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Kiara rises to lead fire awards



Railton Fire Brigade is proud to announce that brigade member Kiara McDonald has been awarded the 2026 Women and Firefighting Australasia (WFA) Rising Leader Award.

The award was presented in Melbourne on August 18 during the WFA Welcome Ceremony by WFA President Min McDonald and Treasurer Laura Smith (*pictured with Kiara, left*). The Awards recognise individuals and teams who help create a more inclusive, equitable and representative fire and emergency services sector.

The WFA Conference was held in conjunction with the AFAC Conference, hosted by the Australasian Fire and Emergency Service Authorities Council (AFAC), bringing together fire and emergency service personnel from across Australia and New Zealand to share knowledge, celebrate achievements and support the future of the sector.

Kiara's award recognises four years of dedication within the Tasmania Fire Service. Since joining the Railton Junior Cadet program, she has progressed from Junior to Cadet and most recently to Active Underage Firefighter, while continuing to take an active leadership role in mentoring younger members.

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EDITORIAL

Growing older while living at home in a rural area can bring its own set of challenges. You may have limited family or friends nearby, changes in your health or mobility, difficulty accessing transport, or live in an area where services can be hard to find.

If everyday tasks are becoming more difficult, it may be time to consider seeking some support—particularly if you are keen to remain living independently in your own home.

Unfortunately, many people wait until they are in crisis before asking for help. A fall resulting in hospital admission, or a prolonged hospital stay can quickly lead to a loss of independence and, in some circumstances, an earlier move into permanent residential aged care.

Seeking support early does not necessarily mean giving up your independence. Sometimes, small changes to your home, routines or access to services can make a significant difference and help you remain active, safe and independent.

There has been a lot of discussion recently about the aged care system, including the Support at Home Program, waiting lists, algorithms, costs and changes to services. It can all feel overwhelming and confusing - not only for older people and their families, but sometimes for those working within the system as well. Many people simply don't know where to begin and give up because the process seems too difficult.

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Quiet achiever embodies award qualities

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Known for her quiet and encouraging leadership style, Kiara consistently volunteers for brigade activities, training opportunities and community engagement events.

She has represented Railton Fire Brigade at three North West Regional Fun Days and two State Firefighting Competitions, serving as Team Captain at both events in 2025.

Kiara also played a key role in planning and hosting an inter-brigade activity, demonstrating initiative, organisation and a strong commitment to creating positive experiences for other young members.

Reflecting on receiving the award, Kiara said: "I am very thankful for being nominated for the Rising Leader Award.

"I am incredibly honoured to have been recognised and truly grateful that others saw potential in me and felt I was deserving of this opportunity."

She also expressed her appreciation to the organisations that helped make the trip possible.

"I would like to sincerely thank the Railton Neighbourhood Centre, Railton RSL Sub-Branch and Railton Fire Brigade for helping to fund my mother and me to attend the ceremony and accept the award in person. It was a wonderful experience, and I am incredibly grateful."

Kiara said receiving the award has strengthened her commitment to the fire service and supporting others.

"I'm incredibly honoured to receive this award. Being part of Railton Fire Brigade has given me so many opportunities to learn, grow and contribute to my community.

"I've been fortunate to be supported by amazing mentors,

brigade members and fellow cadets along the way.

"This recognition motivates me to continue developing my skills, supporting others and encouraging more young people to become involved in the fire service."

While continuing to train towards becoming an operational firefighter, Kiara remains actively involved in the Junior Cadet program, helping younger members develop their skills and confidence.

Her dedication, leadership and commitment to supporting others embody the qualities recognised by the WAFA Rising Leader Award.

Congratulations, Kiara, on this outstanding achievement. Railton Fire Brigade is proud of your success and grateful for the positive example you continue to set for young people, the Tasmania Fire Service and the future of the fire and emergency services sector.



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The Wild in Wilmot Arts and Culture festival, devised and organised by Queensland import Idell Wadley, will feature all natural elements, from clay sculpture to raffia basket weaving to wild foods.

To be held on Sunday, March 21, the festival was launched last month at the distillery, attended by media sponsors 7AD FM radio and The Kentish Voice, which is hosting a photo competition. Artists, businesses and community groups enjoyed a wild-inspired morning tea while harpist Geoffrey Winder entertained the crowd.

Idell, who has a 30-year background in event management, said the first thing she noticed when she moved to Wilmot 18 months ago was that the district was “jam-packed” with talent. “But there was no central platform to showcase all that talent,” she said. “The idea of hosting a festival wouldn’t leave me alone.”

When she met distillery proprietor Jo Louw at the property, Idell knew she had found a location. “All the wild elements of life in and around the north west can be found here.”



Wild girls: (from left) Christine Davson-Galle, Idell Wadley and Ruth Rutherford. Photo: Heather Eiszele

Showcase artists will include Eat Wild Tasmanian author Rees Campbell, wild clay sculptor Ruth Rutherford, botanical eco-dye artist Christine Davson-Galle and raffia basket weaver Suzie Wiltshire.

Idell said the festival would work with the community to ensure mutual success.

“We will be offering a wild orchard forage where the kids can fill a bucket for \$3 and the money will go to Wilmot School,” she said. Wilmot cricket club will receive \$200 for organising the parking and hosting a community BBQ.

Violinist Wayne Sheehan, harpist Geoffrey Winder and Sheffield community choir Mountain Echoes will perform while a market will offer wild alternatives (stalls available \$30 each; community groups free).

“We are looking for vendors who will celebrate the wilderness and the wild aspect of living around nature,” Idell said. “We are hoping to make it as natural as possible.”

Camping will be available on the 9acre site, which features a 2000-seat amphitheatre and parking for 200. Idell’s company Hypatia’s House is underwriting the festival and seeking sponsors. Please contact wildinwilmot@gmail.com



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Sally leaves a legacy of lives touched

Past and present Volunteer Ambulance Officers (VAOs) and paramedics recently gathered in Sheffield to celebrate 20 years of service, thousands of volunteer hours, countless lives touched, and the remarkable community spirit that has defined an important chapter in Ambulance Tasmania's history.

Ahead of the Sheffield Ambulance Station's 20th anniversary on November 10, current and former volunteers and paramedics came together at the Sheffield Hotel to reflect on two decades of providing emergency care and support across Kentish.

Since opening on Henry Street in 2006, the Sheffield Ambulance Station has played a vital role in delivering emergency healthcare to residents and visitors alike.

Throughout that time, Volunteer Ambulance Officers have worked alongside paramedics, responding to emergencies at all hours of the day and night and placing the needs of others before their own.

The evening was filled with stories, laughter and reflection as attendees shared memories from the station's early days through to the present. It was also an opportunity to recognise the families behind the volunteers and paramedics, whose support has helped make two decades of service possible.

A highlight of the celebration was the recognition of local Volunteer Ambulance Officer Sally Brooks (*pictured right*), who has served the Sheffield community since before the station officially opened its doors.

Ambulance Tasmania's Manager Community First Responders and Volunteers, Kylie Kapeller, presented Sally with a commemorative plaque in recognition of her extraordinary 20 years of volunteer service.

Over two decades, Sally has supported countless patients and families, responded to emergencies across the region, and helped shape the strong volunteer culture that continues today.

As she hangs up her Ambulance Tasmania volunteer uniform and looks forward to spending more time with her husband Michael and family, her contribution leaves a lasting legacy that will be remembered for many years to come.

Volunteer Ambulance Officers are a vital part of Ambulance Tasmania's service delivery in regional communities.

Working alongside paramedics as members of an ambulance crew, they play an important role in helping deliver timely emergency care. Once qualified, they may also respond to emergencies alongside another volunteer or as a solo first responder, extending Ambulance Tasmania's reach and helping ensure their community receives care when it matters most.

The Sheffield station has a proud history of developing volunteers and fostering community-minded people. Over the years, many volunteers have gone on to successful careers as paramedics, nurses, doctors and other health professionals, while others have continued serving their community as dedicated volunteers.

As Sheffield Ambulance Station looks towards the next decade, Ambulance Tasmania is encouraging local residents who would like to make a meaningful difference in their community to consider becoming a Volunteer Ambulance Officer.

No previous experience is required, with comprehensive training and ongoing support provided.

By joining the team, new volunteers will help continue a proud tradition of local service that has supported the Kentish community for more than 20 years.



Miles, the station pooch, gives his warm approval to 20-year volunteer Sally Brooks' award.

Anyone interested in learning more about the role is encouraged to contact Ambulance Tasmania on 1300 303 196 or email volunteer@ambulance.tas.gov.au

A poster for Volunteer Ambulance Officers. At the top, it says 'Volunteer Ambulance Officers' in large white letters on a dark blue background. Below that, it says 'WANTED STATEWIDE' in white letters on a blue background. In the center, there is a photograph of three people (two men and one woman) in uniform standing next to an ambulance. At the bottom, there is a black banner with white text that reads: 'www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/ambulance/volunteers', 'volunteer@ambulance.tas.gov.au', '1300 303 196', and 'SHEFFIELD AMBULANCE STATION - HENRY STREET'. The Ambulance Tasmania logo is in the top right corner.

Railton plant supports jobs: White

Assistant Minister for Health and Aged Care and Federal Member for Lyons, Rebecca White, visited Cement Australia's Railton facility to receive an update on upgrades to the plant being supported through the Australian Government's Powering the Regions Grant Program.

During the visit, she toured the site, met with workers and site representatives, and discussed how the project will support local jobs and strengthen the region's industrial base.

