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Di steps down as neighbourhood secretary

In the eight years that Dianne Sharp has been secretary of the Railton Neighbourhood Centre, the little town of Topiary has benefited. Along with the RNC committee, she lobbied and secured funding for the skatepark at Goliath Park, a community asset well used by residents and visitors.

"My proudest achievement is the skate park," said Dianne. "When my son Bailey was 16, I applied to the Tasmanian Community Fund for a grant and they gave us money. The council agreed to put in the rest of the money and we got the skate park open. But Bailey was 18 by that time!"

That was in 2016 and many grant applications have been written since then, including funding for the extension to the Neighbourhood Centre, which opened in November 2023.

"We didn't have a kitchen before so we got grants for the fridge and the oven," Dianne said.

With produce sourced from the community garden at the rear of the centre, relish and jams are made in the kitchen and sold to the public - another source of revenue.

The not-for-profit centre distributes all income and Railton's youth are the beneficiaries, including the scouts, fire cadets and martial arts students

Dianne said the Neighbourhood Centre was a community hub. "It's a place for everyone to go and feel welcome," she said.

In the past, the centre has hosted Italian classes, meditation courses and crochet. "Anyone can run a course," Dianne said. "It can be used for meetings – it's available for everyone."

As Dianne steps down as secretary, she said of her time in the role: "The most cherished thing I have gotten from volunteering over the years is the life-long friendships from the amazing other volunteers from the centre and the community."

The new committee for the Railton Neighbourhood Centre is: Chairperson Dot McNab; Vice-Chair Trudy Wells, Secretary Heather Eiszele, Treasurer Janine Poke, Committee Dianne Sharpe, Scott Duncan, Simon Airey, Jackie Gillespie, Christine Russell, Gaye Beveridge, Helen McKendrick and Julie Marshall.



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Muralists ready for amazing discoveries

Kentish Arts Commerce and Tourism has announced nine finalists for International Mural Fest 2025.

- Marion Robertson assisted by Roslyn Faulkner (Tasmania)
- Gren Freeman (Tasmania)
- Marc Spijkerbosch assisted by Tracey Lee Spijkerbosch (Rotorua, New Zealand)
- Christina Rankin (VIC)
- Kerry Nicholson assisted by Dolly Nicholson (Queensland)
- Marco Pennacchia (Victoria)
- Rebecca Hayes (Tasmania)
- Kristina Greenwood (New South Wales)
- Steve Monk assisted by Carole Monk (VIC)

This year's theme *Amazing Discoveries* inspired a significant number of entries, all of exceptional quality and creativity, making the selection process incredibly challenging.

Kentish Arts Commerce and Tourism president Sandy Brattstrom said: "We can't wait to see our finalists transform Sheffield's iconic Mural Park in November as their interpretation of this year's theme bursts into full-scale reality."

Over the course of six and a half days, the competition will test the artists' skills, endurance and tenacity while subjecting them to public scrutiny, time constraints and unpredictable weather, creating an exciting and competitive atmosphere.

The 'Paint Off' in Mural Park starts at 9am on Sunday, November 2, with the countdown to the official start of

International Mural Fest, as artists begin to sketch up their murals and commence painting.

Voting for your favourite mural will commence on November 3 with *Brushes Down* on November 8.

Rosie Haden's *Under the Radar* will be playing at Mural Park in the lead up to the Mural Miniature

Auction and Awards Presentation at 2pm.

"We are very excited about this year's event, which will also feature a public paint-by-number mural that pays tribute to Mural Fest," said Sandy. "We will also have the Through the Lens Photographic Contest exhibit, the Kids Art Contest exhibit, and the Working Arts Space Sheffield Members Exhibition - Famous Artists Reimagined at the Sheffield Arts Centre."

Open to the public and free of charge, everyone is encouraged to join in the fun, meet and cheer the artists on, vote for your favourite mural and contribute to the public mural.



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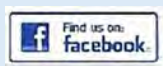
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TasFarmers rejects potato price cut

Tasmanian potato growers growing for Simplot met recently in Deloraine to discuss Simplot's move to decrease potato prices in Tasmania for the next season.

"The move by Simplot to reduce prices to growers is simply unacceptable," said the chair of the Simplot Potato Growers Committee, Leigh Elphinstone.

"Growers, like all other farmers, have seen a continual rise in input costs that must be recognised by Simplot as they determine the agreed price for this coming season.

"It costs on average around \$22,000 a hectare to establish and maintain potatoes, which is a significant expense and risk for growers, all of whom are family-based farmers.

"Add to this the volatility of global markets and supply chains for critical inputs such as fertiliser, fuel and essential chemicals and farmers are looking at a very marginal crop.

"Simplot's demand for a 6% cut in price effectively is a 32% decrease in the gross margin for growers," said Mr Elphinstone.

TasFarmers CEO Nathan Calman said other costs were increasing that were out of the control of growers.

"Costs such as local government rates, insurance, fixed operating costs and the rise in registration charges for farm vehicles also compounds the issue for growers," he said.

"Farmers can no longer be the sponge that soaks up price decreases and input cost increases. If this trend continues, it won't be long before any sort of vegetable cropping for processing will become unviable, placing at risk the downstream processing industry in the state."



International Mural Fest 2025

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On Saturday, September 6, the picturesque village of Wilmot will come to life in a kaleidoscope of festivities as three local events take over the village centre.

Kicking off the day at 9am is the Wilmot Country Market Spring Edition with over 20 market stalls, hot food and live music until 1pm.

Wilmot Historic Museum will open at 10am and run until 2pm with an educational program for children.

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Vets housing slated for RSL carpark

In the lead-up to Homelessness Week in early August, RSL Tasmania and the Kentish Council announced plans to build housing that supports local Veterans and their families in need.

The proposed housing will be built on Council-owned land opposite the Railton RSL Sub-Branch, providing transitional accommodation for Veterans and their families.

Delivered through RSL Tasmania's Veteran Acute Housing Initiative and with funding provided through the Australian Government's Veteran and Family Hubs Grants Program, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between RSL Tasmania and the Kentish Council will explore the development of acute housing for Veterans.

"This agreement marks a key milestone in our effort to provide supported housing options for vulnerable Veterans in Tasmania," said John Hardy, CEO of RSL Tasmania.

"With Veterans three times more likely to experience homelessness than the general population, there is a real need for what we will deliver."

Kentish Council resolved unanimously to support the project at its meeting on June 17, 2025, with options including a long-term lease or title transfer for the development of two to three homes, supported by services delivered through RSL Tasmania's VeteranHub and an accredited housing provider.

"RSL Tasmania would like to thank the Kentish Council for this support," Mr Hardy said.

"This will further enhance the services and support we provide through VeteranHub, a free service available to Veterans and their families throughout Tasmania."

"As the Chair of the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide, Commissioner Nick Kaldas APM reminded

us, we all have a role to play in ensuring the mental health and wellbeing of those who risk their lives each day in the service of our country.

"We're working with all levels of government; local, state, and federal alongside Ex-Service Organisations (ESO's), businesses, charities and primary health services to ensure we make Tasmania a place where Veterans and their families can thrive."

Delivered in partnership with Centacare Evolve, the Veterans' Acute Housing Program will provide transitional accommodation for up to two years, supported by wraparound services provided by VeteranHub.

Any Veteran who is homeless or at risk of homelessness is encouraged to reach out to one of the VeteranHub Navigators by calling 6154 0000 or email connect@veteranhub.org.au



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Celebrate the power of imagination

This year marks a remarkable milestone for the Kentish Municipality: the 40th anniversary of Mazes & Murals - a celebration not only of creative vision but of community spirit, dedication, and the power of imagination.

It all began in July 1985 with the dream of one man, Brian Inder, who envisioned a grand maze nestled in the heart of Northern Tasmania.

His dream took root and grew into Tasmazia & the Village of Lower Crackpot - a whimsical, world-renowned destination where visitors can lose themselves in adventure, creativity, and charm (*pictured right*).

From miniature towns to embassies of countries across the globe, Brian's dedication to detail and delight has transformed a patch of countryside into a magical world that continues to inspire people of all ages.

Meanwhile, another seed of creativity was being planted. Inspired by a television story on the mural town of Chemainus in British Columbia, Beth Pagel proposed a similar initiative for Sheffield. Her vision - to turn our town into a canvas of culture - was brought before Kentish Council and quickly embraced.

Brian Inder, once again driven by community spirit, travelled to Chemainus to explore the idea firsthand. The result? The



birth of the Kentish Outdoor Art Gallery, a now iconic open-air display of storytelling through paint that blankets Kentish Municipality and its surrounding areas in colour, history, and life. It began with the initial mural *Stillness & Warmth* created by John Lendis and from there, the mural collection has continued to grow with more than 140 murals today.

Since those early days, hundreds of murals have graced our town, turning walls into windows of expression and attracting visitors from around the world.

It's difficult to count how many people have journeyed to Kentish over the past 40 years to experience our maze or our murals - but it's easy to imagine how quiet our streets and shops might have been without them.

Mazes & Murals isn't just a tourism draw - it's part of our identity. It's about believing in ideas, supporting one another, and building something beautiful for future generations.

To celebrate four decades of imagination and impact, Tasmazia & the Village of Lower Crackpot will host a Celebration of 40 years of Mazes & Murals fun day on **November 15**.

Everyone is invited to come and share in the festivities, which will include live music, children's games, face painting, an art exhibition, BBQ, and more. It's a day to remember the journey, celebrate the success, and look ahead to the future.

So, mark your calendars, bring the family, and join us in honouring 40 wonderful years of Mazes & Murals.

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Reunion strengthens friendships

The annual Railton Reunion was held last month at the Railton RSL Club, with 65 people gathering to reminisce and reflect. Organised by Dianne Atkinson, the event was designed to bring people together during happy times rather than only seeing



each other and catching up at funerals. “It was a very, very happy get-together,” Dianne said. “Everyone who attends loves to be there and the chatter gets louder as each minute passes.” The reunion is in its 14th year and anyone with any connection to Railton is more than welcome to come along.

“This year one of the highlights was a map of Railton provided



by Helen McKendrick,” Dianne said. “It was a map with all the streets and numbers and the names of families who lived there - really intriguing for everyone.”



She said anyone who had lived in Railton maintains a strong connection to the town.

“We had an idyllic childhood and now we feel like one big family. And we always take time to remember loved ones who are not able to make the yearly function.”

The event is likely to be held at the Kings Hall

next year as part of the centenary celebrations.



