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SPECIAL CHRISTMAS EDITION 2024



Parade to fill Kentish with joy

The Kentish Lions Christmas Parade brings colour and cheerfulness to the streets of Sheffield on Friday, December 13, from 6pm.

The parade along Main Street is followed by a picnic in King George V Park where Kentish Lions will have a free barbecue and fairy floss. A coffee van and a berry ice cream van will join the gathering. Santa will be there with a bag of sweets for the children.

Clubs, organisations, associations and affiliations regard the Parade as an opportunity to celebrate a busy year and show pride and support for their group.

They vie to outdo each other with their imaginatively decorated floats and creativity is on full display. Some choose to support a cause as their Christmas theme while others test the limits of zany ideas. Cash prizes on offer! Among the floats this Christmas will be the Apple Isle Carriage Driving Club (*pictured right*), The Hub, Kentish Scouts and Kentish U3A among others.

Families and friends line the streets to watch the floats go past, with Mayor Kate Haberle and Deputy Mayor Penny Lane on the microphone giving background information. The parade brings immense joy to the district, which can be seen on the faces of those in the crowd, especially the children waving and cheering everyone along. It also gives the participants huge joy to be appreciated and celebrated.

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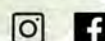
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EDITORIAL

Adult children who won't leave home ... adult children who treat their parents as cash cows ... adult children who won't speak to their parents ...

At a time when parents are retired and meant to be enjoying the fruits of their labours, some adult children have become a handbrake, emotionally and financially.

The number of people I have met who are supporting their fully grown progeny is astonishing. Money, baby sitting, cooking, driving, organising, counselling... housing!

They're our children, they say, we love them, they say. We want to make sure they're OK.

Will they be OK if we catch them every time they're about to fall? What will they learn about their behaviour? Will they be OK if they think it's allowable to use people, to take without giving? How will they have healthy relationships?

The number of people I have met who are estranged from their adult children is equally astonishing. Minor issues can result in years of No Speakies. It's torture!

Grandchildren are often used as currency when the gloves are off, with grandparents willing to take the punches to be involved in the little ones' lives. It is particularly difficult if people are compromised, further straining relations. Pack your bags, we're going on a Guilt Trip!

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Respect is a hard-earned badge, taking time to build and an instant to destroy. Once that is gone, the hill gets steeper.

Yet we keep trudging upwards, hoping next time it will be different, next time the disdain won't be so noticeable and a regular conversation might just be possible.

Those with adult children at home are often outwardly happy with the situation, while some are accepting of their lot due to the ridiculous rents their offspring would have to pay and the cost of living out there.

It's a sticky situation but the one truth is that these adult children will not learn resilience nor financial management.

This Christmas season, which can be a particularly difficult time for those facing these circumstances, give yourselves a gift. Discover the power of the word No. No more abuse. Discover the joy of seeing your adult child become an adult.

**The deadline for the January edition
of The Kentish Voice will be a**



**little earlier, December 18.
Thank you, contributors, for
your invaluable support.
Happy 2025! Heather**

Masons' gavel passes to next gen

Lifetime Sheffield resident and taekwondo master Darren Hyland has been installed as Worshipful Master of Roland Lodge after only five years with the Freemasons.



Darren, 52, is the youngest new Master to be inducted into the role in 20 years.

He takes over from Laurie Appleby who was recently made a Right Worshipful Brother with the Grand Lodge – a highly esteemed international position.

Darren said he got to know Laurie when the pair were doing a rigging course many years ago and the discussion turned to freemasonry.

His grandfather had also been a Freemason, as well as a few close friends. "I was

attracted to the camaraderie with other members and what we stand for," he said. "We're a charitable organisation that helps people in need."

The Masons' motto is Making Good Men Better. "Our goal is not to be better than anyone else, but to be better men than we used to be."

Darren is Assistant Grand Master for the World Shim Jang Taekwondo Association which runs 12 traditional self-defence classes along the north west coast.

"There's a lot of similarities with taekwondo," he said. "The discipline, respect, loyalty. Basically being a better person."

Darren said the only secret surrounding freemasonry was not being more public about what the organisation does with its fundraising money.

"This year alone we have put \$500k has been distributed from Tasmanian Board of Benevolence into different organisations just in Tasmania," he said.

Roland Lodge recently donated \$1600 to the Sullivan family for travel expenses to attend daughter Quinn's futsal match in Malaysia (*see story, page 11*) and helps particularly in areas of hardship.

Money is raised locally through regular Bunnings sausage sizzles and monthly raffles at the Lodge.

"Members bring prizes and we can raise up to \$300-\$400 a meeting," Darren said. "It's an organisation that self sustains. We own the Lodge building and we're able to hire it out to any interested organisation."

He said the past five years with Masons had changed his perspective on life and he had learnt to be more open to people, more helpful. "You realise how precious life is."

Honoured and overwhelmed to be asked to be Worshipful Master, Darren has led by example and his 23-year-old son Colby has asked to join Roland Lodge.

He will be initiated as a Lewis Apprentice at the March Roland Lodge meeting.

Roland Lodge meets the third Thursday of each month from 7pm at 56 High Street, Sheffield. Board meetings are held on the first Monday of the month, where members discuss community needs and where their services can be best directed.

For information, please contact 0418 924 168.

- Heather Eiszele

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Young harpists perform 'divine' concert



By Kate Fraser

Kentish Harp Combo (KHC) were the first act of the day in the Town Hall at the Mount Roland Folk Festival on Sunday, November 17. They performed to an appreciative audience and lots of applause. The performance was described by festival organisers as: "A divine way to start Sunday. The Kentish Harp Combo were brilliant."

The front row of KHC consisted of five local students. The four students from R-L in the photo are Olivia Grant, Isabella Grant, Daphne Crosby and Zara Green playing Harp and Lauren Verschuren our story narrator.

Having only started learning to play harp earlier this year, I don't think the young harp players expected to be performing on a big stage to a festival audience so soon, but they rose to the occasion. Their practice efforts over the last six months paid off and they performed beautifully and with confidence.

The excellent story narrator Lauren embraced her role, presenting the story of Jacques the Tawny Frogmouth which interleaved with the harp music, and she also sang a verse of *Morning Has Broken* perfectly, accompanied by the harps.

Zara also delighted the audience playing *Planxty Irwin* on her fiddle, accompanied by Kate. *(continued next page)*

Sheffield Christmas Parade 2024

Friday 13 Dec at 6 pm on Main St.

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Things to see and do this festive season

Carols by Candlelight

What's Christmas without Christmas Carols? Come along to the Sheffield Town Hall on Sunday, December 8, at 6.30pm and join us in celebrating the season with song.

We will provide the candles – you bring the joy! There will be a variety of carols performed by talented locals, and Santa will join us to provide treats for all those on his 'Nice' list.

Donations at the door will go to the Sunshine Club in Railton, which provides Christmas Hampers to families in need.

Bible Chapel display

A Christmas display in the foyer of the Sheffield Bible Chapel, two doors up from Bossimmi's Bakery in the centre of town, can be viewed through the front glass doors from December 15. The display will be open for four evenings from December 22 until Christmas Eve with gifts for any children who visit. We wish everyone a safe and blessed Christmas season.

East Devonport Bowls Club Christmas lunch

This free event is organised to bring together members of our community who may be alone or struggling during the holiday season. We will provide a meal, festive entertainment, and a sense of camaraderie.

Christmas Service times

Sheffield Baptist - Carol Service: 10am Sunday, Dec 22

Lower Barrington Baptist: 10am Sunday, Dec 22; 9am Christmas Day

Sheffield Bible Chapel Combined Service: 11.30am Sunday, Dec 22; 9am Christmas Day

Catholic Church of the Holy Cross: 10am Christmas Day

Railton Anglican Community Church: 10am Christmas Day

Kentish Services Christmas / New Year closures

Kentish House: From noon Tuesday, December 24, 2024, until Monday, January 13, 2025. Reopening Tuesday, January 14.

Rural Health Kentish: Closed on Wednesday, December 25, 2024, until Sunday, January 5, 2025. Reopening Monday, January 6, 2025.

Sheffield Medical Centre: Closed on Wednesday, December 25, 2024; Thursday, December 26, 2024; Wednesday, January 1, .

Kentish Regional Clinic: Closed on Saturday, December 21, 2024, until Sunday, January 12, 2025. Reopening Monday, January 13, 2025.

Lower Barrington Community Hall: Fitness Classes will finish on Thursday, December 19, and resume on Tuesday, January 7.

Social Ladies Badminton finishes Wednesday, November 27, 2024 and resumes on Wednesday, February 5, 2025.

Harp combo concerts

(from previous page)

KHC has capacity to include more students and will be running some "Try a Harp" sessions in early January 2025. Students can see if they might enjoy learning to play the harp and potentially join the KHC group on a regular basis. This will be for students aged 8-18. Contact Kate Fraser on 0412 322 729.

The KHC group will also be featuring in a harp concert on **Sunday, January 19, 2025** at 2pm in the Sheffield Town Hall. This concert is the finale of the summer folk harp weekend, with workshops held from January 17-19, 2025, bringing together harpists from around Tasmania and beyond. For further concert and ticket details, see Page 18.

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600+ visit open gardens



By Jennifer Stackhouse

When calls started to come in from people planning to bring interstate visitors to see the Kentish gardens, we felt that our open garden weekend was going to be successful.

Seven private gardens opened to the public including two – one in High Street, Sheffield and the other at Claude Road – that had not opened before. Other open gardens were at Barrington, Nook and Acacia Hills

While the lead up to

the open weekend was nerve wracking for all the gardeners involved, the actual weekend was perfect for garden viewing with just a little cloud and a spattering of rain on Saturday (great garden viewing weather) and sunshine on Sunday. All up almost 600 people from across Tasmania (and interstate) visited the gardens over the open weekend.

My garden (*left*) was open, and it was touch and go as to whether the huge banksia rose hedge, the rhododendrons at the gate, the wisteria and the dogwoods would survive the rain and the winds that hit in the week before the opening. But they did and were greeted by oohs and aahs as visitors came through.

In addition to the delights of the gardens, the event also attracted stallholders keen to showcase their plants and garden art to garden visitors. This year four nurseries took part in the open weekend along with stalls offering metal work, pottery, craft and honey. Plants raised by the garden owners and Kentish Garden Club were also for sale.

The Club's next big community event is FlowerFEST 2025, which will be held at Sheffield Town Hall over the weekend of February 1-2 and will see the Town Hall filled with flowers.

Next meeting

The next meeting is the Christmas party to be held at Claude Road Hall on Saturday, December 15, amid the decorations festooned by Kim Johnson for the annual Christmas market.

