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Prepare for an oarsome event!



The 2025 Australian Rowing Championships (#ARC25) will bring the thrill of elite rowing to Tasmania when the event is held at the picturesque Lake Barrington International Regatta Course from March 24-30.

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Bronwyn Watson is our Citizen of

Lower Barrington Hall Committee secretary Bronwyn Watson has been named Kentish Citizen of the Year at the Australia Day Ceremony held at Sheffield Town Hall.

In presenting the award, Mayor Kate Haberle said it was through Bronwyn's "tenacious work" that the committee had been able to secure funding to rebuild the old meeting room end of the hall.

"This has been a project that has been a long time in the planning process," Mayor Haberle said. "Bronwyn has followed many leads in order to seek funding for the benefit of the hall."

Bronwyn has also been the project manager of the restoration project, liaising with Kentish Council, builders and contractors at each of the demolition and rebuilding stages.

She also organised and picked up a brush for the repainting of the hall, inside and out, and actively chases community activities to hold there, such as markets, exercise classes, encouraging public health initiatives and more.

"Bronwyn puts in many unaccountable hours to keep the hall functioning, she is the first point of contact for all hall users, and she manages all this while maintaining a regular day job and keeping her family on track as well," Mayor Haberle said.



Kentish Citizen of the Year Bronwyn Watson with Mayor Kate Haberle and Australia Day Ambassador Mitch McPherson who founded mental health charity Speak Up, Stay ChatTY.

The Australia Day Awards celebrated individuals and community groups who have contributed much to ensure we maintain our exceptional rural lifestyle in this scenic region.

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the Year as we salute volunteers

Local Hero Award

Kentish Lions Breakfast Club

The Kentish Lions Breakfast Club is a signature program of the Lions Club of Kentish and has been operating for many years. This program, now operating at Sheffield, Railton, and Wilmot schools, provides a simple and nutritious breakfast for young schoolchildren who otherwise would go to school hungry.

Teachers at the schools praise the program, noting the positive impact it has on the children's attention, learning and energy. Everyone leaves the Breakfast Club with a smile - that's the objective, via a plate of healthy breakfast food. Social interaction is another benefit.

Jackie Zell (right) collects the Local Hero Award on behalf of the Kentish Lions Breakfast Club volunteers.

Community Event of the Year

Railton parkrun

Railton Park Run commenced on the October 28, 2017, initiated by Catherine Stark (*below left with Margaret McLachlan*). It is funded by community donations.

The Railton Park Run directors are Lisa Ireland, Linda Cassidy and Bronwyn Kent. Parkrun is a free, worldwide event.

The Railton parkrun is held every Saturday averaging 30 to 40 participants. You can walk, jog, run, and bring your dog. Eight volunteers are needed to run each event.

2109 individuals have participated at Railton, covering 59,425 kilometres and 219 individuals have volunteered.

Recognition of Outstanding Service by a Volunteer Awards

Ekkleisa (Railton)

Volunteer Encouragement Awards

Kentish Clean Up Team, Kentish U3A Topiary Group, Kate Fraser

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SteamFest is held in 8ha of fields, a short stroll from the centre of Sheffield, behind the railway station on the corner of Main and Spring Streets. Although patronage of up to 10,000 people is expected over the three days, everything is nicely spread out and it never feels too crowded.

What makes SteamFest so interesting for young and old is that almost everything on display is operational. Some of the machines date back into the 1800s, and have been lovingly restored so that you can see them working and appreciate the ingenuity and engineering skills of generations past.

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- Tasmania's biggest tractor pull.
- Vintage tractor and historic machinery displays.



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- Clydesdale rides, bullock team, farm animals and a working blacksmith.
- Woodchopping on the Monday.
- Steampunk, Victorian and Edwardian costumes.
- A great variety of food and craft stalls and interactive fun for the kids.

The SteamFest grounds and passenger train are wheelchair accessible. Dogs on lead are welcome too!

SteamFest tickets are available online at IWannaTicket.com.au



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.

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Kentish Museum set to re-open doors

Kentish's history will again be accessible with the re-opening of the Kentish Museum on February 22 after being closed for more than four years.

Volunteers have spent many hours restoring and preparing the collections for public display, with team members undertaking training to learn how to handle history properly.

The Museum collection consists of more than 2500 items and the cottage design of the building allows each room to be arranged with its own theme, providing visitors with a view of the past. The collection has been arranged with more visual displays, easy descriptions and other commentary to guide visitors through the museum.

Local pioneers and their stories as well as examples of their innovation are on display.

Natural resource management, including hydro-electricity and cement manufacture in the Kentish region, has played a significant role in the growth and development of Tasmania and will continue to be a feature of the Museum for the education of future generations.

The volunteer curators were provided with training to help in the handling of items, cleaning and display preparation. This gave donors a degree of comfort knowing that correct practices in the storage and display of items will protect the collection into the future.

Assistance provided by Arts Tasmania through the Roving Curator Program has been invaluable to this group in developing the knowledge and skill to carry out the work.

A strong working relationship with the Kentish Men's Shed has also been of great benefit to the volunteer group.



Caring hands: (from left, back) Julie Marshall, Sally Mineur, Jean McDonald, Lynnie Milward, (front) Essie Mineur, Nadia Mitchell, Sandy Brattstrom.

Kentish Museum opens at 10am on Saturday, February 22.



Sound & Music room in the refurbished Kentish Museum.

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Harpists take audience overseas



The concert was led by Victorian Harpist Andy Rigby, who was the tutor from Thursday to Sunday and the audience were delighted by the 2025 Sheffield Summer Harp Collective performance.

The Harp Collective is made up each year from the students who attend the annual harp event, and this includes some beginners who had their first experience playing and performing.

Andy teaches tunes over the weekend, arranges the music adding in other instruments that the collective, and some guests, play and he always finds some entertaining tricks to include. The variety of tunes, Andy's arrangements and introductions result in a varied concert program and it's always a treat to hear Andy play some South

Harpers were ringing for a week in Sheffield last month. Four morning workshops for students and adult beginners, followed by a three-day weekend workshop, culminating in an afternoon concert of more than a dozen harps plus guest instruments.

American music, which is one of his specialties. The tunes taught this year included repertoire from Scotland, Ireland, Wales, South America and Macedonia. Tunes are initially taught orally with music provided, with a range of degree of difficulty. The challenge this year was a 7/8 Macedonian tune.

The weekend is a Harp Society of Tasmania event and the Harp Collective this year included some students who have been learning harp in Sheffield since mid-2024 or more recently, as part of the Kentish Harp Combo. It's exciting that the harp community in Tasmania is growing and that Sheffield is becoming a bit of a Harp Hub.

The Kentish Harp Combo weekly sessions are continuing in 2025, and there is still space for new students (aged 8-18) who may be interested. Contact Kate Fraser 0412 322 729. Any existing harpists wishing to join, please contact Kate.

Harp Society of Tasmania website www.harpsocietytasmania.org or the Facebook page.

Congratulations, Kate, on your Australia Day award! - Ed.



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Council GM focuses on customers

By Heather Eiszele

Kentish Council will conduct a customer satisfaction survey this month to gather feedback from a sample of ratepayers about its services.

General manager Jason Browne said the survey was part of council's increased focus on customers and community.

"It's not just people using our playgrounds and our recreation areas," he said. "Council is quite diverse in our service offering."

The joint Latrobe and Kentish GM, who has been in the role since June last year, says he adopts a collaborative management style and is a keen listener.

"It's important we continue to engage with the community so that we can bring people along on the journey," he said. "We want to bring people together, keep them healthy, connected, and provide services locally. It's about creating a good social space that people want to live in."

Part of that will be reviewing Council's land use planning strategy which was last completed in 2016.

"This is about how we strategically want development to occur," Mr Browne said. "Where we reserve residential, commercial, and industrial land zones and making sure all of those elements work together in a positive way."

Also a focus for the first half of 2025 is updating the Council Strategy with the current strategy (2014 to 2024) needing a refresh. "That will in turn help guide decision making."

Council's Economic Development Strategy will be updated, helping generate sustainable growth and development.

Mr Browne said Council will invite input from the community, including Kentish and Latrobe Independent Business Association (KaLIBA), to explore and prioritise the many strategic opportunities available in our region.

With an increased focus on community and customer experiences, "we're reviewing our systems and processes and the data we capture to support decision making".

"Better quality data and more of it, particularly around our assets and our services, will allow us to better manage the community requests that come in and analyse some of the information that supports better service delivery and asset management."

Maintenance of existing assets will be under the spotlight,

with Mr Browne pointing to the grandstand at the Railton Recreation Ground as an example of an under-used resource.

"The Railton grandstand isn't utilised as

much by the community as we haven't been able to keep it in a condition that the community want to engage with," he said.

"We will be going out to the community shortly to engage with what we're proposing there.

"These assets are really services to the community. Markets and all those social gatherings happen because we've got quality assets and facilities and infrastructure for people to facilitate those gatherings."

Mr Browne said it was pleasing that kerbside waste had reduced by nearly 6% since the introduction of the FOGO system, with FOGO waste representing close to 37% of total waste.

"Minimising waste is important for our region as it is globally, which is why we will be developing a Waste Minimisation and Reduction Strategy over the first half of 2025," he said.

"The strategy will identify initiatives and help guide decision making to support minimising waste across our region, including how we work with our neighbours."

On the immediate horizon is the national rowing championships at Lake Barrington at the end of March and Mr Browne said it was important for Council to help make sure "visitors are able to get out and enjoy our wonderful region while visiting the national championships".

Providing accommodation for the 4000-5000 people anticipated to be attending the event is a challenge and council is helping coordinate options with locals and across the region.



Vale to a beautiful man

Donald Robert Febey

December 2, 1937 - January 19, 2025

We of the Mount Roland Preservation Society, were really saddened about losing dearest Don Febey on the 19th.

