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Sheffield Golf celebrates 50 years

The Sheffield Golf Club at Badger Heights recently celebrated a remarkable milestone: 50 years since its modern revival.

On September 6, members, families and supporters gathered to mark half a century of community spirit, local determination and love of the game. The day included an Ambrose event, afternoon tea, a time capsule burial and a special look back at the club's formative years, presented by foundation members Neil Denney and John Hope (pictured right with Patron Ian Braid).

Like many country sporting clubs, Sheffield's journey has not always been smooth. Before the current course was established, the club played across four different layouts, all on private land. One by one, those homes disappeared as the properties changed hands, and by 1954 the town was without a course.

The comeback began in 1975, not in a boardroom, but in conversation between a group of golfing mates driving home from Woodrising Golf Club in Devonport. From that simple exchange came flyers distributed across Sheffield and Railton, public meetings to test community interest, and finally a defining moment at the Maddox Hotel on September 6, 1976, when the motion to reform the club was carried.

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EDITORIAL

Candidates have been announced for the Kentish Local Government elections this month, with 11 residents - six men and five women - vying for seven council positions.

Mayor Kate Haberle is standing unopposed so no ballot will be held for this position however she must first be elected as a councillor and is part of the general election. Cr Phillip Richards and Cr Rodney Blenkhorn are contesting the Deputy Mayor's position.

The 2026 election heralds a new era for Kentish as three long-term councillors - Don Thwaites, Penny Lane and Linda Cassidy - are retiring and six new candidates have stepped forward. Cr Phil Dickinson who served one term on council is moving interstate.

The Kentish Voice wishes to salute the retiring councillors for their years of service (Don served nearly 24 years, including three terms as Mayor, Penny 19 years and Linda 12). Thank you for your selfless dedication to the people of Kentish and the many hours of work you invested in making this a better place. Councillors are paid but it really is a token amount - it certainly doesn't cover overtime and weekend double pay. The increased rate for 2026 is about \$15,000 for councillors, \$45,000 for the Mayor and \$30,000 for the Deputy. It's not about the money.

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It is about wanting the best outcomes for your community and being prepared to listen and learn. It's about being involved and supporting all the grassroots initiatives that make Kentish such a vibrant place to live. Without volunteers, this municipality simply wouldn't function.

The time behind the table at council meetings is a very small but important part of the commitment. To be able to make decisions that reflect the community's will means being in the community and hearing what people have to say.

Councillors have to make decisions within the confines of legislation so what may be promised may not be legally possible. For example, George Town Council's decision to allow an AI data centre at Bell Bay was the only option within the planning scheme - it met all conditions.

Your candidates for the Kentish Council election are: Lesley Begg (Sheffield), Rodney Blenkhorn (Railton), Jodi Coleman (Sheffield), Ross Crack (Railton), Kate Haberle (Sheffield), Simone Haig (Sheffield), Terry Hughes (Sheffield), Phillip Richards (Wilmot), Tracey Riggs Barker (Sheffield), Nicholas Rowsell (Sheffield) and James Spring (Sheffield).

Voting is compulsory and postal ballots close on October 27.
Choose wisely.

Heather

Home ground no advantage for Beulah

By Heather Eiszele

The Beulah Cricket Club has been uprooted by Kentish Council's redevelopment of the Railton Recreation Ground, with training nets removed, power cut and toilets locked.

Cricket season starts on October 10.

After the Grandstand was taken down last May, members of the club arrived for training to find there was nowhere to practice bowling and batting.

Club president Craig Davey said the club had been given no notice that the nets would be removed and he had no idea where the steel mesh and wickets had ended up.

"It's a classic case of the left hand not knowing what the right hand's doing," he said.

Craig said Beulah hosted seven home games a season and had already been subject to fines by the Mersey Valley Cricket Association for inadequate facilities.

"We've had constant complaints from visitors, especially about the toilets," he said.

The club has also been subject to multiple break-ins with sponsorship and skills from members covering the damage and cost. Despite the difficulties, the club has enough players to field a team and hopes to introduce Milo Blast for young cricketers next season.

"We've been training at Sheffield but that won't be available soon," said Craig. "It's hard to attract new players with the way things are but we've just got to survive in the meantime."

He said an "absolute must" was for the power to be reconnected and the toilets functioning. "I'd just like them to hurry up."



Beulah Cricket Club president Craig Davey (left) and Vice President Mick Davey: "survive in the meantime".

Craig said a meeting with Kentish/Latrobe Council CEO Jeff Morgan last month had been productive and the club had been assured the power, water and toilets would all be in working order by the start of the cricket season.

Mr Morgan told *The Kentish Voice* that Council was working to ensure the site would be functional ahead of the cricket season.

He said the toilet vandalism repairs would be completed and water and electricity to the site reconnected.

"Work on the cricket nets is expected to commence before the end of October," Mr Morgan said.

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Anticipation is mounting as the countdown begins to celebrate 40 years of murals in Sheffield.

Alongside the proposed 40th anniversary celebration mural, a short documentary has been filmed to honour the many artists who have contributed to the town's iconic mural project.

The documentary offers a chance to walk down memory lane, featuring never-before-seen footage of murals being created and the stories behind Sheffield's remarkable outdoor art gallery.

Artists and members of the public are invited to come together and share in the festivities. The 40th anniversary celebration mural, which has been commissioned for the occasion, features John Lendis, the artist behind Sheffield's very first mural, *Stillness and Warmth*. The artwork depicts John pointing across the carpark towards his original mural.

The premiere of the documentary will be held on Saturday, October 24, at 7pm at the Uniting Church, Main Street, Sheffield. A second screening will be held in December.



Polished man shines light on domestic violence

Polished Man month - fundraising to help women and children out of violent situations - comes around once a year, every

October. The fundraising might be once a year but the abuse happens all year round.

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Governor to attend old time dance

By Pat Flower

The King's Hall in Railton will be celebrating its centenary next month and an old time dance will be held on November 7 to celebrate this milestone.

The Governor of Tasmania, Her Excellency the Honourable Caroline Wells, has accepted an invitation to attend the centenary dance and will unveil a commemorative tribute.

The event will celebrate all the dancing that has occurred in the hall over the past 100 years. A jazz ball was held for the Woman of the Year contest in 1977, along with square dancing on a regular basis, cabarets, dances and balls.

Memorabilia will be displayed, with something from each decade of the hall's history.

Our resident photographer will be there to capture the essence of an era gone by with ladies able to don a fur along with gloves and handbag in the Photo Booth.

Spectators are welcome. Tickets \$10. RSVP essential.

The history of King's Hall dates back to the 1920s when Catholic priest Father O'Donnell bought 3 acres of land in central Railton to establish a convent. With the improvements to transport and better roads, the convent and Catholic school never eventuated as many of the Catholic families no longer needed boarding schools. Father O'Donnell then went on to form a local committee which commissioned the design and building of the King's Hall on this land.

The committee worked together to design a functional hall - a hall that was "hardy in design, wanting a brick, iron and concrete construction".

The foundation stone was laid on November 9, 1926, by Governor James O'Grady who returned on June 23, 1927, to officially open the hall. It was named after King George V.

Over the years, the hall has been used for many purposes, from dinners, sporting events, film nights, Penguin follies, meetings, cabarets, balls, dances, biggest morning teas, wedding receptions, Teddy Bears picnic, Back to Railton reunion. These events have been well patronised by the community.

Traditional Tasmanian folk dance band Woodfield's Orchestra will perform at the centenary dance. Bookings essential: Please phone Pat on 0418 127 609.



Belles of the Ball: Centenary event organisers Pat Flower (left) and Helen McKendrick with gowns from the 1960s.



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Golfers enjoy rounds in the golden years

By John Hope

The Sheffield Golf story starts in the 19th century when it was one of four clubs to form the Northern Tasmania Golf Association (now a life member of that association).

Previously the club had four courses (all on private land) which were lost when the properties were sold, the last one circa 1954, so there was no golf at Sheffield till 1976.

Neil Denney arrived in Sheffield in October 1975 and started playing golf at Woodrising Golf Course with Murray McClenaghan, Ray Nagel and Bill Maddox. On the way home Neil suggested we should have a golf course at Sheffield and proceeded to put flyers in businesses in Sheffield and Railton inviting people to a meeting at Maddox Hotel. This resulted in a good roll up and the decision was made to progress the idea.

Neil Denney saw the potential of the areas we now know as the Badger Heights Golf Course. Much of the land was never developed for farming due to the poor soil quality of the elevated areas. What is now the 3rd, 4th and 9th fairways was cleared and grassed. This was a hobby farm owned by Wally Wilson. Neil took Ivan Conway and John Hope and a spade to the area near the now 3rd tee for a soil sample which met with approval. A further meeting was held and expressions of interest were called for, including a payment of \$50 each person.

Discussion was held on how to acquire the land and build a golf course with just \$1500. A loan of \$8000 was required to purchase the property (\$7000) and commence constructing a golf course. Three members - Butler, McClenaghan and Maddox - became guarantors for the loan. Negotiation was made for an access road from Nook road, this was made possible with the assistance of Kentish Council.

Work commenced immediately with the course layout planned by golf professional David Good. The 7th fairway was so



Foundation Day: Ian Braid and John Hope with Elvie Conway who was the first Ladies Captain and whose husband Ivan was the club's first captain.

densely vegetated it required a bulldozer to clear a pathway to walk the proposed fairway line. Note should be made of the generous low-cost dozer clearing by Carl Cox, Claude Rouse and Ian Mason. Don Febey (an explosives expert) was responsible for removing trees too large for the dozers.

The first clubhouse was a tent erected to serve as a focal point for visitors playing a game on the first 6 holes (hazards included stumps logs and rocks). The first real clubhouse building was an extremely large amenities building from Hydro Gowrie Park requiring a fleet of trucks and two cranes.

The first Annual General Meeting was held on March 21, 1977, where it was reported that 6 holes were ready for play. Officers elected: President John Hope; Vice President Neil Lamprey; Captain Ivan Conway; Secretary Neil Denney; Treasurer Bill Maddox; Committee members G Febey, E Wootton, C Cox, J Spotswood, G Hampton, K Russell. Ian Braid, Patron.