The party starts at 12.30pm but bookings are essential (for catering). Members are asked to bring along savoury or dessert to share.

Call Jennifer Stackhouse (KGC President) on 0488 047 011 for more information and to RSVP.

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Kentish House will be closed from 12pm Tuesday 24th December 2024. Reopening Tuesday 14th January 2025. For Emergency Relief during this time please contact Salvation Army 6208 1488

Ninja nurse brings his skills to Kentish

By Heather Eiszele

Community health nurses are the Ninjas of the medical world, according to Rural Health care coordinator Jon DeLaine.

"We are out in the community, without the whole hospital at our fingertips – we have to adapt and find solutions that work in remote and regional settings," said the Sheffield-based nurse. "We do a lot with a little – we need to be creative and practical about how we overcome challenges."

Jon, a former wildlife ecologist who previously counted camels in the Northern Territory, has worked in the community health field for a decade.

His new role has seen him out in the community, from Lorinna to Beulah, promoting better health outcomes and understanding with Rural Health Tasmania. "We offer that local contact for a number of different support services.

"It's about connecting and understanding from a clinical view what can be done to manage a situation."

Often residents don't realise how much help the service can provide, from navigating My Aged Care, organising transport, blood pressure checks, advice on healthy ageing to childcare.

"A lot of the time what is required is for someone to sit down with simple language and help explain and navigate the systems," Jon said. "It can be daunting for health care professionals let alone individuals or someone with lower literacy or issues accessing computers."

Jon recently spoke at a Kentish Lions dinner and visits the Kentish Men's Shed monthly. He also conducts outreach programs throughout the municipality.

"It's an opportunity for people to see me in their own neighbourhood," he said. "They might want to talk in confidence about a concern.

"The blood pressure check, that's really the opportunity to start the connection because we get to sit down together and start chatting. People in agriculture with stock losses or difficult seasons, they might open up about that. And mention pain. So we book in appointments to see what else is going on."

Jon, originally from South Australia, volunteers at The Hub and the Tasmanian Wildlife Hospital in Forth while running his berry farm in Roland.

He is happy to chat, even in the street. Contact 6491 2740 or visit Rural Health at the Henry Street Health Hub.



FRIENDS OF RAW

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

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

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

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

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

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Mayor's message: be kind to one another



It is hard to believe that it is two years since I became Mayor of Kentish. It has been a very rewarding time of connecting with the community and representing Kentish at many meetings and events across the state.

There have been challenges but I am very appreciative of the Councillors that I work with and the staff who manage

the day-to-day operations of council. I am very proud of all that we have achieved this year and we have a lot to be thankful for as we live, work and play in this beautiful area of Kentish.

It is that time when we begin planning for end-of-year activities and celebrate the many and varied events that have been happening over the past year. These would not happen if it wasn't for the many volunteers who give of their time to ensure these events continue to take place. Thank you to each one!

Mural Fest was held during the first weekend in November. Nine artists were chosen to paint their mural based on the theme "the Magic of the Minuscule".

Kerry Nicholson won the public choice and the judges award. His mural is stunning and reflects the creative skill and talent that is necessary to complete a mural.

The whole week was wonderful with many visitors and locals taking the opportunity to browse through Mural Park and watch the artists at work. All the murals are fantastic and one cannot but stand in awe at the excellent standard that has been reached this year.

The Taste of the North West was held in King George V Park to coincide with the final day of Mural Fest. This event proved to be very popular with locals and visitors as they took the opportunity to taste all things local and from along the coast.

There are a few markets coming up before the end of the year - Wilmot Market on December 7 and Claude Road Market on December 14. Come along and support these markets around our municipality. There are some amazing products to purchase and it is a great time to do that extra Christmas shopping.

The recently held markets have been very popular so don't miss this opportunity to visit the last few markets for the year.

The annual GardenFEST, organised by the Kentish Garden Club, was held during the weekend of November 23 & 24. This event brings many visitors to our municipality as the gardens are open for inspection and visitors have the opportunity to purchase cuttings from favourite plants and shrubs.

Congratulations to the Dulverton Waste Management Facility for continuing to provide an excellent service to manage waste across the coast. The facility is celebrating 30 years since its inception and has proven to be one of the best facilities in Australia. It is the recipient of many state and national awards so we can be very proud of the achievements due to a very committed, experienced and skilled staff who run the operation on a day-to-day basis.

Congratulations to Dom and his team for hosting the Folk Festival in November. It was a brilliant event with more than 90 artists participating. The music was amazing with the audience experiencing the sounds of a variety of instruments, bands and singing groups. The Town Hall and other venues were alive with the Sound of Music!

Congratulations to the Year 10 leavers from the Sheffield School. I wish you all the very best as you begin your new journey either in education or the workforce. Thank you for your contribution to the school over many years.

'We have a lot to be thankful for in Kentish.'

I would like to thank and congratulate everyone for their contribution to making our municipality such a beautiful place to live. There is so much to do and get involved in no matter what interests or skills you might have. All these groups bring life to our towns and give people the opportunity to connect with one another.

We can celebrate this with the Sheffield Christmas Parade to be held on Friday, December 13, at 6pm. There is always such a wonderful vibe of joy and excitement as people watch the parade and gather together in the park for a sausage sizzle and a fun time for all the family.

Thank you to Don Thwaites and the Kentish Lions Club for your continued commitment to ensure we can celebrate Christmas together as a community.

The Community Christmas Carols will be held in the Town Hall on Sunday, December 8, at 6.30pm. As well as Christmas Carols, there will be items from various Kentish groups. This is an opportunity to get into the spirit of Christmas as we remember others who are struggling and remind ourselves about the importance of giving to bring joy, peace and love to our family, friends, neighbours and workmates.

I would like to wish you all a very happy, safe and blessed Christmas. Please stay safe and enjoy the holiday break and

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Submissions should include sufficient detail to enable Council to understand:

- The location and scope of the project
- The estimated cost of the project
- The perceived benefits of the projects including any risk/safety issues, social/community impact and environmental impacts
- Any other relevant information to enable Council to make an informed decision.

If you would like to submit a project for consideration in Council's capital works program, or 2024/2025 operating budget, then please lodge your submission marked "2024/2025 Budget Submission" with Council by **Friday 16th February 2025**.

Submissions can be lodged by mail to: Team Leader Finance, Kentish Council, PO Box 63, SHEFFIELD TAS 7306 or by e-mail to: council@kentish.tas.gov.au.

AUSTRALIA DAY & VOLUNTEER AWARDS

Nominations are now being called for –

- Australia Day Citizen of the Year;
- Young Citizen of the Year;
- Community Event of the Year;
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- Recognition of Outstanding Service by a Volunteer; and
- Volunteer Encouragement Award.

Guidelines and application forms are available from Council's website at www.kentish.tas.gov.au or by contacting Darren Harris on 6491 0200 during business hours.

Applications close on **20th December 2024**.

CRADLE COAST CAT ENCLOSURE SUBSIDY PROJECT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH TASSIECAT

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CHRISTMAS CLOSURES

Council Office and Depot

The Council Office will be closed for the Christmas/New Year period from **1pm Tuesday 24th December 2024** and will reopen at **8am Tuesday 2nd January 2025**. Council's Depot will also be closed over the same period. Emergencies should be directed to the Call Centre on 6491 0200.

Waste Transfer Stations

The Waste Transfer Stations will be closed on Christmas Day – **Wednesday 25th December 2024**. All other opening/closing times for the Waste Transfer Stations will be as normal.

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DOGS IN FOOD BUSINESSES

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NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of Council will be held at the Council office on **Tuesday 17th December 2024** commencing at 6:00pm.

CHRISTMAS WISHES

At the close of another year the Mayor, Councillors, General Manager and Staff extend to all residents and ratepayers a warm and happy Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

Rebecca White stands for Lyons

By Rebecca White MP

I am excited to be endorsed as the Labor candidate for Lyons for the upcoming Federal election. This is my home, it's where I grew up, where I'm raising my family and where I've spent years working hard for our community at the state level.

I'm running for Lyons because I believe regional Tasmania deserves a dedicated and relentless voice in Canberra—someone who will fight for fairness, equality and the values that matter most to our community. The cost of living, housing and access to health care are issues that people care deeply about and I want to be part of a Labor government that will tackle them head on and keep delivering improvements.

I grew up on a farm in regional Tasmania, where hard work was taught from an early age. On the farm you have to be able to figure things out when it gets tough or goes wrong. You can't give up, because there is no backup. There's no maintenance department you can call if the tractor breaks down when you're out in the paddock or when the fence breaks and the stock is getting out.

These values of hard work have shaped who I am today and were the driving force behind my decision to enter politics. I know that progress is achieved through determination and by working together. I approach everything I do with that mindset. When I first ran for Parliament, it was because I believed our region deserved a local voice - someone who would never give up on fighting for our needs.

Whether it's addressing the housing crisis, improving education, or getting the infrastructure we need. I've always been dedicated to making a real difference.

It's no secret I have faced challenges along the way but I've never backed down from a fight and I will continue to stand up for what matters if elected as your Federal MP.

Regional Tasmania is a part of who I am, I know how the system works and I can make it work for us if I'm elected to represent you in Canberra.

Labor has delivered nationally and here in Tasmania but much more is still to be done. The next election is a chance to build on that progress by investing in services and infrastructure that grow our economy, create jobs and improve lives.



By Brian Mitchell, federal member for Lyons

Rebecca White is a terrific choice. Tough, smart, experienced and hard-working, Rebecca will work hard to ensure Labor retains the seat of Lyons, and she will be a significant contributor in a re-elected Albanese Labor Government.

Whilst I am saddened to be leaving the parliament and a job I've loved for eight and a half years, I am genuinely excited at the prospect of Rebecca White joining the federal Labor Caucus. Rebecca is a once-in-a-generation talent and will be a terrific representative for regional Tasmania in Canberra.

I have been proud to be part of a Labor government which in its first term has created 1 million new jobs, two big Labor budget surpluses, dramatically reduced inflation, got wages moving again and delivered bigger and better tax cuts.

I would like to thank my staff (and former staff) for the incredible work they've done since 2016, assisting countless constituents and sometimes literally transforming lives. And I thank all those Labor volunteers and campaigners who've doorknocked and made calls and who've allowed me to litter their front yards with posters.

Most of all, I'd like to thank the electors of Lyons for putting their trust in me for the past eight and a half years. I've never taken even one day for granted.