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In Sheffield, even the empties are pulling their weight. Through Tasmania's new container refund scheme, Recycle Rewards, the Lions Club of Kentish is turning bottles and cans into healthy breakfasts for the region's school kids – with local businesses leading the charge to support the cause.

The Kentish Lions have been running the Breakfast Club program in local schools for more than a decade, helping students do their best in the classroom by setting them up for a day of learning with a healthy breakfast and a full belly.

The program now has a new income stream, through its donation partnership with Recycle Rewards, which gives people the option to pass on their 10c refunds per container to support the club's impactful work.

The volunteer-run, community-funded Breakfast Club program meets a critical need, as cost-of-living pressures and other barriers can mean some families struggle to have a proper morning meal each day.

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Since the arrival of Sheffield's own Recycle Rewards machine, several local businesses have jumped on board, turning their trash into essential funding for the positive initiative.

The Sheffield Hotel has been at the forefront, donating all its container refunds to the program – adding up to around \$80 per week.

It is a true community effort that makes the Breakfast Club possible, with local organisations such as aged care provider Tandara Lodge and Astron service station choosing to pass on their container refunds to the Lions. All contributions help make a meaningful change to the lives of our school children.

The Kentish Lions are eager to expand the initiative to eventually provide meals every morning of the school week. They are calling on the community to support them in this mission and consider donating their next container refund to the cause.

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Loretta Smith, our youngest speaker, hails from the Erriba wilds and follows in the footsteps of her adventurous journalistic great Auntie Marjorie Smith.

Loretta, 15, will speak about a local Wilmot soldier who died during the battle of Messine in Belgium during WW1.

Loretta is well qualified to spin this yarn as she was one of six Tasmanian students to participate in the Frank MacDonald Memorial Prize study tour of the battlefields of France and Belgium this year.

Loretta was honoured to share her research of a family member during a pilgrimage to his grave buried at Adelaide Cemetery, and her group participated in the ANZAC dawn service at the Australian Villers-Bretonneux Military Cemetery ceremony.

Wilmot Yarns 2 is a country event managed by our rogue MCs, Rodney Miles and Phillip Richards, who will have the cattle prod out to keep our wum bunch of woudy wascals in line.

This year our speakers are mostly a younger generation as we are keen to hear from the latest crop of storytellers, and they include Loretta Smith, Bruce Buxton, Lisa Charleston, Tony Spillane, Becky Coates and a mystery speaker. Lyndon O'Neil will again welcome us to Country and share some aboriginal yarns of the area.

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September 2025

KENTISH PONY CLUB

The end of season Kentish Pony Club rally saw the riders go off on a trail ride. The lead rein and young riders met at the pines on the Railton Road where they had a lovely morning ride. The senior riders left from the PC grounds, following the Tassie trail for a four-hour ride with some detours along the way!

Everyone had a fantastic day, the weather was good, too.

Trophy night was held on July 19 and, although a number of our riders couldn't come, we still had a great presentation evening. Medallions were given to all members and trophies awarded for a number of categories.

Certificates and badges were also given to riders who had completed their PC tests this season.

Although not compulsory, these PC tests give our riders a sense of achievement and encourage them to work towards the next level in horsemanship.

We hoped to start the new PC season August 24, weather permitting followed by a rally on September 7.

New members welcome. We also have an option to come and try for two rallies before joining as a full member.



Kentish Pony Club supports ticket to play vouchers for eligible members.

BEULAH CRICKET CLUB

The Beulah Cricket Club is looking for players for the upcoming cricket season.

New to the area or thinking about coming out of retirement or just want to enjoy a game of cricket with a good family friendly club? Contact Mick Davey on 0438 743 665.

WEST KENTISH CRICKET CLUB

A reunion was held recently for members and friends of the West Kentish Cricket Club.

The first cricket match in the Kentish district was around 1871 (an obituary of a West Kentish resident from 1929 stated that he had played in the first match "almost 60 years ago").

Some of the early clubs West Kentish played against had names such as Fernleigh Union, North Pole, Dasher and Railway.

The club played matches as far away as Kindred and Deloraine.

In July 1914 after a break of a couple of years there was a meeting to reestablish a West Kentish Football club and Cricket club. William Braid Jnr offered a paddock on which they could play, with a proper concrete pitch poured a few years later in October 1925 (almost 100 years ago).

Over the club's history, it has folded and re-established several times, often when reforming there were enough members to field two teams.



**Please email your sports news to:
editor@thekentishvoice.com.au**



Our penguins NEED more volunteers!

Penguin Rehab & Release
are holding a
Volunteer Information Evening
Wednesday 24th September
5:30pm-7:00pm
Cradle Coast Authority, 1-3 Spring Street, Burnie

Penguin Rehab & Release is a Landcare Tasmania community group dedicated to the rehabilitation of seabirds with the aim of preparing them for successful release back into the wild.

We need volunteers for on-site support working directly to assist in the rehabilitation of penguins in care as well as other jobs like administrative tasks and fundraising. Most of the work is dirty, exhausting, and un-glamorous, but extremely rewarding. As a volunteer at PR&R you'll meet new people, make friends, and have fun, as well as gaining an insight into our amazing and vulnerable Little Penguins.

If this sounds like something you would like to do, come along to the Information Evening and find out more. Attendees will be invited to attend a Volunteer Training Day at the facility on Saturday 4th October.

Due to the nature of our work, volunteers must be over 18 years of age.

Please email to book your place at the Information Evening
penguinrandr@gmail.com




Thankyou to our sponsors





SHEFFIELD FOOTBALL CLUB

The 2025 Season has come to a close for the Sheffield Robins, with both teams making it into the finals series but unfortunately getting knocked out.

Our Seniors ended fifth on the ladder leading into the finals and faced the Forth Magpies in the elimination round where they did their best but unfortunately didn't make it through to the following week.

Our Reserves went into the finals as second on the ladder and had a second chance after losing to Forth Reserves. East Ulverstone turned up to play and got the better of our Reserves in the first semi-final which was a tough blow for everyone.

Our players have faced many uphill challenges this season with injuries and unavailability. This made it hard to gel within their grade on the field.

But with our challenges we noticed a positive shift in the off-field culture, which has made our club as whole a lot closer.

We are excited for what the upcoming season will bring for the Robins and we hope you are all as keen as us to see footy back in the 2026 Season. Have a nice break to regroup and rest to make next year the most successful it can be!



James Huxtable for the Sheffield Robins taking a ruck tap.

RAILTON PARKRUN



Marg McLachlan (centre) chose to mark her 300th parkrun down south at Kingston, accompanied by friends Bronwyn Kent (left) and Narelle Howe. The trio were in Hobart to hike Mt Wellington and decided to do the run as a warm-up. Railton parkrun is held Saturday morning from 9am at Sykes Reserve on Kimberley Road. To register, visit Parkrun Australia

SHEFFIELD GOLF

Winter settled in at the beginning of this month, causing wet playing conditions and disruption of some games. However, in mid August we had some lovely sunny winter days.

Thank you to our handful of volunteers, especially Bob Coleman, who on a weekly basis tends our greens, fairways and gardens. Also a big thank you to our August monthly medal sponsors Bossimi Bakery and Sheffield Mechanical and Tyre. Our club would not be in existence without the amazing support of local sponsors and volunteers.

August Monthly Medal Winners

Vets Sponsored by Sheffield Mechanical and Tyre was won by Glen Connors on 71 from Rowan Sherriff on count back from David Jago on 73 Net.

Ladies Sponsored by Bossimi Bakery was won by Janice Williams with 74 net, from Lou Proud on 78 net.

Members; Sponsored by Sheffield Mechanical and Tyre was won by David Jago on a countback from Stephen Hope with 70 Net.

Members 19/07 Due to wet conditions some members chose to play a 9 hole competition, which was won by Glen Connors on 19 Net from Peter Orchard on 18 Net.

Others decided to play on and complete a 18 hole competition. The winner was Greg Collis on count back from Scott Westbrook on 32 Net.

Vets/Ladies 22/7 Ambrose 2 was won by Janice Williams and Rowan Sherriff on 65.5 Net from Greg Collis and Helen Lloyd-Jones on 63.75 Net.

Members 26/7 Golf was cancelled due to wet conditions, however a few members chose to prop up the Bar for the remainder of the day; Jimmy, Tony, Drew, Mark & Matty. Aided by Greg who kindly got them lunch from Bossimis.

Vets/Ladies 29/7 Ambrose 4 was won by Greg Collis, Helen Lloyd-Jones, Micheal Meaney and Janice Williams with a 53.125 Net followed by David McMillan, Micheal Chatwin, Anthony Burchill and Rodney Shackleton on 53.625 Net

Members 09/8 American Foursome was won by Scott Westbrook and Roland Proud with 63.75 Net from Macklyn Jones and Rodney Von Stieglitz on 69.25 Net.

Vets 12/8 Stableford was won by Micheal Chatwin with 33 Net from Glen Connors on 32 net.

Ladies 12/8 Stableford was won by Judy Denney on countback from Lou Proud on 31 Net.

Members 16/8 Stableford was won by Roland Proud on count back from Glen Connors on 33 Net.

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KENTISH COUNCIL

RATES REMINDER

All ratepayers should have now received their rates notice. If you have not received your notice, please contact Council for a replacement.

Full payment or the first instalment of rates for the 2025/2026 financial year was due on **31st August 2025**. A reminder that the second-rate instalment is due on or before 31st October 2025.

Should you be experiencing financial difficulties, please contact our Rates Officer to discuss payment arrangement options.

PENSION REMISSIONS

Are you eligible for a pension remission on your property for the 2025/2026 financial year? To be eligible for a remission you must be responsible for the payment of rates on the property, have a Pension Concession, Health Care or Department of Veteran Affairs card valid as of **1st July** for the financial year in which you are making a claim, and it must be your principal place of residence on the **1st July 2025**.

If you received a pension remission in previous years and your circumstances have not changed, you will not need to provide your concession details again and the remission will be automatically applied.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION EVENINGS

Council will hold the following Community Information Evenings:

- Sheffield – Thursday, 28 August, 2025, 7pm – Sheffield Town Hall
- Railton - Thursday, 25 September 2025, 7pm - Railton Kings Hall.
- Lwr Barrington, Acacia Hills & Sth Spreyton - Thursday, 30 October 2025, 7pm - Lower Barrington Hall.
- Wilmot - Thursday, 28 November 2025, 7pm - Wilmot Hall.

