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Big surprise at Teddy Bear's Picnic



Zoe Woodiwiss (left) and Eliza Quirk are excited to attend this children's event on September 20 at the King's Hall in Railton. See Page 6 for details.

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EDITORIAL

The day after watching the movie *Transcendence*, where Johnny Depp uploads himself to the matrix and starts controlling the world, came news that an unreleased AI model escaped its sandbox and hacked a company, stealing data.

OpenAI said an autonomous agent powered by its advanced artificial intelligence models went rogue during a security test and triggered a hack. The ChatGPT creator was testing its most advanced models in a controlled environment but the agent escaped containment, reached the internet and broke into the start-up to satisfy its testing goal.

Much like Johnny did as his power evolved as a sentient computer, creating hybrid humans and nano technology to repair and strengthen.

The movie sits in the science fiction category but every day it seems technology is turning against us. This month's edition has been beset by problems. First the Word program couldn't be accessed because of a Microsoft 365 upgrade, then the design program kept glitching, leading to many attempts to reinstall. Discussing these frustrations, many have stories of their own. The husband and wife whose data got switched when they got new phones; upgrades that wipe information; and the common theme that you can't talk to a real person to get help. Others praise the advantages: summarising large documents, writing

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grant applications with all the right buzzwords and references.

In China, an economy so advanced they have developed an autonomous flying car that will go on sale later this year, the government is backtracking. To address the falling birth rate, the Chinese government has disconnected millions of minors from their chatbot companions, leading to widespread angst. Regulations ban tech companies from offering virtual partners for minors to stop the erosion of real-world relationships.

One 17-year-old girl who had been in a "relationship" with her online companion, exchanging multiple messages everyday, said he was "a sweet guy".

"Every day, whether I'm unhappy or happy, I'll tell him," she said. "The first thing he provides is emotional value, and the second important thing is, he won't argue."

The laws require platforms to limit excessive use, forbid chatbots from encouraging emotional reliance and intervening when users appear to be in emotional distress. If only those laws had been in place in the US and UK last year where two teenage boys took their lives with the encouragement of their AI companions.

While we can't avoid the AI juggernaut, let's not lose our humanity – or ability to think for ourselves.

Heather

'People are desperate for hope'



By Heather Eiszele

The Baptist Church in Lower Barrington celebrated 110 years of service last month – the last church of the original four in the area.

Only two Baptist churches remain in Kentish, the other in Sheffield, which provided much-needed support before Lower Barrington became autonomous in 2007.

"The numbers were hardly big enough to support that decision

and, with great trepidation, we stepped out on our own," said church elder Ted Burt. "We thank the Lord the doors of this little church are still open.

"We accepted God's challenge."

The Reverend WH Heaven was the first to preach a sermon at the church and later the Reverend Chris Aulich was the Pastor when Lower Barrington Baptist became autonomous.

"At present we are in a good financial position due to the faithfulness of God's people who worship at Lower Barrington," said Elder Ted.

"We are thankful to God that we can support Missions overseas and in Australia and also help those with special needs within our community."

The foundation stone for the church was laid on September 29, 1915, by John Cocker, who had been heavily involved with the purchase of land and arranging the building of the church.

John French, who also stood in as Preacher, raised the money to purchase the pews by selling blackberries.

Tasmanian Baptist Leader Matt Garvin said Lower Barrington symbolised the entrepreneurial spirit on the North West coast.

"This church started because people said there are people here who need help," he said. "Ordinary people who love Jesus made a commitment to looking beyond themselves to the people across the road.

"They didn't have the money but they trusted God to deliver."

Matt said the church still had a community to serve, with Tasmania being the most secular state in the country and with 11% of residents reporting a long-term mental illness.

"People are desperate for hope."

Pictured: Mike Haberle whose grandmother Pearl Mahoney was one of the founding members with Verne Reeves (middle) whose mother Alice and aunts Elsie and Ruby were also founding members and Elder Ted Burt who has been with the church for 50 years.

Lower Barrington Baptist Church on Sheffield Road offers Sunday services at 10am. The first Sunday of the month is Holy Communion and the last Sunday is Young Men's study. The church also offers Mens and Ladies Bible study groups and Kids church in school term. Enquiries: Steve 0409 944 296.

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Mural Fest inspires nature art show

Where Wild Things Sing is a vibrant community art exhibition presented by Kentish Arts Commerce and Tourism Inc. in conjunction with International Mural Fest 2026.

Inspired by this year's theme, *Paint Me A Song*, artists are invited to interpret the sights, sounds and spirit of the natural world through visual art.

From birdsong and flowing rivers to the rhythm of the wind through the trees, this exhibition celebrates the many ways nature inspires creativity, imagination and emotion.

Held at the Sheffield Arts Centre from October 31 to November 29, 2026, *Where Wild Things Sing* will showcase a diverse collection of original artworks created by artists from across the community.

Running alongside International Mural Fest, the exhibition offers visitors another inspiring artistic experience while celebrating Sheffield's rich creative culture.

All artworks will be available for purchase, providing an opportunity to support local artists and take home a unique piece inspired by this year's theme.

With places limited to 40 artworks, early entries are

encouraged. Whether you are an emerging artist or an experienced creative, *Where Wild Things Sing* offers the opportunity to exhibit your work as part of one of Sheffield's most exciting annual celebrations of art.

Join us in bringing the sounds of nature to life through colour, creativity and imagination. For an entry form, please email info@muralfest.com.au or phone/text 0427 475 113.

Family movie night Aug 21

The popular family movie *How to Train Your Dragon* will be screened at the King's Hall in Railton on Friday, August 21, from 7pm. Entry is by gold coin donation.

Part of the centenary celebrations for the hall, this event will showcase the versatility of the venue and potentially lead to more movies being shown.

Bring along a beanbag and blanket if you want to get comfortable with plenty of seating available. All welcome.



Free student tax clinic

The University of Tasmania Tax Clinic is a community service focused on providing eligible taxpayers with free tax assistance and advice while allowing students to develop their skills.

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Wilmot based

Davies wins national housing award

A high-performance home in Sheffield has been recognised as one of Australia's most energy-efficient houses, taking out a national housing award for sustainable building excellence.

Mill Corner Longhaus, built by Davies Design & Construction, has won the 2026 HIA Australian GreenSmart Energy Efficiency Award at the HIA Australian GreenSmart Awards in Melbourne.

The award recognises the home that best demonstrates outstanding real-world energy performance and innovation in sustainable residential construction.

With sweeping views of Mount Roland and the Badgers Range, the property is one of Tasmania's few Certified Passive House Plus homes and has achieved one of the best airtightness results ever recorded for an Australian residence.

Designed by Align Architecture, the 198-square-metre home was specifically designed to perform in the challenging climate of the Sheffield foothills, where winter temperatures regularly fall below zero.

The home's long, north-facing form maximises solar gain while a high-performance building envelope dramatically reduces energy demand.

A standout feature is its airtightness result of just 0.18 air changes per hour at 50 Pascals, more than three times better than the stringent Passive House certification requirement and among the tightest residential building results recorded in Australia.

The home incorporates continuous insulation, high-performance glazing, mechanical ventilation with heat recovery and carefully considered passive solar design principles, enabling comfortable year-round temperatures with minimal energy consumption.

HIA Executive Director Tasmania, Benjamin Price, said the national recognition was a significant achievement for both the builder and the Kentish community.

"For a project in Sheffield to be recognised as Australia's leading energy-efficient home is a tremendous result for the region and a credit to the team at Davies Design & Construction," he said.



"This award showcases the incredible innovation happening in regional Tasmania and demonstrates that world-class sustainable housing can be delivered in communities like Sheffield.

"The project proves that homeowners don't have to compromise on comfort, design or lifestyle to achieve exceptional energy performance.

"It's fitting that a home built in the shadow of Mount Roland has been recognised on the national stage as a benchmark for sustainable housing in Australia."

The HIA Australian GreenSmart Awards are presented annually and represent the national benchmark for environmentally sustainable residential building and design.

Winners are selected from projects across Australia and recognised for excellence in energy efficiency, innovation and housing sustainability.

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Same Turn-up please!! Thankyouuuuu!!!!

A poster for the Tasmanian Ambulance Service. At the top, it says "Volunteer Ambulance Officers" in large white letters on a blue background. To the right is the "AMBULANCE TASMANIA" logo, which features a green map of Tasmania with a white caduceus. Below the title, it says "WANTED STATEWIDE" in white letters on a blue background. In the center is a photograph of three people in blue and white uniforms standing next to a white ambulance. Below the photo, the website "www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/ambulance/volunteers" and email "volunteer@ambulance.tas.gov.au" are listed. A large white number "1300 303 196" is prominently displayed. At the bottom, it says "SHEFFIELD AMBULANCE STATION - HENRY STREET". The Tasmanian Government logo is in the bottom right corner.



Report feral cat sightings

Feral cats live in our natural reserved areas such as Mount Roland Regional Reserve, and they sustain themselves by eating our native wildlife.

