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EDITORIAL

Voting is a privilege, a precious right. A right many in the world are fighting to achieve while we in Australia sometimes take our privileges for granted, sometimes resent having our Saturdays interrupted by attending a polling booth, despite the attraction of Democracy sausages.

Some dodge the electoral roll altogether, for reasons personal, political and even persecutorial.

Despite having a voting system and a democracy which shines on the world stage, some voting-age citizens abrogate their right to decide who runs the country. And then usually whinge about how we're being governed.

At the 2024 Tasmanian election, 6.3 per cent of voters cast informal votes, meaning they either deliberately or accidentally didn't comply with the rules, and weren't counted towards the election result.

So make sure to read the instructions carefully for both the Senate and the House of Representatives. Ballot papers can be wide and unwieldy and sometimes it's difficult to number all those squares. Take your time, it's worth the effort.

This federal election, about half of eligible voters were expected to lodge their decision at pre-polling booths before May 3, a luxury not enjoyed by all in the voting world.

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Heather

Pharmacy staff get chatty with clients

By Heather Eiszele

Sometimes a visit to the pharmacy or super-market is a person's only social interaction for the day.

Staff at Turnbolls Pharmacy in Sheffield recognised this unmet social need and have responded with the launch of the Chatty Café, a weekly get-together over coffee and nibbles starting **Friday, May 9**, from 2-3pm.

The Chatty Café Scheme is a global movement dedicated to preventing and reducing loneliness and social isolation.

It aims to spark conversations that go beyond the ordinary, fostering social connections within the community.

Pharmacist Robyn Yaxley heard about the concept when doing a course on loneliness and decided to create a space within Turnbolls Pharmacy where people feel welcome.

"One in five people are lonely," said Robyn. "It's a worldwide phenomenon."

Pharmacy Assistant Maree Brown, who organised funding through The Hub for the café, said staff often chat with customers about more than medicines, fulfilling a social need, but were limited by time.

"People just want to talk," she said.

Maree describes the pharmacy as "the hub of the town" with up to 200 scripts being filled in a day, meaning a lot of people coming in and out.



"Hopefully they will stay a little longer and make new friends," she said.

"Chatting is essential for mental and physical well-being."

Chatty Café welcomes all ages and stages.

"We aim to create an environment where people feel encouraged to chat and connect," Maree said.

Time for a cuppa: (from left) Maree Brown, Robyn Yaxley, Andrea Harris and Sunshine Barker.



Treat Mum to a family day of fun Sunday May 11th



at Tasmazia and the Village of Lower Crackpot

Tasmazia's Easter Egg hunt was a huge success and a great family day out!

Now is time to think of Mums and their special day!

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Naturally Kentish teaches and rewards



Those lucky enough to get a ticket were treated to a wonderful and varied evening's entertainment at Mount Roland Land Care's 'Naturally Kentish at Night' presentation at Wilder Tasmania, Gowrie Park on Saturday, April 5. The event was booked out, with a waiting list.

There were many highlights of the evening, including the entertaining and informative presentation from Dr Lisa Cawthen on 'The secret life of bats'. Lisa is a bat researcher, and an accomplished presenter – all ages find her presentations interesting and full of laughs.

The second feature presenter was Ben Alldridge, who spoke about the importance of 'dark skies' and surprised us all by revealing the impact that light pollution is having on the health of humans, animals and plants.

Ben's astrophotography skills were on full display, and there were many 'gasps' when he shared some of his award-winning night sky photographs. Ben also live streamed his presentation, sharing to a potential audience of over 200,000 through his various social media platforms.

Kristen Lang welcomed us all with her inspirational poem 'The Splendour' and also shared a tasted of her super impressive 'Life on the Mountain' project. This project is using remote sensor cameras to record – sometimes for the first time – the plants and animals of Mount Roland. With the project now in its second year, it's fascinating to see the emergence of a longitudinal picture of 'Life on the Mountain'.

Indoor performances were brought to a climax by presentations to the winners of the Naturally Kentish youth award. Those attending each had one vote to determine the winner and two runners up. All agreed the choice was very difficult, each of the 10 finalists were of a very high standard.

But at the end of the voting there was a clear winner – Minnow Flora (*left*) with her 'Masked Owl Mask' – a delightfully sculptured piece crafted from natural collected materials.

There were two runners up, 8-year-old Quilla Rose (*right*) who performed her composition 'All I want to See', and Minnow also was a 'runner up' with her second entry, a painting titled 'Wild Kentish'.

Overall, an evening to remember. Many thanks to the volunteers at Mount Roland Land Care who contributed so much to the staging of this impressive event, also supported by funding from the Healthy Tasmania Fund through the Tasmanian Government.



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Shitbox Rally is a bi-annual event dedicated to raising much needed funds to support Cancer Research. By getting out and doing something unique, positive and proactive, it brings an element of fun and excitement to the formidable task of raising money to cure this heartbreaking disease.

We've done it before Folks! A Tradition! Let's do it again! For a wonderful cause.

Our 'Reps' this time are 'Nell & Neat' and a newbie team = 'Jess and Zeb'

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Artisans market offers crafts, music & food

Mark your calendars! Kentish Arts Commerce and Tourism is delighted to host an Artisans Market at the Sheffield Arts Centre on **Saturday, May 17th, from 1-4pm**.

Come and support talented local artisans showcasing their unique crafts and creations.

Enjoy a delightful afternoon browsing handcrafted goods, discovering hidden gems, and connecting with the vibrant artistic community of Sheffield.

Adding to the lively atmosphere, we'll be featuring entertainment by the wonderful Shasa Bolton.

And to complete the experience, delicious food will be available to tantalize your taste buds while you shop and enjoy the entertainment.

Don't miss this opportunity to support local, enjoy live music, and indulge in some tasty treats!

Surgery empowers patients to be winners

By Donna Lockett

Sheffield Medical Centre was awarded the Australian Small Business Champion Award in the category of Doctors Surgery at a ceremony in on March 28.

We are all so proud of this achievement - a recognition of our dedication and hard work. There were 1423 finalists selected across 106 categories, which makes a win from a small rural Medical Centre even more amazing.

At the core of our mission is a dedication to personalised care. We offer a comprehensive range of health services, including routine check-ups, chronic disease management, preventative healthcare, and specialist consultations designed to meet the diverse needs of the community.

With an emphasis on clear communication and mutual respect, every patient receives a tailored care plan that reflects their

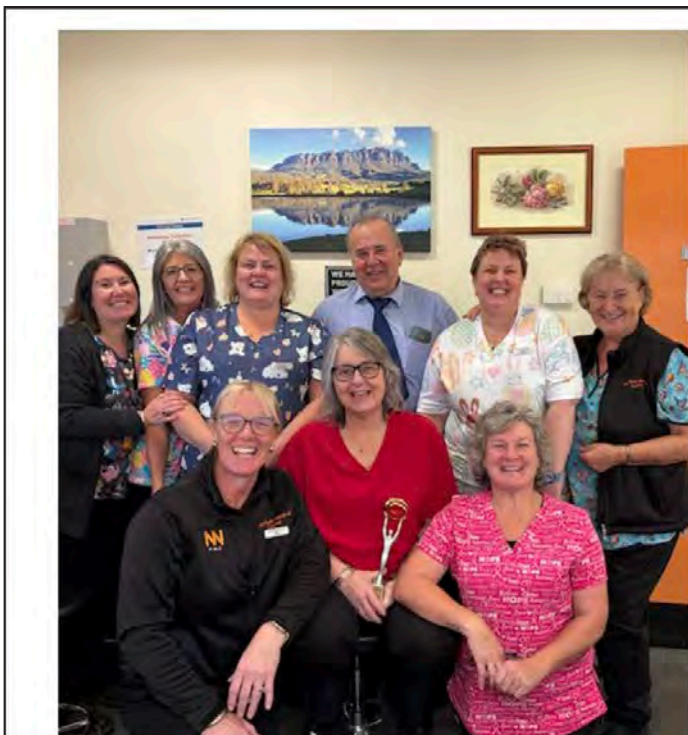
unique health goals and circumstances. The centre's proactive approach encourages individuals to engage in their own care, empowering patients with knowledge and resources to make informed decisions.

Driven by a desire to continually improve, Sheffield Medical Centre welcomes feedback and strives for innovation in all aspects of our services.

By blending modern medicine with compassion, we proudly serve as a vital support for community health.

Continuously updating our practices and embracing new technologies, Sheffield Medical Centre enhances patient care with innovative diagnostic tools and treatment methods.

With a focus on continual improvement and patient empowerment, we remain dedicated to offering our community the best in healthcare.



Claude Road mural salutes war heroes



The Claude Road Hall Committee commissioned local artist Nadia Mitchell to create a mural to honour local residents who served in last century's two world wars.