A festive Christmas card with a white background and a red border. It features a large, stylized 'Merry Christmas' in red script. To the left is a gold and white Christmas ornament. To the right is a branch of a Christmas tree with red and gold ornaments. In the bottom right corner is a portrait of Brian Mitchell, a man with grey hair, smiling, wearing a blue shirt and a grey jacket. At the bottom left, the text 'Brian Mitchell MP' is written in large red letters, with 'Federal Member for Lyons' in smaller red letters below it. To the right of this is the Labor Party logo, which consists of the word 'Labor' in white on a red background, followed by a blue square with white stars. At the very bottom, in small black text, it says 'Authorised by Brian Mitchell MP, ALP, 28 Green Point Road Bridgewater TAS 7030.'

Quinn stars for Australia in futsal comp



The Australian 11-year-old girls team has won the Unity Futsal Cup in Malaysia, with Sheffield student Quinn Sullivan captaining the team in the first match.

The Aussies defeated LTiga Academy Kitang Jaya 9:0 and SK Matang Jaya Deunamyst 14:0 in the tournament

Her mother, Carly, who has travelled to Malaysia with husband Matt, said the team spent a week in Kuching, Sarawak, for the two friendly matches.

“As part of the tour, players are also immersed in the Malaysian culture,” Carly said. “Quinn was lucky enough to see several orangutans close up in the Borneo jungle.”

The second half of the tour is in the capital, Kuala Lumpur, where the competition is set to be much tougher than the first week. “Humidity in the nineties has been an adjustment for us little Tasmanians!” Carly said.

She was pleased Quinn had made friendships with the other players. “It’s so lovely Quinn has connected on what’s app with some Malaysian players so she will be able to keep in contact with them.”



Quinn proudly holds the Sarawak Unity Cup.

RAILTON SQUASH CENTRE

Located in Gilbin Street, Railton, we would encourage locals and visitors to Kentish to utilise this wonderful community asset, through the ‘casual hire process’. Tokens operate the lights for the squash courts and are available from the Railton Motor & Tyre Service.

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SHEFFIELD CRICKET CLUB



Our club has continued with its good start to the season. Our 1st Grade side is currently playing in the Greater Northern Competition where each of the North and North West sides play each other until Christmas with the top four sides then playing off in the finals.

At this stage we have had four wins, one loss and one washout. We have had recent wins over both Burnie and South Launceston, Against Burnie, we were 6 for 162 when we passed the Burnie total. Eli Connelly scored 33, Clayton Campbell 36 not out and Marc Simonds 39 not out.

Against South Launceston, they batted first and scored 177 with Marc Simonds taking 4 for 24. Sheffield scored 3 for 183 with Alex King scoring 105 not out and Marc Simonds 32 NO.

Our 2nd grade side is currently on top of the ladder. In Round 4 we played Burnie and bowled them out for 107 with Dayne Suna taking 3 for 22, Jacob Woodcock 3 for 25 and Hugh Clarkson 3 for 18. Josh Aikman scored 60 not out to help us get 3 for 110 when we passed their score.

Against Latrobe we bowled them out for 156 with Josh Marshall taking 4 for 28. Sheldon Parker scored 45 with the highlight being Ethan Duff and Maklyn Jones combining for an undefeated last wicket partnership of 41 to win the game.

We again played Burnie in Round 6, bowling them out for 134 with Jacob Woodcock taking 4 for 27. Sheffield were 4 for 135 when we passed their score with Blake Fidler top scoring on 58.

Our Ladies have won two of their three games to date. In Round 1, we played Devonport at home. Devonport batted first and scored 9 for 72 with Georgia King taking 4 for 11 and Melissa Longcake 2 for 3. We obtained the target with only two wickets down. Georgia Anderson top scored with 23.

In Round 2 we played Latrobe also at home. We batted first and scored 9 for 97. Melissa Longcake top scored with 24. We then bowled Latrobe out for 27 with Melissa Longcake taking 4 for 4 and Lucy Foote 2 for 6.

In Round 3 we played Wynyard at Wynyard. They batted first and scored 4 for 100. Unfortunately, we were bowled out for 66 runs.

Our under 16 side scored 7 for 204 against Wynyard with Simeon May scoring 61 and Jack Ritter 42. We then bowled Wynyard out for 67. Joe Sullivan took 2 for 0 and Beau Woodiwiss 2 for 17.

We were then defeated by Burnie who scored 104, Maklyn Jones took 3 for 18, Tyson Crawford 2 for 9 and Simeon May 2 for 13. We were bowled out for 79 with Roland Skirving top scoring with 27.



Under 16 players Simeon May (left) and Jack Ritter.

In Round 5, Latrobe batted first and scored 6 for 255. We could only manage 109 with Xavier Duff scoring 25 and Maklyn Jones scoring 24.

This season our club has two Under 12 sides with both teams performing well. Our Woolworths blast program for the younger ones is also up and running each Saturday morning.

RAILTON BOWLS

We have had some new bowlers arrive at the club this year and we would like to welcome them and wish them all the best. We have also had some leave, we also wish them all the best.

We have started out pretty strong for the year, last week the ladies would like to forget, again that's bowls.

If anyone would like to have a try at the game, come along on a Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday or give us a ring on the club phone and leave a message, phone 6496 1347

We would like to thank our sponsors, they are fantastic: Cement Australia, The Hub, Anvers Chocolates, Mike Gaffney MLC, Stihl Shop Devonport and Railton Motor and Tyre.

We all know without these businesses supporting small clubs, we would likely have to close doors. Please support them and tell them you are a bowler.

Upcoming events:

The Hub Veterans Day December 3

Cement Australia Day January 19

Mike Gaffney MLC Mixed Carnival February 2

Tommy Donohue Day February 9

We have our breakup on December 21 with Time Out performing from 7-10pm with light meals being served. Band cover charge is \$10, come along for a great night.

- Noelene Purton, Secretary



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SHEFFIELD GOLF

Patron's Day is always a special day, one where we welcome Ian and Thelma Braid back to the Club. Ian (*pictured right with Neil Denney and John Hope*) has been the Patron from inception of the Sheffield Golf Club, such a wonderful achievement and the day ended with a great afternoon tea.

The course is looking fantastic and this is all thanks to the wonderful volunteer grounds staff who keep it at its best.

17/11 1st Rd 27 Hole Foursome Championships

Current Gross Winners are Tony Wootton and Susie Coombs 118 on a countback from Noel Meyers and Lu Proud 118

Current Nett Winners are Tony Wootton and Susie Coombs with 94 nett from Glen Connors and Denise Morgan 99 nett

Monthly Medal Winners

Members: Sponsored by IGA Everyday Sheffield was won by Rodney Von Stieglitz with 63 nett from Jason Crosswell 64 nett.

Vets: Sponsored by Sheffield Tyre & Mechanical was won by Peter Orchard with 66 nett from Lyell Hardwicke 69 nett on a countback from Bob Coleman 69 nett

Ladies: Sponsored by Lu Proud was won by Denise Morgan with 71 nett from Janice Williams 72 nett

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

Members:

26/10 Patron's Day Stableford was won by John Hope with 37 pts from Helen Lloyd-Jones 36 pts

9/11 Stableford was won by David Jago with 40 pts on a countback from Matthew Knight 40 pts on a countback from Doug Callander 40 pts

16/11 Sherriff Family Ambrose 4, always a popular day. Winners were Drew Holden, Kobi Holden, Ron Moore and Phil Wallace with 53.375 nett from Susie Coombs, Peter Orchard, Doug Callander and Gerry Hopkins with 53.5

Vets:

22/10 Pinehurst was won by Allan Duncan and Michael Meaney with 65.625 nett from Craig Boutcher and Lyle Thomas with 69.25 nett

29/10 Ambrose won by Janice Williams, Susie Coombs, Kathy



Davies and Robyn Jones with 58.375 from David Jago, Lyle Thomas and Ron Duff with 58.833

12/11 Stableford was won by Craig Denney with 41 pts on a countback from Michael Chatwin 41 pts

19/11 4BBB was won by Denise Morgan and Rowan Sherriff with 44 pts on a countback from Brett Coombs and Tony Wootton 44 pts

Ladies:

Firstly, we have to mention that Helen Lloyd-Jones represented our Club in the NWGT Gala Day at Port Sorell and won the Silver Spoon with 69 nett - Congratulations Helen.

Secondly, Denise Morgan and Janice Williams recently represented the Club at NW Bay in the Bronze Stableford where Denise came in 6th overall with 33 pts and combined they had 61 pts placing them in 5th position.

These results are a huge achievement for our Club. Well done Helen, Denise and Janice, you all did us proud.

22/10 2nd Rd of Foursomes Championships was won by Judy Denney and Anna Balestrieri with 71.5 nett from Janice Williams and Lu Proud 73 nett

29/10 3rd Rd Foursomes Championships was won by Judy Denney and Anna Balestrieri with 69 nett from Geneen Duff and Helen Lloyd-Jones with 70 nett

Overall winners:

Gross Winners Helen Lloyd-Jones and Geneen Duff with 272 gross from Judy Denney and Anna Balestrieri with 299 gross
Nett Winners Judy Denney and Anna Balestrieri with 217 nett from Helen Clarke and Denise Morgan with 219.5 nett

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.

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RAILTON PARKRUN



Phil Dolan of Kimberly is a regular volunteer at the Railton parkrun. He is generally found in the gazebo in Lions Park where he is in charge of bar code scanning to record participants' times each week.

In mid-November, Phil had volunteered at 197 events, all at Railton. "It's a nice way to spend a Saturday morning, while helping the community," he said.

We thank Phil for his contribution, and we are confident his milestone of 200 will be celebrated in a very deserving manner.

Come along and participate in our family-friendly event every Saturday morning at 9am. It is a free, community event where you can walk, jog or run in an idyllic bush setting.

We meet at 8:50am at the Skye's Sanctuary entrance on Kimberly Road. It is vital that any new participants attend the briefing, as key safety issues are covered.

A big thank you to everyone who participated in the Parkrun this year as well all those who volunteered to ensure the event can go ahead each week.

An invitation is extended to all to share a little Christmas spirit by wearing your best Christmas outfit on Saturday, December 21. Hope to see you there.

"Merry Christmas and best wishes for the festive season!"

- from the Railton parkrun community

SHEFFIELD BOWLS

The month of November has seen mixed results on the green for our players. We are sitting mid-range on the ladder but there are a lot of games to be played yet.

We will once again have our Christmas Raffle and will be selling tickets outside the chemist throughout December.

Our clubrooms are having an unexpected renovation with a car going through our kitchen wall causing a bit of damage inside, nothing that can't be fixed and no-one was injured.

We wish all the Kentish community and your extended families a wonderful Christmas and a fantastic 2025.

- Rosie Bassett, Secretary

SHEFFIELD LIBRARY

The Big Summer Read at Libraries Tasmania provides the opportunity to win prizes, share book reviews and be part of an online reading club over the summer holidays.