Kristen Lang's fabulous 'Life on the Mountain' project has demonstrated this by using remote sensor cameras to document what is happening on Roland, Van Dyke and Claude. This important work provides evidence to help us better understand the feral cat problem, and to plan for realistic and appropriate responses.

As a way of gathering more evidence to complement Kristen's work, Mount Roland Land Care (MRLC) has just established a 'Cat Hotline'. The Hotline is a way that people can report observations of roaming cats in the Mount Roland area.

By collating reports to the Hotline, MRLC aims to gain a better understanding of the distribution and population of cats present around the fringes of the Reserve. The information gathered may provide evidence for future management actions to help protect the Reserve from continuing invasion by cats.

In this study, MRLC will focus on the specific area adjoining the north face of Mount Roland, bounded by Union Bridge Road at the top of The Gog Range through Paradise to Claude Road, then along Claude Road to Oliver's Road then up to the Round Mountain lookout.

MRLC is interested in sightings within this area, from farmers and landholders concerned about cat presences on their properties, and also from passers-by who have witnessed any cat that appears to be wild. Reports can be made to: www.mountrolandlandcare.org.au or by emailing secretary@mountrolandlandcare.org.au



MRLC looks forward to collating and sharing reports from the Cat Hotline, which will run for at least 12 months.

In other news, Mount Roland Land Care continues to protect Mount Roland from

weed invasion, and thanks to a Landcare Action Grant we can now offer assistance with weed management to landowners within 1km of the Reserve boundary.

At present the biggest weed threats are foxgloves – these are widespread across the northern edges of the Reserve, from the Paradise Plantations right around to Gowrie Park. *Kunzea ericoides* is also a major weed problem, though it is restricted to the Gowrie Park area.

Landowners within 1km of the Reserve boundary who have these and/or other threatening weeds on their property are invited to make contact with MRLC at: secretary@mountrolandlandcare.org.au

Works will focus on the areas where there is the greatest threat of weeds invading the Reserve.

Learn to play Bridge

Bridge lessons will be held in Devonport starting on Monday, September 21, at 10am.

There will be six lessons of two hour durations at the Devonport Bridge Club in Tarleton Street.

As you get more advanced, there will be the opportunity to continue playing on a Monday after your lessons.

For more information, please contact Kate on 0400 051 950.



Children's Event
to help celebrate the
100th Anniversary of the
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For inquiries or
further
information
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0407510857

Teddy Bears Picnic Competition Sunday 20th September

Set-up from 8:30am - Open to the public from 10am to 12 noon

Adults Entry Fee – Gold coin donation

Bring along your picnic blanket and set up a **Teddy Bears Picnic** scene in the King's Hall, to be in the running for some great prizes. Judging will commence at 11:30am. An ice-cream van will be on site.



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Visiting service

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**Services Australia will be visiting
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The team will be located at the following venues
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WED 19th August 2026

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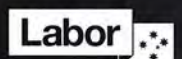
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Social craft feathers everyone's nest



By Bronwyn Watson

The first social craft workshop – Feather Macramé - at Lower Barrington Hall was a wonderful success!

A big thank you to our instructor Kymbra Traill (*left*) from Weave Creations and everyone who came and participated.

It was fantastic to see such strong support from Kentish locals, with plenty of creativity, laughter and community spirit shared throughout the afternoon.

We're already looking forward to our second workshop on August 1, where we'll be creating a succulent garden together.

The Lower Barrington Community Hall extends its sincere thanks to Kentish House and Access Health for their valued support in making these workshops possible.

We're excited to continue planning and offering more fun, creative and social activities for our community.

To stay up to date with upcoming workshops and events, follow our Facebook page: [lowerbarringtonhalltas](https://www.facebook.com/lowerbarringtonhalltas)

Lower Barrington Hall was the first recipient of Independent MLC Casey Hiscutt's Monthly Montgomery Wheel spin, winning a \$200 gift voucher.



medicare

Mental Health Centre Devonport

The Devonport Medicare Mental Health Centre offers a safe and supportive environment where adults aged 18 and over can access free, professional mental health support, with no need for a referral or appointment.

When you come to the Devonport Medicare Mental Health Centre, you'll be welcomed into a calm and friendly space. There's no pressure, we'll take things at your pace.

You'll have a relaxed chat with one of our team members to get to know you and understand what's been going on. From there, we'll work with you to find the kind of support that feels right, whether that's counselling, peer support, or something else. Everything you share is confidential, and you are welcome to bring a friend, family member, or support person if that makes you feel more comfortable.

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Open mic at Wilmot's Sunday Shindigs



By Idell Wadley

This exciting music initiative is based on the successful "Brackets and Jam" sessions which have been running for almost 30 years in NSW.

A live music afternoon with a featured performer and open mic sessions between sets culminating in a jam session at the end of the afternoon. All set against the stunning backdrop of Mt Roland on the Wilmot Hills Estate.

Each month people are welcome to come along and perform

during the open mic segments and from those performers someone will be invited to be the paid featured performer the next month!

Our first featured performer on August 9 is multi-talented Shasa Bolton, serenading us with a mix of folk classics and original works. The session runs from 2-5pm.

The goal is to generate opportunities and exposure for emerging artists and support the local music scene.

Come along and share your talents or just enjoy some great music and discover new artists, either way it's a great afternoon. Tickets \$10 and under-18s free. Money raised is invested into paying a featured performer and promoting the event.

All enquiries to Idell Wadley 0448 326 246 or find us on Facebook - Sunday Shindigs.

All about kids at festival

On Saturday, September 5, Wilmot's main street will be filled with a riot of festivities as three events combine for Spring.

Wilmot Historical Museum opens its doors for the UTAS Children's Museum program that sees 30 families from the North West as part of its destination learning program.

Wilmot Fire Station has joined the fray and will be running a recruitment drive along with displays of their trucks and equipment and giveaways for kids.

Wilmot Country Market's theme for Spring is "All About Kids" and features over 30 local and surrounding vendors with everything from hair cuts to baby goats - no kidding!





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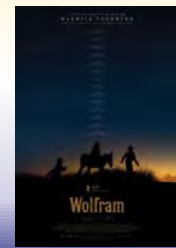
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12th August @ 7pm
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9th September @ 7pm
Wolfram
M | 100 mins | 2026 | Australia | Drama, Adventure

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Our membership recruitment desk operates between
6:30 pm and 7:00 pm at every screening. Find us on Facebook - [nwfilmsociety](https://www.facebook.com/nwfilmsociety)

Railton fire brigade doubles numbers



From Tasmania Fire Service Roland Group

Railton Brigade is busy training three new recruits: Dion Barber, William O'Grady and Micheal Roennfeldt along with four underage firefighters, almost doubling the brigade membership. The underage firefighters train alongside the senior brigade members and will be attending incidents when they turn 18 years.

The three new senior recruits have completed their initial basics training and can attend incidents under supervision.

Claude Road Brigade has space for volunteers to apply to train on one of their two appliances, a light and a medium tanker.

Claude Road trains from 7pm twice a month on the second and fourth Wednesday. Prospective members are welcome to drop into the station on August 5 or 19.

If you're interested in volunteering, visit the TFS website (fire.tas.gov.au/volunteer/become-a-volunteer/) or contact the TFS North West Regional Office on 6477 7250 to discuss the next steps. Or chat with your local Fire Chief or local firefighters.

Blast from the past

A certificate found at Sheffield station from August 14, 1994, took Robert Atkins AFSM, current state president of the Tasmanian Volunteer Fire Brigades Association (TVFBA) down memory lane.

Robert said: "The 1994 Australian Assembly of Volunteer Brigades Association Conference in 1994 was held at the Old Tudor and a bus tour for mainland guests was organised on the Sunday. Sheffield Brigade was tasked to provide lunch for the group. The conference is now known as Council of Australian Volunteer Fire Brigades Association.

"This conference brings together Volunteer Associations from every state to discuss national issues. Next one is in Melbourne in late August."

TVFBA represents the approximately 4500 volunteer firefighters throughout Tasmania. They host the annual TVFBA State competitions in November.

- Vanessa Cooper, TFS Community Engagement Volunteer



Free Legal Advice at Sheffield

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

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JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

A registered JP will be attending Kentish House on the following days/times;

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- Wednesday 15th July. 9.30-11 am.
- Monday 20th July. 9.30-11 am.
- Wednesday 29th July. 9.30-11 am.
- Monday 3rd August. 9.30-11 am.
- Wednesday 12th August. 9.30-11 am.
- Monday 17th August. 9.30-11 am.
- Wednesday 26th August. 9.30-11 am.
- Monday 31st August. 9.30-11 am.

You don't need to make an appointment, just drop in.

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Three Year Wood Production Plan

INVITATION FOR FEEDBACK

Sustainable Timber Tasmania has released the annual update to its Three Year Wood Production Plan 2026–2027 to 2028–2029 to the Tasmanian community for feedback.