Nadia undertook extensive research and has produced an amazing work of art on the side of our 40 foot shipping container. Financial support for the mural has come from the

Hall's fund-raising efforts, supported by a substantial grant from the Federal Government's Salute to Service Grants.

We invite everyone, especially those whose family members participated in these conflicts, to come along to the official unveiling on **Saturday, May 17, at 10am**. Morning tea will be provided.

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Join the conversation for Christmas in July

As the chill of winter approaches, it is time to warm up our community spirit!

We invite you to join us at the Sheffield Arts Centre on **Thursday, May 15, from 4pm** for a brainstorming session dedicated to this year's Winterfest.

Let's come together to organise a series of fun and festive events that will brighten up our town and combat those winter blues!

If you can't make it to the meeting, don't worry, we still want to hear your ideas.

Please send your suggestions to info@muralfest.com.au, and we'll make sure they are included in our planning.

Let's make Winterfest a Success! We need your help, and your ideas and enthusiasm are what will make this Winterfest truly special.

Whether you have a specific event in mind or just want to share your thoughts, we encourage you to join us on May 15.

Together we can create a winter celebration that brings joy and warmth to our community and the visiting public.

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Sap will soon begin to flow in the trees, seeds will germinate, snow will melt and our herds and flocks will give birth to a new generation.

More importantly the Barrington Hall committee would like to extend an invitation to the good people of Barrington to attend a midwinter casserole evening on the night of **June 21 at 6pm.**

Bring either a comforting, rib-sticking, feel-good hearty dish or a dessert to share. Be it a classic Aussie casserole, a classic French coq au vin, maybe your thing is a South African Boboti, or a beef bourguignon. If dessert is more your speed, let your imagination run wild.

In the comfort of our wonderful Barrington Hall, let's all sit down together, catch up, swap stories and celebrate the end of those short winter nights and look forward to those warmer days to come.

For further information, please contact Robert Pinkstone 0448 103 058 or Penny Lane 0407 214 822.

Get the garden ready for winter rains

Gardening with Robert Gower

There are a few things I like to do now we are into May.

The first is to deadhead the roses, as most have just finished flowering. I will just remove the spent heads and tidy the bushes a little. The pruning will be done late July-early August.

The second thing is to get into some of the garden beds where weeds, like twitch and clover, have made themselves at home over summer. Using my garden fork, I dig down and loosen the soil, and remove all the runners from under the ground and clean up the beds ready to be mulched.

Once the rains come we will have a lot of weed seeds germinating, so best to get on top of those beds now.

One of the other jobs I generally do at this time of year is mow the grass down low. I have a large deciduous garden bed that I allow the grass to grow on during the year. I have 1000 daffodils planted in this bed, and this is their third year.

Mowing the grass down close to the ground means the daffodils and grass can grow at the same time into my spring meadow.

While the ground has still got some warmth in the soil, it's a good time to start planting any plants, so long as they are not frost tender. I normally do a lot of revegetation work around my property now. The plants will establish a reasonable root system and this will help them survive over the drier months when we get into mid spring.

You might still have to water those plants that are a bit water sensitive, but it will help them a great deal to get them in now.

I also like to prune the foliage off all my Hellebores, so when they flower over winter you will have lots of color.

Happy Gardening!

Medicare to open mental health centre in Devonport

A 'home' has been confirmed for Devonport's new Medicare Mental Health Centre, which will increase access to free mental health support for people living in the area.

Primary Health Tasmania general manager Alison O'Neill said a lease has been signed for premises at 11-17 Stewart Street Devonport, which were formerly offices of the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

"This is a major step towards establishing this new centre, which will join the existing Medicare Mental Health Centre in Launceston," Ms O'Neill said.

"Now that the lease has been signed, we can proceed with the building and fit-out works needed to make the site suitable for its new purpose.

"We will continue to work closely with service provider Stride Mental Health, with the aim of opening the centre in July."

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Official praise for hall renovation project



Ribbon-cutting ceremony: Lower Barrington Community Hall president Lynn Broos with Deputy Premier and Member for Lyons, Guy Barnett MP.

Below: Long-serving volunteers and former Trustees Brian Reeves (left) and Barry Brooks were given the honour of cutting the cake at the official opening of the hall renovations.



By Bronwyn Watson

The official opening of our newly refurbished kitchen and meeting room facilities at the Lower Barrington Community Hall took place on Saturday, April 5.

Despite the chilly weather, the event was well attended by official dignitaries, project supporters, community organisations, and current and former residents of the district. The Hon. Guy Barnett MP (Deputy Premier and Member for Lyons), with the help of two local children, Marlon and Ryder, cut the ribbon and officially opened the new facilities.

This was followed by speeches from Hall President Mrs Lynn Broos, the Hon. Leonie Hiscutt MLC, and a blessing of the building by Mr Bruce French.

Mayor Kate Haberle also spoke, highlighting the great success of this community-led project.

After the formal proceedings, our longest-serving volunteers and former Trustees of the Hall, Mr Brian Reeves and Mr Barry Brooks, had the honour of cutting the celebration cake.

In a delightful and spontaneous moment, the crowd sang *Happy Birthday* to the Deputy Premier, rounding out the event on a cheerful note.

It was heartening to receive so much positive feedback from attendees, with many expressing enthusiasm and praise for the upgraded facilities. Thank you to all who supported the day.

Our committee is greatly encouraged by the recent interest in using the hall for various activities and events. With our newly improved, flexible space, we look forward to creating more opportunities for people to connect and come together as a community.

If you're interested in hiring the hall, please contact our Hall Secretary, Bronwyn Watson, on 0407 726 669 or reach out via our Facebook page.

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Hydro continues Cethana conversation

Hydro Tasmania loves hearing what local people and businesses think about the planned pumped hydro project at Cethana. We've already had great conversations - hearing everything from concerns and issues to exciting ideas and opportunities!

Recently, Gina met with the Mersey Forth Recreational Management Group, which included members from local ski clubs, rowing and canoe groups, and the Kentish Council. The group visited the Cethana site to learn more about the project. "It's wonderful to have such interest in the project," Gina said.

Gina said the group had lots of good questions about how the project might affect the area around Lake Barrington, the size of the project, how long it will take to build, and how people can access Lake Cethana.

They even got to look at rock samples taken from deep underground at the site, which showed good conditions for building the proposed tunnels and power station.

With keen interest from the group, we will continue the conversation. "We are planning a workshop to talk more about impacts and opportunities," Gina said.

The next stage for Cethana will be the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Getting together with the community always give us such valuable feedback, which is important as we start

to understand the finer details of the project.

Stay in touch : <https://connect.hydro.com.au/cethana-pumpedhydro>



Gina and Site Works Supervisor James Butler (back left) on site at Cethana with members of the Mersey Forth Recreational Management Group.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Many thanks to the Lions Cub of Kentish for providing firewood during what has been a difficult and trying time. We are most fortunate to be supported in this way, and we are immeasurably appreciative.

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Market Moves

with **Corinne Nicholson**
Principal
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Kentish was buzzing in April, with plenty of tourists exploring all that the season brings. It's been a lovely time across the region.

A big congratulations to Ash, winner of our Easter competition. Ash guessed closest to the correct number of 143 chocolates in the jar and took home the bottle of sweet chocolates along with a \$50 IGA voucher. It was a bit of fun, and we loved the community engagement it brought.

Sandy and I have genuinely enjoyed the steady stream of friendly faces popping into the office. Whether it's been for a quick hello, a market chat, or just a wave through the window, it's those everyday moments that remind me why I love what I do.

Our recent marketing initiatives were a great success, helping generate strong interest and visibility for local properties. Buyers are out and about, and well-presented rural homes are being noticed.

Property of the Month: 2811 Sheffield Road, Sheffield

This standout lifestyle property offers spacious living with four bedrooms, two bathrooms, generous shedding, and 2.5 acres of established gardens. Just minutes from town, it delivers the ideal blend of comfort, space, and future potential.

We also have numerous opportunities in West Kentish, including small acreages and lifestyle blocks ideal for those chasing open skies, fresh air, and room to move.

Seller Tip: Be Sale Ready Early

Even if you're not listing right away, start getting sale ready now. Good rural marketing needs time. Savvy Vendors will think about drone shots, seasonal photos, and prepping the land at its best.

Project update

Cethana pumped hydro

Out and about in Sheffield and beyond! We've loved hearing your ideas and what's important to you — from kitchen chats to community events and business meetings.

We're keen to keep the conversation going as we move toward the next step in approvals for the Cethana pumped hydro project.

Reach out to Gina or Bronnie for a chat!

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touch!



