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People choose Railton sanctuary

Janine Poke assisted by daughter Zeenah Mamonski has won this year's \$7000 People's Choice Award, sponsored by Slaters Country Store, at Davies Construction Tasmanian Mural Fest 2022. Her mural, *A Generous Gift* of Sykes Sanctuary in Railton, is a recreation of recluse Norman Sykes' small shack and the

surrounding environmental reserve he gifted to the town, to be enjoyed by walkers, cyclists and horse riders. "The WW1 pilot, WW2 aeronautical engineer and recluse resident of Railton left his peaceful place for us to enjoy," Ms Poke said.

In January 2022, she painted a mural of Pipping Lane for the Devonport Racing Club and since moving to Railton, volunteers at the Neighborhood Centre where she has created several murals to brighten up Railton.

"Art, painting has been an important part of my life, helping me through tough times," Ms Poke said. "It brings me a great deal of enjoyment."

She is inspired by the story telling of artists such as Fredric McCubbin, Tom Roberts, and the work of Claude Monet.

"It has been a real joy painting *A Generous Gift* with my daughter Zeenah and winning the Inder Prize," she said. "What a surprise, we're both over the moon."

Ms Poke was one of nine finalists who raced to the finish line with brushes down at 4pm on Friday, November 11.

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Framed forest: Mural Fest winner Janine Poke (right) with Zeenah Mamonski.

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EDITORIAL

While everyone has been busy fixing fences, chain-sawing trees and repairing flood damage, December snuck up on us. Christmas planning will have to fit in alongside daily duties as nature keeps giving us more work to do.

Communities have bonded together in the wake of the destruction: the season of giving has been six months long! Help is widely available, from friends, neighbours and community organisations. The spirit of giving is truly embedded in the Kentish municipality.

Government assistance continues to be offered with another round of grants detailed inside this issue of *The Kentish Voice*.

This volunteer is taking December off so Lesley will be working over Christmas to produce the January 2023 issue.

Your community newspaper is not immune from cost of living pressures with the rising price of paper and diesel impacting our operation.

Changes will be gradually introduced in the new year and Lesley will detail what we will need to adjust in the next edition. The time and cost of driving more than 500km each month to home deliver each copy is certainly under the spotlight so we are examining options to keep both readers and advertisers happy.

We are also seeking a greater commitment from new and exist-

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Anyone interested in helping keep *The Kentish Voice* sustainable is invited to join our small team.

We are looking for an advertising manager to collate the ads and prepare the spreadsheet for invoicing by the Accountant (about eight hours spread over the month) and for more walkers to deliver The Voice in Railton and to assist Doug delivering outside areas putting TKV in letterboxes.

Have a wonderful holiday season and a joyful New Year!

Heather



Tasmanian Mural Trail adds images of home

After painting for five consecutive days from the early hours of the morning into the evenings, a sense of surreal accomplishment and joy filled Mural Park in Sheffield.

President of Kentish Arts Commerce and Tourism, Sandy Brattstrom, said: "The artists painted through the heat, the rain, the wind and into the night to complete their extraordinary murals inspired by the place they call home."

"It was wonderful watching the artists progressing their murals over the five days as they raced towards the finishing line – their murals evolving as the finer details were added."

The winner of the \$2000 Judges Highly Commended Award, sponsored by Eagles Nest Retreat, was Shasa Bolton with his mother Jan Rigden Clay for *Promised Land*.

"We may be promised a little patch of earth, whether we shape it into our vision of its potential is up to us," Mr Bolton said.

"Promised Land reminds me that we ultimately build our own homes, both in our outlook and creative shaping of our gifted patch of space and time."

He said winning the Judges prize was thrilling as "it really meant something to me to get positive feedback from such a skilled panel of painters".

"And to work alongside anyone with a unifying goal is a uniquely bonding experience, to be able to do that with my Mum is certainly something I will always remember and treasure."

Ms Brattstrom said: "We would like to thank all



Family effort: Mural Fest Judges Highly Commended Award winners Jan Rigden Clay and son Shasa Bolton with sponsor Laura Inder.

Photo: Estella Mason Photography.

our sponsors led by Davies Design & Construction for their most generous support of Mural Fest this year, our wonderful volunteers for giving of their time so freely and enthusiastically and once again congratulate our nine extraordinary artists.

"This year's success belongs to you all."

The murals will remain on display at Mural Park in Sheffield over the next 11 months and will then be relocated to the towns/regions they represent throughout Tasmania and will form Kentish Arts Commerce and Tourism's newest initiative, The Tasmanian Mural Trail.

Save the Date: Mural Fest 2023 - November 6-11



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To enter the parade, visit <https://kentish.tas.lions.org.au/> Please contact Don Thwaites for details on 0458 343 059.

Thanks to the Kentish Council for their sponsorship.

Were you affected by the recent or past floods in Railton?

A Community meeting is to be at **Kings Hall Supper Room**
6.45pm Thursday 15th December.