He was a beautiful man, our hearts are very much with Marlene and Carol, and all of his whole family.

He was a man of many amazing personal and historical family stories about his beloved mountain, very deeply connected with it all his life, and recounted his fascinating stories with humour and love. We'll miss him very much.

He often came to our meetings, his whole family caring deeply to preserve its integrity for everyone. His daughter Carol says: "He'll be resting under his beloved mountain."

We reckon this dearest man will most definitely be adding to its magic, for always.



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Monday 17th Feb. See you all there!

Mayor's message: shining on the world stage



I trust the holiday time has been restful and relaxing as we look forward to another year of life in Kentish with all that it has to offer.

The first event I attended on New Year's Day was the woodchopping at Gowrie Park. I had never attended this event before and I was suitably impressed as I watched local, interstate and

international participants display their strength and skill in this sport. Our local hero, Kody Steers, was very impressive winning his event against very experienced axe men.

Thank you to Glen and Kathy Bakes who have been tireless in their commitment to organising this event for many years.

This event has been ongoing for 34 years, 14 of which were held at Lorinna. Glen's grandmother ran the first chopping event to raise money for the Lorinna Hall.

It has evolved from a modest event to where it is today as a well-attended successful event on New Year's Day at Gowrie Park.

The Under 17 National Cricket Championships were held in Tasmania this week. Sheffield hosted Western Australia and the ACT. The ground has been very well maintained and it looked spectacular for the visiting cricket teams.

The level of skill was exceptional as I watched the two teams battle it out for a win. The caretaker of the ground, Daniel, has displayed his expertise in maintaining the ground in preparation for all cricket games this season.

The Sheffield Cricket Club is enjoying a successful season with eight teams participating in rosters along the coast. Best wishes for the last remaining games over the next month.

With the school holidays drawing to a close, I would like to wish the Sheffield, Railton and Wilmot schools a very productive and successful year head.

Thank you to all the staff for providing a safe and stimulating learning environment for our students where they can grow, learn and reach their own personal goals.

Congratulations to Wendy Leonard and Mariya Bell in their role as principals of Sheffield and Wilmot. Our schools are very fortunate to have two very capable and experienced leaders in these positions.

I look forward to attending events at the school during the year

and continuing on the committee of the School Association. Submissions for the 2025-2026 Budget are being sought by Council. These will be considered in Council's Capital works program or the Operating Budget.

The closing date for submissions is January 31, 2025.

Australia Day celebrations were held on January 26. I would like to congratulate the following residents who received awards in recognition of their involvement and commitment to our community.

Citizen of the Year – *Bronwyn Watson*

Community Event of the Year – *Railton parkrun*

Volunteer Hours Awards – *Michael Bailey, Anna Walker, Alison Richards*

Volunteer Encouragement Awards – *Kentish Clean Up Team, Kentish U3A Topiary Group, Kate Fraser*

Recognition of Outstanding Service by a Volunteer Awards – *Ekkleisa (Railton)*

Local Hero Award – *Kentish Lions Breakfast Club*

Congratulations to all these recipients. Thank you for all you do to make Kentish a beautiful place to live and for making many connections with other residents through various groups and organisations.

The National Rowing championships will be held at Lake Barrington at the end of March. We are expecting 6000 visitors to the region including 2000 participants in the competition. It will be a very busy time for all the businesses in Kentish and it is a wonderful opportunity to showcase the beautiful area in which we live.

KaLIBA, the Kentish and Latrobe Business Association, continues to promote businesses across the region. Free one-on-one professional advice can be obtained on topics including digital marketing and cyber security, staff, hiring and disputes, wages, awards and conditions, business plans and risk analysis, red tape and regulatory issues and mental health and resilience.

Our first Kentish information night will be held on Thursday, February 13, at the Sheffield Bowls Club at 6pm. We would love to see business owners come along and network with like-minded people in the business world.

I trust you are all enjoying the beautiful weather we have been experiencing before Autumn arrives with shorter days.

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The fourth and final rate instalment for the 2024/2025 financial year is due and payable on or before the **30th April 2025**.

LARGE COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME

The Kentish Council Large Community Grants Program (\$501 - \$2,500) builds community capacity and resilience by supporting community-led projects.

Council's Large Community Grant Scheme will open on 1st March 2025. Clubs and organisation are invited to apply to Council for financial assistance.

Guidelines and application forms will be available from the Council website www.kentish.tas.gov.au or by phoning Darren Harris on 6491 0200. Applications close **Monday, 31st March, 2025**.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION EVENING

Council will hold the following Community Information Evenings:

- **Sheffield Meeting** – Thursday 27 February 2024 at 7pm at the Sheffield Town Hall
- **Railton Meeting** – Thursday 27 March 2024 at 7pm at the Railton Kings Hall
- **Wilmot Meeting** – Tuesday 10 April 2024 at 7pm at the Wilmot Hall
- **Lower Barrington Meeting** – Thursday 1 May 2024 at 7pm at the Lower Barrington Hall

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

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

Clean Up Australia Day is being held around the nation on **Sunday, 2nd March 2025** and Council encourages anyone interested in becoming involved to register now at <https://register.cleanup.org.au>.

COUNCIL WEBSITE CUSTOMER REQUESTS

Have you noticed something that needs our attention? Our website www.kentish.tas.gov.au features a handy "Customer Request" icon. You can use this icon to report maintenance items, road works requests or general complaints or even make suggestions.

COUNCIL MEETINGS 2025

Council has scheduled its monthly meetings for 2025 as follows:

January 21	July 15
February 18	August 19
March 18	September 16
April 15	October 21
May 20	November 18
June 17	December 16

Meetings will be held at the Kentish Council Office, 69 High Street, Sheffield commencing at 6:00pm.

The agenda is available for perusal on the website or at the Council Office prior to each meeting.

It is recommended that members of the public wishing to attend a Council meeting RSVP prior to each meeting by calling Council on 6491 0200.

A member of the public may ask a question at the meeting during Public Question Time if time permits or a member of the public may give written notice to the General Manager at least seven business (7) days before the meeting of a maximum of two (2) questions to be included in the meeting agenda.

Questions can be lodged by mail to Kentish Council, PO Box 63, Sheffield TAS 7306, or by e-mail to: council@kentish.tas.gov.au or in person at the Council Office, 69 High Street, Sheffield.

SUBMIT YOUR EVENT PROMOTION ONLINE

Are you involved in an event which you wish to promote? Did you know Council offers free event promotion via the Events Calendar on it's website?

Event organisers can submit details of their event using the new online forms. There is a form for one-off events and a form for reoccurring events. The forms also allows for you to upload a promotional flyer for the event.

Head over to www.kentish.tas.gov.au/community/event-calendar to check out the Events Calendar and submit your next event.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of Council will be held at the Council office on **Tuesday 18th February 2025** commencing at 6:00pm.

Rowing comp to attract thousands



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Lake Barrington, nestled in Tasmania's stunning natural landscape, is a venue of historical importance to the rowing community. With a legacy that includes hosting nine national championships and the World Rowing Championships in 1990, it remains a treasured site for athletes and spectators alike.

The lake's world-class infrastructure, including its eight fully buoyed lanes and a held start system, ensures competitors race in optimal conditions while surrounded by the beauty of the Tasmanian wilderness.

The championships will feature a packed week of activities, beginning with training sessions over the long weekend of March 22-23. Racing will officially commence on March 24, culminating on March 30 with the King's and Queen's Cups Interstate Regatta, the pinnacle of the event.

Schools from across Australia will also descend on Lake Barrington to participate in competitive rowing, adding to the vibrant and inclusive atmosphere.

Mistaken identity for Tas fiction writers

The Eastern Shore Writers group has obtained a grant from Clarence City Council and is ready to run a short fiction showcase with a difference.

Inspired by Liars League, a highly popular live fiction event running in London, Leeds, New York and Hong Kong, authors of the eight chosen stories will not only each receive \$250, but their stories will be read by professional Tasmanian actors at the inaugural *Fiction Out Loud* experience, to be held in Hobart in Autumn 2025.

The theme for the event is 'Mistaken Identity'.

Writers are encouraged to interpret the theme any way they wish. It could be a story about a wrongly identified screen idol or a duck that thought he was a rooster!

Stories must be between 800 and 1000 words with a plausible connection to the theme.

Story submissions close on the February 16, 2025. If you love writing, reading, or listening to great stories, don't miss this fabulous opportunity.

The event is open to Tasmanian writers only. Full details are available at fictionoutloud.com



With more than 2000 athletes, 500 support staff and 300 volunteers expected, #ARC25 is poised to be one of the largest sporting events in Tasmania this year.

Spectator numbers are anticipated to peak at 5000 during the final weekend, creating an electric atmosphere both on and off the water. The economic impact of the championships will be felt across the Kentish region, as the influx of visitors bolsters local businesses.

Accommodation providers, restaurants, cafes, and shops are set to benefit from increased patronage.

Rowing Australia is encouraging businesses to extend their operating hours to meet the demand of visitors seeking meals, refreshments and unique shopping experiences.

Races will commence at approximately 8am and conclude between 5pm and 7pm with visitors passing through before, during and after the event. The trade village at the venue will offer opportunities for local enterprises to showcase their products and services, ensuring a tangible connection between the event and the local community.

In addition to its economic benefits, #ARC25 aims to leave a lasting legacy of community engagement. Local groups such as Scouts and Rotary clubs are encouraged to participate through volunteering or fundraising initiatives. Individuals in the local area are also encouraged to participate by volunteering in spectator support services, boat handlers etc.

Students pursuing Duke of Edinburgh awards will also have the chance to contribute their time and gain valuable experience as part of the event's volunteer team.

The championships are committed to sustainability, with efforts focused on recycling, sourcing locally and minimising the environmental impact of operations.