The Big Summer Read is an interactive and fun way for children and young people to read over the school holidays.

By joining, children and young people can:

- track the number of books they read
- write book reviews
- complete a range of reading related challenges
- win prizes!

Registrations are now open for the Big Summer Read, which runs from Sunday, December 1, to Sunday, February 2, 2025.

To join, complete the registration form on the Readbooks.com.au site. If you need help to register, drop in and see our staff at Sheffield Library. (Closed December 25-January 1)

You can log your reading progress from December 1 as you aim to read at least 10 books over the summer break. You'll join readers from across Tasmania, Victoria and Queensland as part of this fun reading challenge.

The Big Summer Read is a Public Libraries Victoria initiative to stop "the summer reading slide", where children and young people lose literacy skills over the summer holidays.

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your family!

My office will be closed for the holidays; from 4:30pm on Friday 20 December, 2024, and reopening at 9am on Monday 20 January, 2025.

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CLAUDE ROAD MARKET

Our Christmas market will be held from 9am to 1pm on **Saturday, December 14**. We will have a hall full of great gift ideas – and lots of stallholders outside if the weather is fine.

Come along and do some shopping, then grab something delicious from the kitchen.

For those of you who are unable to attend the market, the Claude Road Memorial Hall Committee wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

A MESSAGE FROM KIM

Buying Food from the Kitchen at Claude Road Market

Once upon a time, the kitchen at Claude Road Market did not sell takeaway food. There were tables set up inside and outside for people to socialise and dine after shopping at the market stalls. If there were no tables free, people shared tables with others they had never met and made new friends.

When Covid hit it was necessary to change how things worked, so the sale of food became primarily a takeaway experience to enforce social distancing and this became the new modus operandi.

The community embraced the new experience and the hall's following grew exponentially. People started coming very early and buying enormous amounts of the affordable, home-cooked food. People would come in and want to buy a whole cheesecake or a whole tray of food.

These large purchases resulted in the kitchen being sold out early in the day. When someone turned up at 11.30am for an early lunch, they faced a big 'Sold Out' sign. Some customers have complained and suggested that we just 'make more food'. What few people realise is that most of the food is made by one volunteer working very long hours in the lead-up to the market.

If it were just about the money, this would not be a problem but the aim of the market is to bring community together.



Our intention is to provide affordable food to as much of the community as we can, not just to sell food and make money.

We started setting limits (only two of any single item) but there were still people coming back over and over to fill up large containers. We have now decided to restrict the amount of takeaway food people are able to buy. We will also hold back half of the food for sale later in the morning. These limits will apply from the Christmas market on December 14.

The alternative to setting limits is to increase the prices of our food to a level which discourages those looking for bargain food. We have resisted this because we understand that there are many in the community who are struggling. There will always be exceptions to these rules and application can be made to exceed these limits in exceptional circumstances to be determined by any volunteer working in the kitchen.

We hope people understand that we just want everyone to come to the market, support the amazing stallholders, and either sit and enjoy a bite to eat or take away a treat for later.

- Kim Johnson, Claude Road Memorial Hall Committee

HUB REPORT

Thank you to the RSL for the great Christmas Dinner for our volunteers.

We still have Christmas items available, plus lots of other bargains.

We will close for our Christmas break from Friday, December 20 and open again on Monday, January 6.

Recent donations:

- Tandara Lodge \$1000
- Kentish Pony & Hack Club \$2000
- Kentish Rodeo Association \$1000

Thank you for your support during this busy year, and our best wishes for a safe Christmas Season and for 2025.

- The Committee

KENTISH PROBUS CLUB

There will be no meeting in December for the Kentish Probus Club as it's the Christmas Luncheon at the Sheffield RSL Club on Tuesday, December 10, at noon.

We will resume normal meetings in 2025 on the second Tuesday of each month at the Sheffield Bowls Club from 10am.

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

SHEFFIELD RSL SUB-BRANCH

Our Christmas dinner is on Monday, December 2. Our next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting on Monday, February 3, at 7pm. All positions will be declared vacant and we look forward to some new blood on the committee.

The club BBQ is progressing steadily and thank you to Chris Fitzmaurice, who operated Steve's little digger and to Taztanks for the use of the laser level and tipper truck. The equipment was very much appreciated.

On behalf of our committee, I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Lest We Forget

- George MacDonald, President



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COMMUNITY NOTES

GRANTS BOOST MEN'S SHEDS

The Tasmanian Government is supporting the State's important Men's Sheds to continue the work they do to provide a place for connection in the community.

Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing and Minister for Community Services, Roger Jaensch, said the State's 71 Men's Sheds are places of learning, sharing and connecting with others, and much more.

"Many of those who are connected to Men's Sheds across Tasmania have found themselves at a shed because someone suggested they drop in and find out what it's all about," Mr Jaensch said. "Some of those people have since told me that the Men's Shed, and the people they met there, saved their life.

"To help our local sheds play this life-changing role, the Tasmanian Government is providing \$175,000 in grants each year for the next two years. The grants are to help Men's Sheds replace tools and equipment and to support health and wellbeing programs at the Sheds.

"These grants are expected to open before the end of this month, and I encourage local sheds to get their projects and upgrades in mind and start fine-tuning details for their applications.

"As part of the Tasmanian Government's 2030 Strong Plan for Tasmania's Future, we have also committed to a \$1 million capital investment program to support Shed upgrades."

During a visit to Kentish Community Men's Shed, Mr Jaensch said the Tasmanian Government has been a long-time supporter of Men's Sheds in the community.

"We've invested more than \$70,000 over the past 10 years into upgrading and improving the Kentish Community Men's Shed because we understand the important role it plays in its local community," Mr Jaensch said.

He said the volunteers and facilities at all Men's Sheds are

KENTISH MEN'S SHED

If you happen to wander past our shed on Spring Street, you will notice, by the gate to Redwater Creek, a rather handsome rail car. Just arrived from the West Coast, this wonderful piece of railway history dates back some 120 years and ferried miners to and from the Comstock mine fields near Queenstown.

The carriage is in excellent condition considering its age but the West Coast weather has made its mark and the Men's Shed has taken on the task of replacing rotted timbers and the Redwater Creek members will, with loving care, repaint her thus preserving this remarkable survivor for future generations.

In the schedule of works is a thorough renovation of her roof by Bauke at Sheffield Mechanical and Tyre whose expertise will certainly ensure a first-class job.

Recent visitors to the shed were Roger Jaensch MHA and Steve Parry candidate for Montgomery. Mr Jaensch used this occasion to announce a new round of grant opportunities to be administered by the Tasmanian Men's Shed Association.

Our members were pleased to respond to a request from Cassandra at Kentish House for a garden shed complete with shelving. The Knights Templar had a splendid time at the recent Medaeval Fair and Bannons' Forge did a roaring trade as BJ Pedersen repaired damaged armour and weaponry.

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We have recently helped a family who were unable to maintain their yard. It had got out of hand, so a few members arrived with mowers and slashers and got it under control. The family now has a mower and the ability to maintain it themselves.

We also helped a young family with firewood and money for medical expenses. One family member has been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer and will need significant medical treatment.

We have completed our TERC (Tasmanian Endurance Riders Club) catering commitments for 2024. This catering has provided \$5000 which we will use to support the community.

We've also catered at Muralfest, Check 'em Out and Cethana Power station tours. We will be catering a clearance sale in Cables Road on December 6 and running the annual



Lion Wally Crosswell shares his onion chopping skills with Heather Eiszele at the Cethana Open Day.

Sheffield Christmas Parade on December 13. We support our community with members who volunteer at these events.

LIONS motto is To Serve. If you would like to know more about LIONS or are considering becoming a LION, contact us at kentishlions@gmail.com

WORKING ART SPACE SHEFFIELD

Sheffield Art Gallery – 6 Pioneer Crescent, Sheffield
Chasing the Light

For the months of December and January, the Gallery will be exhibiting the works of Evelyn Antonsen.

This exhibition will show works in several media using various techniques to portray the wonderfully varied Tasmanian atmosphere.

Opening hours: 10 am to 3 pm daily.



Working Art Space – 4-6 Albert Street, Sheffield

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Cethana opens its spillways to public

Members of the public saw first-hand how clean energy is generated when they went behind the scenes at Cethana Power Station on November 23.

Hydro Tasmania welcomed a capacity crowd of more than 170 people at the Cethana Open Day.

Participants were taken on a tour inside the underground station and got a close-up look at the 110m high Cethana Dam wall and massive spillway.

Cethana has been selected as the site for Tasmania's first proposed pumped hydro project and tour leaders detailed how it would work and what makes Cethana the ideal location.

The proposed project at Cethana would have a generating capacity of 750MW and provide up to 20 hours of storage.

Hydro Tasmania's Executive General Manager of People, Culture and Engagement Ruth Groom said open days are an important opportunity to connect with the community.

"Open days allow us to take the community behind the scenes and show them how we use water to keep the lights on in Tasmania," said Ms Groom.

"It's also a great chance for the community to learn about the next generation of hydropower with our exciting vision for building pumped hydro at Cethana."

Cethana Power Station was commissioned in 1971 and has a generating capacity of 100MW.

It is one of eight power stations in the run-of-river Mersey-Forth catchment in northwest Tasmania.

Water flows directly from a river and cascades through eight power stations, using the same water to generate energy multiple times.

The team from Hydro Tasmania's education program Generation Hydro were also on site at the open day to provide Hydropower 101 talks and colouring activities for children.



Hydro staff Marshall Maher, Matt Hodgetts and Peter Ford.

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Evelyn Antonysen
Exhibiting from 4 Dec 2024 through to the end of January 2025. Evelyn's exhibition is entitled **'Chasing the Light'**.
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PLAY

- Cycle down massive mountains, fossick for gemstones or explore an old hydro station on a west-coast adventure with RoamWild Tasmania.
- Explore exhibitions, gifts and a world-class ship simulator at Bass Strait Maritime Centre in Devonport, beside the wild north-west coastline.
- Journey through rugged rainforest on the West Coast Wilderness Railway, combining honey tastings with gold panning and fascinating historical commentary.



West and north west

EVENTS

- Thu 10 Dec – Thu 26 Dec: Glide upon the Summer on Ice skating rink at Ulverstone Wharf with your family and friends.
- Mon 23 Dec: Soak up live music, local produce and festive cheer at the Twilight Christmas Market on picturesque Mount Gnomon Farm.