This meeting is NOT to discuss flood prevention. It is NOT a beat up of council or emergency services.

The meeting is to discuss the plans for community activities in recognition of actions that need to be taken to safeguard residences, and what can be done to minimize damage.

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Folk festival graces Wilmot's small hall

A late cancellation has opened the doors for Wilmot to host a folk concert as part of the Festival of Small Halls' summer tour.

Emily Lubitz and The Paul McKenna Band will feature on the upcoming Summer Tour 2023: Cygnet Folk Festival to Illawarra Folk Festival, performing at Wilmot Memorial Hall on Saturday, January 7, from 7pm, with the bar opening from 6.30pm. A local artist will open the show.

Produced by Woodfordia Inc, The Festival of Small Halls showcases renowned musicians from Scotland and Australia, touring 19 small communities across New South Wales and Tasmania.

Producer Isobel Bartlett said: "This tour engages so many incredible communities who put so much into their shows, and with the amazing and marvellous pairing of Emily Lubitz with The Paul McKenna Band, this tour is going to blow us all away – I can feel it."

After a decade of touring with Tinpan Orange, Lubitz is striding out on her own, and right into the open doors of the halls of the nation. A veteran of the touring scene, her recently released EP *Begin Again* traverses a poetic and luminescent portrait of everyday life and the magic within it all.

The Paul McKenna Band has been hailed as "the best folk band to have come out of Scotland in the last 20 years" by *The New York Times*. Led by songwriter Paul McKenna, whose powerful lyricism has had him become one of Scotland's finest young singersongwriters, with a powerful voice to match his passionate social conscience.

McKenna and his band – Conor Markey (banjo/bouzouki/ guitars) and Toby Shaer (percussion) – draw on the Celtic folk tradition, with roots in both Scotland and Ireland.

With a mix of original and traditional material, The Paul McKenna Band will bring a full-bodied and dynamic sound to every show they play.

Tickets to the concert are available at the Wilmot Country Store or by phoning Susie on 0434 019 335.



Luminescent: Indie icon Emily Lubitz. Photo: Tony Kearney



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Foxgloves' beauty masks seeding weeds

It's that time of the year when foxgloves start to flower in full glory. They are magnificent and spectacular flowers. Newer foxglove varieties with showy long-lasting flowers in a range of colours, sold for home gardens, are often sterile and don't produce viable seed. But the older varieties – mostly purple but occasionally pink or white - have become a major environmental weed in Tasmania in recent years.

If you see these foxgloves unexpectedly popping up on your rural property then BEWARE! These weedy plants are prolific seeders and can take over land at a truly alarming speed, leading to many years of expensive and time-consuming work. More than this, the foxglove is also a major health hazard to humans and most other animals. Touching the plant can lead to sickness, breathing the exudates from foxgloves (while slashing or brushcutting, for example) can make you very unwell. Eating the plant can result in death.

Weedy foxgloves have spread explosively across Tasmania in recent years. The tiny seed is highly mobile, it blows in the wind, flows in water, and is often unknowingly transported on machinery, on footwear and clothing, and in the fur of animals. Foxgloves thrive when the soil is disturbed. So it's easy to understand that foxgloves can seemingly appear out of nowhere – and it's often not till they flower in summer with striking metre-tall purple spikes that we scratch our heads and say 'where did that come from?'

Seeing the impacts foxgloves are having locally, Mount Roland Land Care (MRLC) has made action on foxgloves a high priority. Foxgloves are flowering now on hundreds of acres of land on the foothills of Mount Roland, around Wilmot and in the Forth Valley. MRLC has very limited resources but is engaging contractors and enlisting volunteers to manage the highest priority foxglove populations threatening Mount Roland. It is also providing coordination and management support to affected landholders. And raising the profile of the problem, both politically and in the local community.

Mount Roland Land Care has also established a Foxglove

Hotline, where you can report the location of weedy foxgloves. From the reports gained, a map of Kentish foxglove populations will be produced, laying the foundations for a future coordinated municipal foxglove management program.

Importantly, MRLC has also allocated funds to the management of the highest priority foxglove sites reported on the hotline anywhere within Kentish. Highest priority sites are often new sites, those places where foxgloves are appearing for the first time this year. If these foxgloves are controlled before they go to seed (typically February), it means that a small amount of work this year will prevent years and years of future work. A single foxglove plant can produce hundreds of thousands of seeds that remain viable for many years.

To report your sighting of foxgloves in Kentish, go to www.mountrolandlandcare.org.au and fill out the reporting form. You can also support the Group by becoming a member or making a donation. Your actions will not overcome the foxglove problem, but they may help to reduce a major threat to our environment and the health of our community, including our children, companion animals, farm animals and native animals.



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for all the support you have given the Club, the Shitbox Rally and to those few local families throughout 2022.

We know it's always a fun gathering, we 'indulge' and compete and we couldn't do it without you! Cheers to 'ee all!