This aligns with Rowing Australia's broader commitment to sustainable tourism and community-driven initiatives.

#ARC25 offers more than just world-class rowing; it is a celebration of sport, community and the unique charm of Tasmania. For attendees, it presents an opportunity to explore the region's attractions, including farm gates, wineries and the Cradle to Coast Tasting Trail.

The event is a testament to the power of sport to unite communities, inspire the next generation and promote economic and social growth.

For more information, visit [Rowing Australia's website](https://rowingaustralia.com.au).



Artisans sell their wares at Arts Centre



The first of four Artisan Markets will be held at the Sheffield Arts Centre on Saturday, February 15, from 4pm to 7pm.

Come along and support our local artisans and pick up a delicious treat or two.

And if you are a local producer or artisan and would like to join us as a stallholder, please phone Sandy on 0427 475 113 to book a space. Remaining market dates for 2025 are Saturday, May 17, 1-4pm, Saturday, August 16, 1-4pm and Saturday, November 15, 4-7pm.

Look forward to seeing you on the 15th.

Market Moves

with
Corinne Nicholson
Principal
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After 21 years in real estate, I have realised a long held dream and have become the Principal Owner of Roberts Real Estate at Sheffield, now Roberts Real Estate Nicholson at Sheffield.

Over time you may notice changes at our 48 Main Street office, with the first being our door is now open Monday to Thursday from 10am to 2pm so pop in and say hi. Sandy Brattstrom joins me to enhance our personalized service, while Gerald continues to offer his service in residential and rural properties.

This Valentine's season, let's celebrate the love we have for our Kentish properties. Whether you're falling for a new home or rekindling the romance with your current one, we're here to guide you.

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GOWRIE PARK WOODCHOPPING CARNIVAL

The Gowrie Park Woodchopping Carnival held on January 1 featured more than 70 competitors from all over Tasmania and the mainland as well as the USA, UK, The Czech Republic, Canada and Denmark.

On the day there were two Tasmanian State Titles which were won by Kody Steers and Mike Coffey.

In other events on the day, Gowrie Park's Josh Bakes scored a popular win in the A grade Tree Felling Final.

The Dean Bakes memorial Standing Handicap was won by 19-year-old Deddington Axeman Toby Rowe.

The 375mm Jack and Jill Double handed sawing handicap final was won by Victorian father and daughter Josh and Lilly Lane.

Visiting competitors also dominated the women's 275mm underhand handicap which was won by Denmark's Felixia Banck ahead of Hannah Robarge (US) with Burnie's Callie Batchelor third.

The Historical Machinery Club of Tasmania put on a display of all their engines while the Kentish Lion's Club catered for the day. There was also a coffee van and bar facilities.

This is a free event held annually on New Year's Day.



Crowd favourite: Josh Bakes on his way to winning the A Grade Tree Felling Final.



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TASMANIAN HIGHLANDS CROQUET CLUB

The eighth annual "Highlanders vs Lowlanders" croquet tournament was held at the Tasmanian Highland Croquet Club in Erriba on New Year's Day.

There were 30 participants ranging in age from 5 to 85 years. The day started with four rounds of play, we witnessed some exciting and excellent shots, and observers were enthusiastic in their response.

A short shower stopped play for a brief lunch break. Everyone contributed a dish to a delicious feast. Then, three semi-final games were completed with six players qualifying for the finals – three women and three men, two highlanders and four lowlanders.

The final game was fast and very close given the expertise of the players. Ross Campbell, a lowlander and runner up in 2024, was the winner followed by James Bradley, Sarah Barker, Gail Mulhern, Victoria Simms and Rob van Leuven.



Last year's winner Joe Lahra, a highlander, was gracious in his handover of the trophy. Amazingly, the tournament resulted in a tie with an overall score of 79 each.

RAILTON BOWLS

Cement Australia Day Elite Fours Day

What a wonderful day with some very close games and great friendship and fantastic bowls. We can't thank Cement Australia enough for their great sponsorship, they have always offered unwavering support to the club.

There was one outright winner this year, and two who played a draw each and two wins, so they played off for second and third in a three-end shootout. When they finished three ends, they had to go again to decide the winner.

Winners were: 1st: Darryl Castle's Team, 2nd: A. Young's Team, 3rd T. Bakes' Team.

This season we will be hosting The Tommy Donohue Day, again there will be some great bowls on display, we still require three more teams to fill this carnival. If you would like to enter a team, contact Noelene on 0409 768 863.

The Hub Mixed Carnival is on February 2 and, due to a couple of withdrawals, we still have some spare spots. The mixed carnival is any combination but must include at least one lady, casual dress.

We have some wonderful bowlers showing skills outside of

pennant with Wendy Smith making the Over 60s State Team, Noel Purton and Doug Smith competing in North West Bowling Arm Team, in the state round robins. Congratulations to everyone, it takes a lot of trialling and group practice to make these squads.

Our Castles Player of the Season will be announced on April 6, time to be confirmed. All members are requested to attend to see how you have scored for the season.

- Noelene Purton, Secretary

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13th November @ 7pm
The Three Musketeers: Milady
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RAILTON PARKRUN



Parkrun pals: (from left) Rebecca Gray, Narelle Howe, Caitlin Burke, Kate Campbell, Lisa Ireland, Margaret McLachlan, Kellie Smith and Catherine Stark.

The Railton Parkrun is gaining in popularity and along the way we are seeing a wonderful community spirit develop as part of the comradery established with other like-minded people.

Participating in Parkrun has several benefits for mental and physical well-being. It has been proven to improve physical health and 91% of participants report a sense of personal achievement. Parkrun fosters community integration, social support and a sense of belonging. It assist our mental well-being through reconnecting with nature, social interactions, and the release of "happy hormones" through physical activity.

Our last event for 2024 saw visitors from Cairns, Hervey Bay, Atherton Tablelands, Legana, Hobart and Burnie.

Congratulations to Thomas Gleeson who completed his 150th event and to Kate Campbell who completed her 200th parkrun.

At the first event for 2025, we welcomed visitors from Bunbury, Charters Towers and Launceston. Seven parkrunners gained personal best times, including Neil Grice, Cooper, Zachary and Luke Adams, Karla Blake, Matilda and Carlin White. Parkrun is a free, community event where you can walk, jog or run in an idyllic bush setting. Parkrunners and their 'bark runners' (dogs on leashes) meet every Saturday morning at 8:50am at the Syke's Sanctuary entrance on Kimberley Road, where first timers will receive a 1:1 briefing from the Race Director. The briefing prior to the start of the event provides valuable information on safety considerations and specific precautions.

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SHEFFIELD GOLF

The year has started very well for Brett Coombs who hit his perfect shot on the 2nd hole during the Vets Tournament held on January 9. It didn't take long for the good news to reach his wife Susie in the clubhouse kitchen. Congratulations Brett!

Once again, Neville Pulford organised a very successful Vets Tournament with 70 in the field. Thank you Nev and to all who helped make the day the success it was.

Monthly Medal Winners

Members: Sponsored by IGA Everyday Sheffield winner was Tony Brown 62 nett on a countback from Andrew Shaw 62 nett

Vets: Sponsored by Sheffield Tyre & Mechanical was won by Allan Duncan with 67 nett from John Hope 69 nett. Jackson Davies came in with a 64 nett but was ineligible due to age.

Ladies: Sponsored by the Sheffield Hotel was won by Geneen Duff with 60 nett from Susie Coombs 67 nett

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

Members:

28/12 Heated Glass Company Ambrose 4 was won by Ben Corbett, Ryan Patterson, Roland Proud and Scott Westbrook with 51.75 nett from Wade Rockliff, Scott Gale, Andrew Shaw and Owen Von Stieglitz with 52.125 nett

11/1 Stableford won by Matthew Knight 37 pts from Rowan Sherriff 36 pts on a countback from Stephen Harris 36 pts.

18/1 Our Vets Sponsored today's Stableford. The winner was Matthew Knight 37 pts with Mick Chatwin runner up with 36 pts on a countback from Tony Brown 36 pts

Vets:

10/12 Stroke was won by Greg Collis with 68 nett on a countback from Owen Von Stieglitz 68 nett

17/12 Stableford won by Mike Haberle with 36 pts from David McMillan 34 pts

31/12 Stableford won by Doug Callander 37 pts from Tony Wootton 36 pts on a countback from Peter Orchard 36 pts

9/1 Vets Tournament Overall winner was Tony Wootton with 41 pts from John Coulson 41 pts

A Grade Ian Tobin 39 pts on a countback from Ian Sayer 39 pts

B Grade Russell Townsend 39 pts from Brett Coombs 38 pts

C Grade Ricky Maxwell 39 pts on a countback from John Flanagan 39 pts

14/1 Vets & Ladies combined for a 4BBB. Kathy Davies and Helen Lloyd-Jones won with 47 pts from Peter Orchard and Gerry Hopkins 43 pts.

Ladies:

The ladies enjoyed a well deserved break over Christmas and started 2025 with catering for the Vets Tournament. Sheffield has an amazing reputation for the tasty and plentiful lunch that is dished out.