Construction continued rapidly in the summer of 76/77 and in April 1977 the 1st official club game was played on the first 6 holes completed (holes 5, 6 and 7 still under construction).

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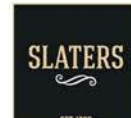


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Hi! I am Phillip Richards (Councillor 2014 -2026). I have lived and worked in Kentish all my life and currently run a family fourth generation farm business with my wife. I am proud of being part of a stable local council and work well as

a team to achieve positive outcomes for our community. I am a good listener and bring a common-sense approach when working with council. I would like to work with other councillors on a proactive program for: maintenance of our road system, also to work for more opportunities in Kentish through the Mersey/Leven alliance; and our continued co-operation with Latrobe Council. I believe that there are going to be great opportunities going forward with pumped Hydro, tourism, agriculture and businesses that work with these industries. I would like to ask for your number 1 vote for Councillor and Deputy Mayor.

Authorised by: Alison Richards, 2761 Wilmot Rd Wilmot 7310



NICHOLAS ROWSELL
For Kentish Council

VOTE 1
as Councillor

I'm standing for Council because I believe Kentish thrives when its people are heard, supported, leading to a strong, connected community.

My wife and I chose Sheffield as our home because Kentish reflects the values I grew up with of genuine connections and neighbours who know and look out for each other.

Professionally, I'm a senior consultant with experience across federal and state government, utilities, and education sectors.

My work focuses on improving public services, strengthening community outcomes, and ensuring that systems deliver real value to the people who rely on them.

I hold a Bachelor of Design with studies in architecture and urban planning, which has given me a practical understanding of how towns grow and how good spaces support community life.

Good council decisions should be transparent, easy to explain, cost-effective, and deliver real value back to you.

I'm a practical, common-sense thinker, and this experience will shape how I approach the role.

As a newer resident of Kentish, my goal is simple, to become deeply embedded in the community and contribute to making it an even better place to live.

I'm committed to creating everyday opportunities for people to participate, connect and be included, and to helping Kentish remain a place people are proud to call home. I'm here to listen, to learn, and to work constructively with the community to strengthen the future of Kentish.

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Lesley BEGG

Vote 1 as COUNCILLOR

You will know me primarily as the volunteer editor of The Kentish Voice for many years, who now supports the current editor, Heather. My passion for community sustainability led Doug and I to be involved in establishing The Kentish Voice in 2013 after 19 years. In 2023 We were honoured to be awarded Kentish Citizens of

the year in 2023 for our ongoing patronage of TKV. I support the established Resource Sharing with Latrobe but I have a strong desire to see Kentish retain its own governance to support the unique character of our location and diverse local communities. Having been self-employed in various businesses over many years – building & design centre, farming and hospitality I have an understanding of many of the pressures facing the business community of Kentish. Helping to support Kentish businesses is one of the major reasons for The Kentish Voice and my desire to serve our community on Council. E: lesleybegg@outlook.com

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Rodney BLENKHORN

Vote 1 Councillor and Vote 1 Deputy Mayor

Kentish has been my family home for four generations. I bring experience and local knowledge. My priorities are simple: support local business; represent the farming community; cut Council Red Tape where possible; keep rates and costs under control; address community safety issues; ensure ongoing maintenance of our aging road network; continually question to ensure Council delivers value and gets the basics right; explore solutions to illegal rubbish dumping; listen to residents and ask questions. Ratepayers come first!

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Terry HUGHES

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Living in Kentish all my life. Married to Maree with two sons and five grandchildren. I served on Council 2022-2026 and as a delegate on various committees. I have served on several organisations in Kentish – Kentish Men's Shed committee member 2025-2026; Sheffield RSL Well-being officer 2024-2026; Council representative on Mount Roland Landcare, Claude Road Hall, Kentish Economic Development Committee.

If elected I will work to ensure the best outcome for our growing Kentish Region with new developments in Tourism, Recreation and Cottage Industries for long term work. I support Affordable Housing in Kentish. I will listen to your views for best for Kentish. Please Vote 1 Terry Hughes

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Ross CRACK

Vote 1 COUNCILLOR

I've lived in Railton for 14 years. Kentish has been very good to me, with lovely people and plenty of opportunities. I've been a local fire fighter & Brigade Chief for 3 years (retired). I am a trainer of volunteer fire fighters and a member of the Kentish Lions Club, currently their Child Safety Officer. Presently I operate the

local garage in Railton as a qualified motor mechanic.

With the cost-of-living skyrocketing for families, nothing is different for a council. It's time for a different approach to be taken by the council, to ensure we all enjoy a prosperity and sustainable future. If elected, I can assure you that I will be looking at expenditure and a better revenue income for the council without having to take it from you the rate payer Let's grow together. With your number 1 vote, if elected, I will give you good representation. My work ethic has always been, an "All In" approach.

Authorised by: Stephen Rand 26-28 Foster St Railton

Mayor's message: an honour & privilege



October is the month for the Local Government Council elections. It has been an honour and a privilege to serve on the council for 12 years including four years as Mayor and I would like to continue in this role for another 4 years.

Ballot papers will be sent in the mail at the beginning of October. There are no polling booths so it is important that eligible residents fill in the ballot forms and send them back by mail or drop them off at the Kentish Council Chambers in High Street. Please give careful consideration to who you are voting for as the councillors are your representative to make decisions for the benefit of the whole municipality. This is a role that cannot be taken lightly as there are requirements for councillors to abide by rules and regulations as legislated in the Local Government Act 1993.

I attended the award ceremony for the Waste2Art exhibition on Saturday, September 19. The art work was exceptional as each piece had to be constructed from recycled or reused material. Dulverton Waste Management sponsored the exhibition with four prizes each worth \$500 for which we are very thankful. The winners were Arthur Hawkins, Cindy Thompson, Charles Thompson, and Nita Poutney and John Bindon. There are so

many talented people in Kentish and we have a beautiful Art Centre to give artists an opportunity to display their creations.

Congratulations to Kiara McDonald for being awarded the 2026 Women and Firefighting Australasia Rising Leader Award. This is a wonderful achievement and it goes to show that there are wonderful opportunities for people to excel from even the smallest communities. Railton Fire Brigade is very fortunate to have Kiara in their team and I wish the brigade all the best as they continue to train hard to ensure the safety of our community.

Congratulations to Wendy Leonard for directing the school production of the Egyptian Whodunnit. It was a remarkable show and the students really stepped up to the occasion with some hidden talents coming to the fore.

With the school holidays beginning on October 2, it is a time for some rest and relaxation ready for a very busy Term 4. Summer sports are about to start providing people with an opportunity to be involved in a club and reap the benefits of social interactions and skill development. It is a good time to begin planning some outdoor activities and some sunshine.

Please remember voting is compulsory so look out for your ballot papers in the mail.



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Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be your council representative over the past 12 years including 4 years as Mayor. Participating in council activities and being involved with the community has enabled me to develop an appreciation of our distinct and culturally diverse area with its natural beauty and local economy. There have been many and varied opportunities for personal growth in understanding the processes involved in Local Government and I have found these challenges to be both stimulating and productive. I have become aware of the importance of good governance, decision making and strategic planning to ensure the viability of our council. I am on the board at Tandara, Kentish ACT and KaLIBA and I also participate in many activities through U3A. I have been a member of the Sheffield School Association for 38 years and taught at the school for 40 years. I support resource sharing with the Latrobe Council to deliver savings and enhance our service delivery. With our newly appointed CEO, I believe we can move forward with a high performing team that will need to navigate change effectively while facing escalating costs due to inflation, construction pressures and fuel prices. I am committed to networking across our nine coastal areas to strengthen our performance and advocate for our municipality.

With good communication and listening skills, I believe I have the right attributes to continue being your representative on the council. I am willing to put the time and effort into promoting our municipality and will work hard to consolidate the positive functioning of our council.

I would appreciate your vote for Councillor and Mayor so that I can continue to work with an enthusiastic and committed approach to ensure Kentish remains a thriving municipality.

I need your vote to become a councillor so I can fulfill the role of Mayor.

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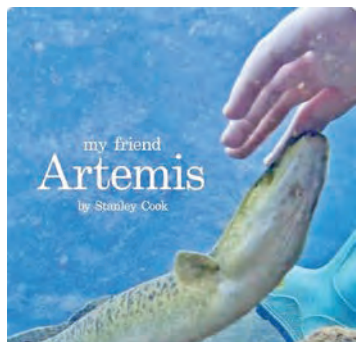


Weindorfer film judges praise creativity

Professional members of the judging panel for the Weindorfer Festival of Short Films 2026 were deeply impressed with the overall quality of films presented for consideration.

A large audience gathered at the Launceston Conference Centre on Saturday, September 19, for the awards presentations and to enjoy the premier viewing of the 10 films short-listed.

In the under-19 category, Stanley Cook from NSW won the Weindorfer Award with his nine-minute film *My friend Artemis*.



The film demonstrated “powerful storytelling using the friendship of two brothers and an animal (eel) to convey a deep ecological message demonstrating the interconnectedness of all life within an ecosystem,” said the judges.

The runner-up in the under-19 category was *Acrohc*

directed by Francisco Dutra from Brisbane.

The winning film in the Open category was *Last Light* submitted by Andrew Barker from Perth WA.

A Boy Visits Cradle was the runner-up, directed by Guy Burns from Leith, Tasmania.

The judges were particularly impressed by the way “still photography, ingenious overlay, narration and sound have been brought together to create something very polished and cinematic... The film offers an intimate glimpse into the

human stories that have become part of the Cradle Mountain landscape.”

The judges awarded a Special Mention to *Gustav's Words*, a music video of the Mountain Echoes vocal ensemble, directed by the Robinson Brothers from Sheffield.

They loved “the way the directors combine the choir’s music with landscape, detail and local community to create a warm and visually engaging tribute to Weindorfer’s legacy”.

The winners receive a certificate, an engraved Weindorfer trophy, cash and accommodation vouchers generously provided by the sponsors, Cradle Mountain Hotel, Cradle Highlander Cabins, Discovery Parks Cradle Mountain and The Hub of Sheffield.