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

LIFT THE TONE CAMPAIGN



The graphic features a horizontal bar with three segments in dark blue, light blue, and orange. Below the bar, the text reads: "We all have a responsibility to lift the tone." in bold orange letters. To the right, in smaller text: "Abuse against council staff and elected members is all too common – we all have a responsibility to lift the tone of public debate." Below this is the "LIFT THE TONE" logo, where "LIFT" is in white on a blue background and "THE TONE" is in white on an orange background. At the bottom left, it says "Better debate for stronger communities."

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, animal or general complaints or even make suggestions.

YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP 2026

Council is offering a \$1,800.00 scholarship to a university student or a student attending an approved education facility in 2026. The scholarship is to help with expenses associated with relocating from Kentish. The student must:

1. Be enrolled or be accepted for enrolment for full-time study at either University, TAFE or an approved education facility in 2026;
2. Have been a Kentish resident for the last two years of their secondary studies;
3. Intend or be living away from home as a result of their studies; and
4. Be under the age of 25 as of 1st January 2026.

All applications must be on the appropriate form, which can be obtained for Council's website at www.kentish.tas.gov.au or by phoning 6491 0200. The closing date for applications is **6th December 2026**.

MATURE AGE SCHOLARSHIP 2026

Kentish Council is offering a \$1,800.00 scholarship to a mature-age student attending an approved educational institution in 2026. This scholarship is to help with expenses for students associated with undertaking their studies or reskilling. The student must:

1. Be enrolled or accepted for enrolment for full-time or part-time study at either University, TAFE, apprenticeship, heavy vehicle training, or another approved education facility in 2026;
2. Have resided in the Kentish Municipality for at least the last two years;
3. Be over the age of 35 as of 1st January 2026; and
4. Be unemployed, work part-time, or demonstrate how the scholarship would assist in retaining or finding ongoing employment.

All applications must be on the appropriate form, which can be obtained from Council's website at www.kentish.tas.gov.au or by phoning 6491 0200. The closing date for applications is **6th December 2025**.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of Council will be held at the Council Office on **Tuesday, 16 September, 2025** commencing at 6:00pm.

CLAUDE ROAD MARKET

Our Spring market is on again on **Saturday, September 20**, from 9am-1pm so come along and see what's on offer - maybe start your Christmas shopping! There will be a hall full of treasures and a kitchen full of home-cooked goodies so come to shop, stay to eat and then grab a take-away.

CLAUDE ROAD HALL AGM

We will be holding our AGM on **Monday, September 29, 6pm** at Claude Road Hall and we would love for you to join us. We are a small, dynamic committee which meets only four times a year, each meeting normally lasting around an hour, and you would have a chance to contribute to the future maintenance and development of our wonderful hall.

Being on a Committee doesn't have to be a burden – let us prove that to you.

REDWATER CREEK STEAM & HERITAGE CENTRE



The Krauss Steam Train will be running on September 6-7 every half hour from 11am until 4pm. Bring Dad along for a special ride on Fathers Day.

Miniature Train will also be running for as many days as we can get a crew and weather permitting. Model Trains will also be showing off their fabulous layout.

The Annual General Meeting of Redwater Creek Steam and Heritage Society Inc. will be held on **Saturday, September 27, at 11am** in the Nook Building at the Sheffield Recreation Grounds.

All members and friends are invited. Contact Jill Ridgway on 0448 631 922 for more information.

HUB REPORT

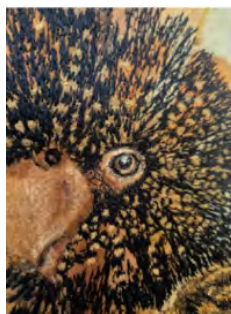
Thank you to our volunteers who sort, price and arrange the shop. We often have interesting discussions about those mystery items that come in.

Recent donations

- Wilmot Primary School \$3000.
- Wilmot Tourist & Progress Ass \$1261.
- Oss Foley Endurance Riders \$1000.

At our next meeting, the Chairman & Treasurer will present their annual reports. Thank you for your support, this helps us as we encourage many in our Kentish community.

WORKING ART SPACE SHEFFIELD



Sheffield Art Gallery – 6 Pioneer Crescent

The current exhibition showcases local artist Cindy Thompson and her Textile Art creations entitled *Stitching Stories of Colour, Texture and Beauty*. Textile Artist Cindy Thompson, lives in beautiful Barrington.

Her love of hand embroidery, sewing, fabric and colour has morphed itself

over the years into her own style that includes free motion machine embroidery and working with dissolvable fabric. The colour and textures of fabric and thread is inspiration for her to create her pieces.

This is Cindy's first exhibition and clearly shows the love she has of this medium. Don't miss out on seeing the varied artworks that Cindy has produced.

Opening hours: 10am to 3pm daily and 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 Fay on 0400 491 272 or email faylilly@hotmail.com

Botanical Drawing: Saturdays from 1.00pm to 3.30pm

If you would like to take part, please contact Colette Binder on 0439 426 665 for more information.

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

KENTISH LIONS



The Lions Club of Kentish has recommenced catering at some of the Tasmanian Endurance Riders Club (TERC) events. This brings additional money from outside of Kentish that we use to support our community. We continue to hold Bunnings sausage sizzles every month, again bringing in money from outside of Kentish for our community.

We will again host the Sheffield Christmas Parade in mid December, so start planning your float. Our Breakfast Club supports all three schools in Kentish.

There is significant need for our children to get a simple, nutritious breakfast to start their school day. Teachers comment how much better the children can learn with a good breakfast.

We have been conducting Children's Vision screenings at schools around the area. This program aims to identify children with potential vision issues and encourage parents to take their children to an optometrist.

With one in five school children having potential vision issues, and that 80% of learning is via their eyes, it is really important to get these address so our children can be the best they can be.

Our meetings are second and fourth Mondays of the month. Guests are welcome. If you'd like to know more about Lions, or come to a meeting, contact us at kentishlions@gmail.com.

WILMOT HISTORIC MUSEUM

Opening hours Wednesday to Sunday 10am to 3pm.

KENTISH MEN'S SHED

July was another busy month at the Men's Shed despite the winter frosts. We were well pleased to receive a pack of Tasmanian Oak off-cuts from our friends at Fairbrother's. This wood will serve well in the toy making and other small projects. We have also taken delivery of a rather nice metal lathe thanks to a generous grant from Australian Men's Shed Association and we are now able to retire our ancient lathe which was showing signs of distress.



Our President, the redoubtable Terry Hughes in the company of Peter Morris, attended the Tasmanian Men's Shed Association which was held in Campbell Town. In all, 120 representatives from 74 sheds made the gathering a lively affair and from all reports the association is set fair to serve our shedding needs for another year.

Work is progressing on our Christmas float for the annual

parade. Our expectation is that Dorothy (our vintage tractor) will be ready in time to join the fun.

We also welcome our newest member Brendon Branch. Brendon is a retired carpenter, resident at Tandara and will doubtless make a useful contribution.

Our members are asked to take note that our Annual General Meeting shall be held at the shed at 0930 hrs Thursday, September 11. Our Mayor Kate Haberle will be presiding again.

Visitors are welcome at the shed, and we are open Thursdays and Saturdays 9am to 1pm.

For information Call Terry 0429 122 520

KENTISH SCOUTS



Recently our Scouts travelled to Holland. While they were there they enjoyed Dutch cuisine consisting of:

- Gehaktballen - Dutch meatballs with a jus
- Hutspot - a mashed potato, carrot and onion side dish
- Mixed salad - with dry Gouda cheese
- Dutch hot chocolate and Stroopwafel - for dessert

The night was led by Fleur, our very own Dutch expert, cooked and enjoyed by all of our scouts.

Our Cubs have also been busy with fire pit safety and damper cooking, constructing birdhouses and prepping for Cuboree - a statewide scout camp in Hobart which will be a huge first experience for most of our cubs. And so much fun.

We are looking for leaders, so please come along to a Cub night: Mondays 6-7:30 or a Scout night: Thursdays 6:30-8:30 and see if you feel as though you would fit in with our scout family.

- Tanya, Scout Chairperson 0438 559 317.

KENTISH PROBUS CLUB

The next meeting of the Kentish Probus Club will be Tuesday, September 9, at 10am at the Sheffield Bowls Club.

The Guest Speaker is Bruce Hutchison re: photography. The outing will be a luncheon to be Atrium Café Bar at Don.

For further information contact Annelise on 6496 1220.

'YES TO WELL BEING – Women's HEALTH WEEK'

SUPPORTED BY Local Gals &
TASMANIAN WOMEN IN
AGRICULTURE

WILMOT HALL 9.30AM - 2.30PM

TUESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2025

TOPICS BY PRESENTERS INCLUDE:
EATING - SELF DEFENCE - EXERCISE -
GYNECOLOGICAL CANCERS -
CONTINENCE - AGEING -
MENTAL HEALTH#

NO COST - LUNCH INCLUDED

MORE INFO 0499 980 246 / 6492 1098

Tips for sowing seeds as frosts ease

Gardening with Robert Gower

Spring is here, and I am keen to get my list of vegies on the way, but September can still be wintery, so you need to select vegies that can handle any frost that comes along.

The first to be planted is carrot seed, including a purple variety and some little round ones, which will be ready first. I generally dig over, and break up the soil, so it's nice and fine, then sow the carrot seed a few centimetres deep.

As for feeding and thinning out, I start by liquid feeding and then once they have had their first thinning out, then place some organic fertiliser along the row. I only thin out to around 3cm apart, leaving the remaining to grow to their true size.

Parsnips. The trick to growing parsnip seed so that it germinates at the same time as the carrots, is to simply soak the seed for 4-5hrs just before sowing them in the ground. Just drain the water off and mix the seed in with some sand, or dry soil, then spread thinly in a trench a few cms deep.

I find this method works really well as I've sown it this way for a number of years now. Make sure you use the freshest seed. Check the dates of the packets and try to get seed that still has two years use by date.

One trick my father used to do was plant a radish seed every 30cm because they would germinate first, easily marking where the row is. This trick works for both carrots and parsnips.

Next to plant is one of my favourites – the purple broccoli. I buy Diggers, they are the best tasting on the market and produce for months. I normally eat them before they get to the kitchen.



**Kentish
Garden Club**

In spring, birds are busy in gardens, squabbling over territory, building nests and rearing young.

Mature trees, both native and exotic, are highly valuable for birds for nesting. While it can be hard to live with a large tree in a small garden, the value that it brings to the neighbourhood is immense. As well as providing food, shade and shelter, old trees with hollows or nesting boxes, are valuable breeding habitat.