Upcoming events

Feb 22: John (Sammy) Newman sponsored 3 person Irish Stableford

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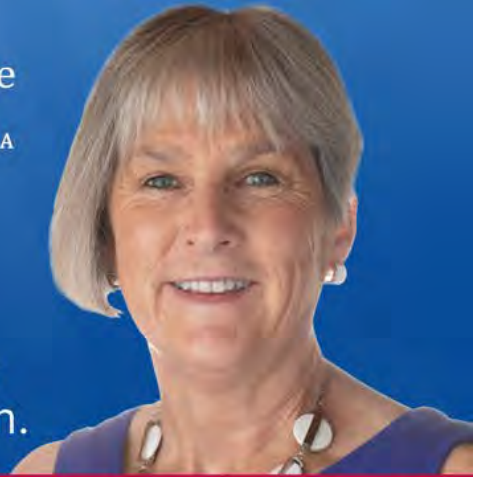
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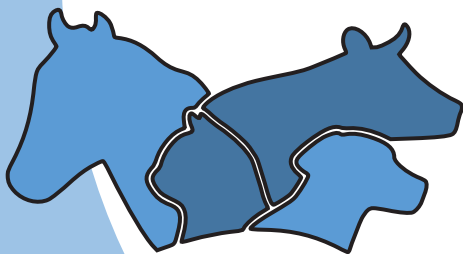


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Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can assist you, your club, group or organisation.

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Sheffield Art Gallery – 6 Pioneer Crescent, Sheffield

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Commencing February 5, 2025, until the end of March, the Gallery will be exhibiting works by Joanne Males (Treloar).

Inspired by the breathtaking beauty of the Australian landscape during recent travels, Joanne has captured, in a range of mediums, diverse vistas, from rugged coastlines to serene outback scenes, with a vivid and heartfelt touch.

Opening hours: 10am to 3pm daily.

Working Art Space – 4-6 Albert Street, Sheffield

Printing classes: Every Tuesday between 10.30am and 2.30pm.

Minimal cost of \$3.00 per person to cover inks and paper.

Interested? Contact Fay on 0400 491 272 or email faylilly@hotmail.com

Botanical Drawing: Saturdays from 1.00pm to 3.30pm. If you would like to take part, please contact Colette Binder on 0439 426 665 for more information.

Pottery: Wednesdays from 10am. \$20 membership and \$3.00 a week to attend either or both days.

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

SteamFest needs volunteers!

Join the fun. Contact Jill on 0448 631 922

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CLAUDE ROAD GARAGE SALE

Claude Road Hall. Saturday, February 15, 9am-1pm

Just a reminder that we are holding a Community Garage Sale with a difference on Saturday, February 15. For those wanting to sell the treasures they no longer need, there will be tables outside. As always, payment is by donation only.

Inside the hall, tables will be set up with free stuff only. Some people want to have a clean-out but can't make it to the Hub during opening hours or simply don't want to overload them when they are already inundated.

We will be opening the hall beforehand – or people can leave stuff at the back of the hall – in the week prior to the garage sale (no furniture or large appliances please).

We will set it out and offer it for free to the general public, then either take what is left over to a facility like the Hub or take it to the tip. As with our garage sale last February, we will make a donation to the Hub to cover any loss of income.

Mark your calendars – this might be the perfect opportunity to downsize following the holiday season. And the kitchen will be open for some delicious treats to enjoy.

SHEFFIELD RSL SUB-BRANCH

The Annual General Meeting is on Monday, February 3, at 7pm. All positions on the committee will be declared vacant and we are looking for some new committee members.

Ian Perkins passed away early January and his funeral was on January 10. Our condolences go to the Perkins family and partner Jill. Ian Braid spoke well of Ian at the funeral and we will miss him at our gatherings.

If you were a financial member in August 2024, then the committee has paid your annual subs for this year. This is our contribution to cost of living increases.

Lest We Forget

George MacDonald, President

KENTISH PROBUS CLUB

The next meeting of the Kentish Probus Club will be Tuesday, February 11, at 10am at the Sheffield Bowls Club.

The Guest Speaker is Ammah from Telstra's NBN. The outing this month is Lunch followed by Mini Golf.

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



PIZZA CONNECTION

Ben James, Sheffield Town Hall
6.30pm Friday, February 7, 2025

Benjamin James, local business owner, has served as a pastor for the past eight years at St David's Church, Latrobe. Ben is passionate about exploring and teaching how to live as Christians in our everyday lives.

His ministry has given him incredible experiences, such as attending International Bible Conferences in America, preaching in the remote hills of Indonesia; as well as working closer to home, as a part of Pathway Shed in East Devonport, and having the privilege to preach at many local churches.

COMMUNITY NOTES



Kentish Garden Club

More than 60 gardeners converged on Barrington Hall carrying bags, boxes and

baskets filled with garden produce ready to swap zucchinis for squash at the Kentish Produce Swap.

The Swap is organised by the Kentish Garden Club but open to all. As well as providing an opportunity to exchange excess produce, the Swap is a convivial event with lots of chatter and talk about growing and local events. It also puts the restored Barrington Hall in the limelight as a great community venue.

Someone always amazes everyone with the size, seasonality or quantity of their donation. In past swaps we've had boxes of local avocados from a Devonport garden, and boxes of grapes, peaches and potatoes from Kentish. For January's swap, beans, berries and rhubarb were in abundance along with garden magazines. There were also boxes of bulbs, cos lettuce seedlings and other plants available.

While there were a few zucchinis and cucumbers, not a single tomato graced the January Swap. Everyone admitted that their tomatoes – even those growing in warmer climates than Sheffield – were still small and green. With some sunshine and warmth over the coming weeks, tomatoes should feature at February's swap along with zucchinis, cucumbers and beans.

How it works: The Swap is very simple and everyone is welcome. To take part, bring whatever you have to swap (however big or small) and take what you want. Swappers are urged to take home anything that's left over but usually there's not much!



For gardeners without excess produce, any useful garden-related item is welcome from bouquets of flowers and herbs to seeds, bulbs, seedlings and potted plants.

There is also room for garden books and magazine and even tools, egg cartons or clean jars. If you've nothing to swap one month, still come along. A gold coin donation to Barrington Hall is welcome.

Items to swap are placed on the long trestle table set up in

the centre of the hall and at 3pm on the dot, a bell is rung and the swap begins. Doors open at 2.30pm for those who want to check out the offerings. If you come late, expect slim pickings!

Next garden club meeting

The next meeting of the Kentish Garden Club is Thursday, February 13, at 7.30pm at the Bible Chapel, 45 High Street, Sheffield. Guest speaker is Callum Tregurtha from North West Community Legal Centre talking on neighbourhood disputes, including fences.

The meeting is preceded by a visit to a garden in Barrington. All welcome. For more information, call Jennifer Stackhouse (KGC President) on 0488 047 011.

KENTISH MEN'S SHED

By Peter Willcox

Our town (and district) is a lucky place for us all and among the many community jewels is The Hub and the cadre of dedicated volunteers whose selfless labours makes recycling look effortless. It is sheer hard work that produces the results these wonderful people achieve.

I became a fan a long time back when the Men's Shed was struggling to stay afloat and The Hub, together with our Council, became our first financial backers. Fair to say they gave us our start.

Back then we thanked the Hub folk with a morning tea which sort of became an annual event. Once again we will be thanking them over a cup of tea later this month.

Nothing is made simple when dealing with the ailments that afflict elderly tractors.

Our friend Andy Walsh has been pulling at his (thinning) hair as he deals with two issues that have arisen during the restoration of our septuagenarian cropmaster tractor.

Dorothy is being reassembled and looks to be in pristine condition but recent developments are holding things back. It became necessary to disassemble the differential and this is proving to be beyond the capacity of our workshop.

Hope springs eternal and ours is pinned on Trevor Shipton (Shiptons in Spreyton). Trevor's background in all things rural mechanical will doubtless point to a solution.

Then there is Dorothy's manifold. Simply must be replaced and it seems we must look to the old country to find one. The price tag would make a strong male pale. As Mr McCawber said, "something will turn up".

Also this month on the 15th we will have a table at the Claude Road Memorial Halls' garage sale. Their last sale was a big success and we hope that will be the case this time round.

And we look forward to Jon Delaine's (Rural Health) return, bringing sensible health advice with a smile.

Work on dividing our main workshop is all but finished thanks to Builder Bob Read The dividing doors are a masterpiece.

Change is continual and visitors welcome. We are open Thursdays and Saturdays 9am to 1pm.

For information call Terry 0429 122 520.

KENTISH LIONS



Our motto is "To Serve". We work to serve our community.

Kentish Lions has a dinner meeting on the second and fourth Mondays of the month. We have a meal, conduct some business and enjoy the company of fellow members. Our business includes communications, financial and upcoming commitments.

We have some fun, for example our Tail Twister will tell short quips about things that members have done. A small "fine" is paid by the member. Members can also "fine" other members which adds to the fun.

The Club does a Bunnings sausage sizzle every month. This is a significant source of funds for us.

We also do other catering with our food and drinks vans.

We welcome guests to come along and experience Lions. Contact kentishlions@gmail.com.

- Rudy Van Der Korput, Secretary/Treasurer

Family law team grows to meet need



With divorce rates peaking during the covid pandemic, according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics, the divorce rate-to-population size in Tasmania is still on par with national statistics, with 35-54 years olds accounting for greater divorce rates.

Understanding that separation can be very emotionally challenging for all parties involved is crucial to client relations,

says Kristi Foale (*left*), Director at Simmons Wolfhagen Lawyers and head of the family law team.

She has added extra staff to the team to cater for people's needs in a timely way.

"Offering readily available access to legal support when it's needed during challenging times can help the chances of settling matters quickly and, ultimately, all parties moving forward with their lives," Kristi said.

Family law encompasses issues such as divorce, property settlements, parenting arrangements, surrogacy, financial agreements (pre-nups), child support and domestic violence - sensitive issues that require specialised knowledge and compassionate guidance.

"One major benefit of a growing family law team is enhanced accessibility," Kristi said.

"With more lawyers available, clients can receive timely advice and representation, reducing the stress of lengthy wait times, and the 'grey period' that exists until settlement is reached. This is particularly important in family law, where delays can exacerbate emotional and financial pressures."

Simmons Wolfhagen has offices statewide. "Our expanded team also ensures broader coverage across Tasmania, making it easier for individuals in regional areas to access professional assistance locally."