How are we tracking now with the FOGO bin?

An important part of the reason to expand our kerbside waste services to include FOGO was to divert materials from landfill and in the process reduce the environmental impact this has and save state waste levy. The table below shows how we are going in each community to achieving our Cradle Coast regional goal of 60% of municipal waste being recovered and reused by 2028.

We are also well on our way as a community to reaching State and National resource recovery targets of:

- 50% recovery across all waste streams by 2025 and 80% by 2030.
- Halve the amount of organic waste sent to landfill by 2030.



Council	Stream	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sept-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	June-25	Collected to date (Tonnes)	Diversion from landfill (%)	Waste Levy saved (\$)
Central Coast	Waste	178	174	217	244	195	193	201	189	220				1812		
	Recycling	118	112	118	118	121	197	138	126	120				1167		
	FOGO	156	172	343	302	290	351	322	213	303				2452		
	TOTAL	452	457	678	664	606	741	661	528	643				5431	67	\$162,421
Devonport	Waste	121	71	398	476	353	382	388	355	386				2972		
	Recycling	111	126	195	132	140	152	163	144	204				1367		
	FOGO	133	177	240	279	313	297	237	222	192				2088		
	TOTAL	365	374	833	887	846	830	787	721	783				6427	54	\$155,060
Kentish	Waste	46	69	37	44	44	46	68	43	44				441		
	Recycling	19	19	20	21	21	33	23	21	21				198		
	FOGO	15	19	39	34	33	33	40	24	36				272		
	TOTAL	80	107	96	99	98	111	132	88	100				911	52	\$21,094
Latrobe	Waste	203	171	159	166	235	194	176	176	163				1626		
	Recycling	65	62	65	67	72	116	88	74	71				681		
	FOGO	56	58	125	120	114	169	118	86	125				970		
	TOTAL	323	291	350	347	352	521	399	336	359				3277	50	\$74,097
Wynyard	Waste	161	164	144	149	145	188	152	145	146				1435		
	Recycling	55	51	52	54	56	90	66	58	54				535		
	FOGO	52	64	120	115	112	146	126	81	117				934		
	TOTAL	268	279	316	318	313	423	385	285	317				2904	51	\$65,929
COUNCILS WITH FOGO	Waste	709	649	955	1074	944	1044	1044	908	959				8286		
	Recycling	368	371	450	392	410	587	477	423	471				3948		
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RAILTON PICKLEBALL

Social games of Pickleball will be held on Sundays from 10am-noon at the Railton Recreation and Community Centre, corner Crocker Street and Ennis Avenue, starting May 4.

Pickleball is a hybrid: a paddle game played with a baseball-sized wiffleball over a tennis-type net on a Badminton-sized court. All welcome, no experience necessary. \$5/session.

For more information, please contact Kate on 0407 510 857.

SHEFFIELD BOWLS CLUB

Here's hoping everyone had a joyful Easter with not too much chocolate consumed. The Sheffield Bowls Club AGM will be held in the clubrooms on Sunday, June 29, at 1000 am.

If anyone in the community is interested in having a try at lawn bowls, we have social bowls commencing on Saturdays at 12.30pm. Entry is \$5, all are welcome, weather permitting.

Congratulations to all our 24/25 club championships. Our ladies singles winner was S. Oldenholf, doubles T Faulkner and B Hill, Triples T Faulkner, B Hill and S Oldenholf.

The men's singles was won by G McGhie, doubles C Cox and S Charleston, Triples G McGhie, J Sullivan and E Raddatz.

The men's four winners were B Swan, G McGhie, J Sullivan and E Raddatz. Congratulations all.

Sheffield Bowls Club would like to thank our fantastic sponsors for their generous contributions.

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Rosie Bassett, Secretary

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RAILTON PARKRUN



On Easter Saturday Tom Watt (*left*) participated in his 100th parkrun event. Congratulations Tom on a great effort.

We were pleased to see 64 park runners on a perfect morning, with visitors from Launceston, Oxford in the UK and Mole Creek. Nine parkrunners achieved a personal best time and five first timers were welcomed by the group at the start of the race.

The week before saw 48 park runners participate in Railton's 356th event, with visitors from Scotland, Spreyton, Hobart, Launceston, Turners Beach and Stoodley.

We congratulated Eve Hayden (*left*) as she completed her 50th park run. Well done, Eve.

This free event would not be possible without volunteers, and we encourage everyone to nominate a date to participate in our weekly



volunteer roster. Our course is a bush track with lots of variables in the surface, we remind all park runners to take care as they make their way around the course. We often encounter, other walkers with dogs, mountain bikers and other day users.

For anyone wanting to participate, register through Parkrun Australia. Bring along the barcode you will be allocated,

briefing is 8:50am at the entrance to Sykes Sanctuary, off Kimberly Road, Railton.

Please note that if you are hosting visitors and they are not registered with Parkrun Australia, they are still very welcome to participate, but will not be issued with a token at the end of the event. Our course is a family-friendly event, set in a pristine natural setting.

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KENTISH EQUINE ENDURANCE RIDERS

The annual Kentish Equine Endurance Ride was held on Saturday, March 29, from the Kentish Pony Club grounds in Sheffield.

Seventy-seven competitors, including 14 junior riders, travelled from around the state to saddle up their horses and attempt either the 80km, 40km or 20km courses.

Competitors were again treated with great weather conditions, to complete the scenic and challenging courses, put together by Jean Treloar. This year it took riders along the old train line to Stoodley and then across the Bridle Track, over the Dasher River and down to the Mersey River via private properties before looping back via Redwater Creek to return along the old train line into Sheffield.

First across the line, holding hands for an equal placing in the 80km competition, was our local competitor from Railton, Jillinda Aitchison, with Kirsty Neilley from Launceston. They were the overall winners and winners of the Middleweight division with a riding time of 4 hours, 57mins.

Heavyweight was won by Shane Neilley from Launceston. Susan Woodward from NSW was the Lightweight winner, while Bella Sheean from Sassafras won the Junior Division.

Other local competitors Cacia Rand, Tania Jago, Shayne Williams, Angela Hawks, Melissa Stewart, Raelene Smith, Tracy Nutting and Piper Braid were among the 48 riders to successfully complete the 80km ride.

There were seven successful completions in the 40km event, including locals Rebecca and Darryl Ainslie as well as Wilmot Junior rider Sharky Roberts, who successfully completed her first 40km qualifier.

The nine starters in the 20km ride all successfully completed, including locals Georgia Bernat and Amy Burton.

The prestigious Best Conditions Rugs were awarded as follows:

- Lightweight sponsored by Horses'n'More was won by Kalody Park White Feather ridden by S. Woodward.
- Middleweight sponsored by Sheffield Mechanical & Tyre was won by Woodsong Princess Barbie ridden by K. Neilley.

Kentish Equine Endurance Riders
would like to acknowledge and sincerely thank the following organisations for supporting our 2025 event!

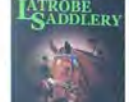













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Sharks Roberts from Wilmot with David Evelyn, Birralea.

- Heavyweight sponsored by The Hub was won by Woodsong Indiana Rose ridden by S. Neilley.
- Junior sponsored by Mountain Dew Ice was won by Arabella ridden by B. Sheean.

The KEER committee would like to thank and acknowledge all our sponsors and volunteers and land holders, including Forico, Reliance, Sustainable Timbers Tasmania, Timberlands Pacific and private property owners who made this annual event possible.

Our 2025 Sponsors were: "The HUB" as our major sponsor; Kentish Council; Sheffield Mechanical & Tyre; Mountain Dew Ice; Horse N More; Treloar Civil & Quarries; Taz Tanks; Latrobe Saddlery.

The next big event for Tasmanian Endurance Riders is the Tom Quilty Gold Cup National Championship event which is being held at Sassafras from May 8-11. Good luck to our local riders.



Trail riders: Rebecca and Darryl Ainslie from Claude Road.

SHEFFIELD GOLF

Pennant has started with the men playing at Ulverstone but sadly all were beaten. Next came Devonport at home and our boys came away with a 5/2 win. West Coast then travelled to Sheffield and some long, hard-fought games ended with a 4/3 loss then Ulverstone at home was also 4/3 loss.

The ladies first game was at Devonport and sadly all were defeated, then Thirlstane at home where it was 2 1/2 each.

A new cart track has been formed up to the 18th tee bed and will be playable very soon once the grass has settled. There has been a new safety and wallaby proof fence erected to this area.

Work has also been done on a lot of the tee beds now the automatic watering system has been completed. A huge thank you to all involved.

Monthly Medal Winners

Members: Sponsored by IGA Everyday Sheffield winner was Ryan Patterson with 67 nett from Tony Wootton 68 nett on a countback from Peter Orchard 68 nett on a countback from Matthew Knight 68 nett.