Mount Gnomon Farm



Palawa Kipli

EAT & DRINK

- Join a Palawa Kipli tour at Risdon Cove to smell, touch, taste and learn about Tasmanian Aboriginal bush tucker.
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- Sit in the sun beside swaying eucalypts and feast on Bruny Island Cheese and Beer Co.'s artisan platters and brews.

STAY

- Relax into a family-friendly farmstay at award-winning Currunga Farm in historic Hamilton, an hour from Hobart.
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- Switch off and seek sanctuary in nature at Hunter Huon Valley, a luxe cabin nestled among beautiful bushland.



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Port Arthur Lavender

PLAY

- Walk through the tree canopy, brave swing bridges, or stroll accessible and pet-friendly walks at Tahune Airwalk near Geeveston.
- Wander through wafting purple fields at Port Arthur Lavender and try flower-inspired fare. Peak lavender season is in December and January.
- Prepare to be provoked at Mona's *Namedropping* exhibition in Hobart which explores our fascination with fame and status.



Hobart and south

EVENTS

- Thu 26 Dec – Thu 2 Jan: Enjoy front-row seats as courageous crews race for line honours glory in the Sydney Hobart Yacht Race.
- Sat 28 Dec – Sat 4 Jan: Celebrate Tassie's smorgasbord of fresh food and wine at Tasmania's Taste of Summer and catch Hobart's New Year fireworks.



Tasmania's Taste of Summer



Devil's Corner

EAT & DRINK

- Taste premium east-coast wine, pizza and seafood and drink up vast vineyard views at Devil's Corner Cellar Door in Apslawn.
- On your next road trip, pull in at the Fish Van in Triabunna for tasty fresh-caught fish and chips.
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STAY

- Immerse in nature at Slow River's peaceful, self-contained accommodation, including a modern kitchen and specialty coffee-brewing equipment.
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Slow River



Easy Tiger

PLAY

- Discover the island's rich birdlife and wildlife on a multi-day trip to Mount William National Park with Birdwatching Tours Tasmania.
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EVENTS

- Sun 15 Dec: Browse the bric-a-brac at St Marys Market for locally crafted artisan pieces, preserves and produce.
- Sat 21 Dec: Waubs Bay forms the shimmering backdrop for the Christmas Bicheno Community Market, featuring live music at twilight.



Waubs Bay Beach



Timbre Kitchen

EAT & DRINK

- Indulge in paddock-to-plate fine food at Grain of the Silos in Peppers Silo Hotel, with produce sourced from local farms.
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STAY

- Shack in the Dunes is a peaceful retreat filled with collected and local treasures, and a private backyard sand dune.
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Shack in the Dunes



Treetops Adventure Hollybank

PLAY

- Art, history and natural science collide at Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery, a cultural hotspot in Launceston.
- At Furneaux Museum on Flinders Island, learn about palawa (Tasmanian Aboriginal) mutton bird traditions, shell necklaces and other cultural artefacts.
- Zipline, segway, high ropes, mountain bike... The choice is yours at Treetops Adventure Hollybank, an action-packed destination in Underwood.



Launceston and north

EVENTS

- Thu 19 Dec: Have a laugh at Music in the Mornings Christmas Special as Theatre North presents their merry carols.
- Tue Dec 31: Welcome the New Year with top brews, indulgent street eats and a performance by Sneaky Sound System at Launceston Beerfest.



Launceston Beerfest

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TASMANIA



Kerry's cosmic universe wins hearts



Self-taught Queensland artist Kerry Nicholson's vision of the magical miniscule won universal acclaim at Mural Fest 2024, taking out both the Judge's and People's prizes.

Sixty-nine-year-old Kerry was awarded both the Inder Prize People's Choice Award (\$10,000) and the Judges Highly Commended Award (\$5000) sponsored by Kentish Council and Slaters Country Store. Gren Freeman took out the Volunteers Choice award (\$1000) sponsored by e-Guide.

Kerry's work, *Those Magic Moments*, aims not just to captivate but to provoke thought, ignite memories and deeper reflections. "I decided to make us, the earth, the miniscule, as we live in an infinite universe," he said of this year's theme, the Magic of the Miniscule.

"The painting is an old man but he's a cosmic giant and he is making a miniature village, that's his hobby. He's got a ring on his finger, that is the world, and we live in that split second that it takes for him to move his hand. Time is relative just like size is relative."

A past finalist at Mural Fest, Kerry and his brother Malcolm won the International Mural Fest 2023 People's Choice Award with their mural, *The Spirit of Adventure*.

Over the years, Kerry has secured several winning positions in prestigious mural competitions and has been recognised as runner-up in many art contests in Australia and New Zealand. Kentish Arts Commerce and Tourism is seeking ideas for next year's theme. Email info@muralfest.com.au by December 16.

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Teddy Sheean stands proud in Latrobe

By Guy Barnett, Deputy Premier

As the nation stopped to commemorate Remembrance Day – the life size statue of Ordinary Seaman Teddy Sheean VC was unveiled in Latrobe.

The Chief of Navy, Vice Admiral Mark Hammond AO, Latrobe Council Mayor Peter Freshney, and Teddy Sheean's nephew, Garry Ivory, and I were all on hand to witness the grand reveal.

The day was immense – Edward 'Teddy' Sheean VC is a national hero, he's my hero, and I couldn't be more proud. Teddy, a proud Tasmanian, displayed courage, mateship and sacrifice on 1 December 1942, when HMAS Armidale was under heavy attack by enemy aircraft.

His actions saved many lives, and in 2020, Teddy was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross, Australia's highest military honour.

I want to pay a special thanks to Garry Ivory, the nephew of Teddy Sheean VC, for spearheading the campaign for 32 years.

It was my honour to campaign with Garry, the Sheean family, the RSL, veterans and others for 17 years to secure the Victoria Cross.

And now, immortalised forevermore in Latrobe, Teddy's statue is a defining part of his legacy.

It allows future generations of Tasmanians to gaze upon the face of heroism and reflect on the importance of courage, mateship and sacrifice.

We're fortunate to have this physical reminder of Teddy here in Tasmania – I have written to the Federal Government

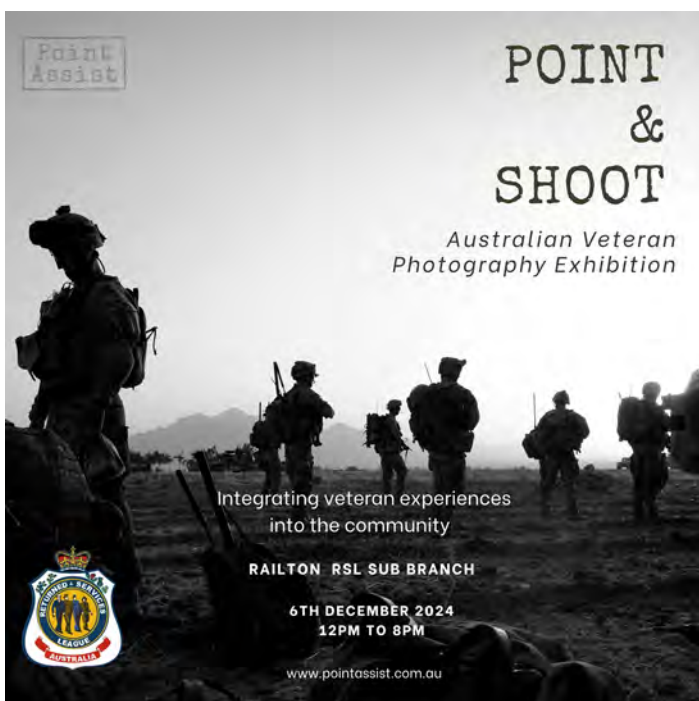


asking that Collins class submarine HMAS Sheean, upon its decommissioning, be gifted to Tasmania, acting as another physical reminder of Teddy's heroism.

I want to thank everyone involved, particularly the Latrobe Council who jointly funded this statue with the State Government. This is a nationally significant monument to a true Australian hero.

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1. Tales' squeak? (5,6)
2. He lies about weight (7)
3. The old tall story (9)
4. Old girl friend put on weight (5)
5. Roundness (8,4)
6. Distressed because forty (9,3)
7. Spoken in garbled fashion about inn (7)
8. Why? Ale brewed illegally (6)
9. Sit (sat at bars) tossed about, out at sea (4,6)
10. Davelly cellar opened in reserve (6,6)



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Seeking info on John & Ellen Hayes

Not long before my father, Leslie Smallbon, passed away, he became very interested in his family tree. He asked me if I'd compile his (I'd been doing my mother's at that time).

My brother is Michael Smallbon, he lives at Nook and reads your wonderful stories in *The Kentish Voice* regularly. He reads them and then passes them onto other people, he tells me.

I wonder if you have any information re: our great-great grandfather on our maternal side, John Hayes and his wife Ellen? They moved to the area around 1880 from the Northdown district.

According to two notices I've found in *The Advocate*, in his later life they were living 2.5km from the Railton Railway Station. It says he came from the Northdown District a few years earlier. (He passed away on 4/10/1904). He had taken up gardening and fruit culture when they moved there, growing large quantities of yellow peaches and other fruit.

I don't know the area but presume it must have been warmer to grow and ripen the fruit. It may have gone to town on the train.

My Dad was very superstitious as was his Mother - he knew they had Irish ancestry but I wish he'd known John came from Tipperary, he would have loved that!

Ann Layton, Ulverstone

Wattle Valley Road library succumbs to weather

Sadly, our Street Library in Wattle Valley Road had to come down. The weather/storms did quite a bit of damage to the fridges etc. Also, the underground water had changed its ways and decided to come up and stay right in front of the fridges. This made using the fridges even more tricky.

Many books were damaged through incoming rain. We had to throw them out. The ones that were still in good/readable condition we took to The Hub. So they are still available to you and our community as well as supporting the wonderful work of The Hub volunteers.

Apologies if this decision causes inconveniences for you. Thank you so much for all your support by using the library.

Many blessings to you all and have a most enjoyable Christmas.

Jan and Renate, Acacia Hills

Editor's Note: The Kentish Voice is available to download or subscribe for free to have a link sent to your inbox each month. Printed copies available at supermarkets and post offices.

Lions Brekky Club program wins award

The Lions Breakfast Club program, where volunteers cater breakfast at Sheffield, Railton and Wilmot schools once a week, has been recognised in the Department for Education, Children and Young People's inaugural Bright Futures awards.

Volunteers recognised have "gone above and beyond and made exceptional contributions to ensure children and young people are known, safe, well and learning".

Lions team members will soon be interviewed and photographed for a video to be shown at the presentation night in Hobart early next year and for use in Bright Futures materials and resources.