Increased specialisation within a growing team is another advantage. Family law is a complex field requiring in-depth knowledge of legislation and case law, overlaid with a practical approach. Larger teams often include lawyers with expertise in niche areas, for example cases involving family businesses, complex trust structures or surrogacy matters.

"This allows clients to receive tailored advice that addresses their unique circumstances," Kristi said.

"Clients also benefit from improved efficiency. A well-resourced family law team ensures timely communication, and quicker resolutions.

"Ultimately, progressing clients to settlement and the ability to move forward in life is the end point we seek to reach as efficiently as is possible."



Simmons Wolfhagen's family law team understands that separation and divorce can be an emotionally draining time, for all parties involved.

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Nadia Mahjouri Author Talk at Devonport Library

Thursday, February 20, 5:30pm - 7:00pm

Join us for the launch of Nadia Mahjouri's debut novel, *Half Truth*, a story of two mothers searching for the same man, Ahmed - an absent father and a missing son.

Come along to this free event and hear Nadia speak about her writing process. Copies will be available for purchase from the Devonport Bookshop on the night, and you can chat to Nadia Mahjouri as she signs them for you.

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We are located at Sheffield School, 12 Henry Street.

Call us on 6491 8233.

Healthy Habits with Jon Delaine Care Coordinator Rural Health Tasmania



Welcome to our new regular update to improve and build a Healthy Kentish. Together we can take simple steps to build a healthier, more connected community to improve everyone's quality of life.

Better health for Kentish can be built on three foundations: balanced diet, healthy movement and mindfulness. Starting an exercise or walking routine during our warmer weather and longer daylight periods is a great way to start moving better in 2025. Healthy movement is an important part of building and maintaining good health and well-being. Exercise can reduce inflammation, blood pressure, cholesterol, and balance both the body and the mind.

The key is finding an exercise regime that works for you, the more enjoyment it gives you the more likely you are to keep it up. A walk through the mural park or some light jogging around the dog park with your pooch will get you moving.

Exercise is accumulative so you don't have to exert yourself all in one block, you can space it out across the days and weeks. Small regular workouts are better for your body than long infrequent ones (don't try to summit Mount Roland on your first go if exercise is a new activity for you).

Create a workout network and work with others to challenge yourself and increase your enjoyment, push each other to achieve more. There are a number of exercise and walking groups across Kentish to join.

It is also good to consult with a professional to ensure your workouts are enhancing your health and not worsening any health conditions you may have. The team at Rural Health Tasmania can help guide you through this.

So get outside, enjoy the sunshine and start 2025 with healthy movement... and together we will build a healthier Kentish.

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Triabunna Barracks



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PLAY

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East coast

EVENTS

- Join in or cheer on the fit and fun-loving as they swim, ride and run the Coles Bay Triathlon (8 February).
- Roll up to Spoke Motorcycle Festival (28 February–2 March) for beachside music, food, glamping, motorcycle races and demos.



Coles Bay Triathlon



Old Kempton Distillery

EAT & DRINK

- Fancy a tippie? Tempting tours, plus whisky, gin and liqueur tastings await in an 1840s mansion at Old Kempton Distillery.
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STAY

- Nestled between beach and forest, Stewarts Bay Lodge provides a secluded cabin stay at scenic Turrakana / Tasman Peninsula.
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PLAY

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Hobart and south

EVENTS

- Hobart's waterfront buzzes with boats, food, music, cruises and more at the Australian Wooden Boat Festival (7–10 February).
- Over 40 vineyards in Tasmania's south throw open their doors for the Southern Open Vineyards Weekend (28 February–2 March).



Australian Wooden Boat Festival



The Boathouse

EAT & DRINK

- Gather the freshest King Island produce for a feed by the sea at the Boathouse (the Restaurant with No Food).
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STAY

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Borradale Stanley



Mt Owen West Coast Tas MTB

PLAY

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West and north west

EVENTS

- Trundle into the Don River Railway 50 Year Celebrations (14–16 February) for an enchanting glimpse into Tasmania's transport past.
- Keep the tennis fever ticking into February at the thrilling HCl Burnie International pro tournament (17–24 February).



Don River Railway



Meander Valley Vineyard

EAT & DRINK

- Fancy some woodfired pizza and cool-climate wine in the sunshine? The vibey Meander Valley Vineyard has got you covered.
- Bite into fluffy artisan breads and pastries, fresh from the 1926 Scotch woodfired oven at Rustic Bakehouse in Cressy.
- Huddle at the Hub Pizza and Beer in Derby for lunch or dinner with a view between mountain biking adventures.

STAY

- Step back into the 1800s during a cosy stay among the picturesque paddocks and friendly farm animals at Brickendon Estate.
- Swim, stroll and splash around at Trousers Point Camping Ground and immerse in Flinders Island's striking coastal serenity.
- Float above the landscape at the Cloud at Sen Vineyard in White Hills – a secluded escape for seekers of sophistication.



The Cloud at Sen Vineyard



Low Head Pilot Station Maritime Museum

PLAY

- Inhale the scent of wildflowers and sea air along the Bridport Walking Track 11km circuit, blending foreshore with forest.
- Take a coach tour or group visit to the picturesque gardens and sandstone walls of the Church Campbell Town (built 1857).
- Delight in interactive activities, old engine rooms and convict-built architecture at family-friendly Low Head Pilot Station Maritime Museum.



Launceston and north

EVENTS

- Embrace the quirky spectacle of the National Pennyfarthing Championships (15 February) filling the Georgian National Trust streetscape of Evandale.
- The epic King and Queen of the Mountain race (16 February) sees bikers battle uphill at breathtaking Ben Lomond.



National Pennyfarthing Championships

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BridgePro brings smiles to scouts' dials



In a world where genuine community support often goes unnoticed, the contributions from Latrobe firm BridgePro Engineering to the City of Devonport Scouts are truly remarkable.

For more than seven years, significant efforts have been made to support and enhance the Scouting experience, demonstrating a deep commitment

to community and leadership development. From organising BBQs to providing essential resources like transport for scouting events, the support for the Scouts extends far beyond local activities.

Contributions have also extended to national gatherings like the Apple Isle Moot, which brings together Rovers (18-26 year olds) from across Australia.

The impact of these contributions goes beyond logistics and financial support. Active involvement from families in scouting activities reflects a belief in the mission to nurture leadership skills.

Future plans include creating a state-of-the-art abseiling and rock climbing installation for local scouting groups.

This new facility will address a significant need in the region, offering rock-climbing, abseiling, and a flying fox infrastructure previously unavailable.

The impact of community support is also reflected in the reduction of membership fees and sponsorship of essential activities, allowing more families to participate through initiatives like Ticket to Play.

This support has been crucial in maintaining high membership levels and fostering a culture of inclusion and achievement.

The positive impact of these contributions is also witnessed in events like the 26th Australian Jamboree, which was held at the Maryborough Showgrounds and Equestrian Park in western Queensland from January 6-15.

Hosted by Scouts Queensland, this major event saw a record number of participants from Tasmania, thanks in part to the exceptional support from the community and organisations such as BridgePro Engineering.

The City of Devonport Scouts' story is a shining example of the power of community spirit and the positive ripple effect of investing in our future generations.

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These could inspire you. The topics emphasize creativity, diversity, and relevance to themes that could resonate with the festival's goals and audience:

- *Nature's Symphony*: A short film showcasing the harmony of natural sounds in a Tasmanian landscape, highlighting the beauty of the local environment.
- *A Day in the Life of Cradle Mountain*: A creative portrayal of the changing moods and wildlife of Cradle Mountain over a single day.
- *Unsung Heroes*: Stories of individuals making significant contributions to Tasmania's environment, culture, or community, inspired by Gustav and Kate Weindorfer's legacy.
- *Tasmanian Folklore Reimagined*: A modern or historical retelling of a lesser-known Tasmanian myth or legend.

- *The Power of One Night*: Inspired by your not-for-profit idea, a story of how a single act of kindness, like offering a night's shelter, can transform lives.



- *When Nature Speaks*: A creative or abstract interpretation of how the natural world communicates with humanity.
- *Heritage Heroes*: A documentary-style short exploring the restoration of a heritage site or an individual's effort to preserve Tasmania's historical treasures.
- *The Art of Coexistence*: Exploring the balance between human activity and wildlife conservation in Tasmania.
- *Generations of Jazz*: A musical short highlighting Tasmania's jazz culture, tying into the @JazzTasmania initiative.
- *Climate Conversations*: A thought-provoking film addressing the impacts of climate change on Tasmania's unique ecosystems and how communities are adapting.

These topics offer a mix of documentary, narrative, and artistic styles, allowing filmmakers to explore a variety of creative approaches while tying into themes that resonate with the Weindorfer legacy and the Tasmanian community.

- Phil Brumby and Sandra Rowden-Rich





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Mount Roland Land Care (MRLC) announces 'Naturally Kentish', a creative opportunity

for residents of Kentish under the age of 20 – you are invited to submit entries with the chance of winning \$500 cash!

MRLC is looking for entries on the theme of 'What I love about the natural environment in Kentish.' Entries can be in any form you like – written, drawn, photo, video, collage, song, sculpture – all forms of expression will be considered.

MRLC will select the best 10 entries, and these will be displayed at an upcoming public Landcare event near Sheffield later in March this year. Those attending this event will be able to view/experience the entries, and have the opportunity to vote for their favourite – the entry with the most votes will be announced on the day and will win \$500 cash. Two smaller prizes of \$100 each will be awarded to runners-up.

Entries must be received by Mount Roland Land Care by the end of February. They can be emailed to: secretary@mountrolandlandcare.org.au Get in touch if you need to make alternative arrangements for delivery (eg sculptures).

If you have any questions, then also feel welcome to get in touch by email. Entry is free, but you must be a resident of Kentish and under 20 years of age. Maximum of two entries per person. The entrant's name, address and age should be included with their entry.

