and Anita.

Over the years Tony bought out his brother and his mother. Tony built and ran a large poultry farm there for 28 years before selling and moving to 15 acres at Baxter. Tony worked as a self-employed carpenter/builder, and established a worm farm and sold elaborate and effective timber composting farms.

Tony and Mary parted ways in 1999 once the children had left home, and after selling at Baxter.

After several visits to Tasmania on holiday, Tony purchased acres at Nook in 2001 and built a home, ran some cattle, and grew garlic.

In 2003 Tony met Margaret at Choir in Devonport and they have been friends ever since. Margaret still lives in Devonport.

In 2010 Tony joined Kentish Lions. While President in 2016 Tony wrote to *The Kentish Voice* "I have been a Lion for about six years, but I wish I had joined 15 years ago when I first came to Tasmania, as I would have had the wonderful friends that I have now so much earlier."

Tony continued to work as a self-employed carpenter/handyman until he retired at 75 in 2015. Tony sold the property at Nook and moved into a unit in Sheffield until he sold the unit and bought a motorhome with an unrealised dream of travelling around Australia.

After selling the motorhome in Victoria, Tony returned to small unit in Devonport before being granted a Tandara unit in Dyer Court where he lived for approximately 12 months before his need for increased care necessitated a move to Tandara Lodge. For the past 12 months Tony has been well cared for by the staff at Tandara as his Parkinson's speedily reduced his mobility and dexterity.

With greatly diminished movement and a diagnosis of increased debility but still capable, Tony made the decision to take control over the one thing that he had left – his right to die on his terms with family and close friends at his bedside on July 9.

Tony especially loved his life in Tasmania. He had a great life working hard, skiing, travelling, taking flying lessons, caring for those in his community and was a great friend to those who loved him. Rest in Peace, Tony

- Lesley Begg

For almost three years, Tony assisted Doug every month driving up to 550kms delivering The Kentish Voice until he took his motorhome to Victoria to visit relatives. Upon his return to Tassie, Tony was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease that most recently had progressed dramatically.

He received wonderful care from the staff at Tandara as his life depended on them. Tony was our very good friend and friend to the community he loved. We will miss you greatly.



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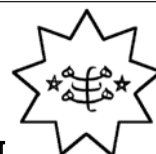
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Councillors inspect Cethana hydro site



Hydro Tasmania welcomed staff from Kentish Council for a tour of the Cethana pumped hydro site recently. Nine Councillors and staff enjoyed a picture-perfect winter's day, visiting the existing Cethana Power Station, Lake Cethana and the upper storage site above the lake.

The tour was a great opportunity for the council members to ask questions and familiarise themselves with where major infrastructure is proposed to be built.

Members of our planning, environment and engagement teams accompanied the council staff. There were lots of questions around our proposed planning application, engineering design, engagement with neighbours, community and environmental assessments. We discussed environmental monitoring undertaken for threatened flora and fauna, and the range of technical studies that will form part of our Environmental Impact Statement.

The group toured the upper storage location and ventured down to Lake Cethana's shores to see where the new intake will be located. Our team described the civil works that will take place in each location - the new storage, the connecting tunnels and the underground power station.

With a comprehensive geotechnical program completed, the group was able to get a first-hand look at the rock core samples and better understand the geology of the area.

"Geotechnical investigations are so important to understanding

the site geology and influencing the engineering design of the power cavern that will be located deep underground," said community engagement officer Gina Harvey.

"The Council was interested to learn what we have been hearing from the community and better understand the social impacts and opportunities for Kentish."

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Wilmot market goes wild this season

Nestled among the foothills of spectacular Cradle Mountain lies the picturesque village of Wilmot and its delightful hidden gem, the Wilmot Country Market.

On the first Saturday of each season the village comes to life with an eclectic showcase of local talent and wares, offering everything from jams and preserves to crystal and botanic art. This Spring Wilmot is going totally wild with the news that celebrated author and respected authority on wild foods, Rees Campbell, will be joining the market, not only bringing her books on wild foods but giving a free presentation on how to include Tassie wild foods into your diet.

Rees will also be bringing some wild foods to sell and taste.

Adding to the Wild theme is one of Wilmot's most colourful residents, Robert Gower, who creates stunning botanic sketches in graphite for people to enjoy a taste of nature when they leave.

Newcomer to Wilmot Idell Wadley has taken on the role of Market Coordinator and is excited by the prospect of expanding on this already wonderful market.

Bringing in Spring will be new vendors with doughnuts, berry-infused ice cream and even a blade and tool sharpening service along with a wonderful array of new and regular vendors.

There are still a few sites available for both indoor and outdoor. The next market is Saturday, September 6, from 9am to 1pm.



Horticulturalist and botanical illustrator Robert Gower will be selling his sketches at the September 6 market.

With local buskers providing live music, the day promises to be a great way to bring in Spring. All enquiries to: Idell Wadley wilmotcountrymarket@gmail.com

Library Aid Int'l needs charity at home

Library Aid International is a little group (with less than 20 members) which is achieving great things. It is a Christian charity, unique to Tasmania, which is based in the Kentish area at the Sheffield Uniting Church.

It sends school books to needy schools in developing countries.,

where many are poorly equipped with few text books, others have no library at all.

Over the past 18 years, the organisation has sent 12 containers of books to developing countries. Our group in Sheffield cannot keep up with packing of all the books donated and needs to recruit more volunteers.

Purchasing and freighting a container is very expensive and a major undertaking. The annual cost is about \$10,000. Our dedicated volunteers have run fundraisers, including our regular Quiz Nights, raffles and the annual Pet Show, but it never seems enough.

We welcome more volunteers to our working bees, which are held on Mondays at the church from 10am-2pm. We would also appreciate financial donations. More information: <https://libraryaid.org> or find us on Facebook.

- Leoni Read

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No appointment needed.

Upcoming dates

- 21st July
- 4th August
- 18th August
- 1st September
- 15th September
- 29th September

Tall tales at Wilmot Yarns

Wilmot Yarns 2: Tall Tales and True Stories is on again at the Wilmot Memorial Hall on Saturday, September 13, from 7.30pm followed by an amazing traditional country supper.

Loretta Smith, our youngest speaker, hails from the Erriba wilds and follows in the footsteps of her adventurous journalistic great Auntie Marjorie Smith.

Loretta, at 15 years old, will speak about a local Wilmot soldier who died during the battle of Messine in Belgium during WW1. Loretta is well qualified to spin this yarn as she was one of six Tasmanian students to participate in the Frank MacDonald Memorial Prize study tour of the battlefields of France and Belgium this year.

Loretta was honoured to share her research of a family member during a pilgrimage to his grave buried at Adelaide Cemetery, and her group participated in the ANZAC dawn service at the Australian Villers-Bretonneux Military Cemetery ceremony.

Wilmot Yarns 2 is a country event managed by our rogue MCs, Rodney Miles and Phillip Richards, who will have the cattle prod out to keep our wum bunch of woudy wascals in line.

This year our speakers are mostly a younger generation as we are keen to hear from the latest crop of storytellers, and they include Loretta Smith, Bruce Buxton, Lisa Charleston, Tony Spillane, Becky Coates and a mystery speaker. Lyndon O'Neil will again welcome us to Country and share some aboriginal yarns of the area.

We are very grateful for the ongoing sponsorship from the Senator Richard Colbeck and Tasmanian Women in Agriculture, whose support is appreciated.

Our first Wilmot Yarns was a remarkable event and the community wanted another opportunity to share a few tall tales and true stories about the Wilmot area, and to catch up with old friends over a great supper.

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Community focus an original Braid trait



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"Helping other people is the main thing," said Don.

His daughter, Jackie O'Brien, said of her father and first cousin: "Their impact goes far beyond the farming life. With a strong sense of community and natural inclination to help others, both men have long embodied the ethos of giving back.

"Whether it's lending a helping hand to a neighbour in need or supporting local causes, their generosity has made them respected members of the community.

"Their bond as cousins is matched by a shared zest for life. Over the years they have travelled overseas together and closer to home one of their great shared joys has been attending concerts by Irish singer Daniel O'Donnell.

"Perhaps more importantly, both dad and Ian have raised their families here in the community they love, instilling in their children and grandchildren the same values of kindness, loyalty and integrity.

"This remarkable milestone does not only celebrates their 90 years but also the enduring legacy they continue to build as farmers, family men, friends and true gentlemen."

Said Ian: "We're like the Test cricketers – we're both now in the nervous 90s!"

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August is a good time to be pruning your roses

Gardening with Robert Gower

When it comes to roses, some people can get quite pedantic about pruning and how it should be done but all up, they are actually very forgiving. Roses are easy to prune.

Basically you have first year wood, second year wood, third year wood and older. When pruning, you need to prune out the middle to allow airflow. You also need to remove, where you can, the older growth, third year wood, and damaged branches, keeping the first and second year wood which are going to bring the best flowers. I

normally prune back by two-thirds, opening up the middle and pruning the branches so that the buds are facing to the outside of the bush, and removing any damaged branches. That's it.

Unfortunately, if you have suckering growth underneath your grafted rose, it is very hard to eliminate it altogether. It comes down to managing the problem on an on-going basis.

If the branches are only small, then you can remove them by pulling downwards ripping the bud out along with the branch, being careful not to do too much damage to the main stem. If the suckering growth is too large for this, then prune the branch back to the main stem as close as possible, Then with a scalpel, cut into where you can see a green bud, and remove it.

Climbing roses

If it's a new climber, then you just need to do a light prune and arrange your canes on your climbing structure, trying to get the branches onto a horizontal position. This means the flowers will grow along the stem and not just at the end.