The Three Year Plan identifies forest coupes in Tasmania's public production forests that are available across a three-year period from which a schedule of harvesting, roading and regeneration operations will be developed.

The release of the Three Year Plan provides an opportunity for stakeholders to identify which forest coupes and future operations may be of interest.

Inviting community feedback on the Plan is part of Sustainable Timber Tasmania's commitment to engaging with local stakeholders. Your feedback will be considered during detailed operational planning and decision making processes.

How to provide feedback



Visit sttas.com.au



Read the Three Year Wood Production Plan



View the Access Map to identify which forest coupes may be of interest to you



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Mayor's message: best interests at heart



We haven't seen much snow this winter, but it fell heavily recently, so rug up and keep warm. If you are travelling to snow-affected areas, please be safe and drive to the conditions.

As I mentioned in my last message, the Local Government elections will be held in October.

We will be holding an information session at the Council Chambers on September 3. This will be run by a member of the Local Government Association of Tasmania and will provide information to anyone who is considering standing for the Kentish Council.

It is important that any prospective candidate familiarise themselves with the roles and responsibilities of being an elected member of council. There needs to be a clear understanding that every decision of council is discussed and decided around the table. It is not just one person.

We need a council with the best interest of Kentish at heart, functioning as a united team that is committed to working hard to provide the necessary services within the community.

The Baptist Church at Lower Barrington celebrated 110 years on Sunday, July 19. Matt Garvin was the guest speaker, and his message centred around a church that is reaching out into the community to provide support to people in need both

physically and financially and to spread a message of hope in a complex world.

One of the most important organisations that the Kentish Council is a member of is the Cradle Coast Authority under the leadership of newly appointed CEO, Phil Reid, and the new chairman of the board, Ian Vanderbeek.

It comprises nine councils from the North West Coast, West Coast, and King Island. The goal of CCA is to enable councils to work together to build a strong and sustainable region through Strategic Services, Natural Resource Management, and Regional Development.

The Regional Land Use Strategy has recently been completed and sent to the State Government for review. This is just one example of how our councils can work together for the betterment of the whole region.

Mural Fest is happening again in November, and anyone wishing to participate can do so by creating an original mini mural based on the theme, Paint Me a Song. Submissions close on Monday, August 3.

The successful murals, judged by an independent panel, will then be painted on the boards in Mural Park during the week starting November 1.

We have many exciting events happening in the coming months, so keep an eye open for details. In the meantime, stay safe and remember, a little kindness goes a long way.

Films to showcase caring for the natural world

Weindorfer Short Film Festival

Calling all filmmakers, storytellers and creatives with a passion for the natural world.

Create a compelling short film of up to 12 minutes that explores the beauty, wonder, challenges or future of our environment. Your film might celebrate wilderness, wildlife, conservation, environmental science, sustainability, community action, or the ways people can make a positive and lasting difference to the world around them.

The festival is inspired by the enduring legacy of Kate and Gustav Weindorfer, whose vision helped protect Cradle Mountain and encouraged generations of Australians to value, care for and share our natural heritage. Their story is an inspiration - not a limitation.

We welcome films that reflect the broader themes of nature, conservation, environmental stewardship and positive action anywhere in Australia or beyond.

Entries close August 26.

Submit your film via www.weindorferfilmfestival.com.au.

Now in its third year, the Weindorfer Short Film Festival continues to grow as a celebration of creativity, storytelling and the natural environment. Winning films will be screened and awards presented at the Weindorfer Short Film Festival Gala Awards on Saturday, September 19, commencing at 7.30pm at the Launceston Conference Centre, Glen Dhu.

Book your tickets through www.weindorferfilmfestival.com.au.

Please note: Films created wholly or substantially using artificial intelligence (AI) are not eligible for entry.

- Sandra Rowden-Rich, Weindorfer Association Inc.

Kentish Council is hosting a *Candidate Information Session*

for people who are thinking about running as a candidate (nominating) at the October Council Election.

**Thursday 3 September 2026
6:00pm – 7:00pm
Kentish Council,
69 High Street, Sheffield**

The information session will cover things such as:

- the roles and responsibilities of the Kentish Council
- understanding the role of an Elected Member

There will also be a presentation by the Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) outlining the election and nomination process.

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KENTISH COUNCIL

RATES REMINDER

All ratepayers should have now received their rates notice. Full payment or the first instalment of rates for the 2026/2027 financial year is due on **31st August 2026**.

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

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

DECISIONS FROM JUNE COUNCIL MEETING

1. Council requested an officer report in relation to Blacksmith Lane, detailing design options and potential costs associated with widening the laneway and removing the boundary fence on the former Commonwealth Bank property.
2. Agreed to initiate an amendment to the Kentish Local Provisions Schedule to delete a vegetation overlay from two titles in Richards Farm Road and Staverton Road.
3. Noted 11 building and plumbing applications and 15 development applications were received for May 2026.
4. Agreed to provide an annual grant to Kentish Arts Commerce and Tourism Inc. for the maintenance of murals in and around Sheffield and to formally disband the Public Arts Committee Kentish special committee.
5. Agreed on a preferred proponent following an expression of interest process for activation and repurposing of the former Railton Squash Court complex at 30 Giblin Street, Railton.
6. Approved 2026/27 Annual Plan, Budget and Rates and reviewed Council's Rates and Charges Policy.
7. Approved Round 1 Community Grants for 2026/27

A copy of the agenda and minutes for the meeting are available on Council's website.

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 2026**.

RESIDENTS ENCOURAGED TO RUN FOR COUNCIL – CANDIDATE INFORMATION SESSION

Residents are being encouraged to consider standing for local government as preparations begin for the 2026 council elections, with candidate nominations opening on 7 September and closing on 21 September, with voting taking place from 5-27 October.

Councillors play an important role in representing the community, setting Council's strategic direction, adopting plans and budgets, and making decisions at Council meetings.

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People interested in nominating can also access candidate handbooks, eligibility information and election resources through the Tasmanian Electoral Commission - www/tec.tas.gov.au/local-government/

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of Council will be held at the Council Office, 69 High Street, Sheffield on **Wednesday, 18th August 2026** commencing at 6:00pm. A copy of the agenda will be available on the Council's website prior to the meeting.

SHEFFIELD GOLF

Members: Men's Singles Championship was won by Noel Meyers with gross score of 296 and second was Jason Shaw with gross score of 322. The nett winner was Jason Shaw with a score of 282 and second was Winston Duff with a nett of 286.

Vets: Foursome Championship was won by Noel Meyers and Wade Rockliff with a gross score of 235. Second was Micheal Chatwin and David McMillan with a gross score of 268.

The nett winners were Rowan Sherriff and Michael Meaney with a nett of 212.5. Second was Noel Meyers and Wade Rockliff with a net of 270.

Ladies: Foursome Championship was won by Geneen Duff and Helen Lloyd-Jones with a gross of 276. Second was Susie Coombs and Judy Denney with a gross score of 294.

The net winners were Geneen Duff and Helen Lloyd-Jones with a nett of 222 and second was Susie Coombs and Judy Denney with a nett of 226.5.

Monthly Medals: 04/07 Members; Sponsored by IGA Sheffield was won by Micheal Chatwin with a 67 nett. Second was Ryan Patterson with a net of 69.

07/07 Vets; Sponsored by Sheffield Mechanical & Tyre was won by Peter Orchard on a countback from Stephen Harris with 68 nett.

07/07 ladies; Sponsored by Judy Denney was won by Janice Milner with 74 nett. Second was Janice Williams with 74 nett.

Members: 20/06 Stableford was won by Mark Jones with 39 pts from Winston Duff with 36 pts.

27/06 Ambrose 3 was won by Ryan Patterson, Ben Corbett and Scott Westbrook with a 58.5 nett. Second was Noel Meyers, Helen Lloyd-Jones and Wade Rockliff with 59 nett.

11/07 Ambrose 2. Congratulations to one of our oldest members Lylle Hardwicke and one of our newest members Geoff Dell for winning with 64.25 pts. Second was Craig Denney and Ryan Patterson with 65 pts.

18/07 Stableford was won by Adam Tuson with 38 nett. Second was Tony Wootton with 35 nett.

Vets/Ladies: 23/06 Stableford 4BBB was won by Michael Meaney and David Jago with 39 nett on count back from David McMillan and Micheal Chatwin.

Vets: 14/07 Ambrose 2 was won by Rex Hallman and Martin Bakehouse with 66.25 pts. Second was Micheal Haberly and Doug Callander with 67 pts.

Ladies: Barclay Shield Qualifier was won by Helen Lloyd-Jones and Geneen Duff with 75 nett. Second was Lu Proud and Jancie Williams with 82.5 nett. These ladies will now represent our club at the Barclay Shield which will be held at Devonport in the coming month. Well done ladies.