Those entrants under the age of 18 who have their entry selected for public display, will be asked to provide the consent of a parent/guardian.

More details about the next MRLC event in March will be included in the March *Kentish Voice* – look out for those. They will also be on the Group's website and Facebook page, and advertised widely.

Like so many community groups, MRLC needs to encourage the participation of younger people - this is essential for the future of our group. We do as much as possible to ensure that



all our events and activities cater for young people. Younger people can become members of MRLC for the reduced price of just \$2 per year. If interested, go to the Group's website at www.mountrolandlandcare.org.au and look for the 'Becoming Involved' section. As a member, you will be notified of all MRLC's activities.

In the past 12 months, MRLC has held numerous activities especially for youth, including tree planting for Sheffield High School and Wilmot Area School, and for several homeschooling groups. We have hosted a visit from Inaburra School – Year 10 students visiting Tasmania from NSW.

Kentish Cub Scouts have also participated in tree planting, along with learning how to grow native plants from seed and bird identification.

In January, MRLC held a 'seed collecting workshop' led by Ruth Mollison just outside Sheffield. The day was organised for youth (12 – 20 years old) by one of our active young MRLC members, Laura Wildsmith (pictured above).

Laura is doing an amazing job and has also established a not-for-profit Community Native Plant nursery, and expects to have at least 1200 native plants available for sale next month.

Working with other young people, Laura has grown all the plants from seeds collected locally. It is part of Laura's personal mission to respond in a positive way to the challenges of a changing climate – something that already impacts us and will certainly have a profound effect on younger generations.

MRLC welcomes donations from individuals, business, corporations – whoever – to help support its youth engagement programs.

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By Geoffrey Curtis

Near the Devonport rubbish transfer station is a small enclave home to feral chickens. Riding my bike towards it, someone straddled across their bike was intermittently bending up and down. My first thought was 'eggs,' and there must have been many, so I believed until drawing nearer brought a smile to my face. No eggs, only pieces of wind-blown litter more likely from the transfer station.

Mike can be found in his routine daily cycle ride along many of the urban pathways picking up litter and carrying it away on his bike. He fumes at just how much litter is discarded from vehicles, buildings, and where I met him, outside the transfer station.

In Sheffield, I had a long chat with Leoni Read group leader of 14 caring volunteers dedicated to keeping Kentish litter-free. We trundle along a bridle track which looked very clean however in no time, stated Leoni, we will be back to clean up other people's mess.

Litter is simply pieces of rubbish that have been left lying on the ground often in public places. Although there has been a vast improvement with fewer cigarette butts and chewing gum, it has been largely replaced by different forms of plastic. Anything from cutlery, fast food containers, bottles, syringes, and garden bags.

In Australia, 7 billion tonnes of rubbish litter our roadsides, while waste in general 100,00 tonnes become litter. And not forgetting that land-based litter also affects our marine environments.

So why do we still litter? Some litter is a form

of protest or expression of frustration and feeling disconnected from their environment. In other words, having no sense of ownership of parks, walkways, or other public spaces.

Other litterbugs have a penchant for not being inconvenienced and an unreasonable selfish belief in personal freedom. (How many times have you seen a driver throw litter out of their window?) Some are simply too lazy to take home their rubbish or there may be a lack of bins or, if the presence of litter exists, why not join in?

Plastic litter is mainly found in schools and according to 'Clean Up Australia National Rubbish Report' data, volunteers picked up 79% of litter on school grounds. And surprisingly one of the least known is slack law enforcement by agencies.

Litter of course comes in all shapes and materials. It can cause health and safety issues as we know. These include being a fire hazard, attracting pests and disease, it can clog up creeks, drains, and sewers, and contributes to pollution in general.

Who is more likely to litter may surprise you. Men for example are more likely, and the cohort age groups from 12 -14 and over 50 are the most likely offenders. However, research shows the most intentional (wilful) by far are between 18 to 34.

Littering is impossible to eradicate because as a behaviour it is easy to do and quickly out of sight. However, strategies can be put into place and that will depend on cost factors, a willingness to make changes, and better use of education, awareness, and engagement.

This includes local businesses, councils, social media hot spots (e.g. use of videos), improved regulation and enforcement, specific targeting programs (eg. primary schools), improved recycling, and use of volunteers, especially for Sunday, March 2, Clean-up Australia Day.

Finally, a big thank you to the people who walk the trails, the streets, the alley-ways, and wander the countryside picking up the litter thrown out of vehicles or blown from buildings.

Got something to say?
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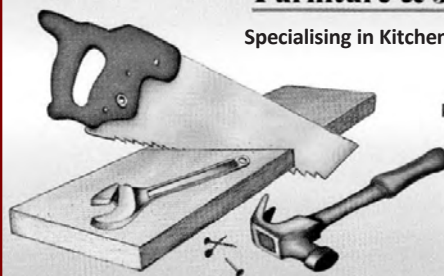
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Essie's waratah a real shady lady

By Robert Gower

Many years ago, when Liz and I were holidaying in Tasmania, Liz told me about how, when she was a little girl, she went to a flower shower with her father and she saw what she believed was a yellow waratah.

As she was telling me, I said "I don't know of a yellow waratah." She was quite firm and said it was a yellow waratah, so we did some research. Firstly we rang the Melbourne Royal Botanic Gardens and they said they didn't have any records of one, and suggested we contact the Royal Tasmanian Botanic Gardens.

We rang them, and they said they didn't have a specimen of one in the gardens but they told us of Essie Huxley who might. Amazingly they gave us her phone number and address (which wouldn't happen today due to privacy concerns).

We were planning another trip to Tasmania, and so contacted her and arranged to meet. When we arrived at her house, a small fibro cement place, we saw the yellow Waratah in her backyard, standing about 4m high.

We went into her home and were faced with art and garden books piled on chairs, with just enough room for us to sit. Essie was a lovely sweet and passionate old lady willing to spend time with two strangers to talk about her waratah.

Her father had dug one up from the bush and planted it in the garden. She gave us five seeds from her waratah, which grew for many years before we moved here to live. Pollen from Essie's waratah was collected and frozen, then thawed and crossed with the NSW waratah, and created the Shady Lady Waratah we know today.

There was a story written some years ago in the magazine 40 Degrees South about Essie and her waratah.

I feel very lucky to have spent some time with her, and to have her share her story with us.



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Book Review

From Here to the Great Unknown: A Memoir

By Lisa Marie Presley and Riley Keough

Lisa Marie Presley, the only child of Elvis Presley, provides a raw and revealing insight into her life. She regales happy childhood memories at Graceland with her father before his tragic death and then her turbulent teenage years in Los Angeles living with her mother; Priscilla. She writes about her relationships, her marriage to Michael Jackson, motherhood,

grief, generational trauma and her battle with addiction.

Tragically Lisa Marie died in 2023 before completing her memoir, so her daughter Riley fills in gaps throughout the book, commenting on both her mother's experiences and her own recollections of events.

I found this book to be a touching and powerful exploration of someone who grew up in the spotlight. I listened to this excellent audiobook on BorrowBox. It is narrated by Julia Roberts and Riley Keough with audio recordings of Lisa Marie.

Reviewed by Anne

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Improving access to health services

The Access 2 Health Services Project for Kentish has been in full swing for a very busy nine months, and we're going into 2025 without slowing down!

You may have noticed that there was no Health Services Calendar in January/February editions of *The Kentish Voice*, and no Health Services Update PDF e-mailed out. The reason for this is that we are focusing on getting the Kentish Health Services Access Improvement Plan into its final draft stage before the Kentish Health Advisory Group provides feedback (end of January) and gives it the go-ahead to move into the community consultation period (mid-February).

What is the Kentish Health Services Access Improvement Plan?

Over the past nine months, we have carried out feedback/consultation surveys, interviews, feedback sessions, and brainstorming workshops with local community members/groups and service providers on how we can improve access to health services in our region, particularly for our most vulnerable populations.

The Kentish Health Advisory Group used the data gathered to identify what services and resourcing we already have in the

area, what the community feels we are missing, what could be done better, and what is working well.

The Group looked at common positive themes that community members said they associated with 'health' and 'healthy' living, creating a Community Vision statement for our municipality.

The Plan also includes recommendations for allocation of potential funding to the area from the Department of Health, focusing on place-based and place-focused initiatives. That means, programs and projects that our community have identified a need for, to improve our access to health services, and to live a healthy life.

Community Consultation Period

The Kentish Health Services Access Improvement Plan will be open for community consultation from Monday, February 10, to Friday, February 21.

The Plan will be accessible online (a link will be shared via the Kentish House Facebook page and a number of Community Noticeboard Facebook pages), via e-mail and can be picked up in-person from Kentish House.

Feedback may be provided online, via reply e-mail, a scheduled phone call or in-person at Kentish House.

If you would like a copy of the Plan sent to you on February 10, please reach out to Ruby on 0497 780 216 (leave a text message or voicemail if there is no answer) or e-mail a2hskentish@glenhaven.org.au.

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Wednesday 5th March 2025

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And the compressor groans as it has for decades all the more
As milking cows and gathering clouds a farmer can't ignore
As rabbits dart from their warren to make it to the creek
All the colours of a rainbow seen plus a golden streak
And the dirt track winds along to the mansion of decay
Echoes of our ancestors, draught horses and their drays
Gumboots replace Sunday's best so toiling had resumed
Harvesting before the rains under shadows of the moon
And the flies attack the pads near the newly dairy born



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Of snow on Van Dyke and the Bluff we cannot see
Claude Road has a beauty where our roots will always be
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First settlers along Lower Beulah

Lower Beulah Rd begins under Mt Gog where it separates from Beulah Rd and follows the Minnow River downstream until it joins the Dasher River at the bottom of the Kentish Bridle Track hill. First it passes through the heart of the Minnow goldfield, which was intensely mined, leaving behind many concealed shafts and tunnels.