If it's an old established climber, you need to go over the plant and prune out any dead or damaged branches.

Where branches are crossing, take out the weakest branch and prune your horizontal branches back to just the tip or to the end of your structure.

Any branches arising from the horizontal branch, prune back to one or two buds. This will give you a lot of flowers coming up along the stem.

If you have very old woody main stems, remove one or two each season and allow the climbing rose to produce new canes.

Are you a filmmaker?

Applications Closing Soon!

The Weindorfer Association has received funding to host a series of FREE Future Film Maker Labs in August and November at locations across the North West of Tasmania (Ulverstone, Devonport, Sheffield and Wilmot)

Facilitated by award-winning filmmakers Holly Winter and Riley Sapsford, successful applicants will gain valuable insight and experience as they share their knowledge throughout the two workshops.

Places are extremely limited so don't delay in applying.

Attendees are encouraged to enter their completed works in the Weindorfer Film Festival held in May each year which offers a prize pool valued at more than \$5000 and attracts entrants from across Australia.

Refreshments will be provided and dietary needs catered for. Just bring your device (no special equipment required) and a sense of adventure for these fun and informative workshops.

If you have an interest in filmmaking, please contact Sandra or Idell at workshop@weindorferfilmfestival.com.au for full details and an application form.

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RAILTON PARKRUN



On July 12, Kim Reader and Phillippa Baldock celebrated milestones, with Kim completing her 300th event and Phillippa completing her 250th. Congratulations ladies! Isaac Camac and Michelle D'Monte were first finishers for the event with times of 18:47 and 25:04 while Keldren Lambert and Rachel Campbell both achieved PBs. On July 5,

we welcomed Ebony Vajda to her first parkrun.

The previous week Michael Roennfeldt completed his 50th event and one of our junior parkrunners, Travis Braid (*pictured above*) completed his 100th parkrun. Well done Travis.

Another junior parkrunner, Joel Lambert, continues to improve his times, achieving a PB in his 10th event on June 28.

Over the past few weeks, we welcomed visitors from Melbourne, Geelong, Phillip Island, Wynyard, Burnie, and Westbury.

An open invitation is extended to come along to the Railton event. To register, visit Parkrun Australia and bring along the barcode you will be allocated. This barcode will be scanned to enable your time to be recorded.

Park runners and their 'bark runners' (dogs on leashes) meet every Saturday morning at 8:50am at the Syke's Sanctuary entrance on Kimberly Road for a safety briefing.

For anyone new to the Railton Course, the park run Director will provide an overview of the course prior to the event commencing and reinforce some vital safety considerations.

RAILTON PICKLEBALL

Social games of Pickleball are held on Sundays from 10am-noon at the Railton Recreation and Community Centre, corner Crocker Street and Ennis Avenue. Pickleball is a hybrid: a

paddle game played with a baseball-sized wiffleball over a tennis-type net on a Badminton-sized court. And while the two hours of cardio is a great workout, your laugh muscles will get just as much exercise!

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SHEFFIELD GOLF

It has definitely been "Beannie weather" this month.

Winter has finally settled in with a few frosty starts and rain. Due to the frosty conditions winter start times on Tuesdays have changed to 9.30am for a 10am start.

It is great to see many players are still keen to enjoy a game.

Members:

21/06 Stableford was won by Mark Jones 38 points from Rodney Von Stieglitz on 36 points countback from David Jago c/b from Doug Callander 36 points.

28/06 Ambrose 3 winners were A Shaw, J Lawler, S Gale and J Shaw with a 51.667 net from S Hope, J Hope and S Coombs with 56.333 net.

July Monthly Medal Winners:

Vets: Sponsored by Sheffield Mechanical & Tyre was Micheal Meaney with 69 net on a countback from David MacMillan.

Ladies: Sponsored by Neil and Judy Denney was won by Janice Williams 66 net from Susie Coombs 69 net.

Members: Sponsored by Sheffield IGA was won by Matthew Knight with 64 net from Stephen Hope with 66 net.

Vets: 8/07 Stableford was won by Micheal Meaney 33 net on countback from Rowan Sherriff 33 net.

Ladies: 8/07 Stableford was won by Winsome Sherriff 32 net from Janice Williams 31 net.

Members: 12/07 Ambrose 2 was won by Tony Wootton and Ben Corbett with a 63.25 net, second on countback was Tony Brown and David Jago from Matthew Knight and Wade Rockliff with a 64.5 net.

Vets/Ladies: 15/07 4BBB Stableford was won by David Jago and Tony Wootton on 46 net from Janice Williams and Greg Collis on 44 net.

Sheffield Golf Club 0418 199 873. Visitors always welcome. Green Fees per day: Adults \$20; Juniors \$5.

SHEFFIELD BOWLS

The Sheffield Bowls Club AGM was held on June 29 with the election of office bearers and committee for the 25/26 season. Incoming office bearers are President Garry McGhie, Secretary Rosie Bassett, Treasurer Lynn Raddatz, Vice President Helen McCoy, committee member Carl Cox, Kath Wootton, John Sullivan, Tracey Clark, Judy Cocker, Steve Charleston and Jenny Manson.

Social bowls is still very active on Saturdays at the club grounds starting at 12.30pm. All welcome. Bingo is held on Tuesdays with two jackpots - eyes down at 1.30pm.



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SHEFFIELD FOOTBALL CLUB



Sorry we have been quiet this season, truthfully we have had many injuries, a lot of unavailable players and not one but *two* abandoned games this season.

We are coming to the pointy end of the season and our Reserves are in form, but will need some consistency for finals. Our Seniors have sights on finals with injured players hopeful to make some returns, we should be able to make a stance during the finals series.

We have held a few functions this year. Our Ladies Day was another huge success, all profits are donated to the Make Runs Maxi Initiative, this year we were lucky enough to be joined by the lovely ladies behind the screen!

We were so proud to show them how many of our wonderful ladies are willing to contribute to a magnificent cause. We painted a colourful Highland Cow with the expertise of "Paint, Sip, Create with Amanda".

Following ladies day, we held our 100 Club Function - another great fundraiser for the club. We were able to sell all of the numbers and all the winners were super happy.

Our country night was an absolute blast and we can't thank the Rollins Family enough for helping to make it such a great night. Zac Weeks entertained us for a few hours of great country music. DJ Sims was back on the decks for our Annual Ball. With a Glitter and Glam theme, we could not be happier with the turn out of people all frocked up.

Our next update will come during mid finals, but if you want to get first-hand information, make your way to Maidstone Park to witness some great weekends of footy!

**Please email your sports news to:
editor@thekentishvoice.com.au**

KENTISH PONY & HACK CLUB



Sophie Richardson, a 17-year-old horse fanatic from Sheffield, has been selected to represent Pony Club Tasmania at National in Dressage and the games team.

A senior student at Sheffield High School, Sophie has been riding since she was around three years old and her talent has been recognized.

Sophie will take two of her horses, Super Magician (Leo) Lethal Park Jack Sparrow (Jack), to the national competition at Werribee in Victoria this October.

Her mum, Bianca Lambert, said it was a fantastic opportunity for Sophie and her horses to have such an experience.

"This is our first time representing Tasmania for the Dressage and the games team," Bianca said.

"We are very excited to be given this opportunity to be a part of the Tasmania team, yet it's very scary at the same time."

Sophie has done very well over the years. She and the MVPC games team won State Games both last year and this year.

Bianca said the cost of the trip and horse transportation was quite expensive and they are seeking sponsorship.

"We are looking for sponsors to help fund Sophie, Leo and Jack to get to Victoria in October 2025," she said. "In return for your sponsorship, we're offering advertising opportunities where and when we can."

"We are so grateful for what our sponsors have helped achieve in the Sheffield community. Our family has lived in the Sheffield community for nearly 10 years."

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'LIFT THE TONE' CAMPAIGN

At the 17 June 2025 Meeting, Council resolved to support the Local Government Association of Tasmania's 'Life the Tone' campaign which aims to promote respect in public debate. The initiative responds to alarming findings that nearly 80% of elected representatives in Tasmania have experienced abuse or intimidation from community members in the past two years.

LGAT Vice President Mayor Paula Wriedt highlighted the profound impacts of such behaviour, with social media (47.3%) and public spaces (36.8%) identified as the most common settings for abuse. "This behaviour seriously affects mental and physical health—not only for elected representatives but also for their families," Ms Wriedt said.

Minister for Local Government Kerry Vincent stressed the need for respectful interactions. "Elected representatives play an important role in shaping our local communities and everyone has the right to work without hostility," Minister Vincent said. "Respect is a two-way street, and my expectation is the community and their elected officials treat each other with professionalism and kindness."

The campaign calls on Tasmanians to foster civility, tackle online abuse, and uphold the principles of constructive public dialogue. "We can disagree without disrespect, and I want to remove any deterrent for good people to stand for election," Minister Vincent said.

Tasmanians are encouraged to sign the online pledge to commit to respectful communication, which will help create a more respectful and united community. Take the pledge and join the 'Lift the Tone' movement today at <https://www.lgat.tas.gov.au/lift-the-tone>

SHEFFIELD COMMUNITY INFORMATION EVENING

The Sheffield Community Information Evening will be held on Thursday, 28 August, 2025 at 7pm in the Sheffield Town Hall.

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

DOG REGISTRATION REMINDER

A reminder that dog registrations are due now. To take advantage of the \$20.00 discount, you must pay your dog registration no later than **31st July 2025**.

RATES REMINDER

All ratepayers should have now received their rates notice. Full payment or the first instalment of rates for the 2025/2026 financial year is due on **31st August 2025**.

