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EDITORIAL

Council elections take place in October and this year it is more important than ever for residents to consider getting involved in local government.

Involved so that you know who you're voting for, what they represent and what they do for the community.

Several of our councillors are high profile, involved in multiple organisations and causes; others aren't as visible.

Councillors' salaries will increase to \$18,440 from \$13,592 after the election as part of the State Government's reform of local government, which will also see the number of councillors reduced from nine to seven.

Residents need to get involved at a deeper level this year as several long-term councillors are potentially retiring while others are stepping down or considering their positions.

Mayor Kate Haberle and Deputy Mayor Penny Lane are yet to decide whether they will run. Former Mayor Don Thwaites, who has been on Council for 22 years, is also unsure. Linda Cassidy won't recontest; Phil Dickinson is moving to Melbourne for family reasons and Terry Hughes is still undecided.

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We're losing too much talent and experience all at once.

For Council to operate effectively, representatives need to have a sound knowledge of the area, its history, economy, advantages and needs. They need to have time to dedicate to the numerous organisations and events. And to attend monthly (evening) meetings.

Most Kentish residents who fulfill that criteria are aged over 70 and those younger have busy lives with families and jobs. Who is going to fill the void?

To understand how council operates and how your councillors represent you, it is important to attend council meetings either in person or via the Live Stream. The next meeting is on Wednesday, April 22, starting at 6pm.

See Lesley Begg's article on local government reforms P35.

** The Kentish Voice extends its deep gratitude to our respected and revered columnist Alan Dyer who has not missed an edition or a deadline for nearly 10 years.*

Thanks for everything, Alan.

You're a Legend!

Heather

Rachel draws on family in art honour

By Heather Eiszele

Sheffield wildlife artist Rachel Harris has urged people to live more sustainably in her acceptance speech as the winner of the inaugural Mount Roland Art Prize.

Sponsored by Dulverton Waste Management and Working Art Space Sheffield, the theme of the competition was *Fragility* and Rachel's colour pencil drawing of tawny frogmouths demonstrated its essence.

"Inspired by a real tawny frogmouth family, this pencil drawing *Family Photo Day* explores ecological fragility through camouflage and coexistence," Rachel wrote in her submission.

"Blending seamlessly into their surroundings, tawnies depend on intact habitats for survival. Beloved for their quirky personalities and expressive faces, they embody both the fragility and resilience of native wildlife."

Rachel, who has a PhD in zoology and uses a scientific perspective, said she was "gobsmacked" to win the \$3000 first prize. "It took two months' work at the dining table," she said. "I just love tawnies – they're so funny with so much personality."

Sheffield Arts Centre spokesperson Nita Pountney said more than 1800 people attended the three-week exhibition and 915 visitors cast their votes in the People's Choice Award, which decided the winning work of art.

Second place was Laura Mead with *Holding it Together*,

presenting fragility as an act of repair rather than collapse. "The work reflects vulnerability learned early," she said.

Third was Annie Willock with *Brink of Extinction*, a work about the endangered Maugean Skate and fourth was Sandra Hendersen with *The Tender Tryst*, capturing two fairy wrens nestled together.

Mayor Kate Haberle acknowledged the dedication and commitment of the WASS committee and volunteers to ensure that art in its many forms is promoted in Sheffield.

"This volunteer organisation operates the Sheffield Art Gallery showcasing the wide range of artworks created by local artists," she said. "The Albert Street Gallery serves as an off-site venue for WASS art workshops. Congratulations to all of you for your passion to advocate on behalf of all our local artists."

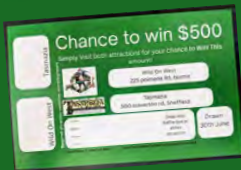
Dulverton project manager Mel Pearce said the theme was a reminder to business to be both socially and environmentally aware, "operating at the highest standards".

She said Dulverton would sponsor the award for the next two years, with next year's prize focussing on Wild Places.

Dulverton's Waste to Art Award and exhibition will be held in June, with four prizes of \$500 each. Waste to Art aims to increase the community's awareness of local waste issues, including plastic pollution, marine debris and litter, by delivering an opportunity for creative exploration.

Workshops will be run onsite during the exhibition.

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The show captures and celebrates the oral histories of Lower Barrington community residents, preserving treasured local stories for future generations to value and enjoy.

Hall Stories will be presented at the Lower Barrington Community Hall on Friday, April 24, starting at 7pm.

Showcasing the lived experiences and memories of our local community - particularly our senior residents - through a professionally produced performance that celebrates the unique role of rural halls in bringing people together.

We will collaborate with Damian Callinan to gather local stories through community consultation and interviews.

These stories will be woven into the live performance, hosted at our hall and promoted locally to ensure strong community participation and engagement. Bound to be a great night of laughs and entertainment for all!

If you have a story you would like to share, please contact Hall Secretary Bronwyn Watson on 0407 726 669 or email lwrbarringtonhall@icloud.com

The show will be recorded as a podcast to celebrate, preserve, and share the rich local heritage of our district with current and future generations.

We hope to see locals embrace this unique show.

Tickets are \$30, be quick to secure your seat. Tickets available through Eventbrite.

- **Bronwyn Watson**

Anzac Day services

The Dawn Service in Sheffield will be held at 5:45am at the Cenotaph, corner Main & Henry streets, and the Town Hall service will be held at 10:30am.

In Railton, the Dawn Service will begin at 5:45am at the Cenotaph on Foster Street and a march will take place later in the day from the Kings Hall.

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Gustav's words echo through mountains



When Mountain Echoes was invited to sing at the Weindorfer Memorial Day in Wilmot last year, we wondered if there could be a new song to offer the gathering? Could a simple song using Gustav's own words be created?

Choir Director Mark McCormack knew of this most famous quote of Gustav's: "This (Cradle Mountain) must be (a national park) for all people, for all time." It was perfect. He began playing around on his guitar and soon a tune came into being.

It seemed like a gift. He presented it to the choir and further ideas began to form using other quotes by Gustav: "It (Cradle Mountain) is magnificent. People must know and enjoy it." And "This is Waldheim where there is no time and nothing matters." (Words displayed on the walls of Waldheim since it was first built from hand-crafted King Billy Pine.)

These quotes were adapted to music, including some melodic ideas from Mountain Echoes singers Essie Adams and Hananya Meijer. The new song called *Gustav's Words* was sung at the festival with many of the audience singing along.

It was given a standing ovation, cheers and some tears. Was this to become an ephemeral experience? Could this small piece of

history somehow be recorded? I shared this dream with Sally Mineur who immediately responded excitedly with, "By the Robinsons!"

The township of Wilmot was left that day with a hope hanging in hearts... but not for long.

I was alerted to Kentish Council offering grants for arts projects promoting the Kentish district. The song would definitely meet the grant criteria in helping to raise awareness of the Kentish community and share some of its history.

Six months later a beautiful film was created, melding music with historic and recent footage at Waldheim and Cradle Mountain, and from murals, and Kentish Museum collections.

Mountain Echoes would like to thank Kentish Council and The Hub for their generous financial assistance through grants to make this film possible and to the Brothers Robinson for making a dream far exceeding our expectations become a reality.

- Sandra McCormack

Brothers Stephan (left) and Andrew Robinson film the choir.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

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

- Tuesday 7th April. 9.30-11 am.
- Monday 20th April. 9.30-11 am.
- Wednesday 6th May. 9.30-11 am.
- Monday 11th May. 9.30-11 am.
- Wednesday 20th May. 9.30-11 am.
- Monday 25th May. 9.30-11 am.
- Wednesday 3rd June. 9.30-11 am.
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Thelma Ida Braid was a very loyal and patient wife, a great and loving mother, strong believer in families and a friend to many.

She was born on August 8, 1940, at Devonport and lived at Lower Beulah and attended the Sheffield Area School, travelling by bus one hour each direction each day.

She left school at age of 14 and became a domestic hand for Mr & Mrs Ray Duff at Sheffield before coming to "Wendur".

Romance developed with son Ian Maxwell Braid with their first date being at the Sheffield Town Hall to watch the movie *Easter Parade* starring Judy Garland and Fred Astaire.

Motor transport for them was the BSA motorcycle purchased from John Hope. Always the passenger, Thelma hanging on for "dear life" wherever the journey took them.

She was Baptised in the Sheffield Baptist Church in 1954.

Engaged on her 17th Birthday, August 8, 1957; married the day after her 18th Birthday, August 9, 1958, also at the Sheffield Baptist Church.

Leslie William was born on August 5 – a few days before her 19th birthday and First Wedding Anniversary. Deborah Kaye followed on March 4, 1962; Maxine Louise arrived on June 3, 1966 and Tanya Sheree came into the family on July 7, 1977. Thelma loved and cherished her nine grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

The 1969 Election saw Ian elected to State Parliament in the electorate of Wilmot (now Lyons). This date was where life changed for Thelma, now having dual roles of housewife and a wife of a politician.

Ian would be away from home leaving Thelma solo to raise three children in his absence, colloquially known as "Keeping

the home fires burning". Home became 82 Main Street, Sheffield in January 1970.

Thelma was involved in: School Parents and Friends Association; School activities such as tuck shops, plays and school excursions; Baptist Women's Association; Retarded Childrens Welfare Association and being a willing and tireless worker behind the scenes.

The April 22 1972 Election saw Ian lose his seat in Parliament and Thelma regained her life as housewife and managed the house and family admirably. but after the July 1975 Recount, after Sir Angus Bethune resigned, Ian was back as a politician. This date ramped up Thelma's dread of being further away from her young family to be the "wife of a politician". It also commenced her exposure to the "life of a politician" and its benefits and drawbacks.

The shy and pretty girl from Lower Beulah was thrust into being the "ideal politician's wife"- being seen, quietly spoken, courteous, unassuming and totally supportive of Ian.

Home became 111 High Street, Sheffield, in 1986.

Throughout her life, Thelma loved craftwork (knitting, embroidery, sewing, HobbyTex, Décapage). For many years, Thelma knitted as well as made teddy bears for premature babies. She participated in many community groups and was appreciated, receiving recognition for her efforts.

She was a member of the Tandara Ladies Auxiliary, a dresser and part of the support crew at the Kentish Lions Club "Music Halls" and Probus.

Thelma was awarded Life Membership of the Kentish Regional Clinic Inc. previously known as CORES. She also achieved 50 years of membership with the RACT.

Thelma enjoyed playing and watching tennis and playing badminton. She was a judge at many a country ball, anywhere in the Lyons electorate, judging the Belle of the Ball and/or the Matron of the Ball.

Thelma's last 10 years had been a series of incidental medical issues and scares. On December 19 last year, after her regular hair appointment, Thelma sought medical treatment for her back pain and jaundice colouring at the Mersey Community Hospital. She was never to come home again.

Thelma held her Christian belief in a quiet, gentle, serving and caring, thoughtful manner. She was stoic, loving, reluctant, supportive, reliable and dependable.

She adored and loved Ian, faithfully executed her wifely duties, maintaining a well-cared household and a solid support to her husband, in whatever opportunity he pursued.

She will be forever remembered.

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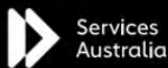
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Festival goers can enjoy a great family day out, experiencing eco-kids activities, presentations and workshops, adventure activities, bustling market stalls, and a lively line-up of music to enjoy alongside great food and drinks.

Every moment is designed to be fun and meaningful.