Meanwhile, have a safe and Happy Xmas

then let's do it all again in 2023.

Watch this space for details of 15th February


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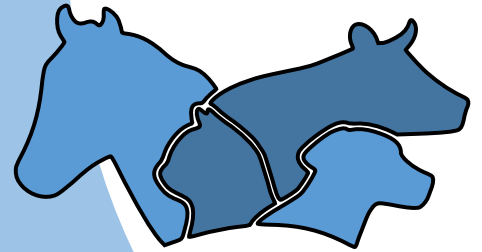
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Lorinna project wins national awards

Kentish Council has won the 2022 Resilient Australia Award - National Local Government Award for the Wilks Road Lorinna Community Access Road.

Mayor Kate Haberle and Manager Infrastructure and Assets Jonathan Magor (*right*) accepted the award at the Australian Institute of Disaster Resilience ceremony in Hobart last month.

The award recognises the resilience of Council, in partnership with Treloar Civil and Quarries, in building the access road into Lorinna, given the difficult topography, environmental concerns and community resistance.



The project also won the 2022 Civil Contractors Federation National Earth Day Award for a project up to \$2 million. CCF Tasmania CEO Andrew Winch said “These awards recognise excellence in civil construction across roads, railways, bridges, and all innovative projects that connect Australian communities.”

Treloar Civil and Quarries general manager Chris Treloar said the design, tender package and construction were all carefully considered given the topography and constraints.

“A decades-long issue was successfully resolved and accepted by the community in a consultative, environmentally focussed strategic approach,” he said.

Roadworks consisted of a 3.7-kilometre upgrade to an existing 4WD access and a new 1.3-kilometre link through steep, high altitude, mature forest.

“Multiple challenges were encountered,” Mr Treloar said.



CCF chief executive Andrew Winch (left) with Chris and Alyce Treloar at the National Earth Awards.

Recycling contract features call centre

Seven North West councils have secured a long-term recycling processing contract with Veolia Australia that will deliver a range of new services and infrastructure, including a fleet of ultra-safe collection trucks and a call centre to assist with resident's recycling queries.

The 14-year contract will be introduced in stages from October 2024 and covers the Burnie, Central Coast, Circular Head, Devonport, Kentish, Latrobe and Waratah-Wynyard council areas who collaborate as members of the Cradle Coast Waste Management Group.

Group Chair Sandra Ayton said the contract was a significant achievement for the region and a good example of the efficiencies gained by working together.

“The combined negotiating power of the councils helped secure an extension of services such as the call centre which will be based in the region and take questions from residents and businesses about what can and can't be recycled,” Ms Ayton said.

“It's vitally important that we minimise contamination as it increases the value of the recyclables in the market which is good for residents.

“It also improves the efficiency of the facility which reduces the cost to councils and increases diversion from landfill.”

The Call Centre will be located in Spreyton and is seen as a critical step in consistent communication to residences across the region, in regard to Recycling and FOGO in the future.

A key feature of the new contract is a fleet of modern collection trucks, with new safety features to improve driver visibility when manoeuvring to pick up and empty recycling bins.

The trucks have 53% increased visibility and will be fitted with active braking to improve the operational safety of bin collections for drivers and pedestrians.

The contract has been designed to also accommodate kerbside food and garden organics (FOGO) bins and collections if the councils decide to introduce that waste service under a regional-scale agreement during the contract period.

Veolia is committed to a significant investment in the existing facility at Spreyton which will improve the sustainability outcomes for Northern Tasmania.



Alicja's dilemma: paint or paddle?

Profile by Heather Eiszele

The day before Alicja Swiderski's 80th birthday, the artist and retired architect was putting the finishing touches to her mural *Belonging to Nature* as a semi-finalist in Mural Fest.

She was hoping daughter Dorota, who helped her paint the mural's native wildlife, would bring her breakfast in bed the next day so she could sleep in.

The Polish immigrant has been a semi-finalist 10 times and won the People's Choice Award in 2004, the first time she entered Mural Fest and only four years after returning to painting. She won again in 2020.

Last year she took up kayaking.

"I like it very much for my mind," Alicja said. "It's a very good sport with the fresh air and all the upper body circulation of the heart and lungs."

She likes to be in, on or near water, having been a competitive swimmer when she was younger (travelling to Prague and Dresden) and meeting her husband Andrzej (Andrew) when they were both doing life saving certificates.

"He was a sailor so we had holidays on a yacht as a young couple," she said. The pair celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary this year.

The Swiderskis arrived in Australia in 1982, landing in Sydney with their two young children. They spent four months in a refugee camp in East Hills before finding accommodation.

When they first fled communist Poland, they sought refuge in Vienna where the Red Cross initially put them up in a flat before relocating them to a hostel, spending only one night in a large refugee camp.

"It was a holiday for us," Alicja says. "Everything was fantastic in Austria. Winter came and people gave us clothes for the kids. They went to the school, started talking German. We had food and basic money."

