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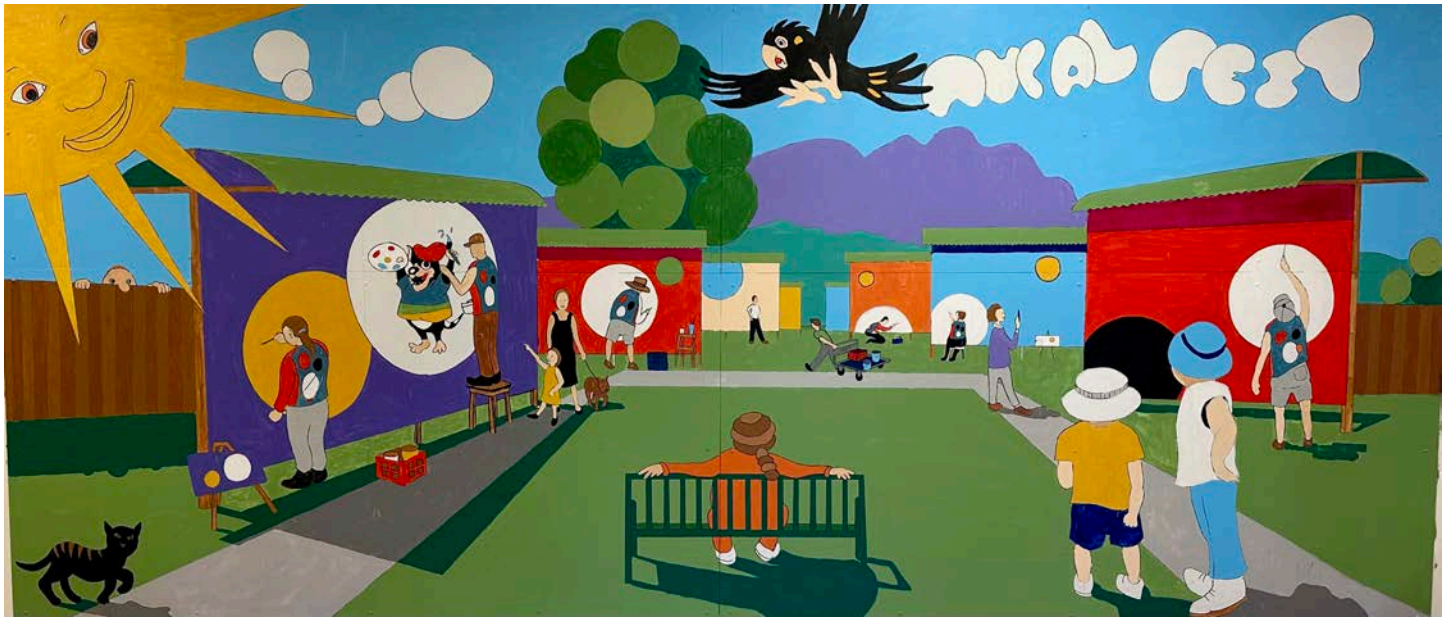
Mural Fest paints the town



International Mural Fest 2026 is just around the corner, and Sheffield is gearing up for another exciting week of art, creativity and community spirit!

From November 1-7, nine talented finalist artists from across Australia and New Zealand will bring Mural Park to life as they transform blank canvases into spectacular murals inspired by this year's theme, *Paint Me a Song*.

This year is particularly special as Sheffield celebrates 40 Years of Murals, a remarkable milestone for our town and its reputation as Tasmania's iconic Town of Murals.

The 2026 finalists are: Damian Cazaly, Victoria; Chris Duffy, assisted by Karen Waight, Victoria; Helen English, Rotorua NZ; Gren Freeman, Tasmania; Kristina Greenwood, New South Wales, Eloise Levy, Western Australia; Kerry Nicholson, Queensland; and Marco Pennacchia, Victoria.

We are saddened to announce that original finalist, Patricia Smart, is unable to participate in this year's event; however, we are pleased to welcome back Steve Monk, assisted by his wife Carole who will be painting in Patricia's place.

Now it's time for the local community to get behind the event!

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EDITORIAL

The spate of crimes being committed by our youth recently is of serious concern. The incidents have lifelong ramifications for themselves and others - those who were injured carry the scars, witnesses carry the nightmares and some unfortunate families mourn the loss of a young life. While the financial cost mounts as councils spend limited funds repairing damaged assets.

The narrative always seem to blame the families for not keeping an eye on them, for not bringing them up right, for spending more time on their phones than with their children.

Truth is, some kids do their best to get away from their parents and can be out roaming the neighbourhood when they're believed to be tucked up asleep in bed. And a lot of kids simply don't take any notice of their parents, beyond control.

As an ageing demographic, it's easy to focus on community and business activities. But what is there for young people to do?

Kentish House and Rural Health in Sheffield do amazing jobs organising activities for all age groups; Kentish Scouts has regular outings; the Sheffield skate park is a gathering point, as is Goliath Park in Railton. Where else do they go?

Parents need the support of their village to raise children safely. Recent child-focussed events at the King's Hall in Railton were well attended and left the kids wanting more (especially the movie nights). Can your group or club organise some activities to keep the kids off the streets next school holidays, which will be here before we know it?

We have numerous community halls and facilities where events could be organised. Maybe a Pickleball day for kids at the Railton Rec Centre? Maybe a Badminton day at Barrington? Young fashion parade at the Town Hall?

Or take it outside to a skate/scooter competition with prize money ... mountain biking ... horse riding...

Without distractions, without organised events to attend, kids spend a lot of time on their phones. Which seems to be the cause of the crime crisis in the first place - doing crazier and crazier things to get noticed on social media, one thing bolder than the next.

Many seniors in Kentish are here without family, either by choice or circumstance. If you would love to have a young person in your life but your kids and grandkids are too far away, consider reaching out to those around you.

Offer to help in whatever way your skillset provides. We need to wrap our kids in love these days more than ever. Rather than tut-tutting, understand it's a confusing, sometimes scary world and they need our support.

Heather

Sheffield murals guide: ‘One very special book’

Forty years of murals, countless stories, and now a special anniversary edition to celebrate!

Kentish Arts Commerce and Tourism Inc. (KACT) is proud to announce the launch of the limited edition 40th Anniversary Sheffield Murals Book, celebrating four decades of creativity, community spirit and the colourful artworks that have helped put Sheffield on the map.

Since the first mural was painted in 1986, Sheffield has become Tasmania’s famous Town of Murals, attracting visitors from near and far.

This special anniversary edition celebrates the artworks that have become such an important part of Sheffield’s identity and history.

Pictured celebrating the launch is Sandy Brattstrom, President of KACT, (far right) alongside Cindy Dyer, Rachel Campbell and Tamara McBain from Slaters Country Store, long-time supporters of the Sheffield Murals Project.

A wonderful keepsake for locals, a great souvenir for visitors and the perfect gift for anyone who loves Sheffield, the book has been created in Sheffield and printed locally in Devonport.

Best of all, all proceeds go towards the maintenance and restoration of Sheffield’s murals, helping preserve these treasured artworks.

Copies are available from Slaters Country Store, the Sheffield Art Gallery, the Sheffield Visitor Information Centre and other shops around town.

For local businesses and accommodation providers, the Murals Guide is a great local product to offer customers and guests.

The Sheffield Murals Book is an ideal souvenir for visitors wanting to take a little piece of Sheffield home.

By becoming a stockist, your business can benefit from sales while supporting the ongoing care of the murals that attract so many visitors to our town. Interested in stocking the anniversary edition? Phone Mark on 6491 2404.

40 years of murals. 40 years of stories. One very special book.

Let’s keep Sheffield’s colourful history alive for another 40 years and beyond!

People power vision for wild country

A community vision process is giving people across the region the opportunity to help shape the future of the wild country stretching from the Central Coast through to Cradle Mountain.

At its core is a remarkable corridor of public land managed by the Parks and Wildlife Service, including the Dial Range, Leven Canyon and Black Bluff, connected by the Leven River and the Penguin to Cradle Trail.

This region is deeply loved, rich in stories, culture and the connection between people and place.

Chris Stredwick, President of the Cradle Coast Mountain Bike Club, said it would be good to see the corridor become a shared use area. “With mountain biking, hiking, horse riding, full driving, motorbike riding, all sorts of recreation,” he said.

The project is driven by the Coast to Cradle working group, a collaborative group of local stakeholders supported by the Kuno Foundation, an environmental charity dedicated to empowering local communities to protect and restore the natural world.

The goal is to bring together a community-led vision for this region, including community recreation and tourism values, appropriate nature conservation tenure and a unifying identity and name. This will then feed into a report that will be presented to the government on actions that can be taken to bring this vision to life.

Hundreds of people have already contributed to the

community-led survey, with many also attending the public workshops and open day events that ran on the Central Coast at the end of September.

Anyone with an interest in the future of the Coast to Cradle wild country are encouraged to have their say by filling out the survey here: https://kuno.earth/articles/community-survey-coast-to-cradle

Council worker seeks overseas cure

By Rodney Woods

Remortgaging his home, accessing his super and setting up a GoFundMe page are the extreme decisions one man is making for the sake of his own health.

Steven Ash was diagnosed with bladder cancer in 2024.

The Merseylea resident, who works for both the Latrobe and Kentish councils, said he knew something was wrong when he felt a "burning feeling when I was peeing".

"The side effects of having bladder cancer is you go to the toilet more often and you're urinating blood," he said.

"I've been urinating blood for two years."

Mr Ash has tried treatment in Tasmania and interstate, without success.

"Every time they biopsy, the tumour bleeds and spreads through my whole bladder," he said.

"I went over to Western Australia last year as I thought the treatment might be better over there, but it was exactly the same."

That's why Mr Ash and his daughter Gaby Ash aim to fly to Germany next week to allow him to get the treatment he hopes will cure him.

"It is [costing] $82,000 and that's just the medical [fees]," he said. "That's why I've got a GoFundMe page [set up] - no one can just pull that out of their pocket.

"I've still got to pay for my accommodation and flights on top of that as well."

He said it was not just a GoFundMe page that was going to help him pay for the trip.

"I've got to mortgage my house, I'm lucky I've got that to mortgage. I'm also trying to cash my super in. It's no good to me, if I'm not here."

Miss Ash said it really hit her that her dad was sick, when he travelled to Western Australia, where she lives.

"Seeing him in person receiving the treatment, not being able to do everything he normally does because he's a very fit man and always on the go and him not having the energy or not eating that's really hard to see when he's not well," she said.

"I didn't understand until dad got sick how scary and emotional it is."