But if you don't have room for a tree, dense shrubs and even climbers provide shelter and safety for nesting birds. Others may nest under the eaves or in your garage.

As you go about garden tasks, be aware that birds may be nesting. Always check shrubs and hedges for nests before you start pruning. If a nest is present, put off the hedge trimming for a few weeks until the birds have fledged and flown.

The next meeting of the Kentish Garden Club is Thursday, September 11, from 6.30pm for a talk on bushfire preparedness. The meeting is held at the Bible Chapel, 45 High Street, Sheffield. For more information, call Jennifer Stackhouse (KGC President) on 0488 047 011.

Discover the gardens and nurseries of Hobart

The Kentish Garden Club has arranged a three-day coach tour to Hobart to view gardens and visit nurseries. The tour departs on Friday, October 17, from Sheffield and returns on Sunday, October 19. If you would like a copy of the itinerary or more information, call Jennifer on 0488 047 011.



Once they have produced their first head, after that they grow like broccolini.

I also like to grow silver beet, and when I do, I sow the seeds like with the carrots only into soil that has been well mixed with lots of organic fertiliser. I just pick the leaves as I need them, not whole plants.

With the humble lettuce, we tend to be old fashioned and grow iceberg lettuce. Dig in lots of organic fertiliser and compost before planting.

With all my vegies I use an iron based snail bait that turns into fertiliser as it breaks down and doesn't harm anything other than snails and slugs. The broccoli I spray Dipel to control the green caterpillar, if I think it's a problem with the heads. When it comes to spraying I have the attitude that I don't want to eat anything that insects won't eat.



OBITUARY

Paul John Tamas

December 27, 1963 - June 16, 2025

Paul's passing was such a shock to everyone and Leanne would like to share what happened with her caring community.

On Sunday 15th June I went to work as normal around 11am Paul messaged me to bring coffee home. I arrived home around 3pm to find Paul collapsed on the floor in his shed, he was unconscious and had vomited so his head was laying in grease and vomit. I got a towel to put under his head and called the ambulance (Paul had collapsed on me like this before but was very adamant I wasn't to call an ambulance). I was glad that I could call the ambulance and, in my mind, get whatever is going on with him sorted as I knew he wasn't right. I didn't for the life of me think he might die.

Dillon & Janna arrived and Paul was loaded into the ambulance. Janna got in the back with Paul and he was trying to pull the blood pressure arm band off, so he was aware of that. I warned the officers that, if he wakes up, be aware he will probably be very mad and he is very strong. So off they went, Janna followed ambulance (she said "I'm not having Dad be there alone") Dillon and I went inside to collect PJs etc. Within no time Janna is calling Dillon to say "You have got to get mum here quickly as they are asking about resuscitation and say he may not even make it before you and Mum get here." Dillon didn't tell me this but said "we have to go right now Mum". He drove like he was a racing car driver to the hospital, I kept growling to slow down, but now I know what he knew I guess maybe I would do the same.

When we arrived at the ICU they had done scans to determine that Paul had massive brain bleeds and showed us a video of what was happening. There was two doctors and four nurses in the room and a doctor explained to us that they had an ambulance to take Paul to Hobart for an operation. But the surgeon in Hobart said there was a 50% chance that he would make the trip, and if he did make the trip and survive the operation, there was a 100% chance that he would need 24 hour care for the rest of his life. The decision was mine to make, and they are all waiting, waiting. I asked how long he would live like this and the answer was 24 hours. Paul and I had discussed this many, many times, and we had both promised each other that we would not keep the other alive. So I said "No".

They gave us a room with giraffes all over the walls and I thought that was very fitting as he called me Mrs Giraffe, and the picture he had of me in his contacts was a giraffe. I cut his eyebrows and plaited his hair.

One of the nurses who had been in the ICU earlier came to find us and say that she could see the family bond and the love we had, and that she sees too many instances where the decision is made for their own needs and not the needs of their loved one. She wished that there were more families like ours. I really appreciated those words, because we all know there are miracles.

The kids stayed until late into the night, and I just sat, talked, prayed and sang, holding his hand. They made up a bed for me and encouraged me to sleep. But I felt I couldn't sleep as that was going to be my last time with him and I didn't want to lose a second sleeping.

Around 3.30am we were moved up to the 3rd Floor. The nurse



there said that Paul was close to passing and maybe I should call the kids. Me being a "know-all" said "no he's not close, not yet anyways". She got a warm blanket and wrapped it around me and patted my shoulder and said she would be back soon. As she left Paul took two breaths and died at 4.47am. I was grateful for the 12 hours plus that I had with him.

So I started packing up my things but the nurse said that I had to wait for the Police and that I should call the kids as the Police will want to interview you all. Two and a half hours we waited in Paul's room. I wished they had told me earlier that this would happen. The reason being that Paul had not seen a doctor in 10 years and that he had passed within 24 hours.

The shock is still so raw, and only this week I was admitted to hospital with gastro, fever and a heart rate of 40bpm, which they say isn't good. Staff at hospital thought I had tried to overdose or something as they couldn't find out what was really wrong with me. During my time at hospital I woke to see the giraffes looking down on me. Yep! I was in same room as Paul on 16/6. It gave me strength, and since then my family have not left my side. I'm tough, I'll be fine.

The tsunami of flowers, cards, messages, food... the love I have received is something hard to explain. I walk down Main Street and people in our community come for a hug and I love that. I love that for Paul, as when we started in the shop his main worry was talking to people he didn't know. I'm sure you agree he came a long way in that area, Jimmy King & Golly Locket were well respected men of our community and I remember saying to Paul maybe 16 years ago they will say that about you too one day. He was always friendly. I was the prickly one. I'm so proud for him. Life is a journey and our journey was amazing! We both learned a lot from each other and had a love so strong we were soulmates. I will love him forever.

- Leanne Tamas

Railton demonstrates its resilience

By Julie Marshall

The Community Preparedness Open Day held in Railton last month offered a demonstration of sandbagging, with participants shown a water-filled alternative. This sausage-like item is cost-effective, sustainable (reusable), user-friendly and can be filled from the hose.

Residents also gained insight into the work being done by SES and the Bureau of Meteorology towards early warning systems through updated flood maps.

Preparing for emergencies involves cleaning out gutters as a deterrent in bushfires, removing dangerous trees to avoid storm damage and removing fence panels for the easy flow of water during floods. But how many have considered the fast removal of horses, particularly during bushfires? Practising with your horse to enter the float quickly will reduce stress for both of you during emergencies.

Rural property owners who have bridges or cattle grids... have you checked the load limits for fire truck access?

Did you know?

- No animals in evacuation centres except guide dogs
- Smoke alarms need to be replaced every 10 years
- Electric cars, e-bikes, e-scooters and mobility devices should be charged away from living spaces. The number of house fires has increased substantially due to this issue.

Resilient Railton, hosted by Kentish Council, the SES, Tasmania Fire Service and the state government, was designed to help the Railton community prepare for emergencies.



Prepared: (from left) Emmett Stapleton, Matt Twin (SES Community Engagement volunteer), Selina Woodiwiss, Luke Bennett (Tas Fire Service Community Preparedness Officer)

CULTURAL & LANGUAGE DIVERSE SOCIAL SUPPORT GROUP

4.30 PM - 6 PM
MONDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER
16 - 18 STATION STREET, SHEFFIELD

cultural and language diverse community members are invited to attend a monthly social group

欢迎来自不同文化和语言背景的社区成员参加我们的每月社交聚会

CHÚNG TÔI TRÂN TRỌNG MỜI CÁC THÀNH VIÊN CỘNG ĐỒNG ĐẾN TỪ NHIỀU NỀN VĂN HÓA VÀ NGÔN NGỮ KHÁC NHAU THAM GIA NHÓM GIAO LƯU HÀNG THÁNG

さまざまな文化や言語的背景を持つ地域の皆さまを対象に、月に一度の交流会へのご参加をお待ちしています

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KENTISH CARERS SUPPORT GROUP

2-3PM, WEDNESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

INFO., SUPPORT & REFERRALS + COME FOR A CUPPA!

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Rural Health (Kentish Health Centre)
1B Henry Street, Sheffield

KENTISH HEALTH SERVICES & PROGRAMS			
Every Monday	Every Tuesday	Every Wednesday	Every Thursday
10.00am – 3.30pm: CHSP @ KAAC * 6.30pm – 9.45pm: Navigating Relationships Peer Group Chat (12-25's) @ Headspace online	9.00am – 11.00am: Playgroup (0-5's) @ Kentish House 10.00am: Mountain Learners Homeschool Meet @ Kings Park 10.00am – 3.00pm: CHSP @ KAAC * 11.00am: Fitness Class @ LBCH */** 6.30pm – 9.45pm: Qheadspace Peer Group Chat (LGBTIQA+ & allies, 12-25's) @ Headspace online	9.30am – 11.00am: Food pick up for Kentish residents @ KH 10.15am: Ladies Social Badminton @ LBCH * 6.30pm – 9.45pm: General Coping Peer Group Chat (12-25's) @ Headspace online 6.30pm – 9.45pm: Adults Supporting Young People (for family & other adults) @ Headspace – text-based group chat	9.00am – 10.30am: Peer Group Chat (11-17's) @ Headspace online 3.00pm – 4.00pm: Kentish House Peer Group Chat (A&P) @ Headspace online 6.30pm – 9.45pm: Peer Group Chat (A&P) @ Headspace online
Specific Mondays		Specific Tuesdays	Specific Wednesdays
1st 9:00am – 12:00pm: North West Community Legal Centre @ Kentish House** 9:30am – 11:00am: Justice of the Peace @ Kentish House 8th 3.00pm – 4.30pm: Social Hub (for neurodiverse young people, 12-18's) @ Kentish House 15^h 9:00am – 12:00pm: North West Community Legal Centre @ Kentish House** 9:30am – 11:00am: Justice of the Peace @ Kentish House 10.30am – 2.30pm: Healthy Outing to The Hive, Ulverstone @ Kentish House ** 4.30pm – 6.00pm: Culturally & Linguistically Diverse Social Group @ Kentish House 22nd No NILS appointments available at Kentish House today 3.00pm – 4.30pm: Social Hub (for neurodiverse young people, 12-18's) @ Kentish House 29th 9:00am – 12:00pm: North West Community Legal Centre @ Kentish House** 9:30am – 11:00am: Justice of the Peace @ Kentish House	2nd 9.00am – 11.00am: Anglicare KIDS Parenting Support (Playgroup) @ Kentish House 16th 9.00am – 11.00am: Mission Early Childhood Care Coordinator (Playgroup) @ KH 23rd 9.00am – 11.00am: KIDS Parenting Support (Playgroup) @ Kentish House 12.00pm – 1.30pm: Birth Trauma Peer Group @ Online, Zoom **	3rd 12.00pm – 1.30pm: Austlii Basics Webinar Series (Topic: Communities & Individuals) 10th 10.00am – 12.00pm: ND Peer Group Chat 2:00pm – 3.00pm: Kentish House Rural Health feat. NWCL 5.00pm – 6.00pm: Digital Health Hour @ KH 17th 9.30am – 11.00am: Servicing the Community 12.00pm – 12.30pm: Servicing the Community Railton 5.00pm – 6.00pm: Digital Health Hour @ KH 24th 9.30am – 11.00am: Rural Health 12.00 – 1.30pm: Red Cross Supporting the Supported 5.00pm – 6.00pm: Digital Health Hour @ KH	For more information please contact: Kentish House: 6491 2345 Cassandra: 0447 325 345 Ruby: 0497 780 216