A 1.5% discount is applicable to those who chose to pay their rates in full by the due date of **31st August 2025**. This discount amount, which can be found on your rates notice, will need to be deducted from the total current rates amount when you make your online payment. The discount is not applicable to rates in arrears.

If you have not received your notice, please contact Council for a replacement.

Should you be experiencing financial difficulties, please contact our Rates Officer to discuss payment arrangement options.

PENSION REMISSIONS

Are you eligible for a pension remission on your property for the 2025/2026 financial year? To be eligible for a remission you must be responsible for the payment of rates on the property, have a Pension Concession, Health Care or Department of Veteran Affairs card valid as of **1st July** for the financial year in which you are making a claim, and it must be your principal place of residence on the **1st July 2025**.

If you received a pension remission in previous years and your circumstances have not changed, you will not need to provide your concession details again and the remission will be automatically applied.

SIGNIFICANT TREE REGISTER NOMINATIONS

Trees are a valuable part of our ecosystem and a benefit to all members of the community. If you know of a tree you believe should be recognised and protected in this way, you are invited to submit a nomination for the Kentish Significant Tree Register.

Nomination forms can be found on Council's website www.kentish.tas.gov.au/community/significant-tree-register or from the office at 69 High Street, Sheffield.

Nominations close on the 31st August 2025. The Significant Tree Register Committee will meet in September 2025 to consider nominations. If you have any questions regarding the nomination process, please contact Council.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of Council will be held at the Council Office on **Tuesday, 19 August, 2025** commencing at 6:00pm.

KENTISH MEN'S SHED

It is pleasing to be able to observe that our Community Men's Shed continues to grow as more men take the opportunity to participate in our activities and share their unique life experience and talents while enjoying the brotherhood that has evolved within our group in the years since our inception.



Among our recent "newbies" we can mention Kelly O'Brien (left) who came Kentish from Queensland to be near his sister who lives out Barrington way. Kelly gets around in a wheelchair and is totally deaf. He has the assistance of a carer who accompanies him to the shed, but Kelly needs no help in the craft works he undertakes, and which work has gained the admiration of fellow shedders.

Then there is Clive McWhir who resides on Claude Road with a lovely outlook to our mountain.

Clive is a teacher with impressive credentials. Another Queenslander (so many refugees from banana land). School headmaster for 40 years, winning a National Medal after 15 years and collecting several bars all in acknowledgement of his cutting-edge contribution to volunteering in the fire service and Queensland Ambulance Service

On retirement to Kentish, Clive volunteered with our Sheffield Ambulance service and instructs for St Johns and we are pleased that Clive will conduct a training day for our members aimed at workshop safety on Thursday, August 7.

This session will not lead to first aid certificates but rather provide a commonsense approach to workshop safety and inspire confidence to members if confronted by an injury that requires first aid.

Clive also volunteers as a fireman and, best of all, is a model rail man which gets my vote.

While on welfare issues, we had a visit from the Tasmanian Men's Sheds Associations Darren Clarke whose gig is Health and Wellbeing. His presentation was appreciated by the members present and the morning tea he provided received the closest attention.

Visitors are always welcome and for information, please call Terry on 0429 122 520.

KENTISH PROBUS CLUB

The next meeting of the Kentish Probus Club will be Tuesday, August 12, at 10am at the Sheffield Bowls Club.

The Guest Speaker is Tracy Saward on Fairy Penguins.

The outing will be a luncheon. Visitors are always welcome. For further information, please contact Annelise on 6496 1220.

WILMOT HISTORIC MUSEUM

Opening hours for the Wilmot Museum: Wednesday to Sunday 10am to 3pm.

KENTISH LIONS



Outgoing Lions president Chris Hearle passes the gavel and gong to new president Mitch Roughley at the change-over dinner on July 14, attended by Kentish Mayor Kate Haberle and her husband, Mike. Chris said: "Handing over this evening to Mitch Roughley as he takes over the position of Club President is a proud moment, and good wishes are given for the year ahead of him."

RAILTON NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

The Annual General Meeting of the Railton Neighborhood Centre will be held on Thursday, August 21, at 2.30pm.

All positions will be available. All welcome to attend and nominate yourself or someone else.

HUB REPORT

We have lots of lovely scarves and beanies if you are still feeling the cooler weather.

Thank you everyone for all the donations, sadly we are unable to sell items that are broken or dirty.

Recent donations: Sheffield School \$5000; Lorinna Landcare \$570; Pony Club S.R. National Dressage \$3000.

Thank you for support, this helps us as we encourage many in our Kentish community.

- The Committee

WORKING ART SPACE SHEFFIELD

The current exhibition at the Sheffield Art Gallery showcases local artist Cindy Thompson and her textile art creations entitled *Stitching Stories of Colour, Texture and Beauty*.

The textile artist lives in Barrington and her love of hand-embroidery, sewing, fabric and colour has morphed itself over the years into her own style that includes free motion machine embroidery and working with dissolvable fabric.

The colour and textures of fabric and thread is inspiration for her to create her pieces.

This is Cindy's first exhibition and clearly shows the love she has for this medium. Don't miss out on seeing the varied artworks that Cindy has produced.

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 1.00pm to 3.30 pm.

If you would like to take part, please contact Colette Binder on 0439 426 665 for more information.

On Tuesdays and Wednesdays please feel free to pop by our Albert Street Gallery to view our art displays including pottery creations in progress.

Apply for \$5k ag grants

Nutrien Ag Solutions, in partnership with the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal (FRRR) invites eligible not-for-profit organisations to apply for a grant of up to \$5000 to support community projects across remote, rural and regional Australia.

Since its launch in 2021, the Nutrien Ag Solutions Community Grants Program has provided more than \$1 million in funding to grassroots initiatives that support regional communities.

The Community Investment Manager at Nutrien Ag Solutions, Jacqueline Webb, said the program reflects Nutrien's long-standing commitment to investing in the communities where their people and customers live and work.

"This program is about supporting the heart of our regional communities – the local projects and initiatives that make these towns great places to live and work," Ms Webb said.

"Over the past four years, we've backed more than 200 community-led projects, helping to upgrade facilities, deliver services and create opportunities that directly benefit rural and regional Australians.

"As a major employer and partner in hundreds of communities, we understand the importance of contributing to a safe, successful and sustainable future for regional Australia," Ms Webb added.

Jill Karena, FRRR's Head of Granting, said the Foundation knows how important it is to support and empower communities to identify and deliver the services and activities that are most needed by locals.

"Thanks to partners like Nutrien Ag Solutions, who have people on the ground in the community, we can ensure local priorities are heard and supported," Ms Karena said.

"In the past four years, we've seen the big impact that these small grants can have.

Applications for the 2025 Nutrien Ag Solutions Community Grants Program **close on Thursday, August 7, 2025**, with successful recipients announced in October.

For more information and to apply, please visit: www.nutrienagsolutions.com.au/nutrien-ag-solutions-community-grants-program

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Tourism operators urged to reinvent

Staff from the Sheffield Visitor Information Centre recently joined hundreds of tourism operators and industry leaders in Launceston for the annual Tourism Industry Council Tasmania Conference.

This year's theme, "Resilience & Reinvention: Tourism in a Changing World," attracted one of the largest turnouts in recent years, with delegates sharing insights, building skills, and discussing the future of Tasmanian tourism.

The two-day program featured a wide variety of workshops on day one, followed by an inspiring line-up of guest speakers on day two, including industry thought leaders and political figures.

The Coordinator of the Sheffield Visitor Information Centre, Melissa Longcake, described the event as an invaluable opportunity for professional growth. "It was inspiring to connect with other tourism operators and take away practical tips we can use to improve the visitor experience in Kentish," she said.

The conference provided strategies for marketing, business improvement, and innovation, as well as the chance to discover emerging trends and products.

"Whether you run a small business or are part of a larger organisation, there's so much to learn and so many people to meet," Melissa said. "It's about staying future-focused and building connections that strengthen the whole industry."

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I have just read your excellent Editorial on the new container refund scheme. It is a complex issue. I feel we already have recycling bins for every household in Tasmania.

The simple answer would have been to make this work without the extra costs of yet another scheme and bureaucracy. If a drink is purchased when out and about – just take the empty can/ bottle home with you and put them in the recycle bin. Easy!

Increase the fines for littering tremendously so that anyone caught feels the pain.

I recently moved to Sheffield and commend you on *The Kentish Voice*. I have found it most helpful contacting tradespersons etc. during my first few months here.

Brian Simpson, Sheffield

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Police eject resident from council meeting

Kentish Council's July meeting was put on hold for an hour last month after Tasmania Police were called to remove a banned person from the chamber.

Mayor Kate Haberle said: "Let's be clear, this isn't about shutting down voices. In fact, Kentish Council has been actively engaging with these community representatives on their concerns for over six months. But while we welcome robust discussion, Council has a responsibility to balance the interests of the broader community, uphold respectful conduct, and operate within the limits of its authority."

The July 15 Ordinary Council Meeting was suspended for an hour whilst Tasmania Police assisted Council staff in removing from the Chambers a person who is temporarily not permitted to attend Council meetings.

"While we understand the passion behind the issues that our communities face, when they fall outside Council's jurisdiction our role is to advocate responsibly, not to override State or Federal processes," Mayor Haberle said.

This isn't about shutting down conversation - it's about ensuring that it happens respectfully."

Members of the public attending Council's monthly meetings must meet their obligations as detailed in the 'Responsibilities and Expected Behaviours' section of Council's Public Participation and Question Time – Council Meetings policy.

Council has a zero tolerance for aggressive, intimidatory, or violent behaviour towards councillors and staff, including any form of abuse, humiliation or bullying.