To help Mr Ash get to Germany, you can donate here: https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-steven-ash-get-to-germany-for-cancer-treatment

Article courtesy of The Advocate

Reflective: Merseylea father Steven Ash travelled to Germany for cancer treatment. **Photo: David Bellamy**

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Contact Kentish House to schedule an appointment.

Open gardens inspire and delight

Over the weekend of November 28-29, 2026, seven private gardens will be open in Sheffield, Barrington, and Acacia Hills to celebrate spring and the joys and benefits of gardens.

Organised by Kentish Garden Club for the seventh year, this year's garden line-up includes a town garden that hasn't been open before as well as the return of several favourites.

Good rains and mild conditions mean spectacular displays of flowers, including roses, flowering trees, perennials and early veggies.

KGC President Jennifer Stackhouse said visiting other people's gardens was inspirational and generated plenty of ideas.

"We have a mix of gardens from a compact town garden to large rambling country gardens with farm animals and wildlife," she said.

Many gardens have glorious views, and most have stalls with plants for sale, including clematis, daylilies and rare perennials, along with locally made garden ornaments, craft and produce.

"This year we are again supporting the Lions Breakfast Club, which provides breakfast for students at the three primary schools in the region, along with other local causes and garden-related activities," said Jennifer.

Gardens are open between 10am-4pm over the weekend of November 28-29. Tickets cost $10 (children under 16 free), which covers entry to all gardens all weekend.

Visit the gardens in any order. Tickets and a garden map are available at the courtyard of the Epicurean Café, 72 Main Street, Sheffield from 9.30am and all weekend.

Dogs are welcome in many of the gardens. Information: Jennifer Stackhouse 0488 047 011.

Kentish Museum Mystery Object

November's Object

Stainless Steel with the stamped brand 'Ramsay'. A traditional specific design used until the 1990s when plastic handled devices were developed.

What was it used for? This item is on display at the museum, pop in to check it out or receive a hint to solve the question.

October's Mystery Object was a Powder Flask. Used throughout the 19C to store and measure out an exact amount of gunpowder into the barrel of a gun. It has a brass spring-loaded dispensing valve and has been superseded by pre-made cardboard/ plastic/brass cartridges.

Many flasks had decorated embossed motifs, measurements or fluting depending on whether they were for sport, eg. grouse shooting, or for military purposes.

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Ina lived each day as if it were her last

Ina Christiane Hofmann – Bewersdorff
September 11, 1964 - September 13, 2026

The third and youngest daughter of Arno and Herta Bewersdorff came into the world in Oldenburg, West Germany. At nine months of age, she contracted Meningitis that very nearly ended her life before it began.

From this she developed the philosophy of each day might be her last so let's make it a good day, and this is exactly how she lived. As a six-year-old, her family moved to South Africa for seven years.

In 1978 they came to Australia, first to Sydney then to Adelaide. It was in Adelaide that it was confirmed that she had acquired Epilepsy as a result of the Meningitis as an infant, just another obstacle for Ina to overcome in her inimitable manner.

In 1985 a young Thomas Hofmann was introduced to Ina, no love at first sight! But a seed was planted. They eventually married in October 1991, moving to King Island a year later.

It was on the island that Ina's strength and natural ability to attract people to her beautiful nature really shone through. Charlotte was born to them in April 1996 and gave then much joy and pleasure, as can be seen in the love and close bond they all share. There was nothing Ina wouldn't do for her daughter. That same helpfulness was available to all who needed it.

The Hofmanns moved to Sheffield in 2020, and Ina left behind many friends on King Island, many of whom visited over the next six years.

It was in April 2023 Ina and Thomas bought Sheffield Fruit & Veg, with Charlotte joining them later that year with Andrew, who is now a part of the Hofmann family as Ina's son in law. It was here that her cheerful and bubbly nature came to the fore. Once again Ina came to a new place and made friends and left a powerful impression on the community.

Her passing has left a hole in the hearts and minds of her family and friends and the broader community. Ina left the same impression wherever she went.

This was written by Thomas and Charlotte and tries to convey the love she shared for all the people she came in contact with. It was done with many tears and good memories that we shared with her. Ina may be gone but she will never be forgotten.

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Taz Drone fires up global credentials

A drone company, that will feature at Global Drone Show 2026 and started in regional Tasmania, has taken on more than 130 teams from around the world and finished third in one of the world's biggest autonomous technology challenges.

Taz Drone Solutions (TDS), based at Sheffield, has shared a US$500,000 prize after finishing third in the Autonomous Wildfire Response track of the US$11 million XPRIZE Wildfire competition.

The challenge required teams to develop technology capable of autonomously detecting and suppressing a high-risk fire anywhere across an area of around 1000 square kilometres within 10 minutes of ignition.

TDS was one of four founding partners of Fire Foresight, which progressed through qualifying and semi-finals before competing at the XPRIZE finals in Alaska in June. The team's result was announced in New York in September.

TDS provided its heavy-lift aircraft, including its BFD and Vhagar drones, for investigation and suppression operations during the competition.

The company was founded by Andrew Davies 10 years ago and has grown from a regional Tasmanian operation into a business designing, building and flying heavy-lift drones for mining, energy and emergency response.

"The challenge was about proving autonomous technology can detect and respond to a fire quickly, but the technology has applications well beyond bushfires – from emergency response to mining and keeping people out of dangerous environments," Mr Davies said.

"We've spent the past decade building and operating heavy-lift drones in real-world environments, and this result shows what Australian companies, including those from regional areas, can achieve on the world stage."

TDS will bring that experience to the Gold Coast as part of Global Drone 2026, where Mr Davies will appear on panels examining wildfire response and the use of drones in mining.

The company is also behind Prismo, a drone system designed to place survey prisms on mine benches and berms without putting workers near unstable pit walls.

More than 3000 prisms and tripods have been installed, including for BHP operations in Western Australia, with a first international trial with Vale in Brazil conducted in 2026.

Global Drone founder Leanne St. George said TDS was an example of the Australian technology companies the event was designed to showcase.

"Andrew's story is exactly why Global Drone exists – to showcase the Australian companies developing technology that can compete with the best in the world.

"Having a Tasmanian company that has just finished third in a major global technology challenge bringing that experience to the Gold Coast is a fantastic opportunity for our audience to hear what the future of autonomous technology actually looks like," she said.

Global Drone 2026 will bring together 200 global brands and more than 120 live demonstrations across drones, robotics, advanced air mobility, defence, emergency response, mining, agriculture, entertainment and sport.

Any day is a good day to ask someone R U OK?

Kentish municipality was treated to a fantastic community BBQ when the national RU 0K? team joined forces with Rural Health TAS and RAW crews recently.

Even someone like Ludo, who sits outside Sheffield cafes most days with his pet Alpaca talking to tourists and having his photo taken, could do with a check-in. Especially now that Pedro has been retired.

Resources on how to start a conversation with someone you suspect isn't being themselves can be found at https://www.ruok.org.au/

CEO focuses on service in race to the top

When Jeff Morgan speaks about community service, he draws on an unlikely comparison: running marathons.

"I've run many marathons and ultra-marathons over the years. I was never a fast runner, but completing them taught me that simply putting yourself forward and persevering matters," he said.

It is a perspective he also brings to the recent Kentish Council election, in which 11 candidates contested seven seats.

"Everyone who nominates for public office deserves recognition. It takes commitment to put your hand up and offer to serve the community, regardless of the result."

As Chief Executive Officer of Kentish and Latrobe Councils, Mr Morgan's priority will be supporting the newly elected councillors as they begin the new term.

"My priority will be to ensure the new Council is well informed and has the information it needs to make sound decisions on behalf of the community," he said.

Fresh eyes: Kentish-Latrobe CEO Jeff Morgan. **Photo: Heather Eiszele**

Mr Morgan was Chief Operating Officer at Snowy Monaro Regional Council for three years to 2023 and has held senior management roles with the Tasmanian Parks and Wildlife Service and the Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies. He has also worked overseas for SMEC in countries including Indonesia, the Philippines, Papua New Guinea and Zimbabwe.

He commenced in the joint CEO role in July.

"One of the advantages of coming into the role is that I bring fresh eyes," he said. "My first few months are about listening, understanding the organisation and identifying the key issues and opportunities. From there, I can present a clear state of play to the new Council so we can agree on priorities and the way forward."

Mr Morgan said the challenges facing Kentish were similar to those experienced by many rural and regional councils: delivering quality services while making the best possible use of available resources.

"We need to ensure our operations are efficient and that maintenance and asset renewal activities are properly planned and scheduled," he said. "That is essential to long-term financial sustainability."

A major focus will be planning for the renewal of Council's assets, including roads, footpaths, buildings, parks and playgrounds.

"We need a clear understanding of what assets we have, their condition, when preventative maintenance is required and when they will need to be renewed," Mr Morgan said.

"Knowing what investment will be required, and when, helps Council plan its budgets responsibly and get the best value from the rates paid by the community."

He said Council would also consider whether its resources and organisational arrangements were aligned with the services the community expected.

"It is about looking carefully at the services we deliver and making sure our people, resources and structures support those services effectively."

Mr Morgan said the organisation had experienced several changes in senior leadership in recent years and that his focus was now on providing stability.

"The teams across both councils are dedicated and hardworking," he said. "My role is to listen, provide clear direction and make sure staff have the structures and support they need to do their jobs well."

He said building organisational stability went hand in hand with demonstrating that Council was working efficiently and effectively.

"We need to plan and schedule our work, make the most of the resources we have and spend public money wisely. The community should be able to see the connection between good planning, sound financial management and the services Council delivers every day."

Away from work, Mr Morgan is now more likely to be found on a mountain bike than running long distances and has been enjoying the Wild Mersey trails. He and his family were encouraged to move to Tasmania by their son, who was already living in the state.

Mr Morgan generally works from the Kentish Council offices on Tuesdays and Thursdays and from Latrobe on the other three weekdays, although this varies according to operational requirements.

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Eco-friendly home open for inspection

Across more than 40 Australian communities, certified Passivhaus homes and commercial sites will offer tours during the International Passivhaus Open Days (IPOD) program running between November 13-15.

A Passivhaus (Passive House) is a science-based building performance standard that creates ultra-energy-efficient, comfortable, and healthy indoor spaces.

In Sheffield, Davies Construction's Mill Corner Longhaus will be open on Sunday, November 15, from 1-2pm and 2-3pm. Bookings are essential with a maximum of 15 people per tour.

A statement from the IPOD organisers said Mill Corner was the fulfillment of a lifelong dream for the home owners. "The house was designed for the couple as they neared retirement.

"It is essentially a three bedroom house but has an attached one- bedroom apartment for multi-generational living or short-term accommodation as an exemplar of Passivhaus living.