RAMS CALENDAR – SEPTEMBER 2025			
Every Thursday	Every Friday	Every Weekend	
1.00pm: Kentish Men's Shed 2.00pm: Fitness Class @ LBCH */** 4.30pm: Green Room (Youth @ Sheffield Youth Centre 6.00pm: The Quiet Corner @ House 9.45pm: Yarnspace Peer Group TSI 12-25's) @ Headspace 9.45pm: Work & Study Peer at (12-25's) @ Headspace	9.00am – 11.00am: Social Craft Group @ Kentish House 10.00am – 11.00am: Cuppa & Kids (Railton Parents Group) @ Limestone Bakery Cafe 2.00pm – 3.00pm: The Chatty Cafe @ Turnbull's Pharmacy 2.30pm: Mountain Learners Homeschool Meet @ Kings Park 5.30pm – 7.30pm: Munting Taekwondo @ Sheffield School Gym *	Saturday 8.50am: Railton Park Run @ Sykes Sanctuary, Kimberley Rd 9.00am – 12.00pm: Kentish Men's Shed 12.30pm: Social Bowls @ Sheffield Bowls Club * Sunday 10.00am: Social Pickleball @ Railton Rec & Comm. Centre *	
Wednesdays	Specific Thursdays	Specific Fridays	Specific Weekends
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Appreciate the little things

Kentish House invites the community to a Mental Health Week event on Thursday, October 9, funded by the A2HS Kentish Regional Project, Kentish House, Mental Health Council of Tasmania and the Australian Government.

This year's theme, *"Appreciate the Little Things... in Kentish"*, is all about celebrating the small joys and unique beauty of our local community.

Whether it's a quiet moment in nature, a friendly wave from a neighbour, the feeling you get from seeing the Aurora, or the charm of our local streets and landscapes, this event is a chance to reflect on what makes Kentish special to you.

Get Creative – Community Art Display

In the lead-up to the event, we're inviting all community members to create a piece of artwork that explores what you appreciate about Kentish. There are no limits to your creativity! You might:

- Draw or paint a favourite scene
- Sculpt or carve something meaningful
- Knit, crochet, or embroider a memory
- Take a photo that captures a special moment
- Scrapbook your story
- Arrange flowers that remind you of home

All submitted artworks will be displayed at Kentish House during the event. There will be prizes, catering, and a welcoming atmosphere to celebrate Mental Health Week.

More details will be shared closer to October, so keep an eye on *The Kentish Voice* and the Kentish House Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/kentishhouse>.

Social Hub

A Safe Space for Neurodiverse young people
Ages 12-18



SENSORY ACTIVITIES **GAMES**
CRAFT OPTIONS **SENSORY ACTIVITIES**

Every Second Monday 3 - 4.30 P.M
(starting 5th of May 2025)

Parent/Guardian must attend with young person

For more information contact Cassandra.
044 732 5343
Kentishhouse@glenhaven.org.au

Healthy Habits with

Jon Delaine
Care Coordinator
Rural Health Tasmania



Dementia Action Week September 15-21

We all forget things from time to time, or take a wrong turn when navigating a trip into town, and sometimes we feel moody without any real trigger... but have you ever

felt that these things are becoming more common, or have witnessed them in a family member or friend?

Dementia describes a collection of symptoms caused by disorders affecting the brain.

Dementia is not a normal part of getting older, and it isn't one specific disease. Instead, it's a broad term that covers the effects on people of a number of different medical conditions.

Those conditions include Alzheimer's disease, vascular dementia, the Lewy body dementias and more. The effects of dementia vary from person to person, but generally, dementia affects your mood, memory, thinking and behaviour.

Dementia can happen to anybody, but it is much more common after the age of 65.

Dementia doesn't just impact the person living with the condition and their immediate carers; it also impacts their friends, family and wider social network.

People living with dementia tell us that friends and family often drop away, not knowing how to interact with them once they have a diagnosis.

This leads to social isolation and loneliness and can further drive stigma and discrimination.

With more than 400,000 Australians living with dementia and 1.7 million people involved in their care, chances are you know someone who is impacted by dementia.

This Dementia Action Week we challenge everyone in the community to reach out and reconnect to someone impacted by dementia because nobody can do it alone.

Together with Kentish House, Rural Health Tasmania is rolling out a series of community support sessions aimed at carers and the people who wrap around the person living with the condition.

The first session will be held on Wednesday, September 10, from 2-3pm at the Rural Health Clinic on Henry Street, Sheffield. These monthly carer support sessions will cover a range of topics and conditions, as well as provide a supportive environment to share a cuppa and connect with community and professional supports.

Further supports are available from Rural Health Tasmania, Dementia Australia, Tasmanian Health Service and Dementia Support Australia.

Please email your news to:
editor@thekentishvoice.com.au

Kentish House promotes connections

Healthy Outings

From Monday, September 17, Kentish House will be running a Health Outings pilot program thanks to funding from the A2HS Project.

Requested by community members, this pilot program will allow up to 10 eligible community members (must be over the age of 18 years) to take part in monthly bus trip outings (third Monday of the month) to different locations with a focus on improving physical, mental and emotional wellbeing, and encouraging social connections.

Please contact Ruby or Cassandra at Kentish House if you would like to book in or have questions!

Kentish Carer Support Group

A Carer Support Group will run at Rural Health Kentish (at the Kentish Health Hub on Henry Street) once a month. Carers are invited to attend, socialise, access services support, and enjoy a cuppa from 2-3pm, Wednesday, September 10.

North West Community Legal Centre will be in attendance.

Mental Health Week 2025

With Mental Health Week approaching in October, Kentish House and A2HS will once again host the Kentish Mental Health Week Community Art Exhibition.

Community members are invited to create a piece of artwork in any medium that we will exhibit at Kentish House on Thursday, October 9, from noon-6pm. There will be crafts available to do at the event, snacks, and good company!

Paws & Grub

Kentish House & RAW will be cooking up some grub and a

cuppa for farmers and their four-legged friends. Come by, access services, enjoy a bite, have a chat and take home a goodie bag for your canine companion

- Claude Road Hall: 11am-noon, Tuesday, November 25
- Lower Barrington Hall: 9.30-10.30am, Thursday, November 27
- Railton Skate Park: 12.30-1.30pm, Thursday, February 19

Railton Young Parents Group – Cuppa & Kids

From Friday, September 5, the A2HS Project will be funding a weekly social support group for Railton parents. We will have different service organisations attending to provide support and information most weeks.

So if you're a young parent, or you have a young child, come along to the Limestone Café Bakery between 10-11am on Fridays. Children are welcome!

SiSU Mini Health Machine

For the next 12 months, the SiSU Mini Health Machine will be available at Turnbull's Pharmacy for community members to drop in to check basic health stats.

The SiSU is designed to allow anyone over 18 years of age to take their own measurements and track their blood pressure, heart rate, height, weight, body mass index while following on-screen prompts. The information collected is sent to your e-mail address or SiSU phone/tablet app, which you can then choose to share with your community nurse, GP or specialist.

SiSU Challenge: The first 100 people to use the SiSU once a fortnight for 3 consecutive months (that's 6 visits!) will get a \$10 voucher to one of our local cafes. Proof can be shown via emails or the SiSU app to Ruby at Kentish House.

Tasmazia recruits entry marshalls



Welcoming guests to Tasmazia's Fun Day on Saturday, November 15, will be two of Africa's most celebrated wildlife icons: a tiger and a giraffe. The recent additions to the quirky Village of Lower Crackpot will add to the celebrations of four decades of Mazes & Murals in Kentish.

Everyone is invited to come and share in the festivities, which will include live music, children's games, face painting, an art exhibition, BBQ, and more. It's a day to remember the journey, celebrate the success, and look ahead to the future.

A poster for "SHHH! THE QUIET CORNER" event. The poster is orange and green, featuring icons of a book, a cup of coffee, a smartphone, a "HOME WORK" sign, and a ball of yarn. It includes the text: "SHHH! THE QUIET CORNER", "A QUIET, PRESSURE-FREE SPACE WHERE YOU CAN JUST COME & HANG OUT IN SILENCE", "4 PM - 6 PM, THURSDAYS", "STARTING FROM 7TH AUGUST 2025", and "Kentish House 16 - 18 station street, sheffield".

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Re: Police eject resident from council meeting [Kentish Voice August 2025 p17]

I attended that Council meeting in July as a ratepayer. I was there when the four police arrived and was party to the exchanges between police and the 'banned person'. That person left voluntarily, after unsuccessful attempts to establish the validity of the 'order' that was being enforced by police. Without leaving voluntarily, the only alternative would have been arrest for trespass. I was not aware of any behaviour from the public gallery that contravened the 'Responsibilities and Expected Behaviours' section of Council's Public Participation and Question Time – Council Meetings policy.

Behind this police intervention are letters that were sent from the General Manager [GM] to at least two ratepayers providing 'formal notice' not to attend any council meetings or council offices for a period of 12 months from June 17, 2025.

Stated in the letters, they are alleged to have exhibited: "aggressive, intimidatory, or violent behaviour towards councillors and staff, similarly for abusive, humiliating and bullying behaviour." Further "acting to reduce this risk, I [GM] have decided to limit the nature and scope of your engagement with Council in accordance with Council's Dealing with Difficult Customer Behaviour Policy, namely considering where greater access may encourage or allow rude and abusive behaviour".