Our Theme “Many hands make a lighter planet” captures the idea that a sustainable future depends on shared effort. It highlights how community action - small or large - adds up to real change, and how every person has a role in caring for the place we all call home.

Ecofest celebrates its 10th anniversary this year, marking a decade of growth from a small grassroots gathering into one of the North West Coast’s premier sustainable living festivals. What began as a local initiative now attracts thousands of

people each year, taking sustainable living to new heights.

This year’s focus is celebrating with zero waste. Across the two-day festival, visitors will be invited to help create a shared celebration space that will become the venue for our closing event on day two.

Throughout the weekend you can immerse yourself in hands-on displays and activities that show how simple, creative choices can reduce waste in everyday life - gift wrapping without single-use paper, food storage without clingfilm, reusable decorations, and beautiful pieces made from repurposed materials. Learn to fold paper flowers, craft streamers, and explore practical ideas.

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Veteran politician pays tribute to Thelma

By Robin Gray, former Premier of Tasmania

I first met Thelma in July 1975 – more than 50 years ago – at a Liberal Party function in Tasmania before the state election in which I had been endorsed for the seat of Wilmot. What I did not realise that evening was that I was not only beginning a long political journey but also the beginning a lifelong friendship with a truly remarkable woman and her family.

From the very beginning, it was clear that Thelma was someone special. She was warm, gracious, steady and quietly strong. And above all else, she was utterly devoted to Braidy.

Politics can be demanding. It asks much not only of those who stand for office, but of the families who stand beside them. Long nights. Endless meetings. Campaign pressures. Victories and disappointments. Through all of it, Thelma was there – constant, encouraging and unwavering in her support.

In 1976 when Ian was re-elected and Graham Page and I were elected alongside him, our three wives – Thelma, Anne and Judy – became an extraordinary team. I can say without hesitation that no Liberal team in Tasmania had ever seen anything like the commitment those three women gave. They worked tirelessly, often behind the scenes, never seeking recognition but always making a difference.

And in 1982 when history was made with the election of the first Liberal Government in Tasmania in its own right, those victories were not achieved by the three of us alone. They were achieved by six people – three men in Parliament and three remarkable women beside them.

Thelma was always part of the team. She attended functions faithfully. Together with Gwen Bond, she sat in the parliamentary gallery, offering quiet moral support. She listened, she encouraged, she steadied. Braidy never walked into a room alone – Thelma's strength walked with him.

But what made her truly exceptional was not just that she was present – it was the spirit in which she gave her support. There was never any fuss. Never any complaint. Just loyalty, love and a deep belief in Braidy and the work he was doing.

Behind every strong public servant is someone who makes the sacrifices less visible and the burdens lighter. For Braidy, that person was Thelma.

She helped create the environment that allowed him to serve. She shared the pressures. She celebrated the victories. She absorbed the disappointments. And through it all, she remained gracious, positive and kind.

Today we honour her not only as a friend, not only as a valued member of our political family, but as a devoted wife whose quiet strength helped shape an important chapter in Tasmania's history.

Braidy, you were blessed with a wonderful partner. And we were blessed to know her.

Thelma made history with us – but more importantly she made a difference in our lives.

Robin Gray was represented at the funeral by his daughter, Nicola, who travelled from Florida on his behalf.

Weindorfer Day inspires next generation

Wilmot will be buzzing on Sunday, May 3, with a host of new attractions in Pioneer Park and the Wilmot Hall throughout the day of this free community event.

You will find stalls with information on caring for the environment, feral cat management, North West Land Care, live blacksmithing demonstrations and market stalls, including:

- native bush products and skin care using kunzea and pepperberry,
- textile art from nature
- art from recycled bush timbers
- geology of the Cradle Mountain area
- pioneering photos, bush walking artefacts and memorabilia

Live music will engage you as you choose your food and drinks from ethnic or Australian vendors and play Games from Yesteryear on the tennis court.

Choose your favourite art works in the Children's Art

competition under the Laburnum Arch. Find fine books and collectibles and people to chat with.

The Cradle Trail Bus tour will leave Wilmot at 12:30pm for the guided tour to Waldheim Chalet and the turning of the Fagus forest walk.

Book your seat through Eventbrite: <https://tinyurl.com/5hydkfe2> Cost is \$40.

The morning Weindorfer service commences at 10am. It commemorates the legacy of Kate and Gustav Weindorfer in their pioneering efforts in conservation and hospitality at Cradle Mountain in the early 1900s, assisted by nature enthusiasts and fellow scientists.

Vibrant presentations, poetry, live music, film and art will delight your senses.

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Jennifer will be forever Tickety Boo

Jennifer Celia Holloway

December 6, 1948 – February 21, 2026



Warm-hearted, quietly funny and devoted to her family, Jennifer Holloway - known to many simply as Mummy, Gran or Grandie - lived a life filled with love, laughter and kindness.

Born on 6 December 1948, she was the beloved daughter of Florence and James, sister to her adored big brother James, devoted wife of the late Nigel Stewart Holloway, and much-loved Mummy to Joanne and Michael.

Jennifer often said she was born to be Gran and Grandie. She was a proud Gran to Jasmin, Oscar, Aislinn, Casey and Majella, and a delighted Great-Gran to Bella and Ziggy.

After receiving a cancer diagnosis in December, Jennifer faced her final chapter with courage and clarity. With the support of her family and medical team, she chose Voluntary Assisted Dying and passed peacefully on 21 February 2026.

Her granddaughter Jazmin described her Gran as “home” — a place where you always felt safe, welcome and loved.

Her great-granddaughter Bella spoke of how lucky she felt to have her Grandie, who took her for ice cream, spent time at the park and always showed her love.

Jennifer also shared a special bond with her extended family. Her son-in-law Craig reminded her of Baloo from *The Jungle Book*, which always made her smile.

Her grandson-in-law Blair organised the “wheelchair lift” that helped make things easier towards the end, with thanks to Clennet Hire for supplying it, and her granddaughter-in-law Amber was always there to help, advocate and organise.

Michael had always promised he would look after his Mummy when the time came - even joking that he would hose her down with the garden hose if needed.

In the end he kept that promise. Michael and his daughter Aislinn stepped up as full-time carers with love and dedication, and yes, the garden hose was used - with warm water of course.

Jennifer valued her friendships deeply. She treasured lifelong friends from kindergarten and school and, after moving to Sheffield, found a beautiful bunch of new friends.

She enjoyed singing, gardening and helping organise community events such as Christmas and Halloween.

On the day Jennifer passed, a beautiful double rainbow



stretched across the sky. To her family it felt like a quiet sign that she had found her beloved Nigel again.

The family would like to thank Kim and Lindsay, Lynn, Jill, Brigitte and Simon, the Voluntary Assisted Dying team, the Palliative Care Team, the community nurses, and everyone who showed such love and support to Jennifer and her family.

Forever loved. Forever remembered. And forever “tickety boo.”

- Joanne Holloway

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“The National Showcase is a real opportunity for small businesses to grow their customer base and show off their unique products,” said Senator for Tasmania Wendy Askew.

The National Showcase offers each state and territory the opportunity to display products from that state in the Australian Parliament House Shop in Canberra.

“It gives smaller producers in Tasmania the prestige of having their products sold in our nation’s capital and reaching a different customer audience,” she said.

Products for the showcase are selected through an application process, and they are judged by a selection panel on criteria such as design and sustainability. The last time Tasmania was showcased at the Parliamentary Shop was in 2024.

Producers who had their products in the shop at that time included Callington Mill, Waverley Woollen Mills, Bridestowe Estate and the Truffledore.

The Department of Parliamentary Services will select the products. Applications are now open, and close on April 3.

To apply, go to: Parliament Shop National Showcase – Parliament of Australia

Reform for rural health

The National Rural Health Alliance (NRHA) has welcomed the announcement of the 2026-2031 National Health Reform Agreement Addendum.

“After long discussions between Federal, State and Territory Governments, it is really positive to see an agreement which reflects the specific needs of rural communities,” said NRHA Chief Executive Susi Tegen.

The new Addendum will deliver an additional \$24.4 billion to the Australian public health system and hospitals and features the new Better Health Equity for Rural and Remote Communities Schedule, including plans for improved access to services and flexible models and initiatives to support health equity for rural and remote communities.

It also focuses on aged care and NDIS reform. The introduction of the Thriving Kids program serves as a transition from the federal NDIS to a states/territories-led initiative starting in October 2026.

The program aims to provide early, community-based support for children aged 8 and under with developmental delays or autism.

The Addendum recognises the complex needs of rural communities and the importance of equitable, tailored service delivery models.

“We trust and hope that state and territory governments honour their commitment and implement rural-specific programs as city models do not fit and result in chronic underservice and underspending,” said Susi.

“We know that rural communities have come up with innovative solutions and models where Medicare alone does not cover the cost and multidisciplinary scope of services needed.”

The new Schedule prioritises cooperative working arrangements to develop, implement, and evaluate reforms to meet community needs, including flexible funding infrastructure.

“We can no longer accept that if you are one of the 7.4 million people or 30% of the Australian population that lives in and contributes to rural Australia, that you deserve and receive less than those in the city,” Susi said.

“It is un-Australian – indeed, it is a human rights issue.”



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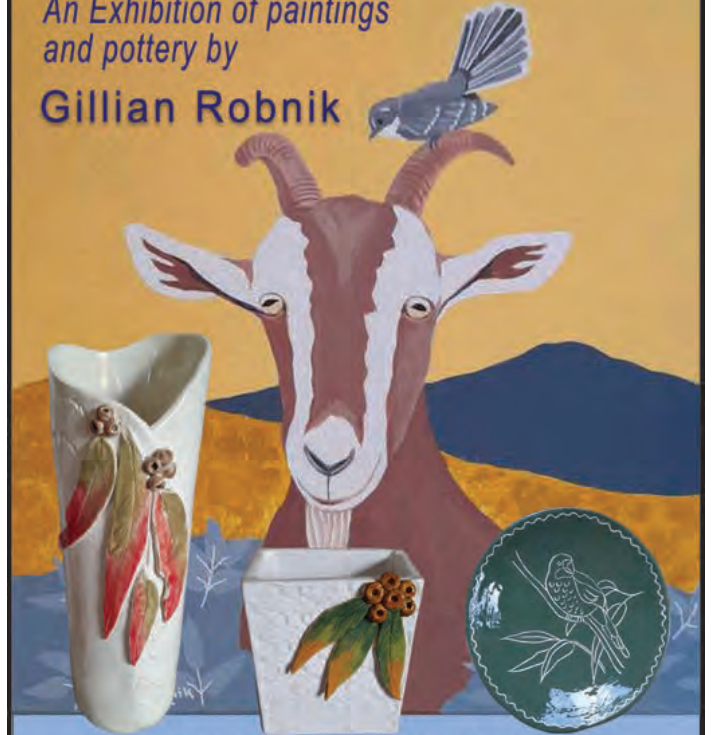
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RATES REMINDER

A reminder the fourth and final rate instalment is due and payable on or before the **30 April 2026**. Should you be experiencing financial difficulties, please contact our Rates Officer to discuss payment options.

LARGE COMMUNITY GRANTS - NOW OPEN

Council is pleased to announce that Round 1 of its Large Community Grants Program for the 2026–2027 financial year will open on 1 March and close on 1 May for projects in the 2026-27 financial year.