The family spent eight months in Vienna, where they also considered Canada as a potential new home but were eventually accepted by Australia.

"First stop was Perth which was very hot after coming from two metres of snow," Alicja said. "It smelled very beautiful."

She was 39 and spoke no English, only French, while Andrew spoke German.

Having worked as a landscape architect in Warsaw specialising in urban design, Alicja found work with Liverpool Council.



"I started doing the maps of the parks, then pathways, parking spaces, buildings, sports clubs," she recalls. "When I finished, they said I had to stay longer and continue. After one year, they gave me a permanent job."

After 12 years with council, the Swiderskis moved to Tasmania in 1997 and bought an unfinished house beside the Dasher River. "Water is most important in my life," Alicja says.

As is drawing and painting, which she studied at Art School in Gdansk. Soon after settling in Claude Road, she enrolled in a TAFE course to update her skills and get connected in the artistic community, broadening her mediums to include water colours.

Alicja is heavily involved in the Kentish Arts community, most recently contributing to the mural on front of the Visitors' Centre.

And late last month, she loaded her kayak onto the back of her ute and headed to Lake Barrington for a paddle and a celebration with her U3A kayaking mates.

Happy 80th Alicja!

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SHEFFIELD GOLF CLUB

After all the rain we have had and how wet the course has been, it is fantastic to have the fairways mown again. As lovely as the daisies are, it certainly makes finding the balls very difficult at times, so once again a huge thank you to those who volunteer their time to maintain the course so that we get to enjoy the game we love.

Patrons Day was held on November 19 and, as always, we were honoured to have Ian and Thelma come along for the presentation and enjoy the lovely Afternoon Tea supplied by the Lady Members. John Hope informed us that Ian has been the Club Patron for 47 years. Once again, thank you Ian.

Monthly Medal Winners - A huge thank you to our Sponsors.

Members: Sponsored by the IGA Don Store. Matthew Knight won with 67 nett from Michael Chatwin 71 nett on a countback from Lyell Hardwicke 71 nett on a countback from Wade Rockliff 71 nett

Vets: Sponsored by Sheffield Tyre & Mechanical and 1st Rd Singles Championships. Lyell Hardwicke had a great day winning with 65 nett from Greg Collis 69 nett on a countback from Allan Duncan 69 nett.

Ladies: Sponsored by Judy & Neil Denney. Susie Coombs won with 72 nett from sister Kathy Davies 76 nett.

Members:

5/11 A Stableford was played and Brett Coombs won with 38 pts on a countback from Tony Wootton 38 pts.

12/11 Thank you to the Sherriff family for sponsoring the Ambrose 4. Winners were Jackson Davies, Ryan Patterson,



Captain Susie Coombs presenting Patroness Jenny Smith with her Certificate of Appreciation.

Andrew Lockett and Brodie Martin with 51.5 from Geneen Duff, Winston Duff, Lu Proud and Adam Colgrave 52.375

19/11 Patrons Day Stableford was won by Rodney Von Stieglitz with 37 pts on a countback from David Jago 37 pts on a countback from Maklyn Jones 37 pts.

Vets:

27/10 Ambrose 2 had Lyell Hardwicke and Greg Collis win with 66.5 nett from Tony Wootton and Ray Jago 68.25 nett

8/11 2nd Rd Singles Championships was won by Glen Connors 63 nett from Richie Day 64 nett

15/11 3rd and final Rd Singles Championships won by Tony Wootton 66 nett from John Kellehear 67 nett on a countback from Lyell Hardwicke 67 nett.

Single Championship overall winner was Lyell Hardwicke 203 nett from Greg Collis 206 nett.

Gross winner was Noel Meyers 224 from Greg Collis 240. Well done to the winners and all who competed.

Ladies: 19/10 A Stroke was played and Helen Clarke was the winner with 81 nett from Susie Coombs 82 nett on a countback from Janice Milner 82 nett.

26/10 Patroness Day. A Stroke was again the game with Susie Coombs winning with 75 nett from Kathy Davies 78 nett. Once again, a huge thank you to Patroness Jenny Smith for her very generous prizes and donation. Jenny was also presented with a "Certificate of Appreciation" for her many years of support and dedication to the Club and the Ladies.

9/11 Stableford had Geneen Duff win with 34 pts from Kathy Davies 32 pts.

16/11 A Stableford was played with Kathy Davies winning with 32 pts from Janice Williams 27 pts on a countback from Susie Coombs 27 pts.

During October Kathy Davies - who was the Silver Spoon winner this year - headed to Wynyard to play against other club winners and we are very happy to say she was the runner up on the day. Congratulations Kathy.

Kathy Davies and Denise Morgan also headed to Riverside to represent our Club in the Bronze Stableford. Well done ladies.