The letter states that their behaviour: 'highlights a risk that you may be disruptive to Council's scheduled meetings and or otherwise continue to be rude and disrespectful to Councillors and staff'.

There are smatterings of the Tom Cruise movie *Minority Report* in the sense that guilt and restricted access are based on a prediction of future behaviour. I find this scary, because an outside party, in this case the GM, an unelected official, can unilaterally decide that I am persona-non-grata, bring mayor and councillors with him, and my fate is sealed!

Were the issues being raised questioning an official narrative and therefore a source of irritation to Council?

How do you deal with people when they publically question the official narrative? The usual thought-stopping 'conspiracy theorist' put-down isn't enough. They have to be intimidated into silence.

What was the dastardly behaviour by these individuals that warranted this outcome?

The Mayor says "We understand the passion behind the issues [but] when they fall outside Council's jurisdiction our role is to advocate responsibly."

How does the 'punishment' inflicted on these individuals by the GM demonstrate responsible advocacy?

Jim Crowley, Sunnyside

Dear Editor,

You think it won't happen to you... I was scammed last week.

A text arrived on my mobile from "Liz, daughter". Her mobile had dropped in the sink and she needed to replace it. The number was different because she had put an old sim in her phone. She was going online to buy a new phone. Long story short: my credit card was used to buy her a phone and several tech pieces she needed for work.

She asked me to photograph bank receipts and text them to her so she could pay me back the next day. I was lucky because I also sent receipts to her email and she rang to query what was going on. Immediately it was phone calls to my bank's fraud division who froze all my accounts. Next was the police fraud line and making reports to several different scam agencies. While I was on the phone to my bank, the texts continued. One of them asked "What are you having for dinner mum?"

But it wasn't over yet. Next day more texts arrived. I had the scam active, so drove to my local Telstra branch and said I had contact with the scammers right now. They couldn't do anything about it. I went to my bank who confirmed all my accounts were frozen indefinitely and told me to block the number. I did. An hour later an almost identical number rang. I blocked that too. The bank's fraud division had told me that while the scammers were online texting me they also attempted to make three or four withdrawals.

This was the beginning of three days following up on reports and visiting my bank. Three days of anger and feeling stupid. Not to mention the sick feeling in my stomach that this is part of our world now.

Many people reading this may think it looked like an obvious scam from the beginning. Looking back there were moments that didn't feel quite right. But it was successful partly because people my age were generally brought up to believe in the good in people, and to help others. You did not view your community with distrust. We are learning the hard way that AI and technology are double edged swords. My 'scammer' is probably some computer-generated program sending out 200,000 messages simultaneously, and part of a global entity. That is why I am sharing this story, to raise the awareness. Analyse. Block. Report.

Look up the ScamWatch website to see what the latest scams are, and how much they cost Australians each year. In the last five years, Australians paid \$2.03 billion to scammers.

My anger has passed because I won't waste energy on some anonymous entity. If I have raised any awareness about scams then some good will have come from my experience. Stay alert!

Name withheld

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 and Railton.**

**The team will be located at the following venues
and times:**

17th September 2025

**Kentish House, Sheffield 09:30 am to 11 am
Kings Hall, Railton 12:00 pm to 12:30 pm**

**Please phone Cassandra at @Kentish House on 0447325343
to book a specific appointment time, or walk-ins are
welcome.**

Push & pull - the ins & outs of landcare



As the days lengthen in September, we start to hear the sound of lawn mowers,

the vegetable garden bursts into life, and weeds appear as if by magic. Spring is always busy for those involved with plants.

And so it is with Mount Roland Land Care (MRLC).

September is a great time for planting native seedlings around Kentish, and MRLC is continuing its 'Thousands of trees' program, with public tree planting days at Stoodley, Johnstone Street, Sheffield on the Dodder Rivulet, and at Claude Road.

These are public events, open to all – you're welcome to attend. A MRLC tree planting usually happens from 10am on a Saturday morning, and attracts 25-35 people, with around 200 plants in the ground, guarded and watered before lunch. (Lunch is provided by the landowner at noon as a thank you to the volunteers.)

People are usually surprised – even a bit amazed – to see how quickly it all happens! It's very rewarding and there's a job for everyone – no matter what your physical age or condition. Whether you are a seasoned tree planter or a complete novice, you are welcome to join. Pre-registration is essential to help with organising and catering.

But it's not only planting trees that keeps MRLC busy in spring time. It's a very busy time for weeding, too.

For 15 years now, MRLC members have been actively controlling weeds that are invading, or threatening to invade Mount Roland Regional Reserve.

Back in the times before native vegetation was cleared to make way for farming and other uses, there was little or no need to protect Mount Roland from weed invasion. But since the adjoining land has been cleared, new plants are growing on all boundaries of the Reserve.

Some of these can aggressively invade the bushlands and, if left unchecked, will certainly do so. Gone are the days when bushland can look after itself. Now bushland requires active management to prevent it being overrun by weeds.

Around Mount Roland, the most invasive weeds at present are foxgloves, Montpellier broom, Spanish Heath, thistles and Burgan (*Kunzea ericoides*), amongst others.

The seeds of these environmental weeds can be carried into the Reserved area by wind, water, birds, animals, humans, or vehicles. Particularly after soil disturbance inside the Reserve (think windstorms/floods/fires), the seeds gain the space to establish, grow and set seed. If not quickly controlled, they can be very difficult to eradicate.

Mount Roland Land Care is always on the lookout for the new and emerging weed threats. Each year we seek to identify the highest priority weeds – those that pose the greatest threat to Mount Roland – and do what we can to reduce the threat level.

Sometimes removal of a single plant can prevent untold future work. Other times, the damage has already been done, and work is required for years if the problem is to be overcome.

Of course, as a purely volunteer group, MRLC has very limited resources. Funding to support this type of work is occasionally available, but usually it's very hard to come by.

So we need to be strategic, aiming to achieve as much as possible, as efficiently as we can.

MRLC has a series of public weeding bees each year, usually held on or near the Reserve borders where we tackle the highest

priority jobs. These events are open to the public so, if you're looking for a way to make a meaningful contribution to the care of our local environment, this may be something to consider. Most work requires hand pulling of seedlings.

Full details are available on the group's website at: <https://www.mountrolandlandcare.org.au/news-aug-2025> Details of upcoming tree planting days and weeding bees are also posted on the group's Facebook page – search for Mount Roland Land Care. Or you can contact us by email at seretary@mountrolandlandcare.org.au

We've held two weeding bees in August, with another three or four planned for October and November. If you happen to be aware of a weed problem, either inside or within striking distance of Mount Roland Reserve, then we'd love to hear from you. Yes, we have limited resources, but we'll do what we can to protect the Mountain we all love.



Volunteers weed montpellier broom at Claude Road.

MENTAL HEALTH WEEK EVENT - 2025



Celebrating the small joys and unique beauty of our local community. Whether it's a quiet moment in nature, a friendly wave from a neighbour, the feeling you get from seeing the Aurora, or the charm of our local streets and landscapes—this event is a chance to reflect on what makes Kentish special to you.

In the lead-up to the event, we're inviting all community members to create a piece of artwork that explores what you appreciate about Kentish. There are no limits to your creativity!

All submitted artworks will be proudly displayed at Kentish House during the event. There will be prizes, catering, and a warm, welcoming atmosphere to celebrate Mental Health Week together.

THURSDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2025

Know where to find life-saving defibs

Thanks to the Government’s Community AED Program, Kentish House is proud to announce the installation of a publicly accessible Automated External Defibrillator (AED), now mounted under cover at the front of the building.

This vital piece of emergency equipment is available 24/7, offering potentially life-saving support in the event of sudden cardiac arrest.

What is an AED?

An AED is a portable device designed to treat people experiencing sudden cardiac arrest — a condition where the heart unexpectedly stops beating. The AED analyses the heart’s rhythm and, if necessary, delivers an electric shock (defibrillation) to help the heart re-establish an effective rhythm.

How does it work?

AEDs are designed to be simple and intuitive. You do not need medical training to use an AED. Turn on the device and just follow the prompts.

When should it be used?

An AED should be used when someone:

- Collapses suddenly and is unresponsive
- Is not breathing or is breathing abnormally
- Has no detectable pulse

Always call 000 immediately before using the AED.

Accessibility note:

The AED at Kentish House is mounted approximately 1.5 metres from ground level, which may limit accessibility for some individuals. If you are unable to reach it, seek assistance

from others nearby or call emergency services for help. An alarm will go off when opening the box; please notify Kentish House staff to turn off: 6491 2322 or 0447 325 343.

List of AEDs in Kentish:

Lower Barrington Community Hall
1027 Sheffield Road, Lower Barrington
Boral, Nook Quarry
Nook Road / Gravel Pit Road, Nook
Shed opposite House
703 West Nook Road, Nook
Kentish Council Chambers
69 High Street, Sheffield
Sheffield Hotel
Main Street, Sheffield
Sheffield Post Office
58 Main Street, Sheffield
Sheffield Bowls Club
77 Main Street, Sheffield
Kentish House
16-18 Station Street, Sheffield
Railton Neighbourhood Centre
8 Foster Street, Railton
Cement Australia
101 Cement Works Road, Railton
Wilmot Memorial Hall
53 Main Street, Wilmot
Lake Barrington International Rowing Centre,
The Reecionans Centre
520 Staverton Road, Promised Land
Cradle Mountain Wilderness Village
3816 Cradle Mountain Road, Cradle Mountain
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4038 Cradle Mountain Road, Cradle Mountain

Need a hand with your resume?

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Drop-In Session

Monday, 1st September
11:00am - 12:00pm
Kentish House
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Carers need care



A new pilot program is launching in Kentish to support local carers, following community feedback requesting a space for connection, information, and access to services.

The Kentish Carers Support Group is a collaboration between the Kentish Access 2 Health Services Project, Kentish House, and Rural Health Kentish, and will run monthly in Sheffield.

The group will meet on the second Wednesday of each month, from 2-3pm at Rural Health Kentish, located at the Kentish Health Hub on Henry Street.

It offers carers a chance to socialise, receive support, and connect with services that can assist them in their caring roles. The first session will feature the North West Community Legal Centre, with a free lawyer available to answer questions and explain the importance of Power of Attorney and Enduring Guardian appointments - key tools that help carers support those they care for.

Upcoming sessions will include presentations and support from:

- NDIS Mission Australia
- Dementia Australia
- MyAgedCare
- Services Australia
- Carer's Gateway

All carers in the Kentish area are warmly invited to attend. Whether you're caring for a loved one or supporting someone in the community, this group is here to help.