Grants of \$501 to \$2,500 are available to support community-led projects by eligible applicants that strengthen local capacity, build resilience, and deliver lasting benefits across Kentish.

Projects should aim to:

- Foster stronger community connection and cohesion
- Expand cultural, creative, health and wellbeing, recreational, or social opportunities
- Build partnerships between charities, community groups, and other organisations
- Support and utilise local goods and services wherever possible
- Contribute to a prosperous, vibrant, and caring Kentish community

Eligibility criteria apply.

Applications must be submitted using the official application form and include supporting financial information and relevant quotes. Please note: **Late applications will not be considered**, however they may be held over for the next funding round should funds remain in that financial year.

Before submitting your application, applicants are encouraged to discuss their proposal with Council's Community Development Officer, Massi Zedah, on (03) 6491 0200 or via email at council@kentish.tas.gov.au

NEW RETAIL PRODUCTS PROVE POPULAR WITH VISITORS

Visitors to **Sheffield** and **Latrobe** now have even more ways to remember their trip, with new retail products available at both towns' Visitor Information Centres.

Responding to public feedback, the centres have introduced a range of **town-specific pens and stickers**, designed as small but memorable tokens for travellers wanting a keepsake from their holiday

The locally themed souvenirs celebrate each town's unique character and provide visitors with a simple memento to remind them of the time they spent exploring the region.

The new products have already proven extremely popular with tourists and locals alike.

With growing interest in locally themed souvenirs, the Visitor Information Centres in Sheffield and Latrobe continue to look for ways to give visitors meaningful reminders of their stay while showcasing the welcoming spirit of these wonderful small towns.



NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of Council will be held at the Council Office, 69 High Street, Sheffield on **Wednesday, 22nd April, 2026** commencing at 6:00pm.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION EVENINGS

Council will hold the following Community Information Evenings:

- Sheffield Meeting – **Thursday 30 April 2026**
- Railton Meeting – **Thursday 27 August 2026**
- Lower Barrington Meeting – **Thursday 17 September 2026**

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

KENTISH EASTER CLOSURES

The Council Office and Depot will close for the Easter Period on **Friday, 03 April, 2026** and will reopen on **Wednesday, 08 April, 2026**.

The Sheffield Waste Transfer Station will be closed on **Good Friday**. The Wilmot Waste Transfer Station will remain as normal. Open other days as per the normal schedule.

Recycling collection services scheduled for **Friday 3 April** will be collected the day after on **Saturday 4 April**.

Residents should put their bins out the evening before. There will be no changes to the Waste/FOGO service. Council wishes everyone a safe and happy Easter. **REMINDER - COUNCIL WASTE**

MANAGEMENT SURVEY Council reminds residents to complete the Waste Management Survey via the QR Code provided.



Mayor's message: events enhance us



March was a very exciting month with lots of events to attend around our municipality.

International Women's Day was a great success and I would like to acknowledge and thank our guest speakers, Kristen, Karen, Jennifer and Emily for their wonderful contribution in sharing their individual journeys and their thought-provoking messages which were appreciated by all who attended.

SteamFest was a huge success and it was an honour to welcome Her Excellency, the Governor of Tasmania, and her husband on Sunday of the long weekend. It was a privilege to accompany the Governor as she familiarised herself with the wide variety of events that were being held during the day as well as engaging in informal conversations with many of the volunteers.

They both thoroughly enjoyed their time at Steamfest and were very impressed with the number of tractors and machinery that were on display.

Polocrosse and the Rodeo also brought many visitors to our town during the long weekend. It is important to recognise and thank the volunteers that give of their time so generously to ensure these events take place.

The Australian Rowing Championships were held at the end of March at Lake Barrington. Once again Kentish proved that it is an amazing place with the capacity to hold an event such as

this. It was such a success last year that Rowing Australia made the decision to hold the championships here again. Well done to everyone for making this event such an enjoyable experience within the peaceful, serene surroundings of Lake Barrington.

The recruitment process for the appointment of a new general manager is well underway. At this stage we will be holding interviews at the end of April after which an announcement will be made regarding the successful candidate.

I was very disappointed to hear about the vandalism at the toilets at Kentish Park. We have worked very hard to get these toilets up and running and within a couple of months they have been damaged with a total repair bill of \$10,000.

Locals and visitors alike enjoy coming to this area for recreational and leisure activities and we don't want to deter them if there are no toilet facilities. If you have any information, please notify the police on 131444.

I would like to wish everyone a very happy Easter. I hope you will be able to find time to spend with family and friends and enjoy the remaining warm days before Autumn takes hold.

Autumn is such a special time as the trees change their leaves and create a beautiful array of colours for us to admire and reflect on the splendour of our environment.

- *Kate Haberle*

SteamFest shines as thousands celebrate the power of steam - and long weekends!



More than 4000 people visited SteamFest in Sheffield on the first day of the three-day festival of all things steam and railway. Photos: Bruce Hutchison



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SHEFFIELD GOLF

The Sheffield Golf Club recently hosted Tandara Ambrose 4 Invitation Day, a popular event featuring a BBQ and cake auction, with Glenn Connors sponsoring the day.

This event is one of our main invitation days, raising money for Tandara Community Care. A big Thank You to all the people who provided items for the auction, assisted with the auction and helped with catering for the day.



A massive thank you to Neville Pulford (left) who recently retired from Club Secretary and Vets Secretary. Neville was Veterans President from 1994 –2000 and 2004-2007 before becoming Veterans Secretary from 2008-2025. Neville was club President from 2007 -2010 and the club Secretary 2008-2025. Neville was awarded Life membership in 2018.

Monthly Medal Winners

7/03 Members: Sponsored by IGA Sheffield was won by Glenn Connors 64 nett from Gerry Hopkins with 66 nett.

3/03 Vets : Sponsored by Sheffield Mechanical & Tyre was won by Brett Coombs 64 nett from Micheal Meaney with 70 nett.

3/03 Ladies: Sponsored by DJ Williams Refrigeration was won by Susie Coombs with 71 nett from Janice Williams 73 nett.

Members

21/02 Stableford was won by Greg Collis on 39 pts from Micheal Meaney on 38 pts.

28/02 3 Person Irish Stableford was won by Brett Coombs, Jacob Lawler and Scott Gale on 91 pts from Matthew Knight, Andrew Shaw and David MacMillan on 82 pts.

14/03 Tandara Invitation Day Ambrose 4 was won by Rodney Shackleton, Ryan Edwards, Brendan Taylor and Adam Gardner with 55.25 nett. Second was Stephen Harris, Greg Collis, Leigh Tuson and Adam Tuson with 55.875 nett. Sponsored by Glenn Connors

Vets/Ladies

24/02 3 Person Irish Stableford was won by Rowan Sherriff, Winsome Sherriff and Janice Williams with 85 pts from Lo Proud, Rodney Von Stieglitz and Lyle Hardwicke 82 pts.

10/03 Badger Heights Scramble was won by Lyle Hardwicke and Jason VanDyke 58 nett on a countback from Alan Duncan and Geneen Duff.

Vets 17/03 Stableford was won by Brett Coombs on 36 pts on countback from Micheal Meaney.

Ladies 17/03 Stableford was won by Winsome Sherriff 30 pts on a countback from Robyn Von Stieglitz.

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Throughout the three months of Summer, the Railton Parkrun welcomed 758 park runners. Some were regulars, but a large number were visitors who travelled from all over to experience our unique bush trail.

In January and February, we welcomed visitors from England, Sweden, Merimbula, Sydney, Hobart, Devonport, Perth WA, Gold Coast, Launceston, Port Sorell, Brisbane, Ocean Grove, Geelong, East Devonport, Aberdeen, Bellerive, Deloraine, Malaysia, Kingaroy, Port Macquarie, Adelaide, Shepperton, Kingston, Burnie, Leith, New Zealand, Warracknabeal, Tallangatta, Numurkah and *Sheffield*. Who would have thought it!

The “End of Summer” first finishers on February 28 were Ryan Close with a time of 22:07 and Donna Rayner on 22:41. Of those who participated in this event, Stephen Rand with 345 and Margaret McLauchlan with 320 had completed the most parkruns. All but one of Stephen’s events have been in Railton. Margaret often seeks out her nearest parkrun when she is travelling and is always keen to tick another location off her list.

A sincere thank you to everyone who continues to support our event each week. As with many organisations, nothing would be possible without our volunteers and we extend a huge ‘thank you’ to them. A reminder that parkrun is a free, family-friendly community event, where you can walk, jog or run in an idyllic bush setting. To register, go to parkrun Australia and bring along the barcode you will be issued with to ensure your participation and results are recorded. Parkrunners and their ‘bark runners’ (dogs on leashes) meet every Saturday morning at 8:50am at the Syke’s Sanctuary entrance on Kimberley Road.

Debbie Hutton (right) completed her 250th parkrun on March 21, with all events completed at Railton. A tremendous effort.



SHEFFIELD BOWLS CLUB

Sheffield Bowls Club will hold its AGM on Sunday, June 7, 10am at the Sheffield Bowls Club rooms, for the purpose of electing new office bearers and table the 25/26 financial report. All members are welcome; AGM to be followed by a general meeting.

The Ladies Thursday teams have finished the roster season in the top four and will now play off in the finals over the first three weeks in April, which is a fantastic result for the club.

The bowls season has come to a close for the Saturday teams, however, who have unfortunately not made the finals this year, with both Division 2 and Division 4 finishing mid-table. We look forward to a more competitive season starting in October.

It has been a wonderful 2025/26 season for the club, with the return of our popular Saturday night teas and members draw, which have been well supported and have helped create a great atmosphere around the club. It has been especially pleasing to see strong participation from members and visitors alike, both on and off the green, and we look forward to building on this momentum in the seasons ahead.

- Rosie Bassett, Secretary

CRICKET



Our Ladies First Grade side won this year's Cricket North West Premiership, defeating the Wynyard Tigers by seven wickets.

Played in blustery conditions under lights at Devonport Oval, the Mountaineers won the toss and elected to bowl first, and thanks to some tight and accurate bowling, were able to restrict the Tigers to 5-94 from their 20 overs.

Montana Bradley was the best with the bat for Wynyard with an unbeaten 44, but she was unable to find anyone else to make a sizable contribution as the Sheffield attack, led by Sam Cotton (2-12) kept the boundaries to a minimum.

The Mountaineers' reply started well as Georgia Anderson and Kylie Bramich put on 37 for the opening wicket, with Anderson going on to make 33 before being bowled with the score on 53. Georgia King (17) and Cotton (18 not out) then added a further 27 runs for the third wicket to put their team in sight of the title, with Cotton and Tayla Wigg combining for the winning runs with 15 balls remaining.

Anderson took out the Player of the Game award for her innings at the top of the order, which included five boundaries.

The win sees Sheffield claim its second CNW Women's title after success in the 2019-20 season.

Our Mens First Grade side has also made the Grand Final after defeating Burnie at a home semi-final. We scored 8 for 301 with Harry Collier scoring a magnificent 157 not out and Sheldon Parker scoring 60. In reply Burnie were bowled out for 239 with Sam Robinson taking 4 for 51 and Logan Heazlewood 3 for 54.