"The goals of the project were to achieve Passivhaus Certification, and provide as much self-sufficiency, accessibility, and sustainability as possible.

"The project comprises a linear, barn-style dwelling with a garage-shed designed in the same profile and aligned with the main house. Positioned between the two structures is a covered walkway, adjoining a garden and al fresco area. This arrangement creates a strong connection between the buildings while accentuating the long, linear form of the house.

"Internally, the home features a warm palette of Tasmanian Oak throughout, complemented by polished concrete flooring. These natural and robust materials create a simple, tactile

interior, balancing the building's contemporary barn aesthetic.

"Self-sufficiency is an important part of the project, supported by an 11kW photovoltaic array, battery storage and an off-grid-capable inverter. A 60kL rainwater tank and large vegetable garden further contribute to the home's ability to operate with a reduced reliance on external resources."

The number of certified Passivhaus projects in Australia has grown from 48 at the end of 2022 to 201 in October 2026 – more than quadrupling in under four years. As the popularity for this building standard grows, owners and trade professionals across the country will run free tours to showcase the systems, features and materials behind Passivhaus and demystify the challenges around sustainable construction.

The Passivhaus Standard was developed in the '90s in Germany as a set of specific set of building criteria to provide more efficient, healthy buildings. Passivhaus design tools factor in the specific geographic, climate and environmental specifics of an intended build site, making them adaptive across the globe.

The criteria, which are objectively measured both during construction and upon completion, centre around heating, cooling, renewable energy and air-tightness and deliver myriad environmental, cost saving and meaningful health benefits, due to increased air quality and stable temperatures.

Bookings: www.passivhausassociation.com.au/open-days

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I Swear

MA15+ | 120 mins | 2025 | UK | Drama, Comedy

I Swear follows the true story of campaigner John Davidson's experience with Tourette's through his troubled teen years. Initially alienated from his peers and his family, Davidson perseveres in his attempt to live a normal life, finding some unlikely champions along the way.

11th November @ 7pm

The Christophers

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Wednesday 4th November. 9.30-11 am.
Monday 9th November. 9.30-11 am.
Wednesday 18th November. 9.30-11 am.
Monday 23rd November. 9.30-11 am

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

New faces, ideas for economic body

The Northwest Regional Economic Development Committee (NWREDC) has welcomed a full cohort of members, with the refreshed Committee meeting last month for the first time.

Chair Mr Andrew Kneebone said, "The Northwest region of Tasmania is entering a period of significant opportunity, and this committed group of people acting as a united voice is well placed to help the region make the most of it."

"Our members bring deep experience, strong local knowledge and a shared commitment to supporting sustainable economic growth. I'm looking forward to working as a committee and with our member councils to provide clear, coordinated strategies that strengthen outcomes for our communities."

The NWREDC provides strategic advice, regional intelligence and coordinated advocacy to support economic development across Northwest and West Tasmania.

Key regional issues for the group include housing, workforce development and skills, major energy and mining developments, industry and sector growth, public infrastructure and regional connectivity, and the health and education systems that underpin economic participation.

The Committee will work to identify emerging opportunities and risks and strengthen regional coordination and offers an important and consistent regional voice on development priorities and required actions.

Members contribute insight, represent stakeholder interests, and support strategic initiatives while adhering to CCA policies and confidentiality requirements.

The NWREDC advises the CCA Board, reviews significant regional projects, and helps shape annual work planning. Current membership of the NWREDC includes:

- Andrew Kneebone (Chair)
- Michael Buckby
- Cyndia Hilliger
- Sonya Stanford
- Claire Connolly
- Vanessa Skipworth
- Ian Jones

Bible Chapel shares blessings & backdrops

Our joy of Christmas is sharing with others from the blessings that we have been given. We are doing this in several ways.

Again in December we are providing an area with different Christmas-themed backdrops for families in the community to come and create their own photo memories for the season.

Opening dates and times: December 5, 2-5pm; December 12, 2-5pm; December 19, noon–5pm; December 20, 2-5pm.

In connection with Kentish House, we are providing for the fourth year running 40 Christmas hampers to be distributed within the community.

We warmly invite the community to share with us in our special Christmas Eve service on December 24 @ 8.30pm followed by supper.

There is also a combined Christmas service on Christmas morning @ 9.30am. All are welcome at these events.

Forestry works with Land Care

In what has been described as a generational change, the management of forestry plantations in the Minnow Catchment is taking on big challenges, with the goal of restoring ecological health to one of Kentish's most important waterways.

On October 5, at the invitation of plantation managers Timberlands Pacific Pty Ltd (TPPL), Executive Governing Committee members of Mount Roland Land Care joined with TPPL management and plantation owners New Forest onsite at the Paradise Plantations, between Union Bridge Road and Mount Roland near Minnow Falls.

The Minnow River and its tributaries flow through these plantations.

Back in the late 1960s and early 1970s Pinus radiata plantations were established here following clear-felling of the native forest. The first planting of Pinus radiata was not subject to a Forestry code of practice, which meant the plantations could be established right up to the stream banks.

"Looking back now, we see that when the native forest around the Minnow River was clear felled 60 years ago, there was little consideration given to the health of the waterway and the creatures that lived there," said MRLC president Greg Taylor.

"Great damage was done to aquatic ecosystems and it brings sadness; there's no denying that. Not only sadness, but also conflict. All Tasmanians have grown up with conflicts over forestry operations - it's a thread that runs through our lives, and has divided many families, and many communities."

Greg said it was encouraging to see Timberlands Pacific now approach management of the Paradise Plantations differently.

"We can't change the past, but we can work towards a better future," he said.

Specific actions in the catchment since the last harvest are evidence of this. Streamside buffers are being re-established and strengthened, and in many cases are well beyond the mandated width. About 4200 native seedlings have been planted and protected from browsers using biodegradable tree guards and Bionets – a significant improvement on plastic stockings.

Self-sown 'pine wildings' that have spread to existing buffers from the plantation are being controlled through 'drill and kill', removing the need for heavy equipment to enter those buffers and therefore minimizing disturbance, allowing natural regeneration to occur while standing pines slowly decay.

"Apart from pine wildlings, the other notable weeds in the Paradise Plantations are foxgloves," said Greg. "Over the last decade we've seen how invasive foxgloves have become, right across the northern side of Mount Roland.

Site inspection: Janet Dunbabin, secretary MRLC; Robin Dickson, Tree Crop Manager, TPPL; Greg Taylor, president MRLC; Kristan Peters, Taswood Regional Manager; Carly Hammond, Sustainability and Impact Manager, New Forests; Barbara Alsop, Vice President MRLC; and Steven Brown, CEO, TPPL

"It's a huge problem - foxgloves absolutely love this environment, and we're encouraged to hear that TPPL are committed to preventing the spread of foxgloves in the Paradise Plantations. This is so important.

"It will take time, but with good management we will see the return of native vegetation cover beside the waterways and reduced levels of sediment entering the waterways.

"This will benefit the aquatic ecosystems, including species like the iconic Giant Freshwater Crayfish. Juvenile GFC are particularly vulnerable to waterway sedimentation, it can wipe them out."

New Forests' Forestry Investment Trust leases the land from the Crown, and engages TPPL as contract managers of the operation. New Forests' stated aim is to generate shared prosperity for their clients and the communities in which they operate and accelerate the transition to a sustainable future.

Mount Roland Land Care looks forward to continuing its collaborative relationship with New Forests and TPPL, and with other forestry operators in the area.

Please send all editorial and advertisements for the JANUARY EDITION of The Kentish Voice by: DECEMBER 10th

We have a tight printing schedule due to the Printer taking a Christmas break.

Thank you all for supporting your community!

International Mural Fest – What's On In Sheffield

SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER– SUNDAY 29 NOVEMBER

'Where Wild Things Sing' Community Arts Exhibit | Sheffield Arts Centre

Vote for Your Favourite Artwork!

SUNDAY 1 NOVEMBER

9am – 'Paint Off' | Mural Park

Cheer on the Artists as they race to start their murals!

SATURDAY 7 NOVEMBER

12 Noon – 'Brushes Down' | Mural Park

Countdown to 12 Noon as the Artists put the finishing touches on their murals.

12 Noon–2pm – Entertainment

Rosie Haden's 'Under The Radar'.

2pm – International Mural Fest Awards Presentation | Mural Park

Mural Miniature Auction conducted by Gerald Davies, Roberts Real Estate Devonport.

Announcement of the Kentish Council **Judges' Award Inder Prize**, the Slaters Country Store **People's Choice Award** and the eGuide **Volunteers' Choice Award.**

SATURDAY 7 & SUNDAY 8 NOVEMBER SATURDAY 14 & SUNDAY 15 NOVEMBER

11am–4pm | 14 Spring St, Sheffield

Explore the wonderful world of yesteryear at Sheffield Steam & Heritage Centre. Steam trains will be running from the original Sheffield Railway Station from 11am to 4pm. There are also miniature train rides and a model railway display at various times.

Adults $10
Family $20
Children / Concession $8
Under 5 and over 90 Years ..... Free

FRIDAY 13–SUNDAY 15 NOVEMBER

Mount Roland Folk Festival

Friday – Arrive and unwind | The first tunes
Welcome from 5pm.

Saturday – The full festival | All day, into the night
Concerts, workshops, poetry, food, and dancing.

Sunday – One more song | A final day together
9am–5pm a full day of music, workshops and food.

SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER

1pm–4pm | Artisans Market

Held at the Sheffield Arts Centre.

Weeklong Events

Sunday 1–Saturday 7 November

'REIMAGINING THE ORDINARY' EXHIBITION

Daily: 10am–4pm | Sheffield Art Gallery

Visit the Sheffield Art Gallery showcasing some of the Kentish region's finest artisans displaying a wide variety of arts and crafts. Perfect for some early Christmas shopping.

PUBLIC MURAL PAINTING LET YOUR CREATIVITY SHINE

Daily: 9am–4pm | Sheffield Arts Centre

Make your mark on International Mural Fest 2026.

This Event is Smoke Free

KENTISH SCOUTS

We now have a Joey section for 5 to 7 year old children! This section will be meeting 5pm to 6pm on Thursdays beginning on the 5th of November with the wonderful Cait leading your children. Everyone is welcome to come and try for 4 weeks before any commitment.
We also have spaces available in our Cubs (8 to 10 years old, meeting on Mondays 6pm to 7:30pm) and Scouts (11 to 14 years old, meeting 6:30pm to 8:30pm) also with a free 4 week trial.
Among other things, Our Joeys will be participating in 'Get to know you' games, basic navigation, a nature walk and a cooking night.
Our Cubs will be participating in Bushwalking, Bike Riding, Silly Science night and a Navigation night.
Our Scouts will be participating in Abseiling, a Night hike, Kayaking and a Just Desserts Cooking night, with all sections invited to an end of year pool party!
And a few reasons to join scouts: we will encourage your children to be independent and try things outside of their comfort zone, problem solving, being involved with their community, they could possible make life long friends, we think outside is better than inside and there will times we will send them home dirty!
A few reasons not to join scouts: Nope! Can't think of any!
If you have any questions, please call Tanya on 0438559317 or find us on Facebook at Kentish Scout Group/Troop.