FOLK HARP WORKSHOP

21st/22nd January 2023

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Bookings are essential – Contact Kate Fraser
0412 322 729. Full payment will be required by Friday 13th January 2023. Workshop participants under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. (No charge for a supervising non-playing adult)

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SPORTING ACTIVITIES

RAILTON BOWLS CLUB

What a start to the season, more rain than we would like and we have seen a few wash-outs.

Division Five will again have a roster change. Great start to the season for Division One and Five with some great wins. The Division Three ladies have had a mixed bag but I think we might start getting the wheels running the right way.

We had a fantastic Melbourne Cup Afternoon with some great games, lots of laughter and some great hats and outfits. We have our wonderful Christmas raffle and this will be drawn on our last pennant game before our break.

Thanks to all our fantastic sponsors for the season: The Hub Sheffield, Cement Australia, The Stihl Shop Devonport, JMR Labour Hire and Fabrication, Anvers Chocolates, Railton Motor and Tyre, The Sheffield Shed, Ryan Johnston Excavation and not to mention our great member, Mrs B. Gleeson.

If you require any of these services, please call them and check out their friendly service and knowledge. Please support our sponsors so they will continue helping our small club.

We have carnivals happening in December, starting with Cement Australia Day on December 4, JMR Labour Hire and Fabrication Veterans Day December 6, The Hub Mixed Carnival December 11 and RSL on December 12.

We will also be hosting the Scouts at the club on December 9 for a barbecue and bowls and a bit of fun.

If you would like to come along and have a try, please either contact on 0409 768 863 or call into the club.

All the best everyone, have a great Christmas and New Year and most of all, stay safe.

- Noelene Purton, Secretary

SHEFFIELD BOWLS CLUB

Great progress has been made on our artificial turf, with the first bit of green being laid on November 23. Hopefully we will be able to play our first games on the new turf at the beginning of December.

We are planning a Grand Opening on January 15 with dignitaries in attendance. More information will be provided about the opening as soon as possible. We will also hold a carnival on January 26 - more information to follow.

Our season has been hampered a bit by the inability for us to have any practice. But all divisions have experienced some good wins. Our Division 3 Open Gender side currently sits 4th on the ladder with 2 wins and a loss behind them. Division 4 are equal 6th - with one win and 2 losses. The Wednesday Division 2 has continued to do well and are currently sitting in 4th place on the ladder.

Our newest side, the Wednesday Division 3 pennant team, have had one very good win and sit in 5th place. The Thursday women's pennant team have had 2 good wins and sit in 6th.

The club has not been idle during the building process. We have hosted two large events, one for the Fire Brigade, and one for the MG Car Club. Both functions were very well received, thank you very much to all those who assisted.

Bingo continues every Tuesday at the club - eyes down at 1.00pm. The current jackpot is \$760. All welcome.

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<p><small>Please note all Kentish House events/programs are COVID Safe. Please do not attend if you are feeling unwell, experiencing cold or flu-like symptoms.</small></p>

KENTISH COUNCIL

AUSTRALIA DAY & VOLUNTEER AWARDS

Nominations are now being called for the Australia Day Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Community Event of the Year, Volunteer Awards for 500, 1,000, 2,000, 3,000, 5,000 and 10,000 hours of service, and Recognition of Outstanding Service by a Volunteer.

Guidelines and application forms are available from Council's website at www.kentish.tas.gov.au or by contacting Leigh Gracie on 6491 0200. Applications close on **12th December 2022**.

CHRISTMAS CLOSURES

Council Office and Depot

The Council Office will be closed for the Christmas/New Year period from **1pm Friday 23rd December 2022** and will reopen at **8am Tuesday 3rd January 2023**. Council's Depot will also be closed over the same period. Emergencies should be directed to the Call Centre on 6491 0200.

Waste Transfer Stations

The Sheffield and Wilmot Waste Transfer Stations will be closed on Christmas Day - **Sunday 25th December 2022** and New Year's Day - **Sunday 1st January 2023**. All other opening/closing times will be as normal.

Garbage & Recycling Collection

Garbage and recycling collections will be collected as normal.

SAVE THE DATE – INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2023

On Friday, **10th March 2023**, the Kentish International Women's Day will celebrate the achievements of local women with the theme "Women in Focus".

The guest speakers include Mayor Kate Haberle and Alicia Leis, 2016 Telstra Tasmanian Business Woman of the Year.

GRASS CLIPPINGS ON OUR STREETS AND ROADS

As summer approaches and we are mowing our lawns more often, please be mindful **not to let** grass clippings end up on our streets and roads. Grass and grass clippings are about 80 percent

water. It doesn't matter if the clippings are wet or dry, they can be a danger to anyone traveling on the road - especially motorcyclists.

It's easy to prevent the clippings from flying onto the street if you use a catcher, mow so that the discharge chute is aimed downwards or back at the yard. Another option could be to change your mowing pattern so that you can blow the first 2-3 passes along the roadway onto your lawn rather than the road.

If clippings do end up on the road, please use some type of blower or broom to remove the grass as soon as possible

SKATE PARK JAM

Free entry, music, free BBQ, prizes, drop in skate school, PCYC mobile activity centre.