The Weindorfer Film Festival is growing to become a major environment arts event for Tasmania in the years to come.

-Sandra Rowden-Rich

Readers make leaders

Library Aid International (LAI) is a little group which is achieving great things. It is a Christian charity, unique to Tasmania, which is based at the Sheffield Uniting Church.

It sends school books to needy schools in developing countries where many of these schools are very poorly equipped; some have few text books, others have no library at all.

Over the last 18 years, the organisation has sent 13 containers of donated books to developing countries. Each container holds about 900 cartons of school books

There are lots of ways you can help LAI.

Become a volunteer. Each Monday from 10am–2pm at Sheffield Uniting Church, we sort and pack a pallet of donated books and host a pop-up book stall.

Come to “Sheffield’s Got Talent” variety concert at 2pm on Sunday, October 25, in the Sheffield Uniting Church hall.

We would also appreciate financial donations.

More information is available on the website: <https://libraryaid.org> and our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Library-Aid-International>

- Leoni Read 0429 705 062



October / November 2026

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Preview all films at: www.nwfs.org.au/upcoming-films



21st October @ 7pm
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
MA15+ | 100 mins | 2026 | UK | Drama, Comedy
An ageing artist's adult children hire an art forger to locate and complete a trove of his unfinished paintings worth three million dollars so they can claim the inheritance when he dies.

Annual or Part Memberships available
For more details visit the NWFS website - www.nwfs.org.au
Our membership recruitment desk operates between
6:30 pm and 7:00 pm at every screening. Find us on Facebook - [nwfilmsociety](https://www.facebook.com/nwfilmsociety)

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

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

OCTOBER

Wednesday 7th October. 9.30-11 am.
Monday 12th October. 9.30-11 am.
Wednesday 21st October. 9.30-11 am.
Monday 26th October. 9.30-11 am.

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

Rural Health takes over youth programs

Rural Health Tasmania (RHT) will take over the delivery of Kentish Council's youth programs for 11 to 17-year-olds from the start of the October school holidays, following the conclusion of Kentish House's long-running involvement.

Kentish Council has confirmed that it has entered a new agreement with RHT to run the weekly youth program and school holiday activities across Sheffield and Railton, after inviting proposals earlier this year as it reviewed the future of youth service delivery in the municipality.

Kentish Council Chief Executive Officer Jeff Morgan said the decision followed a competitive process and reflected Council's focus on services specifically for young people aged 11 to 17.

"We are very grateful to Kentish House and Glenhaven Family Care Inc for 11 years of dedicated service to young people and families in Kentish," Mr Morgan said.

"We are pleased to now be working with Rural Health Tasmania, who bring an established youth engagement framework and existing programs from across the North West, and we're looking forward to seeing the program grow."

RHT Chief Executive Officer Lee Seymour said the organisation was looking forward to building on its existing presence in Kentish.

"Our site at 1B Henry Street in Sheffield gives us a great base to run a weekly drop-in program alongside our health and wellbeing services, and we're excited to be delivering school holiday activities across Sheffield and Railton," she said.

Under the new arrangement, RHT will deliver a weekly 90-minute program during school terms, along with 20 school holiday activities split evenly between Sheffield and Railton and running from the October holidays through to the July 2027 school holidays.

Kentish House will continue to support current participants through the transition, and Council has thanked the organisation for its assistance in encouraging young people to continue their involvement through the new provider.

Council said further details on the October school holiday program, including dates and how to register, would be promoted by Rural Health Tasmania in coming weeks.

Museum Mystery Object



This month's Museum Mystery Object is clearly a flask...the question is... what was it used for? This particular flask is in very good condition, dates from early to late 19C, has a brass top with punched out rectangular channels cut out of one side. It measures approximately 23cm and has a fastening on the bottom, possibly allowing a strap to attach the flask onto something.

Email your thoughts to kentish.museum@kentish.tas.gov.au or call into the museum on Wed, Fri, or Sat 10-3pm for a closer look at the Mystery Object.

** The August Mystery Object was a boot hook.*

Railton murder: man charged

A 42-year-old Tarleton man has been charged with murder following a serious assault at Railton on September 16.

Shortly after 8.30am, emergency services attended a home in Leake Street following reports a 48-year-old man had been assaulted. He was airlifted to the Royal Hobart Hospital but died later that night.

The alleged offender had left the scene and was arrested at a nearby location a short time later. He was charged with murder.

Dominic Alexander Carbonari appeared in the Devonport Magistrates Court that same evening and did not enter a plea. Magistrate Duncan Fairley adjourned the matter to October 26. Carbonari will remain in custody until then.



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SHEFFIELD GOLF

*Members*

22/08 Split 6's. Won by Charlie McCaffrey and Micheal Chatwin with 57 pts. Second was Allan Duncan and Doug Callander with 50pts.

06/09 50th Anniversary of Sheffield Golf Club, Foundation Day.

Ambrose 3. Won by Ryan Edwards, Adam Gardener and Brendan Taylor with 56.333 pts on a count back from Matthew Knight, Leigh Tuson and Greg Collis.

Free Legal Advice at Sheffield

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

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL: PLEASE CONTACT NWCLC ON 6424 8720

Kentish House 16/18 Station St, Sheffield

North West Community Legal Centre Inc.

A huge thank you to the Denney and Hope families for their sponsorship, all the people who helped, played and attended the Foundation Day celebration. It was a fabulous celebration. 12/09 Sheffield/Deloraine Challenge which was played over two weekends was one by Deloraine with a score of 648 pts to Sheffield's 599 pts. Great time had by all who attended. Thank you to Tina for cooking the BBQ and Jimmy for the Bar.

Vets 25/08 Stableford Aggregate was won by Tony Wootton with 39 nett on a count back from Doug Callander.

Monthly Medal

1/09 First was Greg Collis with 66 pts from Gerry Hopkins with 67 pts.

15/09 Stroke. First was Gerry Hopkins with 71 pts on count back from Doug Callander.

A big congratulations to Rodney Von Stieglitz (*left*) for getting a Hole in One on the 11th hole. Well done Rod!!

Vets/Ladies

08/09 Ambrose 3. First was Helen Lloyd-Jones, Kathy Daies and Noel Meyers with 54.833 pts. Second was Gerry Hopkins, Leslie Juggins and Peter Orchard with 58.167 pts.

Ladies

01/09 Monthly Medal sponsored by Brett and Susie Coombs was won by Helen Llyod-Jones with 71 pts on count back from Susie Coombs.

15/09 Patroness Day sponsored by Jenny Smith was won by Helen Lloyd-Jones with 71 net from Janice Milner with 76 nett.

The gross winner for the day was Helen Lloyd-Jones with 86 pts from Susie Coombs with 98 pts.

A big thank you to Jenny for her continued support and sponsorship to the ladies.

The previously advertised "Come Try Day" is now being held on October 4, not the 11th. Come along at 1pm for some fun. Please contact Peter Webster on 0408 695 330 or Helen Lloyd-Jones on 0417 715 393.

Green fees per day Adults \$20.00 Juniors \$5.00



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KENTISH MEN'S SHED

The Shed now has a new router table funded by the Tasmanian Department of the Premier & Cabinet under the Tasmanian Men's Shed Association Grants Scheme.

The TMSA Grants Program supports men's health and wellbeing, including mental health initiatives, purchase of new tools, equipment and machinery, member training and education or initiatives delivered by Men's Sheds that benefit the broader community.

The AGM was attended by the Honourable Casey Hiscutt, Member for Montgomery, Rob McKenzie, President TMSA, Barry Madock NW Rep TMSA and Cr Philip Richards who chaired the meeting.

We thank our previous secretary, Rod Davis, and Past President, Terry Hughes, who served on the committee for 15 years.

Please contact Peter Morris on 0449 559 257 if you wish to join. We meet at 9-2pm every Thursday and Saturday at the Shed, 14 Spring Street Sheffield.

- John Bindon, Secretary

THE HUB

It's always great to see people leave with a smile and say, just what I was looking for.

Sadly our volunteers are unable to put out for sale items that are damaged, dirty, don't work or have bits missing.

We will be open again on Saturday, October 3, 10am-2pm.

Recent donations:

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| • Kentish U3A \$539 | • Quinn Sullivan \$1000 |
| • S – Box Rally \$3000 | • Oss Foley Endurance Riders \$1000 |
| • Cancer Council \$300 | |
| • Sheffield School \$1000 | • Mount Roland Folk Festival \$1500 |

Thank you for your support as we donate into our community.

- The Committee

PROBUS



The next meeting of the Kentish Probus Club will be on Tuesday, October 13, at 10am at the Sheffield Bowls Club. The Guest Speaker will be Graeme Marshall re: WW2 Aviation.

Our outing will be a luncheon at the Lucas Hotel, Latrobe. Visitors are always welcome. For further information, please contact Annelise on 6496 1220.

KENTISH LIONS



The Lions Club of Kentish extends its deepest condolences to Thomas and Charlotte on the passing of Ina. Ina was very supportive of our breakfast club, frequently donating fruit at no charge to breakfast club.

We have commenced meeting with Council to get the required approvals for this year's Christmas Parade.

There is a huge amount of work involved in gaining approvals from the relevant authorities. That includes approvals for road closures and event signage.

The Christmas Parade will be held on Friday, December 11, starting at Tandara Lodge in Nightingale Avenue at 6pm, followed by a free sausage sizzle in King George V Park.

We have supported an entry into the mystery box rally this year. The two ladies will undertake this challenge driving five days to mystery locations in their vehicle, worth less than \$1500. Kentish Lions donated \$1500 to support Cancer Research.

We are keen to gain more members so if you have a bit of spare time and want to help your community, please get in touch.

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, contact kentishlions@gmail.com.

Our community is who we serve.

WORKING ART SPACE SHEFFIELD

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 during October and November 2026.

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

Working Art Space – 4-6 Albert Street, Sheffield

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

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

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

On Tuesdays and Wednesdays please feel free to pop by our Albert Street Gallery to view our art displays, including pottery creations in progress.