Our Mens 2nd Grade side has also made the Grand Final. In their semi-final against Burnie we scored 242 with Josh Aitkman scoring 70, Roland Skirving 53 and Connor

Hinrichsen 38. In reply Burnie were bowled out for 107 with Kaleb Lee taking 4 for 15 and Josh Marshall 3 for 24

At the recent Cricket North West Awards night, Sheffield again received the Club Championship award. This is awarded to the Club with the most points in all grades. Our players also received the following awards:

Mens - Batting Average: Alex King

Wicket Keeper Award: James Jennings

Greater Northern Player of the Year: Ethan Clark

Best Under 21 player: Ethan Clark

2nd Grade Wicket Keeping Award: Connor Kinrichsen

All Star Team: Marc Simonds (capt), Alex King and Ethan Clark

Womens - Bowling Average: Kahla Summers

Fielding Award: Sam Hardy

Equal Player of the Year: Georgia King

All Star Team: Georgia King (capt), Georgia Anderson, Kahla Summers and Sam Hardy



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Sheffield Art Gallery – 6 Pioneer Crescent, Sheffield

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This whimsical, colourful collection celebrates the bright and positive side of life with all its ups and downs.

A multi-talented artist of many years, Gillian continues to explore the diverse pathways of artistic creativity.

Opening hours: 10am to 3pm daily and entry is free.

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.

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

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

HUB REPORT

“Nothing today” is a comment we hear sometimes as people go out the door but there’s always next time. Or “I found just what I wanted.” There is certainly lots to choose from when you call into The Hub.

Recent donations: Kentish Polocrosse \$2000.

We look forward to your next visit. Open Mon-Fri 10am-3pm.

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

- *The Committee*

REDWATER CREEK STEAM & HERITAGE CENTRE

The Krauss 1906 Steam train will again be running on April 4-5 as well as May 2-3. The Model trains will also run.

SteamFest 2026 was a wonderful success, and we would like to sincerely thank our community for the incredible support that made it all possible. From the families who attended, to the stallholders, exhibitors, performers and sponsors, every person played a part in creating a welcoming and enjoyable weekend.

A very special thank you must go to our volunteers. SteamFest simply could not happen without the many people who give their time, skills and energy before, during and after the event. From setting up, working on gates, assisting exhibitors, helping in the food areas and keeping everything running smoothly, their contribution is invaluable.

We are also very grateful to the local community for their patience, support and enthusiasm and sponsorships. Seeing so many people enjoying the machinery, displays, music and activities makes all the hard work worthwhile.

Thank you again to everyone involved. We are proud of what our community can achieve together, and we look forward to continuing to improve SteamFest into the future.

- *Jill Ridgway, Secretary*

KENTISH MEN’S SHED

Now that SteamFest ‘26 has been packed away in our collective memories, we can reflect on the benefits brought to our town by the band of dedicated volunteers who make it all happen year on year and all the while it seems to get bigger and better.

Certainly, from the Men’s Shed perspective this last one was a ripper. Among the many highlights we had a visit from the Lady Governor Barbara Baker who never fails to please and who effortlessly rubbed shoulder with the scruffs from our shed. There was also great interest generated in Bannons Forge where we had no fewer than five blacksmiths sharing their skills with a constant stream of visitors.

A very popular attraction is Red Water Creek’s miniature railway whose extensive track runs hard by our shed on our Spring Street side where Mick Bailley has further developed the garden that was first created by James Morcom whose contribution to our shed is sorely missed. Riders on the little train get a first-class glimpse of their horticultural contribution to the Sheffield landscape.

We also had a unique display bought to SteamFest by the Tasmanian Men’s Shed Association which, at first glance, appeared to be bunting and, on closer inspection, was revealed to be a colourful collection of men’s knickers (sadly not one pair of Y-fronts my size). The aim of this Risque display was to draw attention to the scourge of prostate cancer which can be easily treated if men seek advice when symptoms begin to show.

Among the many other projects in hand are the tables we have refurbished for the Sheffield Hotel. The men involved have done a first-class job and the pub is well pleased. Rod Davey has made great progress on the bespoke trailer intended to be our entrant in the next Christmas Parade.

And when Wilmot celebrates the annual Weindorf Day on Sunday May 3, we will be there with our mobile blacksmith and sausage sizzle. Our Shed is open Thursdays and Saturdays 9am-1pm. For information, please call Peter on 0449 559 257.



KENTISH PROBUS CLUB

The next meeting of the Kentish Probus Club will be April 14 at 10am at the Sheffield Bowls Club. The Guest Speaker will be Ann Lamprey from Rubicon Grove.

The outing will be a luncheon TBA followed by a visit to the Age & Disability Expo in Devonport.

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

Dig into autumn tree planting

With the weather turning, the tree planting season is fast approaching. In 2026 Mount Roland Land Care will again be holding a series of tree planting days around Kentish, with the first being on Saturday, April 18, starting at 10am at Stoodley.

All the details can be found on the MRLC website at www.mountrolandlandcare.org.au and on our Facebook page.

There will be a further three planting days in autumn, and another two in spring time, aiming to plant a total of 1200 native plants in Kentish in 2026, bringing our total planted in the last four years to well over 8000.

Everyone is welcome to attend. It's a great opportunity to contribute to the environmental health of our community, and to meet with like-minded people.

Open to all ages and levels of fitness, there's always a range of tasks, with something to suit everyone, whether experienced or not. It's a welcoming social atmosphere, come along with a smile and a positive attitude – all tools, equipment and planting accessories are provided.

Planting starts at 10am and runs through till noon. At 12pm a delicious lunch is provided for you as a thankyou for your efforts. RSVP to secretary@mountrolandlandcare.org.au is



essential to help with organisation on the day, and to make sure we have a lunch that matches your dietary requirements.

Looking forward to seeing lots of people along for what promises to be another very enjoyable and productive year of tree planting in Kentish.

White-footed dunnart: a sharp-eyed hunter

By Kristen Lang

Just occasionally, Mount Roland Land Care's *Life on the Mountain* project manages to secure footage of white-footed dunnarts. They are present around some of Mount Roland's highest rocks, in the light forests of the plateau, and on the steep, stony drops just below. By the data so far, their population looks fairly small in these areas.

When the project's remote cameras happen to point their way, there's no hint at all of camera shyness. These are fast, busy, delightful creatures, agile and sharp-eyed. A little larger than a house mouse, a white-footed dunnart would still fit snugly in the palm of your hand... if you could catch one, the difficulty being one of the reasons little is known about the animal.

White-footed dunnarts feed on insects, worms and other invertebrates, small skinks too, of which there are many on Mount Roland. It's not hard to guess that they're hunters. They look the part – a slightly raised posture, ready to pounce, needle teeth in a sharp-tapering snout, and large, deep-notched ears. They're built to hear, smell, and swiftly catch their next dinner.

The dunnarts also seem to apply their speed and agility to courtship. In the frisky season, pairs of dunnarts have been filmed in repeated, high-speed chases. Dunnarts are nest builders. Unlike house mice, being marsupials rather than rodents, they are also pouched. Their young are born in Spring and are thought to stay in mum's pouch for about 7 to 8 weeks.

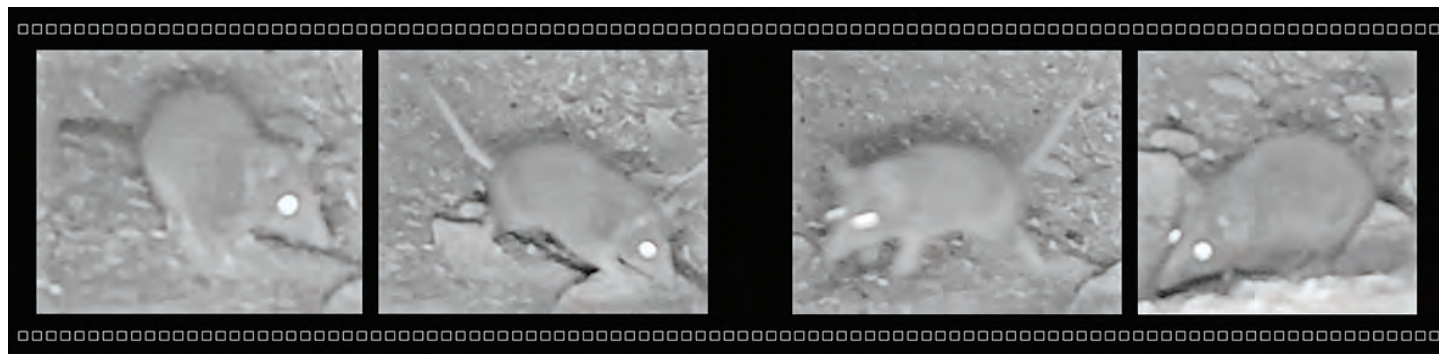
Why might their population be small on Mount Roland?

There's no complete answer to that. A mountain top is not always an easy place to live, and times when insects are less available would be difficult. The prevalence of cats, resident right across the mountain, is also relevant. Cats and dunnarts, along with the more numerous long-tailed mice, antechinuses, and pygmy possums, and brushtails, ringtails, swamp rats, and the birds as well, ground parrots among them, have been co-existing for many decades.

Have the dunnarts been in decline over that time? We don't know. Dunnart numbers, or their presence at all, does not seem to have been recorded for Mount Roland prior to the *Life on the Mountain* project, which began in 2023. This means there are no indications available for comparisons.

Long-nosed potoroos and southern brown bandicoots are also present only in small numbers on the mountain, emphasising again that there's room for us to improve our understanding of the balance of life around us. There are two things we can do to help the native animals of Tasmania – look after habitat (the mountains included) and better manage our cats. The Tasmanian Cat Management Plan is currently being updated. The NRE website (Department of Natural Resources and Environment) has all the details.

Mount Roland Land Care will continue to learn what it can about this tiny, exquisite member of our community.





Two of our teams will be playing finals, Division One and Division Four. Our ladies, due to lots of health issues, have fallen short. We have now concluded all our carnivals. Thanks to everyone who assisted throughout the season.

Upcoming event: Sandy Castles Player Voting Day, April 12.

The annual Presentation Evening will be May 9, 6.30pm. Please let the secretary know if you are attending. Cost is \$25 per person. Come along and enjoy the players' achievements.

Huge thank you goes to our sponsors for our uniforms: Simmons Wolfhagen Lawyers, Kentish Council Community Grant, Corrine Nicholson Roberts. Also our yearly sponsors Cement Australia, Stihl Devonport, Anvers Chocolates, Mike Gaffney MLC, The Hub Sheffield, Railton Motor and Tyre.

- Noelene Purton, Secretary

You can never have too many birch trees

By Robert Gower

Well, what a dry summer we have had. Hopefully, by the time this article is printed we would have had a lot more rain.

I've got 160 birch trees waiting to be planted to create a (Betula) birch forest.

I have a number of Betula species to plant: Betula nigra, Betula alba, and Betula albosinensis (chinese red birch) which is known for its stunning cinnamon-red to orange-copper bark, which reveals shades of pink and cream underneath as it peels.

The area being planted up is 15m x25m. I will need to buy tree guards and stakes, the guards needing to be 75cm high to protect from the local wildlife.

After planting out, I will then need to set up irrigation, so they can establish over Spring and Summer.

All these birches are grown from seed I collected two years ago. They were in the fridge for six weeks before being sown into trays to germinate, then tubed into forestry tubes to grow.

Now after two years, they are ready to plant. My biggest challenge will be the possums (they love them!) and they won't get fed until Spring.

Once established, I will plant Hellebores underneath for winter colour. Since our property is called Birch Cottage, it will be a nice addition.

My wife asks "More trees? Haven't you got enough?" And I respond, "You can never have too many trees."