Council has a duty of care to minimise the risk of such behaviour wherever possible, and while any action to restrict access to Council are not taken lightly, the safety and wellbeing of our elected members, staff, and those attending our Council meetings remains a top priority.

Regrettably, Council has had to implement measures to prevent ongoing disruptions to meetings and to protect against further inappropriate and disrespectful conduct.

Mayor Kate Haberle expressed her disappointment in the divisive and disruptive actions of a very small number of individuals - not only locals but antagonists from outside the municipality - whose behaviour has caused distress and disruption recently.

She reaffirmed Kentish Council's commitment to the Local Government Association of Tasmania's *Lift the Tone* Campaign to address the increasing abuse and intimidation faced by elected representatives and Council staff.

"Disruption of our Council meetings prevents the good and important work of Council from occurring. I encourage all Kentish residents to stand against abuse and commit to respectful communication. Toxic behaviour - whether online or in public - hurts individuals, families and our democracy."

Through its support of the campaign, Kentish Council draws a line in the sand and puts on notice those who deliberately seek to bring our Council into disrepute, and who intentionally set out to cause harm or disrupt the work of those elected or employed in the service of our community.

Call to lift the tone in local government



Engaging in debate is a vital aspect of democracy. However, when it escalates into abuse and intimidation, it becomes harmful.

Recent data revealed that almost 80% of surveyed elected representatives in Tasmania have

experienced abuse in the past two years.

Everyone, irrespective of their background or views, should feel safe undertaking their council duties and feel honoured to represent their communities.

However, the rising levels of abuse and intimidation directed at elected representatives is hindering them from serving their communities, discouraging people from running for office, and undermining local democracy.

The Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) has launched the Lift the Tone campaign to address the increasing abuse and intimidation faced by elected representatives and council staff.

This campaign calls on all Tasmanians to stand against abuse and commit to respectful communication.

At the Latrobe Council's June 23 Ordinary Meeting, Councillors unanimously resolved to challenge the normalisation of abuse against Elected Members and Council Officers, and pledged their support for the Local Government of Tasmania's Lift the Tone campaign to promote civility in public debate.

Mayor Peter Freshney moved the motion and shared some of his

own personal experiences as an elected representative, detailing the personal impacts.

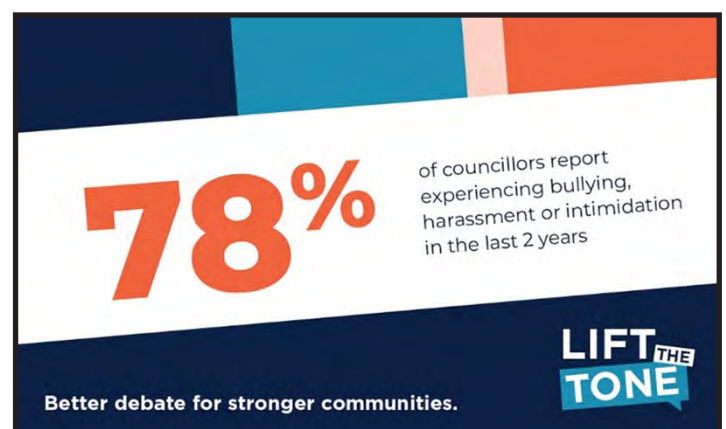
"From my personal relationships, to my work outside of public office, from private social activities to my own health and wellbeing, no aspect of my life has been spared.

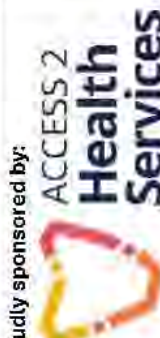
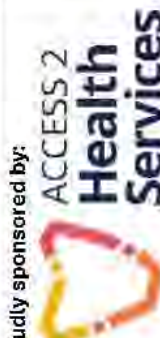
"My wife and I have been photographed at a social function and that photograph then used on social media to belittle me, to infer a relationship outside our marriage and to cause reputational harm.

"Anxiety and apprehension are now my constant companions, and unbroken sleep just a distant memory. Apparently, the price to be paid for community representation and leadership."

Mayor Freshney said the LGAT initiative to Lift the Tone of public discourse had, at its heart, behaviours that are simply unacceptable.

"Latrobe councillors draw a line in the sand," he said.



Kentish Health Services & Programs Calendar – August 2025				
Every Monday	Every Tuesday	Every Wednesday	Every Thursday	Every Friday
10.00am – 3.30pm: CHSP @ KAAC * 6.30pm – 9.45pm: Navigating Relationships Peer Group Chat (12-25's) @ Headspace online	9.00am – 11.00am: Playgroup (0-5's) @ Kentish House 10.00am: Mountain Learners Homeschool Meet @ Kings Park 11.00am – 3.00pm: CHSP @ KAAC * 11.00am: Fitness Class @ LBCH */** 6.30pm – 9.45pm: Qheadsapce Peer Group Chat (LGBTIQ+ & allies, 12-25's) @ Headspace online	9.30am – 11.00am: Food pick up for Kentish residents @ KH 10.15am: Ladies Social Badminton @ LBCH * 5.00pm – 6.00pm: Digital Health Literacy Support Hour @ KH 6.30pm – 9.45pm: General Coping Peer Group Chat (12-25's) @ Headspace online 6.30pm – 9.45pm: Adults Supporting Young People (for family & other adults) @ Headspace – text-based group chat	9.00am – 1.00pm: Kentish Men's Shed 10.30am: Fitness Class @ LBCH */** 3.00pm – 4.30pm: Green Room (Youth 11-17's) @ Sheffield Youth Centre 4.00pm – 6.00pm: The Quiet Corner @ Kentish House 6.30pm – 9.45pm: Yarnspace Peer Group Chat (A&TSI 12-25's) @ Headspace online 6.30pm – 9.45pm: Work & Study Peer Group Chat (12-25's) @ Headspace online	9.00am – 11.00am: Social Craft Group @ Kentish House 2.00pm – 3.00pm: The Chatty Cafe @ Turnbull's Pharmacy 2.30pm: Mountain Learners Homeschool Meet @ Kings Park 5.30pm – 7.30pm: Munting Taekwondo @ Sheffield School Gym *
Specific Mondays	Specific Tuesdays	Specific Wednesdays	Specific Thursdays	Specific Fridays & Weekends
4th 9.00am – 12.00pm: North West Community Legal Centre @ Kentish House** 11th 3.00pm – 4.30pm: Social Hub (for neurodiverse young people, 12-18's) @ Kentish House 18th 9.00am – 12.00pm: North West Community Legal Centre @ Kentish House** 4.30pm – 6.00pm: Culturally & Linguistically Diverse Social Group @ Kentish House 25th 3.00pm – 4.30pm: Social Hub (for neurodiverse young people, 12-18's) @ Kentish House	5th 9.00am – 11.00am: KIDS Parenting Support (Playgroup) @ Kentish House 19th 9.00am – 11.00am: Early Childhood Cafe Coordinator (Playgroup) @ KH 12.30pm – 1.30pm: Services Outreach (Kentish House, Services Australia, Rural Alive & Well, KIDS Parenting Support, APV) @ Wilmot Memorial Hall 26th 9.00am – 11.00am: KIDS Parenting Support (Playgroup) @ Kentish House 11.30am – 12.30pm: Services Outreach (Kentish House, Services Australia, Rural Alive & Well, KIDS Parenting Support, APV) @ Claude Road Hall 12.00pm – 1.30pm: NW Health Promotion Network Meeting @ Teams ** 1.00pm – 2.00pm: Services Outreach (Kentish House, Services Australia, Rural Alive & Well, KIDS Parenting Support, APV) @ Lorrina Community Hall	6th 12.00pm – 1.30pm: Australian Red Cross Recovery Basics Webinar Series (The Impacts of Disasters on Communities & Individuals) @ Zoom ** 13th 10.00am – 12.00pm: NDIS Mission Australia @ KH 20th 9.30am – 11.00am: Services Australia @ Kentish House 12.00pm – 12.30pm: Services Australia @ Kings Hall, Railton 27th No NILS appointments available at Kentish House today 9.30am – 11.00am: Rural Health @ Kentish House For more information please contact: Kentish House: 6491 2322 Cassandra: 0447 325 343 Ruby: 0497 780 216	14th 3.30pm – 5.00pm: Textiles Crafting Group @ Sheffield Library 28th No NILS appointments available at Kentish House today  Proudly sponsored by:  The Access to Health Services Project received funding from the Australian Government    15th 9.00am – 12.00pm: Abortion Access Advocacy Workshop, free with morning tea @ Kentish House 22nd 11.00am – 2.30pm: Shark Cage (free 4-week program for women who have experienced family violence or sexual abuse in their lives) – Week 1 @ Kentish House ** 29th No NILS appointments available at Kentish House today 11.00am – 2.30pm: Shark Cage Week 2 @ Kentish House ** Acronyms: A&TSI: Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander FB: Facebook – Kentish House & Sheffield Noticeboard KAAC: Kentish Adult Activity Centre KH: Kentish House LBCH: Lower Barrington Community Hall	30th 11.00am – 12.30pm: Mr Perfect BBQ @ Sheffield Health Park (Bossimis if weather bad) Saturday 8.50am: Railton Park Run @ Sykes Sanctuary, Kimberley Rd 9.00am – 12.00pm: Kentish Men's Shed 12.30pm: Social Bowls @ Sheffield Bowls Club * Sunday 10.00am: Social Pickleball @ Railton Rec & Comm. Centre *

Mayor's message: keep active, enjoy life



It is hard to believe that we are halfway through winter and at times I can feel spring in the air.

I had the privilege of helping out at a democracy sausage sizzle on election day where all funds raised go into the school for essential resources and the provision of camps for the students.