Ms White said the Railton facility is a major local employer and plays an important role in supporting economic activity in Northern Tasmania.

The upgrades include work on the kiln to support increased use of alternative fuels, such as waste, helping reduce emissions, coal consumption and waste going to landfill.

The project supports Cement Australia's broader decarbonisation efforts and the development of more sustainable value chains, with the upgrades anticipated to be fully operational around this time next year.

The project highlights the importance of practical investment in regional industry, local workers and communities.

Ms White said the Railton facility has been an important part of the local economy for over 100 years, supporting jobs and families across the region.

"Projects like this bring together local knowledge with new investment and support from our Labor government to make sure we secure the future of Railton."

"This project backs in the workers and the vision of Cement Australia to ensure we keep making cement in Tasmania that helps to build our economy and support regional jobs."



Rebecca White with Cement Australia's Group Manager Major Projects Mark Wright (left) and Operations Manager Simon Tueon.



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Verne Thomas Reeves

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There would be very few people living in the Kentish region who did not know Verne Reeves.

The Reeves family has been part of the Lower Barrington district for many generations, dating back to the early pioneering days when the area was still in its infancy. Verne was immensely proud of his family's connection to the region. His great-

grandfather, Tom Reeves, First World Class Axeman, was among the early Reeves family members to live, work and farm in the district during the 1800s.

Verne took great pride in this family legacy and his enduring connection to Lower Barrington, and that pride was evident to everyone who knew him.

Yet Verne himself leaves behind an equally remarkable legacy.

Born and raised in Lower Barrington, Verne moved away for a time after marrying his beloved wife, Diane. The couple later returned to the district after purchasing a 100-acres property and homestead, Belle Vue, where they raised their two daughters, Jackie and Sarah. Together, they worked the land, ran cattle and grew vegetables, building a life deeply connected to their community and the land they loved.

Sadly, tragedy struck in 1990 when Verne became a paraplegic following a medical incident. It was during this incredibly difficult period that Verne's extraordinary strength, determination and fighting spirit truly shone through.

His never-give-up attitude never left him. Even in the final months of his life, Verne was still too busy making plans and wanting to do more.

Seeing some of his grandchildren marry, welcoming his first two great-grandchildren into the world, attending the 110th anniversary celebrations of the Lower Barrington Baptist Church, and reaching his 79th birthday was all on his bucket list. Verne achieved every one of them.

For many people, facing life in a wheelchair may mean downsizing their dreams and/or changing their plans completely. But Verne was not prepared to let his circumstances define him. With the unwavering support of Diane and his family, he chose to remain in Lower Barrington and continue living the life he loved. Adaptations were made to his tractor, including a specially constructed hoist, while his four-wheel motorbike and car were modified to enable him to maintain as much independence as possible.

Verne continued to farm his land, remain involved in his many interests and contribute to his community.

And contribute he certainly did.

Verne had many interests and volunteered his time generously to numerous organisations. He was a regular parishioner at the Lower Barrington Baptist Church, where his mother and aunts had been founding members. He was also a lifelong volunteer with the Lower Barrington Community Hall, Kentish Garden Club, Melrose Fire Brigade and the Historical Machinery Club of Tasmania.

Verne was always willing to help, whatever the task might be - whether manning a barbecue, selling raffle tickets, sharing his knowledge of fruit-tree pruning, or sitting by the fire brigade radio. No job was too small, and no request for help was ever taken for granted.

There was never any question that Verne was a community-minded person. He loved people and was genuinely interested in them, their lives and their stories.

Verne also possessed an incredible memory and a wonderful gift for storytelling. He could recall the characters, events and mischievous adventures of his younger years with remarkable detail. Stories of painting a horse to look like a zebra, youthful escapades with mates, and the many colourful characters who formed part of the rich history of our region were often shared with great humour and affection.

In fact, it was Verne's stories and memories that helped inspire the Lower Barrington Community Hall volunteers to present Damian Callinan's 'Hall Stories' show in April this year. Sadly, Verne was too unwell to attend the performance, but he met with Damian beforehand and generously shared stories and material that helped bring the history of our district to life.

The Lower Barrington History Group also had the foresight to interview and record Verne sharing his memories of the district. That recording will become a much-treasured reminder of a bygone era - a time of hardship, resilience, hard work and strong community spirit.

Verne's recording can be heard on the following link:- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aPRck8Pnh9A>

Verne was one of those special people who quietly became part of your life and, before you realised it, had left an imprint on your heart. His friendship, his stories, his humour and his determination will be deeply missed.

- **Bronwyn Watson**

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Why did the giant crayfish cross the road?

Greg Taylor from Mount Roland Land Care shared findings from a four-year research study about culverts with members of Kentish Garden Club at the club's AGM in August.

MRLC received a grant to answer the question: "Why did the giant crayfish cross the road?" And it wasn't following the chicken.

The question came after a local observation of a giant freshwater crayfish crossing a road where there was a culvert that it could have used to avoid exposing itself to danger.

MRLC tapped into the expertise of Professor Alastair Richardson and Todd Walsh, the world's two leading authorities on giant crayfish and who have studied the activity of giant crayfish as well as platypus and other native animals around culverts.

The giant crayfish is one of Tasmania's most endangered animals. Once plentiful in creeks and rivers across northern Tasmania, its numbers have plummeted. Moving from one body of water to another is important for the animal's survival as it may help them to maintain body temperature in hot weather, find food and seek mates and safe habitats.

To study the endangered animals, the group set up cameras in Kentish and at Circular Head, then watched hours of footage of creatures captured during daylight hours as well as at night to understand their behaviour.

The research revealed the design of culverts, particularly steep access, prevented most creatures from safe access.

The next stage in the study was to develop solutions to the problem. "We wanted an inexpensive and environmentally friendly solution," said Greg.

After trialling different materials, they discovered that relatively cheap rubber mats from the hardware store laid in the culvert transformed the smooth concrete inside the culvert into a



Safe passage: a giant freshwater crayfish successfully enters a modified culvert under a road.

surface that provided purchase for the animals to navigate, especially when travelling upstream against flowing water.

To provide access to a perched culvert, where the opening of the culvert is above the level of the stream or dam below, they built simple stone ladders from local paddocks. Video surveillance soon showed animals using the modified culverts successfully.

Kentish Council has joined the trial by setting up a modified culvert at Frying Pan Creek at Nook. The internal base of the concrete culvert has been roughened to assist animals to walk through the culvert even when it is flowing with water.

Long term, MRLC would like to see all new culverts modified to allow for animals to be able to cross safely under roads.

To further support the work on culverts, Kentish Garden Club presented Mount Roland Land Care with a cheque for \$1000.

- Jennifer Stackhouse

A colorful poster for the Wilmot Country Market. At the top, it says "WILMOT" in a green box. Below that, "COUNTRY MARKET" is written in large, bold, white letters on a red and orange banner. Underneath, a red banner says "FIRST SATURDAY OF THE SEASON". Below that, a green banner says "9AM - 1PM". The main title "Spring Market Sept 5th" is in large, stylized, blue and green letters. Below the title, there are four circular icons: a fork and plate for "GREAT FOOD", a musical note for "LIVE MUSIC", a basket of fruit for "FRESH PRODUCE", and a paint palette for "LOCAL ARTS & CRAFTS". At the bottom, there is a basket of fresh produce and jars of jam. The text "ENQUIRIES: wilmotcountrymarket@gmail.com" is at the bottom right.

A poster for the North West Film Society. The top section is yellow with a film strip graphic. It says "NORTH WEST FILM SOCIETY" in large, bold, blue letters, followed by "August / September 2026". Below this, it says "North West Film Society screens at Reading Cinemas Best St Devonport". A line says "Preview all films at: www.nwfs.org.au/upcoming-films". The middle section is white and features two film listings. The first listing is for "Hamnet" on "12th August @ 7pm". It includes a small image of the film, the title "HAMNET", and details: "M | 125 mins | 2025 | UK | Period Drama". The description says: "Set in 1580 Shakespearean England and based on the Maggie O'Farrell novel of the same name, Hamnet tells the tale of love and loss that inspired the creation of the timeless masterpiece, Hamlet." The second listing is for "Wolfram" on "9th September @ 7pm". It includes a small image of the film, the title "Wolfram", and details: "M | 100 mins | 2026 | Australia | Drama, Adventure". The description says: "A western set in dusty, red 1930's Northern Territory. Gold prospectors, runaway children, cattle station workers and a mother looking for a lost child all converge amongst the tungsten (wolfram) mines of the NT." The bottom section is black and contains membership information: "Annual or Part Memberships available. For more details visit the NWFS website - www.nwfs.org.au. Our membership recruitment desk operates between 6:30 pm and 7:00 pm at every screening. Find us on Facebook - nwfilmsociety".

Artists to create murals from music

Kentish Arts Commerce and Tourism has announced the nine finalists selected to take part in the 40th anniversary of International Mural Fest in Sheffield.

Congratulations to:

- Damian Cazaly — Victoria
- Chris Duffy, assisted by Karen Waight — Victoria
- Helen English — Rotorua, New Zealand
- Gren Freeman — Tasmania
- Kristina Greenwood — New South Wales
- Eloise Levy — Western Australia
- Kerry Nicholson, assisted by Dolly Nicholson — Queensland
- Marco Pennacchia — Victoria
- Patrica Smart, assisted by Olly Grohs — New South Wales

This year's theme, *Paint Me A Song*, attracted a diverse range of interpretations from artists, with submissions demonstrating an exceptional level of technical skill, creativity and artistic expression. The strength of the entries made the Selection Panel's task particularly challenging.