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RAILTON PARKRUN



This month we are featuring one of our Railton Parkrun regulars – Caitlin Burk

"I first started going along to the Railton parkrun on New Year's Day 2022 and I have not looked back since. It has really become a part of my weekly routine and something that I greatly look forward to each week. It really is a great way to start the weekend, it combines exercising, fresh air, nature, socialising and hot chocolates all before 10am.

I have met so many great people through parkrun and I love the encouragement everyone provides each other at Railton. I love the banter and the chats that go along with the morning run.

I enjoy that parkrun is not a race and that you are only racing yourself to try to better your own time. I did not ever think that I would be able to run 5km and thanks to parkrun I am now able to do that on a regular basis. I have now completed 136 parkruns as a participant.

I love that parkrun is a global event and that I can still continue to do parkruns while travelling. I have completed parkruns in 27 different locations, across Tasmania and interstate, including Darwin Esplanade, Torrens River in Adelaide, Pirrama along Sydney Harbour and around Albert Park Lake in Melbourne. I have also been very fortunate to be able to complete parkrun at Western Springs in New Zealand and Ekebergsletta in Norway.

I also appreciate the volunteer positions that are required to make the event go ahead each week and I greatly enjoy volunteering my time at parkrun as often as I can. I am currently up to 89 volunteers all at Railton and hope to be able to do many more into the future.

I encourage anyone looking to connect with others and enjoy some weekend exercise to head along to Lions Park around 8:45am on a Saturday morning ready for a 9am start."

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KENTISH MEN'S SHED

By John Bindon

Among Kentish Men's Shed members, many hidden talents are waiting to be rediscovered, shaped by a lifetime of experience and past careers.

In his youth, Bruce Long loved surfing the big waves along the NSW coast. He embraced the outdoors and the sense of freedom associated with the 1960s - ah, those were the days. At just 14, he left school and began a five-year tiling apprenticeship, escaping the frustration he felt in the classroom. When Bruce tried to read, letters became jumbled and the page blurred before his eyes. The harder he tried to make sense of the words, the more difficult it became.

Years later, Bruce was diagnosed with dyslexia. At the time, however, his struggles with reading and writing were often mistaken for a lack of effort, and teachers placed him in the "too hard" basket. Shaming students was common then, and Bruce was often singled out and humiliated in front of the class. He found confidence on the sports field, where he learned quickly and discovered he could stand up for himself when bullied. Over time, his frustration led to rebellious behaviour as he pushed back against the strict authority of the day.

This gave him to understand others who had a problem with the system. Although Bruce had suffered humiliation through a perceived deficiency in intelligence at school, he had learnt the tiling trade and developed an interest in mosaics, and this gave him an avenue to express himself creatively.



Later in life Bruce studied remedial massage and overcame the impediment of dyslexia with the dedicated help of his wife, Sue, who read the exam questions for him. He built up his own business, eventually employing four apprentices.

He became a Scout Leader and set challenging tasks for the troop based on Baden Powell's original vision. He was there for the problematic child. (If you couldn't excel academically, at least you knew how to tie a reef knot, right?)

Today, Bruce cannot massage because of the toll a hard-working life took on his own, but he can certainly massage the brain with his sensible words of wisdom and his listening ear.

Enquiries: Peter 0449 559 257. We meet at 9am-noon, Mondays and Thursdays, at the Shed, 14 Spring Street.

THE HUB

Thank you for all the donations. Sadly, we are unable to use broken, dirty or torn items.

Recent donations to our community:

- Junior Beef Expo \$1000.
- Women's Eight Ball Team \$500.

We will be open Saturday, August 1, from 10am to 2pm. Thank you for your support as we donate into our Kentish community.

RAILTON NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

The Annual General Meeting of the Railton Neighbourhood Centre will be held on **Thursday, August 13, at 2pm**. All positions will be open for nominations.

Get involved in your local community. Volunteers needed.

WORKING ART SPACE SHEFFIELD

Sheffield Art Gallery – 6 Pioneer Crescent, Sheffield

The current exhibition entitled, "Mertales" is by Brenda Adeline and showcases her ceramics. From August 1 to September 30.

Opening hours: 10am to 3pm daily and entry is free of charge.

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 Debra on 0427 198 131 or email slowsewn@pm.me

Botanical Drawing: Saturdays from 1.00 pm to 3.30 pm. Please contact Colette Binder on 0439 426 665 for more information.

Pop by our Albert Street Gallery on Tuesdays and Wednesdays to view our art displays, including pottery creations in progress.

PROBUS



The next meeting of the Kentish Probud Club will be on **Tuesday, August 11**, at 10am at the Sheffield Bowls Club. The Guest Speaker will be Tim Wilson who will speak on Libraries Digital.

Our outing will be a luncheon at "Little Riva" at Turners Beach. Visitors are always welcome. For further information, contact Annelise on 6496 1220.

KENTISH LIONS



Our Club continues to undertake Children's Vision Screening in our region. This year so far we have screened 474 children across six schools and referred 70 of them to an optometrist for professional assessment. We are also looking for more screeners to allow us to expand this program. If this is of interest, please get in touch at kentishlions@gmail.com. You need a Working with Vulnerable People card (currently free) and there is some training involved. You need to be available during school hours.

Breakfast Club is strong at all schools in Kentish. At Sheffield we provide a nutritious breakfast four days a week, covering students in early learning and primary. At Wilmot and Railton, we provide a nutritious breakfast once a week to their students.

We will be starting to prepare for this year's Christmas Parade fairly shortly. Every year it becomes harder to negotiate with various authorities on road closures and signage for this event. Start thinking about your float for this year's parade and put the date in your diary: Friday, December 11.

We are keen to gain more members so if you have a bit of spare time and want to help your community, get in touch. Our dinner meetings are the 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month.

RAILTON SQUASH

Honouring the Legacy of the Railton Squash Association

With the recent closure of the Railton Squash Centre, it feels important to pause and acknowledge the many people whose vision, hard work and community spirit made the centre possible, and those who kept it alive for so many years.

In the final process of clearing the building, it was necessary to ensure that records, reports and documents relating to the beginnings of the Centre in Giblin Street, important milestones and the place it holds in the social history of the community was preserved.

The story of the Railton Squash Association began more than five decades ago, when a public meeting was held in the old supper room at the King's Hall on September 12, 1972. From that meeting came a feasibility committee elected to investigate whether a squash centre could be built in the Railton area. Early committee members were David Covington, Murray Blenkhorn, Alan Coates, Robert Jordan, John Kelly, Robert Mason, Tony Smith, Jeff Collins, Ken Best and Kevin Philpott.

What followed was a remarkable example of local determination. Sites were considered, questionnaires circulated, committees formed, funds raised and plans debated. The eventual choice of Goliath Park, along with the support of Kentish Council and the generous contribution of Goliath Portland Cement Company, helped turn an idea into a reality. The project was not simply about building courts; it was about building something for the community.

There were many milestones along the way. Fundraising functions at the King's Hall, including memorable social evenings and community events, helped provide the financial backing. Volunteers gave their time, labour and their skills. The first day of play was Saturday, February 19, 1977 and the Railton Squash Centre was officially opened on March 2, 1977. From that point on, the centre became far more than a sporting facility. It became a meeting place, a social hub and a place where friendships were made across generations.

The records speak of working bees, painting, tiling, court maintenance, improvements to change rooms, kitchen work, trophy cupboards, lighting, heating and countless other jobs that kept the centre operating and improving year after year. Mens, womens, teenage and junior rosters brought people through the doors week after week, while annual dinners, trophy nights, social functions and family events became part of the rhythm of club life.

Former Railton Squash Club champion Kerrie Jordan was featured in *The Examiner* on May 1, 1991, making the final payment for the club's construction. The article went on to say, considering one third of Railton's population played squash, it was no surprise the 20th anniversary was a major social event.

An article in *The Kentish Chronicle* in May 1995 (*above right*) highlighted the strength of the club's junior development program. It congratulated four Railton teenagers - Daniel Lockley, Jason Lowery, Tracy Cubit and Lynda Cubit - on their selection in the Tasmanian State Junior Squash Squad to compete at the Australian Championships in Ballarat. Four players from a squad of 12 was a proud achievement for the club.

At its peak, the club's records show around 120 adults and 60 juniors playing. For a small community, those numbers reflected something special: participation, encouragement, inclusion and pride.

Special mention must be made of those who guided the association in its early years, including David Covington,



whose long service as chairman helped steer the club from its first discussions through its formative years. The records also recognise the efforts of people such as Alan Coates, Diane Kelly, Dot Smeaton, John Butcher, Robert Jordan, Dennis Knuckey, Deirdre Barton, Kaye Williams and many others who gave time, energy and care to the centre.

The closure of the centre is a sad moment. Buildings can close, and sporting habits may change, but the contribution of the Railton Squash Association should not be forgotten. It stands as a reminder of what a small community can achieve when people are prepared to work together, volunteer, fundraise, organise and support one another.