On the north side of the Minnow River, a site was surveyed for the Minnow township, but it was never settled. The Minnow mining boom was short-lived. A score of prospecting parties took out mining licences but were disappointed with their results, most losing money. When the **Star of the West Co** tunnels found no gold reef, the mine closed at the end of 1882.

Augustus (Gus) Jessop (15) found a damp box of detonators in the old mine site and put one in his pocket to play with. After a couple of weeks, it dried out and exploded in his left hand, blowing off his thumb and two fingers. It was a long wagon ride to Deloraine's doctor to get his injuries treated.

For three weeks in Jan 1893, **Chas Manning** and **George Edwards** had been sinking a shaft at the Minnow. George Edwards (24) was digging at the bottom of the shaft when he felt overcome with toxic fumes and signalled to be hauled up in the bucket. Edwards put one foot into the bucket and held onto the rope but, six inches from the top, lost his grip and fell 40ft back down the shaft to his death. Today this entire goldfield is covered by pine plantation.

Lower Beulah's first settlement

About 1882 **Edward (Ted) & Christiana Sharman** (7 chn) crossed the Mersey River to become the first real settlers at Lower Beulah. They purchased 54 acres along Dynan's Bridge Rd. Several of Ted's married brothers followed, including **Charles & Isabella Sharman** (10 chn), **Fred & Emma Sharman** (10 chn) and **Edis & Ann Sharman** (2 chn). Ted & Charles Sharman both served on the Beulah Road Trust. In 1903 Ted & Christiana moved with their son Ben Sharman to Watts Rd, Paradise.

854 Lower Beulah Rd: In 1885 **Thomas & Mary Ann Jessop** arrived next with **Anna** (25), **Clara** (22), **Alfred** (20), **Mary Ann** (18), **Augustus** (14) and **Cecil** (11). Thomas Jessop selected 200 acres at the junction of Lower Beulah Rd and Dynan's Bridge Rd, where he built their house, **Palmerville** (after Mary's maiden name), close to the Minnow River. In 1890 Thos Jessop became chairman of the first Beulah Trust. He lost two yoked bullocks down a mine shaft. The Jessop family was very clever, with strong Christian convictions. Their daughters became schoolteachers; their three sons were all literary and mechanically minded. Alfred Jessop m Mary Sharman in 1886 but had no children.

In 1888 Alfred built Beulah's first sawmill, where he and brother Cecil invented a way for their two vertical pitsaws to be powered by a steam engine. Alfred moved to Scottsdale and opened an engineering works where he built the district's first steam-powered motor vehicle. Gus Jessop who lost half his hand as a teenager, became a schoolteacher. Later he joined the printing office of the Seventh Day Adventist magazine *Sign of the Times* but eventually left the Adventist movement.

In 1895 Cecil Jessop brought an old printing press to Beulah to publish reading books for school children. Cecil married a Smithton girl and moved to Queensland, where he set up an engineering business. About 1908 Thomas & Mary Ann Jessop left their Palmerville property to live in Queensland.

Charles Frankcombe and cousin **Wm Frankcombe** from Blackwood Creek purchased blocks adjoining **Thos Jessop**, and in 1886 both married Jessop daughters. Chas & Anna Frankcombe had five children, but **Vida** (7) burnt to death when her cotton dress caught on fire. After Charles's wife **Anna** died of lung disease in 1901, he married **Amelia Hooper** in 1904 and moved to Paradise, but she, too, died in 1910. Wm & Mary Ann Frankcombe took over her parents' Palmerville property when the Jessops left it. Mary Ann became the local midwife for Lower Beulah. Between 1918–1922, William operated a barytes mine with ore sent to the EZCo in Hobart. Wm Frankcombe (70) d1933, Mary Ann d1966 in her 100th year. William's grandson **Tom** & wife **Irene (McCarthy)** Frankcombe succeeded his grandfather at Palmerville. Tom leased 2000 acres on Gog Range and, for a time, ran a sawmill. After Tom Frankcombe died, Gary Huett purchased the Palmerville property, then renovated probably the oldest house in Beulah and rented it out.

About 1900 **Edward (Ned) Hooper** (24) from Blackmoore bought 50 acres on the east side of Frankcombe's property. He was joined by his widowed mother, **Eliza Hooper**, and his two married brothers, **Arthur** and **Alfred**. In Aug 1911, Eliza (73), having bought her groceries at Best's store, walked back to Lower Beulah in the rain, only to find the Minnow River in flood. She was forced to spend a cold, wet night on the bank.

Lower Beulah Post Office & Shop

The first Beulah PO was opened at Lower Beulah on 15 Oct 1887 in Mrs Clara Sharman's home. The mail-carrying contract from Dunorlan to Lower Beulah was held by Thomas Jessop (1887–1895) and Ed (Ted) Sharman (1895–1904). In 1904 the mail delivery route changed to come from Railton via Lowe's Bridge to the Beulah township. Clara Sharman's PO was renamed the Lower Beulah Post Office. Two years after Beulah farmers **Gilbert & Bernice Loone** opened their shop at Lower Beulah, the PO was transferred to their shop. Gilbert Loone ran the shop/PO from 1918 till Aug 1921, **Claude Campbell** till May 1943 and **Millie Oliver** till Mar 1971, when it closed.

Lower Beulah school was built by Sheffield builder **Arthur Bailey** on land donated by Gilbert Loone almost opposite his shop/post office. It was opened in 1917 with 17 children, which quickly rose to 24. The first teacher was **Miss Irene Townsend**, daughter of the manager of the Shepherd & Murphy Mine at Moina. She remembered the ink freezing in the ink wells. Irene boarded with Mrs Wm Frankcombe and married her son **Kit Frankcombe**. The school closed in 1942 and became a private residence. On 29 Aug 1998, **Roly McCarthy** lost his life in the old schoolhouse when it burnt down.

Dawkins Rd (originally Sharman & Birchalls Rd)

This road cut straight through Charles Sharman's & Geo Sharman's properties to reach the surveyed Minnow township site; its three main streets were named Sharman, Jessop and Birchall. Young **Henry Birchall**, managing director of Launceston's oldest bookselling firm, had purchased a 152-acre property adjoining the Minnow township, but in July 1894 died aged 36 of lung disease. His unmarried brother **Frank Birchall**, also a company director, took over the Beulah property, but in 1907 he died aged 45 of typhoid. Later **Tas von Steiglitz** and **Maurice Dawkins** farmed along this road.

694, 734 & 765 Lower Beulah: About 1966, **Keith & Marj (Hooper) Huett** (5 chn) moved from Dynan's Bridge Rd onto

Road lay solid foundations By Alan F Dyer

part of 250 acres previously purchased by Keith's father, **Arthur Huett**. Keith & Marj's three sons, **Leslie (Tommy), Neville (Shorty) and Gary**, helped develop their dairy/cattle farm. Gary & Veronica Huett built a new house at 694 Lower Beulah Rd, while Tommy & Mavis lived at 734 Lower Beulah Rd. Tommy was active with the Beulah Hall committee for over 40 years and as chief fire brigade officer.

Sharmans Rd

In 1906 **Fred & Emily (Hodgkinson) Duncan** purchased **William Hoare's** 112-acre property on the top side of Sharmans Rd. In his early days, Fred leased a 50-acre cattle run on top of Mt Gog. After Fred Duncan (68) d1939, Emily moved to Sheffield and became a tireless worker for the Church of England. Son **Allan & wife Valerie Duncan** took over his father's farm.

Augustus & Sarah von Stieglitz came from Avoca to Lower Beulah in 1903 with three sons: **Tasman** (1880–1928), **James** (1882–1929) & **Owen** b1892. Sarah died 1913 and Augustus in 1928. Tasman von Stieglitz m **Henrietta Sharman** in 1909 and had one child, **Trevor**. In 1905 James held the state record for the number of field peas found on one stalk. His winning stalk had 272 pods containing 1088 peas.

After **Owen & Florence von Stieglitz** married in 1921, they purchased Duck Marsh Farm along old Paradise Rd. Trevor Von Stieglitz became a trapper and snarer on Mt Gog, averaging about 3000 skins each year.

George & Hannah (Dodd) Edwards from Lowe's Bridge took up 94 acres up Sharmans Rd. A road overseer for the Kentish council, George was justly proud of his six sons (**James, George, Charles, William, Albert & Harold** Edwards) who volunteered for the AIF in WWI. George died in 1924, aged 66. Most of Edward's children moved to the mainland.

Harry & Myra Frankcombe raised their family at Ivanhoe off Sharman's Rd where youngest daughter Barbara (b1935) won her Diploma of Music at age 14 and a scholarship to Melbourne Conservatorium in 1954. Sharman's Rd was named when Frank & Elvie Sharman farmed up this road.

629 Lower Beulah Rd, Oma: Frank & Mary Ann

Hodgkinson, with eight children, came to Upper Beulah about 1890. For a period, Frank Hodgkinson acted as chairman of the Beulah Road Trust. Frank's immigrant father, **Joseph Hodgkinson**, died soon after settling in Westbury, leaving behind his young wife **Frances** with three small children: **Frank, Tom & Mary Ann**.

One year later, **Frances Hodgkinson** (24) married **Victor Newton** (25), grandson of **John Newton**, English author of the famous hymn *Amazing Grace*.

Frank was raised in a blended family of three Hodgkinson and eight Newton children. Two of Frank's sons, **Ernest & Walter Hodgkinson**, went to the Boer War, where, after Walter's horse broke its leg, he was captured, tied to a wagon-wheel in a Boer village and abused by the locals. During the night, a compassionate young woman brought him food to eat and cut him free. Several sons settled around Beulah, including **Arthur & Lydia Hodgkinson** who farmed this Oma property. They were followed by son Fergus & Lissel Hodgkinson who in Sept 2006 sold out and moved to Sheffield.