People who bought from the barbeque were delighted as for quite a few elections this has been sadly lacking. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this fund raiser.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the retirement of Paul Crantock, CEO of Tandara Lodge Community Care Inc (see story Page 5). We are very sad to see Paul leave as his contribution to the ongoing success of Tandara has been remarkable.

As a board member, I have always found Paul to be very professional, committed and dedicated to his role. His positive relationships with residents and staff have ensured that this facility is a very happy, safe place to work. The residents are extremely well looked after due to the high level of responsibility that everyone takes very seriously.

I would like to welcome Matt Flakemore as the incoming CEO and we would like to wish him all the very best as he takes on this important role. With his experience in finance and the aged care sector, I believe Tandara will continue to provide a wonderful service to our residents as we are required to implement the new Aged Care Quality Standards which come into place in November.

Term 3 for the staff and students began on July 21. It will no doubt be another very busy term as the staff provide many excellent learning opportunities across all sectors of the school.

Have you noticed the decorations around Sheffield? It is not too late to participate in this friendly competition which closes on August 1. The contest is for the best decorated residence and shopfront on Main Street. This adds a little cheer for the cold days in winter and adds some sparkle to our town.

Park runs are becoming very popular and this is a great way to get out for some exercise and fresh air. Railton holds one every Saturday morning at Sykes Sanctuary and owes its success to the wonderful volunteers who give up their time every week.

NAIDOC (National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee) Week was celebrated from July 6-13. The theme was "The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy".

This theme celebrates the 50th anniversary of NAIDOC Week and focuses on the contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, particularly the next generation of leaders, and the importance of their culture, history, and achievements. It also acknowledges the strength of Elders and the legacy they have built for future generations. We acknowledge this important date on our yearly calendar.

Community connections are so important to reduce feelings of isolation and loneliness especially during the colder months where Seasonal Affective Disorder can overcome us. There are many local organisations which provide wonderful activities to socialise, learn new skills and meet new people. Take advantage of these opportunities to enjoy life and remain as active as possible.

Cash injection expands health services

The Access to Health Services Kentish Regional Project has received continued funding from the Department of Health, ensuring the project will run through to October 2026.

This funding marks a significant milestone in the ongoing effort to improve health service access and community wellbeing across the Kentish region.

As part of this next phase, the Kentish community can look forward to a series of free pilot programs launching from this month. Programs will be promoted in *The Kentish Voice* (see opposite page) and on the Kentish House Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/kentishhouse>.

Upcoming Pilot Programs at Kentish House

Digital Health Literacy Support Hour

Beginning Wednesday, August 6, this drop-in session will run weekly from 5-6pm. Community members can receive one-on-one help with accessing digital health information, downloading and using health apps, and navigating online health resources.

The Quiet Corner

Launching August 7, The Quiet Corner will be open every Thursday from 4-6pm. This peaceful space at Kentish House is designed for those who prefer quiet companionship. Attendees can engage in silent activities such as reading, crafts, listening to music (with earphones), doing homework, or playing games. Tea, coffee, biscuits, and health services information will be available. Stay for part or all of it.

CALD Social Support Group

Starting Monday, August 18, this monthly group will meet

on the third Monday of each month from 4:30-6pm. CALD (Culturally and Linguistically Diverse) community members are warmly invited to Kentish House to connect with others, access health services support, and enjoy culturally diverse snacks in a relaxed and friendly environment. Stay for part or all of it.

Supporting Accessibility for All

A key focus of these pilot programs is evening scheduling, allowing greater access for those who work during the day. By offering activities later in the afternoon and early evening, we hope to make participation easier for a broader range of community members.

We also want to extend a heartfelt thank you to the Kentish community for your invaluable feedback on the Kentish Health Services Access Improvement Plan earlier this year. Your insights directly shaped the development of these pilot programs, and we're excited to roll them out with your needs in mind.

Stay tuned for more updates and program announcements in the Kentish Voice and on our Facebook page.





**Mount Roland
LAND CARE**

MRLC builds on legacy of Rivercare

Mount Roland Land Care is a very active group around Sheffield with their Thousands of Trees project, Giant Freshwater Crayfish program, Life On the Mountain, their weeds management and recently the collaboration with Kentish Council to clear a log jam in the Dasher River – which was a disaster just waiting to happen.

But the activities go back to around the late 1990s, when the Federal Government was encouraging landcare groups across the country. Many well-known locals, including the late George Kelly, John Treloar, Arthur Ford, Richard Sands, the late Gary Huett, Clive Bott (still an active member) and David Walker began Mt Roland Rivercare Catchment Inc. (Apologies to the many contributors not listed for recognition.)

The group looked at the natural values in our area that should be protected, especially along the Dasher, Don and Minnow Rivers, the weeds that shouldn't be there and the remnant vegetation that should be preserved.

After extensive stakeholder consultation, a Rivercare Plan for the Dasher and Minnow Rivers was completed. Funding followed a large and destructive flood and allowed some actions that would make a real difference.

Kilometres of willows which were clogging up waterways were removed. Around 20 rock riffles were built to slow down the water flow in the Dasher and Minnow Rivers and stop the scouring and erosion that occurred in floods, sometimes causing farmers to lose metres of soil from pasture along riverbanks. The riffles create pools which are ideal for fish and other water creatures.

Riverbanks were protected by careful placement of logs and large rocks (called rip-rap). These pools, riffles and rip-rap banks can



still be seen along many of our waterways and are still doing the job they were built to do.

In many spots the river was fenced off by willing landowners, with 117 water troughs supplied to keep cattle out of the waterways. Keeping stock out of the waterway was one of the key design features of the Rivercare Plan, for both stock health and river water quality.

Another lasting benefit of the early Rivercare days is the tree planting for windbreaks and shelterbelts. Some of these can be seen in the Don River area below the cemetery, the beautiful planting on the farm next to the School Farm (visible from West Kentish Road), and in the Dasher River area along Short Cut Road. Other plantings along the Dasher River in the Claude Road area are still thriving, too.

On those days when the biting wind cuts through you, milk production can be cut by over 30%, one dairy farmer of the time complained. Those windbreaks make for happy cows.

Kentish Council has been a strong supporter of the group since its inception, with a Partnership Agreement in place since around 2005. The group won the national Murray-Darling Basin Rivercare Award in 2008 for their work in restoring local rivers to health around Sheffield.

The early Rivercare group members can be very proud that their efforts were so successful and have left a strong legacy that is still appreciated today.

While the name may have changed to reflect current activities, the work is continued by the many active members of today's Mount Roland Land Care group.

Photo: Richard Sands

THE SHARK CAGE PROGRAM




A free, 4-week support and information group for women who have experienced family violence or sexual abuse in their lives.

What you'll learn:

- How to recognise a shark (abuser) vs. a respectful dolphin (supportive person)
- How to build your invisible Shark Cage - your personal boundaries
- Education on human rights and the impacts of trauma
- The different types of abuse
- The 5 Steps in the Shark Cage Framework
- How to feel empowered, rebuild self-worth, and reclaim your rights

How to register:

Please let us know your availability for a 30-minute intake interview before August 13th

Contact Marzi on 0492 954 747 or Marzi@engenderequality.org.au

Program Dates & Times:

Session 1: (Friday, August 22nd)	11:00 AM - 2:30 PM
Session 2: (Friday, August 29th)	11:00 AM - 2:30 PM
Session 3: (Friday, September 5th)	11:00 AM - 2:30 PM
Session 4: (Friday, September 12th)	11:00 AM - 2:30 PM

Location:
Kentish House
18 Station St, Sheffield Tas 7306



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Elbows, Boundaries & Banter: The Legend of Bluey Burton

By Jo Ross

on behalf of the Burton family and the Wilmot community

Bluey – we celebrate you. We know you wouldn't want any fuss, definitely not be the centre of attention, but Bluey, tough luck matey, this one's for you, with love, humour and the reverence you deserve. How could we *not* honour the bloke who was unofficially declared Mayor of Wilmot, a title he never asked for, but absolutely earned.

Bluey the larrikin, the storyteller, the collector, the community stalwart, with elbows like steel, a booming voice, the proud Poppy with a heart of gold and as big as Tasmania, full of love, laughter, and the kind of Aussie grit that makes people unforgettable. He gave everything to his community, and somehow, still had time to stir the pot, crack a joke, or drop a dead magpie pie (*cold meat pie*) on your doorstep after a Collingwood loss.

Born in Devonport in 1948 to a farming family and raised in Wilmot, Brian Burton and his brother tore around the countryside with a billycart so fast they'd rocket themselves into the creek. Life on the land was in his blood. School ended at 15; the paddocks became his classroom; and his father, his first teacher. Whether it was fencing, ferrets, footy or firewood, Bluey knew how to get the job done.

But then came 1969. His birthday was plucked from the barrel, and he was suddenly training at Puckapunyal, then serving in Vietnam. He rarely spoke of it. In between yarns and cheeky digs, sometimes he'd share the truth of what he had been through. The horror. The pain. The mates lost. The weight carried.

He came back changed, but with the same fire in his belly. He married, raised three strong boys, and eventually had five grandkids who adored their Poppy. The boys still flinch when they hear "put your toys away or they'll go in the fire" - a threat he actually followed through on, ha!

But he mellowed with age, and the grandkids reaped the benefits. He loved his family, and every one of his grandkids.

Bluey's work life was as colourful as his stories. He trucked cattle; worked for the Hydro; drove Maxwell's coaches taking tourists to Cradle Mountain, a job he loved as he was a fabulous storyteller, his second nickname being *Haveachat*. A trip to the shops could take all day. A visit to Agfest? He'd never see more than half the displays - too many chats, too many laughs to share.