WILMOT TWILIGHT MARKET

3-7pm, Saturday, December 5,

Wilmot Country Market's last event for the year will be a veritable "Santa's Sack" of amazing gift ideas! (Even the elves are impressed.) With more than 30 unique vendors and special guests it is the perfect way to bring in Summer.

This season we feature local contraption creator Shasa Bolton who will be hosting a display of DIY products that will enthrall.

Our featured author is award-winning Dawn Meredith, who will be selling and signing her latest book "*Crurmbleton Farm, Recipes for Life*".

For music we have Mountain Echoes roaming and delighting us with carols and solo performances. The Big Red Man himself will be visiting to meet children and pose for photos.

KENTISH MEN'S SHED

The Railton Market is on at the Kings Hall Railton Saturday, November 14, and the Men's Shed will be there serving the famously long sizzling sausages, locally sourced by us, lavishly sauced by you. They make a delicious snack, and you won't find better value for your money anywhere else.

The Garage Sale Trail, sponsored by Kentish Council will be in full swing at our premises, 14 Spring Street Saturday 7-8 November.

We are offering quality wood-working hand tools, reconditioned lawn mowers and hand-made bird boxes etc.

Please Contact Peter Morris on 0449 559 257. We meet from 9am-2pm every Thursday, and Saturday at the Shed, 14 Spring Street Sheffield.

RAILTON NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

Local craftspeople are invited to display their wares in our gift shop for a 10% commission. With so many talented people in the area and not enough markets to go around, this is the perfect place to showcase your creations. Please contact 6496 1755 or drop in and have a chat.

We have craft days on Tuesdays and Thursdays where everyone is welcome. Come work on your own piece or try something new. Games, such as Rummikub, are also played.

Railton Neighbourhood Centre recently donated $500 to Merseylea man Steven Ash for his cancer treatment overseas. We are able to support local causes and encourage anyone with a need to write us a letter.

The King's Hall is getting a make-over in time for the Old Time Dance on November 7. Painting of the front door and bench seats has been completed with further work underway to repaint all the windows. Blinds have been ordered and will soon be installed while a working bee was held late last month.

King's Hall recently hosted a massive garage sale as well as a bridal shower with a Jane Austen theme - illustrating the versatility of the space.

Book your next occasion for only $20/hour.

Photo: John Bindon

WORKING ART SPACE SHEFFIELD

Working Art Space Sheffield held its Annual General Meeting on Thursday, October 15, 2026. All positions on the Committee became vacant and a new committee was elected.

The new committee is:

Chair	:	Simon Worssam
Vice Chair	:	Penny Lane
Treasurer	:	Cindy Thompson
Secretary	:	Annie Willock

Other members are Jenny Arnold, Brad Douglas, Lyndsay Gardam, Sue Long, Ruth Rutherford, Ken Watchman and Eileen Worssam.

This community facility, supported by Kentish Council encourages new members and volunteers. To find out how you can team up with this group of locals, log onto workingartspacesheffield.org.au or contact 0498 708211.

Sheffield Art Gallery – 6 Pioneer Crescent, Sheffield

The current exhibition, *Reimagining the Ordinary*, is the annual Working Art Space members' exhibition and is on display until the first week in December 2026.

Open: 10am-3pm daily.

Visitors to Muralfest week are also encouraged to view the exhibition in the gallery. Entry is free of charge.

Working Art Space – 4-6 Albert Street, Sheffield

Printing classes: Tuesdays 10.30am-2.30pm. $3.00 per person to cover inks and paper. Contact Debra on 0427 198 131 or email slowsewn@pm.me

Botanical Drawing: Saturdays 1pm-3.30 pm. Contact Colette Binder on 0439 426 665 for more information.

Please feel free to pop by our Albert Street Gallery on Wednesdays between 10.30am and 3pm to view our art displays, including pottery creations in progress.

KENTISH LIONS

How are plans for your float in the annual Christmas Parade going? Whether it's a classic car, tractor, other vehicle, a display on the back of a truck or a bunch of people dressed up walking there is something for everybody.

There are even cash prizes for the best float so lots of incentives to have a float in the parade. And don't forget the free sausage sizzle in the park afterwards.

Tasmanian Lions have conducted vision screening on 2600 children so far this year. We expect to complete more than 3000 screenings at Tasmanian schools this year. Of those screened, about 600 children have potential vision issues.

Being a vision screener is a very rewarding experience and you don't need to be a member of a Lions Club. If you want to know more about being a screener, please get in touch. We'd love to have more screeners to allow us to screen more children.

Our dinner meetings are the second and fourth Mondays of the month. Guests are welcome. If you'd like to know more about LIONS or come along to a meeting and see what we do, please contact us at kentishlions@gmail.com.

Our community is who we serve.

PROBUS

The next meeting of the Kentish Probus Club will be on Tuesday, November 10, at 10am at the Sheffield Bowls Club. The Guest Speaker to be advised. Our outing will be a to visit a garden in Forthside, followed by lunch at Forth Hotel.

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

THE HUB

We have lots of Christmas items available, it's just around the corner. We will be open again on Saturday, November 7, from 10am to 2pm.

Recent donations:

- Rural Health $1000
- Josh Bakes $1000
- Sheffield School $1350
- Sheffield Cricket Club $2000

Thank you for your support. During the last financial year we donated $74,558 into our community.

- The Committee

Kentish Garden Club

At the October Garden Club meeting, a panel of expert gardeners, all members of the club, fielded curly questions from other club members. Many of the questions are issues for gardeners across Kentish.

When are cuttings ready to plant?

Although leaves may have formed, the root structure may not be developed enough to plant out young cuttings. Some woody cuttings, such as hydrangeas, can leaf up using stored energy in the cutting. To allow the root system to develop, carefully pot up into a 15cm pot. Keep well watered in the greenhouse or in a sheltered spot until roots appear from the bottom of the pot before planting out or transplanting them into a 20cm. Plant out next spring.

Can you move a banksia?

It is not ideal to move natives in the Proteaceae, including banksias. If you must, remove all flowers, dig a wide area around the root ball, lift and wrap in cloth or put into a large pot and rest it in a shady spot for several months, to let the plant recover from the shock. Water with Seasol.

Plants for wet or boggy areas?

Willows were once planted in wet areas but are now a declared weed and should no longer be grown or propagated. There are many other plants that are good for boggy areas, including birch, callistemon, canna (a perennial that dies down in winter), gunnera, Japanese water iris and native bog plants. Forth Valley Bush Nursery and Garden (open Friday and Saturday) is a good local place to visit to select native options.

How do you fix dry soil in raised vegetable beds?

To prevent dry potting mix, incorporate composted material then top the bed with organic mulch such as lucerne or pea straw. Food crops deplete nutrients in the soil so fertility needs to be renewed regularly. Water slowly to ensure water is soaking in and use a wetting agent to ensure water soaks into dry soil.

Lemon trees – how do we bring them back from winter?

Yellow leaves during winter and early spring occur as the trees can't take up nutrients in cold conditions. As the weather warms, activate the soil by feeding with a complete citrus plant food and encourage greening with applications of liquid iron. The main thing is to ensure lemon trees are planted in a warm protected position out of cold winds. Choose a sheltered position which can radiate some heat such as against a masonry wall or fence.

Hydrangeas can be propagated by hardwood cutting but may need to spend time in a pot before.

Kentish GardenFEST 2026

Over the last weekend in November, seven gardens open across the Sheffield region as part of a garden trail organised by the Kentish Garden Club.

Next meeting

The next Garden Club meeting is on Thursday, November 12, from 7.30pm at the Bible Chapel, 45 High Street, Sheffield, with a guest speaker from The Lost Seed. All welcome. The meeting is preceded by a visit to a local garden. Call Jennifer Stackhouse on 0488 047 011 for more information.

Co-plant for colour

In my garden, I have Spanish bluebells (Hyacinthoides hyspanica) growing over a large area, and looking really nice through October. Some people like bluebells, but not the dead foliage when they have flowered. The solution is to plant something that will grow as the foliage dies down.

With bluebells, be it the Spanish or English variety, you could plant Dicentra formosa, a white or a pink form, that grows and spreads through rhizomes. It will flower thoughout the year until the first frost. It will grow and cover all the dead and dying bluebell foliage.

I have Dahlia tubers that start to grow at this time of the year, and a problem in Tasmania is that we can get a late frost. I plant Delphiniums close to the tubers, which means it not only shades the Dahlias but gives you a beautiful range of colour early, extending your colour in the garden.

If you deadhead the Delphiniums as they finish, they will keep flowering longer. The bonus is the Dahlias get some protection from light frost. I also have Dutch irises coming up between my shrubs and ground covers giving a surprise of purple and yellow flowers for the start of spring.

There are many plants that work together in the same space, and take turns in growing and flowering for up to nine months. Give it a go in your garden. Happy Gardening!

- Robert Gower

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Mayor's message: thanks Penny & Don

At the time of printing this edition of *The Kentish Voice*, the Local Government elections will be over and a new group of councillors will have been voted in. Congratulations to our newly elected councillors and I wish you a very fulfilling and successful term in office.

I would like to acknowledge and thank our outgoing councillors who chose not to seek re-election. Linda Cassidy, 12 years and Phil Dickenson, four years have served our council well during this time through regular attendance at meetings and involvement in various committees of council.

They say that all good things must come to an end and so it would be remiss of me not to acknowledge the outstanding work that Don Thwaites (22 years) and Penny Lane (19 years) have done over the years. They have both consistently displayed honesty, integrity and respect in all their dealings with council and the community.

The time and effort that they have put into serving our community through various committees has been outstanding. Their commitment and dedication to the role have enabled our council to function well with positive communication with our residents and the council staff.

Thank you for everything you have done for the Kentish Municipality and I wish you all the very best for the future wherever life's journey takes you.

Volunteers play a very significant role in the ongoing success of the various organisations in our community. The Breakfast Club for students is run by a very committed group of volunteers from the Kentish Lions Club. They have recently been very successful in receiving a grant of $3000 from Bell Bay Aluminium in recognition for the positive impact that this project has on the Kentish Community. The program services the Sheffield, Railton and Wilmot schools and I know the students are very grateful for this provision of healthy food and also the friendships that they have formed with the volunteers.