BRAIN HEALTH

For Seniors Month in October, U3A Central Coast Tasmania will Celebrate Aging with a presentation titled "Dementia Overview & Brain Health".

This is a free presentation which is open to the public and we would love to have you join us.

It will take place at Apex House, 3 Gollan Street, Ulverstone at 2pm on Friday, October 2.

If you would like to attend or would like more information, give us a call on 0457 411 585 or send an email to u3acentralcoast@gmail.com.

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One man's trash, another man's art

By Nita Pountney

This was our first Waste2Art competition and we received 27 very different entries, ranging from sculpture, paintings, textiles and clothing.

A wide range of materials was used very successfully. This included papier mache, glass, wire, beer cans and ring pulls, discarded wrapping materials and medical waste (unused), wine barrel rings, scrap metal, sea glass, fabrics, old clothes, leftovers from wood projects and art work.

The event was sponsored by Dulverton Waste Management which generously donated four prizes of \$500 each to the artists who received the most votes from the public.

Working Art Space Sheffield (WASS) staged the event in the area behind the Sheffield Art Gallery, in a great space used by KACT for Muralfest and other functions.

The winners are:

- 1st: Arthur Hawkins (right) *Echidna*
- 2nd: Cindy Thompson *Winston the Weedy Seadragon*
- 3rd: Charles Thompson *Through the Looking Glass*
- 4th: John Bindon and Nita Pountney *Waterlilies and Dragonflies*.

Arthur said all his scrap metal works were of native animals and birds. His Echidna is made from building materials, wheel bearings, a shower caddy and the spring from a garage roller door. "My hobby started as a joke and then I bought a welding machine," he said.

We hope more people will be inspired to enter next year. Entries can be made by more than one person so start collecting interesting items now, instead of sending them to the tip.



COMMUNITY NOTES

KING'S HALL CENTENARY



Many teddy bears went to the picnic at King's Hall on September 20, as children set up their amazing picnic spreads over 12 settings.

Ten-year-old Asta Hamilton (*above*) was awarded Judge's First Prize, Keely Upton Second for her clever Paddington Bear display and Zoe Woodiwiss was voted winner of the People's Choice award for her cupcake High Tea.

Thank you to Kathryn and Peter Campbell for sponsoring the event and to Kentish Deputy Mayor Penny Lane for the difficult job of judging such imaginative creations.

A poster for "MINIATURES FOR MENTAL HEALTH WEEK". The poster is orange and white. It features the logos for "ACCESS 2 Health Services", "Kentish House", and "Tasmanian Government". The text reads: "MINIATURES FOR MENTAL HEALTH WEEK", "PARTICIPANTS! THERE ARE ONLY 3 MORE SESSIONS TO FINISH OFF YOUR MENTAL HEALTH WEEK MINIATURES PROJECT BEFORE OCTOBER'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK EVENT!", "12.00PM - 2.00PM, FRIDAY 7 AUGUST", "12.00PM - 2.00PM, FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER", "12.00PM - 2.00PM, FRIDAY 2 OCTOBER". At the bottom, there are illustrations of two people working on miniature projects. The text "kentish house 16 - 18 station street, sheffield" is at the bottom.

Sale day attracts bargain hunters



A community spirited collaboration between Sheffield retailers has proved a great way to bring extra activity into town, despite the Tasmanian weather doing its best not to cooperate!

After noticing several garage sales were planned across the Sheffield area on Saturday, September 5, a group of local retailers saw an opportunity to add to the activity.

Businesses joined forces to create a Sheffield Sale Day, with garage sales in town complemented by special offers and sales across participating retail stores.

Despite a cold and rainy day, retailers reported the initiative was a success, attracting plenty of people into Sheffield and encouraging visitors to linger longer, browse the shops and explore what was on offer.

The simple initiative demonstrates what can be achieved when local businesses work together to build on activity already happening within the community.

And it may not be a one-off. Buoyed by the response to the first event, Sheffield retailers are now looking at opportunities to hold future Sheffield Sale Days. Another opportunity for bargain hunting in Sheffield could be on the way.

Join the Garage Sale trail



After 16 years of turning driveways into treasure troves, Australia's biggest festival of secondhand stuff is throwing one final double weekend event and Kentish Council is calling on residents to make it the biggest yet.

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 before the iconic sustainability initiative closes its roller doors for good.

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.

Mayor Kate Haberle said participating in this final year was a fantastic way for local residents to clear out clutter, make or save some extra cash and celebrate community spirit one last time.

"We've loved being part of the Garage Sale Trail over the years. It has shown our community just how valuable the circular economy really is. As the Trail takes its final victory lap in 2026, we want to see the Kentish community go out with a bang, whether you're hosting a driveway sale, visiting a local tip shop or bargain hunting down your street".

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.

"This will be the final year the event is delivered by the Garage Sale Trail Foundation. Having built an event with millions of participants, we know the movement is far bigger than us.

"We are officially opening expressions of interest for a new custodian, brand or organisation to carry the Garage Sale Trail forward for years to come. Who knows what the future brings, but we know one thing for sure. This year we're going out with a bang."

How to get involved:

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

Shop the Trail: An interactive national map is available at garagesaletrail.com.au/sales allowing bargain hunters to plot their trail across Kentish municipality.

To register a sale or search for local events on the trail, visit garagesaletrail.com.au.

The Garage Sale Trail is one of Australia's biggest sustainability and community events, made possible thanks to support from the Queensland Government, Green Industries South Australia and more than 100 councils nationwide.

A not-for-profit social enterprise founded in 2010 by Sydney mates, Darryl Nichols and Andrew Valder, it seeks to educate Australians on the importance of reuse, and make buying and selling secondhand second nature.

Visiting service

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

**Services Australia will be visiting
Sheffield & Railton.**

The team will be located at:

**Kentish House, Sheffield 9:30 am to 11 am
Kings Hall, Railton - via appointment only**

WED 14th October 2026

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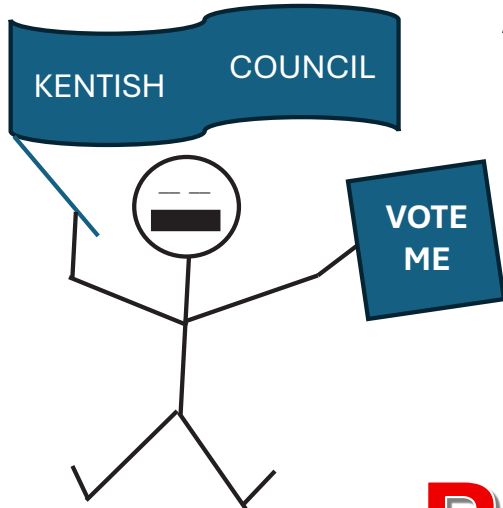
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Railton fire cadets hose down competition



Eleven Junior teams (three from Railton) representing six brigades, competed in the 55th TFS North West Regional Fun Day on September 19 at East Ulverstone Football grounds.

Named Minties, Mentos and Kit Kats, the teams represented Railton with enthusiasm and teamwork throughout the day.

Port Sorell Juniors took home the Junior Aggregate Perpetual Trophy while Railton were the Runners Up. Somerset/Wynyard were awarded the Firefighters of the Future Trophy.

Kudos to the Ulverstone Brigade for their great hospitality in hosting the TFS NW Regional Fun Day. The NWRFD Committee does a phenomenal job year in year out.

The Senior teams helped out across brigades supporting the Juniors. The competition is a fun way to promote firefighter skills in a competitive and social setting, including teamwork, hose handling, carrying a stretcher, operating portable pumps, truck pumps, communication and novelty events.

Take the bushfire ready challenge before summer

Tasmania Fire Service Roland Group

Representing Claude Road, Lorinna, Beulah, Kimberly, Railton and Sheffield fire brigades.

Thanks to TasRail, Railton Neighbourhood Centre and Cement Australia for assisting with uniforms, and to Access 2 Health at Kentish House, whose community grant helped cover fuel costs for families attending activities and events.

Saturday, September 19, saw Claude Road Brigade cooking up a storm, hosting an information and recruitment stall at the Claude Road Market. If you're interested in volunteering, visit fire.tas.gov.au/volunteer/become-a-volunteer, speak with your

local brigade or contact the TFS North West Regional Office on 6477 7250.

Over the past three months, the Roland Group of Brigades has been training, upskilling, and checking equipment to ensure operational readiness. During this period, members also responded to multiple MVAs and RCRs, an overnight shed fire, a rubbish fire, and two direct brigade alarms.

These incidents served as a reminder that simple preventative measures can make a significant difference.

As bushfire season approaches, an escaped vegetation fire in late August provided a timely reminder of how quickly conditions can change. What started as a small fire spread into nearby bushland, requiring multiple appliances and firefighters to bring it under control.

The Bushfire-Ready Challenge returns this October, providing families with a free and easy way to prepare for bushfire season. The challenge is designed to help families have important conversations about emergency preparedness and take simple actions together before summer.

Register now: <https://bushfire.tas.gov.au/bushfire-challenge/bushfire-ready-challenge>

Take it on. Be prepared.

If you or someone you care for may need additional support during an emergency, consider developing a personalised preparedness plan. SES's Person-Centred Emergency Preparedness (P-CEP) program can help identify support needs, build support networks and plan for emergencies. Learn more at: <https://www.ses.tas.gov.au/pcep>

- Vanessa Cooper, Community Engagement Volunteer



KENTISH COUNCIL

RATES REMINDER

A reminder that the second-rate instalment is 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.

COUNCIL WEBSITE CUSTOMER REQUESTS

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



LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

Nominations for Mayor, Deputy Mayor and seven councillor positions closed on 21st September. From 5th October, the Tasmanian Electoral Commission (TEC) will be posting ballot packs to you. **Please note that voting is compulsory.** If you have not received your ballot pack, you may request a supplementary pack online from the TEC or call into the Council office to collect one. The poll closes at 2pm on Tuesday 27th October.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS AND EVENT ORGANISERS

If you are part of a group, club, or organisation that provides services or activities specifically for children and young people under 18, you are legally required to comply with the Child and Youth Safe Organisations Act 2023 (Tas).

To ensure compliance, please visit The Office of the Independent Regulator's website to check your obligations.