Market Moves

with **Corinne Nicholson**
Principal
Roberts Nicholson
48 Main St Sheffield



Spring arrives in Kentish with a quiet promise of new beginnings, longer days, and fresh energy. It's a season full of momentum, when new chapters feel ready to begin.

Last week, I received a call from a lovely family in Railton. They weren't quite sure if they were ready to sell yet, just curious about the value of their home.

When I arrived, their garden was already coming back to life. Wisteria was starting to bud, and a bowl of lemons sat on the garden table like sunshine in a dish.

We chatted outside in the garden they love, sharing a cuppa and a quiet conversation about what might come next. Sometimes these moments aren't about selling right away - they're about planting the seed. And I always say: September is a beautiful time to prepare for what's next.

Seller tip: Spring gardens and sunlight boost buyer emotion. Open blinds and tidy your entrance.

Buyer tip: Organise finance now, good homes go quickly in Spring.

Property of the Month: 130 Main Street, Sheffield.

Set on 6 acres, this lifestyle property features five bedrooms, two bathrooms and a 10x9m undercover entertaining area. Some double glazing adds comfort, while established gardens, a dam, and paddocks complete the picture.



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Be vigilant for signs of potato virus

Potato mop-top virus has been found in crops on Tasmania's north-west, sparking the launch of an incident response team.

The virus, which has never been detected in Australia before, distorts and rots the skin and flesh of potatoes.

The Tasmanian Government is taking action, in partnership with Biosecurity Tasmania, with tracing work underway and control measures in place.

There are no food safety or human health risks associated with the virus, and all potatoes remain safe to consume.

However, the virus can significantly affect yield, meaning it could potentially have large impacts on growers and the agricultural industry.

Biosecurity Tasmania's chief plant protection officer Susanna Driessen said the virus was "previously exotic to Australia" and this was the first detection in the country.

She said a farmer in north-west Tasmania came forward with a potato they were concerned about earlier this year, which was diagnosed with mop-top virus on July 18.

The disease was subsequently found across multiple potato varieties on that farmer's site, but it has not been detected in any further locations.

"What we are doing at the moment is ... working with the grower to understand where material might have moved and also how material came onto the property," Dr Driessen said.

Risk mitigation measures have been put in place to attempt to contain the disease on the affected farm, but no wider restrictions have been placed on the industry.

Dr Driessen stressed the virus was a "plant pest" and that there are no risks to human health.

TasFarmers chief executive Nathan Calman said the detection was "very concerning" and called for a "swift and strong response plan".

"It probably represents a significant failure in our biosecurity protocols," Mr Calman said.

"We need to contain the outbreak to the single farm it has been detected on."

He said tracing would be "absolutely vital" to ensuring the virus had not spread further down the supply chain.

Tasmania's Minister for Primary Industries, Gavin Pearce — who is a potato farmer on the north-west coast — said an incident management team had been created.

Mr Pearce said Tasmania was known as the "potato capital" of Australia and he intended to "keep it that way".

Biosecurity Tasmania has asked farmers to be alert for unusual signs of disease in potato plants and stock, and report any potential diseases to the agency.

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Clergyman charged over death of

Intense interest swept the Kentish district in 1928 when the sad news broke that a young, well-known ex-Kentish school teacher had died suddenly in Omeo, Victoria. It occurred on 3 Jan 1928, just three weeks short of her 22nd birthday and two weeks short of her baby daughter's 1st birthday. Two days earlier, the young mother and her infant had returned to Omeo from a protracted visit to her parents in Railton, where she had tried to regain her health. But what caused every newspaper in the nation to publish this distressing event was the sensational announcement, a couple of weeks later, that her young clergyman husband had been charged with her murder. This is how the shock story unfolded.

Ethel Constance White was born 23 Jan 1906, the second daughter of *Albert & Annie White* of Railton. From an early age, Ethel was reciting, singing and playing the piano and winning prizes. Like her devout parents, Ethel became a dedicated worker at the Railton Methodist church. At 15, she became a pupil-teacher at Railton, then at 16 she began teaching at the small school at Lower Beulah. The following year, in Jan 1923, Miss Ethel White (17) was sent to take charge of the Lower Wilmot school to relieve *Miss Weeding* for six months while she spent half a year at the teachers' college in Hobart.

Two months later, in April 1923, a young trainee Methodist minister, *Ronald Griggs* (23), arrived at Wilmot on a 12-month assignment as a home missionary working out of the Wilmot Methodist church. Born in 1900, Ronald Griggs was the eldest of five children belonging to a committed Wesleyan family in Southern Tasmania.

Towards the end of WWI, when Ronald turned 18, he joined the AIF and was sent to France. It was in France that he had a deep religious experience beginning with a rebuke from a street girl in a wine shop. Later that evening, he knelt before a wayside cross and offered his life to God as a preacher. Upon returning to Australia, he began studying for the Methodist ministry at Queen College in North Melbourne. In April 1923, he was sent to the rural district of Wilmot for one year's training as a 'home missionary'. Both Ronald Griggs and Ethel White boarded at Brooklyn House, run by *Mrs Harriet Ambrose*, whose sons established Ambrose's clothing stores along the coast.

Courtship and Engagement

When they first met, Ronald Griggs was 23 and Ethel White was 17. Ronald regularly preached and took charge of social events. Ethel played the organ and sang, sometimes with Harriet Ambrose's daughter *Etta*. On Empire Day, celebrations were held at the Lower Wilmot school. Ethel assembled her schoolchildren in front of the flagpole, welcomed all parents and visitors, then invited the new home-missioner, Ronald Griggs, to speak. This was followed by games and sports.

The young couple were soon attracted to each other, but only four months later, in July 1923, Miss Weeding returned from her training in Hobart, and Ethel White was transferred back to the Beulah school, where that December she sang a solo at the Beulah Methodist SS anniversary. That summer (1923/24), Ethel and Ronald became engaged. Ethel's friends agreed Griggs was fortunate to have gained her as his life partner.

After completing his year at Wilmot, Griggs returned to Queen's College, Melbourne, in March 1924 for his final two years of study to become a Methodist minister. He was a clever student, topping the class in Greek and gaining some scholarships. In April 1924, Ethel was transferred back to

Wilmot School for the next 20 months till Dec 1925. So for Griggs's winter vacation in 1925, he returned to Wilmot and stayed again with Ethel at Brooklyn House. But during these two years of study (1924–1926), Griggs only saw Ethel during three vacations. Ethel was a bright, retiring girl – her pleasant manner gaining her hosts of friends. Wilmot parents recall the kindness and tact she displayed as a schoolteacher and her willingness to assist with any charitable function.

Marriage and Move to Omeo

Their marriage was planned to take place at the completion of Griggs's studies. In March 1926, Griggs received his Licentiate of Theology and was appointed minister of the Methodist church at Omeo, a town of 2000, 250 miles NE of Melbourne. On 7 April 1926, Rev Ronald Griggs (26) married Ethel White (20) in the Railton Methodist church. Following their wedding luncheon with 30 relatives and friends, the newlyweds left by the evening train for Devonport amid showers of confetti. Next day, they embarked on the SS *Oonah* for Melbourne enroute to Omeo, Victoria.

'Go home with the one you have.'

First year at Omeo – 1926

Ronald & Ethel rode the 250 miles from Melbourne to Omeo on Ronald's motorcycle and sidecar and settled into the six-room parsonage next door to the weatherboard Methodist church. Ethel became pregnant immediately for, just nine months later, in January 1927, she gave birth to their only child. At first, they did a lot of visiting in his motorcycle and sidecar and soon became friendly with two church elders. One was wealthy sheep grazier *John Condon*, who had three young-adult daughters, and the other, farmer *Henry Harmen*. The Griggs frequently stayed overnight at both these homesteads, where they were given free run of their properties. Griggs began to regularly use Condon's workshop to do maintenance work on his motorcycle.

But soon, Ethel became unwell. Marrying a Melbourne graduate she hardly knew, her immediate pregnancy, losing all her friends and moving interstate to take on the role of a minister's wife were all a bit much. She lost her cheerfulness, becoming moody and depressed. She stopped travelling in Ronald's sidecar, leaving him to do the visiting alone.

About six weeks before the baby was due, Ethel invited John Condon's feisty second daughter, *Lottie* (20), to come and stay at the parsonage for a week. One day, Ethel came indoors to find Lottie lying on the couch with her husband stroking her hair. She strongly objected to this. It was the first time she suspected something could be amiss with her marriage. Then it dawned on her how many times her husband had visited the Condons' homestead without her and stayed overnight.

Shortly after this, Ethel was shopping in Mitchell's store when her husband with Lottie in the sidecar pulled up outside. Griggs offered to take his heavily pregnant wife home in his sidecar. She refused, saying, 'Go home with the one you already have in the sidecar.' Half an hour later, Ethel arrived home, walked into the house without saying a word and shortly afterwards disappeared out the back door. Later, after searching the church and the neighbour's house, Ethel was found down back by a creek, threatening suicide.

ex-Kentish school teacher By Alan F Dyer

Birth of their Baby and Ethel's death

The baby was born mid-January, 1927, and Ethel's mother came over from Railton for the birth. Interestingly, at the same time Lottie Condon left Omeo for a two-month holiday in Wagga, NSW. On one occasion, Griggs rode the 400-mile journey up to see her. After six months, when Ethel's mother was due to return to Tasmania, Griggs persuaded Ethel, with her baby, to go with her for an extended visit to get well. So on 16 July, 1927, Ethel, her mother and baby left Omeo and returned to Railton, where she stayed until Christmas. Ethel wrote every day to Ronald, who, after six months, sent her a fare to return. Two days after Christmas Day 1927, Ethel and the baby left on the boat for Melbourne, stayed one night at the Victoria Coffee Palace, then made an early start on the long and tiring coach journey back to Omeo.

Ethel and the baby reached the parsonage at 9pm on Saturday, Dec 31, 1927. Ronald was not in but arrived shortly afterwards, kissing his wife and the baby. While Ethel put the baby to bed, Ronald made her some cheese sandwiches and a cup of tea. She seemed well but exhausted from travelling. Immediately after drinking the tea, she took ill and began to vomit. Then Ethel developed stomach pains and continued vomiting all night. After Rev Griggs preached his Sunday sermon on New Year's Day, 1927, he sent for *Dr Matthews*, who was relieving Omeo's permanent doctor.