Kentish Garden Club president Jennifer Stackhouse reports:

In late November, Kentish Garden Club donated \$400 to the Lions Club to help fund Sheffield School's Breakfast Club. The funds were raised through community events, including Sheffield FlowerFEST and Kentish GardenFEST.

The garden club raised a further \$81 in loose change donations from visitors to the open gardens during the recent Kentish GardenFEST 2024.

Jan Crosswell from Lions, who organises the Breakfast Club, says that \$80 covers breakfast for several days for the kids.

The Breakfast Club relies on donations from local businesses and volunteers to serve up a nutritious and tasty breakfast to the young students three times a week.



Garden Club members Sue Long and Peter Male with Robin Bricknell and Jan Crosswell from Lions Breakfast Club.

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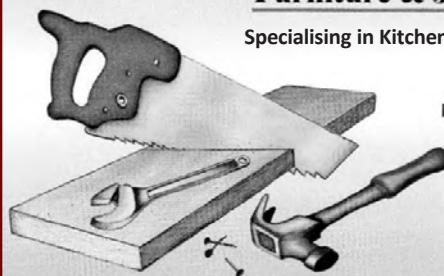
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MRLC sets 2000 tree target for 2025



Mount Roland Land Care (MRLC) will continue its tree planting program in 2025,

and already there is strong interest from landholders. The tree planting is supported by the Tasmanian Government's Healthy Tas program, and in 2025 we have a target of planting 2000 more trees.

Only a few landholder spaces remain for 2025, and MRLC is now calling for expressions of interest from landowners who may be interested in participating.

We are seeking expressions of interest from landowners with four types of sites, particularly: farmland; beside streams, rivers or waterways; on steeper slopes where there is a risk of soil creep (or soil slump); shelterbelts on farms; and in areas where patches of remnant bushland can be connected by new plantings.

It's a bonus if the site is in a highly visible location, where it will be easily seen by the public and serve as a demonstration site that inspires other landowners to do similar things.

The project is a partnership between the landholder, MRLC and volunteer tree planters. The landholder is responsible for site preparation, including fencing (to exclude browsing animals), weed control and ongoing maintenance once the seedlings are planted.

MRLC provides the plants, guards, mats and stakes and, if needed, technical assistance to the landowner with advice on species selection and planting layout.

MRLC also organises a public tree planting day, where the seedlings are planted, guarded and watered in as necessary. Volunteers participate in the public tree planting day – typically a Saturday from 10am. The tree planters also enjoy a lunch provided by the landholder as a thank you for their efforts.



MRLC Treasurer Geoff Page erects shelter guards.

If the land is appropriate, MRLC can assist by:

- guiding the process of site selection and preparation
- providing a range of plants (in the 10s or 100s), plus guards, stakes and weed mats
- facilitating a public tree-planting day (by volunteers)
- providing guidance for ongoing maintenance.

To express your interest, please visit the MRLC website at <https://www.mountrolandlandcare.org.au/trees-2024-eoi> or email secretary@mountrolandlandcare.org.au



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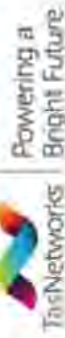
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10.00am – 3.30pm: CHSP @ KAAC * 12.30pm – 1.00pm: Mindfulness Session @ Breathers, Zoom ** 6.30pm – 8.30pm: Adults Support Young People Peer Group Chat (25's & up) @ Headspace online 6.30pm – 9.45pm: Navigating Relationships Peer Group Chat (12-25's) @ Headspace online	9.00am – 11.30am: Playgroup @ KH 10.00am – 3.00pm: CHSP @ KAAC * 10.30am – 11.30am: Fitness Class @ LBCH */** 6.30pm – 9.45pm: Headspace Peer Group Chat (LGBTIQA+ & allies, 12-25's) @ Headspace online	9.30am – 11.00am: Food pick up for Kentish residents @ KH 12.00pm: Tai Chi @ Railton RSL Sub-Branch 6.30pm – 9.45pm: General Coping Peer Group Chat (12-25's) @ Headspace online	9.00am – 1.00pm: Kentish Men's Shed 10.30am – 11.30am: Fitness Class @ LBCH */** 11.00am – 1.30pm: Domestic & Family Violence Support Group for Women & Non-Binary @ ACAP, online ** 3.00pm – 4.30pm: Green Room (Youth 11-17's) @ Sheffield Youth Centre 6.30pm – 9.45pm: Yarnspace Peer Group Chat (A&TSL 12-25's) @ Headspace online	9.00am – 11.00am: Craft Group @ KH 9.00am – 12.00pm: Kentish Men's Shed	9.00am – 11.00am: Craft Group @ KH 9.00am – 12.00pm: Kentish Men's Shed
Specific Mondays	Specific Tuesdays	Specific Wednesdays	Specific Thursdays	Specific Fridays	Specific Weekends
23rd 9.00am – 12.00pm: Christmas Hamper pick up today @ KH ** Note: All services/programs are free unless marked with an *. No bookings required unless marked with an *. This calendar is a condensed version of the monthly Kentish health services update; if you would like a PDF or printed copy of this month's update, please contact Kentish House: Ruby on 0497 780 216 or Cassandra on 0447 325 343 Proudly sponsored by:  ACCESS 2 Health Services Tasmanian Government The Access to Health Services Project received funding from the Australian Government  Kentish House Powering a Bright Future  TasNetworks  Kentish Voice	3rd 9.00am – 11.00am: KIDS Parenting Support (Playgroup) @ KH 12.00pm – 1.00pm: International Students' Wellbeing Group @ ACAP, Zoom ** 12.00pm – 1.30pm: Recovery Basics: The Impact of Disasters on Communities & Individuals @ Online, Webinar ** 12.55pm – 3.30pm: Providing an Inclusive Practice & Community for LGBTIQA+ People, Session 1 @ KRC, Online */** 7.00pm – 7.40pm: Breathwork @ Flow Institute Australia, Zoom ** 10th 12.00pm – 1.00pm: International Students' Wellbeing Group @ ACAP, Zoom ** 12.00pm – 1.30pm: Recovery Basics: Introduction to Communicating in Recovery @ Online, Webinar ** 24th KH closing at 12pm today, reopening 14th January 2025	4th Joy of Hearing today at RH */** 10.00am – 12.00pm: Strong Families, Safe Kids @ KH 12.00pm – 1.30pm: Recovery Basics: Working in Recovery @ Online, Webinar ** 12.55pm – 3.30pm: Providing an Inclusive Practice & Community for LGBTIQA+ People, Session 2 @ KRC, Online */** 11th Services Australia (Centrelink) Bus will be in Sheffield today 10.00am – 12.00pm: NDIS Mission Australia @ KH 18th Services Australia (Centrelink) Bus will be in Railton today 9.00am – 11.00am: Early Childhood Care Coordinator (Playgroup) @ KH 25th Sheffield Medical Clinic is closed today	5th FEET2U Footcare Services today at RH */** 9.30am – 11.00am: KH & RH Community Outreach @ Men's Shed 12.00pm – 1.30pm: Recovery Basics: Looking After Yourself During & After Disasters @ Online, Webinar ** 12.55pm – 3.30pm: Providing an Inclusive Practice & Community for LGBTIQA+ People, Session 3 @ KRC, Online */** 6.30pm – 9.45pm: Work & Study Peer Group Chat (12-25's) @ Headspace online 12th NILS appointments not available today @ KH 7.00pm – 8.00pm: Carer Connections Peer Support Group @ online via Carer gateway ** 19th LBCH Fitness Classes finish today, resuming 7th January 2025 9.00am – 2.00pm: Christmas Hamper pick up today @ KH ** 6.30pm – 9.45pm: Work & Study Peer Group Chat (12-25's) @ Headspace online 26th Sheffield Medical Clinic is closed today	6th 5.30pm – 7.30pm: Munting Taekwondo @ Sheffield School Gym * 13th NILS appointments not available today @ KH Sheffield Christmas Parade 20th KRC closing today, reopening 13th January 2025 9.00am – 1.30pm: Christmas Hamper pick up today @ KH ** Specific Weekends 28th Saturday 11.00am – 12.30pm Mr Perfect BBQ @ Sheffield Health Park (Blacksmiths Café if weather bad) A&TSL: Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander FB: Facebook – Kentish House & Sheffield Noticeboard KAAC: Kentish Adult Activity Centre KH: Kentish House LBCH: Lower Barrington Community Hall NILS: No Interest Loan Scheme RH: Rural Health	Specific Weekends 28th Saturday 11.00am – 12.30pm Mr Perfect BBQ @ Sheffield Health Park (Blacksmiths Café if weather bad) A&TSL: Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander FB: Facebook – Kentish House & Sheffield Noticeboard KAAC: Kentish Adult Activity Centre KH: Kentish House LBCH: Lower Barrington Community Hall NILS: No Interest Loan Scheme RH: Rural Health
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Settlers chase golden dreams in

The Beulah district is bounded on its east side by the Mersey River, on its west side by the Dasher River, on its north side by the Kentish Bridle Track Rd and on its south side by Union Bridge Rd, which connects Paradise and Mole Creek. As part of the County of Devon, the northern half of Beulah was designated the Parish of Roland and the southern half the Parish of Loxere. Within this uninhabited bushland, Foster Estate was granted land, often several miles wide, adjoining the eastern side of the Dasher River and stretching all the way from Paradise to Kimberley. In 1863 when the Deloraine district became the first municipality established on the Northwest coast, it included the Beulah and Paradise districts. It was only after floods washed away all the wooden bridges on the Mersey River several times, taking many months to be replaced, that it became apparent, in 1908, that Beulah and Paradise were better served as part of the new Kentish municipality that began in Jan 1908. Following the 1944 floods, it was more than 10 years before Dynan's Bridge was replaced.

First Settlers to North Beulah

As we saw previously, the original settlers to Paradise had to first cross great swathes of bushland belonging to Foster Estate to get to their selections, and the original settlers of Beulah had to do the same thing. About 1877/78, they forded the Dasher River at Duck Marsh off the old Paradise Rd and climbed the long hills eastward through Foster Estate until, on top of the hill, they found excellent fertile land they were free to purchase.

The first settlers were **James (56) & Helen (44) Knowles** with their family of eight boys and one girl, who took up 218 acres northwest of the present township of Beulah. On the next property were **Bassett & Mary (Greenhill) Ferrar** who settled on 320 acres and, adjoining them, **William & Mary Ann Walker** with seven children had another 320 acres. Mary Ann was the daughter of **Thos Johnson Jr** along the Old Paradise Rd & and granddaughter of **Dolly Dalrymple** of Sherwood, Latrobe. These three pioneering families were soon joined by two of **Reuben Austin's** sons, **John and Albert Austin**, on 150 acres and son-in-law **George with wife Alice (Austin) Eagling** on 48 acres. All these families had adjoining properties that stretched from the present-day Golden Gate Rd on top of the hill down to the future township of Beulah. Interestingly, all these families had been converted in revival meetings of the Christian Brethren evangelists in Kentish during 1874–75, and it seems they may have made a collective decision to pioneer this new farming district; not unlike the Wesleyan group of families that first came to Barrington.