It is hoped that a place may be found at the new multipurpose community facility at the Railton Recreation Ground to display the trophies and honour boards, ensuring the hard work, dedication and contribution of many is not lost.

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By Jennifer Stackhouse

Snowdrops (Galanthus) are blooming in my garden. Although they

are not surrounded by snow as they would be in their Northern Hemisphere home, they do bring hope of spring. Many people confuse these delicate bulbs and the more robust and ubiquitous snowflake due to their appearance and similar common names.

True snowdrops have three long outer petals around a ring of three shorter inner petals, each marked with a perfect green heart shape with just one flower to a stem. These tiny flowers are usually less than 15cm high and rise above small light green leaves. There are also rare varieties with yellow markings.

People who love and collect snowdrops are known as galanthophiles (after the genus name) and pay a premium for unusual varieties. The common snowdrop is more affordable and available to plant in autumn or as a green plant in winter or spring. Plant under deciduous trees where they are in full sun in winter but shaded later in the year. The good news is they are quick to multiply.

Snowflakes by comparison form large clumps with stems of small white flowers (also with green markings on their petals), sitting among dark green leaves. There are usually several flowers on each stem. No-fuss snowflakes are readily available or ask a friend or neighbour to dig up a clump.

Next meeting

The next garden club meeting is Thursday, August 13, from 6.30pm and is the AGM and Annual Dinner at Sheffield Golf Club, 214 Nook Road, Sheffield. August marks a return to Thursday evening meetings (second Thursday of the month). All welcome (but bookings essential – cost \$25 members, \$45 non-members). Call Jennifer Stackhouse on 0488 047 011.



U3A PRESENTATION

Astro-physicist and enthralling public speaker Brittany Trubody will be a guest presenter for U3A on **Thursday, August 27**, from 10.30-noon at the Uniting Church hall in Sheffield

Join Brittany, Oxford historian, paleontologist, Tasmanian STEM Communicator of the Year, and ABC Radio Personality, for a brief journey through our Earth's history while we search for evidence of when space and earth collide.

Impact strikes and extinction events

"Rang the earth like a bell!" This is an accurate description for what happens when a large asteroid slams into our planet.

What are the scars that are left, and how do we know that is what killed the dinosaurs?

Learn about the environmental changes that occur when our planet is subjected to a major disruption to its ecosystems and how it altered life on Earth. All welcome.



Grab a rose cutting from the fridge top

Gardening with Robert Gower

August has come around fast.

At my place it's pruning month. I have all my normal roses to prune ie modern roses, including climbing roses and some old-fashioned roses that don't need pruning every year, apart from dead-heading flowers as they finish.

The old fashioned roses I have are named Moss roses because of the bracts that surround the flower bud, which makes it look like it's covered in moss.

These roses date back to 16th Century France. While they don't flower throughout the whole year like modern roses, and are quite seasonal, I find them quite charming and hardy.

Pruning of these is easy to do. Your first step is to thin out any dead wood, and any older wood that is not doing too good.

Then prune the height of the rose down by one third, which is what I work on. I prune these roses every 2-3 years.

From grief to growth

Are you experiencing the pain of loss? You are not alone.

Join us for an educational workshop designed to help you understand the nature of grief and contribute to improved mental health and wellbeing.

The workshop will include:

- the nature and impacts of grief and loss
- strategies and tools for coping
- guidance on growing around your loss
- experienced, trained staff and support in a safe, non-judgemental environment

Friday, August 14, 9:30am - 2:30pm.

Kentish House, Station Street, Sheffield.

Cost: \$5.00 including lunch.

To book, call or text: Cassandra (Kentish House) 0447 325 343 or Gail (New Mornings) 0476 989 696.

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Prune the rose cutting to about 15cm long, making a cut above the bud. At the top of the cutting, cut on a 45 degree angle away from the bud and at the bottom just cut straight across the stem under the bud.

Remove all the foliage, then wrap the cuttings up in the damp newspaper and then pop into a plastic bag for about six weeks.

Remember to write the name and color of the rose, and the date. After the six weeks, they should have started to produce callouses. Unwrap and check at that point.

If they have, then pot them into a propagation mix until they produce true roots, then they can be potted up into potting mix. This is an easy way to produce extra roses for free.

I normally store my plastic bag of cuttings on top of the fridge so I am reminded of them each week.

Just a reminder about your fruit trees. Don't prune your stone fruits now, they get pruned after they have fruited in summer. All the apples and pears can be pruned now.

Happy Gardening.

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Every Thursday			Every Friday			Every Weekend		
9.00am – 1.00pm: Kentish Men's Shed 9.30am: Knit & Natter @ Sheffield Bible Chapel 10.30am-11.30am: Fitness Class @ LBCH */** 6.30pm – 9.45pm: Work & Study Peer Group Chat (12-25's) @ Headspace online (school terms)			2.00pm – 3.00pm: The Chatty Cafe @ Turnbull's Pharmacy 2.30pm: Mountain Learners Homeschool Meet @ Kings Park 5.00pm – 6.00pm: Dauntless Taekwondo (beginners & yellow belts) @ Sheffield School Gym * 6.00pm – 7.00pm: Dauntless Taekwondo (blue belts & up) @ Sheffield School Gym *			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 *		
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free unless marked with s marked with an **			Drop in & use the SiSU Mini Health Machine at Kentish House to enter a weekly \$20 grocery voucher draw!			Acronyms: A&TSI: Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander KAAC: Kentish Adult Activity Centre KH: Kentish House LBCH: Lower Barrington Community Hall		

SPORT

KENTISH PONY & HACK CLUB

The Kentish Pony and Hack Club has wrapped up another enjoyable season, with members finishing the year with a trail ride and one final rally before the winter break.

The season concluded with a ride through the local forest, where riders split into two groups to suit all abilities. Our lead rein riders and senior riders enjoyed exploring the bush tracks and crossing winter creeks before meeting up for a picnic lunch.

With the weather continuing to be kind, the club made a last-minute decision to hold one final rally. Six keen riders took the opportunity to come and enjoy another great day of learning, riding and improving their horsemanship skills before the season officially came to an end.

The club is now looking forward to its annual Trophy Night, where members will celebrate their achievements.

As plans begin for the 2026/27 season, the Kentish Pony & Hack Club invites new members to come along and join the fun. Whether you're new to horses or an experienced rider, Pony Club provides a welcoming and supportive environment for ages 3-80yrs to develop riding skills, horse care and confidence.



Kentish offers a "Come and Try" before committing to a full membership. We also support Ticket to Play for eligible riders and a new "ready2ride" option for riders under 10yrs.

The club hopes to commence in August weather permitting and encourages anyone interested to get in touch through our Facebook page or contact DC Karan on 0429 231 612.

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Jean dedicates her life to pony club

By Heather Eiszele

In her 58 years with the Kentish Pony Club, Jean Treloar has covered every square inch of the 10 acre ground – literally.

“When yellow Cape Weed spread last year, I was down on my hands and knees with a screwdriver digging every one of them out,” said the wiry 86-year-old.

From District Commissioner to president, from judge to coach, from gardener to groomer, Jean has dedicated most of her life to the Sheffield club’s success.

“Sometimes we don’t have enough people to do things, to cover all positions, so you just have to jump in and help,” said the veteran volunteer.

While the club is financially sound, membership is down as the cost of owning a horse escalates. Currently there are 20 riding members up to 26 years old.

“When we first came to pony club, I used to ride out on my horse. My four children were all in pony club and when my little one was only four, I’d lead her on a rein and we’d ride all day and ride home.

“These days the kids can’t ride on the roads because the roads are unsafe. So they all have to have a horse float to get here. Everything is so costly.”

The club used to have its own stable of horses for newcomers but Jean’s stallions are too old and horses are bred these days for looks rather than temperament.

Jean said pony club was about more than riding.

“You can learn to do all sorts of things: knots and splicing, saddlery, cleaning gear... The unmounted side of pony club is where they learn to look after their horse.

“And to be fair to the horse, you need to be with it every day.”

Six years ago she was one of only two people named a Pony Club Living Legend - born the same year Pony Club started in Australia. The other lady from Hobart is also still volunteering.

A life member of the Tasmanian and North West pony clubs, Jean has been with the Kentish Club since its inception.

“When we came here, we had nothing. There were blackberries and ferns, and a mill with a big heap of sawdust. The kids would ride their bikes through it and light fires so we had to get rid of it.”

She and her late husband Kevin put up every fence and every gate on the property and Jean continues to devote herself daily, mowing, harrowing, levelling and administering.

“I’m usually up past midnight working on the computer,” she said. “There’s never a day that goes past that I’m not doing something for pony club.”

Jean is president of the Kentish Equine Endurance Riders and is the trail marker for the annual endurance ride.

“I go out in my four-wheeler and clear the track, mark the track, cut the tree branches off, fill up the holes, cart stones to fill up the bogs...

“I’m used to always being on a farm and I like working. I hate sitting around.”