Vets: Sponsored by Sheffield Tyre & Mechanical was won Neil Denney with 69 nett from Noel Meyers 70 nett on a countback from Jason Crosswell 70 nett on a countback from Brett Coombs 70 nett.

Ladies: Sponsored by Slaters Country Store was won by Judy Denney with 71 nett on a countback from Janice Milner 71 nett.

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

Members:

22/3 Las Vegas Ambrose 3 sponsored by Spreyton Butchery was won by Doug Callander, Allan Duncan, David Macmillan and Sharon Bernat (the 1 group of 4 that played) with 56.625 from Mark Jones, Greg Collis and Matthew Knight 59.833

29/3 27 Hole Summer Shield saw Stephen Hope win with 96 nett from Noel Meyers 98 nett. Noel broke the 27 hole gross course record hitting 100 off the stick, well done Noel.

12/4 Ambrose 2 Sponsored by Michael Meaney was won by Patrick Conaghan and Rodney Von Stieglitz with 62 nett from Charlie McCaffre and Michael Chatwin with 62.25 nett

19/4 Stableford was won by Ryan Patterson with an impressive 47 points from Anna Balestrieri on an impressive 46 points.

Vets:

18/3 Stableford was won by Lyell Hardwicke with 39 pts from David Jago 37 pts on a countback from Les Juggins 37 pts.

25/3 4BBB won by Greg Collis and Denise Morgan with 49 pts from John Hope and Judy Denney 46 pts



Tandara's Day: Glen Connors delivers the donation cheque to Ladies president and Tandara employee Susie Coombs.

8/4 2nd Rd Singles Championships was won by Winston Duff 69 nett on a countback from Peter Orchard 69 nett

15/4 3rd Rd Singles Championships won by Greg Collis 68 nett from Winston Duff 69 nett

Gross Championship winner was Noel Meyers 211

Nett Championship winner was Winston Duff 209 nett followed by Noel Meyers 211 nett

Ladies:

1/4 1st Rd Single Championships Div 1 Susie Coombs 73 nett from Denise Morgan 73 nett

Div 2 Judy Denney 71 nett from Janice Milner 71 nett

8/4 2nd Rd Singles Div 1 Geneen Duff 76 nett from Denise Morgan 77 nett

Div 2 Judy Denney 72 nett from Janice Milner 74 nett

15/4 3rd Rd Single Championships won by Judy Denney 74 nett from Geneen Duff 75 nett

Championship winners:

A Grade Gross winner was Geneen Duff 278 nett followed by Susie Coombs 280 nett

A Grade Nett winner was Geneen Duff 227 nett from Denise Morgan 228 nett

B Grade Gross winner Judy Denney 292 nett from Janice Milner 296 nett

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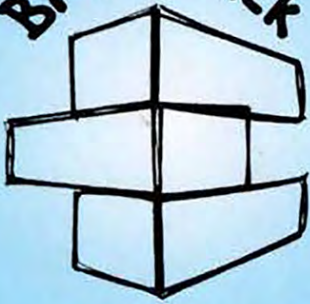
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Ruwan looks forward to seeing his Kentish customers at Agfest Site M98-25

Agfest runs from May 1-3

Agfest is a multi award-winning agricultural field day event organised by volunteer members of Rural Youth Tasmania.

These young, passionate and innovative members spend countless hours planning, working, managing and promoting the event to ensure everyone enjoys the Agfest experience.

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Clean Up



STEP UP TO CLEAN UP

Residents support eyesight surgeries

The Fred Hollows Foundation is thanking the Kentish community for their support during a challenging time for the international development sector.

Over the past 12 months, the Foundation has seen 25 new donors from Kentish support their work. In total 330 people from Kentish have donated \$78,458 in the past year, helping continue the late Professor Fred Hollows' vision of ending avoidable blindness.

Eveline, a young mother from Kenya's Siaya County received the life-changing gift of sight, along with her children - two-year-old Vincent and seven-year-old Ruth.

For Eveline and her husband Boniface, their future seemed hopeless, with blindness affecting Eveline's ability to work and their children's education.

Thanks to supporters of The Fred Hollows Foundation, all three underwent cataract surgery, regaining not just their vision but also their independence.

Ruth is now thriving in school, Vincent can run and play like any other child, and Eveline has regained her ability to provide for the family.

"The miraculous vision has brought us more than just clear sight - it has brought us hope, joy and a brighter future," said Boniface.

This extraordinary transformation highlights the power of sight-restoring surgery, proving that generosity and accessible eye care can rewrite lives.

Founding Director Gabi Hollows expressed her gratitude to the Kentish community for supporting The Foundation's important work.

"In these challenging times marked by rising costs of living, ongoing conflict, and increasing division, I want to take a moment to reflect on the countless people whose lives have



been transformed after having their sight restored thanks to the generosity of everyday Australians.

"Fred used to say that we discover our own humanity when we help others. Every donation, big or small, is a step towards a world where no person is needlessly blind.

"It could be a mother returning to the workforce, a grandparent seeing their grandchild for the first time, or a child being able to go to school. Thank you, Kentish, for your generosity in helping us restore sight to those who need it most," Gabi said.

This year, The Foundation aims to perform 3.8 million eye screenings, distribute 12.8 million doses of antibiotics for trachoma, and run community health education sessions for 1.2 million adults and children globally.

For information about The Fred Hollows Foundation or to help restore sight, visit www.hollows.org or call 1800 352 352.

Take a minute for youth mental health

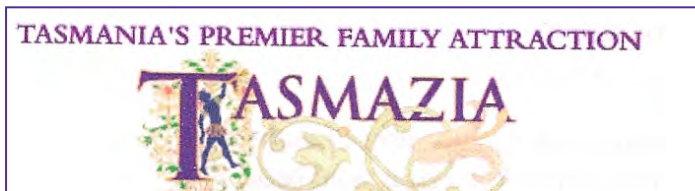
To help combat rising rates of mental health concerns, the Mental Health Council of Tasmania is on a mission to empower young people across the state to take a proactive, preventive approach to their mental health and wellbeing.

Building upon the success of their positive psychology campaign Take a Minute, the council has been developing a version tailored to young Tasmanians. The concept remains the same – focussing on the big impact that a combination of little things can have on our mental wellbeing - but the way it is delivered is being adapted to suit a younger audience.

CEO Connie Digolis said: "We know that young people typically turn to each other for support in the first instance. We've designed the Take a Minute youth program around this. It helps young people discover the things that are good for their own mental wellbeing, while also learning what works for their peers. This social aspect is quite unique, and a valuable way to explore the full breadth of tools they have available to stay on top of their wellbeing and help their friends do the same."

The campaign empowers and upskills young leaders to run activities and events that help their peers hone in on their strengths by focussing on the things that are important to them and have positive benefits for their mental wellbeing, with a number of schools and clubs across the state already participating.

More information can be found at www.mhct.org/youth



RAILTON MARKET

The Railton Mother's Day Market will be held on Saturday, May 10, from 9am to 1pm at the Kings Hall. Lots of great gift ideas for Mum, plus fruit & veg and plants.



PIZZA CONNECTION

Craig Hawkins: May 9, 6:30pm
Sheffield Town Hall - Free Event for men Young and Old

Evolution in Trouble: Craig Hawkins will be discussing the modern debate amongst evolutionary scientists about the shortcomings of "Evolution" trying to explain the "Complexity of Life on Earth".

Craig has a degree in Science and a Masters degree. He will cover where the scientists are falling short and he will propose an alternate explanation to the design, the detail, the variety, and the origins of interdependence of various living organisms. Contact Derek 0498 071 529 or Craig 0400 921 187.

WORKING ART SPACE SHEFFIELD

Sheffield Art Gallery – 6 Pioneer Crescent, Sheffield

Focus on Sheffield Artists

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

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

Opening hours: 10am to 3pm daily.

Working Art Space – 4-6 Albert Street, Sheffield

Printing classes: Every Tuesday between 10.30am and 2.30pm. Minimal cost of \$3.00 per person to cover inks and paper.

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

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

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

HUB REPORT

Our weather is cooling down, we have a good variety of scarves and beanies. This is the time of the year to also relax, keep warm and read a good book, we have lots.

Recent donations: Chatty Café \$1000; Weindorfer Day \$1800.

We are open Monday-Friday 10am-3pm.

- *The Committee*

KENTISH PROBUS CLUB

The next meeting of the Kentish Probus Club will be Tuesday, May 13, at 10am at the Sheffield Bowls Club. The Guest Speaker will be a representative from Tas Ports.

Outing this month is a luncheon at 41 Degrees South at Red Hills. Visitors are always welcome.