As part of our own responsibilities under the Child and Youth Safe Standards, Council must actively identify and manage risks of child abuse and harm across all operations and activities.

Therefore, any organisation planning to hold events on Council-managed land must complete a Child and Youth Safe Event Plan, including a Child and Youth Safe Risk Assessment, before approval can be granted. These forms are available on Council's websites.

FIONA STURMAN: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Introducing Fiona Sturman, who recently joined Kentish and Latrobe Councils as Economic Development Officer.

Fiona brings experience spanning regional marketing, tourism, and economic development, most recently with Visit Northern Tasmania where she worked to strengthen the visitor economy across Northern Tasmania through strategic marketing, regional collaboration, and industry development. Throughout her career she has enjoyed bringing people together, identifying opportunities and helping turn ideas into practical initiatives that create lasting benefits for communities.

In her new role, Fiona's focus is on the strategic aspects of economic development across the Kentish and Latrobe municipalities. Working within the framework of the Councils Economic Development Strategies, her role includes supporting investment attraction, facilitating major economic development initiatives, building partnerships across government and industry.

The role is centred on creating the conditions that encourage sustainable economic growth, attract investment, and strengthen the long-term prosperity of the region. This includes identifying emerging opportunities, understanding economic trends, and working across Council to help deliver initiatives that enhance the liveability, competitiveness, and resilience of both municipalities.

Having recently commenced with Council, Fiona is looking forward to building relationships across the region, learning more about the strengths and aspirations of local communities, and contributing to the long-term economic success of Kentish and Latrobe.



NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of Council will be held at the Council Office, 69 High Street, Sheffield on **Wednesday, 21st October 2026** commencing at 6:00pm. A copy of the agenda will be available on the Council's website prior to the meeting.

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

RAILTON PARKRUN

Would you like to be a First Timer?

On average 2000 people participate in the Railton Parkrun each year. Every Saturday morning, a few minutes before 9am, you will hear the Railton Parkrun Director ask, "Do we have any first timers?" as part of their briefing prior to the event commencing.

As we welcome the warmer weather, we challenge you to be a 'First Timer'. Did you know that Parkrun introduces people to physical activity in a supportive and encouraging setting, and that regular participation can help with forming regular habits of physical activity.

Park runners are often inspired to try other parkrun events and see new places. Many people report that the event gives them a purpose for engaging in physical activity, and something to look forward to each week. They enjoy the social aspect of the event and the camaraderie each week.

And did we mention that it is free?

On September 19, 38 people participated in the event, with three First Timers: Goerdi Wyatt, Sean Wyatt and Jan Spanka. Many thanks for choosing Railton as your first parkrun.

Our first finisher for the same day was Lewis Rivers with a time of 19:39. Congratulations to all.

Railton Parkrun is a free, community event where you can walk, jog or run in a wonderful bush setting, part of Sykes Sanctuary. It takes place every Saturday morning at 9am with the entrance off Kimberely Road.

We look forward to seeing you there. Be sure to let us know if you are a first timer.



SHEFFIELD BOWLS CLUB



Things have been busy at Sheffield Bowls Club as we get ready for the 2026/27 season.

Our members have been working hard to get the club and grounds looking their best, with a working bee helping to get

everything tidied up and ready for the season.

We also held our Open and Sign-On Day, welcoming back our regular members and giving those interested in bowls a chance to come along, have a look and see what the club is all about.

September has been a great month on the green, with plenty of practice and some enjoyable Saturday social bowls. With a few beautiful spring days thrown in, there has been plenty of good bowling and laughs as everyone gets ready for Pennant.

Now the season is really starting to get underway.

Our Division 2 and Division 4 mixed teams will be the first to take to the green on October 10, followed by the ladies' Thursday pennant competition starting on October 22.

While we all enjoy a bit of competition, bowls at Sheffield is just as much about the people. It's a chance to catch up with friends, meet new people and enjoy being part of our local community.

If you're an experienced bowler, coming back after a break or have never tried lawn bowls before, you're always welcome. Come along and give it a go!

We're looking forward to a great 2026/27 season and plenty of good times on and off the green.

Sheffield Bowls Club would like to thank our major sponsors for their continued support: Sheffield RSL, Sheffield Hotel, Halliwell Property Agents, John Day Enterprises and The Sheffield Hub.

RAILTON LAWN BOWLS

Railton Lawn Bowls is starting up and men's and women's teams are being formed. The women's competition starts on October 22.

Training is Tuesdays at 1pm. Games on Thursdays. If you would like to come along, please phone the Club on 6496 1347; if no answer leave a message.

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Although we are small, we are attempting to grow to fill the needs of our community. In order to help our club maintain our current activities, we are seeking the assistance of a treasurer to come on board and manage our finances. This is a role that does not require a great deal of a volunteer's time, and as the books are currently in order, there would be no need for 'fixing' what isn't broken. We would love someone local who can give just a couple of hours a week as treasurer.

We are also seeking assistant coaches to provide training to our junior and developing members. You would need to be available for an hour or two in the afternoon several times a week for training sessions, along with some weekend sessions during the rowing season. You either already have or are willing to obtain a Level 1 coaching qualification.

If you would like more information about becoming a rower, or better still, putting your hand up to help us out as treasurer or coach, please call or reach out to us at 0411 667 515 or by email to kentishrowing@gmail.com.



KENTISH PONY & HACK CLUB



It has been another busy and enjoyable month at Kentish Pony & Hack Club, with two rallies and a couple of new members welcomed into the club. It is wonderful to see our membership growing and new riders becoming part of our pony club family. We have been fortunate to welcome some visiting instructors who have been working with our riders on pony club games and flat work, helping everyone build their skills and prepare for the upcoming show season. Several of our riders are also working towards their Pony Club certificates, which is a fantastic achievement and something to be proud of.

A couple of our members took part in the Jill Sheehan Endurance Ride at Sassafras the day before our last rally. It is always great to see our riders getting involved in different equestrian activities and challenging themselves beyond the club.

We have been lucky enough to welcome a new volunteer. Volunteers are an important part of keeping our club running, and we are very grateful for the time and support they provide. The club would also like to extend a sincere thank you to The Hub for their generous donation. Support from our local

community means a great deal to us and helps us continue providing opportunities for our club and riders.

If you have been thinking about joining pony club, now is a great time to come along! We welcome new members and offer Come and Try membership, as well as Ticket to Play for eligible riders.

Our next rallies are October 4 and October 18.

For more information, please contact Karan on 0429 231 612 or email kentishponyclub24@gmail.com.

Come along, meet our friendly members and discover the fun of pony club.

SHEFFIELD FOOTBALL CLUB

The men's Reserves team reached the Grand Final against East Ulverstone Crows on August 29 but were defeated by 20 points, 10.7.67 to 6.11.47.

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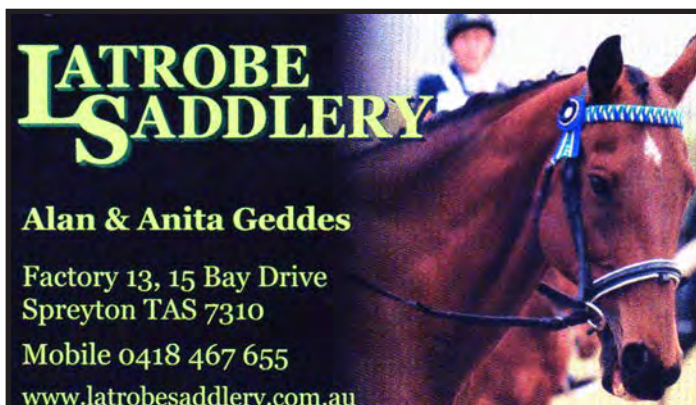


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Delivered through four easy-to-follow online modules, the program takes around two to four hours to complete at your own pace.

Participants learn about Tasmania's visitor economy, our visitors and what they are looking for, how to share local stories and experiences, and the different destinations visitors can explore across the state.

Supporting farmers to build resilience

Tasmanian agriculture businesses are invited to a free online workshop exploring practical ways to strengthen business performance, support profitability and build resilience for future challenges.

Presented by business advisor Warren Moore, Resilient by Design: Securing the Future of Tasmanian Agriculture will be held Tuesday, October 6, from 1-2:30 pm, via Microsoft Teams. Find out more and register, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/resilient-by-design-securing-the-future-of-tasmanian-agriculture-tickets>

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Eligible businesses must be located in regional or remote Australia and connected to the nbn network. Visit <https://www.nbnco.com.au/campaigns/innovate-with-nbn-grants-program>



Kentish Play Group

Tuesdays

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For Kentish tourism businesses, encouraging staff to participate can help build their local knowledge and confidence when talking with visitors.



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The program is free and available online, with participants receiving an official e-certificate and badge on completion.

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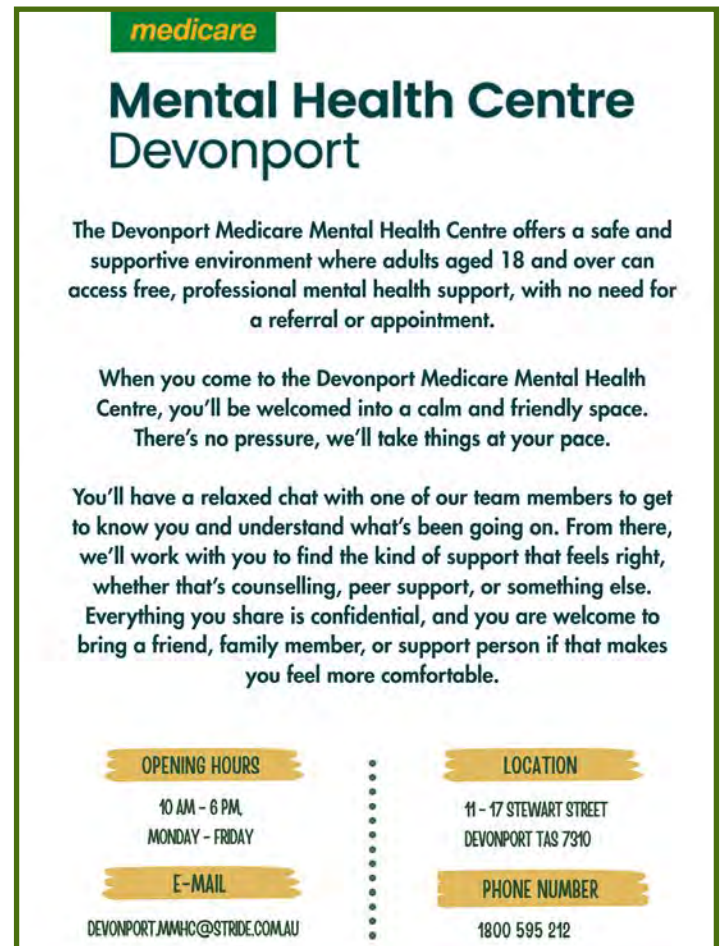
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Nominations open for Australia Day Awards

Kentish Council is calling for nominations for its 2027 Australia Day Awards, recognising people, events and volunteers who have made a noteworthy and positive contribution to the Kentish community.