Where: Goliath Park Skate Park, Railton
When Saturday, **28th January 2023** from 11:00am – 1:00pm.

BUSHFIRE PREPAREDNESS

The Tasmania Fire Service is reminding all residents to ensure they have a Bushfire Plan. Visit www.bushfire.tas.gov.au to prepare your plan now!



NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of Council will be held at the Council office on **Tuesday, 13th December 2022** commencing at 7:00pm.

CHRISTMAS WISHES

At the close of another year the Mayor, Councillors, General Manager and Staff extend to all residents and ratepayers a warm and happy Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

SHEFFIELD CRICKET CLUB



Our 1st Grade side have continued their good start to the season.

In Round 3 we had a good win over Launceston. Highlights were Ethan Clark making a well compiled 67 runs and Marc Simonds claiming 5-31.

Round 4 we beat Mowbray. Most of our batsman made good contributions and James Jennings top scored with 34 not out. Gary Miles took 4-32.

Round 5 we were beaten by Latrobe. Our wickets were shared around, and Alex King top scored with 31 runs.

In Round 6 we had a good win over Westbury at home. Ethan Clark continued his good form with 50 runs and Josh Aikman scored 46 runs. James Jennings took 4-20 and Marc Simonds bowled 3-27.

TRIPLE TOP MOUNTAIN RUN

Challenging conditions faced more than 250 runners and walkers who braved the wind and rain to tackle the 20km Triple Top course over three mountains: Mt Claude, Mt Van Dyke and Mt Roland on November 13.

With over 1100m of elevation, an almost 1000m decent over the final 5km, the Triple Top Mountain Run is one of the most gruelling on the trail racing calendar.

The men's event was won by veteran trail runner Alex Hunt (*pictured right*) who finished in a time of 2:09:41. Brother Robbie, who won the event last year, was hampered by the weather and finished 14th. Second in the Men's was David Bailey and third was Andrew Hagger. In the women's Laura Prescott finished first with a time of 2:38:10, followed by Monika Holmwood and Grace Crane third.

Juniors was won by Baxter Brown and Evelyn Carter.

Nearly 60 walkers entered the event, won by James Smallwood and Christine Adams.

The 2022 Triple Top Mountain Run was sponsored by Spreyton Cider.



Wash outs and narrows losses have been the story for 2nd grade. Highlights include Eli Connelly scoring 53 runs against Burnie, Adam Gardner 41 against Devonport and Jack Ritter with 2-23 in his 2nd grade debut.

Our Ladies side have 2 wins from 2 games. Against Ulverstone Kylie Bramich top scored with 24 and Lucy Foote, Isobel Febey and Krissie Jeffrey each took 2 wickets. In our win over Latrobe, Suzie Beatie top scored with 17 not out and Isobel Febey took 2-7.

We are very appreciative of The Hub who continue to support our Junior teams. Unfortunately, our under 16 side have had both their games washed out. Our under 14s had a narrow loss to Latrobe.

Our junior training is held Thursday nights commencing at 4.15pm. Our introduction for 5-12 year-olds is held Saturday mornings commencing 8.45am. New players and participants are most welcome.

We recently successfully hosted teams from New Zealand, Queensland, WA and NSW in the National over 70s Championships.

Activities at Sheffield Recreation ground for this month:

Dec 1: Police Charity Bike Ride leaves 1.30

Dec 3: 2nd Grade v Latrobe- 10.30

Dec 10: 2nd Grade v Burnie- 10.30

Dec 15: Christmas Party and 1st Grade T20 v Latrobe

Dec 17: 1st Grade v Ulverstone 10.30

Dec 17: 70 Year Reunion Celebration Function (*see below*)

Dec 18: Female Representative game North West v North.



CELEBRATING 70 YEARS

Representing the Kentish Community

We welcome past players, supporters and volunteers from the SCC along with previous Kentish clubs to join us to celebrate the history of cricket in the community.

Saturday 17th December

10.30am: 1st Grade Men V Ulverstone

2.00pm: Bar Opens

3.00pm: 70 Year Afternoon Tea

5.30pm 1st Grade Female V Ulverstone

6.00pm: BBQ, Drinks and Stories

- Informal Afternoon Tea, Drinks and Conversations
- Memorabilia Display
- 1st Grade Retro Round
- We welcome old Kentish Cricket Club Attire
- 1st Grade CNW Men's and Womens Games



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Utes and Boots family fun day lifts spirits

Rural Alive and Well, in partnership with TasNetworks, brought flood-affected communities together late last month with the return of the popular Utes and Boots event in Sheffield.

The free Utes and Boots event was held in Sheffield as part of a \$50,000 partnership to reduce the prevalence of suicide within rural and remote Tasmanian communities.

RAW Tasmania CEO Barb Walters said the event came at a much-needed time for Northern Tasmania.