555 Lower Beulah Rd: A gospel hall was erected on this junction of Lower Beulah Rd with Beulah Back Rd after combining two separate Sunday schools. One had begun in

Mrs Clara Jackson's dining room at Bulls Plain in 1928, the other started in the Lower Beulah school in 1931. Land was purchased from **Victor Walker** and a 30ftx17ft hall was opened in Oct 1935 by **Hugh McNeilly**. A group of Beulah Christians began monthly worship services there from Feb 1937. After 50 years, the Sunday services finished in 1984/85 when the building was sold and moved to Tommy Huett's property. In its place, Kerry & Debbie Huett relocated a house from Tullah.

528 Lower Beulah Rd: About 1920 **George & Hilda (von Stieglitz) McCarthy** moved to Lower Beulah Rd where they raised their large family: **Ernie, Joan, Irene, Roly, Aileen, Jim, Athol, Frank, Barbara & Harvey**. A family of axemen, they felled trees for the sawmillers. George McCarthy won the 1922 championship chop in Devonport, while sons Ernie & Roly won trophies at Henley-on-Mersey. In Sept 1950 George and son Ernie built the Beulah Memorial Hall.

When George McCarthy moved to Railton, German immigrants **Helmut & Erika Kursawe** purchased his property about 1970. After his Kursawe parents passed on, Helmut Jr & wife Judy (Huett) Kursawa moved from Nook to Lower Beulah in 2016 and built themselves a new house in 2019.

Further north along Lower Beulah Rd, **James & Clara Jackson** settled at Bulls Plain where they also raised a large family. James (67) d1926 & Clara Jackson (77) d1935. Son James Jr & Gladys Jackson took over the property.

496 Lower Beulah Rd: Originally owned by **Bert Hardy** and later the Jacksons, this property has been recently purchased by Italian Remedial Massage Therapist **Diego Pellegrini** whose professional services are in great demand. Further down Lower Beulah Rd, we enter pine plantations, so let's double back and conclude our survey by travelling west along Beulah Back Rd to the Beulah township.

90 Beulah Back Rd: About 1880 **James & Ellen Murphy** from Deloraine purchased 298 acres on the south side of Beulah Back Road where they raised their seven children. Three Murphys married three Gannons from Ashgrove, Elizabeth Town. Son **James Jr & Ann (Gannon) Murphy** moved to Circular Head, and his brother Jack became a publican. Jack's grandson **Graeme Murphy** founded the famous Sydney Dance Company. **Wasył & Katerina Jedyn** from Poland/Ukraine purchased this property in the 1950s. They were naturalised in Nov 1959. Chn: **Peter, Ray, John & Mary** (Mrs Tony Spillane). Today Ray & Veronica Jedyn farm two Beulah properties.

63 Beulah Back Rd: **Levick & Emmie Spillane** bought this property from the McCarthys about 1944 and raised their three sons **Tony & Robin** (twins) and **Neil** there, who all purchased their own Beulah Rd farms in the 1960s. Levick died 1984. Since Emmie died in 1996, Tony's son **Nigel Spillane** took over the farm. This means since 1897, five generations of the Spillane family have continuously farmed properties in Beulah for 128 years, which could be a record.

Today the Beulah district is entirely surrounded by great swathes of pine plantations. There are currently no Sharmans, Hodgkinsons, McCarthys, Jacksons or von Steiglitzs. Like so many other country districts, neither are there now any schools, churches or shops.

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Social Mah-Jong Group 1	1.0 pm (1 st &3 rd Mondays.) Blacksmith Café Ali: 0410 742 012 & leave a message
TUESDAY	
Weigh Me	10-11am Sheffield Uniting Church Contact Lynne: 0407 240 450
Pickleball	9-11am Railton Recreation & Community Centre Kate 0407 510 857
Topiary	10.00-12pm Topiary Paddock Crockers St. Railton Contact Leoni: 0429 705 062
French for fun	12.30-1.30 at Gear Café Railton Contact Leoni: 0429 705 062
Table Tennis	3.00-6pm. Sheffield Town Hall Contact Don: 0458 343 059
Basic Guitar	2-4pm Sheffield Uniting Church Mark 0428 515 445
WEDNESDAY	
Cycling the flat paths	(1 st Wed.) Contact Margaret: 0421 648 123
Walking for leisure	(2 nd Wed.) Contact Margaret: 0421 648 123
Nature Walks	(3 rd Wed.) of the month Greg: 0438 589 173
Balance and Bones	9-10am. & 10-11am Jennifer: 0400 376 937
Cryptic Crosswords	2pm (2 nd & 4 th Wed) Blacksmith Café contact Margaret: 6491 1175
THURSDAY	
Challenging Walk	(1 st Thur.) of the month Contact: Lindsay 0434 984 570
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FRIDAY	
Kayaking	Kayaking (All Day activity) Contact: Jennifer 0400 376 937
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CRYPTIC PUZZLE TASMANIA Answers P39

1. Arboretum (5,4)
2. Work hard for ... (7)
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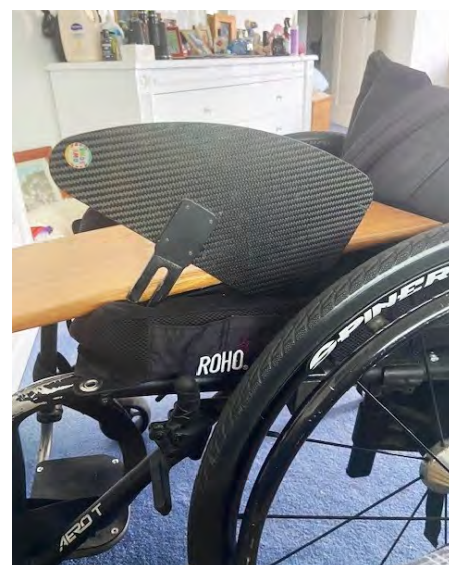
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POLICE REPORT

Common assault - Station Street, Sheffield.

On the 14th of January 2025, two males engaged in a physical altercation in Station Street, Sheffield. One of the males has since been charged with this matter.

Evade Police/Hooring offences – Beulah Road, Stoodley.

On the 18th of January 2025, police observed a person wearing a balaclava, doing a burnout on Beulah Road in Stoodley. The driver failed to stop for police when an attempt to intercept was made. The driver has since been charged in relation to this matter and their vehicle has been clamped for 28 days.

Stealing – Slaters Country Store, Sheffield.

On the 21st of January 2025, a male entered the Slaters Store and stole multiple items of clothing. He was apprehended by police shortly after and charged with the offence.

Stealing – IGA store, Sheffield.

On the 21st of January 2025, a male entered the IGA store in Sheffield and stole several grocery items. The male was apprehended by police shortly after and charged with stealing.

Stealing - Du Coeur from The Heart, Sheffield.

On the 21st of January 2025, a male entered Du Coeur from The Heart in Sheffield and stole several ornamental items. The male was apprehended by police shortly after and charged with stealing.

Stealing – Blue Gum Gallery, Sheffield.

On the 21st of January 2025, a male entered Blue Gum Gallery, Sheffield and stole several items. The male was apprehended by police shortly after and charged with the stealing.

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WHAT'S ON IN FEBRUARY

	Exploring Possibilities by Joanne Males, Sheffield Art Gallery
Jan 31-Feb 2	Tasmanian Mountain Cattlemen's Association annual get-together Gowrie Park
Feb 1, 02	FlowerFest 10am-3pm, Sheffield Town Hall, High Street, Sheffield
	Steam Engine rides 11am-4pm, Sheffield Steam & Heritage Centre, 14 Spring Street
Feb 2	Glenleigh Shield Kentish Pony & Hack Club, Spring Street, Sheffield
Feb 3	Sheffield RSL Sub-branch Annual General Meeting, 7pm, RSL Club
Feb 4	Back to School Bubble Bash 10am, Kentish House, 16-18 Station St, Sheffield
Feb 5	Services Australia 9.30-11am Sheffield; 12-12.3pm Railton
Feb 7	Men's Pizza Night 6.30pm, Sheffield Town Hall
Feb 11	Kentish Probus Club 10am, Sheffield Bowls Club
Feb 13	Kentish Garden Club 7.30pm, Bible Chapel, 45 High Street, Sheffield
Feb 15	Claude Road Garage Sale 9am-1pm, Claude Road Memorial Hall
	Artisan's Market 4-7pm, Sheffield Arts Centre, 6 Pioneer Crescent, Sheffield
Feb 17	Trivia 6.30 for 7pm, Sheffield RSL, 77 Main Street, Sheffield
Feb 18	Kentish Council meeting 6pm, Council Office, High Street, Sheffield
Feb 20	Author Talk Nadia Mahjouri, 5.30-7pm, Devonport Library
Feb 22	Kentish Museum re-opens 10am, 93 Main Street, Sheffield
	Mr Perfect BBQ 11am-12.30pm, Health Park, Sheffield
	Time Out dance band 7-10pm, Railton RSL, 52 Foster Street, Railton
Feb 27	Community Information Evening 7pm, Sheffield Town Hall, High Street

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Mar 1	Large Community Grant Scheme opens (see Page 9)
Mar 2	Clean Up Australia Day
Mar 6	International Women's Day brunch 10.30am-1.30pm, Sheffield Town Hall
Mar 8, 10	SteamFest , Sheffield
Mar 22, 30	International Rowing Championships , Lake Barrington
Mar 27	Community Information Evening 7pm, King's Hall, Railton

Cryptic Puzzle Answers

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| 1. Bushy Park | 6. Hampshire |
| 2. Harford | 7. Bruny Island |
| 3. Austins Ferry | 8. Hamilton |
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