For further information contact Annelise on 6496 1220.

KENTISH MEN'S SHED



Easter has come and gone and still not much meaningful rain. At the Shed members have been busy spreading the wonderful garden mulch that was given us by the good folk at Dulverton (pictured left).

We can also report that the Grant recently received from the Tasmanian Men's Shed Association was quickly spent and now our welding bay is a much safer place as the fume

extractor proved to be even more efficient than we anticipated.

Likewise our Laser Printer operators no longer need to mask up when using that equipment.

We are looking forward to a visit from Governor Barbara Baker who is expected to tour our facility and have lunch provided by The Limestone Cafe (Railton's finest).

We shall be travelling to Wilmot on Sunday May 3 in support of the Weindorfer Celebrations by holding a sausage sizzle.

Visitors are always welcome at our shed. We are open Thursdays and Saturdays 9am-1pm. For information, please call Terry on 0429 122 520.



**Kentish
Garden Club**

Autumn is harvest time – those apples just keep coming and they are getting sweeter as the

weather cools. Not so palatable are the odd shaped apples that you may have noticed on camellias and wondered about.

These small green 'apples' are the fruit of the camellia – indeed, although the fruit looks like an apple, camellias are not related to apples. The apple-like fruit won't be seen on every camellia but are abundant on some varieties including the white-flowered *Camellia japonica* 'Lovelight' and many *sasanquas*.

As the fruit matures it splits open to reveal several hard seeds. These can be sown in seed raising mix or a small pot with potting mix and will germinate and produce seedling camellias. The young plants will take several years to flower and may not be the same as the parent plant, but it is a fun and cheap way to increase your camellia collection.

Celebrate our local agricultural history

The next meeting is Saturday, May 10, at 2pm at Barrington Hall, 52 Barrington Road, Barrington from 2pm. Guest speakers will be Sandy Brattstrom and Jean McDonald, who will discuss agricultural stories from the Kentish and Wilmot museums. All welcome. For more information, call Jennifer Stackhouse (KGC President) on 0488 047 011.



KENTISH COUNCIL

MESSAGE FROM MAYOR HABERLE COUNCIL TERM PLAN 2025/26

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RATES REMINDER

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

COMMUNITY INFORMATION EVENING

Council will hold the following Community Information Evenings:

- **Lower Barrington Meeting** – Thursday, 1 May, 2025 at 7pm at the Lower Barrington Hall
- **Sheffield Meeting** – Thursday, 28 August, 2025 at the Sheffield Town Hall
- **Railton Meeting** – Thursday, 25 September, 2025 at the Railton Kings Hall
- **Wilmot Meeting** – Thursday, 27 November, 2025 at the Wilmot Hall

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

BIN REPAIRS

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

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of Council will be held at the Council office on **Tuesday, 20 May, 2025** commencing at 6:00pm.



Community Development Grants

Round 1 for 2025-26 NOW OPEN

Is your organisation planning on running a program or event in the 2025-26 financial year and in need of a financial partner to make it happen? You may be eligible to apply for Kentish Council's Community Development Grants.

Guidelines and application forms are available online at www.kentish.tas.gov.au/community/community-grants or by phoning 03 6491 0200.

Applications close on **16 May 2025**



Mayor's message: halls fantastic assets



I trust you have all had a relaxing Easter break and the school holidays were a time for getting out and about and enjoying all that our municipality and our state has to offer.

The Federal Election will be held on May 3 so don't forget to vote. Find a polling booth near you. The Lions Club will be selling tickets for a load of wood

at the Sheffield School. Food will be available for purchase at the Claude Road Hall and Lower Barrington will be another place to cast your vote.

The Sheffield Bible Chapel held their 150 years celebration on April 5. It was a time of reminiscing and reflection as people came from across the state to join in a time of storytelling, singing and sharing lunch together on the Sunday.

I had the privilege of officially opening the celebrations for the weekend. Minister Guy Barnett and his wife also attended after which we travelled to Lower Barrington for the official opening of the new extension to the hall. Congratulations to the committee and in particular Bronwyn Watson, for their tireless efforts in gaining funding for the completion of this project.

Our local halls are being well looked after and used on a regular basis. These are fantastic assets in our local community so I encourage everyone to promote these halls if you are considering an event or function in the near future.

I would like to congratulate the Year 9 and 10 students who travelled to the mainland with four staff members before the holiday break. From all accounts, the students displayed exemplary behaviour and people commented on their excellent

manners as they visited many interesting places and even attended an AFL football match. Well done to all the students for upholding the values of the Sheffield School.

Anzac Day services were held across our municipality. This is a National Day of Remembrance in Australia and New Zealand that commemorates all Australians and New Zealanders who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations. It is a time to reflect on and honour the contribution and sacrifice made by past and present service personnel who have displayed great courage, discipline and self-sacrifice in choosing a life of service to their country and community. Anzac Day is a day for soldiers and the nation to reconnect with our past, understand the present, and look to our future.

Weindorfer Day will be held in the Wilmot Hall and Pioneer Park on Sunday, May 4. It will be a wonderful day to celebrate the lives of Kate and Gustav Weindorfer whose passion and love of this World Heritage Area ensured that this area be a national park for all people for all time. Each year we remember the adventurous life of this Austrian naturalist who endured difficult and often dangerous times on the mountain with heavy snowfalls, driving rain and freezing conditions but who also understood and appreciated the uniqueness of this area. A service will be held at 10am followed by the announcement and presentation of the winners of the Weindorfer Film Festival.

Mother's Day will be celebrated on May 11. Mothers need to be appreciated and honoured for their devotion and commitment to their families. To all the mothers out there, I wish you a very special day with your family and loved ones and for all of us let it be a time to remember with gratitude our own mothers.

Textiles @ Sheffield Library



Knitting, crochet, embroidery, cross stitch, weaving, patchwork or spinning - whatever textile craft you enjoy, take the opportunity to work on those unfinished crafty projects, start something new, or learn a variety of crafts from others in the group.

Second Thursday each month from 3:30 - 5:00pm
At Sheffield Library, Henry street, Sheffield.

libraries.tas.gov.au

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How to outfox this noxious weed



Foxgloves (*Digitalis purpurea*), a pretty spiked flower and a perennial favourite to some,

is unfortunately a serious pest in Tasmania, particularly in Kentish. It has now been declared both an environmental and agricultural weed.

All parts of the plant are extremely toxic to humans and animals and can be absorbed through the skin.

For detailed information on foxgloves in Tasmania, including options for control, we suggest you visit: [https://nre.tas.gov.au/invasive-species/weeds/weeds-index/declared-weeds-index/foxglove-\(digitalis\)](https://nre.tas.gov.au/invasive-species/weeds/weeds-index/declared-weeds-index/foxglove-(digitalis))

What can I do on my property to help prevent the spread?

Unfortunately, we live in an area that is the perfect environment for Foxgloves. They love light, bare soil, rain, sun and slightly acidic soils – basically they love lack of competition.

If you have Foxgloves on your property, you need a plan and May is the perfect time to start hand pulling (using gloves) the seedlings from around your waterways and pastures, before the flowers develop in Spring and spread millions of viable seed.

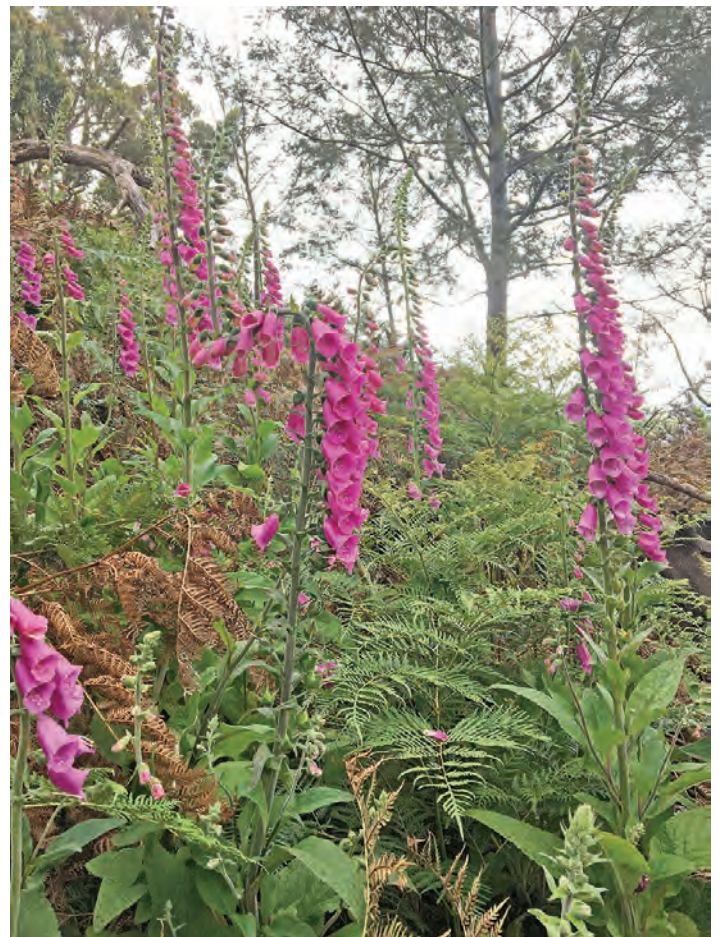
Make sure you remove the whole root and disturb the soil as little as possible. You can use your favourite gardening tool to gently pry out the roots and then shake the soil off.