Sandy Brattstrom, President of Kentish Arts Commerce and Tourism, said, "We are thrilled to welcome this year's finalists to Sheffield and can't wait to see their interpretations of *Paint Me A Song* transformed from miniature murals into spectacular full-scale murals. With 2026 marking 40 years since Sheffield's first mural was painted, this year's International Mural Fest will be a particularly special celebration of the artists, volunteers and community who have shaped our remarkable mural story."

Over seven days, the artists will transform blank mural boards



into nine original works of art in the heart of Mural Park. Paint Off will be on Sunday, November 1, at 9am.

People's Choice voting opens the next day, giving visitors the opportunity to vote for their favourite mural through the week.

At noon on Saturday, November 7, it will be Brushes Down, before the Mural Miniature Auction and Awards Presentation at 2pm.

This year's festival will also feature the Where Wild Things Sing Community Arts Exhibition at the Sheffield Arts Centre and a community paint-by-number mural designed by Sheffield's Lindsay Gardam.

Preserving our legacy

As custodians and caretakers of the Sheffield Mural Project, Kentish Arts Commerce and Tourism Inc. (KACT) plays an important role in ensuring this unique collection of public art is cared for, preserved and evolves for future generations.

This responsibility includes overseeing the ongoing maintenance and restoration of murals, identifying works requiring attention and coordinating with artists and experienced restorers to ensure they are appropriately conserved.

With many murals exposed to Tasmania's changing weather conditions year round, regular monitoring and timely restoration are essential to protecting these valuable community artworks. KACT is grateful for the support provided by Kentish Council towards the ongoing maintenance and restoration of Sheffield's murals.

KACT works to ensure Sheffield's mural story continues to grow. This includes commissioning new murals that reflect the history, character and stories of the Kentish community, as well as overseeing additional works to the Sheffield Mural Project.

Caring for such an extensive outdoor collection is an ongoing commitment, made possible through the efforts of volunteers, artists, restorers, community members, sponsors and supporters. If you or someone you know would like to make a financial contribution towards the ongoing restoration and preservation of Sheffield's murals, please contact KACT at info@muralfest.com.au. Every contribution helps ensure these much loved artworks can continue to be enjoyed by our community and visitors for years to come.

KACT's Board comprises Sandy Brattstrom, Kate Haberle, Rob Dallosto, Simon Worssam and Brian Baker. Curator is Mark Beach-Ross.



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Check with your local Council to find out what product stewardship schemes or dedicated recycling services are available at your local transfer station for items such as tyres, electronics, and chemicals.

Many Councils and community facilities now offer recycle hubs where you can drop off items. These hubs make it easy to recycle everyday items that don't belong in household bins.

To find approved recycling options and product stewardship schemes in your area, visit RecyclingNearYou.com.au. This national directory makes it easy to find the right place for items that don't belong in your household bin.

Repair, Reuse, Rethink.

Reducing waste starts long before something reaches the bin. Small changes at home can make a big difference statewide. You can get started small! For example, consider visiting local repair cafés; borrow from libraries; clothes swap with a group of friends; choose durable, repairable products; donate quality items and embrace second-hand shopping. Every action adds up!

So, what can and can't go in your household bin?



For detailed information visit the **Recycle Mate** website or download the App. recyclemate.com.au

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Landfill

Anything that can't be repaired or recycled.

THIS INCLUDES:



Cartons

Foil lined & paperboard



Soft plastic

Plastic bags & packaging



Take-away packaging

Biodegradable containers



Worn out clothing

Donate reusable clothing & textiles



Nappies & animal litter

These can only be put in landfill

Keep these out of landfill:



Batteries



Building waste



Hazardous waste

Recycling

Keep it loose - don't bag recycling!

RECYCLE THESE 5 MATERIALS:



Paper

Clean and dry, no paper towels



Cardboard

Clean and dry



Hard Plastic

Empty and rinsed with lids off



Glass

Jars and bottles only, no crockery



Steel & Aluminium

Cans and clean foil

Keep everything else out of recycling:



Plastic bags



Clothing



Cartons

FOGO

Food Organics and Garden Organics

COMPOST THESE VIA YOUR FOGO BIN



Food

Vegetables, meat, bread, dairy



Garden waste

Grass, leaves, bark, twigs, weeds



Soiled Paper

Paper towel, tissues, pizza boxes



Leftovers

Out of date, spoiled, mouldy food



Shells & bones

Shellfish, egg shells, bones

Keep everything else out of FOGO:



Plastic bags & food packaging



Droppings & litter



Nappies



DID YOU KNOW?

There are some things that cannot go in **ANY household bin!**

✗ Batteries of any kind (**they start fires**),
 ✗ Power banks ✗ Power cords,
 ✗ Electronic waste ✗ Chemicals
 ✗ Hazardous waste ✗ Building waste,
 ✗ Soil ✗ Rubble ✗ Fire extinguishers,
 ✗ Gas bottles ✗ Paint



Scan me!

Even if you don't have FOGO, it's still important to **keep food waste out of landfill**. When food breaks down in landfill, it produces methane, a potent greenhouse gas. Learn to compost with this free resource.



Mayor's message: Spring into activities



Spring is in the air, and it is so refreshing to see the daffodils filling up our gardens with a wonderful array of yellow and gold.

August has been a rather busy month with students returning to school for Term 3 and various events and markets to lighten up the sometimes-dreary winter days.

There was a lovely celebration in Railton as Norma Gerke celebrated her 100th birthday. What a wonderful milestone as many family members and friends joined together to wish her a very happy birthday and reminisce on a life well lived. Congratulations, Norma! And may the coming years bring you much joy and happiness.

The Sheffield School under the direction of Principal Wendy Leonard is preparing to stage a musical production, *An Egyptian Whodunnit* from September 15-17. The story is based on the life of Tutankhamun who was an ancient Egyptian Pharaoh and is an historical fictional comedy. I am sure it will be a wonderful show as many students will have the opportunity to bring their acting and musical skills to the stage. Best wishes on a very successful production.

Congratulations to Ruby Rayner for representing Tasmania at the National Beef Cattle Parader Championships. She won

the Tasmanian State Final in 2025 which earned her the right to attend the National Championship. Well done, Ruby. A wonderful achievement.

I met with Rebecca White, MHA at the Sheffield Men's Shed where she spent time talking to the members about the extension plans that are in place for the facility. She regularly visits Sheffield and is very keen to learn about and support our projects that are part of our ongoing commitment to the community.

The Sheffield Golf Club will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary on September 6. This will be a wonderful celebration for the club with many of the original members attending the event. This golf course is regarded as one of the most picturesque courses in the state with amazing views across farmland to the rolling hills of Mount Roland.

The Sheffield Football Club have had another successful season. Congratulations to Aaron McNab on playing your 100th game for the club and to Mitchell Burns kicking over 100 goals for the season. Clubs thrive when excellent leadership and role-modelling for younger players are a strong focus for the sustainability of the club.

An information evening regarding the upcoming Local Government elections will be held at the Kentish Council Chambers on Thursday, September 3, at 6pm. This is an opportunity for anyone interested in nominating for the council to attend and gain a clear insight into the roles, responsibilities and functions of the council.

The Waste2Art exhibition will open at the Sheffield Art Centre on September 5 and close on September 19 with the presentation of awards.

Muralfest is not far away and planning for this event is well underway. We are always looking for volunteers to help during the week from November 1-7 so, if you can spare a few hours, we would be most grateful. Please let myself or Sandy Brattstrom know of your availability.

Stay safe and look out for one another.

Kentish Council is hosting a *Candidate Information Session*

for people who are thinking about running as a candidate (nominating) at the October Council Election.

**Thursday 3 September 2026
6:00pm – 7:00pm
Kentish Council,
69 High Street, Sheffield**

The information session will cover things such as:

- the roles and responsibilities of the Kentish Council
- understanding the role of an Elected Member

There will also be a presentation by the Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) outlining the election and nomination process.

The information session will also give prospective candidates the opportunity to ask questions of the Council and LGAT through a Q&A discussion.

Sen Wendy Askew retires

On August 10, Senator Wendy Askew tendered her resignation to the President of the Senate. "It has been an extraordinary privilege to represent Tasmania in the Australian Parliament over the past seven and a half years as a Liberal Senator. I am deeply grateful to the Liberal Party and, most importantly, to the people of Tasmania for the trust and confidence they placed in me throughout my time in public office.

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KENTISH COUNCIL

RATES REMINDER

All ratepayers should have now received their rates notice. Full payment or the first instalment of rates for the 2026/2027 financial year was due on **31st August 2026**. A reminder that the second-rate instalment is due on or before **31st October 2026**.

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

DECISIONS FROM JULY COUNCIL MEETING

1. Council agreed to provide advice in relation to proposed interpretive signage at Railway Park, Railton relating to 60 fundraising bricks and the former Railton Railway Station.
2. Council will provide support to the Lower Barrington Community Hall Committee for new boundary signage highlighting the connection of the village to VC Teddy Sheean.
3. Support will be provided to the U3A Topiary team at Railton to investigate the suitability of relocating some topiaries within the town.
4. Approved the draft Economic Development Plan 2026-2030 to be placed on public exhibition.
5. Noted 8 new building and plumbing applications and 14 development applications were received for the month of July.