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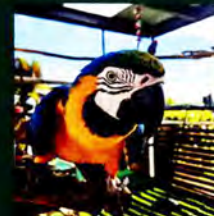
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When Angus Stewart visited Kentish to talk to the Kentish Garden Club, he wooed his

audience with bouquets picked from his native garden on the Tasman Peninsula. The large bouquets included plants he is breeding to develop better varieties for both gardens and the cut flower market. The beautiful bunches included pale pink



gum blossom, kangaroo paws in tones of yellow and mauve (a new colour for paws) and native everlasting daisies in pink and yellow tones.

He also had lots of great gardening advice including where to grow large kangaroo paws. He told KGC members that one of the best places to grow tall kangaroo paws was in the septic trench!

This moist, high nutrient position would spell death for most Australian native plants but says Angus, kangaroo paws don't like to dry out (especially when conditions are hot and dry) and they relish fertiliser.

Kangaroo paws (*Anigozanthos* spp.) generally do well in frost-free locations in Tasmanian gardens (for example under a tree canopy). Angus has bred many excellent kangaroo paws over the years, including most recently his Landscape series, which includes many tall and colourful selections including the vivid Landscape Lime.

For more on Angus's native plants, visit gardeningwithangus.com.au

Next meeting

The next meeting of the Kentish Garden Club is Thursday, April 9, at 6.30pm at Sheffield Golf Club, 214 Nook Road.

We are celebrating autumn with our annual Harvest Supper – please bring a plate to share based on home-grown or local produce. Also bring along your biggest and best veggies for our annual Harvest Veggie Competition.

All welcome (non-members \$20). For more information, call Jennifer Stackhouse (KGC President) on 0488 047 011.

Produce Swap

Barrington Hall, 52 Barrington Road, Barrington is the venue for Kentish Garden Club's regular Produce Swap, which is held on the last Saturday of the month.

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Profile: Lorinna firies build resilience

By Adrian Socha, TFS Brigade Chief, Lorinna

The Lorinna Volunteer Fire Brigade, serving the remote valley of Lorinna, began forming in the early 1980s. At the time, a local resident working with the Tasmania Fire Service at the lookout tower on Mount Roland recognised the growing need for a local response team.

With more families settling in the valley and the region exposed to isolation, rugged terrain, and long response times, establishing a brigade became essential.

In its earliest days, Lorinna had no shed, no building and no formal equipment - just a trailer loaded with basic hand tools, operated by community members determined to protect home.

Early Development

The brigade's first proper shed was a relocated structure from the Melrose Brigade, transported into the valley and rebuilt by locals with support from TFS. This marked the start of more organised, dependable firefighting capability.

Appliance History

The brigade's equipment evolved steadily: Early 1980s: Trailer with backpacks, rakes, and beaters; 2002: 5.1 Nissan Patrol, white, 3-speed, no power steering; Later replaced by a red Toyota LandCruiser 5.1; 2005: New Sheffield 5.1 Toyota; 2006: Shed extension added a training room and larger appliance bay; March 2007: Arrival of the 4.1 medium tanker - still serving the valley.

The current 4.1 medium tanker carries approximately 1000 litres of water, giving the brigade a strong initial response capability in an area where additional water sources can be limited or distant.



With ongoing TFS grants and support, the Lorinna Brigade is now well equipped, including: a thermal imaging camera; blowers; brushcutters; portable pumps; generators; a wide range of tools for maintenance, safety, and hazard reduction. These tools support both emergency operations and upkeep of the fire shed surrounds, ensuring clear access and reduced fuel loads.

The Brigade Today

Lorinna has around 10 active members, representing a mix of backgrounds, including health workers, teachers, land managers, long-term residents, and new community members. This diversity creates a united, flexible and highly capable team, well suited to the unique challenges of Lorinna's landscape.

Typical call-outs include: motor vehicle accidents; lightning-strike vegetation fires; smaller localised incidents.

Major Multi-Day Operation

Recently, the brigade supported a significant multi-day bushfire operation on remote private land just outside Lorinna. This incident required: a specialist remote-area TFS team, support from multiple brigades and helicopter operations as well as several days of challenging terrain work. This operation highlighted both the remoteness of the region and the value of strong community preparedness.

Joint Training With Neighbouring Brigades

The Lorinna Brigade regularly participates in inter-brigade training exercises, helping strengthen cooperation and build shared capability across the region. These sessions involve realistic, hands-on scenarios such as: motor vehicle crash simulations; farm machinery incidents; school or public-facility emergency call-outs; bushfire containment training.

By working closely with neighbouring brigades, teams learn to coordinate effectively during major incidents and ensure safer, faster responses across the wider district.

Meeting Local Needs

Lorinna's geography requires a deep understanding of: steep terrain and limited vehicle access; locations of vulnerable residents; water scarcity, particularly in summer; localised fuel loads and property layouts

Training is held on the first Sunday of every month, often within the community itself, including practical exercises around Lake Cethana. This location-specific training ensures members are familiar with the real environments where they may need to work. *(continued next page)*

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Recent Incidents

The vegetation fire on patrol as of the writing of March edition remained under patrol for three days, requiring a couple of brigades to black out a few hotspots that required attention, mainly due to roots and stumps that continued to smoulder.

After patrolling this fire in the morning, three Roland brigades were called out to a grass fire that was close to houses in the afternoon with two neighbouring brigades assisting. Unfortunately, a shed was lost.

Two days later a grass fire with two brigades and the next day an escaped burn with a four-brigade response.

A Direct Brigade Alarm was attended to and that evening a small unregistered burn was called in. Fire comm sent out three brigades. Three days later a neighbouring group had eight brigades and three helicopters extinguish and black out a

Lorinna brigade in the field

Community & Environmental Contributions

The brigade contributes to Lorinna's long-standing environmental ethic through:

- Landcare-style weeding and restoration work
- Bio-char burns, turning debris into valuable soil carbon
- Larger fuel-reduction burns to lower wildfire risk

These efforts promote safer conditions while supporting the valley's ecological health.

The brigade also supports community wellbeing through:

- Firewood raffles providing valued local firewood
- Open social events held throughout the year
- The beloved Santa lolly run enjoyed by all ages

The fire shed has recently received major improvements: a new roof; new water tank; and resurfacing of the gravel area around the fire shed. Also upgraded internet and connectivity; and an off-grid power system overhaul to replace ageing equipment

These upgrades enhance communication, training, and emergency readiness - all vital in an isolated area like Lorinna.

From humble beginnings - no shed, just a trailer of hand tools - the Lorinna Volunteer Fire Brigade has grown into a capable, well-equipped team with diverse skills, deep local knowledge, and a strong commitment to both safety and environmental care. Today, the brigade stands as a central pillar of the Lorinna community, reflecting its resilience, unity, and spirit.



grass fire heading uphill toward hay bales that was caused by a sparking power pole.

Roland sent two trucks for five hours to this call out. A camp fire on the side of the road and a DBA, rounded out the call outs to March 15.

Smoke Alarms

A gentle reminder when the time falls back to standard time, to check the batteries on your smoke alarms, and for mains-powered or 10-year lithium batteries, test and clean alarms monthly. Only a working smoke alarms saves lives.

TFS recommends installing a photoelectric smoke alarm in all sleeping areas, living area, hallways and above stairwells in multi-storey homes.

For the deaf and hard of hearing, there are specialised smoke alarms. Ensure the alarm purchased meets Australian Standards.

For other advice, visit fire.tas.gov.au, tfseducation.com.au or free-call 1800 000 699 to grab a copy of the TFS Home Fire Safety booklet or A Visual Guide to Home Fire Safety booklet.

Want to volunteer with TFS?

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Tasmanian Government

Connections help support volunteers

Volunteering Tasmania recently connected with local volunteer organisations and community members during a Future of Volunteering Connection Pop-Up held at Kentish House in Sheffield on March 13.

The informal drop-in session gave volunteer organisations the opportunity to speak directly with the Volunteering Tasmania team about the challenges and opportunities facing volunteering in the region.

Attendees were able to ask questions, share their experiences and access practical tools to help strengthen their volunteer programs.

The pop-up was attended by a range of organisations interested in getting more support from Volunteering Tasmania.

Operations Manager Rhonda Wilson said it was a great chance to connect in with organisations and provide them with more information to strengthen their programs.

“We chatted to a range of groups and individuals who are looking to engage more volunteers,” she said.

“A part of Volunteering Tasmania’s job is to provide information and resources that promote best practice and assist them so they do not have to reinvent the wheel, giving them access to services like Volunteer Connect where they can list their available volunteer roles.”

The pop-ups are part of a statewide tour designed to support volunteer organisations and build stronger community connections across Tasmania.

Volunteering Tasmania said these sessions were especially important in regional communities where volunteers played a vital role in local services, events and programs.

Other volunteer groups interested in further training and networking opportunities are encouraged to attend the Future of Volunteering Symposium in Launceston on May 14.

More information about upcoming events and training opportunities is available at volunteeringtas.org.au.



Operations Manager Rhonda Wilson with Tandara Lodge Community Care CEO Matt Flakemore.

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'It's about putting the kids first'

By Heather Eiszele

Stage musicals will return to Sheffield School after a long hiatus with the production of *An Egyptian Whodunnit* scheduled for September.

Principal Wendy Leonard, a former English and Drama teacher, is excited to offer students the opportunities a production presents. "It's not just the actors on stage but what goes on behind the scenes, like lighting, set design and promotion," Wendy said.

Auditions have been held, roles assigned and rehearsals are underway under the direction of Wendy with assistance from music teacher Lucy Elliott. Art teacher Jane Holmes will work with students to create sets and props for the *Maverick* musical.

"The kids don't understand how big it is, that it takes that long to put things together," Wendy said. "We've just choreographed the opening number for our dance group of about 10 girls."

Arts is one of Sheffield School's many strengths along with farming, given its unique position to offer real-life experience at the school farm.

"It's a real niche for us, giving kids the opportunity to learn about agriculture and what career pathways they can take."

Wendy said Sheffield had a range of talent with some "wonderful" musicians and strong academic performances, as well as sporting success. "Across the board, it's really diverse."

The former Assistant Principal at Ulverstone Secondary College has been in education for more than 30 years and believes strong communication skills form positive relationships.

"It's important to be open and transparent with people," she said. "I would say I'm fair but firm."

The Sheffield School has 360 students across three campuses, including Railton and the Farm, with 38 teaching staff.

Over the next two years, the Berry Street Education Model (trauma-informed, strengths-based educational framework) will be introduced and staff will upskill to support student needs, including those who have experienced trauma or adversity.

"It's about putting the kids first," Wendy said. "We're here for our students and we need to ensure they feel safe and well within themselves and their environment."

A current focus across campuses is ensuring classes have strong,



consistent and predictable classroom entry routines to promote safety, build connections and maximise learning time.

"The teachers are using this as a check-in to make sure our students are 'ready to learn'," Wendy said. "They greet students to see how they are going and what they can do to help because if students aren't in the right headspace, then it's going to be difficult for them to be able to learn."

The Don resident and mother of two adult children enjoys the half hour travel to prepare for work and decompress on the way home. "That work/life balance is so important. I love going to the gym and for walks to relax."

She said she was lucky to work in such a wonderful, tight-knit community. "We have really strong relationships with different community groups who bring so much to the school and give our student so many opportunities."