When you hand-pull, be sure that you are pulling the whole plant out. If you just pull the top off, it will regrow worse than ever. Foxgloves tend to break off at ground level when you pull them: you need to get your fingers further down under the little knob you can feel and pull from there.

Remember to back plant with grass or other species after weeding to minimise competition!

For larger and highly affected areas and away from waterways, the best method is selective spraying when the Foxglove is in a growth phase, this is usually in early Spring and Autumn.

Cut and paste works well on mature foxgloves. Cut the flower



spike off, then immediately apply a dab of herbicide (glyphosate is good for this). In a perfect world, you wouldn't let your foxgloves get big enough to be worth cutting and pasting, but in real life it happens.

Mount Roland Land Care has been working with the Kentish Community and the State Government for many years to try and create awareness and knowledge to help control and prevent the spread of this toxic weed into our Regional Reserve.

<https://www.mountrolandlandcare.org.au>

Producers target Japanese market

On April 9, members of The Australian Food and Wine Collaboration Group – including Dairy Australia, Hort Innovation, Wine Australia, Meat & Livestock Australia and Seafood Industry Australia – held a series of trade development workshops in Tokyo.

It's the sixth target market for the Collaboration Group, which has previously focused its attention on emerging markets across Asia, including Thailand, South Korea, Vietnam, Indonesia and Taiwan. Over the past two years, it has met with more than 1000 food, trade and government representatives – leveraging the individual sectors' export strengths to deepen industry and government networks, advance bilateral trade and improve market access for the Australian Government.

Dairy Australia Managing Director Dr David Nation said Australia is ranked fourth in the share of Japan imports for dairy by volume, and in 2023-24 Australia exported 59,000 tonnes of dairy product, worth US\$306 million.

Visiting service

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

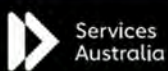
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Sheffield Library opening hours: Tuesday 3-6pm; Wednesday 9-11am and 3-6pm; Thursday 3-6pm. We are located at Sheffield School, 12 Henry Street. Call us on 6491 8233.

Book Review

Another Life by Kristin Hannah

Kristin Hanna is a beautiful storyteller. In *Another Life*, she tells the story of Angie, the now grown 'little princess' of a close-knit Italian American family. Angie returns to her hometown divorced and depressed when her life falls apart, as she is unable to do the one thing she longs for the most – create her own family.

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In time, Angie starts to find herself again with the help of her family, when their paths cross, she seizes the opportunity to ease the struggles of this self-reliant young woman who above all else, really yearns to feel safe, secure and supported.

A lovely read, the book explores different types of mothers and how the family you are born into and end up with can be different than you ever imagined.

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Healthy Habits with

Jon Delaine
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May is a busy month of health promotion and advocacy, with National Palliative Care Week (May 11-17) and the Cancer Council's annual fundraiser, Australia's Biggest Morning Tea running across the month.

Every day in Australia, 400 people of all ages die of a terminal illness. Every one of them could benefit from palliative care – care that is their human right, care that can enrich their final days, and care that too many people still miss out on.

Talking about death is difficult. It's natural to avoid it, and in many cultures, death remains a taboo subject. This reluctance, coupled with a lack of awareness, contributes to widespread misunderstanding about what palliative care is and the profound difference it can make.

This year's National Palliative Care theme challenges and inspires everyone—whether you're an individual, a part of the health and care sector, or a government representative to talk about what matters most at the end of life and to make a plan that empowers and respects their choices during the last years, months, and days of life.

National Palliative Care Week is an opportunity to have an awkward conversation with your loved ones, share your feelings and chat about what is important to you when planning for your future care.

New statistics from the Tasmanian Cancer Registry have shown the number of Tasmanians diagnosed with cancer has almost doubled from 2296 in 1995 to 4094 in 2022. While cancer is not the only cause of death, it is certainly one that impacts our community across Kentish.

The Rural Health Tasmania team will host a Cancer Council Morning Tea at the Kentish Health Hub (Henry St, Sheffield) on **Tuesday, May 20, from 9.30-1130am**. The morning tea will allow community members to share stories, hear about local support and enjoy a delicious coffee from The Sensible Goose coffee lads while raising awareness and funds.

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Curator training uplifts Wilmot museum



By Jean MacDonald

Secretary, Wilmot Tourist & Progress Association

Wilmot Museum celebrated its 20-year anniversary on February 11 this year and we are planning a special event in October to mark the occasion.

From the vision of the then President of the Wilmot Tourist & Progress Association, the late George Richards the Museum building was obtained from the Church of England Diocese several years earlier and officially opened in February 2005.

As the collection grew an extension to the building was added.

The Museum is run entirely by volunteers, and we are fortunate to have one volunteer in Wendy Charleston who has been volunteering since the first day the doors opened.

The volunteers are extremely excited to be starting training through the Roving Curator Program from late April until August, after a successful grant application to Arts Tasmania.

The Roving Curator will be providing expertise and training in caring for the various objects in our collection, further

cataloguing the collection, reviewing, and updating our policy documents as well as planning our 20-year anniversary.

Have you thought about volunteering at the Museum? Do you have an interest in photographing and cataloguing items, meeting people from all corners of the world and sharing some history of the area or assisting with our social media platform?

Then now is an exciting time to find out more and take part in the upcoming training. Either pop into the Museum Saturday and Sunday 11am to 2pm, call Jean on 0400 486368 or send a message through our Facebook Page, Wilmot Historic Museum for further information.



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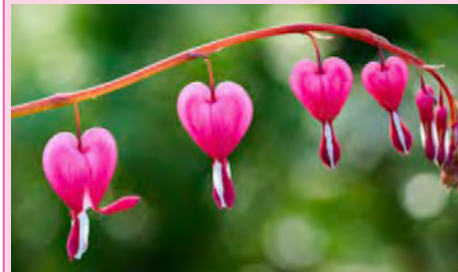
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COMMENT - GOOD GOVERNANCE

By Geoffrey Curtis

'YouGov' did a survey asking a number of people about the forthcoming federal election. One of the most startling results was that 51% of respondents had no idea there was one!

Last November, 'Voice' published my 'Comment' regarding the term 'politics'. This time, I want to discuss what we mean by 'Governance' and how the Federal Government governs.

Governance is about putting into practice the policies outlined by the political party elected to office. The political party (not the voters) elects the prime minister, and he or she chooses a few members to form the cabinet and other portfolios of office in government. Most notable are the Prime Minister, Treasurer, the Foreign Minister, Attorney General, and other ministers.

Governance, in short, refers to the processes, structures, and practices through which decisions are made and enforced within Government, encompassing leadership, accountability, transparency, and compliance.

What is good governance? In a nutshell, it means there is fairness, the rule of law is abided by, and sensitive to the needs of stakeholders, ensuring that decisions are relevant and producing desired outcomes while making the best use of resources.

We trust our government to do the right thing, even if we may not always agree with what is being proposed.

Unfortunately, trust in governance globally is falling, including here in Australia. Voters complain, as do some federal politicians, that those in power are not governing in the

common interest, but rather in the interest of themselves and the groups that fund and support them.

This is what was said in the 'Australian Journal of Public Administration' in July 2024. "The politicization of the public service and the rise of careerist politicians have led to the separation of what was once two distinct careers within the political elite. This has changed the decision premise of the advisory system for policy and implementation, leading to worse public policy, even policy disasters."

The 'Robo Debt' saga is a prime example.

How can we get a fairer representation in parliament if the voting public does nothing to stem the increasing lack of transparency and accountability? Perhaps more involvement in current affairs as much of our lives are governed by what takes place in parliament.

From the regulation of how much excise is taken from the petrol pump to the number of immigrants allowed into the country, how we aim to get to net-zero emissions by 2050, and the amount of tax not taken from big corporations.

For those who say it is a waste of time voting for Minor Parties and the Independents, that they will never make for governing the county, let us not forget that things do change. Both the major parties' membership is at a record low, and so too is the percentage of first preferences at elections.