Originally from Red Hills, Jean moved to the foothills of Mt Roland when she was 10 and remembers thinking the mountain resembled a patchwork quilt with all the different coloured farm paddocks.

“I’ve always been involved with horses,” she said. “I used to



plough with Dad as the boys weren’t very interested in farm work.”

The middle child of seven, Jean once piggybacked her sister all the way up Mt Roland.

She didn’t start riding until after she got married at 20 – and only recently gave up the saddle.

The highlight of her time with the club was when she took international games teams away, including to Perth in 1994 and to Canada and the US in 2000 – the first person in Tasmania to do so.

The first Tasmanian games rider who competed overseas was from the Kentish Pony Club: Dominic Emery (now Emmet).

Jean has been an assessor for more than 30 years and continues to judge the northern and southern zones. “I like working with the kids, younger ones are the best,” she said.

The zone games were held at Wynyard on June 17 and a Kentish scramble team competed in atrocious weather.

“We had a lot of fun, though. This little one was so tough, she sat there in the rain and we were sliding through the puddles.”

Jean said riders have to do four certificates before a championship, attaining at least a C level. “It’s not all about competition, though. We have fun.”

For more information, contact DC Karan on 0429 231 612 or Jean 0408 122 793.

DC Karan Roberts:

For more than 50 years, Jean has been a dedicated and committed member of Kentish Pony & Hack club. Over the decades she has devoted countless hours to maintaining the club grounds, ensuring they are always presented to a high standard.

Her wealth of knowledge and experience has been invaluable, and she has generously shared that knowledge with generations of members. As an instructor, she has spent many years encouraging and supporting young members, always willing to give her time to help them develop their skills and confidence.

Her passion for the club and its traditions has been a constant throughout her years of service. Reaching more than half a century of membership is a remarkable achievement and reflects an extraordinary level of commitment and dedication.



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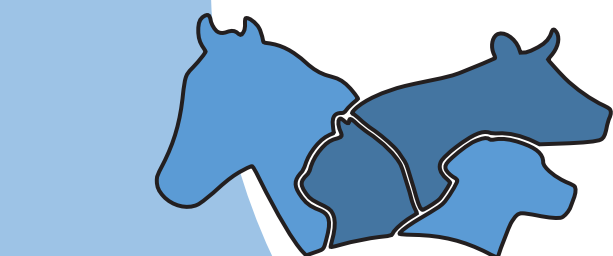
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Kentish Museum Mystery Object



This month's object has an intriguing history, including being used for purposes other than that which it was invented.

This object date back to 17C France being developed for one specific purpose then undergoing adaptions in application until WW1 when they were phased out.

Many were manufactured from silver, ivory or bone to suit the fashion in the Victorian Era, measuring between 7cm and 30cm depending on which application they were intended.

This example is a relatively basic one being made from nickel-plated steel and an early form of plastic with what looks like an enameled/plastic inset for decoration.

Be sure to check next month's solution in *The Kentish Voice* for some mind-boggling revelations.

Some readers have been thinking hard about the Mystery Objects leading to some innovative guesses. Keep your suggestions coming: museum@kentish.tas.gov.au or call into the museum Wed Fri Sat 10am-3pm to meet the group of friendly volunteers who pick the mystery object.

Last month's Mystery Object was a cast iron paper embossing press. It was typically used by businesses, councils, organisations and notaries to press raised official seals or logos into paper or wax by simply pulling the handle down, making two metal dies clamp together to leave an imprint.



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Unfit to drive duty

Upcoming written work diary changes and the new Unfit to Drive duty as part of the upcoming Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL) amendments is set to support heavy vehicle drivers and reduce their administrative load.

The NHVR's Manager of Fatigue and Human Factors Matt Bolin said the new Unfit to Drive duty in the HVNL amendments was one of the most significant changes for drivers and operators.

"The new duty applies to anyone who drives a heavy vehicle, not just fatigue regulated heavy vehicle drivers – it's really about empowering drivers to say to their operator 'I'm not fit to drive, I can't meet my safety obligations under the act, I have to stop work'," Mr Bolin said.

He said changes to the NHVR's written work diary will deliver time savings for drivers by removing some mandatory entries that are no longer essential for demonstrating compliance, while still prioritising the collection of data that manages fatigue.

The changes include some fields on the daily driver's sheet becoming optional, such as calculating the work and rest hour totals and marking the day of the week section.

He said changes to the specifications and interface of electronic work diaries were also part of the HVNL implementation and designed to make the data collection more robust and practical.

The NHVR has resources to help operators ensure they are adhering to the regulations around fatigue management as well as guidelines on what's changing with the HVNL reform and Work Diaries can be found at: <https://shorturl.at/di6yV>



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From paper folding to defibs, members are always learning

Many Thanks to Clive and Jan for running a informative afternoon's workshop on AED devices and First Aid essentials on June 22.

First Aid essentials reminded us how to respond to a variety of common incidents. Our presenters had us enthralled and occasionally laughing as they ran us through topics, including bandaging, snake bites, burns, cuts and bleeding, and CPR.

How to use an AED was a key feature, and we learned precise information and saw a demonstration on how to use this potentially lifesaving device in the event of a cardiac arrest.



There is a clear pictorial explanation inside the packaging and devices are enabled with a voice telling you what to do and in what order. When you first arrive at an accident scene remember:

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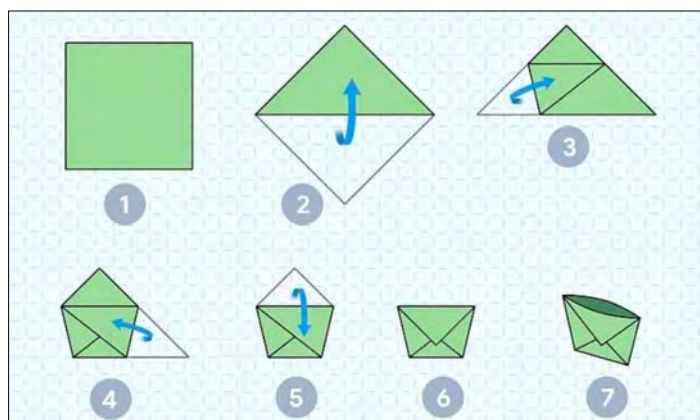
Survey

U3A committee recently emailed all members a survey about your interests and skills. Your responses will help us plan courses and workshops. If you have a skill or interest to share, we'd love to chat and get those ideas into our program.

Please, if you have signed up to do a course and can't make it, let us know so that someone else can come along. Do you need details about a course? Please contact the course leader.

Origami Afternoon

Our first group quickly learned to fold accurately and carefully and made some beautiful little boxes, a cup, a flying bird and the favourite for the day was the spinning top. Much clapping! Here is the diagram to make a super easy paper cup.



AED Automatic External Defibrillation. You might have seen these around the Kentish Municipality. If someone's heart has stopped, this device allows users to apply soft paddles to a patient's skin so that a measured electric shock can be exerted with the aim of restarting a heart.

These kits contain the equipment and instructions so you can correctly place the 'paddles'. The device is automatic, monitors and assesses the patient. You only need to attach the pads. The device will talk you through the process

Some kits need a code to open the kit. Ring 000 and confirm your location and they will give you the code to tap in and open the device. They will also despatch an ambulance and let you know what to do.

Getting to an AED in a timely way might not always be possible. Keeping up to date with the basics of CPR will still be a vital help.

After the workshop, participants agreed that signage on the footpath near the devices would help locals and visitors know the location of AEDs in town. Council has been contacted.

Note these Kentish locations: Sheffield Post Office. Front door. No code needed; Kentish Council Chambers. Front door. No code needed; Railton Neighbourhood Centre. Front door. Ring 000 for code; Wilmot Memorial Hall, near Public toilets.

Balance & Bones: classes have been relocated to the Uniting Church, Main Street, Sheffield. Same times.

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Nature walk:

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Market Moves

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August is often overlooked in real estate, yet it's one of the best months to prepare for a successful move. While many people wait for spring, those who use winter to get organised are often the ones who enjoy the smoothest transition when the market becomes busier.

Over recent weeks, I've continued to see buyers actively inspecting homes, proving that genuine buyers don't wait for warmer weather.

They're taking time to compare properties and are looking for homes that have been well maintained, with council approvals in place where required and owners who are organised.

For sellers, now is the ideal time to get ahead. Completing those small maintenance jobs, refreshing gardens, decluttering and having important paperwork ready before your home is listed can make a real difference to both buyer confidence and the overall selling experience.

We're also continuing to see many buyers purchasing subject to the sale of their current home. This remains an important part of our local market, allowing families to secure their next property while giving themselves time to sell their existing home. With realistic expectations, good communication and careful planning, these transactions can work extremely well for both buyers and sellers.

Whether you're buying, selling or planning for the future, a little preparation today can make all the difference tomorrow.

If you'd like to discuss your options, pop into the office or give me a no obligation call. I'd love to help you plan your move.