Beulah given its Name

Just as Reuben Austin, their well-known friend and father to some of them, had named 'Paradise', so this group of settlers came up with another biblical name, '**Beulah**', for their new district. At the time, Beulah was in common use as a name for substantial homesteads, suggesting 'peacefulness, contentment and bliss.' It first appeared in newspapers in July 1880: 'Beulah is the name of the new settlement south-east from Kentishbury, lying between the Mersey and Dasher Rivers.'

James Knowles held cottage meetings in his house until the mid-1880s when a small split-timber gospel hall was built on John & Albert Austin's farm on the southside of today's Golden Gate Rd. This building doubled as a day school for their children whenever a teacher became available. A few other settlers took up land south of them, but crossing the Dasher

River at Duck Marsh remained the only way in and out of Beulah, necessitating building a rough log bridge. This route remained a very rough track, not suitable for chaise carts, only bullocks or horseback, and after rain Duck Marsh became an impassable bog.

In 1880, when a few government ministers made their first visit to Beulah via Duck Marsh, a meeting held in the 'Beulah Hotel' (probably Knowles's living room) urged the building of a new access route by extending Vinegar Hill Rd down to a more stable crossing place through the Dasher River, but the Minnow Gold Rush changed all that.

Finding Gold in the Minnow

After finding rich gold deposits at Beaconsfield in June 1877, the discovery of gold six months later in the Minnow River by Sheffield prospector **J G (Jack) Johnson** couldn't have had a more dramatic impact on the northern area of our island. In Dec 1877 Jack Johnson quickly sold the general store he had just opened in **Sheffield** to **James Butt**, and along with his brothers **Thomas and Lewis**, and others, they began to explore two promising reefs they believed they had found. **Charles Coleman's** sensational report titled *The Sheffield Gold Fields*, printed in the Examiner on 31 Dec 1877, had its predictable response: gold fever quickly spread, with hundreds of 'hopefuls' rushing to the Minnow River hoping to pick up a quick fortune. They came from Sheffield, Kentish, Latrobe, Railton, Deloraine and Launceston.

The shortest route from Sheffield and Kentish was to leave Old Paradise Rd at the Dasher River and track up what is today Watts Rd over the hill and come down directly on the Minnow goldfields. Railton prospectors formed a rough track from Dick Lowe's bridge, through Stoodley across the Bridal Track Rd and the Dasher River, up through North Beulah and down the Minnow. The most used track brought Deloraine and Launceston prospectors from Dunorlan down across Dynan's Ford at the Mersey River and onto the Minnow goldfields.

'As mining interest waned, farming fever increased.'

The Minnow River drains the top of Mt Roland and after heavy rain, pours down the mountainside in a series of spectacular cascades called the Minnow Falls. From the base of the mountain, the river flows northward between the Gog Range and the Paradise Hills where it crosses Union Track Rd to Mole Creek. The Minnow goldfields commenced here and continued as the Minnow River rounds the western end of the Gog Range and runs eastward through Lower Beulah for a couple of miles parallel to the Gog Range.

Several small tribute creeks running off the side of the Gog Range also contained traces of gold. The goldfields ended where the Minnow turns north to eventually join the Dasher River at the bottom of the Kentish Bridal Track Rd. Today, Lower Beulah Rd follows the route of the Minnow River quite closely from beginning to end.

But there was no quick money, and within a few weeks most of the 'hopefuls' had left, leaving the more committed prospectors to burn the bush for easier access and begin sluicing the gravelly creek bottoms and digging test holes alongside the riverbed. But digging and tunnelling was hard work, and not enough gold

biblical Beulah

By Alan F Dyer

was found. Still, everyone was hoping to find a gold lode where payable gold could be mined.

As the miners grew more confident about where to peg out their claims, the government sent two surveyors to the district. During 1879–1880, one worked on a detailed survey of the entire Minnow River, while the other surveyed a proper road from Dunorlan railway station to the goldfields where he laid out a small township site called Minnow. The surveyors were kept busy granting 10-acre mining leases to more than two dozen groups, the first being **Thomas Johnson** and his three sons, **Thomas Jr, Jack & Lewis** of Sheffield. Other leases listing Sheffield people included: **John & Frank Greenhill, Stephen & Chas Smith, Malcolm Campbell, George Strawberry, Robert Manley, Wm Collard, James & Thomas Boutcher, James Butt** and **Reuben Austin**.

By July 1880, land speculators from Launceston began buying up the big blocks of land, hoping gold might be found on them. They included **W & T C Hawkes** of the Cornwall Hotel, **Benjamin W Campion** (a Longford solicitor), **W Hart** of Harts Hardware and **Harry Birchall**, managing director of A W Birchall's bookstore in Launceston. This was at a time when things looked to be booming. Wm Moore opened a storeroom on his 166-acre block and supplied the miners with meat and bread. There was even talk of building a hotel for the miners.

In Dec 1880, 27 investors formed the **Star of the West Gold Mining Co** and put up £10,000 to purchase mining & milling equipment. Seven investors from Sheffield committed to £650 each. Once, the mine's manager, **William Creelman**, who had been to Deloraine on business, arrived back at the Mersey River only to find it too high to cross. He had to walk upriver to what became known later as Kelly's Cage Rd and cross on a settler's barge, after which he became completely lost for three days and three nights. Shareholders in the **Blair Athol Gold Mining Co**, formed on 9 Dec 1881, all came from Westbury. Blair Athol was one of Britain's greatest racehorses of the 19th century. However, if all these investors thought they had backed winners at the Minnow, they were gravely mistaken.

Minnow/Minnow Name Muddle

Like Mt Rolland/Roland, the Minnow/Minnow River had its spelling problems. Reporting the excitement of finding gold at Beulah, The North West Post newspaper, printed in Latrobe, insisted on spelling it the 'Minnow River'. Earliest handwritten maps had this river marked the Minnow, Monnow and Munnow. Almost certainly it was named after the Monnow River that runs across southern Wales, England. But with all those vowel variations, I guess the surveyor's choice of Minnow River for its permanent name was a reasonable compromise.

First Road into Beulah

After government surveyor **Henry Chambers** surveyed the road from Dunorlan to the Minnow goldfields, the need for a bridge across the Mersey River at Dynan's Ford became an urgent necessity. In March 1882, **Charles Fenton**, the only son of historian **James Fenton** of Forth, won the contract to build this 150ft-wide bridge for £599. Six months later, Chalmers reported that many selectors, anxious to obtain good farmland in Beulah, had taken up 3803 acres, with more applications being made almost daily. **Geo Gregory** from Westwood, near Westbury, began advertising for 50 men to cut down scrub by the acre along the foothills of Gog Range. He had purchased more than a dozen blocks and needed men to scrub and burn

them off so he could sew them down with English grass seed. Some said Gregory would get his money back in one season.

Dynan's Bridge was completed 15 months later in August 1883, but by then the Minnow goldfields were in serious decline. For most mining parties, their results were devastating. The gold specks petered out, and there was no gold reef. The Johnson brothers traced alluvial gold to the higher ground of Mt Gog, but no mining parties could find a payable gold reef. In October 1883, the Star of the West mine was forced to close, and all hands were laid off. But as mining interest waned, farming fever increased. Roads from Paradise, Stoodley and Kimberley opened and the last of Beulah's good land was taken up.

First settlers at Lower Beulah

The first family to take up land in Lower Beulah were **Edward (Ted) & Christiana Sharman** and their seven children. Ted was one of five brothers & one sister belonging to **George & Mary Sharman**, all of whom came from Huntingdonshire, England, aboard the Panama, arriving in Hobart in April 1853. Near New Norfolk, Edward married German immigrant Christiana Hansh in 1867 before all the Sharmans moved north to Blackamore near Weeena. After Ted bought land in Lower Beulah, several other Sharman families followed.

Next came Ted & Christiana's good friends **Thomas & Mary Ann Jessop** with six of their offspring. They were also from Blackamore, where Thomas had been a farm overseer. Their eldest daughter, **Emma Jessop**, had married **Frederick Sharman** back in Oct 1868. Thomas Jessop selected a 200-acre block at the junction of Dynans Bridge Rd and Lower Beulah Rd, which later became the centre of the Lower Beulah settlement. A Methodist family, they had come from Suffolk, England, aboard the 977-ton Whirlwind, arriving in Launceston 31 March 1855.

Charles and Wm Frankcombe from Blackwood Creek behind Bracknell also purchased blocks on the western side of Thos Jessop. Just how close these three earliest families became is indicated by the four weddings held within two months in 1886 at the Wesleyan church, Deloraine. On the same day, 24 March 1886, Chas Frankcombe (21) m Anna Jessop (26) schoolteacher, Alfred Thomas Jessop (21) m Mary Sharman (17) and Chas Sharman (22) m Clara Jessop (23) schoolteacher. Two months later, on 18 May 1886, Wm Henry Frankcombe (23) m Mary Ann Martha Jessop (19).

On 1 Nov 1887, a post office was opened in Mrs **Clara Sharman's** house called the Beulah Post Office. The mail was carried in nine miles from the Dunorlan railway station by Thomas Jessop (1887–1895) and Ed Sharman (1895–1904). But over the following years, as most Minnow goldminers left, scores of new settlers began occupying all the land between the two separate pioneer groups in the north and south areas of Beulah.

By the turn of the century, a small township developed in the centre of the Beulah district that included a school, public hall, church and local shop. In mid-1904, **John & Annie Best's** recently opened store became the new Beulah Post Office, with mail deliveries now coming from Railton and Stoodley instead of via Dunorlan. On the same date, Clara Sharman's original PO, four miles away, was renamed for the first time, the Lower Beulah PO.

In next month's edition, we will look at the pioneer settlers along Beulah Rd.