The awards recognise contributions made during the current year and outstanding service provided to the community over a number of years.

Categories include Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Community Event of the Year and Local Hero Award.

Volunteer recognition

The awards also recognise volunteers who have contributed unpaid service within the Kentish Council area.

Volunteer Recognition is available for:

- 500 hours of volunteer service
- 10 years of continuous service
- 20 years of continuous service
- 30 years of continuous service
- 40 or more years of continuous service

To be eligible for the Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of

the Year and Local Hero awards, individuals must live in the Kentish municipality and have made their contribution within the Kentish Council area.

Citizen of the Year nominees must be over 30 years of age on January 26, 2027.

Young Citizen of the Year nominees must be over 16 and no more than 30 years of age on January 26, 2027.

One award will be presented in each of these categories.

Nominated events for Community Event of the Year must have been held within the Kentish Council area between January 27, 2026 and January 26, 2027. One award will be presented.

People nominated for the Volunteer Recognition awards do not need to live in Kentish, but their unpaid volunteer service must have been undertaken within the Kentish Council area.

Award recipients will be announced at Kentish Council's Australia Day celebrations on 26 January 2027, with presentations taking place during the community breakfast.

Nominations close on December 1, 2026.

Nomination forms are available from the Kentish Council website or by contacting Council on 6491 0200.

Kaliba hosts business marketing workshop

Wednesday, October 28, 2026

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At the September garden club meeting, local bird photographer and bird watcher, Paul Fraser,

spoke about the birds we are likely to see in our gardens, as well as plants to attract them.

One of his top planting recommendations was the native shrub correa, which he said is highly attractive to nectar-feeding birds. There are many very ornamental correas to grow from *Correa alba*, which has white flowers and dense growth and is ideal for hedging and as habitat, to the pretty red and green bell-shaped flowers of *Correa reflexa*, which is also known as native fuchsia (pictured right).

In recent years many highly ornamental varieties have been developed for gardens, including 'Dusky Bells', which has pink bell flowers. Correars are very easy to grow and great addition to the garden. They are readily available at garden centres and flower over a long period.

Also recommended for their appeal to birds are banksias and hakeas. These striking natives range in size from low mounding shrubs to small trees so there's a one for any garden. Dwarf banksias even grow in containers. Taller growing hakeas are favoured by black cockatoos, who are attracted by the hard seedpods that follow the flowers.

While including a bird bath in the garden is another surefire way to encourage feathered visitors, Paul warned that with the current threat of bird flu, bird baths can be a danger as they encourage birds to congregate and may spread disease.

Planting veggies cures all ailments

Gardening with Robert Gower

I've been a little under the weather, but this is what I will get to when I'm feeling better. First up will be Kipfler potatoes.

In order to get nice big potatoes, you need to remove the crown (the end with the growth buds on it). This needs to be cut off and thrown away. Just keep the remaining potato to plant.

Plant it about 20cm deep, and 20cm apart, then cover with soil, then manure. I use sheep manure because it's free and handy. Then top with straw or silage. If you use silage, make sure it is broken up so the plants can grow through.

Carrots are next. I sow both the red and orange varieties. Sow them about 5cm deep. I mark my rows in two ways: 1. A stake at each end of the row, and 2. Place a radish seed every couple of metres, because the radish will pop up within 5-7 days. Cover lightly with soil.

Parsnips. Who would want to grow these, some say. For the people who do, this is what you do.

If you want them to germinate at the same time as the carrots, soak the seeds in water for 4-5hrs, then drain. Add a little dry soil or sand, mix together, to make them easier to spread.

They should germinate in about two wks.

Silverbeet. I tend to grow these from seed 2-3cm apart. This is how they are sown commercially. It takes up less room.

I will take a chance with late frosts and plant four zucchini seeds, the plain green ones.

I'll plant more potatoes and carrots later to make sure I don't have too many at one time.

Happy Gardening!



Either keep bird baths scrupulously clean or remove for now. If a hot, dry summer arrives, it may be necessary to reinstate water in the garden as birds and insects may need extra.

Next meeting

The next garden club meeting is on Thursday, October 8, from 7.30pm at the Bible Chapel, 45 High Street, Sheffield.

We will have an expert panel to answer your garden questions. All welcome. The meeting is preceded by a visit to a local garden near Lake Barrington.

Call Jennifer Stackhouse on 0488 047 011 for more information or to send a question for the panel.





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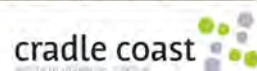
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Spring means weed early, weed often

Spring is always busy for Mount Roland Land Care (MRLC). Tree planting, weeding and the AGM all in one month – we get a lot done, but it does get a bit hectic.

Our Spring tree planting program will conclude on Saturday October 3, with planting of 230 native seedlings at a Stoodley property. This planting brings our total of seedlings planted over the last four years to well over 8000. Tree planting continues to be a very popular and enjoyable activity, and we're planning to continue our program into 2027.

Getting in early with the weeding has been a focus this year, with control of those weeds most threatening Mount Roland top of the priority list. Thanks to grant funding from Landcare Tas through the Landcare Action Grant, contractors have been engaged this year to tackle some of the larger jobs, especially those requiring use of herbicides.

Landcare volunteers have also contributed with four weeding bees and these days have been very well attended and successful. We have one more volunteer weeding day coming up – details will be advertised soon.

More weed contractor works are now being planned for around



Gowrie Park, where some of our most invasive weeds, including *Kunzea ericoides*, Spanish Heath, broom and foxgloves can be found, right on the border with the Reserve.

The MRLC Cat Hotline continues to operate. If you see a roaming cat within 1km of the Mount Roland Regional Reserve, we'd love to receive your report which will help us build up an understanding of the distribution of cats in the area. Reports can be made at <https://www.mountrolandlandcare.org.au/cats-hotline>

MRLC enjoys very strong volunteer participation and we celebrate the many contributions that Group members make to caring for our local environment, whether they be physical on-ground works, or providing the administrative and organisational support to enable them.

It's volunteer efforts that make it all happen.

We're always open to people joining the Group with a wide range of ways people can make meaningful contributions.

The MRLC website has heaps of information, including upcoming events. At the website you can also become a member – you will then be on the mailing list, that's the best way of keeping in touch. Visit <https://www.mountrolandlandcare.org.au> or email: secretary@mountrolandlandcare.org.au

Dashboard for bird flu zones

Tasmanians can stay up to date on where bird flu is being detected across the state with the launch of a new online dashboard and interactive map.

The dashboard brings the latest information together in one place, showing the number of tests, number of positive events and number of reports.

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Topiary sculptures on the move

and the adjoining topiary paddock have been sold. To make sure the topiary is not lost forever after its complicated history, our little team, with support from Mayor Kate Haberle, has been planning for the topiary to move to Lion Park on the corner of Foster Street and Kimberley Road.

There's a lot more than meets the eye, but we are already carefully removing the smaller plants to a temporary safe place. You'll see some of the bigger plants being moved, too.

As many will be aware, the site of the former Gear Café in Railton

Some we can only save the frames and then replant. Council has promised to help us move a couple of the bigger topiary with the right equipment. Our team of volunteers needs to be registered and inducted and the processes followed.

Having met the new owner of the Paddock, we are excited to be creating well-planned, beautiful and maybe a bit quirky additions to the town's park. With the new owner's much-appreciated assistance, we'll be working to keep the Paddock looking presentable for the time being.

Come and share your ideas when you see us at work!

Celebrate ageing during Senior's Month

October is Seniors Month and it's all about celebrating ageing. There are plenty of activities, indoor, outdoor, come and try days, and even some online activities across the state.

The month is organised and supported by COTA, the Council on the Ageing in Tasmania. COTA is a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to promoting the rights and interests and value of older people across the state. Check the program details in the free printed program available around town and in post offices.

It's time to celebrate ageing.

Many of us have experienced ageism and COTA offers programs to encourage people of all ages to be equally accepting of each other regardless of age.

It's easy to feel left behind in the digital world. A new pilot program called Generation Connect: Tech Together aims to offer digital skills training by linking up with a young digital mentor. The program is designed to help older Tasmanians in Residential Care Homes to confidently use technology to access information and stay in touch with family and friends.

My stepmother, who is in her 90s, uses a tablet every day to connect with family, and particularly her sister on the mainland. I can see it makes such a difference to her being able to take an active part in the family conversation.

You might be after legal help, information on aged care or free social outings to attend. In the free printed program, you'll see the events on the North West start on page 85 and include Devonport, East Devonport, Burnie, Ulverstone, Port Sorell, Latrobe and Penguin.

In Sheffield you can join in the Storytelling group at the Sheffield Hotel or try your hand at plucking a tune from a ukelele. No prior experience is necessary and there are spare instruments.

- Kate Jackson

Impact strikes leave mark



This fascinating insight was presented by Dr Brittany Trubody. Looking at a full range of meteor strikes across the planet and over the ages, learning how scientists gather information from rock samples and fossils and contemplating how these massive events impacted life on the planet.

Another highlight was meeting the huge trilobite (extinct marine arthropods). Note the pen for a size reference. We have invited this excellent speaker back early in 2027. Stay tuned.