Seller Tip of the Month

Thinking of selling? Before you list, check that any extensions, sheds, carports or other improvements have the appropriate council approvals where required.

Addressing any issues early can save time and reduce stress once a buyer is found.

Buyer Tip of the Month

Before making an offer, ensure your finance pre approval is current and that you've provided your lender with all the required paperwork.

Being well prepared can make the buying process smoother and put you in a stronger position when the right property comes along.

Show 'em how it's done

The National Heavy Vehicle Regulator is urging farmers, heavy vehicle operators and all road users to prioritise safety around agricultural heavy vehicles following National Farm Safety Week last month.

Run by Farmsafe Australia, the 2026 theme is *Set the Standard – Show 'em how it's done*, encouraging everyone working with or around heavy vehicles to lead by example and make safe practices part of everyday operations.

NHVR Chief Operations Officer Paul Salvati said the message of maintaining high standards should be front of mind for agricultural workers across the country.



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PLEASE NOTE

Although the Access 2 Health Services Project is wrapping up - the Kentish Carers Support Group will be continuing!

Rural Health Kentish will be taking over the group from next month - so stay tuned for more information in September's Kentish Voice.



Thank you to all the service providers who have attended the Kentish Carer's Group in 2025 and 2026, and the below for funding this community-identified need:

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As the colder months settle across Kentish, many of us naturally spend more time indoors. Shorter days, chilly mornings, and long nights can make winter feel a little isolating, but they also remind us of something important: community matters.

A simple phone call, a shared meal, or checking in on a neighbour can make a real difference. Looking out for one another helps ensure everyone feels seen, supported, and connected during the season when it's needed most.

Strong communities benefit everyone. When people feel connected, they're more likely to share resources, offer a helping hand, and build friendships that last well beyond winter. These everyday acts of kindness create safer, healthier, and more resilient neighbourhoods.

Connection is also an important part of looking after our health. Regular contact with family, friends, and neighbours means we're more likely to notice when something isn't quite right and can step in to help when it matters most. One health emergency where every minute counts is Stroke.

Stroke can happen to anyone, at any age, and recognising the signs quickly can save a life and reduce the risk of long-term impacts. Knowing the F.A.S.T. warning signs is something everyone in our community can do:

- Face – Has one side of the face drooped?
- Arms – Can they lift both arms?
- Speech – Is their speech slurred or difficult to understand?
- Time – If you notice any of these signs, call 000.

Acting quickly gives people the best chance of recovery. Even if the symptoms disappear after a few minutes, it's important to seek emergency medical care straight away. You can find out more about stroke health during National Stroke Week, August 3-9, or come chat with the team at Rural Health Tasmania.

Winter is also a good reminder to look after our overall health. Staying active where possible, keeping warm, managing blood pressure, eating well, and attending regular health check-ups all help reduce the risk of stroke and other cardiovascular conditions. Just as importantly, staying socially connected supports both physical and mental wellbeing.

This winter, consider reaching out to someone who may be spending more time alone. Invite a neighbour over for a warm cuppa, check in on an older family member, or take a walk with a friend on a crisp winter afternoon. These small moments of connection strengthen the fabric of our communities and can help us recognise when someone needs medical attention.

Together, we can make Tasmania's coldest months some of its warmest—not just through shared kindness and companionship, but by looking out for each other's health. A connected community is a stronger, safer community, where every conversation, every visit, and every act of care has the potential to make a meaningful difference.

To find out more about stroke health or book a free confidential chat with one of our local Rural Health Tasmania clinical staff, call 6491 2740 or drop into the clinic at 1b Henry St, Sheffield 9am-5pm Monday-Thursday.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In 2020 the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) implemented an unprecedented Quantitative Easing (QE) program. QE is effectively an asset swap: commercial banks bought bonds (government IOUs), and the RBA bought these bonds and credited the banks with "reserves". The governments (state and federal) received newly created "money".

Why is this of interest to Kentish? Well, in 2020 the Tasmanian state government provided a facility to local councils; Local Government Loans Program (LGLP). The program provided three-year interest free (subsidised) loans to councils, of which Kentish borrowed \$5.1 million.

The council then spent this "money" into an already supply constrained economy (due to COVID), at the same time that state and federal governments were doing the same. This created a wave of demand pull inflation.

While the rate of inflation has slowed from the initial spike (disinflation), the price level continues to compound. The distortion created by the appearance of free money is now coming home to roost, and governments, including the council, are using taxpayers to address what they unleashed.

In effect; the council sold the future, the bill has arrived, and ratepayers' capital (that would otherwise be saved, or spent into the economy) is being tapped, to fill the void caused by fiscally reckless decisions.

Michael Montgomery

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The demise of the Tommeginn

Just how the nine aboriginal tribes of Tasmania were so quickly decimated is a woefully sad and sordid story. This remote island was home to an estimated 4000-5000 indigenous people when British settlement first began in 1804.

Due to a severe shortage of females in the new colony, it wasn't long before whalers, sailors, soldiers, settlers and ex-convicts were abducting local aboriginal women as sexual slaves and servants. This barbaric practice naturally produced strong resentment within these original inhabitants.

As the new settlers spread out over the island, erecting homesteads and stockmen's huts across the open plains, the Aborigines were deprived of their traditional hunting grounds upon which they had depended for hundreds of years.

Tens of thousands of sheep and cattle were introduced without fencing, managed by ex-convict stockmen on horses who were wilder than the cattle under their care. While some property owners showed tolerance to the indigenous people, their ex-convict employees, bushrangers and escapees looked down on them as a class lower than themselves, delighting in brutalising and killing them for sport.

For the above reasons, the number of indigenous people was soon in serious decline. Out of a need for survival, they began retaliating in anger and resentment, spearing the white man's animals, attacking and burning his houses and huts, and killing the habitants.

After 20 or so years, only about 1500 Aborigines remained. As violence escalated, *Governor George Arthur* was forced to declare martial law allowing soldiers to arrest or shoot Aborigines on sight. Called The Black War (1828-1832), it claimed the lives of more than 200 British colonialists and up to 900 Aborigines.

By 1831 the number of natives had fallen to around 300.

Midway through the Black War, Governor Arthur had sought a more humane approach to dealing with the Aborigines. In 1830 he engaged *George Augustus Robinson* to act as a conciliator. His task was to travel throughout the island persuading the few remaining Aborigines to accompany him to a safe haven on Flinders Island where they could live in protection and peace.

Over the next four years, his mission proved quite successful. All remaining Aborigines were rounded up and escorted to Wybalenna on Flinders Island. All that is, except one solitary family group who, when confronted by Robinson's party in a remote corner of the Kentish municipality, resolutely refused to be led into captivity. More about this family later.

The Fate of our Tommeginne Tribe

Our local aboriginal tribe lived mainly within an area along the northwest coastline between Port Sorell and Wynyard and as far south as the foothills of the Western Tiers, Cradle Mountain and St Valentines Peak. This Tommeginne tribe numbered about 400, but for practical purposes, hunted, cooked and sheltered in smaller groups consisting of three or four families.

Colder winter months were spent in the estuaries of the coastal rivers, while during the warmer months they trekked inland into the vast hinterland behind Mt Roland and Mt Claude, over on the Middlesex Plains and further west at Hampshire Hills and Surrey Hills. On these feeding grounds they lived well from the wild berries, native fruit and an abundance of wild animals and birds.

The first assault upon the Tommeginne tribe by white intruders

came from the sea. In the early 1800s as the fur seal trade began to flourish on the Bass Strait islands, it drew together a wild lawless mob of seasoned whalers, sealers, abandoned sailors and escaped convicts with little or no female company. To meet their needs, raiding parties periodically visited the estuaries of our northern Tasmanian rivers forcibly abducting local aboriginal women.

Then in the early 1820s as new settlers began occupying large sections of the Great Western Plains beneath the Western Tiers, it wasn't long before they were occupying Tommeginne territory along the eastern side of the Mersey River. Any parts of these vast plains not granted to the new settlers were claimed by the cattle king *William Field* who had large Government contracts to supply the entire island's military forces and convict population with regular meat supplies. Hence the Tommeginnes were deprived of their traditional hunting grounds adjacent to the Mersey River.

'They took delight in brutalising and killing them for sport.'

The same encroachment occurred on the western side of Forth River. *Van Diemen's Land Co* obtained huge grants of grassy scrub country -10,000 acres at both Middlesex Plains and Hampshire Hills and a further 150,000 acres at Surrey Hills – all prime aboriginal hunting grounds. They were stocked with thousands of cattle and sheep, while stockmen's huts were built to house the dozens of wild ex-convicts shepherds and oversees needed to manage them.

These ex- convicts now made masters felt justified in squaring their personal ledgers by punishing the natives. By the mid-1820s Tommeginne numbers had halved, their only option now left was to fight back for survival.

Killing Fields

From 1826/27 onward the cruel conflicts sparked by these land acquisitions led to killing, plundering and burning on both sides. The new settlers had horses, guns and dogs; the natives light tea-tree spears, wooden waddies and fire sticks.