Bluey wasn't the type to make a to-do list, but he was the kind of man who just got things done. The flag got raised; the cenotaph was tidy; but not the pantry... this was an exception - it had mysterious long-expired food treasures, relics and all.

Yet, if there was a job that needed doing, odds were Bluey had already done it. And if you tried to thank him, he'd wave it off with a grunt, a shrug, and probably an offer of a biscuit from that pantry that pre-dated your birth.

Bluey's sense of humour was as sharp as his cricket shots, and just as likely to catch you off guard. He had that rare Aussie gift for ribbing someone mercilessly, then turning around and offering them a lift home.

You'd cop a serve if your team lost, and a serve of something out of a mystery tin if you stayed for cuppa.

He could stir the pot like a country cook, and he *loved* it when you gave it back. That was the real game, the back-and-forth,



the banter, the belly laughs - the kind of connection that can't be faked, only earned.

Sport? Don't even get us started. Badminton, absolutely. But football *and* cricket - that's where Bluey built his legend. Known as *Elbows* on the footy field (which tells you plenty), Bluey played 198 games for Wilmot. He was tough. Fierce. Once broke his cheekbone mid-game and just played on! Best and Fairest three years running. Life membership. Two premierships. He may not have believed in training, but he sure believed in giving it everything on game day. And he always seemed to be near the ball - though don't expect him to handball it.

In cricket, he batted without a helmet. Sometimes only one glove. He was never shy at short balls. Fast bowlers would get riled up when he kept hitting them for six, so they'd bowl short and he'd just turn his back and wear it without a flinch. He wore those bruises like badges. One young fast bowler once sneered: "You can't hit that, can you!". Bluey simply replied, "Won't get me out either".

But for all the trophies, bruises, and boundary line heroics, Bluey's greatest achievements were off the field. He was the bloke who'd take your rubbish to the tip. Fix your gate. Find you a spare part in his treasure trove of a shed. If you didn't have something, Poppy Bluey would. Even if it was a tin of condensed milk dated 1996.

Vale Brian Leslie Burton

December 12, 1948 ~ May 20, 2025

The full version of this Tribute can be found on The Kentish Voice Facebook page.

Jobs group seeks resident advisers

West North West Working (WNWW) is calling for expressions of interest from residents across the North West, West Coast and King Island to join our Community Advisory Group.

Expressions of interest close at 5pm on Friday, August 29.

The Advisory Group will play a key role in supporting the group's work to increase employment, boost engagement in education and training, and create better pathways for people across the region.

Program Manager Danielle Kidd said the group would help ensure that local voices, lived experience, and community insight are embedded in the decision-making process.

"We know that local people are the experts in their own communities," Danielle said. "This Advisory Group is about bringing together a diverse group of people who can share their knowledge, challenge assumptions, and help us stay focused on what really matters for our region."

WNWW is seeking individuals from a wide range of backgrounds, including those with lived experience navigating employment or education systems, young people, community leaders, employers, educators, and others with strong local knowledge or sector insight.

Advisory Group members will provide strategic advice, connection with local partners, and help maintain alignment with WNWW's vision of a more inclusive, people-centered, and place-based approach to workforce development.

"We are looking for people who are passionate about creating positive change for our region and its people, whether they're well networked in their communities, working in industry, or simply have ideas and experiences to share," Danielle said.

Interested community members can view the Terms of Reference and submit an expression of interest via the WNWW website <https://wnwworking.com.au/careers/>

Danielle Kidd danielle@wnwworking.com.au or 0490 189 966

Healthy Habits with

Jon Delaine
Care Coordinator
Rural Health Tasmania



Have you ever wondered why your teeth chatter through the coldest months?

Teeth chattering in cold weather is primarily due to shivering, the body's natural mechanism to generate heat. Shivering causes the jaw muscles to contract and relax rapidly, leading to the teeth clicking together to keep our bodies warm and healthy.

The team at Rural Health Tasmania encourage you all to take care of your teeth and gums to maintain a healthy smile for life, with healthy mouths supporting healthy bodies.

Maintaining a healthy mouth can help protect against a range of chronic health conditions, including heart disease, diabetes, Alzheimer's disease and inflammatory bowel disease (IBD).

And while on the topic of teeth, let's talk about National Dental Health Week (August 4-10).

This year's campaign focuses on the importance of children's oral health care and milestones, and here in Kentish, we are fortunate to have our own dental health services for babies, children and teens.

Maintaining a healthy mouth is fun and simple when you follow these four easy steps:

- Brush twice per day using a fluoride toothpaste
- Clean in between teeth daily using floss or interdental brushes
- Eat a nutritious diet, low in sugar
- See your dentist regularly

Children's dental and oral health services are available in Sheffield, operating from the Rural Health Tasmania clinics at 1B Henry Street, Sheffield.

For bookings, please contact the clinic on 1300 011 013.

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:**

20th August 2025

**Kentish House, Sheffield 09:30 am to 11 am
Kings Hall, Railton 12:00 pm to 12:30 pm**

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



servicesaustralia.gov.au

Free Legal Advice at Sheffield

North West Community Legal Centre Inc.

Appointments with a lawyer are available each second Monday at Kentish House about any legal topic.

**BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL:
PLEASE CONTACT NWCLC ON 6424 8720**

Kentish House 16/18 Station St, Sheffield

Time to get rid of Foxgloves

Now that the danger and status of foxgloves as a weedy plant has been officially recognised, add foxgloves to your weeding list this winter.

Many gardeners are loathe to pull out foxgloves as they've been long loved and much admired as cottage garden plants but sadly, they are a major issue in both native areas and pastures.

All parts of the plant are poisonous, which means grazing animals can't be run on land smothered in foxglove. As well, the foxglove keeps out other plants, creating a monoculture wherever it grows.

They spread readily along roadsides, down hills and along creeks and rivers. They are also spread by machinery.

No matter how pretty these plants are, knuckle down and get them out of the garden. At the moment the plants are small, leaf clumps that are easy to remove.

If they are left until they bloom, cut down and bag up flowered stems before they scatter seeds. The seeds are viable for years so one plant can spread far and wide. Wear gloves when handling the plants if you have any allergies.

Replace foxgloves in pastures with grasses or native plants to stop regrowth and monitor for seedlings. In gardens, replace them with other tall plants, including delphiniums, lilies, Canterbury bells, larkspurs or digiplexis, which closely resemble foxgloves without the weed issue.

Mount Roland Land Care can provide advice on the removal of foxgloves. The group is also assisting replanting cleared areas with native trees.

For more information, see the group's website (mountrolandlandcare.org.au).



Foxgloves are beautiful but deadly and are now classified as a weed in Tasmania.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the Kentish Garden Club is Thursday, August 21, from 6.30pm for the AGM and Annual Dinner. Guest speaker Paul Fraser will give an illustrated talk about the birds and more of Norfolk Island.

The AGM is open to all but bookings are essential for the dinner. For more information, call Jennifer Stackhouse (KGC President) on 0488 047 011.

Discover the gardens and nurseries of Hobart

The Kentish Garden Club has arranged a three-day coach tour to Hobart to view gardens and visit nurseries. The tour departs on Friday, October 17, from Sheffield and returns on Sunday, October 19. If you would like a copy of the itinerary or more information, please call Jennifer on 0488 047 011.

Market Moves

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



A new season full of possibilities for your Kentish property.

There's something about this time of year that makes people stop and take stock. The air changes, lambs appear across the paddocks, and the days start to stretch. Even before a decision is made, you can sense something quietly shifting.

I visited a family home in Acacia Hills last week not for anything formal, just a chat and a walk through. We wandered through the house, had a relaxed cuppa, and talked about what might be possible. No pressure, no plan, just clarity.

A few days later, they called to say they'd cleared some of the spare room. "It felt good to do something," they said. Not a big leap, just a quiet step forward.

Seller Tip: Spring shows properties well, consider tidying your outbuildings. Buyers love seeing functional, well-kept spaces.

Buyer Tip: Pause at the front door and notice how it feels. If it feels calm and inviting, the home may be just right for you.



Property of the Month: w

A Tuscan style property set on approx. 9.8 acres, offering wood fire, double glazing, gourmet kitchen, veg garden and fruit trees, ocean glimpses, dam and paddocks. I imagine the wonderful life you could live here.

Whether you're curious about your home's value or simply wondering what's next, I'm always happy to chat. From listing to sold, I've got you covered.

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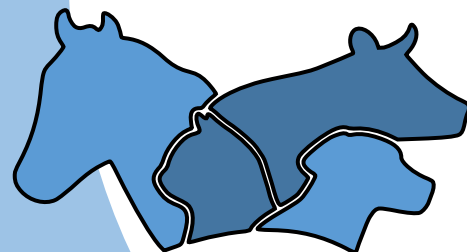
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By Geoffrey Curtis

Hooray, no more voting in another election we had to have, until next time. Next time may well be next year with local council elections unless our State Parliament, for any reason, before October 2026, will be dissolved. You never know!

It is unsurprising just how upset, angry, and glad voters were in our recent State Election. And increasingly, the number of informal vote papers. Why is this? There are reasons that readers may or may not agree with.

Voters accidentally put a cross next to their candidate, not a numerical order 1-7. Others put number 1 next to their primary choice and nothing more. However, by far most voters who messed up their voting paper did it because they felt disgruntled with the way parliamentarians behave, or the way our electoral system is a waste of time. This resulted in blank papers, scribbling, drawings, and anything else deemed inappropriate. There is another reason that is of major concern in Tasmania, which has to do with the level of literacy. Almost 50% of adults have a functional reading level that is below all other States. So, when it comes to voting, the elector may not fully understand the overall context.