Nominations for the 2027 Australia Day Awards are now being received. There are so many people in our community who deserve recognition for the time and effort they put into various activities across our municipality so I encourage you to consider anyone whose commitment, achievements or service deserve this recognition. Nomination forms are available on the council website or by telephoning the Council and must be returned to Council by December 1, marked "Australia Day Awards".

Muralfest begins on October 31 with the Sponsors' Evening where the artists unveil their mini mural. Painting begins on Sunday, November 1, and concludes on Saturday, November 7, with brushes down at 12 noon. At 2pm the People's Choice and Judges awards will be announced along with the auctioning of the mini murals.

Please come along during the week and take time to stroll around Mural Park and watch the artists in action. We are looking forward to a wonderful week where we welcome lots of visitors to our town and showcase all that Sheffield has to offer.

There will be a special service at the Sheffield School on November 11 at 10.30am for Remembrance Day. This is the anniversary of the Armistice of 1918 that ended fighting in World War 1. The service is a very solemn occasion but one where we can show our gratitude and respect for the men and women who served in the two world wars and beyond.

I had the absolute honour of conducting a Citizenship Ceremony on October 20 where eight residents were welcomed as new Australian citizens. This is a very formal occasion with direction from the Federal Government and it was a privilege to participate in this momentous occasion with the recipients and their families and friends. I wish you a very happy and fulfilling life here in our beautiful municipality of Kentish.

Grants up to $20k for community projects

By Rebecca White MP

Across Lyons, there are thousands of people who give their time to make their local communities better.

They run sporting clubs, community groups and volunteer organisations. They look after community halls, organise events, support people who might otherwise be left out and create places for people to connect.

I know how much work goes on behind the scenes to keep these organisations going, and I know there are always more ideas than there is money to make them happen.

That's why I'm excited to invite you to submit an Expressions of Interest for the next round of the Stronger Communities Programme.

Grants of between $2500 and $20,000 are available for eligible projects. This could help a local club buy new equipment, upgrade a community facility, improve accessibility or deliver a project that supports the health and wellbeing of local people.

Sometimes it's a relatively small project that can make a big difference.

If there's something your organisation has been wanting to do but hasn't had the funds to get off the ground, I'd encourage you to put forward an Expression of Interest.

I want to hear about the projects that matter to your community and the ideas that will make a difference locally.

Expressions of Interest close at 5pm on Monday, November 9.

You can find the form on my website under the Grants section or contact my electorate office on (03) 6263 3721 if you have any questions. I'm looking forward to hearing what you're working on and how we can help bring some of those local ideas to life.

Andrew features again!

Sheffield photographer Andrew Thomas has again had one of his photos chosen for the Bureau of Meteorology's calendar - a record sixth time his photos and the Kentish area has been featured.

"I'm pleased to share the news that an image I took a few months ago of some amazing lenticular clouds out at West Kentish was chosen for October," Andrew said. "I am the first photographer to be included a record six times."

He said the challenge was for six more to complete the full calendar - and he's already working on selections.

KENTISH COUNCIL

RATES REMINDER
A reminder that the second-rate instalment was due on or before **31st October 2026**.

If you have not received your rates notice, please contact Council for a replacement. Should you be experiencing financial difficulties, please contact our Rates Officer to discuss payment arrangement options.

MATURE AGED SCHOLARSHIP
Council is offering a scholarship of $1,800 to a mature age student attending an approved educational institution in 2027. This scholarship is to assist with expenses for students associated with undertaking their studies or reskilling. The student must:

1. Be enrolled or accepted for enrolment for full-time or part-time study at either University, TAFE, apprenticeship, heavy vehicle training, or another approved education facility in the next calendar year.
2. Have resided in the Kentish Municipality for at least the last two years.
3. Be over the age of 35 as of 1st January next; and
4. Be unemployed, work part-time, or demonstrate how the scholarship would assist in retaining or finding ongoing employment.

All applications must be on the appropriate form, which can be obtained at https://www.kentish.tas.gov.au/community/community-grants/mature-age-and-youth-scholarship.
The closing date for applications is the first Monday in December (7th).

YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP
Council is offering a scholarship of $1,800 to a university student or a student attending an approved education facility in the next calendar year. The scholarship is to help with expenses associated with relocating from Kentish. The student must:

1. Be enrolled or accepted for enrolment for full-time study at either University, TAFE or an approved education facility in the next calendar year.
2. Have been a Kentish resident for the last two years of their secondary studies.
3. Intend or be living away from home as a result of their studies; and
4. Be under the age of 25 as of the 1 January next.

All applications must be on the appropriate form, which can be obtained https://www.kentish.tas.gov.au/community/community-grants/mature-age-and-youth-scholarship.
The closing date for applications is the first Monday in December.

AUSTRALIA DAY & VOLUNTEER AWARDS
The search is on to find those individuals and groups that make a valuable contribution to the Kentish Municipality and recognise them through Kentish Council's Annual Australia Day Awards.

Nominations are now being called for -

- Australia Day Citizen of the Year;
- Young Citizen of the Year;
- Community Event of the Year,
- Local Hero Award,
- Volunteer Awards for 500 volunteer hours, or 10, 20, 30, 40 or more years of continuous service.

How to nominate:
Guidelines and application forms are available from Council's website at www.kentish.tas.gov.au or by contacting Council 6491 0200 during business hours. Application close on 12 noon on 1 December annually. And awards are presented at the annual Australia Day Celebrations on 26 January.

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

DECISIONS FROM SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER COUNCIL MEETINGS

- Approved a 38-lot residential subdivision in Duff Drive, Sheffield
- Adopted the Kentish Economic Development Strategy 2026-2030
- Appointed representatives to the Wilmot Community Special Committee
- Endorsed the removal of unsafe exercise equipment at Railway Park, Railton with a budget allocation to be considered in 2027/2028 for its replacement.
- Endorsed the Cradle Coast Authority Regional Project Workforce Accommodation Framework
- Received a report from Dulverton Waste Management in relation to their kerbside bin check program
- Noted 20 new building and plumbing applications and 24 development applications for August/September.

A copy of agendas, minutes and audio recordings for monthly Council meetings is available on Council's website

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING
The next ordinary meeting of Council will be held at the Council Office, 69 High Street, Sheffield on **Tuesday 17th November 2026** commencing at 6:00pm. A copy of the agenda will be available on the Council's website prior to the meeting.

PO Box 63, SHEFFIELD Ph. (03) 6491 0200 Office Hours: 8:00am – 4:30pm week days

Following an emergency e.g. flood, fire, wind storms etc. Council can be contacted for information and referral to support services.

Garage Sales

Over two big weekends on November 7-8 and 14-15, households, schools, community groups and local businesses across Kentish will join thousands of Australians for the final national Garage Sale Trail.

Since it launched in 2010, Garage Sale Trail has grown into a massive national movement boasting 134,000 garage sales, 4 million cumulative participants and over 7.2 million items saved from landfill. Along the way, the program has generated $52 million for local households and community groups, while sparking more than 2 million new neighbourly connections.

Garage Sale Trail Director Barbara Gill described 2026 as the ultimate celebration of how far secondhand selling and shopping has come.

"We're thinking of 2026 as a victory lap," said Ms Gill. "We started Garage Sale Trail because reuse was a no-brainer; a win for your wallet, a win for community connection and a win for the planet. Sixteen years on, that's still very true and thankfully it has become mainstream with the secondhand economy now thriving.

Host a sale: Registration is free. Sellers receive tips and promotional materials to make their sale a success.

Shop the Trail: An interactive national map is available at garagesaletrail.com.au/sales

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with Corinne Nicholson
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Does Your Home Still Fit Your Life?

If you were choosing a home today, would you choose the one you're living in? Perhaps you still love your home, but the garden takes more energy than it used to. Spare bedrooms sit empty, or a growing family has you wishing for another bathroom. Sometimes our needs change long before our address.

One concern about moving is leaving behind familiar faces, helpful neighbours and the community we feel part of. But changing homes doesn't have to mean leaving all that behind. Around Sheffield, Railton and our surrounding districts, moving closer to town could mean less upkeep and easier access to everyday services. Moving a little further out might provide room for a workshop, animals or a growing family.

Before browsing properties, ask yourself three questions:

- What do I want to keep about the way I live?
- What would I be relieved to leave behind?
- What must my next home make easier?

Be specific. If weekends disappear into mowing, consider how much garden you actually enjoy. If you need more space, ask what you need it for. A practical shed might solve more problems than another bedroom.

Then look at the numbers. What could your current property realistically sell for? What would be a suitable replacement cost? After allowing for buying, selling and moving costs, would the change leave you financially and practically better off?

A smaller home won't necessarily cost less, and a larger block won't necessarily offer more usable space. Understanding both sides helps you make a clearer decision.

Moving isn't always the answer. You might discover that a few changes to your current home could make it work beautifully for you again. Or you may realise that another property would simply suit the way you live now much better.

If you're wondering about your options, pop into the Sheffield office or give me a call. Sometimes simply knowing what your property may be worth, and what your next move could look like, is enough to help you decide whether to stay put or start planning what comes next. I'm always happy to have a chat.

Seller Tip of the Month

Decide what stays before your property is advertised. Garden ornaments, firewood, shelving and other items can become points of confusion. Tell your agent what you intend to take so buyers receive clear information from the beginning.

Buyer Tip of the Month

Bring the measurements of furniture you plan to keep. Check that your bed, dining table and lounge will fit comfortably, with room to move around them. An empty room can be surprisingly difficult to judge by eye.