“The Kentish region and surrounding areas have been devastated by recent storms and floods, causing extensive property damage, lost revenue and financial and mental stress on individuals, families, businesses and local services,” Ms Walters said.

“Stress impacts our mental health and well-being, as well as our ability to recover and bounce back.

“The team at RAW are here to support rural communities right across Tasmania who are dealing with stress, with Utes and Boots being just one of our initiatives made possible through the TasNetworks partnership.”

The RAW/TasNetworks partnership includes a calendar of events and activities tailored to support rural communities around the state and specific communities impacted by the North West Transmission Developments project.

TasNetworks’ Project Director for The North West Transmission Developments, Damian Vermey, said the event was designed to “support mental health, well-being and resilience in rural communities”.

“Utes and Boots was a terrific opportunity for the Kentish com-



From left: TasNetworks North West Transmission Project Director Damian Vermey, Rural Alive & Well Communications and Engagement Manager Lauren Harper, TasNetworks Chief Executive Officer Seán McGoldrick.

munity to come together, take a breather and have some fun,” Mr Vermey said.

“I considered myself a sack race sensation until the Kentish competition showed me how they master the sack.”

Utes and Boots, held within Mural Park at Sheffield, featured free family fun activities, including sack races, a bike track, live music and a ‘Best Ute’ competition run by Rural Youth Devonport. The event also aimed to connect people with services and organisations like the National Emergency Management Agency and Red Hot Tips.

Hospice raffle winners

The West Kentish Hospice Raffle was drawn on November 11. Thank you, Mayor Kate, for helping pick the winners.

Congrats to the following:

1st prize (Strahan getaway holiday) won by Mel Beach-Rose of O’Possum Bay

2nd prize (Mountain Bike) won by Karen B of Sheffield.

3rd prize (Slaters voucher) won by Kim Johnson of Sheffield.

4th / 5th / 6th / 7th prizes (Palmer’s Carwash voucher) won by Mel Beach-Rose, Lynette Jones, Graham Brown, Leonie Read.

Thank you everyone for your support for such a worthy cause.





Remember the Magic Snow Cave at Sheffield Uniting Church? Well get ready to decorate and bring your tree to the

Christmas Tree Festival!

Lots of categories and prizes

Forms available Dec 1st from De Coeur.

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A fundraiser for West Kentish Hospice

1.30 pm - 4pm Sheffield Uniting Church

Sunday December 11th - Saturday December 17th



COMMUNITY NOTES

SHEFFIELD LIBRARY

Summer has finally arrived – long hours of sunshine and play. Libraries Tasmania has plenty of great things for your children to enjoy over the summer holidays.

Our summer school holiday program is free and open to all children and families. Drop in to the Sheffield Library to pick up a copy of the program and discover all the fun things we have planned across the North West coast.

Children can become a member of Libraries Tasmania in their own right, and have access to books, eBooks, eAudiobooks, console games and DVDs. There are also a number of fun and educational online resources such as Story Box Library that you can access for free. Story Box Library features hundreds of popular books by local authors and illustrators for children aged

3-12, with new titles added regularly. The stories are read aloud by authors and other fantastic Australian and New Zealand storytellers. Download the Story Box Library app to watch on any Android or Apple device or go to the eLibrary section at libraries.tas.gov.au to access on any device with internet. Log-in using your library membership number and password. Enjoy!

Visit libraries.tas.gov.au/kids to discover all the many resources available for children and young people.

Happy holidays!

Sheffield Library opening hours: Tuesday 3-6pm; Wednesday 9-11am and 3-6pm; Thursday 3-6pm

Note: We will be closed from December 27-29.

We are located at Sheffield School, 12 Henry Street. Call us on 6491 8233.

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Top Ten digital tools for learning

In today's modern world, there are a range of digital tools that support us learn at work, in education or for personal reasons. In a 2022 survey (www.TopTools4Learning.com) the Top 10 digital tools for learning across those domains were voted as being:

1	YouTube	video hosting and sharing platform
2	PowerPoint	presentation software
3	Google Search	search engine
4	Microsoft Teams	enterprise collaboration platform
5	Zoom	video meeting platform
6	Google Docs & Drive	office suite/file sharing platform
7	LinkedIn	professional social network
8	Word	document tool
9	Canva	graphics tool
10	Wikipedia	online encyclopaedia

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Devonport Library offers free face-to-face digital sessions to assist individuals and community groups improve their digital skills. Sessions can be held in the library or in other community spaces where people and groups gather.

Digital sessions include opportunities for skills development and introductions to a variety of technologies. Sessions are hands-on and participants are encouraged to bring their own devices (or they can be provided) and are supported with take-home resources.

The staff at Devonport, Latrobe, Sheffield, Ulverstone and

Penguin Libraries are available to help with your digital devices and tools for learning.

Drop into the library and pick up a copy of the Devonport Library catchment What's On, visit the Libraries Tasmania website www.libraries.tas.gov.au or follow the Devonport Library Facebook page for details of upcoming courses and events to help you get online.