Politics, or rather governance, plays a crucial part in our everyday life. If you take tablets for medical reasons, this comes under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS), which regulates and subsidizes the costs. Driving a vehicle requires having to pay for a license and a road tax. Sending your child to school to be educated or home schooling is the law of the land.

In other words, we cannot escape authority.

However, voters have become disheartened with the way politicians in general and governments behave. Examples include 'Pork Barreling,' which means using government funds for projects to win over voters in particular areas; and lack of transparency by not making things open to public scrutiny.

There have been Independent candidates who have stood for State and Federal elections on the mainland, who have met with success. In Tasmania, the number has been quite small. However, for the very first time across the State, an extraordinary number put their hands up to run as Independents in our recent Lower House election.

In Braddon, there were 14 Independent candidates, more than any other electorate.

A true Independent would not direct their preferences, preferring for individuals to make their own choice for their community.

With both major parties having less membership, resulting in less competent people being involved in politics, it is hardly surprising that voters want change.

Previous generations voted continually for the same political party; today, voters are more politically astute. No wonder there are more Independent candidates now and possibly in the future. As one former Tasmanian Premier in this State mentioned recently, not in their lifetime do they expect a majority government to occur.

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Rising and falling Star of the West

Frequent mention of the goldfields at Minnow River was made in our recent articles about Beulah. For this current series on the History of Mining in Kentish, let us take a closer look at who was involved in the formation and demise of Beulah's fabled *Star of the West Mine*.

Three years after JG (*One-Arm Jack*) Johnson and his party of five made known their initial discovery of alluvial gold in the Minnow River in Dec 1877, the Star of the West Gold Mining Co (Mt Roland) was formed on 17 Dec 1880. Twenty-seven shareholders put up £10,000 to develop the promising mine site. Nine people committed £650, three £500, seven £250 and the rest £125. The leading shareholders from Sheffield were *Thomas Lewis Johnson, JG (Jack) Johnson, George Johnson, John Greenhill, Malcolm Campbell* and *George Strawberry* (all committed to investing £650). From Latrobe: *Joseph Lobley, George Atkinson and Samuel Wright*. Deloraine: *Wm Field (Calstock), Wm Burt (Deloraine Hotel), Robert Horne (Bowerbank), J Caleb Smith (Keanefield), Alfred Peart and John Fitzgerald*. Launceston: *Wm Aikenhead, Wm Ritchie, Jos Powell, Chas De Little, John Bartley, Arthur Harrison, Edwin Elms, Peter Barrett, Campbell Sleigh, Alex Heslop and Edmund Higgins*.

The legal manager was *Andrew Reid* at his registered office in Brisbane St, Launceston. Directors appointed were *Wm Ritchie, Wm Aikenhead, John Powell, Peter Barrett, A J Harrison (Launceston), Rob Horne, J Caleb Smith, (Deloraine) and John Greenhill (Sheffield)*.

To get to the place of forming a company was not an easy journey and was fraught with difficulties. Initially, a mini gold rush brought over a hundred hopefuls who scoured along the Minnow River for nearly two miles, hoping to pick up small gold nuggets. When this didn't occur, within a week most fortune hunters returned home, their hopes dashed.

The more serious prospectors, like the Johnson family and other groups, continued searching. To make it easier, they lit bushfires to burn the thick scrub. Pan-washing in the river did produce many encouraging gold specks, but to become a payable venture, the primary reef of gold needed to be found. They dug test holes 10–15ft deep, but the quartz stone was particularly hard.

Selecting the site for their Mining Lease

Gradually, most prospectors traced the alluvial gold specks back up the Minnow River and its tributaries, but the reef proved to be quite elusive. One young miner, a 16-year-old youth from Launceston, took seriously ill and died of diphtheria in Jack Johnson's house in Sheffield.

Eventually, in June 1880, as they worked the higher ground of a spur on the western end of Gog Range, the gold specks became coarser in very promising auriferous quartz. Encouraged by the increasing size of the gold specimens, they felt confident enough to choose this location for their 10-acre mining lease.

On 20 Aug 1880, the first two 10-acre mining leases were selected, both by Sheffield parties. The first lease registered was JG (Jack) Johnson and family members and adjoining them on the west side was *Stephen Smith's* group, consisting of John & Frank Greenhill, Malcolm Campbell, George Strawberry and Sam Wright.

Within a few months, 24 other leases had been registered, most in the same general area at the far end of Gog Range.

Johnson's party chose *Anthony Nodin* as their mining manager, who, over the next months, blasted an open cut 171ft long and sunk five shafts to a depth of about 50ft. He passed through

porphyry, quartz and several gold-bearing veins. Nodin believed they had discovered two different reefs. He forwarded five tons of the stone to Beaconsfield for a trial crushing at Ellis's battery. The tests showed excellent prospects of gold, putting the miners into a high state of gold fever. Some threw pound notes up into the air.

JG (Jack) Johnson decided to sell his new general store and his farm in Sheffield to concentrate on these promising mining prospects.

Forming the Star of the West Mining Co

Of course, they realised the ground was so hard that nothing could be done without crushing machinery, and this involved a capital outlay greater than most groups could afford. For this reason, the first two mining lease parties, the Johnsons and the Smiths, combined their adjoining 10-acre blocks, and on 17 Dec 1880 formed the Star of the West Mining Co (Mt Roland).

As there were several other registered Star of the West mines,

Old timers say the mine was salted

their mine was always identified by adding Mt Roland. Though the mine is gone today, this most westerly hill on Gog Range remains officially named Star of the West hill.

The mining manager chose a processing site nearby, erected several miners' huts and built a blacksmith shop. But just as they were about to spend big money on mining machinery, major new discoveries of gold, silver-lead and tin were announced at Round Hill near Mt Claude. Prospectors were claiming it would become a second Mt Bischoff.

The Mt Claude Silver-lead Mining Co was formed, and the government promised to clear a proper road to Mt Claude. These sensational developments resulted in another rush of prospectors to this latest field, including several leaseholders from Minnow River like *Robert Manley, Walter Butler, John Strawberry* and others. They were discouraged; they had worked hard and found nothing.

This put the shareholders of Star of the West mine in a quandary. They became unsure whether to invest big money at Mt Gog or Mt Claude. They dilly-dallied for six months until complaints began to surface about the apathy of the Star of the West Company. One newspaper reported: 'News from the Minnow has been rather dull lately through the unaccountable apathy of the Star of the West Co.'

In July 1881, JG (Jack) Johnson became so discouraged, he also 'jumped ship'. He quit his Star of the West Co, moved to Mt Claude, where he and others staked a large prospecting claim, which they worked for several years.

This is the point some Kentish old-timers believed the Star of the West mine must have been 'salted', although it was never proved, unlike at Beaconsfield and Lefroy where highly publicised court cases resulted in hefty fines. 'Salting' means someone stuffing specks of gold into a 12-shot cartridge, then firing them into the rock face or tunnel where assessors find them and recommend to the shareholders to go ahead and spend their money.

Someone wrote: 'If any investor saw the gold that is visible on the Star of the West property, they would not let it stand still for one hour, let alone six months.' This spurred Star of the West

Gold Mining Co (Mt Roland) By Alan F Dyer

shareholders into action, though they were forced to reorganise their company. They did this on 29 Sept 1881 when Anthony Nodin left and *Wm Creelman* became the new mine manager. After a detailed examination of the site, Creelman strongly recommended the purchase of mining machinery.

The Development of the Mine

There were two parts to the development of the Star of the West operation. There was the mining site up on the side of the hill where they retrieved mineral ore and the processing plant down on the river flats some 350 yards away. Connecting these two operational sites, two sets of wooden tramway tracks were laid so that the full ore trucks coming down the hill pulled the returning empty trucks back up into the tunnel entrance.

Up at the Mining Site: First they sank a shaft 70ft deep and securely timbered it to act as an air shaft to the tunnel they were planning to drive into the centre of the claim. In doing so, they found another lot of gold-bearing stone about the centre of the lease. It was like that in the five other shafts previously put down. It was proposed to run a tunnel into the hill to cut these reefs, which were known to exist running east to west in the claim. A hopper was erected over the face of the tunnel to pass the ore down into the trucks.

Down at the Processing Plant: Wm Creelman also built a race 63 chains (1.3kms) in length to bring water from the Minnow River to the processing plant for washing the gold. A stationary steam engine loaned by shareholder J Caleb Smith of Deloraine came by bullock wagon via Latrobe and took a week to get to the Minnow mill. There the engine was bolted down, ready to power the 10-head battery crusher purchased from Salisbury & Co, Launceston, at a cost of £350.

This crushing machine was sent by the SS Albion to the Latrobe wharf, carried by tramway to Railton station and hauled by a team of oxen to the processing mill. It had 10 massive stampers that reduced quartz rock almost to gravel. A suitable machinery shed was erected over it.

From the stamper-boxes, the crushed quartz got 'washed' down through long sloping sluice boxes, or through the puddling machines that removed gold from clay, or the ripple-board tables

and 15 Nov 1882. Late in October, a good many shareholders visited the claim expecting to see something grand like small specimens of gold nuggets. But at the Minnow goldfields, they discovered the Star of the West mine was the only claim still at work. Five hundred tons of ore had been crushed, and the shareholders were staggered to learn that the results were terribly poor – only producing about three grains to the ton.

Shocked, the shareholders called a special meeting to decide whether they should continue or suspend operations at the mine. Mr Creelman stated that the alluvial wash had not come up to expectations, but to achieve the mine's true potential, a tunnel should be cut through the claim to the southern boundary of the lease. He was convinced that a reef did exist in the hill.