Property of the Month

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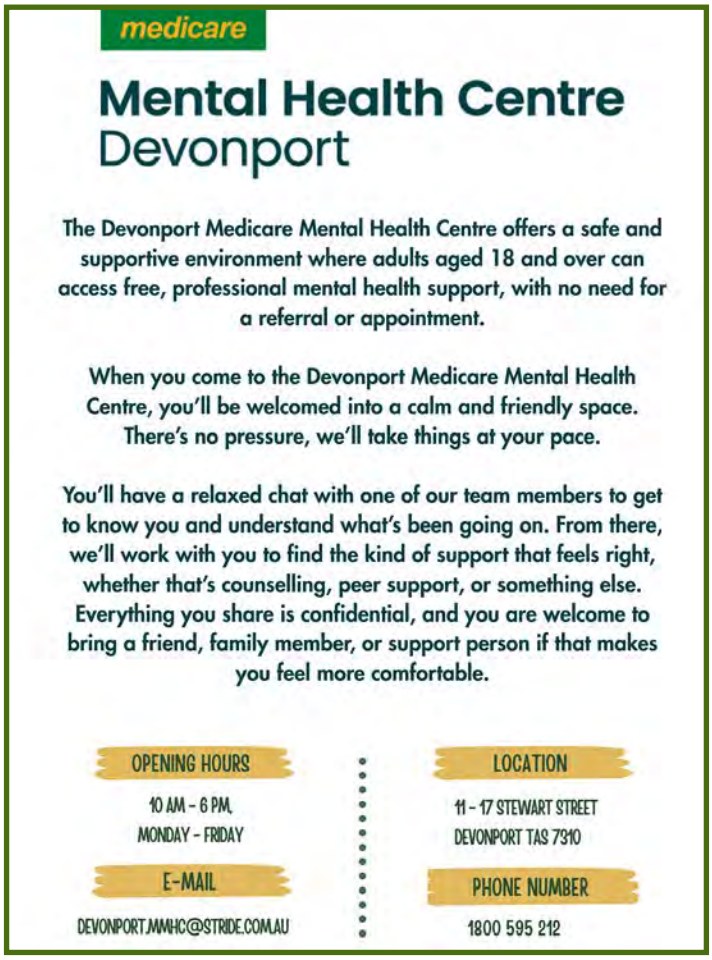
Comfort, convenience and easy living come together in this modern 2022 built 2 bedroom villa. An accessible bathroom, internal access to single garage and practical layout make it well suited to downsizers, mobility needs or stroller friendly living. With a secure, low maintenance backyard, Mount Roland views, visitor parking and shops and cafés within walking distance, it's designed to make life easier.

AI data centre proposal

The Office of the Coordinator-General has confirmed it is working with a company on a proposed AI data centre in the north-west, but has declined to reveal who is behind it. The confirmation came after the Greens said landholders near Sheffield had been approached about selling their farmland. Acting Coordinator-General Dennis Hendriks told a parliamentary inquiry into energy matters recently that the proposal was "at an early stage of development".

Roberts Nicholson is not involved in the approach to farmers.



SHEFFIELD CRICKET CLUB

Tom Lynch (left) and Troy Henry from England who are assisting with the coaching of the Juniors.

Our A grade season started with a good win over Wynyard. Batting first we scored 199 with Alex King scoring 45 and Ethan Clark 37. Wynyard replied with 103. Logan Heazlewood took 4 for 15 and Marc Simonds 3 for 17.

Our 2nd grade side were narrowly beaten by Ulverstone. Sheffield scored 6 for 254 with Blake Fidler scoring 87, Sheldon Parker 44 and Kyle Lamprey 36. Wynyard made 5 for 256 with Jacob Woodcock taking 2 for 59.

Our Women and Junior rosters are about to commence. Training for our Juniors takes place at the Sheffield Recreation Ground from 4.30pm on Thursdays. We have under-12s, under-14s and under-16 teams and are hoping to pick up a couple of extra players for these sides (boys or girls). Anyone interested is expressly welcome. Our Junior Development Officer Kylie Bramich can be contacted on 0429 444 247.

With support from the Nook Junior Development Fund and sponsorship from The Hub, we have twp overseas coaches this season to ensure our Juniors are well trained.

On a sad note, we acknowledge the passing of former player Kevin Brown. As a local boy Kevin started his cricket with our club and went on to represent both the NWCA and Tasmania. Kevin's brothers Adrian and Des were very active in our club. Adrian was Curator for many years and went on to be our A grade captain and Des was President of our club for 14 years. We extend our sympathy to the Brown families.

KENTISH PONY & HACK CLUB

It has been another busy month at Kentish Pony and Hack Club. Three riders represented the club at Fern Park for Shield Day, bringing home plenty of ribbons and points for the club.

Two other members attended a visiting rally at Mersey Valley, and at a later rally, we welcomed four of their riders to Kentish. These visiting rallies provide valuable experience for riders and their horses, allowing them to learn from different instructors, meet new people and make friends from other clubs.

Kentish has also welcomed two new Come and Try riders and a new senior member, which is wonderful to see.

We are also fortunate to have a new volunteer helping to oversee the running of the canteen.

Over the past two rallies, members have benefited from a new instructor as well as a couple of our much-loved visiting instructors. Several riders have been working hard towards their Pony Club proficiency certificates, and we are pleased to have had four riders receive badges over the past month.

Looking ahead, our next rally is on November 1, and members are preparing for our upcoming Open Gymkhana on Sunday, November 15. This promises to be an enjoyable opportunity for riders to get involved, test their skills and have some fun.

Kentish Pony and Hack Club welcomes new members: we offer come and try, rising riders (10 and under) and ticket to play for eligible members.

Anyone interested in finding out more about joining the club is encouraged to contact Kentish District Commissioner Karan Roberts on 0429 231 612.

SHEFFIELD FOOTBALL CLUB

We're excited to announce that Tevin Brown will be back for his third season at the helm of our Reserves in 2027, but this time, he'll be joined by one of our very own Senior young guns, James "Knighta" Knight.

Tevin led our Reserves to the Grand Final in 2026, proving that even when the going gets tough, the Robins keep fighting. Putting 18 men on the park each week wasn't always easy, but with plenty of support from around the club, we managed to get a side out there every single week.

And the results speak for themselves.

As of the end of the 2026 season, Tev boasts an impressive 36 wins and just 7 losses across his home-and-away coaching career. That's a record worth celebrating, and a clear sign that our Reserves are heading in the right direction!

Joining Tev in 2027 is hometown favourite and valued Senior player, James "Knighta" Knight, who will step into his first coaching role.

Well-respected among the playing group, Knighta brings an impressive knowledge of the game, a strong understanding of the club, and the respect of his teammates.

We're thrilled to see one of our own begin his coaching journey with the Robins, and we can't wait to see what he brings to the table alongside Tev.

Two coaches, one big season ahead, and a whole lot of motivation to get our lunchtime legends back where they belong. Let's get behind Tev and Knighta as they lead our Reserves into the 2027 season.

SHEFFIELD GOLF

Monthly Medal Winners

10/10 Members; Sponsored by IGA Sheffield was won by Peter Orchard with 63 nett. Second was Greg Collis with 67 nett.

6/10 Vets; Sponsored by Sheffield Mechanical and Tyre was won by Doug Callander with 62 nett. Second was Tony Wootton with 70 nett.

6/10 Ladies; Sponsored by Scouts Honour was won by Helen Lloyd-Jones with 70 nett. Second was Janice Milner with 71.

Members

26/09 Stableford was won by Helen Lloyd-Jones with 39 pts on countback from Doug Callander.

03/10 Ambrose 2 was won by Wade Rockliff and Phillip Templeton with 59.25 nett from Grant Walker and Winston Duff with 61.25 nett.

17/10 Stableford was won by Leigh Tuson with 39 pts from David MacMillan on 38 pts.

Vets: 29/09 Stableford was won by Grant Sharman with 40 pts from Rowan Sherriff with 39 pts.

Ladies: 29/09 Stableford was won by Winsome Sherriff with 38 pts from Janice Milner with 37 pts.

Vets/Ladies:

22/09 Classic was won by Peter Orchard, Susie Coombs and Helen Lloyd-Jones with 94 pts. Second was Craig Boutcher, Winsome Sherriff and Micheal Meaney with 86 pts.

13/10 Ambrose 3 was won by John Parkinson, David Jago and Tony Wootton with 61.167 nett. Second was Geneen Duff, Winston Duff and Micheal Chatwin with 62.333 nett.

Thank you to all the volunteers for the time and effort they put into the course and gardens.

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SHEFFIELD BOWLS CLUB

Sheffield Bowls Club couldn't have asked for a better start to the 2026/27 pennant season, with all eight teams recording a win on Saturday, October 10.

There were some great results across the board, with Division 2 defeating Port Sorell 92-48 and Division 4 defeating Wynyard 73-34. It was a fantastic effort from everyone involved and a great way to kick off the season. Congratulations to all players.

There's plenty more to bowls than the results, though. It's such a great way to get out, catch up with friends and enjoy a bit of friendly competition. We're always happy to see new faces at the club, whether you've played for years or are keen to give bowls a try. There is no pressure to compete - just come along to our practice and social days and see how you go.

Melbourne Cup Luncheon – Tuesday, November 3

If you haven't made plans for Melbourne Cup Day, why not join us at Sheffield Bowls Club for a fun-filled luncheon? There'll be sweeps, raffles, good company and plenty of Melbourne Cup excitement. Gather your friends, enjoy the atmosphere and make a day of it with us - everyone is welcome!

We look forward to seeing you on the green or at the clubhouse soon. It's shaping up to be a great season.

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Westbury BioHub brings paddock power

Solstice Energy and Optimal Renewable Gas have welcomed Tasmanian Government investment of up to $12.5 million for the Westbury BioHub through the Waste and Resource Recovery Board.

The investment delivers on the Government's election commitment and brings the proposed $50 million Northern Tasmania investment another important step closer to reality.

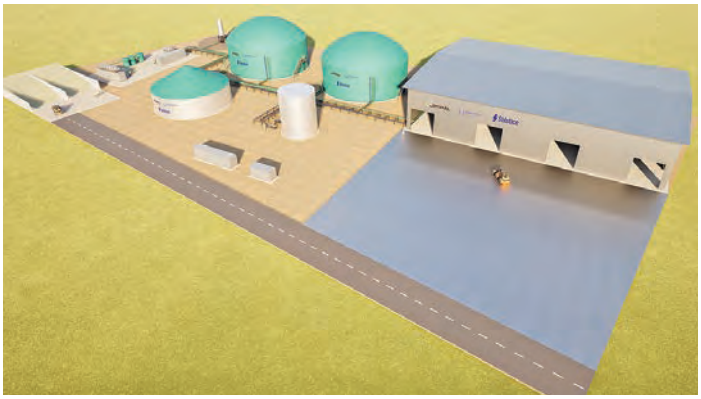
The Westbury BioHub is proposed to be one of Australia's first commercial-scale agricultural waste-to-biomethane projects, converting around 36,000 tonnes of agricultural and food processing waste each year into renewable biomethane and organic fertiliser.

Solstice Energy CEO, Phaedra Deckart, said the announcement was an important vote of confidence in both the project and continued investment in Northern Tasmania.

"This investment brings the BioHub, a $50 million investment in Northern Tasmania, another step closer to reality. It is the kind of project we want to see more of in regional Tasmania: investment that builds on industries already here and creates new local economic value."

"This is power from the paddock: it turns Tasmanian farm waste into renewable gas for Tasmanian industry. It can go straight into the gas network already in the ground and be used by businesses without changing existing equipment or infrastructure."

Optimal Renewable Gas Managing Director, Mike Davis, said the project would apply proven anaerobic digestion and gas-upgrading technology to one of Northern Tasmania's great strengths, its farms and food.