A copy of the agenda and minutes of the meeting are available on Council's website.

COUNCIL WEBSITE CUSTOMER REQUESTS

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

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of Council will be held at the Council Office, 69 High Street, Sheffield on **Wednesday, 23rd September 2026** commencing at 6:00pm. A copy of the agenda will be available on the Council's website prior to the meeting.

RESIDENTS ENCOURAGED TO RUN FOR COUNCIL

Residents are being encouraged to consider standing for local government as preparations begin for the 2026 council elections, with candidate nominations opening on 7 September and closing on 21 September, with voting taking place by postal ballot from 5-27 October.

Councillors play an important role in representing the community, setting Council's strategic direction, adopting plans and budgets, and making decisions at Council meetings.

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People interested in nominating can also access candidate handbooks, eligibility information and election resources through the Tasmanian Electoral Commission - www/tec.tas.gov.au/local-government/

BUILDING POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS

Moving to a rural area offers a rewarding lifestyle, but it's important to understand local farming routines and seasonal changes to settle in smoothly. Farming activities like crop spraying or livestock movement may vary throughout the year, so connecting early with your real estate agent, council, and neighbours can provide helpful insights. Building strong relationships with neighbours supports shared responsibilities like fence maintenance, fire safety, and pest control. Clear communication helps resolve concerns about noise or animals. Keeping pets secure, identifying livestock, and checking with council before starting projects are key steps. Respect and proactive engagement will help you integrate successfully into your new community.

SHEFFIELD GOLF

On Sunday, October 11, at 1pm Sheffield Golf Club will be hosting a "Come Try Day". You may be a beginner or someone who has not played for a while and would like to come along and have a try. All welcome. No experience needed. Further information, please contact Peter Webster on 0408 695 330 or Helen Lloyd-Jones on 0417 715 393.

Monthly Medal winners:

01/08 Members sponsored by Sheffield IGA was won by Tony Brown with 65 nett from Gen Connors with 68 nett.

04/08 Vets sponsored by Sheffield Tyre and Mechanical was won by Micheal Meaney with 68 nett from Allan Duncan with 69 nett.

04/08 Ladies sponsored by Bossimi Bakery was won by Helen Lloyd-Jones with 72 nett from Susie Coombes with 76 nett.

Members

25/07 Ambrose 3 was won by Kieron Hodson, Stephen Hope and Tony Brown with 56.167 nett from Peter Orchard, Doug Callander and Gerry Hopkins with 56.667 nett.

08/08 Amercian Foursome was won by Greg Collis and Geoff Dell with 65.875 nett from Charlie McCaffrey and Doug Callander with 67 nett.

15/08 Stableford was on by Tony Brown with 40 points from Doug Callander with 38 points.

Vets 21/07 Stableford was won by Noel Meyers with 38 points from Doug Callander with 37 points.

Ladies 21/07 Stableford was won by Lu Proud with 29 points from Geneen Duff with 27 points.

Vets/Ladies 30/07 Ambrose 2 was won by David Jago and Micheal Webb with 65.25 nett from Charlie McCaffrey and Doug Callander with 67 nett.

Also a special mention to Allan Duncan (*pictured above right, with wife Dianne*), who celebrated his 80th birthday recently. Allan is a long-standing member of our club and is currently out Veterans president. Allans' wife Dianne cooked a Barbeque in celebration of his special day. Congratulations Allan.

11/08 Stableford was won by Helen Lloyd-Jones with 39 points from Micheal Chatwin with 37 points.



18/08 Classic was won by Lyell Hardwicke, Geoff Dell and Daivd Page with 86 points from John Parkinson, Doug Callander and Micheal Chatwin with 78 points.

Thank you to our tireless volunteers who keep our course looking lovely.

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KENTISH PONY & HACK CLUB

This season, we are excited to introduce Rising Riders, a program designed for new and young riders aged 3–10 years. We already have a couple of young riders signed up to take part, and we are looking forward to watching them develop their confidence and skills in the saddle.

Kentish Pony and Hack Club also offers Come and Try and Ticket to Play opportunities for eligible riders who would like to give pony club a go. Preparations are already underway for our upcoming Gymkhana.

Upcoming Rally Dates: September 20; October 4.

If you would like to find out more about Kentish Pony and Hack Club, membership or upcoming activities, please contact Karan on 0429 231 612 or visit our public Facebook page, Kentish Pony and Hack Club.

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KENTISH MEN'S SHED

Labor Member for Lyons, Rebecca White MP visited the Men's Shed with her assistant, Amanda Diprose and enjoyed a convivial conversation in the relaxed atmosphere of our regular barbecue. The Minister for Health and Aged Care, Indigenous Health and Women is just as passionate about Men's Health issues as we are. Our Mayor, Kate Haberle bought along Mr. Jeff Morgan, the new Combined General Manager for the Latrobe and Kentish Councils who we met for the first time.

Two of our Shed's representatives attended the Tasmanian Men's Shed Association (TMSA) AGM at Campbelltown on the 20th. Aug. and heard a very motivational talk from David Foster, World Champion axeman whose message is "have confidence in yourself."

Nominations are now open for office bearers ahead of the Kentish Community Men's Shed AGM, to be held at 14 Spring Street, Sheffield, on **Thursday, September 17**, at 9am.

If you interested in joining the Men's Shed, Contact Peter on 0449 559 257. We meet at 9am-noon, every Thursday at the Shed, 14 Spring Street, Sheffield.

- **John Bindon**

THE HUB

We will be open Saturday, September 5, from 10am to 2pm.

Recent donations:

- Muralfest \$2500.
- Kentish Pony & Hack Club \$2000.

We appreciate letters of request for sponsorship, it is really helpful for the committee if we have contact details and the amount of the request.

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

- *The Committee*

PROBUS



The next meeting of the Kentish Probus Club will be Tuesday, September 8, at 10am at the Sheffield Bowls Club. This will be our 18th Birthday celebration.

The Guest Speaker will be Lyn Jessup re: flowers. Our outing will be a luncheon at Windows on Westella in Ulverstone.

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

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WEINDORFER FILM AWARDS



The winners of the 2026 Weindorfer Film Festival under 19s and Open categories will be announced at a gala event in Launceston on Saturday, September 19. View the winning films at Launceston Conference Centre, Door of Hope, 50 Glen Dhu Street Launceston from 7-9pm

Book your tickets through www.weindorferfilmfestival.com.au.

Tickets also available at the door, plus lucky door prize and free refreshments on arrival

The professional judging panel members have commented on the high quality of the entries received so far.

Now in its third year, the Weindorfer Festival of Short Films aims to become a major iconic event for Tasmania, showing the world how we treasure our environment in all its marvellous diversity and wonder.

Local businesses in Kentish municipality have generously sponsored the prizes and promotion.

- **Sandra Rowden-Rich**

KENTISH LIONS



Children's Vision Screening is expanding in leaps and bounds with nearly 800 children screened. We continue to identify one in five children with potential undiagnosed vision issues. Given children learn 80% of everything through their eyes, addressing vision issues has a huge impact on a child's ability to learn.

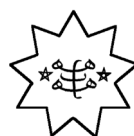
If you are interested in supporting vision screening, please email kentishlions@gmail.com. You don't need to be a Lion Club member to participate in vision screening.

Now is the time to start thinking about your float for this year's Christmas Parade which will be held on Friday, December 11. As always, our club will be providing a free sausage sizzle in the park after the parade.

We are again sponsoring Muralfest this year. We have donated \$1000 to support this year's event.

We are also supporting an entry into the mystery shitbox rally this year. Two ladies will undertake this challenge, driving five days to mystery locations in their under-\$1500 vehicle. Profit from our Bunnings sausage sizzle on September 5 will go to this cause, raising money for childhood cancer.

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



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COMMUNITY NOTES

WORKING ART SPACE SHEFFIELD

Sheffield Art Gallery – 6 Pioneer Crescent, Sheffield

The current exhibition entitled, “Mertales” is by Brenda Adeline and showcases her ceramics until September 30, 2026.

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

Botanical Drawing: Saturdays from 1pm to 3.30pm. Please contact Colette Binder on 0439 426 665 for more information.

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

RAILTON NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE



The centre hosted a successful movie night at King's Hall last month with more than 50 people attending *How to Train Your Dragon*. Kids on cushions enjoyed free lollies courtesy of Helen McKendrick and her grandson Daniel Ireland (left) while adults pulled out the picnic chairs and dips. We hope to host

more movie nights so please forward your suggestions.

Elected at the recent AGM, the Executive of the RNC is: Dot McNab (chairperson), Trudy Wells (Vice Chair), Heather Eiszele (Secretary) and Diana Mitchell (Treasurer). The committee is: Julie Marshall, Helen McKendrick, Gay Beveridge, Jackie Gillespie, Christine Russell and Dot Beard.

Recent donations include \$200 for fire cadet Kiara McDonald to travel to Melbourne and collect her award and \$500 for the Railton Fire Brigade junior cadets to purchase new hoodies.

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CLAUDE ROAD MARKET

Saturday, September 19, 9am-1pm

Our Spring market is on again on Saturday, September 19, from 9am-1pm so come along and see what's on offer - maybe start your Christmas shopping early.

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 maybe grab a take-away.

Plenty will be on offer outside as well with plants, fruit & veg, bric-a-brac, handmade crafts and pre-loved goodies.

And don't forget the goats! Wyndan Valley Miniatures and Sunrise Silkies will be there with baby goats ready for snuggles and some older kids for petting.