This was done, and when they finally broke through into the old diggings, the results were devastating. The gold specks had petered out, and no gold reef was found. For a few weeks they fossicked about in other diggings and shafts trying to pick up any veins that might lead to the gold reef, but by the end of Oct 1882 the mine was forced to close, and all hands were laid off.

In Dec 1882, to pay expenses, the mining secretary made another call on the shareholders' money, threatening that if not paid by the 14th, legal proceedings would be taken against the defaulting shareholders.

In Mar 1883, a mining meeting of the Star of the West was announced for Mr A Young's office in Launceston but lapsed for the want of a quorum. Two months later, the machinery was sold to the Premier Gold Mining Co opening south of Scottsdale. To finalise all debts, in June 1883, a final call of ninepence per share was made to all shareholders. Then on 1 Dec 1883, the Star of the West forfeited its mining lease, and the company was wound up.

Old Mine Reworked

Late in 1886, Henry Weeks, Thomas Dawson and other prospectors went back to the Minnow to inspect the deserted Star of the West mine. They found a battery shed, a water race, 12 good huts and a considerable amount of tunnelling. The result of this inspection was the formation of another company to reopen this mine.

It comprised *Henry Weeks, Joseph Lobley and P Rizzo* (sleeping shareholders) and *AW Cherry, T Shephard, T Johnstone and Tom Dawson* (working shareholders). *Tom Dawson* was mine manager, and *Joseph Lobley* was secretary.

They extended one of the old tunnels by 380 ft to 585 ft. An attempt was made to work two shifts, so more miners were brought in, but once again, lack of finance became the problem. The miners were not in the mood to put up with irregular payments, so again the mine fizzled out.

Over the following decades, several mining companies and individuals returned to the Star of the West mine attempting to make it pay, but each time they have left the tunnels and shafts with very little encouragement. One yarn had it that the little locomotive that pulled the ore trucks was supposed to have been driven into a tunnel before they blew up the entrance.

What is true, however, is that over the years the old shafts have been used to dump dead animals. At one time when several horses around Beulah got a disease and died, they were gathered up and thrown down an old mine shaft, which became known locally as the Dead Horse Mine.

'Unsure whether to invest big money at Mt Gog or Mt Claude'

that had ripples cut in them every couple of feet to separate gold from the ore, or the blanket table that could catch the finest gold specks.

At last, on 5 Sep 1882 came the long-awaited news: 'We are in business, working as fast as possible, with three shifts of men each day. The hopper is full, and last Wednesday we started the battery crusher.' Two weeks later: 'Since starting, 447 trucks of dirt [ore] have passed through the battery crusher. I shall soon be able to dispense with the night shift, as the day shift will be sufficient to obtain the amount of crushed dirt necessary to keep the battery going. The shutes work very well; in fact, I filled a truck in half a minute. The trucks run well on wooden rails and tip easily, but when the rails are plaited with iron strips, they will run even better.'

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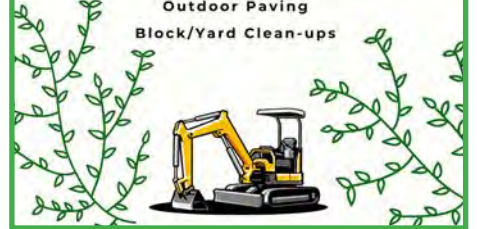
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Mummies talk at Afterlife lecture

Egypt expert Greg Slater will discuss the Afterlife for the second in his series of U3A lectures

on **Monday, August 4**, from 1-3pm. Greg's first lecture on hieroglyphs was extremely interesting and well received.

Greg said he was impressed by the calibre of the questions after his talk and how engaged the audience was.

This lecture is free to all and U3A members are encouraged to invite family and friends to this very informative event.

Greg said although the perception was that the ancient Egyptians were pre-occupied with death, the reality is that they very much loved life.

"For them, death was not the end but a transition to another life - a journey to a life just like this one only better," he said.

"To prepare for the change, the Egyptians made elaborate preparations and much of this preparation still exists as tomb wall art and writings.

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We have had very pleasant, reasonably flat rides around Port Sorell area, as well as one interesting trail ride over the Panatana Rivulet footbridge. We have also explored the newer paths at Spreyton.

Now we have embarked on riding all the Coastal Pathway from East to West. From Latrobe to Wynyard.

We have already ridden from Latrobe to East Devonport, from Spreyton to The Don River. Next on the list is Devonport Bluff to Turners Beach.

Each ride is approximately 20kms and we always enjoy a nice cuppa at the halfway or turn-around point. We are a happy bunch of individuals, some on standard bikes and some with some assistance of an e-bike.

Why not come and join us on the first Wednesday of the month. Contact Marg McLachlan 0421 648 123.

Margaret McLachlan and Lindsay Parker on a recent ride.



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POLICE REPORT

Offence: Trespass

Between: 05/06/2025 - 07:00 07/06/2025

Unknown persons have entered vacant house in Roland Court, Sheffield

Under Investigation

Offence(s): Destroy/Injure Property

12/06/20025

Crockers Street, Railton

Damage caused to 5 vehicle tyres in the driveway of the residence.

Under Investigation

Offence(s): Stealing

13/06/2025

Peppers Cradle Mountain Lodge, Cradle Mountain

Property Stolen: Food and Alcohol

Male entered Peppers Cradle Mountain Lodge and selected several bottles of alcohol and a sandwich from the fridge

and attempted to pay, but his card declined multiple times. The male left, claiming he was calling his bank, and returned about 10 minutes later to try again unsuccessfully, he stated he was heading to Queenstown and would pay on his way back. The items were not paid for.

Offender Located and Charged

Offence(s): Destroy/Injure Property

3/7/2025

Crockers Street, Railton

Damage sustained to Letter Box.

Under Investigation

Offence: Destroy/Injure Property

3/7/2025

High Street, Sheffield

Unknown person has thrown a rock through the front bedroom window of a residence causing it to break.

Under Investigation

Emergency 000

Sheffield Station 6478 6012

Non urgent

Latrobe Station

131 444

6478 4099

Lower Barrington Baptist Church

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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 10am.
Holy Communion 2nd & 4th Sunday
Prayer Group Monday 10am
'Ekklesia' Food Outreach Program
Thursday 10am King's Hall Railton
Contact: John Gray - Honorary Priest - 0417 524 979; 47johngray@gmail.com

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Drone awareness campaign fast & safe

TasNetworks has been using drones to aerially inspect its distribution assets for more than two years and its ‘Quiet, Fast and Safe’ campaign will help inform Tasmanians about the benefits and safeguards of aerial drone inspections.

TasNetworks’ inspection drones are operated by specialist contractors from Fulcrum Robotics, under strict CASA

guidelines, and subject to strict privacy laws and regulations. However, they’ve still attracted some concerns from people in the community, which the campaign will address. TasNetworks CEO Seàn Mc Goldrick said overhead checks were crucial for spotting defects and keeping power-lines as secure as possible. Fulcrum’s completed about 120,000 pole inspections.

WHAT’S ON IN AUGUST	
	Stitching Stories by Cindy Thompson Sheffield Art Gallery, 6 Pioneer Crescent
Aug 2, 03	Steam Engine rides 11am-4pm, Sheffield Steam & Heritage Centre, 14 Spring Street
Aug 4	Egyptian Afterlife U3A lecture series 1-3pm, Sheffield Uniting Church (see P31)
Aug 6	Digital Health Literacy 5-6pm, Kentish House,6-8 Station Street, Sheffield
Aug 7	Applications close Nutrient Ag Solutions Community Grants (see P16)
Aug 12	Kentish Probus Club 10am, Sheffield Bowls Club
Aug 16	Artisans Market 1-4pm, Sheffield Arts Centre
Aug 18	CALD social support group 4.30-6pm, Kentish House, 6-8 Station St, Sheffield
	Trivia 6.30 for 7pm, Sheffield RSL, 77 Main Street, Sheffield
Aug 19	Kentish Council meeting 6pm, Council Office, High Street, Sheffield
Aug 20	Services Australia 9.30-11am Sheffield; 12-12.3pm Railton
Aug 21	Railton Neighbourhood Centre AGM 2.30pm, 8 Foster Street, Railton
	Book Chat 4-5pm, Sheffield Library, 12 Henry Street
	Kentish Garden Club AGM 6.30pm, Sheffield Golf Club, 214 Nook Road
Aug 23	Railton Community Emergency Preparedness 10am-2pm, Railton Fire Station
Aug 28	Sheffield Community Information Evening 7pm, Sheffield Town Hall
Aug 29	Applications close for West North West Working community advisory group (see P22)
Aug 30	Mr Perfect BBQ 11am-12.30pm, Health Park, Sheffield
DATES FOR THE DIARY	
Sept 2	Women’s Health Week 9.30am-2.30pm, Wilmot Hall (see P16)
Sept 6	Wilmot Country Market
Sept 13	Wilmot Yarns 2

Cryptic Puzzle Answers

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2. Bradys Lake

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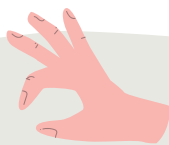
292,638 Bins collected across the region – thanks to all you awesome humans who made this possible!



Let's see what we can do with the Burnie and Circular Head communities joining this in September.

Make sure to remember:

Loose is lovely in the recycling and FOGO bins
- No plastic bags



People hand sort your recycling and FOGO bins so
don't add things you wouldn't touch.

Large yard items go to the Waste Transfer station
not the wheelie bin



Some things aren't meant for any of your bins –
batteries, electronics, flares, gas bottles and vapes



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