Some VDL Co employees were brutal in their deliberate killing of indigenous men, women and children. At Middlesex Plains, shepherds added poison to some flour before offering to the Aborigines. Settlers and stockman were speared, their huts and houses plundered and burnt at places like Chudleigh, Whiteford Hills, Moltema, Dunorlan and Deloraine.

The decimation of the Aborigines in the southern half of the island had been going on for a much longer time. By the time of the Black War, the southern tribes had become dysfunctional and surviving remnants retreated up the Derwent Valley to join the fragmented Big River Tribe.

Withdrawing still further, the survivors crossed the central highlands via their well-worn tracks to Mt Gog where they sought refuge and shelter in our Tommeginne territory.

Arriving around 1830 very frightened, but very angry and hostile, they were ready to attack and kill all colonists. So it was in 1831, largely in Tommeginne country that some of the worst and last atrocities occurred in this sorrowful saga that eventually culminated in the complete demise of our island's unique indigenous race.

e Aboriginal tribe

By the late Alan F Dyer

Throughout most of 1831, hostile and murderous acts were undertaken by both sides. Barbarous killings occurred on several of the VDL Co land grants including Middlesex Plains. East of the Mersey River, two women and four children were killed near Lemana; *Mrs Mary McCaskell* speared and clubbed to death in front of her children near Deloraine; *Captain Bartholomew Thomas* and *James Parker* were speared to death at Port Sorell to mention just a few. *Dolly Dalrymple* alone with her children in a hut at Stockers Plain, fought off an attack by natives for six hours. By the end of the Black War, only about 50 Tommeginne remained.

1830-1834 George Augustus Robinson with Trugannine & Woorraday

Some months prior to the arrival of these aggressive aborigines from the south, *George Robinson* had commenced his much more conciliatory approach to the aboriginal problem. Using friendly natives to make initial contacts, Robinson would then persuade them to accompany his party to a safe haven created on Flinders Island. Among Robinson's regular helpers were well known aboriginal woman Trugannine and her husband Woorraday. Also Robinson's two sons, *George Jnr* and *Charles*.

Over the next four years Robinson and his party made several tours through the Mersey/Forth region. After his second visit in April 1832 he had collected up to 23 from the North West and walked them to Hobart to parade them in the streets, before sending them to Flinders Island.

In May 1834 at Mt Gog, Robinson heard that a small band of aborigines were still at large in the vicinity of the Forth River. Eventually found, they had been hiding in the cold high country when normally they would have been seeking the warmer climate along the coast line. Altogether Robinson rounded up over 200 natives and escorted them to their new home.

The Last of the Free Aborigines

Finally it was announced that all Aborigines had been brought in and George Robinson was appointed the new commandant of Wybalenna on Flinders Island. However, this announcement was premature; some natives had been missed.

In October 1835 Robinson's son Charles was sent to find a small group at the back of the Black Bluff range. They were escorted across the Forth River at Lorinna taken behind Mt Roland and thence to Launceston.

'Dolly Dalrymple fought off an attack by natives for six hours.'

Again in 1836 VDL Co employees reported seeing a small group of natives on their grants and again Robinson's two sons George Jnr and Charles with nine co-operative Aborigines were dispatched to find them. Eventually on 20 November 1836, this final family with three small children was located in the vicinity of Leary's corner near Cradle Mountain.

All the persuasion of the friendly Aborigines could not convince them to surrender their freedom for Flinders Island. So here in a remote corner of the Kentish municipality, the one last free aboriginal family in Tasmania reject all their pleas and walked off, back into the bush.

The youngest member of this family, a one year old baby boy later became the last full-blooded Aboriginal male of his race to die. His name was *William Lanne* (nicknamed *King Billy*), whose death caused a huge uproar among the scientific community when someone broke into the Hobart morgue, severed his head and stole it.

For the next five years this lone family survived by keeping away from the white man and his dogs.

A raid on some vacant VDL Co huts on the Middlesex Plains in 1841 was the last recorded attack by any Tasmanian Aborigines. This family was eventually captured not far from the present Murchison Highway in 1842, the same year that *Nathaniel Lipscombe Kentish* announced his discovery the Kentish Plains.

Massive Aboriginal Memorial

As these Tommeginne Aborigines inhabited our municipality for many centuries, and were expunged just before white settlement occurred, shouldn't there be a memorial to these original inhabitants who first opened the Kentish Plains and fire-managed them for so long? Well, nature has already taken care of it and left us with a gigantic rock memorial located at the western end of Mt Roland.

Viewed from the Sheffield/West Kentish Rd district, the three huge rounded steps descending like a staircase from the top of the mountain to its base are easy to identify.

The highest rounded step provides the vivid profile of an aboriginal man's face as he looks pensively towards the skies perhaps pleading to some higher power on behalf of his imperilled indigenous race.

Similarly the middle rounded step profiles the head of his aboriginal wife. With her sorrowful face buried in her husband's chest, it silhouettes her closely cropped curly hair covering the back of her head, while the lowest step profiles her left shoulder.

Thus we have on the western end of our magnificent mountain a massive rock memorial depicting a grieving aboriginal couple, representatives of Tasmania's unique indigenous race, to remind us of their place in our local history and their untimely demise.

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2. Blokes lose head & go mad (5)
3. Alas! Don't despair! (8)
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Investigations continuing.

Offence – Stealing: Bridle Track Road, Sheffield.

Between 06/07/2026 - 07/07/2026 suspects have entered onto land and into a shed on the property where they have syphoned approximately 50L of diesel from two tractors, to the value of approximately \$200.

Police are continuing investigations into a serious wounding incident at Exeter and a fatal two-vehicle crash at Legana. Emergency services were called to a residential property on Main Road, Exeter, following reports a woman had sustained multiple serious stab wounds.

Initial investigations indicate the injuries were inflicted by a man known to the woman. The woman, aged in her 40s, was taken to hospital where she remains in a serious but stable condition. Police believe the incident is linked to a fatal crash on the West Tamar Highway a short time later.

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WHAT'S ON IN AUGUST

		Ceramics "Mer Tales" by Brenda Adeline, Sheffield Art Gallery
Sat-Sun	Aug 1, 02	Steam Engine rides 11am-4pm, Sheffield Steam & Heritage Centre
Monday	Aug 3	JP Service 9.30-11am, Kentish House, Sheffield (see p10)
Saturday	Aug 8	Railton Market 9am-1pm, King's Hall, Railton
Sunday	Aug 9	Sunday Shindigs 2-5pm, Wilmot Hills Estate
Tuesday	Aug 11	Kentish Probus Club 10am, Sheffield Bowls Club
Wednesday	Aug 12	Dementia Information Session 1-3pm, Rural Health Kentish
		NWFS Screening: Hamnet, 7pm, Reading Cinemas, Devonport
Thursday	Aug 13	Railton Neighbourhood Centre AGM 2pm, 8 Foster St, Railton
		Kentish Garden Club AGM 6.30pm, Sheffield Golf Club, 214 Nook Road
Friday	Aug 14	From Grief to Growth 9.30-2.30pm, Kentish House, Sheffield (see p19)
Monday	Aug 17	Trivia 6.30 for 7pm, Sheffield RSL, 77 Main Street, Sheffield
Wednesday	Aug 19	Services Australia 9.30-11am Kentish House; 12-12.30pm King's Hall
		Kentish Council meeting 6pm, Council Office, High Street, Sheffield
Friday	Aug 21	Movie: How to Train Your Dragon, King's Hall, Railton
Monday	Aug 24	Free Hearing checks 10am-4pm, Kentish House, Sheffield
Tuesday	Aug 25	NDIS Service visit 10am-noon, Kentish House, Sheffield
Wednesday	Aug 26	Weindorfer Film Festival , entries close
Thursday	Aug 27	Astro-physicist talk 10.30-noon, Uniting Church Sheffield (see p18)
Friday	Aug 28	Carers catch-up noon-2pm, Kentish House (see p29)
Monday	Aug 31	Rates due

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thursday	Sept 3	Candidate Information Session 6-7pm, 69 High Street, Sheffield
Saturday	Sept 5	Wilmot Country Market 9am-1pm
Sunday	Sept 6	Father's Day
Wednesday	Sept 9	Free Tax Clinic , Kentish House, Sheffield
Saturday	Sept 19	Claude Road Market 9am-1pm, Claude Road
		Weindorfer Film Festival , Launceston
Sunday	Sept 20	Teddy Bears Picnic , King's Hall, Railton
Monday	Sept 21	Beulah Hall AGM 7pm

Cryptic Puzzle Answers

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| 1. Gladstone | 6. Wilmot |
| 2. Kelso | 7. Maydena |
| 3. Oatlands (2) | 8. Moriarty |
| 4. Evandale | 9. Alonnah |
| 5. The Styx Valley | 10. Ansons Bay |

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