Sheffield School Report

By SRC representatives Lily and Marli

During Week 5, we held our first Staff vs Students lunchtime activity. We hosed a Kahoot quiz. For those who don't know, a Kahoot quiz is a computer-based trivia game. The SRC created questions about sport, general knowledge, geography and Sheffield School facts. Well done to Mr Heathcote who finished in first place.

We visited some of our newest students in the school, the Kinder A & B. We played in the sandpit, joined in with pretend play and even became construction workers in the block corner. Since Week 2, every Monday and Friday, we have shared duties in the primary playground. This has allowed us to make connections with some of the younger members of our school.

Our biggest and most exciting project for this year is our Buddy Bench. As part of Harmony Week last month, the SRC came up with this wonderful idea and the boys are building a bench in MDA as well as a picnic table for Railton.

These will serve as spaces where students can sit if they are feeling lonely, upset or anxious. This helps other students and staff know when someone might need a bit of extra support during break times or simply a friendly chat.

Students will be involved to help paint the Buddy Bench with their handprints. We are asking each teacher to nominate five students from their class who represent one of the DECYP values. These students will add their handprint to the bench in the colour linked to the value they represent.

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Tas Govt backs building industry

By Guy Barnett, Member for Lyons

I'm pleased to share two important steps our Government is taking to back Tasmania's builders, tradies and home buyers.

First, legislation to stop federal red tape and reduce costs for Tasmanian builders and home buyers will be introduced in the first week of Parliament.

The Building Amendment Bill 2026 will put a stop to unnecessary costs and delays caused by constant changes to the National Construction Code (NCC).

By freezing these changes, we are giving builders certainty and helping keep housing projects moving across the State.

Our Government has worked closely with industry to take a sensible, balanced approach, making sure we can build the homes we need now, while planning carefully for the future.

Importantly, this action is strongly backed by industry.

The Housing Industry Association has described it as nation-leading reform that gives builders certainty when they need it most, and Master Builders Tasmania has said a legislated pause on new residential code changes will help reduce red tape, save money and support more homes being built.

At the same time, we are also tackling another issue driving up costs in the building sector, copper and scrap metal theft.

The Tasmanian Government is working closely with industry and Tasmania Police to crack down on the theft of copper cabling, plumbing and other valuable metals from construction sites across the state.

These crimes don't just involve stolen materials. They often leave extensive damage, create serious safety risks like exposed

wiring, and cause costly delays. Ultimately, it's Tasmanian families, small businesses and home buyers who feel the impact. That's why we are working in partnership with industry, to crackdown on copper and metal theft from job sites.

I thank the Housing Industry Association, Civil Construction Federation, Master Builders Tasmania and the National Electrical and Communications Association for their proactive engagement on this issue.

Together with Tasmania Police and other stakeholders, we will ensure police have the powers they need and that penalties are toughened for offenders.

Tasmanian builders just want to get on with the job - building the homes our communities need.

Driver fatigue in spotlight

Australia's national heavy vehicle regulator has launched a nationwide operation to tackle fatigue, following nearly 5000 fatigue-related breaches detected last year.

The National Heavy Vehicle Regulator will conduct Operation Ambit across the country, focusing on heavy vehicle drivers who take unsafe risks with their work and rest requirements.

"Fatigue is one of the biggest risks for heavy vehicle crashes across Australia," said Chief Operations Officer Paul Salvati.

"Australia's heavy vehicle industry is vital to our nation, but it is also demanding, high-stakes work which requires skill, focus and resilience every day. That's why managing fatigue isn't optional – and staying rested and vigilant is critical."

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Market Moves

with **Corinne Nicholson**
Principal
Roberts Nicholson



With Easter arriving and autumn settling across Kentish, I thought it was a nice time to say hello from the office at 48 Main Street Sheffield.

Our office is run by just the two of us, Sandy and myself, Corinne. You'll usually find me out and about across the district meeting property owners, appraising homes, showing buyers through properties and negotiating sales, something I genuinely love doing.

Sandy keeps everything running smoothly behind the scenes from listing right through to settlement.

Negotiation Makes The Difference

Real estate has been my career for over 20 years, working across residential homes, blocks of land, investment properties, lifestyle properties and farms. Our office in Main Street, Sheffield is a great local spot to connect with the community, and I still get just as excited negotiating a great result for my clients today as I did on my very first sale.

By taking on the business, I've invested in the long-term future of the Kentish and Sheffield community, and I've been thrilled by the wonderful support shown by locals.

Our business is local, for locals and run by locals, and great care is taken to achieve positive outcomes for our whole community.

I'm also a Feng Shui Master and enjoy sharing simple ideas about presentation and creating a welcoming feel when preparing a home for the market.

Our office is open 9am to 3pm, and many locals and visitors to

Sheffield stop to look at our brightly lit window display, which showcases our listings well into the evening. We also keep our current property stock list in a basket outside the office, which many people pick up when passing by.

Lately I've been having some interesting conversations with locals and investors who are reviewing their property plans, looking at market changes, and wondering what their property might be worth today.

Thinking of selling? I may already have buyers.

Next month I'll introduce you properly to Sandy, who many locals already know for her incredible community work and dedication to Kentish.

If you're curious what your property might be worth today, feel free to pop in or give me a call anytime. Many successful sales begin with a simple property conversation.

From both of us here in the Sheffield office, we wish everyone across Kentish and the surrounding districts a safe and happy Easter.

- **Corinne & Sandy**



Cradle Coast Authority seeks leader



The Cradle Coast Authority (CCA) is seeking a skilled and experienced leader to join its Board as an Independent Director and Chair of the Regional Economic Development Committee (REDC).

CCA is jointly owned by the nine councils of north-west and western Tasmania and works collaboratively to deliver regional initiatives that support sustainable economic growth, environmental stewardship and community wellbeing.

The successful candidate will provide leadership and oversight of regional economic development activities through the REDC and guide the continued implementation of CCA's Regional Futures Plan, including the Regional Investment Framework. As Chair of the REDC, the successful applicant will also serve as an Independent Director on the CCA Board.

CCA Chair Ian Vanderbeek said the position offers an opportunity to help shape the region's economic future.

"This is an important role that will help guide strategic investment and support opportunities for economic development across our region," Mr Vanderbeek said.

Applicants with a strong interest in regional development, solid governance experience, and strategic leadership skills are encouraged to apply.

For a confidential discussion, contact CEO Philip Reid at preid@cradlecoast.com or 6433 8400.

The Position Description is available via the CCA website, please visit <https://cradlecoast.com>

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On March 12 the AGM for Kentish U3A was held at the Uniting Church Hall.

This was our 10th AGM. We have a new Secretary – John

Hawkins - and a new Course coordinator – Kate Jackson. Thanks to Heather Eiszele who did both of those jobs last year. Other committee members were re-elected including Jennifer Braid as Treasurer and Public Officer and Membership Officer and Don Thwaites as President.

Kentish U3A tries to offer courses and activities to keep your mind and body active, and we try to find something for everyone. So if you are over 50 and retired or have some time on your hands have a look at our timetable right.

We are always looking for new activities. Following a suggestion we are trying to find folks interested in bush dancing and others interested in making music for bush dances. We have some interested but need a few more to make it work.

We know there are lots of people over 50 in Kentish who are not members but would really enjoy it if they were.

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There's nothing quite like getting back to nature. Playing outside and spending time outdoors supports our physical, social, and emotional health, while allowing us to connect with the environment around us.

Across the nation, the month of April is all about encouraging nature play and engaging with natural materials in outdoor environments. This type of play invites open-ended exploration, discovery, and connection with the natural world.

Children's nature play experiences have endless physical benefits as they encourage movement, exploration, risk-taking and discovery. And not just children, time spent outdoors is an important part of our daily routine, no matter our age group!

Spending time in nature, the local park, on the farm or in our backyards isn't just relaxing - it has measurable effects on our physical and mental health. Here are five impactful benefits:

Reduces Stress and Anxiety

Being in natural environments lowers cortisol (our stress

hormone). Research shows that even short exposure to outdoor spaces can calm the nervous system and reduce symptoms of anxiety.

Improves Mental Clarity and Focus

Nature helps restore attention and reduce mental fatigue. Spending time outdoors can also help us recover from overstimulation and "the rush" of modern living.

Boosts Physical Health

Activities like walking, hiking, or swimming outdoors improve cardiovascular fitness, lower blood pressure, and support immune function. Regular exposure to fresh air and sunlight also helps with vitamin D production.

Enhances Mood and Emotional Wellbeing

Time in nature is linked to increased feelings of happiness and reduced symptoms of depression. This is boosted even further when we couple time outside with our pets, friends and family.

Improves Sleep Quality

Exposure to natural light helps regulate your circadian rhythm (body clock), making it easier to fall asleep and wake up naturally.

Spending time outdoors during the day can lead to deeper, more restful sleep at night.

Across Kentish, we are lucky to have a wide range of green spaces, natural reserves and rolling green hills... so this April make time to get out enjoy what our local area has to offer.

How to cook healthy meals on a budget

Two leading health organisations have joined forces to help show people in Australia how simple it can be to cook heart-healthy meals on a budget.

The Heart Foundation has partnered with nutrition movement No Money No Time, which aims to make heart-healthy eating more affordable and accessible for people in Australia who are navigating rising grocery costs.

Coronary heart disease remains a leading cause of death in Australia, despite evidence showing that around one-third of cardiovascular disease deaths are attributable to poor diet and therefore largely preventable.

No Money No Time is a free, evidence-based nutrition platform created by food and nutrition experts from the University of Newcastle. It is designed to help equip people with the resources needed to help them cook healthily to improve their health and well-being while preventing chronic disease and building lifelong healthy food habits.

As food prices continue to soar, both organisations are collaborating to help strengthen their reach across Australia by improving access to practical tools including simple recipes, cooking tips, meal plans and ingredient swaps that have heart health benefits and won't cost a packet.

A key tool of No Money No Time is a database of recipes which empowers people to filter food by cost, time, dietary needs and cooking skills, with some of the nutritious options on offer costing less than \$1 per serve.

Low-cost food swaps and smart shopping strategies are also on the menu, with the partnership complementing the Heart Foundation's existing recipe resources.

Heart Foundation General Manager Food and Nutrition Claire Gardner said many people wanted to eat well but found the challenges of rising food costs, limited time to cook and confusion around what is healthy and affordable too difficult.

"Healthy eating can feel out of reach, even though we know it's one of the most powerful ways to protect our heart health," Claire said. "Eating for heart health shouldn't depend on your budget or your time. This partnership aims to highlight that options for tasty, healthy meals are accessible, regardless of someone's income, background or time constraints."

Examples of low-cost, heart-healthy recipes available on the No Money No Time website include:

Kerith's miso maple cauliflower steaks - \$0.75 per serve

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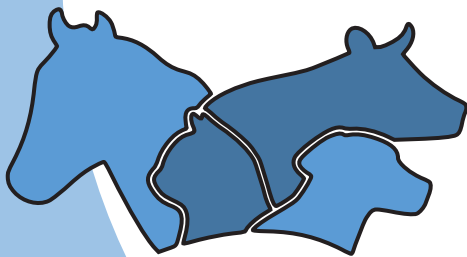
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Hydro Tas hosts paddle day on Forth

Members of the community participated in an exciting day of paddling in the River Forth on Sunday, March 1, thanks to a collaboration between Hydro Tasmania and Paddle Tasmania. More than 20 people attended and had the chance to try their hand at paddling in two 1.5-hour sessions under the guidance of experienced Tasmania Canoe Club instructors.