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Pétanque/Molkky	11.15am-12.45pm Health Centre Park. Contact Nita 0437-795-374. Christmas Break 16/12/2024-6/1/2025
Social Mah-Jong Group 1	1.00pm (1 st and 3 rd Mondays.) Blacksmith Café. Contact Ali 0410 742 012. Christmas Break 16/12/2024-6/1/2025
TUESDAY	
Pickleball	9.00-11am Railton Recreation Community Centre Crocker St. Railton. Kate 0407 510 857. Christmas Break 17/12/2024-7/1/2025
Topiary	10.00-12.00pm Topiary Paddock Crockers St, Railton. Leoni 0429 705 062
French for fun	12.30-1.30pm at Gear Café Railton. Contact Leoni 0429 705 062
Basic Guitar	1.30-4.00pm Sheffield Uniting Church. Contact Mark 0428 515 445. Christmas Break 19/12/2024-9/1/2025
Table Tennis	3.00-6.00pm. Sheffield Town Hall. Contact Don 0458 343 059. Christmas Break 17/12/2024-7/1/2025
WEDNESDAY	
Cycling the flat paths	(1 st Wed.) Contact Margaret 0421 648 123
Walking for leisure	(3 rd Wed.) Contact Margaret 0421 648 123
Nature Walks	On Summer Break till 7/2/2025
Cryptic Crosswords	On Summer Break till 7/2/2025
THURSDAY	
Ukulele	10.00-12.00pm Sheffield Uniting Church. Contact Mark 0428 515 445. Christmas Break 19/12/2024-9/1/2025
Zumba	2.00-3.00pm. Sheffield Uniting Church. Contact Colette 0439 426 665. Christmas Break 19/12/2024-9/1/2025
FRIDAY	
Kayaking	Kayaking (all-day activity). Contact Jennifer 0400 376 937
Cribbage	2.00-4.00pm Sheffield Uniting Church. Contact Mark 0428 515 445
Games (Yahtzee, Quiddler etc)	1.00-3.00pm Blacksmith Gallery Cafe. Contact Alison 0410 742 012 (message)
SATURDAY	
Botanical drawing	1.00-3.30pm Working Art Space. Contact Colette 0439 426 665. 665 Summer Break 21/12/2024-8/2/2025

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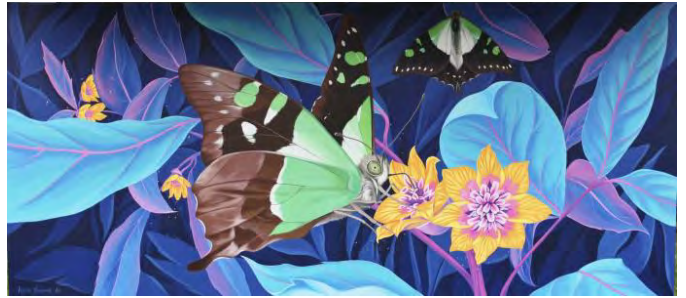
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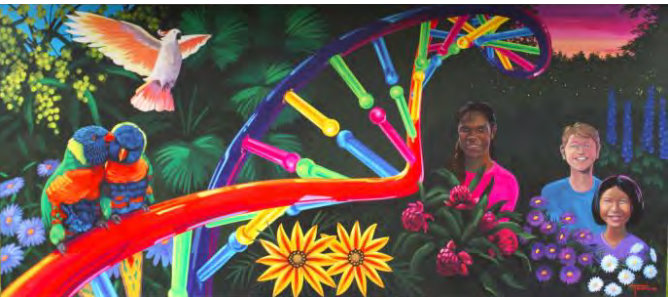
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Artist: Kristina Greenwood



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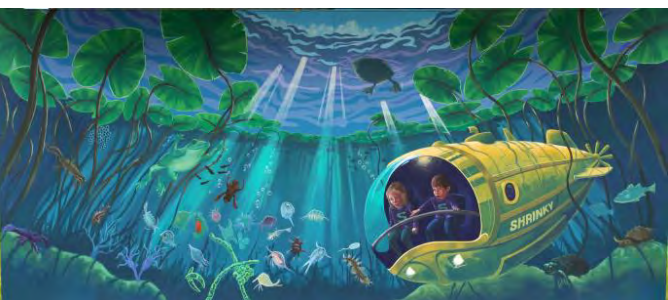
Tasmania's Tiny Treasures

Artist: Rebecca Hayes



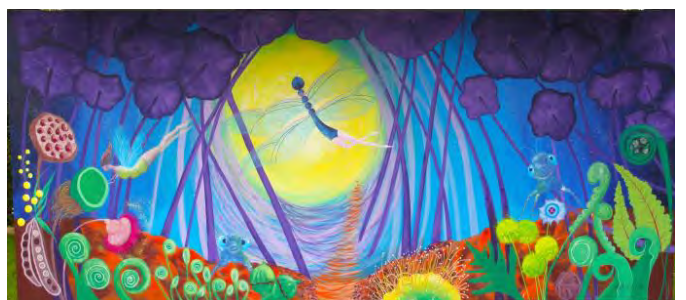
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POLICE REPORT

Burglary/stealing – Kimberly Road, Railton.

Between Tuesday the 29th and Thursday the 31st of October 2024, a Kimberly Road residence was entered and several items of property stolen. Offender has been charged in relation to this.

Aggravated burglary – Lower Barrington Road, Lower Barrington.

Overnight, on the 1st of November 2024, a premises on Lower Barrington Road, was entered. No items of

property were stolen; however, damage was caused by the offenders.

Motor vehicle stealing – Merseylea Road, Merseylea.

On the 19th of November 2024, a black Toyota Hilux utility, was stolen from a property on Merseylea Road, Merseylea. The vehicle has since been recovered close by.

Destroy Property – Station Street, Sheffield.

Around the 20th of November 2024, damage was caused to a window on a property in Station Street, Sheffield.

Emergency 000
Sheffield Station 6478 6012

Non urgent 131 444
Latrobe Station 6478 4099

Use colour to make your garden 'pop'



By Robert Gower

There are many ways to make your garden stand out, and here is one trick I like to use. Incorporate yellow.

I always find that yellow draws

attention to the garden, and then highlights the other colours. It's something I learnt from quilters. They always incorporate some yellow in a lot of their quilts for the same reason.

When we developed the garden in the photo, we planted 100 yellow Dutch Irises, because of their height and the fact that they repeat flower, giving a long show.

They were planted between a mixture of shrubs and ground covers so, as the garden grew, the irises would grow up above the shrubbery, making the whole garden stand out. I like the way the irises just pop up as a surprise element each Spring.

There are a lot of choices out there that you could plant between your shrubs to get the same results.

If you want a native version, I recommend *Bulbine glauca*. This will flower from Spring right through to summer, has succulent

type leaves up to 60cm high with flowering stems of bright yellow flowers.

Give yellow a go, and Happy Gardening!

Vale Ron Sutton



Ron joined Kentish Lions in 1980 and served until 2022. He was a conscientious Lion who gave Lion Tommy Huett 100% support at the wood-cutting fundraisers.

Ron was always involved in Music Hall, setting up for performances and on hand the next morning to pack up.

In 2010 Ron was awarded the James D Richardson prize in recognition of his quiet achievements with the

Club. In his later years, Ron was happy serving tea and coffee on catering days. He was a great support to Lion Jenny Smith, setting up for meetings when Jenny's husband Brian was gravely ill. A stickler for rules, Ron dressed impeccably for meetings and treated everyone with respect. A wonderful family man, an excellent Lion and a true gentleman.

Lower Barrington Baptist Church

Sheffield Road, Lower Barrington
All warmly welcomed - Sundays 10am
1st Sunday - Holy Communion
22 Dec - Carol Service
25 Dec - Christmas Day Service 9am
Bible study groups resume in February
Kid's church resumes in school term
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High Street Sheffield
Mass is celebrated Sundays at 11.30am.
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Parish Office Ph 6424 2783



Sheffield Uniting Church

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

Traditional Anglican Church

For service information, please ring 6425 5605

St John's Kentish Anglican Community Church

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

Roland Gospel Hall

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



Sheffield Bible Chapel

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

WHAT'S ON IN DECEMBER

		Chasing the Light by Evelyn Antonysen , Sheffield Art Gallery
Monday	Dec 2	Sheffield RSL Sub-branch Christmas dinner
Friday	Dec 6	Clearance Sale 10.30am, 79 Cables Road, Sheffield
		Acrylics workshop Working Art Space, 4-6 Albert Street, Sheffield
		Veterans Photography Exhibition noon-8pm, Railton RSL, 52 Foster Street
Saturday	Dec 7	Wilmot Market 9am, Wilmot Memorial Hall
Sunday	Dec 8	Community Christmas Carols 6.30pm, Sheffield Town Hall, High Street
Sat-Sun	Dec 7, 08	Steam Engine rides 11am-4pm, Sheffield Steam & Heritage Centre, 14 Spring Street
Tuesday	Dec 10	Kentish Probus Club Christmas lunch, noon, Sheffield RSL Club
		Film Making Workshop 3-5.30pm, Kentish House (see page 17)
Thursday	Dec 12	Textile & Craft 3.30-5pm, Sheffield Library, 12 Henry Street
Friday	Dec 13	Lions Christmas Parade 6pm, Main Street, Sheffield
Saturday	Dec 15	Kentish Garden Club Christmas lunch, noon, Claude Road Hall
		Sheffield Show & Shine vintage cars & bikes 10am-3pm, Sheffield RSL carpark
Monday	Dec 16	Mural Fest 2025 theme ideas (see Page 22)
Tuesday	Dec 17	Kentish Council meeting 6pm, Council Office, High Street, Sheffield
Friday	Dec 20	The Hub closes for Christmas. Reopens Jan 6
Saturday	Dec 21	Wilmot Community Christmas BBQ 5.30pm, Pioneer Park, Wilmot (see page 5)
		Parkrun Christmas fun run 9am, Sykes Reserve, Kimberley Road, Railton
		Time Out dance band 7pm, Railton Bowls Club, 38 Giblin Street
Sunday	Dec 22	Sheffield Bible Chapel Christmas display (see page 5)
Wednesday	Dec 25	Free Community Christmas lunch 12-3pm, East Devonport Bowls Club
Fri-Sun	Jan 27-Feb 5	Steam Engine rides 11am-4pm, Sheffield Steam & Heritage Centre, 14 Spring Street
Saturday	Dec 28	Mr Perfect BBQ 11am-12.30pm, Health Park, Sheffield

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Sunday	Jan 19	Harp Concert 2pm, Sheffield Town Hall (see page 18)
	Jan 31-Feb 2	Tasmanian Mountain Cattlemen's Association annual get-together Gowrie Park
	Feb 1, 02	FlowerFest , Sheffield Town Hall
Monday	Feb 3	Sheffield RSL Sub-branch Annual General Meeting, 7pm, RSL Club



Cryptic Puzzle Answers

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| 1. Storys Creek | 6. Fortescue Bay |
| 2. Railton | 7. Lorinna |
| 3. Elderslie | 8. Hawley |
| 4. Exton | 9. Bass Strait |
| 5. Circular Head | 10. Cradle Valley |

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