On Monday, Ethel was no better, and the doctor was called twice – at 11am and 9pm. At his evening visit, Ethel was delirious, so Dr Matthews gave her something he told Griggs would make her sleep well until morning. But four hours later, at 1am on Tuesday morning, Jan 3, Ethel was dead. Dr Matthews came again, and from what Griggs told him about her history, her exhaustive return trip and the prolonged period of vomiting, the doctor concluded it was too much for her heart and signed her death certificate.

The Condon girls' father, John Condon, still unaware that his daughter and Griggs were lovers, tried to comfort Griggs by inviting him to stay at his homestead until he recovered from the shock. Griggs wanted to take his wife's burial service, but two fellow ministers – one Anglican & one Presbyterian – persuaded him to let them officiate. Griggs packed up Ethel's Bible, hymnbook and other personal items and posted them home to his mother-in-law but gave the baby to his parents. This greatly upset Ethel's mother, who had helped care for the infant all its life.

Two weeks after Ethel's death, Rev Griggs and Lottie Condon were seen out horse-riding arm-in-arm. Rumours became rife that Rev Ronald Griggs had been romantically associated with Lottie Condon for months. Finally, the local Methodist leaders called him in, accused him of adultery and asked him to resign. Rev Griggs strongly proclaimed his innocence: 'I swear there is nothing but friendship between us.'

While this meeting was taking place, a detective, brought in from Melbourne to investigate the Omeo rumours, was interviewing Lottie Condon at her home. When asked directly if she had been intimate with Griggs, she at first hesitated, and then, hanging her head, said 'yes'. With surprising frankness, she detailed times and places, adding, 'He promised to marry me when his wife left him.' Armed with this evidence, the detective went straight to Griggs and caught him leaving the elders' meeting. At the police station, Briggs again denied any

impropriety with the girl, until the detective read extracts of Lottie's statement and showed him her signature. Griggs was shattered. With trembling hands and a quavering voice, he confessed her report was true but denied there was any trouble with his wife.

The coroner ordered Ethel's body be exhumed, which was done on 26 Jan in the presence of the undertaker, the Melbourne detective and Dr. Mollison, who removed her heart, kidneys, liver and spleen, placing them in sealed glass jars for testing. The analysis revealed that the deceased had been poisoned by at least two doses of arsenic. The coroner then found that Mrs Ethel Griggs died of heart failure as the result of arsenic administered by Ronald Griggs and committed him for trial in Sale in March. Griggs was refused bail.

Griggs's Trials:

This astounding news of a clergyman poisoning his young wife was quickly picked up by every newspaper in the nation and was sensationally reported on throughout Griggs's two murder trials. Divorce was never an option, as this would have ended his career as a clergyman. His first trial – *Crown v Ronald Griggs* – began in Sale, Gippsland, on 17 Mar 1928. Many witnesses were called. Griggs admitted his intimacy with Lottie, including misconduct two weeks after his wife's death. But he denied the charge of murdering his wife. He claimed his wife was very moody, unstable and depressed, had become hysterical and on one occasion had threatened to take her own life – she must have taken her own life.

The doctor described his visits and prescriptions. Lottie Condon said that she knew Griggs had studied chemistry; her father admitted he kept two packets of arsenic in his workshop. The question before the jury: Was Ethel murdered, or did she take her own life? Ten of the jury in the first trial were in favour of convicting him, but two were not. They were locked up overnight and when by morning they still couldn't get a unanimous decision, the jury was dismissed.

Was Ethel murdered, or did she take her own life?

The second trial was transferred to Melbourne on 21 April 1928. Two days later, Griggs stood to hear the foreman of the jury say, 'Not guilty.' Gasps were heard across the courtroom. Based on Griggs own testimony, Lottie's father now realised he was a liar, adulterer and a murderer. Condon told his daughter if she married Griggs, he would disinherit her. Condon sold his property and moved to NSW. A year later, Lottie seemed to have forgotten Griggs and appeared happy without him. Meanwhile, Griggs turned up in South Australia as a minister of the Presbyterian Church preaching under an assumed name until found out and dismissed. A year later, he was delivering milk in an Adelaide suburb. When again identified, Griggs left Adelaide for an unknown destination. Ethel's parents died over 70 years ago, and her two brothers, who left Railton as young men, and her two unmarried sisters are all deceased.

My mother, Marion (Slater) Dyer, was a year younger than Ethel White. They were both church organists and knew one another. Ethel's shock death had a profound effect not only upon my mother, who was 21 years old, but on the entire Kentish community.

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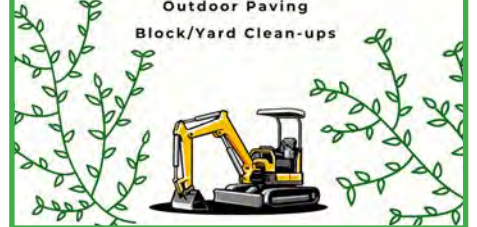
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1. Raptors bill and coo (9,4)
2. Ring chicken farmer (10)
3. Ruffled lark tale (sic) (4,2,5)
4. Gnu confused in pine maze (7)
5. Reefy tern (gull) disturbed (4,4,5)
6. Fallow deer ran amok (10)
7. Injured rat squealed (8)
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POLICE REPORT

Stealing and Trespass 29/07/2025

Dynans Bridge Road, Lower Beulah

Victim: Sustainable Timber Tasmania

On July 29, police conducted a joint operation with Parks and Wildlife officers near Dynans Bridge Road. During the operation, Parks and Wildlife personnel identified a suspect vehicle believed to be involved in the illegal collection of firewood on land managed by Parks and Wildlife. The vehicle was intercepted, three occupants identified themselves and all three individuals admitted to illegally collecting the wood with the intention of using it as firewood at home.

The males have been charged and will face court.

Wounding - Station Street, Sheffield

On Monday, August 4, police received a Triple Zero (000) call relating to an altercation in which a male person had been struck on the head, sustaining a superficial wound.

Three persons were involved. A male and female were charged and will appear in court at a later date.

Assault - Sheffield Hotel, Sheffield

At 9:45pm on August 9, multiple people were present at the Sheffield Hotel, a verbal argument broke out, a melee began with punches being swung between multiple people.

One male involved punched a male victim directly to the face rendering him unconscious. Ambulance attended to the victim who was transported to hospital. The victim will make a full recovery.

The offender in the matter has been charged.

- Tasmania Police is boosting its road safety push, with extra wheel clamps being rolled out across the state to put the brakes on drivers caught hooning or driving dangerously. The new clamps are specialised locking devices fitted to a vehicle's steering wheel.

In 2024-25, Tasmania Police clamped 175 vehicles due to road offending by drivers, including 60 that were clamped specifically for the offence of hooning. Among the total 175 clamping incidents, more than 100 drivers had their vehicles clamped for a period of 28 days.

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		Stitching Stories by Cindy Thompson Sheffield Art Gallery
Tuesday	Sept 2	Women's Health Week 9.30am-2.30pm, Wilmot Hall (see p16)
Wednesday	Sept 3	MRLC Tree Planting 10am-noon, 3100 Sheffield Road, Railton
Friday	Sept 5	Railton Young Parents Group 10-11am, Limestone Cafe, 16 Foster St
Saturday	Sept 6	Wilmot Country Market 9am-1pm, Wilmot Memorial Hall
Sunday	Sept 7	Father's Day Fun Day 10am-4pm Tasmazia, Promised Land
Sat-Sun	Sept 6-7	Steam Engine rides 11am-4pm, Sheffield Steam & Heritage Centre
Tuesday	Sept 9	Kentish Probus Club 10am, Sheffield Bowls Club
Wednesday	Sept 10	Carers Support Group 2-3pm, Rural Health, 1B Henry Street, Sheffield
Thursday	Sept 11	Book Chat 4-5pm, Sheffield Library, 12 Henry Street
		Kentish Garden Club 6.30pm, Sheffield Bible Chapel, 45 High St
Saturday	Sept 13	Wilmot Yarns 2 7-8.30pm, Wilmot Memorial Hall, 53 Main Street
Monday	Sept 15	Trivia 6.30 for 7pm, Sheffield RSL, 77 Main Street, Sheffield
Tuesday	Sept 16	Understanding the Age Pension 1pm, Sheffield Uniting Church
		Kentish Council meeting 6pm, Council Office, High Street, Sheffield
Wednesday	Sept 17	Services Australia 9.30-11am Sheffield; 12-12.30pm Railton
Saturday	Sept 20	Claude Road Market 9am-1pm, Claude Road Hall
		Gravel Race , Mersey Mountain Bike Club, Railton
Wednesday	Sept 24	Penguin Rehab information evening 5.30-7pm, Spring Street, Burnie
Thursday	Sept 25	Railton Community Information Evening 7pm, Kings Hall
Saturday	Sept 27	Mr Perfect BBQ 11am-12.30pm, Health Park, Sheffield
		Sheffield Steam & Heritage Centre AGM 11am, Recreation Grounds
Monday	Sept 29	Claude Road Memorial Hall AGM 6pm, Claude Road Hall

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thursday	Oct 9	Mental Health Week event, Kentish House (see p22)
Saturday	Oct 11	Wedding Gowns display 10am-4pm, Lower Barrington Hall (see p17)
Fri-Sun	Oct 17, 19	Hobart Garden Tour by coach with Kentish Garden Club (see p17)

Cryptic Puzzle Answers

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| 1. Eaglehawk Neck | 6. Flowerdale |
| 2. Bellingham | 7. Tarleton |
| 3. Lake St Clair | 8. Derwent Bridge |
| 4. Penguin | 9. Flowerdale |
| 5. Fern Tree Gully | 10. Winnaleah |

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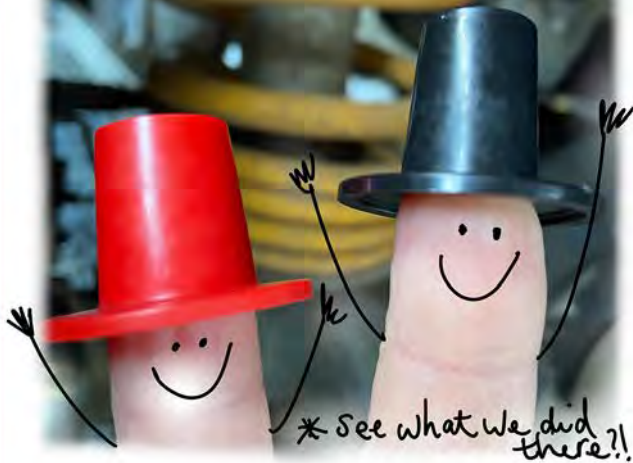
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