The day was designed for beginners of all ages with a focus on getting local families on the river to experience the fun and adventure that can be had in the region, and the thriving local club that supports this sport.

Participants went through a safety induction before being introduced to the basics of paddling and finally setting out on the river. A free barbecue lunch was provided to all participants after their big day on the water.

Cousins Noah Hampton, 8, and Riley New, 9, attended the paddle day with their families and described their experience as “awesome,” encouraging everyone to “definitely try paddling.”

As Tasmania’s largest water manager, Hydro Tasmania is passionate about ensuring the public has accessible, well-maintained recreational areas.

“Tasmania’s lakes and rivers are here for everyone to enjoy and today is a wonderful example of how the community can use these beautiful waterways,” said Hydro Tasmania’s Ruth Groom. “Hydro Tasmania’s waterways are a shared resource that return much more than just renewable energy and Hydro Tasmania manages them to ensure benefits flow to all.”

Hydro Tasmania works closely with the Tasmanian Canoe Club to ensure water releases from upstream dams in the Mersey-Forth Hydropower Scheme deliver perfect paddling conditions.

Paddle Tasmania Executive Officer Marisol Miró Quesada said it was fantastic to see so many newcomers trying paddling.

“It was truly wonderful to see so many members of the community experience the fun and warm welcome of our paddling family today,” she said.

“We hope this day inspires everyone to join a great local club like the Tasmanian Canoe Club and become part of our wonderful community.”

Hydro Tasmania manages waterways to support activities, including paddling, fly-fishing, rowing and water skiing.



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Farewell my readers of Kentish his

It is now time to bring this rather lengthy series of historic articles on the Kentish district to a close. Since the mid-1970s I have written several books and occasional articles on Kentish history, but in 2016 when Lesley Begg asked me to write monthly articles for this magazine, I never dreamed it would last so long. So now nearly 10 years (and 117 articles later), having never missed one month's publication, I bring it to an end. Although quite a demanding assignment, it has been a privilege to do this research, and to share it with you, my readers. One of the hazards of this venture is that it enables me to bore people long after my death.

Born at Sheffield in 1933, the year unemployment in Tasmania rose to 32% because of the worldwide Great Depression, many Kentish families were kept from starving by trapping rabbits and snaring possums. A record 70,000 possum skins were sold at the annual Skin Sale in Sheffield in 1934. Mothers and children picked blackberries that were sent to jam factories in Hobart. That same year the Kentish Council employed over 30 men to erect a cement reservoir for Sheffield's water supply on top of Shackley's hill (now Treloar's gravel quarry) and dig trenches and lay water pipes across country to southern end of High St and then along every street in Sheffield to connect water to each house.

I was born too late to remember such poverty, but just a couple of years later, I have clear childhood memories of being in the next generation who gradually left the very basic form of rural home life that our forebears had lived in for decades, and slowly added the first mod cons of our new modern era – telephones, motor cars, electricity, wireless, and a town water supply.

Our house stood close at the southern end of High St with an inspiring view of Mt Roland. When my father Aubrey Dyer (21) was appointed council clerk of Kentish Municipality in 1921, he was the youngest council clerk in Australia. As he didn't marry until he was 32, he was able to save some money to build a substantial house to which he added most of these new benefits as they came along. Other families trapped in poverty were not so fortunate. I was the eldest of six children, Kevin was born two years later, followed by Helen, Rosemary, Winston and Philip.

Our home

Built during 1932 our weatherboard house had five rooms with fireplaces to keep the place warm. Each room had a single light bulb hanging from the center of the room, and one large round electrical power point on the wall. In the passageway was a wall-mounted crank-handle telephone. We were Sheffield No 1. In the kitchen was a stove top and an oven standing on four long enamel legs. On the counter, sat a boxed wireless set attached to an outside aerial that stretched between two high poles twenty meters apart, in the back yard. The pine kitchen tabletop was covered with an oilskin cloth that could be wiped clean in a jiffy.

Most mornings and evenings were spent gathered around the kitchen fireplace. At breakfast time, a heavy-duty fire screen Dad purchased from Nurse Riley's baby hospital (now in the Kentish museum) was removed so each child could cook their toast on a toasting fork. Thick oatmeal porridge was the usual fare. No coffee or tea bags, parents drank tea made with a tea

infuser. The kitchen sink was deep with an enamel finish, and the draining board was made of smooth pine boards. No liquid detergents, just long bars of Velvet soap. You broke off a bar and placed it in a small wire cage with a handle, then swished it through the hot water to make suds. The cutlery drawer had no horizontal support underneath. When opened, it would hang down at an angle and if pulled too far would crash to the floor. I marveled that all our cutlery was imprinted with the word Sheffield (UK center of manufacturing cutlery).

In these post-depression days, main meals included home-grown potatoes and vegetables. At the butchers, in addition to cuts of beef, sheep and pork, they sold most parts of an animal's intestines -livers, hearts, kidneys, tripe, brains, ox tails, pigs trotters and chook's gizzards, all of which were all eaten with appreciation and pleasure. With no fly-screen doors to the kitchen, sticky strips or ribbons hung from the ceiling to catch flies. Off the kitchen was the walk-in pantry, that had a fly-proof meat safe and shelves of bottled fruit, jams, sauces. When we eventually bought a refrigerator, the meat safe went, and eventually the whole pantry.

In the washhouse was a large 'copper' with a fire box beneath to boil the linen sheets before the hard work of using a hand wringer to squeeze the water out of them and carry a heavy basket of sheets up the backyard to the clothesline. In 1935 Dad built a toilet with a septic tank on to the end of the washhouse that replaced the smelly outback dunny.

My parents used the front bedroom, while my brother Kevin and I enjoyed sleeping in a sleepout built by closing in the end of our back veranda. All beds had a stretchy wire mesh base, over which a mattress known as a 'tick' was placed, made of cotton-wool wadding and feathers. On cold nights it would take ages to warm up in bed, unless we had a 'jimmy skinner' (a rubber hot water bottle) to warm your feet. Each bedroom had a bed pan (or pot) beneath the bed which had to be emptied every morning. During the night there were lots of eerie sounds outside - dogs barking, cat fights, plovers squawking, the town's roosters heralded the dawn.

Once a week the night-cart man came around the houses. His night- cart had rubber tyres so it was silent, but the clip-clop of the horse hooves coming up the street could be heard many houses away. Front gates would squeak as the night cartman carried an empty toilet pan to the outdoor dunny. Opening the back trap door, he would withdraw the full pan and replace it with the empty one. Throwing a bag over the full one to contain the stench, he carried it out to the street and loaded it onto his very low flat-tray night-cart. Once walking to school I came across the revolting contents of a toilet pan that had been spilt all over the footpath.

My earliest memories include attending the Sheffield Gospel Hall each Sunday, where I watched families arrive in their different modes of transport: horses and buggies, shay carts, and canvass top T model Fords with celluloid windows. It was there at an older age I found a Christian faith that has been an integral part of guiding my life ever since.

My *Grandma Slater* featured prominently in my early childhood. She was the owner of Slater's shop, always dressed in a black coat with a fur collar, sat at her high desk in her elevated

tory - it's been a privilege

By Alan F Dyer

central office, handling all the sales dockets that came whizzing in attached to 'flying foxes' from various sales counters. Universally known as 'Grandma Slater', she retired at 92 and died at 98. When I was 7 years old, my sister Helen was born in May 1941 and some months later we discovered she was born deaf because my mother had caught German measles during her pregnancy. This event was a major challenge for my parents and would dramatically affect the course of my life.

World War II

Just before my 8th birthday on 14 Dec 1941 Japan entered WWII by making a surprise attack on Pearl Harbour. Two months later SE Asia and Singapore surrendered to the advancing Japanese army and the following week they bombed Darwin killing 200 people. Every Australian was stunned by the rapid advance the Japanese, and it was believed Tasmania might be captured next and used as a launching pad to invade Melbourne. Every house in Sheffield was ordered to put blackout screens on all windows, zigzag trenches were dug through our school playground, a siren was mounted on top of the Don Co and its eerie wail tested each day at noon. An evacuation camp was constructed at Gowrie Park to house 600 women and children from Devonport. Even as an 8-year-old I could pick up the concern being felt by my parents and the community. But invasion didn't happen, but the austerity of war-time rationing did.

For thousands of Australian troops, 3½ years of jungle warfare followed with the prospects of ending the war seemed to be a long way off. Then without any advance warning, the Americans dropped atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki killing over 300,000 people. Within a week, Japan surrendered and the war was over.

Only four months later, in Jan 1946, my parents took me and my 4½-year-old sister Helen to Hobart. Helen needed to commence her school years at the Blind Deaf & Dumb Institute and I having just turned 12 years old was enrolled as a boarder at Friend's School, North Hobart, to be a support to Helen at the Institute, which was just one block away. It was a huge responsibility and a real cultural shock for the little boy from Sheffield still wearing short pants.

After the atomic bombs brought WW2 to an abrupt end, it created a new optimism that scientific inventions would eventually save all mankind. Our future lay in scientific discoveries and from now on, the only constant thing in life would be continual change.

Nearly Eight decades later

Today it is claimed that my generation has lived through more changes than any other generation in the history of mankind. A continuous stream of research, fresh perspectives, new concepts, innovations and inventions have fundamentally reshaped life on this planet, affecting every aspect of human endeavour and performance - technology, industrialisation, automation, computerisation, communication, robots, satellite navigation and space exploration.

Some 30 years ago when I was struggling with my first computer, my son Tim sat me down and said, 'A computer is like a filing cabinet filled with folders and files of information that you can open and work on.' Since then, I have gone

through six computers without which my historical research would have been impossible. About 20 years ago, the smart phone came into the market. This is a mini-computer carried in your pocket which apart from international phoning and texting, can also be used as flashlight, radio, camera, voice recorder, massive digital library, weather forecaster, calculator, scanner, emergency alerts, GPS navigator, pedometer, timer and world clock. Little did I know during my working life, that these two recent inventions would occupy most of my time in retirement. Since Covid live streaming, zooming conferences and commercial use of drones is commonplace. In the last two years, using AI (Artificial Intelligence) on your computers will blow your mind on how dramatic differently we will do things in the future. We already have driverless trains; next year driverless cars are scheduled for release in Australia as they are now on Californian highways. Elon Musk predicts that in the next 10 to 20 years, none of us will have a job, work will be entirely optional. Robots will do everything and everyone on earth will be paid support wages.

No Moral improvements

Despite these incredible inventions that have so dramatically changed the outward lives of all mankind, it doesn't appear to have improved the innate goodness of his human heart. The same year I was born in 1933, Adolf Hitler became Chancellor of Germany and built his first extermination camp which eventually led to the murder of 6 million Jews. Last year with the Israel/Gaza, Russian/Ukraine and African conflicts raging, it was one of the bloodiest years for 'war killings' since WW2. And to complete the slaughter, and on my 92nd birthday, 14th Dec 2025, the Jewish massacre occurred at Australia's iconic Bondi Beach.

'The angels beckon me'

As I've grown older, I find that old age with associated disabilities (in my case deafness, cancer and kidney failure) has a way of quietly detaching you from everyday events, community involvement and the lure of personal possessions. As it gradually dawns on you, you will leave it all behind, it loses its power over you. My wife Elsie and I have lived very fulfilled lives. Despite some trials and tragedies, we have been blessed with a loving family, good friends and belong to a caring and supportive church.