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Huge crowds celebrate the return

Staverton

Sept 1915: The Sheffield railway station was packed on Saturday evening by a crowd that raised an enthusiastic welcome as the steam train from Railton arrived bearing Private Lionel Weeks of Staverton. He was the first wounded soldier to be returned to Kentish to recuperate.

Lionel had been a member of the Staverton Light Horse and one of the first men in Kentish to enlist. He had been in the trenches at Gallipoli for only two months when he was hit with a Turkish bullet in his hip while boiling the billy. The bullet is now a valuable trophy of his, along with pieces of his rifle that, on another occasion, was shot out of his hands while aiming at the enemy.

At Sheffield station, Ed Harrison provided his motor car for the wounded soldier to sit in while Warden GA Morse made a welcome speech and refreshments were served. The train then steamed on to Roland, where his Staverton family and friends were waiting to greet him. After two months' recuperation, Private Lionel Weeks returned to the war front in Nov 1915, where he was again wounded before finally being discharged in Mar 1919.

Wilmot

Nov 1916: An enthusiastic welcome home social was given to Captain Martyn Clerke, who has returned from Egypt to recuperate from injuries. The Wilmot Rechabite Hall was gaily decorated with bunting and greenery. After the national anthem, a powerful speech by the Hon John Hope MLC welcomed Captain Clerke home.

Captain Clerke was one of the first in the state to enlist and spent five months at Gallipoli, from where he was invalided to England suffering from enteric fever. Three months later, he rejoined his regiment in the Sinai Peninsula and was promoted to captain. During the Battle of Romani in Aug 1916, when the Allied Forces, led by General Allenby, stopped the Turks' second attempt to capture the Suez Canal, Martyn was hit by a machine gun bullet in his left knee, which necessitated his being sent home to Tasmania to recuperate.

Hon Hope said he had two sons at the front, one of whom had served under Captain Clerke. During this same Battle of Romani, his son had his horse shot under him, and it was 'a Wilmot horse, and a good one'. After recovering, Martyn Clerke returned to France where he was promoted to Major in May 1918 and awarded the DSO (Distinguished Service Order).

West Kentish

May 1918: A good number of residents met at the West Kentish railway siding on Tuesday evening to welcome home Driver Frank Harvey, who has returned from the front wounded, gassed and ill. Frank (22) looked considerably older after his three and a half years of war service.

James & Martha Harvey's three boys are all in khaki. Frank and Percy enlisted three and a half years ago and the youngest, Ted, about two and a half years ago. Without his sons, their father, James Harvey, has been handicapped in his work on the farm, and it is thought by many that there should be no necessity for Driver Harvey, who has six months' leave of absence, to return to the frontlines.

Barrington

Feb 1919: Sergeant Jack Mason of Barrington arrived in

Sheffield by the 11.15am steam train yesterday. There were many persons at the station who welcomed him with cheers. The band led the procession from the railway station to the Caledonian Hotel, playing suitable selections. In the absence of the warden, Mr MA Bruce (Manager, Commercial Bank) extended a cordial welcome home to the returned soldier.

Sergeant Mason went away with the 40th Battalion and came back with three stripes added to his rank. He has been wounded twice and is still on crutches because of a bullet through his thigh. On arrival, Jack was besieged by a very large number of friends, who were undoubtedly glad to see him home.

Lower Barrington/Sheffield

Dec 1918: A very enjoyable evening was spent in the Victoria Hall on Tuesday to welcome Private Edmund Rockliff, who was recently invalided home. Mr. Ellwood presented him with a gold medal, which was fastened to his coat by his mother. Private Rockliff suitably responded. A nice supper was handed round and the national anthem sung, after which the young people indulged in various games until a late hour.

All seven sons of Sam & Eliza Goss of Lower Barrington enlisted for the war front, and apart from Hector Goss (28), rejected on medical grounds, the other six sons fought in long conflicts. In 1915 their sons at the front were Frank Goss (32), Henry Goss (27), Arthur Goss (25), Lambert Goss (24), George Goss (22) and Alfred Goss (20). Although all survived the war, most returned home with serious wounds.

First to arrive home injured in May 1917 was Lambert Goss, but after a few months recuperating, he returned to France. In Sept 1917, Lance-Corporal Frank Goss was invalided home, arriving unexpectedly at Sheffield by the midday train, suffering gunshot wounds to his left lung and back. A few weeks later, Frank was the only son home with his mother when she died in Oct 1917.

In Jan 1919, Henry Goss arrived home from an English hospital having been severely gassed twice. Alfred and Arthur Goss arrived in Sep 1919, both having been wounded, with Arthur having spent two and a half years in hospital. George Goss was also wounded in France and hospitalised in England. There he met his future wife in Dorchester, married her Easter 1919 and chose to remain in England.

After the war, Henry and Arthur Goss shared a soldier settlement farm together in Barrington, and both married young daughters of Walter Crack of Kentish. Henry (32) m Hazel Crack (16) in 1919 and had 15 children. Arthur (31) m her sister Minnie Crack (16) in 1921 and had 17 children. Eventually, both Henry's and Arthur's large families came to live at the eastern end of Main St, Sheffield. Arthur Goss became a war invalid in early life and left Minnie a widow at age 54; her youngest son went blind at age 6 and her physically handicapped second youngest, spent years in St Giles Hospital. Henry & Hazel Goss's tenth child became a veterinary doctor, and in Feb 2013, aged 76, he wrote: 'I, Dr. Patrick James Goss, sit and ponder in full humility the man I admired in his time above all others – my father, Henry Herbert Goss, born Nov 1888 to Samuel & Elizabeth Goss. Sadly, and to my horror, this man – my father, my friend, my mentor and a shoulder to cry upon – departed this earth in July 1956 from a massive heart attack and was put to his well-earned rest in the Sheffield Cemetery. May his GOD and my GOD forever cradle him in HIS arms till we meet again. Amen. Oh my loving father, I am

of Kentish boys from WWI

By Alan F Dyer

following you soon as I am riddled with cancer. Amen to that too.'

Sheffield

June 1919: Five more Kentish lads returned to Sheffield on Monday's evening train. They were Sergeant-Major H McNab, Bombardier Tom Robson, Privates Bray, Charles and Roy Glover. A large crowd met them at the station. The Sheffield Brass band playing patriotic airs, marched ahead of them up the Main St where Mr MA Bruce, on behalf of the warden, extended to the men a very hearty welcome home. Commenting on the return of brothers Charles & Roy Glover, Mr Bruce was pleased to say all four of Mr Tom Glover's sons had enlisted and were now all home.

Oct 1919: A social in honour of a dozen men returning from France will be held on Thursday next. Their names: Corporal Torch (& wife), Air Mechanic Singleton, Privates Nunn, Padman, Moles, Bray (& wife), Listner, Milne, Rouse, Wm Hope, J Morris and B Thompson (& wife).

Claude Road

Sept 1917: On Saturday night, a welcome home social was held at Claude Road in honour of the return of Private David Steers. Private Steers left Tasmania in July 1916 and was wounded by a shell splinter during the battle for the Somme in France. He was sent home as his left arm is, at present, practically useless. A warm welcome was extended to the returned soldier.

July 1919: A welcome home social was held at the Claude Road school for Sergeant-Major Fitzmaurice & his wife. He returned after four years serving abroad. His parents have recently taken over the local PO/store. After an entertaining programme, the chairman (Cr Chas Lord) presented the returned soldier with a handsome gold medal, to which S-M Fitzmaurice expressed his appreciation of the honour accorded to his wife and himself.

Aug 1919: A welcome home social was held in the schoolroom on Friday night for three returned soldiers, Sergeant Ern Billing (MM) and Privates Fred Febey and John McCoy. The building was packed to overflowing. As the soldiers were escorted to the platform, they were cheered to the tune 'Home Sweet Home', and the national anthem was then played by the Sheffield Brass Band. Cr Chas Lord presided and extended a hearty welcome to the returned heroes and spoke in eulogistic terms for the work they had done for king and country. The chairman, on behalf of the residents, presented each soldier with a gold medal, suitably inscribed. Misses L Whiley, G Billing and G Febey pinned the medals on the breasts of the soldiers. Sergeant Billing returned thanks for himself and his mates.

Oct 1919: On Tuesday night, another welcome home was held. Three more returned soldiers were on the platform: Privates Whiley, Elliott and Febey. Councillor Lord presided. He voiced the genuine pleasure of all present at being able to again welcome home men who had done so well in the field. A short program filled in a pleasant hour, and then each returned soldier was presented with a suitably inscribed gold medal. Private Whiley expressed the thanks of the men for the welcome given them. Private Febey's English bride was also welcomed to the district and presented with a gold brooch. The singing of the national anthem closed the programme, and supper was served.