CLAUDE ROAD AGM

Claude Road Hall Committee will be holding our AGM on **Monday, September 28**, from 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.

MRLC AGM

The Mount Roland Land Care AGM will be held at the Claude Road Hall on **Sunday, September 27**, from 1:30 to 3:30pm.

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Kentish Garden Club's
AGM and Annual

Dinner was held at the Sheffield Golf Club. During the event, which included a delicious meal catered for 50 by local chef Naomi Parker of Roaming Harvest, a new committee was elected and the Club's annual award, Club Person of the Year, was presented.

The award acknowledges the contribution of a garden club member who goes above and beyond.

This year's award went to Barrington local Bruce Hutchison, who has contributed more than a decade of photographs to the club covering events, gardens, plants and local activities. He joined the Garden Club in 2021.

Bruce's photographs feature on the club's social media posts, event ads and in publicity, including news and magazine stories. Bruce's beautiful photograph of a waratah is featured on the club's membership card. In accepting the award, Bruce said winning was a pretty good achievement for someone who is not a gardener. He thanked his wife Marj for all her support with his photographic work.

Bruce said he had owned a camera for 70 years and had worked as a professional photographer for many years. He had travelled Australia chasing photographs, particularly the outback. Although retired from his commercial business for a decade, he is delighted to use his skills to capture the beauty of Kentish gardens, landscapes and events.

New committee elected at AGM Eight committee members renominated for the Kentish Garden Club 2026-2027 committee. Kate Jackson stood down after serving for several years and opening her beautiful garden for members. Kate is now helping to develop and maintain the Railton topiaries.



Bruce Hutchison was presented with his award by president Jennifer Stackhouse (left) and secretary Leanne Bourne.

Local teacher, gardener and crafter Anna Maddick has stepped up to fill the vacancy, and we welcome her to the committee.

The 2026-2027 committee members are: President Jennifer Stackhouse; Vice-President Julie Button; Secretary Leanne Bourne; Treasurer Sue Hopkins; Karen Cooper; Tracy Kelly; Sue Long; Anna Maddick; and Jane Westren.

Next meeting: Thursday, September 10, from 6.30pm at the Bible Chapel, 45 High Street, Sheffield. We will be joined by a bonsai expert, who will demonstrate how to create and care for bonsai plants. All welcome. Call Jennifer Stackhouse on 0488 047 011 for more information.

Cecile aims to climb arbour before big show

Gardening with Robert Gower

You know Spring is very close when all the *Acacia dealbata*'s (silver wattle) start to flower mid August. I have spent the last two weeks pruning all my fruit trees (apples & pears), and all the roses, including my rose arbour, which was a full day's work. The Arbour is 5.4m wide and 3m high. It didn't get pruned last year so this year had a fair bit to be removed.

Her name is Cecile Brunner, a climbing rose that can grow up to 9m, with small pink flowers. It has a short flowering period but when it does flower, it's all over in one big show.



As usual I'm running late on the work I need to do around my 5 acres. I have a number of ornamental grasses: *stipa*, *Calamagrostis* (red grass), and *miscanthus*, all which can be

pruned down to about 30cm high. I leave the ornamental grasses until late winter because I like the architectural look they give in the garden.

With the native grasses, like *Poa*, I tend to give them a light prune, just removing the seed heads down to the height of the grass itself. Every now and then, when the *Poas* look a bit rough on the edges, I prune them down to about 30cm and allow them to come back with fresh new green growth.

With the *Lomandras*, the only time I prune these are when the leaves look dry and dead, and then I do the same as with the *Poas*, and allow them to come back.

Apples and Pears: By now the buds on your fruit trees should have started swelling, and you can see green or pink buds just before they burst into growth.

This is the time to go through and spray these fruit trees with a copper based spray. It's the same with your stone fruits – apricots, peaches, nectarines, plums & cherries.

Spray at the first sight of bud swell.

It is important that when you spray, you spray to the point of runoff over the buds. If you have a lot of rain over the 7-10 day period after spraying, then you can reapply the copper spray, providing the leaves are not too advanced. Once the leaves open, you can get damage from the spray.

The next job on my list is to give my veggie patch some attention that it has missed out on in recent times, but that is a story for next time. Happy Gardening!

SHEFFIELD FOOTBALL CLUB

Breaking: Mens Reserves made it to the NWFA Reserves Grand Final against East Ulverstone Crows on August 29.

The 2026 season has been a fantastic one for Sheffield Football Club, with plenty of memorable moments, individual achievements and, most importantly, both our Reserves and Seniors teams securing a place in the finals.

A Season of Finals Football

It is a fantastic achievement for the club to have both teams competing in finals football this season.

Our Reserves finished an impressive second on the ladder, putting together a strong and consistent season and earning themselves an excellent position heading into the finals campaign. Their hard work throughout the home-and-away season has put them in a strong position, and we look forward to seeing what they can achieve when it matters most.

Our Seniors finished fourth on the ladder and have earned their place in the finals. Their finals campaign will be the more challenging of the two, but finishing in the top four is a terrific achievement and gives the team an opportunity to continue their season and fight their way towards the ultimate prize.

Finals football brings a different level of pressure, and we know the boys will embrace the challenge, giving it everything.

A Century for Mitchell Burns



One of the standout achievements of the season came from Mitchell Burns (*above*), who kicked his first-ever 100-goal season. Reaching the century is an incredible milestone for any footballer and is a testament to Mitch's consistency, hard work and ability in front of goal throughout the season. Congratulations, Mitch, on an outstanding achievement and a fantastic season!

100 Club Games

The club also celebrated two significant milestones this season, with Rick Pearson and Aaron McNab both bringing up their 100th club games.

Reaching 100 games for your club is a fantastic achievement and represents years of commitment, dedication and contribution to the football club.

Congratulations to both Rick and Aaron on reaching this

important milestone, and thank you for everything you have contributed to the club.

Reserves Best & Fairest

Congratulations to Will Bryan, who was crowned the 2026 Reserves Best & Fairest. Will has had an outstanding season and his recognition is thoroughly deserved.

Congratulations also to Tristan Webb, who finished as runner-up in the Reserves Best & Fairest. Both Will and Tristan have been outstanding contributors throughout the season.

Seniors Best & Fairest

Congratulations to Tyler Claxton, who was awarded the 2026 Seniors Best & Fairest.

Tyler has put together a tremendous season and his efforts throughout the year have been recognised with this well-deserved honour. His consistency and contribution have been a major part of the Seniors' season.

A special congratulations also goes to Ward Rakei, who finished runner-up in the Seniors Best & Fairest in his very first season with Sheffield Football Club.

To come into a new club and immediately make such a strong impact is a fantastic achievement. Ward has quickly become an important part of the team, and his efforts throughout the season have been recognised with a well-deserved top-two finish.

Congratulations to both Tyler and Ward on an outstanding season.

Looking Ahead

With both teams now into finals, the focus turns to the most exciting part of the football season.

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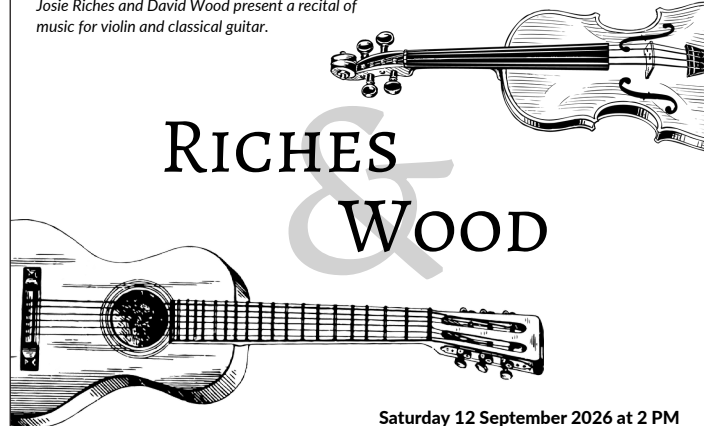
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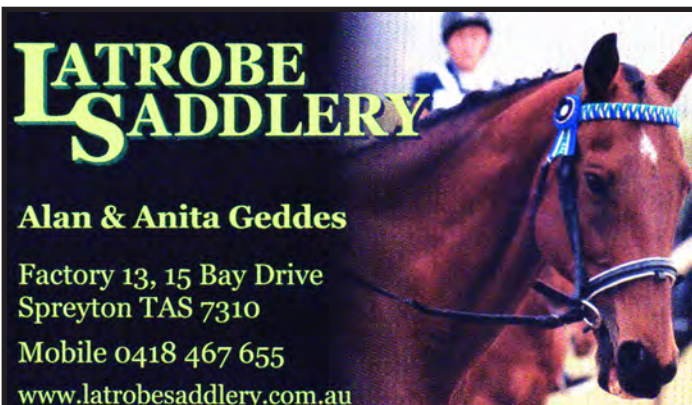
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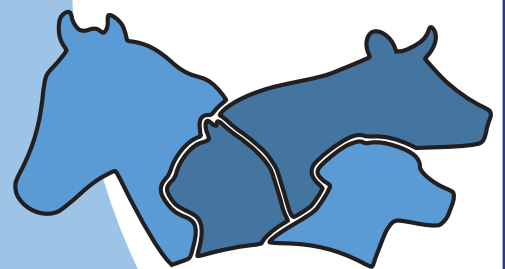


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September is a very busy month for Mount Roland Land Care. Spring is in the air, and for anyone working with plants, it is a busy time with trees to plant or weeds to control. As a general rule, the earlier we get the jobs done the better. Once the soil dries out and the weeds bolt to flower, everything takes more time and is harder.