Next talk - backyard birds



Sheffield's own bird expert Paul Fraser will be sharing information about our local birds and how to protect them with bird flu in the air. Thursday, October 15, from 10.30am-noon at the Sheffield Uniting Church. Bring questions!

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Market Moves

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After a quieter winter, buyer enquiry is beginning to increase and more properties are coming to market. While buyers are taking a little longer to make decisions than they did a few years ago, there are still motivated people actively searching for the right property. When something ticks the right boxes and feels right, buyers are certainly prepared to make a move.

One thing I've learnt through real estate is that buyers are rarely just looking for a house. They're looking for a lifestyle and a place that feels like home.

For some, that means being close to schools, shops and services. For others, it's having enough land for a garden, room for the kids or animals, a good shed for hobbies, or simply having a little more space between themselves and the neighbours.

Sometimes it's the view from the kitchen window, afternoon sun on the deck or the peace and quiet that makes someone fall in love with a property.

Every buyer is different, and that's what makes real estate interesting.

I'm continuing to meet both local buyers and people relocating from interstate, and it's been lovely to see so many Queensland and Western Australian buyers discovering our corner of North West Tasmania.

They're drawn to the open spaces, our communities and the opportunity to enjoy life at a different pace. I really enjoy hearing what has brought people to the area and what they are hoping to find when they get here.

For sellers, understanding this is important. Presenting your property isn't only about showcasing bedrooms, bathrooms and floor space. It's also about helping buyers see how they could live there. Established gardens, usable land, sheds, outdoor areas, privacy and views can all become part of the story.

While buyers may be taking a little more time to make their decisions, well-presented properties that are realistically priced can still attract genuine interest. Sometimes it simply takes the right buyer walking through the door and seeing what you already love about the place.

At the end of the day, people aren't simply buying bricks and mortar. They're choosing their next chapter, the lifestyle they want to enjoy and the place they hope to call home. And helping bring the right person and the right property together is still one of my favourite parts of real estate.

If you're considering selling and would like to know what buyers are looking for, feel free to pop into the Sheffield office or give me a call for a friendly, no-obligation chat.

Seller Tip of the Month

Don't save the little jobs for later, that loose handle, dripping tap or sticking door might seem minor, but buyers notice the small things. Taking care of those jobs before going to market can help your home feel well cared for.

Buyer Tip of the Month

If reliable mobile reception matters to you, check your signal while you're at the property. It's a simple thing that can easily be forgotten during an inspection, especially when looking at properties outside town.

Property of the Month

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Rest in Peace, Ina



The co-owner of the Sheffield Fruit & Veg shop, Ina Hofmann, passed away suddenly last month after a short illness. A tribute will be published in next month's edition of **The Kentish Voice**.

Condolences to Thomas and Charlotte.

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As spring arrives in Tasmania, the change in weather brings beautiful blooms, but it also marks a challenging period for people living with respiratory conditions. The combination of rising pollen counts and circulating seasonal viruses means Tasmanians need to be proactive about their lung health.

The Spring Triggers

Our Kentish landscapes are peppered with agricultural and forestry crops, plus a brilliant array of blooming yellow and gold wattles at this time of year. As the weather warms up, these wind-pollinated crops and plants release massive amounts of potentially allergenic pollen. Our beloved pets can also spread Spring allergens by carrying pollen into the house on their fur. These allergens irritate the airways, triggering hay fever and seasonal respiratory flare-ups.

And it isn't just pollen that can cause our community to cough and splutter into Spring. While traditionally viewed as winter illnesses, the Tasmanian Department of Health routinely

reports that high activity of respiratory infections - including Influenza (flu), RSV, and COVID frequently persist well into the spring months.

If your respiratory system is struggling this season, you may experience these common symptoms:

- wheezing or coughing
- shortness of breath or chest tightness
- a runny nose, sneezing, and itchy, watery eyes (typical of hay fever)

You can minimise your risk and breathe easier by taking a few simple steps:

Monitor Environmental Risks: Use weather forecasts or mobile phone tools like the AirRater App (developed by the University of Tasmania) to track daily pollen counts and air quality. Where possible reduce your exposure on high pollen count days.

Update Your Respiratory Action Plan: Visit your local Rural Health Tasmania clinic or GP to review your respiratory action plan. If you are prescribed a preventer inhaler, carry it on you and use it consistently as directed.

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

Soroptimist Club offers female scholarships

The Soroptimist Club of Devonport is offering a scholarship to at least one female student who has returned to study and is currently continuing with their studies at the Devonport Campus of TasTAFE.

This year a \$500 scholarship was provided to two women returning to study at the Devonport TAFE (Tertiary and Further Education) campus who wished to upgrade their present qualifications or change careers.

We want to encourage women to overcome obstacles and pursue goals by further study to improve their lives and those of their families.

Our scholarships will assist with the cost of study which can often be a problem for women with limited resources.

Bright Eyes Scholarships

Our club is extending the offer of this scholarship to six Primary Schools in the Devonport area.

It provides for an amount of up to \$300 for a girl who is going into Grade 6.

The Soroptimist Club set the following criteria for the recipient:

- A girl who would be likely to remain at the school for at least a year.
- Someone who was currently missing out on some activities because of socio-economic circumstances.
- Someone with resilience, potential and a positive attitude to learning.
- The school selects the candidate and administers the funds as needed throughout the year.

Hear My Voice Scholarship

Beginning in 2023, our club is excited to be able to offer a yearly scholarship to a talented girl who wishes to join the

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Irish captain ascends Mt Roland in

In the early 1820s the whole North West Coast, apart from being a popular hide-out for escaped convicts and bushrangers, was officially unexplored. To rectify this situation, in 1823 Governor Sorell gave the task of opening up this section of the island to *Captain John Rolland* (36) of the 3rd Buffs Foot Brigade. He was to lead a small group of foot soldiers westward from the Tamar River and if possible find an inland route along the North West Coast.

Captain Rolland had been in Van Diemen's Land about nine months, deployed in the Northern part of the island, at times searching for escaped convicts and bushrangers. Through his career, he had distinguished himself for his zeal and ability in performing his military duties.

Born 4 April 1795 in the fishing village of Auchmithie, 78 miles north of Edinburgh on the east coast of Scotland, John Rolland was the eldest son and heir to the large family estate of *Robert and Gay Rolland*. This coastal region had been the seat of Rolland family clan for centuries. As a boy John played on the beach with his younger brothers and sisters. As the waves pounded in from the North Sea, he dreamed of faraway places.

After some basic military training, John Rolland commenced his army career assigned to the 22nd Light Dragoons (equivalent to our Light Horse which were battalions mounted on fast horses, able to move quickly across the battlefield). Rolland served for several years with the Dragoons in Madras, India, where he rose to the rank of Lieutenant.

Upon his regiment being retired to England, Rolland switched to the 3rd East Kent Regiment known as the Buffs, one of the oldest and most distinguished infantry regiments in the British Army. Shortly afterwards the Buffs were posted to Van Diemen's Land in response to continued requests from Governor Sorell for an increased military presence to counter increasing lawlessness across the island. On route the Buff's regiment was split up to escort convicts in six different ships to the Australian colonies

Voyage to Van Diemen's Land

In charge of 95 infantry men, Captain Rolland was assigned to the carrier *Countess of Harcourt* to guard 173 Irish convicts being transported from Cork to Sydney. They left Ireland on 3 Sept 1822 and arrived in Port Jackson on 21 Dec 1822.

Of the six convict transport ships that the Buff's Regiment acted as guards, Captain Rolland had the best conduct report sheet for both soldiers and convicts, and received praise for his humane methods of treating those under his command. From Sydney Captain Rolland and his soldiers proceeded to Hobart Town in the *Caledonia* arriving mid-January 1823, where they were posted to the Tamar River.

On route north, Rolland was impressed with the livestock he saw in the midlands and decided to invest in the immersing wool and beef industry for himself. He carefully selected some breeding stock from the best sheep and cattle he could find in midlands and arranged for a property owner near Ross to manage them for him.

Shortly after arriving in George Town, Rolland led a party of foot soldiers from the Tamar River over the Asbestos Range to search the Rubicon estuary for absconders and bushrangers. Trekking up the river as far as Avenue Plains at Parkham, they could see vast extent of the plains that stretched away to the base of the Western Tiers and other mountains.

Later that same year, Governor Sorell requested Captain

Rolland to investigate the unexplored country along the North West Coast. On 22 November 1823, Captain Rolland and a small party of foot soldiers proceeded to a recent selection made by ex-convict *John Leith* near Westbury, where they used his property as a base camp.

From Rolland's earlier exploration up the Rubicon River, he had seen what appeared to be a narrow passageway between the Western Tiers and the mountain range we now know as Roland, Van Dyke and Claude and his plan now was to see if this might be a route to the North West Coast.

The expedition took just over a month. Arriving back in George Town, Captain John Rolland wrote an extensive report of their exploration for the Governor, cross-referencing to a detailed map he made. While his handwritten report has survived, unfortunately this important first map has not. Probably, it was requisitioned by the VDL Co surveyors who explored the same country three years later in 1826/7. Minus his map, it is at times hard to determine from his written description exactly the route he travelled. He personally presented his report to Governor Sorell in Hobart in mid-January 1824.

North West Exploration

1823 Nov 27

From Leith's hut they followed Quamby Creek for a day, before striking out westward. Their first discovery was the Meander River somewhere near the future town of Deloraine. Continuing westward across various plains as they began to approach the gap between the Western Tiers and the mountain that now bears Rolland's name, numerous fires lit by aborigines were seen in every direction, the smoke haze obscuring their vision of the surrounding mountains. That night a mild earthquake sent trees crashing to the ground around them.

Nov 30 They begin to find first of many sink holes in the Mole Creek area. About noon they descended down a bank and discovered a second significant river which we know today as the Mersey River. Following it upstream, they passed the site of Mole Creek and gradually found themselves getting hemmed in by very high and scrubby hills on both sides.

Dec 1 Rolland sends two soldiers up the side of the Western Tiers to see if they could find an opening to the NW. They returned with their clothing torn to shreds.