"The technology is proven, the resource is here and the infrastructure is here. We now have an opportunity to turn material currently treated as waste into renewable energy, organic fertiliser and economic value for the region," he said.

"What leaves one Tasmanian business as waste can become the fuel that powers another. It is fuel from the field, produced locally, and used locally by the industries that help drive Tasmania's economy."

At full production, the BioHub is expected to produce around 188 terajoules of renewable biomethane each year, enough to supply around 3% of Tasmania's current annual natural gas demand, as well as around 12,000 tonnes of organic fertiliser. It is expected to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by approximately 13,300 tonnes of CO_2-e annually.

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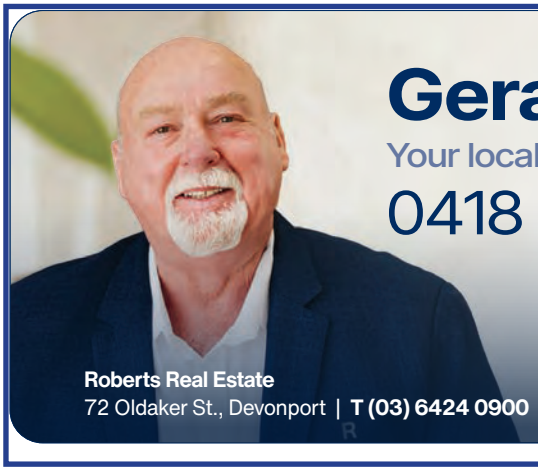

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Navigating changing times:
Looking after ourselves and our neighbours

When our local shopfronts display "For Sale" signs and council elections fill our streets with campaign posters, our close-knit community can feel unsettled.

Changes in the businesses we rely on, combined with political uncertainty, directly impact our collective peace of mind.

During transitional periods, it is completely normal to feel stressed or anxious about what the future holds for our community.

Acknowledging these feelings and actively protecting our mental well-being is vital for keeping ourselves and our community resilient.

So why do community shifts cause us stress?

In rural areas like Kentish, local businesses are more than just shops; they are social hubs where we reconnect. When their futures are uncertain, we can feel a sense of impending loss.

Similarly, local council elections introduce competing ideas about how our region should be managed, which can sometimes strain old friendships or challenge our preconceptions.

This combined uncertainty can trigger physical and emotional stress, impacting everything from our sleep to our relationships.

Simple ways to stay well together

We cannot control economic cycles or political outcomes, but we can control how we look after ourselves and treat one another:

• Focus on the present: When tomorrow feels unpredictable, ground yourself in your daily routine. Prioritise basic health habits like walking, eating fresh meals, and maintaining regular sleep schedules.

• Keep supporting local: Continue walking through the doors of our local shops. Keeping their cashflows steady helps current owners and makes our town more appealing to potential buyers.

• Practice kind communication: Election seasons bring passionate debates. It is healthy to disagree, but keeping conversations respectful ensures that political differences do not break the social fabric of our community.

• Check In on Your Neighbours: A quick phone call or an over-the-fence chat can make a massive difference to someone feeling isolated by change.

• Find connection and support: Book an appointment with one of your local Rural Health TAS team to discuss your feelings and life impacts to help find coping solutions and tools.

Change is inevitable but the strength of a small community lies in how we look after each other during the transition.

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Christmas community breakfast in Railton

Historic King's Hall in Railton will host a community breakfast on Sunday, December 20, as part of the centenary celebrations.

Families and groups are encouraged to book and decorate a table (prizes for best dressed). Bring your own food or enjoy a delicious hot breakfast, catered by the Railton Neighbourhood Centre. Individuals, especially those with no family around at Christmas, are warmly invited to come and celebrate by joining a table or starting one with new friends. Starts at 8am.

Entry is by gold coin donation. Bookings are essential for catering. Email railtoncentre2@gmail.com or phone 6496 1755.

Revered captain transforms colonies

Captain John Rolland was the first official land explorer of the NW Coast of Tasmania. Trekking west from the Tamar River with his small group of foot soldiers, he discovered the Meander River and all the good grazing plains between the Western Tiers and the coastline, east of the Mersey River. Though he was repulsed in his attempt to continue his inland route westward, he did manage to climb our iconic Mt Roland, from where he became the first white man to set eyes on Cradle Mountain, then traverse part of the Kentish district.

Why no mention of seeing the Kentish Plains from the top of Roland? We can only surmise from that height, the series of small plains must not have looked extensive enough. Perhaps like a couple of five cent coins in the middle of a blanket of green bush. Compared with the vast western plains that Rolland trekked crossed before reaching the Mersey River, they were quite insignificant and too inaccessible. Two days later when he tried to get a closer look, the thickness of the surrounding forests prevented this. Tragically 11 months later, this brilliant young officer was dead aged 29 years. What follows is the story of the last year of his life.

Just two weeks after completing this exploration trip, Captain Rolland heads to Hobart Town. On 10 January 1824 along with Governor Sorell, he is a guest of honour at the second annual meeting of the Van Diemen's Land Agricultural Society (forerunner of the Royal Agricultural Show Society). As the aim of this organisation was to improve the quality of farming and livestock, he would have reported on vast areas of good grazing land he had discovered on the Western Plains and commented upon his own sheep and cattle enterprise.

Captain Rolland submits a written report of his explorations to Governor Sorell on 21 January, 1824 for which he gets highly commended. A week later, having been summoned to Sydney by *Governor Macquarie* of New South Wales, young Rolland sets sail from Hobart aboard the 400 ton ship Asia.

Appointed Commandant of Port Macquarie

In Sydney Captain Rolland gets a significant promotion. He is appointed next Commandant of the new penal station at Port Macquarie in northern New South Wales. Effective April 1824, he is given a different detachment of the 3rd Regiment Foot (The Buffs) to help him. They consist of his deputy *Lieutenant G R Carmac, Ensign James Grant*, three sergeants, two corporals and 101 soldiers. Together they are wholly responsible for the convict settlement established only three years earlier at Port Macquarie almost 400kms north of Sydney.

With 1500 convicts it was already overcrowded for the current facilities, and Rolland inherits the continuing problem of prisoners attempting to escape. Only a few months into his new assignment, the most audacious escape of convicts in a decade occurs under his watch.

Seven convicts seized the newly arrived supply ship Isabella and escaped to sea. The Isabella had bought much needed supplies to Port Macquarie and was moored in the harbour, but hadn't yet unloaded. The convicts manning the flat bottom boat called the lighter had made one trip out to the Isabella and bought ashore the first load of the official documents and bags of mail. But on their next trip out to the boat, the convicts over-powered the captain and crew, put them unharmed in the lighter, cut the cables and sailed the Isabella out of the river never to be heard of again. Rolland immediately banned convicts working alone on the lighter boats without soldiers.

The NSW Governor had told Rolland his main concern was the rising cost of maintaining penal settlements. So Commandant John Rolland aggressively tackles this problem and rigorously works at making his colony self-sufficient. He puts 300 prisoners working on various agricultural jobs, setting aside several acres just to grow vegetables. Another 100 prisoners prepared ground for growing trial crops of sugar cane and tobacco which he hoped they may export. Others he put making tools and iron work previously bought up by boat from Sydney. He also went, as he did in Van Diemen's Land, in search of more agricultural land. He personally led an expedition 50kms inland to the Wilson River area, where they discovered a good fertile district, known today ironically, as Rolland Plains.

'The prisoner's weekly ration should be equal to the soldiers.'

His Enlightened and Humane Methods

Regarding convict productivity and punishment, Rolland reviewed 'solitary confinement', 'the treadmill' and the 'revolting remedy of the lash'.

He wrote to the Governor: "From the most authentic accounts which I have been able to obtain of the best regulated prisons, the immediate recompense of a better diet and the ultimate one of a mitigation of punishment are held out as the reward for productive work and good conduct."

He recommended the prisoner's weekly ration should be equal to the soldiers: 7lb beef, 4lb of pork and 7lb of flour. He suggested that this diet be increased by another 3½lb of flour and ½lb sugar for those showing a willingness to work. It was said that no soldier or convict who was tried for insubordination and sentenced to the lash, had the full penalty.

Prior to Rolland's appointment, Governor Macquarie had visited this penal colony and chosen the site for a Gothic style Anglican church on the most significant hill overlooking the settlement. It was to be built by convict labour under military supervision. When Captain Rolland's arrived, it had barely begun, but he took a personal interest in its development. So throughout the winter of 1824, they completed clearing the land, pegged out the site, laid the foundations and began making the 365,000 handmade bricks needed for its erection.

Rolland's untimely death

Late in October 1824 Commandant John Rolland is suddenly struck down in the prime of his life with a deadly virus. His deputy Lieutenant Carmac had reported to Sydney earlier in November that Captain Rolland was suffering from a 'severe indisposition'. But no one was expecting to read in his next dispatch: "It is with the deepest concern and regret that I advise the melancholy news of the death of Captain Rolland, who expired on the evening of the 16th Nov. He was so indisposed about the beginning of the month as to confine himself to bed, and was under necessity of relinquishing from that time the administration of affairs.

"He appears to have been the victim of fever, which rapidly advanced in a few days, and soon precluded all hope of his recovery. I cannot deny myself on the present occasion expressing my respect and esteem for this excellent and amiable

officer, and lament his premature departure from life, in which his great talents, energy and high principles promised he would be so distinguished.

"As there is no dedicated burial ground, it was considered the precincts of the Church, now in progress, was the rightful place where his remains should be interred."

People everywhere were shocked to read his death notice: "At Port Macquarie, on 16 November 1824 of remittent fever, after an illness of 20 days, Captain John Rolland aged 29 of the Buffs Regiment, Commandant of Port Macquarie Penal Settlement."

Commenting on Captain Rolland's untimely death, the Sydney Gazette dated 2 December1824 states in part: "This officer is much lamented by the corps, in which he was universally esteemed for his private virtues and admired for the zeal and ability with which he performed his military duties. Thus the Regiment has sustained in him, an irreparable loss and the service has been deprived of a most promising officer.

"The liberal and enlightened manner in which he conducted the duties of this highly responsible Command, we have reason to know, obtained him the unqualified approval of the Colonial Government, while he commanded the esteem and respect of all those placed under his charge."

So it was just three weeks before Captain John Rolland, 2nd Commandant of Port Macquarie was due to lay the foundation stone for St Thomas Church, his own remains were buried between the footings of the same church by the new colonial chaplain Rev Thomas Hassall.

By order of his executors, the personal effects of the late Captain John Rolland were auctioned at the Military Barrack, Port Macquarie on Wed 9th Dec 1824. They consisted of various silver and plated spoons, forks, candle sticks, snuffers, cutlery, glass and earthenware, wearing apparel, books, wines.