Our weeding program started early, with cut/swab control of *Kunzea ericoides* at Gowrie Park on Saturday, July 25, with 13 weeders scrambling through pretty thick bush to locate and deal with this very invasive weed that dominates much of the old township area at Gowrie Park.

On Saturday, August 15, another 12 weeders climbed up the north face of Mount Roland near the Face Track, finding and chipping the foxglove plants in that area, before they get the chance to develop flowers and set seed. Such important work, to prevent foxgloves establishing in the Reserve, and climbing ever higher up the mountain.

On September 5 MRLC volunteers will tackle Montpellier broom growing in two places in the Reserve, just off Claude Road. Both weed sites have established because someone years ago dumped their garden waste in the bush instead of taking it to the Tip. For 15 years now, volunteers have been returning annually to both sites to pull a fresh crop of seedlings.

On September 26, volunteers will climb to the top of McCoy's Road to deal with the foxgloves growing there.

Mount Roland Land Care's weed strategy is simple: control those weeds that are the greatest threat to the Reserve and keep it up, year after year. It's strategic and carefully planned work, and very rewarding for those involved.

Our weeding bees are well attended, but we're very open to new people turning up to help – so if you're interested check out our website for more information on each event, or better still, become a member and be on our mailing list.

Membership is open to all, and you can join from our website at: www.mountrolandlandcare.org.au

On the website, you can also find out about our other activities. There's a public tree planting day at Claude Road on Saturday, September 12 – it promises to be a real highlight!

Our AGM will be held at the Claude Road Hall on Sunday, September 27, from 1:30 to 3:30. If you're keen to help look after our local environment, then come along and join in – you don't have to be a super fit mountain climber, there are literally jobs for all, whatever your level of fitness.

Speaking of AGMs, Mount Roland Land Care was invited to share a presentation on its 'Culverts for Wildlife' program at the Kentish Garden Club AGM on August 13. It was a delight, the Garden Club is a fabulous group doing superb things in Kentish, and it's a privilege to be involved.



Weed warrior: *Harmony James clutches a foxglove she found near the Mount Roland Face Track.*

We were stunned and humbled when club president Jennifer Stackhouse presented on behalf of the Garden Club a cheque for \$1000 to Mount Roland Land Care. Such amazing generosity – our sincere thanks to all Garden Club members who contributed towards making this possible, it's so encouraging, and so much appreciated.





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Usually four people, (sometimes two or three) play with 144 small tiles marked with numbers and divided into suits. 136 of these suit tiles can be Bamboos, Circles and Characters. Other tiles are Flowers, seasons, winds and dragons.

Counters, dice and racks make up the rest of the gear. The aim is to be the first player to complete a legal winning hand which is made up of four sets and must include a pair. There are many versions of a winning hand.

Many thanks to Lyn Curr for Mah Jong insights. Ally Carroll is the U3A Mah Jong coordinator.

Coming in September "Buying an EV; what you need to know" on Monday, September 21, from 10.30am-noon.

On Thursday, October 15, bird expert Paul Fraser will present a fascinating talk "What Bird is that in my Backyard?" with advice about looking after birds during the Bird Flu outbreak.

Both presentations will be held in the Uniting Church hall, Sheffield, from 10.30am to noon.

Planning for new courses and workshops continues, so if you have an idea or a skill to share, please contact Kate Jackson on 0459 035 233.

Scams target seniors

Tasmanians are becoming more confident in recognising and avoiding scams. But scammers are using increasingly sophisticated tactics to target vulnerable members of our community.

The latest Scamwatch figures show the top three scam types by reported losses are: investment scams; relationship scams; and buying and selling scams.

Tasmanians aged 55 and over account for more than half of all reported scam losses in Tasmania in 2026.

Whether you're shopping or investing online, using dating or other apps, or responding to emails, it is important to stop and check before providing money or personal information.

Taking the time to verify who you are dealing with, and acting quickly when something doesn't seem right, can help protect you from significant financial and emotional harm.

Ahead of Scams Awareness Week, the Tasmanian Government is working with community organisations to deliver free, one-hour Scams Awareness Sessions. These sessions provide practical information on recognising and avoiding scams, understanding consumer rights, and knowing where to seek help and report concerns.

To host a free session, please visit www.cbos.tas.gov.au/scamsawareness



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5 Simple Ways to add value to your property

Spring is on its way, and it's traditionally one of the busiest times in the property market. As more buyers become active over the coming months, now is the perfect time to start preparing if you're thinking about selling.

1. Is Everything Council Approved?

Over the years, most homes change and grow with the families who live in them. Sheds are added, decks are extended, and renovations help meet changing needs.

Before selling, it's worth checking whether any major improvements have the necessary council approvals. Buyers, banks and insurers are paying closer attention to this, and identifying any issues early can help avoid unnecessary surprises during the sale.

2. Have I Spoken to My Bank?

Understanding your financial position is an important first step. Contact your lender to find out your current loan payout figure, any discharge fees, and whether there are costs associated with breaking a fixed rate loan.

Knowing these details upfront will help you understand exactly what a sale means financially and avoid surprises later.

3. Is the Property Presented Well?

First impressions count. Buyers often form an opinion within moments of arriving at a property. A tidy, well presented home photographs better, attracts more interest, and helps buyers imagine themselves living there.

Simple things like mowing the lawns, trimming gardens, decluttering rooms, and giving the home a thorough clean can make a significant difference.

4. Are Repairs Worthwhile?

Not every repair will add value, but some are definitely worth considering. Small maintenance issues such as leaking taps, damaged flyscreens, loose handles, or peeling paint can distract buyers and create the impression that larger problems may exist. Focus on repairs that improve presentation, functionality, and buyer confidence. Often, a modest investment before listing can help achieve a stronger result.

5. Where Will I Move Next?

One of the most common questions I ask sellers is, "What's the plan after the sale?" Whether you're upsizing, downsizing, building, relocating, or renting for a period, having a clear next step can reduce stress and help guide your decisions during the sale process. It can also influence settlement dates and negotiations, ensuring your move is as seamless as possible.

A successful sale starts well before the first open home. By asking these five questions early, you'll be better prepared, avoid unnecessary delays, and put yourself in the best position to achieve a great result. If you're considering selling in Kentish or the surrounding areas, I'd be happy to help you understand your options and prepare your property for the market.

Buyer Tip of the Month:

Before making an offer, check with your lender early so you know exactly what you can borrow and can act quickly when the right property comes along.

Seller Tip of the Month:

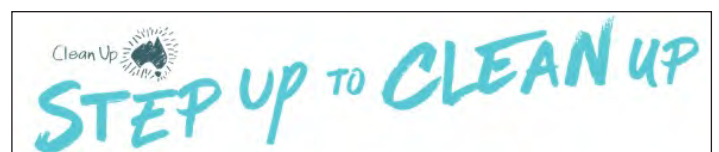
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September 10 is national R U OK day ... but why do we have such a day? And why do we ask the question?

R U OK day promotes mental health awareness, prevents suicide, and reminds everyone that meaningful conversations can change lives.

This national day of action encourages people to connect with family, friends, and co-workers to spot early signs of struggle. The day also provides a platform to make talking about mental health normal and safe for everyone, helping to stop the stigma around talking about our feelings.

R U OK day also inspires action, reminding us that every day is the right day to ask "are you okay?" and support those in need. These people may be our friends, family or neighbours, including our amazing network of community carers who give a lot of time and energy to help others.

On R U OK day (or any day), it is vital to ask yourself, "Am I OK?" because caring for yourself is not selfish; it helps you stay well so you can keep caring.

Supporting ourselves to self-care is vital to prevent burnout and maintain health. Carers can use micro-moments like deep breathing or a quiet cup of tea, set clear boundaries and connect with peer groups,

Daily Self-Care Strategies

Embrace micro-breaks: Take five minutes for deep breathing, stretching, or enjoying a hot drink without distractions.

Protect physical health: Prioritise regular sleep, healthy meals, and good hydration.

Set gentle boundaries: Learn to say no to extra tasks and manage outside expectations.

Acknowledge emotions: Allow yourself to feel frustration or grief without judgment, and vent safely through a journal, trusted friend or clinical support.

External Support Options

Respite care: Arrange temporary relief care so you can step away and rest.

Peer connections: Talk with other people who understand your situation through support groups.

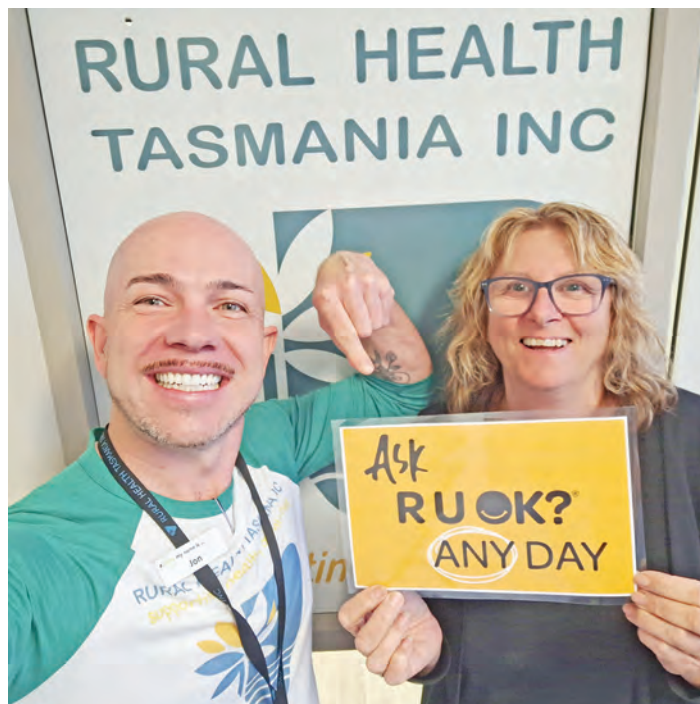
Professional help: Speak to a counsellor or access targeted guidance via health networks such as Rural Health Tasmania.