A recent medical diagnosis has given me only a month or so to live. Through last year, Elsie & I had several EOL (End of Life) sessions with our family, so I am totally at peace with this latest development. I'm ready to die. My faith allows me to turn my mind upward to the bright prospect of eternal life in heaven with Jesus who said to his believers: "I go to prepare a place for you." Recently the words of this old hymn have come into my mind: This world is not my home, I'm just a passing through; My treasures are laid up, somewhere beyond the blue. The angels beckon me from heaven's open door. And I don't feel at home in this world anymore.

When you read this, the chances are I will have moved on or be very close to it. So, to my reader friends, farewell. Over the last decade, it's been a real privilege to share our Kentish history with you - *Alan*

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Reforms aim to improve governance

By Lesley Begg

Major local government reforms are scheduled for implementation in Tasmania ahead of the October 2026 council elections. Key changes include reducing the total number of councillors, increasing councillor pay, strengthening codes of conduct, introducing mandatory training, and amending electoral laws. These reforms aim to improve governance, financial sustainability, and transparency across all Tasmanian councils.

There is no evidence of Kentish-specific structural reforms (eg. amalgamation, boundary changes, or unique governance directives) in the current reform program. Kentish is affected in the same statewide ways as all councils. Under the statewide reform proposal, Kentish Council is grouped with other medium-sized rural councils like Latrobe, Break O'Day, and Dorset council with seven councillors, a reduction from its current nine members.

The proposed Councillor Allowance (2026) is \$18,440 per year which represents a significant increase from the \$13,592 base allowance that was in effect as of June 2025.

The reforms are designed to be cost-neutral by funding higher individual pay through the reduction of the number of council representatives and to remunerate councillors to compensate for the increased workload.

With elections held for the new number of councillors in each municipal area, the new allowances will apply from 1 November 2026 (which would also include the additional annual indexation which applies from this date). Mayors and deputy mayors are entitled to allowances in addition to those payable to them as councillors.

Candidates in Kentish will face new rules in 2026, including stricter donation transparency, tougher advertising requirements, clarified eligibility, and stronger caretaker provisions.

A significant change in the draft Local Government Electoral Bill 2025 proposes removing the direct community election of Deputy Mayors, a move LGAT has specifically raised concerns about.

The 2026 Tasmanian local government reforms introduce a structured Learning and Development Framework that moves training from a voluntary activity to a mandatory legislative requirement. These requirements apply to three distinct stages of a councillor's term.

1. Pre-Nomination Training (Candidates)

To be eligible to stand for election in October 2026, all potential candidates (excluding some incumbents) must complete a mandatory education session:

Timing: Must be completed within six months prior to nominating for office.

Content: Focuses on ensuring candidates understand the legal roles, responsibilities, and day-to-day functions of a councillor before they commit to the position.

Format: Typically delivered as a self-paced, online program.

2. Core Post-Election Training (First 12 Months)

Once elected, both new and returning councillors at Kentish Council must complete a prescribed "core" learning program:

Deadline: Must be finished within the first 12 months of taking office.

Key Modules: The Local Government Learning and Development Framework includes specific modules such as:

Governance: Role and responsibilities, ethical standards, and good decision-making.

Financial Literacy: Local government finances for councillors.

Specialised Knowledge: Land-use planning, cyber safety essentials, and risk management.

Strategic Planning: Reporting and performance monitoring.

3. Ongoing Professional Development

The reforms shift away from "one-off" training toward continuous improvement:

Capability Review: Every councillor must complete a personal capability review.

Learning Plan: Based on that review, councillors must develop a Learning and Capability Development Plan within their first three months of office.

Annual Reviews: These plans must be reviewed and updated at least every 12 months to support ongoing growth.

Public Reporting: Councils are now required to record and report the completion of core learning activities in their Annual Reports to ensure transparency.

Enforcement and Oversight

Failure to comply with these mandatory training requirements can lead to serious consequences. Under the Local Government Amendment (Targeted Reform) Bill 2025, councillors who fail to complete their core training within the 12-month window may face suspension from office or referral to the Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (TASCAT) for misconduct.

Artefact snares interest

Thank you to everyone who contacted us or visited the museum to share their thoughts on our mystery item.

The item in question, donated by Mrs George Williams from the Wilmot area, is a homemade snare winder, a traditional bushman's tool. Strands of rope or wire (similar to copper wire) were attached to hooks at the end of each prong, and the handle turned as part of the process for snaring. The design of the snare winder was key for handling wire or rope tension while trapping game such as wallabies and possums, both of which were important food sources for Tasmanian bushmen and rural families, especially during the Great Depression. The skins of these animals were also a source of income, as well as being put to practical use. Interestingly, this particular snare winder is made from an old egg beater, with its original patent dating to 1904 still visible. For additional information on the history of trapping and snaring in our area, particularly the high country, call in to the Kentish Museum and browse through our resources. We are open Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10am to 3pm.



April 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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1. A dollar light (8)
2. Dark deception (5,5)
3. Misappropriated large take (5,4)
4. Thanks to Skippy article was returned (7)
5. Original point to alternative people (3,7)
6. Involved me? Only them! (10)
7. Porn set exposed (7)
8. An uncle's to be cross examined (10)
9. Delay ill conceived (8)
10. Problem not proved (9)

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Di Falco call for deer meat consumption

The Commercial Wild Shot Deer Trial Discussion Paper is a major missed opportunity in Tasmania's approach to deer management, with current laws still preventing donated venison from reaching those who need it most, says MP Carlo Di Falco. He said Tasmania has a growing deer population, but the state lacks the legislative framework to make use of this resource. "Right now, perfectly good, high quality wild venison is being wasted because our laws have not kept up," Mr Di Falco said. "The Government continues to ignore the simplest reform: allowing harvested deer meat to be donated to charities, food relief organisations, and struggling families."

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Unlawfully Set Fire to Property

Dowbiggin Street, Railton – Offender charged

Disorderly Conduct - Lake Barrington Campground

Stealing - @ Austin Place, Sheffield

Between February 18-28, ceramic ornaments and beach setting with chairs and umbrella. Investigations continuing.

A 22-year-old Devonport man has been arrested and charged in relation to numerous home and vehicle burglaries which allegedly occurred in the Devonport area last month.

As part of the investigation, uniform police and detectives executed a search warrant at a residence in Devonport early in the morning.

During the search, police allegedly located and seized a

significant amount of stolen property, some of which had been stolen hours before from a residence in Devonport.

Police also located the Devonport man, who was arrested. He has since been charged with:

- Aggravated burglary x 3
- Burglary x 7
- Stealing x 8
- Attempted burglary x 1
- Utter counterfeit money x 1
- Unlawful possession of property x 1
- Contravene conditions of a notice x 1

He was detained to appear in the Devonport Magistrates Court.

Police are reminding members of the public to lock their cars, garages and homes to help prevent these offences from occurring.

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Mobile phone coverage set to expand

Regional Tasmania is set to benefit from a significant telecommunications reform, as the federal government pushes ahead with its Universal Outdoor Mobile Obligation - a landmark commitment that will deliver basic mobile coverage almost anywhere Australians can see the sky.

Enabled by low Earth orbit satellites and Direct to Device technology, the Universal Outdoor Mobile Obligation will require major telecommunications companies to expand voice and SMS coverage across nearly 5 million square kilometres of Australia - more than 70 times the total land area of Tasmania - and more than 37,000 kilometres of regional roads.

This means rural and regional Tasmanian communities will have significantly improved access to basic mobile services, lifesaving Triple Zero connections, and reliable communication during natural disasters.

The policy remains on track for implementation by end 2027.

Regional Tasmania continues to benefit from the \$1.1bn Better Connectivity Plan, which is strengthening mobile coverage, boosting broadband speeds, and improving network resilience.

In Kentish, residents will soon feel the benefits of this record investment, with a new macrocell project for Sheffield to reduce mobile blackspots already underway, and a high speed data project for Sheffield School now complete.

Federal Member for Lyons, Rebecca White, said the investments would make a real difference for her constituents. "Our world-first plan will ensure all Australians can access a mobile signal. We're delivering new investment in infrastructure and technology in places like Kentish so that residents, visitors and business can all benefit from better mobile coverage."

WHAT'S ON IN APRIL

		Looking on the Bright Side; Lost in Tasmania , Sheffield Art Gallery
Wednesday	Apr 1	Services Australia 9.30-12pm, Kentish House, Sheffield
Friday	Apr 3	Good Friday
Saturday	Apr 4	Easter Egg Hunt , Tasmazia
Sunday	Apr 5	Easter Sunday
		Daylight Savings ends
Sat-Sun	Apr 4, 05	Steam Engine rides 11am-4pm, Sheffield Steam & Heritage Centre
Thursday	Apr 9	Kentish Garden Club meeting 6.30pm, Sheffield Golf Club, 214 Nook Rd
Sat-Sun	Apr 11, 12	Ecofest , Camp Clayton, Ulverstone
Tuesday	Apr 14	Kentish Probus Club AGM 10am, Sheffield Bowls Club
Monday	Apr 20	Trivia 6.30 for 7pm, Sheffield RSL, 77 Main Street, Sheffield
Wednesday	Apr 22	Kentish Council meeting 6pm, Council Office, High Street, Sheffield
Friday	Apr 24	Hall Stories 7pm, Lower Barrington Hall (see p4)
Saturday	Apr 25	Anzac Day
		Produce Swap 3pm, Barrington Hall, 52 Barrington Road
Wednesday	Apr 29	Services Australia 9.30-12pm, Kentish House, Sheffield
Thursday	Apr 30	Sheffield Community Information evening
Saturday	May 2	Pop-up Preloved clothing sale 2-5pm, Sheffield Bible Chapel
Sunday	May 3	Weindorfer Day , Wilmot

Cryptic Puzzle Answers

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| 1. Buckland | 6. Lemonthyme |
| 2. Black Bluff | 7. Preston |
| 3. Great Lake | 8. Launceston |
| 4. Taroon | 9. Lilydale |
| 5. New Norfolk | 10. Devonport |

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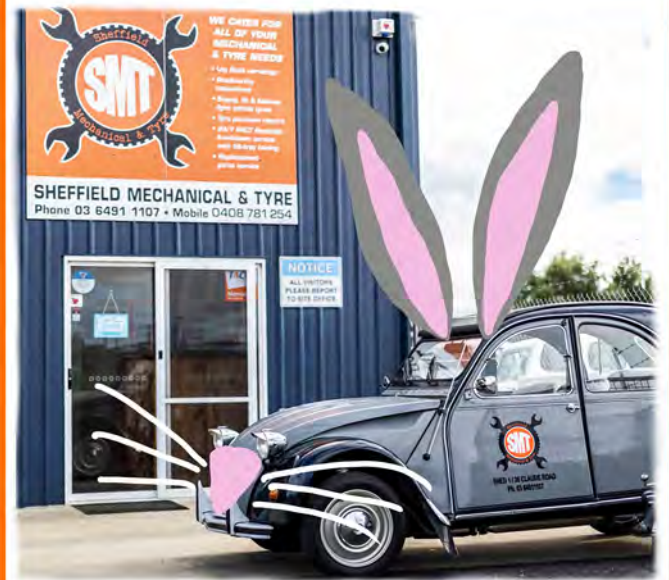


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