Interestingly enough another 15 months later, on Wed 22 March 1826 down in Van Diemen's Land, at an auction held at the Man of Ross Inn, Ross Bridge, 600 fine wool sheep and 40 head of Port Dalrymple bred horned cattle were sold belonging to the estate of the late Captain John Rolland of His Majesty's 3rd Buffs Regiment. Presumably the cash balance of Captain John Rolland's estate was returned to his family seat at Auchmithie, Scotland.

Rests in Historic Church, Port Macquarie

Today the historic St Thomas' Anglican Church sits prominently on top of Church Hill, dominating the city landscape of Port Macquarie. It is among the oldest churches in Australia and one of the few remaining convict built churches still in use. It carries National Trust of Australia classification and is also registered on the National Estate.

Inside the church, up the long aisle that separates rows of red cedar box pews, there is just behind the front seat on the right side, a trapdoor in the wooden floor. When opened, it reveals the headstone of Commandant John Rolland laying horizontally above his grave.

So this very historic church in Port Macquarie, NSW has become a huge mausoleum for Rolland, just as here in Tasmania, Mt Roland is such a magnificent memorial to this gifted and dedicated young man who died so very young. In the short space of two years in the colonies, he contributed so much to the initial development of two very different districts.

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Jane proves U3A builds community & friendships

When Jane Rolfe emigrated to Australia from the UK last year, she knew no-one apart from family.

Since joining Kentish U3A soon after moving to Barrington, the 77-year-old has an activity on almost every day of the week and has met a new circle of friends.

"It gives you a reason to get out of bed in the morning," said Jane. "And it's nice to go for a coffee with everyone afterwards."

On Mondays, Jane attends Nita Poutney's Move with Ease class at the Uniting Church; on Tuesdays, she plays Pickleball at the Railton Recreation Centre; on Thursdays she does a few aerobic moves with Colette Binder's Zumba class in Sheffield; Fridays she drives to Penguin for a dance/exercise class and once a month she accompanies Margaret McLachlan and others for a nature walk.

"What else do you do every day? The washing? Tidying up?"

Jane played badminton into her 40s before having her three children and has taken on pickleball with relish. Perhaps with a little too much enthusiasm, though, as she is sporting a cast on her left hand since landing heavily at a recent game.

"My sister in England told me I went for everything so I couldn't help it," Jane says cheekily. A collision with the Rec Centre's wooden seats left her hind legs bruised on a previous occasion but Jane is not deterred.

"Oh no, this hasn't put me off. I'll be back playing again soon."

Jane is a big fan of U3A and recommends it to new people, lonely people, those wanting to get more active and more involved in their community. "Everyone is really friendly and there's no need to be shy," she says. "There's lots of stuff you can do – something for everybody."

Jane said ageing often made it difficult to make new friends so U3A was a safe environment to meet people.

While her hectic timetable keeps her busy, Jane said she would like to try line dancing. "But I can't fit that in at the moment."

Try Petanque & Molkky

The Petanque and Molkky U3A activity is a small group of fun-loving participants who play on the upgraded gravel pitch between the Health Centre and the Community Garden.

If it's wet, a modified game is played in the Uniting Church Hall. New players are very welcome. Everything is supplied and you don't even have to be very fit. Meet after Move with Ease at the Hall on Mondays at 11:15.

We can thank the Finns for the internationally popular game of Mölkky, a game of accuracy where players are rewarded for throwing a wooden "pin" at 12 other wooden pins or "skittles". Knock over 1 and you get the number of points marked on the pin but knock over more and you only score the number of pins knocked down. Players aim to score exactly 50 points - any more and it's a loss of points.

Petanque, originally from the South of France, belongs in the boules family along with Raffa, Bocce, Lawn Bowls and a few others. In all these sports, players or teams take turns to throw a solid metal ball towards a target ball, called the Jack or Cochonnet, hoping to be the one closest. It is best played on a hard dirt or gravel surface.

COURSE TIMES & LEADER CONTACT DETAILS

Move with Ease - Mon 10am; Petanque - Mon 11.15am
Nita 0437 795 374

Mahjong - 1st & 3rd Mon 1pm
Ali 0410 742 012

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Kate 0407 510 857

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Cycling/Walking - Monthly
Margaret 0421 648 123

Nature walk - Monthly
Greg 0438 589 173

Balance & Bones - Wed 9 & 10am; Fri 9am
Jennifer 0400 376 937

Cryptic Crosswords - 2nd & 4th Wed 1pm
Margaret 6491 1175

Zumba - Thu 2pm
Colette 0439 426 665

Challenging walk: Monthly
Lindsay 0434 984 570

Storytelling - 2nd & 4th Fri 11am
Paul 0499 776 953

Joy of Maths - Fri 10am
John 0457 262 040

Line Dancing - Fri 12.30
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CRYPTIC PUZZLE TASMANIA

1. **Get into gear** (3)
2. **Don** (5)
3. **New dress, Nora?** (9)
4. **Rebel! Live on, revolution!** (9)
5. **Dili shall rebuild!** (4,5)
6. **London?**
7. **Revolutionary caught in double negative** (7)
8. **Madman gaoler …** (9)
9. **… uses rod for discipline** (6)
10. **Subverted by red** (5)

Every animal counts for Bio security tracing

Whether you keep a few sheep to manage the grass, a couple of cattle in the paddock or some goats for the family's milk, traceability is an important responsibility for all livestock owners of cattle, sheep, goats or pigs.

Many people assume traceability only matters for large commercial farms, but every property that keeps cattle, sheep, goats or pigs plays a role in protecting Tasmania's livestock industries and rural communities.

Livestock traceability allows animals to be tracked throughout their lives and enables authorities to quickly identify where animals have been and where they have moved during a disease outbreak or biosecurity emergency. Fast and accurate tracing helps contain risks, protects neighbouring properties and reduces the impact on livestock owners across the state.

Traceability is also essential for maintaining access to domestic and international markets. Australia's ability to demonstrate where livestock have come from and how they have moved provides confidence to customers and trading partners that our products are safe, high quality and trustworthy. Strong traceability systems help protect Tasmania's clean, green reputation and support the jobs, businesses and regional communities that depend on agriculture.

Even if you never intend to sell animals for export, you still benefit from a strong traceability system. Participation by every livestock owner strengthens the system and helps ensure that a problem on one property does not become a problem for many.

Key responsibilities for hobby farmers to be compliant includes ensuring your property has a Property Identification Code (PIC), keeping livestock movement records, and making sure animals are correctly identified before they are moved.

Thinking about buying or selling livestock? That's also an important time to think about traceability. Advertisements for the sale of cattle, sheep, goats or pigs must include the seller's PIC and contact details, and these animals must be correctly identified. Buyers must provide the seller with their PIC for the movement document.

Whether you're selling a few sheep through social media, advertising cattle online or purchasing stock for your property, ensuring the property has a PIC benefits everyone involved.

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15/10/2026 – Burglary @ Johnson Street, Sheffield. Broken padlock. Under investigation.

06/09/2026 – Burglary/Stealing @ business on Main Street, Sheffield. Broken window and stolen money. Under investigation.

14/09/2026 – Destroy Property/Trespass @ Foster Street, Railton. Smashed window. Under investigation.

Neighbourhood Watch turns 40

Starting with the first 'Watch' at Risdon Vale in 1986, the community-led crime prevention organisation has now grown to more than 50 groups across Tasmania.

State President Peter Edwards, said the Watch served as the eyes and ears in the community and to inform police of anti-social behaviour and criminal activity. "I say we exist to help communities help themselves," he said.

"We can't expect the police to be everywhere, so we ask what can we do that can make a difference – collectively and individually? We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone."

Mr Edwards, a retired Tasmania Police officer, stepped into the presidency role in 2019 and knows from experience the positive impact to a community when neighbours look out for one another.

"Research has identified that an active Neighbourhood Watch group can help to minimise crime and offending by up to 26 per cent, and the presence of our signage and activities helps to increase the sense of safety and security in our neighbourhoods."

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Wednesday	Nov 4	**Justice of the Peace** 9.30-11am, Kentish House
Thurs-Fri	Nov 5, 06	**Free First Aid course** 8.45am-2pm, Kentish House
Saturday	Nov 7	**Old Time Dance** 7.30pm, King's Hall Railton
Sat-Sun	Nov 7, 08	**Steam Engine rides** 11am-4pm, Sheffield Steam & Heritage Centre
Sat-Sun	Nov 7-8,14-15	**Garage Sale Trail**
Monday	Nov 9	**Justice of the Peace** 9.30-11am, Kentish House
		Applications close for community grants (see p20)
Tuesday	Nov 10	**Sheffield Ambulance Station** 20th Anniversary
		Kentish Probus Club 10am, Sheffield Bowls Club
Wednesday	Nov 11	**Services Australia** 9.30-11am Kentish House
Thursday	Nov 12	**Kentish Garden Club** 7.30pm, Bible Chapel, 45 High Street, Sheffield
	Nov 13, 15	**Mount Roland Folk Festival**
Saturday	Nov 14	**Railton Market** 9am-1pm, King's Hall, 10 Latrobe Road
		Roland Market 9am-1pm, Roland Gospel Hall, Staverton Road
Sunday	Nov 15	**Open Home** Passivhaus Open Day (see p12)
Monday	Nov 16	**Trivia** 6.30 for 7pm, Sheffield RSL, 77 Main Street, Sheffield
Tuesday	Nov 17	**Kentish Council meeting** 6pm, Council Office, High Street, Sheffield
Wednesday	Nov 18	**Justice of the Peace** 9.30-11am, Kentish House
Saturday	Nov 21	**Documentary: 40 Years of Murals in Kentish** 7pm, Wilmot Memorial Hall
Sunday	Nov 22	**Hazardous waste disposal** 2-4pm, Sheffield Waste Transfer Station
Saturday	Nov 28	**Car Boot Sale & Community Market** 9am-1pm, Lower Barrington Hall
Sat-Sun	Nov 28, 29	**Gardenfest** (see p6-7)
Sunday	Nov 29	**Walk the Talk** noon, Devonport (see p31)

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Saturday	Dec 5	**Country Twilight Market** 3-7pm, Wilmot Memorial Hall
Monday	Dec 7	**Applications close** for Council scholarships (see p21)
Thursday	Dec 10	**Deadline for December Kentish Voice**
Friday	Dec 11	**Christmas Parade** 6pm, Main Street, Sheffield
Sunday	Dec 20	**Community Christmas breakfast** 8am, King's Hall, Railton

Cryptic Puzzle Answers

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2. Dover
3. Rossarden
4. Bellerive
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