Whatever the weather

The Mental Health Council of Tasmania will launch Whatever the Weather, a youth mental health pathways project designed to make it easier for young Tasmanians to understand their mental health needs and find support.

Whatever the Weather uses the familiar idea of changing weather to create a shared language for talking about mental health. The 12-month statewide pilot is aimed at young people aged 15–24 and includes a website, videos, posters, brochures and other digital and printed resources.

Visit www.whatevertheweather.org.au for more information.



Ask the question: Jon Delaine and Liz Sager.

As part of R U OK celebrations, Rural Health Tasmania will focus this month's Kentish Carers Support Group session on self-care. Join us at 1b Henry Street 1-3pm on Wednesday, September 16, for a chat, cuppa and connection.

For further information, reach out to our mental health counsellor Liz Sager at Rural Health Tasmania. To find out more about the carers support group or book a free chat with one of our Rural Health staff, call 6491 2740 or drop into the clinic at 1b Henry St, Sheffield 9am-5pm Monday-Thursday.

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Absconders & escapees first E

Who was the first white man to set foot in Kentish? This intriguing question at this late date, is not likely to get a definitive answer. We can only speculate over a few possibilities based upon information gleaned from old historical records. Let's work our way through three possibilities.

1790s An Abandoned Sailor - Samuel Cox (alias Samuel Jarvis)

The first European visitor to the Kentish district could have been a young abandoned seaman named Samuel Cox, who became the first white person ever to live in Van Diemen's Land. His incredible story has been much written about in the history of Northern Tasmania, though some doubt its veracity.

Just one year after the First Fleet arrived in Botany Bay and some 14 years before any Europeans settled in Van Diemen's Land, the British ship Regent Fox became one of the earliest ships to make a whaling voyage into Australian waters.

In 1789 it entered the Tamar River searching for fresh water. When the Captain sent a small row boat ashore to find water, one of the young crew members volunteering to go was the captain's 16-year-old nephew Samuel Emmanuel Jarvis from Leitchfield, England. He had become so afraid of his uncle that he made up his mind to abandon ship.

When Sammy was 10 years old, his father died and the young boy passed into the care of his sea-faring uncle, Captain Jarvis. Initially the Captain placed Sammy in a boarding school until he was old enough to go to sea. When the boy eventually joined the ship, crew members convinced young Sammy that his stern storm-hardened uncle was planning to cast him off on some remote island, so that once back in England he could claim the boy's inheritance for himself.

Young Sammy became so frightened he decided to abscond in Van Diemen's Land rather than risk some tiny oceanic isle. As soon as the row boat reached the shore near the Tamar Heads, Sammy Jarvis bolted into the bush and hid until the Regent Fox was forced to leave without him.

Found by some aborigines near Port Dalrymple, Sammy after some initial fears, was accepted into their tribe and lived with them for the next 25 years.

Each summer, this Port Dalrymple tribe trekked inland to spend the warmer months under the Western Tiers and regularly visited the Toolumbunner ochre mine up the side of Mt Gog.

Over these next 25 years (1789-1814) if Sammy just once climbed up Mt Gog to see what was over the top, or per chance his tribe was given permission by the local Tommeginne natives to hunt the big boomer kangaroos down on the Plains, then Sammy Cox must hold the honour of being the first European to set foot in Kentish.

In 1814, 10 years after the first white settlement had been established at Tamar River, Sammy came across some white settlers at Carrick. He then left the aborigines and attached himself to the pioneering Cox family in the Carrick/Hadspen district, eventually adopting their surname. It was the flour miller Thomas Monds who took an interest in Sammy and first wrote his story down.

Today his incredible life is celebrated on the walls of the 'Sammy Cox bistro/dining room' in historic Carrick Inn. First licenced in 1833, it is a regular dining spot for locals and groups. Sammy Cox ultimately died at a great age in the Benevolent Society Home in Launceston.

1820s - Absconders - E Hope & companion

The second possibility is two absconders who apparently hid in the Kentish area in the very early days of the colony.

In December 1963, *Darrell Sharman* of Sheffield was scrub-bashing across *Lance Manning's* property on top of Vinegar Hill when he stumbled upon a small headstone half buried in the undergrowth. Cut or scratched into solid basalt, its inscription read 'E Hope died in 1821' and was propped against another stone, which also had an inscription, but was by then indecipherable.

Sharman reported his find to the local Council Office, where it was felt it must have come from escaped convicts. The local Health Inspector *Roy Austin* inspected the site and made some inquiries in Hobart, but when convicts records didn't yield anyone with the name E Hope, interest in this very unusual discovery waned, some concluding it must have been a hoax. Today nobody knows what happened to this stone.

'Sammy Jarvis bolted into the bush and hid.'

In hindsight, this decision to abandon the significance of this unique discovery seems much too hasty. The date 1821 on the headstone fits in perfectly with the time period for escaping from the earliest settlements on the island.

Some years after establishing the first settlement on the Tamar River, a severe shortage of food occurred when ships failed to arrive from England with further supplies. Eventually this famine became so extreme, *Lieutenant Paterson* was forced to release all assigned servants, convicts and military men to let them fend for themselves in the bush. Some soon discovered that with the possession of a gun and a dog, they could live independently and free. By 1813 when the threat of any famine had ended, the number of absconders still living in isolated areas all over the island was estimated to be about 200 escapees. These absconders included men from ranks of military regiments and also sailors escaping from various whaling boats.

This was the same time as the bushranger *Michael How* emerged as the joint leader of a band of 29 convict absconders and army deserters. Two years later he controlled a loose alliance of nearly 100 outlaws who came close to taking control of the whole island. Their alliance with ex-convict stock keepers, shepherds and hunters in remote areas meant they were always one step ahead of the law.

Michael How wrote defiant and threatening letters to *Governor Davey* in Hobart Town signing them Michael How, Lieutenant Governor of the Woods. Even though How was captured and killed in 1818, the problem of absconders existed to a lesser degree for a couple more decades.

The unexplored northern section of the island, west of Westbury, was a favourite place for absconders. Some made for the Rubicon River where they would try to board boats bound for the mainland that were forced to shelter in the river during storms. One escapee hid out on Avenue Plains at Parkham with stolen cattle, as did the bushranger *Matthew Brady*.

On the slopes of the Western Tiers behind Jackey's Marsh, the ruins of a mountain hut was found many years ago, along with a good sized iron pot and the skeleton of a European man. So

Europeans in Kentish

By the late Alan F Dyer

our two absconders E Hope & companion, who chose for their hide-out a location over the Mersey River and up the Dasher River to Vinegar Hill, had the perfect place to live indefinitely without fear of being captured.

1830s Escaped Convict - Andrew "Scotty" M'Pherson

The final possibility was an escaped convict from the Penal Settlement at Macquarie Harbour on the West Coast. He was an educated military offender of fiery temperament named *Andrew M'Pherson*. After escaping and trekking his way north for some weeks, he eventually stumbled on to the Kentish Plains, which he called Scotia after his homeland. After passing over the Plains and across the Mersey River, he reached Westbury in the last extremity of destitution and exhaustion, where he surrendered to the acting Police Magistrate *Henry Bonney*.

M'Pherson's story first appeared in the Launceston Examiner on 5 & 12 March 1887 and again by Mr *H. Stuart Dove* in the Examiner dated 10 June 1931. Dove wrote: "Among the letters of the late *Thomas Hainsworth* there is an interesting reference to the first white man who set foot on what was afterwards known as Kentish Plains. The writer says that most people are under the impression that the Government surveyor *N L Kentish* was the discoverer of this important district when employed cutting a road 15ft. wide from Elizabeth Town to Emu Bay.

The real discoverer of the plains was an escaped convict from Macquarie Harbor, whose name was Andrew M'Pherson, but better known as "Scotty." He named the district which he had found in the course of his wandering "Scotia" like a true patriot.

On arriving at Westbury, destitute and exhausted, he gave himself up to Henry Bonney, district constable of the western district, who afterwards became one of the first residents of Frogmore, Latrobe.

M'Pherson was a man of education, a military offender, whose hot Gaelic blood had been the means of getting him into a series of troubles. M'Pherson wrote to Thomas Scott, then Deputy Surveyor-General, an account of his discovery, and through

the intervention of that gentleman and Mr J. H. Wedge, he was pardoned."

This story originated with Thomas Hainsworth (1832-1896) who lived at Sherwood Cottage, Sherwood near Latrobe. An amateur geologist, Hainsworth came from England in 1854, along with a boat load of Welsh miners to work at the Mersey Coal Fields at Tarleton. When the coal mines failed, Hainsworth took up teaching and became headmaster of several schools.