Dec 2 They forded the Mersey River and follow it in a westerly direction for a few more miles. But near present day Liena, the Mersey turned sharply to the south and their passage way to the North West was blocked by the very steep incline up Gad's hill (2588ft or 780m high) which separates Liena from Lorinna.

Dec 3-5 For the next three days Rolland's party searched in every direction for a suitable pass between the Western Tiers and Roland, Van Dyke and Claude without success. The scrub was very dense and prickly, which ripped their clothing. It rained most of the time and Rolland's valuable compass fastened with string to a button hole and always kept in his waistcoat pocket, was torn out and lost.

Dec 6 Repulsed in this dead end, they retreated some miles back down the Mersey River until Captain Rolland perceived an opening between Mt Roland and Mt Gog which, owing to the smoky haze, they had not seen previously. Trekking closer they came onto Dens Plains, where the natives were camping on the opposite bank. Upon seeing Rolland's party, they ran up the side of Mt Gog.

search of NW route

By the late Alan F Dyer

While some of his party cooked their evening meal, Rolland followed their native path up over Mt Gog which appeared to him to continue down to the sea coast. He was disappointed with his view to the North West because the hill was heavily wooded. But he did perceive to the West North West some less wooded hill, thickly covered with grass. This could have been the higher parts of the Kentish Plains.

Rolland also became the first white man to see a 'remarkable mountain' to the SW we now know as Cradle Mountain. Captain Rolland determined to get a better view of the NW next day by climbing up the eastern end of Mt Roland.

Dec 7 Starting early and even though the mountain was steep and very high, they got to the top without being over fatigued, thus becoming the first European to climb our iconic mountain. Ironically, Rolland does not describe the view from the top, he merely writes: After a second view of the country as far as we were able to the NW, we began to descend down the front where the ground was most open. Gradually the scrub got thicker until we found ourselves encumbered with much scrub, fallen timber in deep gullies on either side of us."

Dec 9 They proceeded to the NW for the purpose of obtaining if possible a view of the country, but the thickness of the woods and the height of the undergrowth and scrub prevented them from succeeding in this objective. Here Rolland's party must have been within metres of breaking out onto the open plains, nearly 20 years earlier than Kentish's party did on 1 August 1842. How our history might have changed!

But with provisions now running low, Captain Rolland chose to follow the Dasher River down to its junction with the Mersey, ford the river at what is now Kimberley, trek along the Coiler's Creek valley to Dunloran, and make it back to the base camp at Leith's hut near Westbury. Once resupplied with food, they

returned the same route back to Kimberley's ford and traced the Mersey River downstream to its mouth. From there they followed around the Rubicon estuary to the Tamar River, reaching George Town on Christmas Eve, 1823.

Rolland becomes Roland

Although Captain John Rolland failed to find an inland route through to Emu Bay, he must be credited with discovering the Meander River, all the good grazing land from the Tamar through to the Mersey River and from Bass Strait back to the Western Tiers. In addition Captain John Rolland became the first European to see Cradle Mountain and to climb our own most notable mountain that will afterwards forever carry his name - even though spelt incorrectly.

The Van Diemen's Land Company surveyors *Henry Hellyer & Joseph Fossey* were the first to name this mountain Rolland's Repulse. They use it in their field notes, although it was the steep slopes of Gad's Hill that actually repulsed Rolland's party. In Fossey's report dated 26 May 1827, he changes it to Rolland Mountain, but the Survey Department in Hobart adds a foot-note 'properly Rolland Repulse.' On Henry Hellyer's official map dated 10th February 1828 showing all their recent discoveries, he called it Mt Rolland. Also on Arrowsmith's map printed in February 1834 it says Mt Rolland.

It would have stayed that way, had not Surveyor-General *Thomas Scott*, who already had a problem with accuracy and honesty, not misspelt Rolland as Roland on his map. In Hobart Scott's replacement *George Frankland* repeated Scott's mistake as did James Sprent in 1858.

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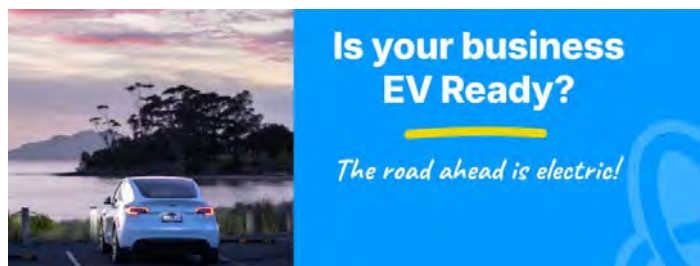
The Tourism Industry Council Tasmania has launched an Australian-first program to help the tourism industry welcome EV travellers.

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TasFarmers welcomes 'no caps' result

Proposed caps on the number of firearms held by licensed Tasmanians have been defeated in the House of Assembly, with the amendment voted down 16 votes to 15 last month.

Moved by Labor MP Jen Butler, the proposal sought to limit license holders to 10 total firearms for primary producers or professional users, and five firearms for recreational hunters or vermin control (with exemptions).

The proposal was defeated after a split among crossbench independents, with independent George Razay casting a decisive vote against the cap.

Police Minister Felix Ellis argued the caps lacked evidence and would penalize law-abiding owners.

TasFarmers has welcomed the result, saying it recognises the

legitimate and practical needs of primary producers.

TasFarmers CEO Nathan Calman said the decision was a win for common sense.

"TasFarmers supports balanced and evidence-based reforms that address genuine risks to community safety," Mr Calman said.

"Arbitrary caps would not have addressed the criminal misuse or theft of firearms. They would have imposed further restrictions on licensed farmers who already operate under strict licensing, genuine-need and storage requirements.

"Firearms are an essential tool of trade on farms. They are used to control pests and browsing wildlife, protect crops and livestock, and meet animal welfare obligations through humane euthanasia."

October Crozzle

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

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3. ... then less trouble (2,6)
4. Short bride left (8)
5. Her pluck sure surprised! (7,5)
6. Determine if she fled (9)
7. Divorce is peep at Hell (3,5,4)
8. Braid reel unwound (9)
9. Groom's tan exposed (10)
10. Bare chest? Run off! (7,5)

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POLICE REPORT

Police have delivered a major blow to the operations of organised crime in Tasmania with detectives arresting two men for alleged drug trafficking and seizing 17kg of methamphetamine in a targeted search near Burnie – believed to be the largest single seizure of methamphetamine (ice) in the state.

Officers from the Tasmania Joint Organised Crime Task Force, in partnership with investigators from Western Drugs and Firearms Unit and the Special Operations Group intercepted two vehicles at a beachside car park near Burnie on September 18.

Two men were taken safely into custody. They were a 40-year-old man from NSW and a 41-year-old man from Hobart, who police allege is a member of an Outlaw Motorcycle Group.

As a result of the interception, police located and seized

17kg of methamphetamine which is estimated to have a street value of about \$8.5 million.

Further, during the search of the vehicles and subsequent searches at other locations, assisted by the Southern Drugs and Firearms Unit, police located about \$100,000 in cash they allege is directly linked to the trafficking of drugs into Tasmania.

The men have been charged with trafficking in controlled substances and were detained to appear in Devonport Magistrates Court.

Detective Inspector Troy Morrisby of Tasmania Police Serious Organised Crime Unit said the seizure of the 17 kilograms of methamphetamine was one of the most significant ever by Tasmania Police for illicit drugs.

“We know by seizing the drugs, it will prevent catastrophic harm to individuals and the broader community,” he said.

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		Reimagining the Ordinary , Members Exhibition, Sheffield Art Gallery
Friday	Oct 2	Dementia & Brain Health 2pm, Apex House, Ulverstone
Sat-Sun	Oct 3, 04	Steam Engine rides 11am-4pm, Sheffield Steam & Heritage Centre
Saturday	Oct 3	Second-hand clothes market 10am-2pm, King's Hall Railton
Sunday	Oct 4	Daylight savings starts
Monday	Oct 5	Services Australia 11am-4pm, Sheffield Bowls Club
Tuesday	Oct 6	Online workshop Farm Resilience 1-2.30pm (see p27)
Wednesday	Oct 7	Justice of the Peace 9.30-11am, Kentish House
Thursday	Oct 8	Kentish Garden Club 7.30pm, Bible Chapel, 45 High Street, Sheffield
		Mental Health Week Art exhibition noon-4pm, Kentish House
Saturday	Oct 10	Trivia 6.30pm, Wilmot Memorial Hall (see p6)
		Trivia 6.30pm, Devonport Football Club (see p35)
Sunday	Oct 11	Sheffield Golf Club Come & Try day
Monday	Oct 12	Justice of the Peace 9.30-11am, Kentish House
Tuesday	Oct 13	Kentish Probus Club 10am, Sheffield Bowls Club
		Toy Swap 11.30am-1pm, Kentish House
Wednesday	Oct 14	Services Australia 9.30-11am Kentish House; 12-12.30pm King's Hall
		Free Tax Clinic , 10am-3pm, Kentish House, Sheffield
Thursday	Oct 15	Backyard Birds U3A Talk 10.30am-noon, Sheffield Uniting Church
Monday	Oct 19	Trivia 6.30 for 7pm, Sheffield RSL, 77 Main Street, Sheffield
Wednesday	Oct 21	Kentish Council meeting 6pm, Council Office, High Street, Sheffield
Sunday	Oct 25	Sheffield's Got Talent 2.30pm, Sheffield Uniting Church
Tuesday	Oct 27	Voting closes for Local Government elections
Wednesday	Oct 28	Kaliba Business Marketing workshop 6-8pm

DATES FOR THE DIARY

	Nov 1, 07	Mural Fest
Thurs-Fri	Nov 5, 06	Free First Aid course 8.45am-2pm, Kentish House (see p22)
Saturday	Nov 7	Old Time Dance 7.30pm, King's Hall Railton (see p5)
Sat-Sun	Nov 7-8,14-15	Garage Sale Trail
Tuesday	Nov 10	Sheffield Ambulance Station 20th Anniversary

Cryptic Puzzle Answers

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| 2. Miena | 7. The Apple Isle |
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