Railton

Dec 1918: By the Tuesday evening train, Private Chas &

Corporal Wm Densley MM returned to Railton from war service in France, where Wm and two mates took out the last gun at Anzac Cove. Long before the train arrived, the station was thronged with people. As the two soldiers alighted from the train, the Drum & Fife Band played 'Rule, Britannia' and 'Home Sweet Home' amidst intense cheering. One of the returning lads remarked, 'I didn't think there were so many people in Railton!' Later that evening, the welcome social included two other brave lads: Lance-Corporal Jim Mawer and Private J Lockett, recently invalided home.

The gathering in the hall was a large one, and a most enjoyable time was had. Mr EF Blyth MHA presided and gave a powerful address on the bravery of our men. Dr Parker, president of the local branch of the RSL, welcomed the returned men. After a full program of vocal and instrumental items, the chairman, in presenting the handsome gold medals to the returned men, referred to the distinctions they won, particularly Corporal W Densley's, who had not only gained the coveted distinction of the Military Medal but had also won 'a bar' for the medal.

Oct 1919: On Wednesday evening, Carroll's Hall, Railton, was literally packed to the doors for the welcoming home of the last of the Railton soldiers. The returned men honoured were Captain Aubrey White, Corporals George Anderson, V Goss and Andrew Anderson, and Privates Walter Lawler, Arthur Lamont and Albert Roughley. Also, Captain White's French wife and Corporal G Anderson's Scottish wife & baby daughter. On behalf of the residents, each man was presented with a handsome gold medal, and to both Mrs White & Mrs Anderson, a gold brooch.

Beulah

July 1918: A welcome home was given in the local hall to returned soldiers Privates Cliff Sharman, Ray O'Garey, Alex Campbell and Edward Hooper. The Warden Cr Blyth MHA presented each with a handsome gold medal. Private Campbell was given a fountain pen on behalf of the staff and scholars of Beulah Baptist Sunday School. Private Sharman's medal was pinned on by his mother, Private Campbell's by his sister Mrs F Sharman, Private O'Garey's by Miss Kitty Doyle and Private Hooper's by Miss Sylvia Dawkins.

Sept 1918: The Beulah Hall was crowded to its utmost capacity (many being unable to gain admission) on Wednesday evening for the welcome home of Private J McCarthy MM.

After singing the national anthem, Cr T Doyle welcomed everybody, and the lengthy programme of musical items and recitations began. He then said it gave him great pleasure to welcome home Private McCarthy after three years' absence on active service and called upon his sister, Miss J McCarthy, to pin a gold medal upon her brother's tunic. The fact that he had won a Military Medal made the district very proud, and they wished him a speedy recovery from his wounds.

Oct 1918: Fifty Babies Born on Unique Voyage

A world record was recently established by a passenger ship enroute from England to Australia. There were several hundred returning soldiers aboard with a large contingent of their English wives who were coming out to establish new homes in the colonies. During the voyage, no fewer than 50 babies were born aboard the ship. The old soldiers were delighted to welcome the new troops aboard.

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Kentish U3A is hosting a Biggest Morning Tea in support of the Cancer Council on Thursday, May 8, from 10am to noon.

It will be held in the Uniting Church at Sheffield and everyone is welcome - it's not exclusive for U3A members. Please bring a plate to share and we will provide the cups of tea. Wear a crazy hat and you could win a prize! There will also be a lucky door (seat) prize. Come be part of this community fundraising effort.



In a pickle over a little yellow ball



Indoor/Outdoor game: Julie McCarthy and Anita Allen get ready to face off (above) while Kate Campbell and Don Thwaites tackle the sun and the new surface.

At last count we had 21 members registered to participate in pickleball at Railton, which is on every Tuesday morning between 9-11am at the Railton Recreation & Community Centre in Crockers Street.

It is wonderful to see a few new players who have been warmly welcomed by our group. Everyone is happy to buddy up with these new players and guide them through the basics of the game. Scoring continues to be something we all strive to improve. At the completion of each game, players approach the net and acknowledge / thank fellow players by tapping paddles.

As we all know socialising and having fun are encouraged as part of Kentish U3A, and we acknowledge that it is vital to take responsibility for our own personal safety while playing pickleball. At the commencement of this year's roster, each member was given a copy of the 'safety and etiquette protocols' to ensure we continue to play safely and without injury.

Players are reminded of the most obvious precautions such as wearing appropriate footwear, the need to stretch and warm up prior to commencing a game, of staying hydrated and not overplaying to prevent injuries.

A recent power outage meant that we were unable to use the hall, but we were fortunate to be able to utilise the recently refurbished tennis court (next to the squash centre).

There are now four pickleball courts available for all members of the community to access.

We look forward to welcoming any interested U3A members to come along and give pickleball a try. Our game may also be a great reason to join as a Kentish U3A member if you haven't already done so. When possible, our members head to the local coffee shop after the games where the fellowship continues.



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Cycling/Walking:

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Jennifer 0400 376 937

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*For more information,
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May Crozzle

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

[illegible]

CRYPTIC PUZZLE TASMANIA Answers P35

1. In the havoc a vocal group sang (5)
2. ... about type in distress (6,5)
3. Violent LP censored (9)
4. Glinka's 'Din" composition (4,6)
5. One bar composed (6)
6. Mother and child thriving (8)
7. Reared huge child (9)
8. A close group, relatively speaking (7)
9. Each supports an AFL team (7)
10. Off the peg girl? (9)

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Assistant Commissioner Adrian Bodnar thanked the community for its cooperation.

"It was a busy time on Tasmanian roads and our officers were out there, working hard to keep people safe," he said.

"Sadly, during the Easter period we had three deaths on our roads.

"So far this year we have had 19 deaths from crashes, compared to eight at this time last year."

"It's devastating, and we need all motorists to realise the reality of taking risks on our roads."

Assistant Commissioner Bodnar said Operation Safe Arrival might be over, but police would continue to

enforce the road rules to keep people safe.

"Keeping Tasmania's roads safe is a mission for the whole community, not just police."

"By working together, obeying road rules, and reporting dangerous driving, we can prevent crashes and save lives."

Key enforcement results

Drink and drug driving: Tasmania Police conducted 7596 random alcohol tests and 135 drug tests, resulting in 27 drink driving offences and 47 positive drug tests.

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May 1, 03	AgFest 8am-4pm, Carrick
May 1	Community Information Evening 7pm, Lower Barrington Hall
May 3, 04	Steam Engine rides 11am-4pm, Sheffield Steam & Heritage Centre, 14 Spring Street
May 4	Weindorfer Day , Wilmot
	Social Pickleball 10am-noon, Railton Recreation & Community Centre
May 5	Free legal advice Kentish House, 9am-noon (see p19)
	Social Hub for neurodiverse youth 3-4.30pm, Kentish House (see p6)
May 8	Biggest Morning Tea hosted by Kentish U3A 10am-noon, Sheffield Uniting Church
	Textile crafting 3.30-5pm, Sheffield Library, 12 Henry St
May 9	Chatty Cafe 2-3pm, Turnbolls Pharmacy, 57 Main Street, Sheffield
	Craig Hawkins on Evolution in Trouble 6.30pm, Sheffield Town Hall (see p17)
May 10	Railton Mother's Day market 9am-1pm, Kings Hall, Railton
	Kentish Garden Club 2pm Barrington Hall, 52 Barrington Rd
May 11	Mother's Day
May 13	Kentish Probus meeting 10am, Sheffield Bowls Club
May 15	Winterfest brainstorming session 4pm, Sheffield Arts Centre, 6 Pioneer Cres
May 16	Applications close for large community grants
May 17	War Memorial mural unveiling 10am, Claude Road Hall, 787 Claude Rd
	Artisans Market 1-4pm, Sheffield Arts Centre, 6 Pioneer Cres
May 19	Free legal advice Kentish House, 9am-noon (see p19)
	Trivia 6.30 for 7pm, Sheffield RSL, 77 Main Street, Sheffield
May 20	Biggest Morning Tea hosted by Rural Health 9.30-11.30am, Henry St
	Kentish Council meeting 6pm, Council Office, High Street, Sheffield
May 28	Services Australia 9.30-11am Sheffield; 12-12.30pm Railton
May 29	Book Chat 4-5pm, Sheffield Library, 12 Henry Street
May 31	Mr Perfect BBQ 11am-12.30pm, Health Park, Sheffield
	Produce Swap 3pm Barrington Hall, 52 Barrington Road

Cryptic Puzzle Answers

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| 1. Avoca | 6. Bothwell |
| 2. Beauty Point | 7. Chudleigh |
| 3. Pontville | 8. Kindred |
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