He was a leading figure in the very early days of Latrobe, maintained an interest in the mining exploration of the Kentish district and was a regular correspondent to the Examiner newspaper. He was close friends with the historian *James Fenton* of Forth and Police Magistrate Henry Bonney, after the latter moved from Westbury and settled at Frogmore Latrobe, from whom he obviously heard about M'Pherson's exploit.

Penal settlement on Sarah Island at Macquarie Harbour operated between 1822 and 1833.

In the 11 years it existed, 112 convicts escaped from the prison on Sarah Island, 62 perished in the bush and nine were eaten by their comrades. Of the others, at least 10 Macquarie Harbour escapees were captured or surrendered to the Van Diemen Land Company employees on reaching the North West Coast. One escapee gave himself up in the upper Leven River after having murdered his companion some time before.

Andrew M'Pherson's escape must have taken place in the very early 1830s to coincide with Henry Bonney's time at Westbury. If so, that puts M'Pherson's epic journey after *Captain Rolland* and the VDL Co surveyors had explored this Mersey-Forth region.

However, Andrew M'Pherson does appear to have done what all the earlier explorers failed to do – that is to be the first white person to walk across the Kentish Plains.

As far as the first Europeans to cross the Mersey River into our Kentish region, perhaps all three colourful characters can claim a tiny place in our emerging local history.

Rangers across land & sea ready for bird flu

The Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre has more than 45 rangers and land and sea managers across the state standing ready to respond to the arrival of bird flu in Lutruwita/Tasmania.

"It appears inevitable that the outbreak will hit the island," said Andry Sculthorpe, Division Manager Culture and Country.

"The message we want to get out is that our land and sea management programs can make a difference to how it could impact wildlife on Lutruwita/Tasmania and wider society.

"The community is the eyes and ears at this critical time. Every piece of information could make all the difference to how this disease impacts our island.

"We have been preparing for the arrival of bird flu over the last couple of years. We've known it was a matter of time – that it could arrive on our shores at some stage. We now face the imminent arrival of bird flu, with detections in Western Australia, South Australia, New South Wales, Victoria and Aotearoa / New Zealand.

David Lowery, a Healthy Country Coordinator with the Pakana Rangers, said: "We have put in place workplace health and safety measures to ensure that our rangers can work alongside

government to respond to the arrival of bird flu. We are also helping our community to be prepared. We are ensuring our people can identify the symptoms to look out for in our wildlife and know how to report suspected cases.

"It's important that our people know to avoid touching dead or sick wildlife, especially birds, and record the time, date and location where the sighting was made then report it to the Emergency Animal Disease Hotline on 1800 675 888."

Andry Sculthorpe said the disease could impact the traditional practice of mutton birding.

"The arrival of the virus here could significantly impact our community. We are concerned that the arrival of bird flu will impact one of our oldest cultural practices, the harvesting of yula / mutton birds. It's hard to describe how significant this could be for our people. Muttonbirding is a cultural practice that has helped sustain us for millennia."

The TAC manages more than 45 Aboriginal Rangers with the community managing the largest yula / muttonbird rookeries in the world. Further information, including daily updates on positive cases, are available at: birdflu.gov.au



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Time to get ready for bushfire season

From the Tasmania Fire Service Roland Group, representing Claude Road, Lorinna, Beulah, Kimberly, Railton and Sheffield Fire Brigades

Claude Road Fire Brigade invites the community to drop by for a sausage and a chat at the Claude Road Hall and Fire Station during the Claude Road Market on Saturday, September 19.

Come along to meet local firefighters, learn more about bushfire preparedness, discuss your bushfire plan, or find out what's involved in joining the brigade (*right*).

Claude Road Fire Brigade trains from 7pm on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month. Prospective members are welcome to visit the station on the next training nights – September 2 and September 16.

With summer approaching, local brigades are encouraging residents to prepare for bushfire season. One easy way is through the Tasmania Fire Service Bushfire-Ready Challenge.

The free program guides households through simple actions to help them become better prepared, including understanding their bushfire risk, creating a bushfire plan, preparing an emergency kit and assessing their property's bushfire readiness.

Being prepared before a fire occurs can help you make informed



decisions and act quickly to protect yourself, your family and your property.

To learn more about the Bushfire Ready Challenge, visit bushfire.tas.gov.au/bushfire-challenge/bushfire-ready-challenge

If you're interested in volunteering, visit fire.tas.gov.au/volunteer or contact the TFS North West Regional Office on 6477 7250.

Craft workshops dig into rockery gardens



The second free craft workshop at Lower Barrington Community Hall - Creating Beautiful Succulent Gardens - was held on August 1 with wonderful support from Kentish House and Access Health.

The workshop was a great success, with locals of all ages coming along to enjoy a morning of creativity,

connection and fun - including two furry friends who joined the fun!

A big thank you to Kate Campbell for coordinating and guiding this fantastic session. We loved seeing everyone's creativity shine, and the finished succulent gardens were absolutely wonderful.

We're excited to continue offering more fun, creative and social activities for our community. If you have a special talent, skill or interest that you'd like to share, we'd love to hear from you!

Please contact Hall Secretary Bronwyn Watson on 0407 726 669 or email lwrbarringtonhall@icloud.com

Keep up to date with our upcoming workshops, events and activities by following our Facebook page: Lower Barrington Community Hall Facebook page. Come along, get creative and connect with your community!



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The Mount Roland Folk Festival, Nov 13 -15, Sheffield

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Run by a volunteer committee, the festival brings artists, neighbors and visitors together in intimate venues across town. Come to listen, then stay to sing, learn, dance and share a table.

Further information

<https://www.mountrolandfolkfest.org> Tickets selling quickly.

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September Crozzle

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

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2. I am no tidier (5)
3. Careless! Check smear (5,5)
4. Amender changed it (7)
5. Hints alter amendment (10)
6. Whim lead to change (8)
7. In WHOSE? change EVE'S to NANCY'S (9)
8. Dot & Alan's breakup (8)
9. Mediate at neutral place (7,7)
10. Man's son simply distraught (7,6)

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Primary Health Tasmania (Tasmania PHN) is overseeing establishment of the new service, which is for adults with mild, moderate, or severe and complex mental illness.

It will include support from urban hubs, with outreach to rural and remote areas. Psychology and psychiatry appointments will be offered by telehealth as well as in person, and there will be online support.

The free service is funded by the Australian Government under the Primary Health Networks Program.

'Meanwhile Use' unlocks vacant homes nationally

An alliance of corporate, government and community leaders is unlocking a rapid-response housing solution that transforms vacant residential properties into safe, transitional homes in 12 weeks at a fraction of the cost of new developments.

The National Alliance for Meanwhile Use brings together property developers, industry bodies and community sector

DV reforms for safety

By Deputy Premier Guy Barnett

Family violence is abhorrent and has no place in our community.

This week, we announced new nation-leading reforms to crackdown on serial family violence offenders and keep victim-survivors safe.

These reforms will give courts the tools they need to better manage and identify these offenders.

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Thursday	Sept 3	Candidate Information Session 6-7pm, 69 High Street, Sheffield
Saturday	Sept 5	Wilmot Country Market 9am-1pm
		Community garage sale Main Street, Sheffield
		Waste2Art Exhibition , Sheffield Art Gallery
Sunday	Sept 6	Sheffield Golf Club 50th anniversary
		Father's Day
Sat-Sun	Sept 5-6	Steam Engine rides 11am-4pm, Sheffield Steam & Heritage Centre
Tuesday	Sept 8	Kentish Probus Club 10am, Sheffield Bowls Club
Wednesday	Sept 9	Free Tax Clinic , Kentish House, Sheffield
Thursday	Sept 10	R U OK Day
		Kentish Garden Club 6.30pm, Bible Chapel, 45 High Street, Sheffield
Saturday	Sept 12	Violin & classical guitar recital 2pm, St John's Anglican Church, Railton
Tues-Thurs	Sept 15-17	An Egyptian Whodunnit stage musical, Sheffield School
Wednesday	Sept 16	Services Australia 9.30-11am Kentish House; 12-12.30pm King's Hall
Thursday	Sept 17	Kentish Community Men's Shed AGM 9am, 14 Spring Street, Sheffield
		Lower Barrington, Acacia Hills, South Spreyton Community Information Evening 7pm, Lower Barrington Hall
Saturday	Sept 19	Claude Road Market 9am-1pm, Claude Road
		Weindorfer Film Festival , Launceston
Sunday	Sept 20	Teddy Bears Picnic , King's Hall, Railton
Monday	Sept 21	Trivia 6.30 for 7pm, Sheffield RSL, 77 Main Street, Sheffield
		Beulah Hall AGM 7pm
Wednesday	Sept 23	Kentish Council meeting 6pm, Council Office, High Street, Sheffield
Sunday	Sept 27	MRLC AGM 1.30-3.30pm, Claude Road Hall
Monday	Sept 28	Claude Road Hall Committee AGM 6pm, Claude Road Hall

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thursday	Oct 8	Mental Health Week art exhibition (see p27)
Sunday	Oct 11	Sheffield Golf Club Come & Try day
	Nov 1, 07	Mural Fest
Tuesday	Nov 10	Sheffield Ambulance Station 20th Anniversary
	Nov 13, 15	Mount Roland Folk Festival

Cryptic Puzzle Answers

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| 1. Margate | 6. Waldheim |
| 2. Moina | 7. Geeveston |
| 3. Chasm Creek | 8. Oatlands (1) |
| 4. Meander | 9. Central Plateau |
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