CRYPTIC PUZZLE TASMANIA (Solution Page 34)

1. Spillage; need mop soon (6,5)
2. Served grub I abhorred (7,6)
3. Gay baron would flirt (6,7)
4. Tiny cold frog jumped (6,6)
5. The oracle I could be (7,3)
6. Devious nosy rival (3,6)
7. Has art by amateur (3,5)
8. Old raver played up (3,5)
9. Barge into mum accidentally (5,7)
10. Cast metal urinal (11)



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BOOK REVIEW

The Highly Sensitive Person's Guide to Dealing with Toxic People

By *Shahida Arabi*

Research psychologist Shahida Arabi has written the handbook for gentle souls who find themselves regularly infringed upon by aggressive characters. Covering every type of toxic person from garden-variety thoughtlessness, selfishness and inappropriate behaviour, through to threatening situations and actual abuse. Arabi presents cognitive-behavioural tools developed through extensive research for dealing with people who don't

respect other's needs or limits, as well as dealing with your own timidity and desire to be liked.

Written in engaging, easily understood terms, Arabi uses her expertise and witty sense of humour to inform and equip the reader. This book will help you identify who might be a problem, when to pull them up on their behaviour, and how. Information like this may save you years of self-doubt or unhappiness!

This book is available to borrow from Libraries Tasmania in print, eBook and eAudioBook format.

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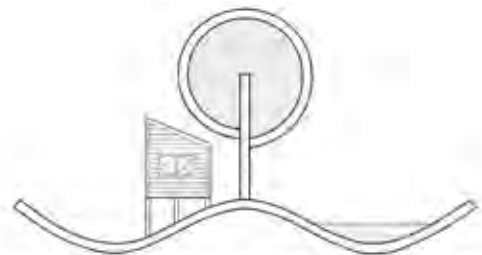
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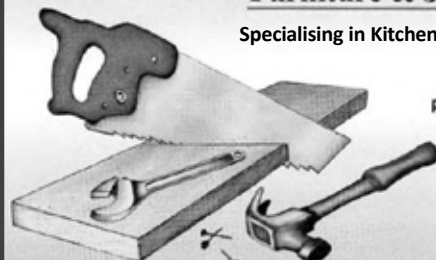
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Martin helps young readers improve skills

A retired business owner and pilot is hoping to help kids soar with free reading and music lessons in Sheffield.

Martin Corke, 82, worked as a volunteer tutor at Sheffield School and a number of Queensland schools for nearly 20 years before Covid hit, and is hoping to again contribute to improving the literacy and numeracy skills of young students.

“Once children understand that making mistakes is a way of learning, I can then find out what they don’t know and structure a program around their starting point,” he said.

Mr Corke is also offering music lessons, which he says helps with learning. “Interestingly, studies have proven that children who learn music almost always excel in other subjects.”

He trained to be a volunteer tutor through the Ready Reader program and shares its vision of helping children to become confident readers by 8 years old.

“Working one on one and building trust and confidence has had amazing results,” he said.

Some children found it easier to read to a dog and Mr Corke’s poodle Beauty will be available to listen.

Mr Corke is a registered holder of a Tasmanian Government



Reading builds confidence: Martin Corke.

issued Working with Vulnerable People (child related) card. Classes can be held at the child’s home or at Mr Corke’s home in Tarleton Street. To find out more, please phone 0459 155 246, or email crokey40@hotmail.com

Warm, cosy huts open in national parks

Two new thermally efficient huts have opened at Cradle Mountain-Lake St Clair national park while walking tracks and facilities have been upgraded at the Walls of Jerusalem.

The huts include solar power, public art and interpretation signage, 34 bunk spaces, new common areas and toilet amenities.

The buildings - named Windermere and Kia Ora on the iconic Overland Track - blend into the respective sites, while providing visitors with spectacular views.

Anne Urquhart, Senator for Tasmania, and Brian Mitchell, Member for Lyons, have welcomed the delivery of the two major projects for world-class visitor experiences.

Works at the Walls of Jerusalem National Park include walking track upgrades, new toilet facilities and campground platforms that assist to protect and conserve the significant landscape.

Other works in the national parks include:

- A new campsite at Dixons Kingdom with 12 double tent platforms along with a group cooking platform;
- A new dedicated group camping area with four double tent platforms and group cooking platform at Wild Dog Creek;

- Two new, full capture toilets at Dixons Kingdom and Lake Adelaide campsites.

“Tasmania continues to be a world-class destination for walkers,” Senator Urquhart said.

“In 2021-22 approximately 8000 walkers visited the Walls of Jerusalem National Park and 10,000 visited the Overland Track.

“The addition of these facilities will provide locals and tourists with an enhanced experience when walking in, camping and visiting this area. I love this region, it’s my backyard and I’m proud to share it with visitors.

“These facilities are a welcome addition.”

Mr Mitchell said the federal investments would help make Tasmania’s beautiful natural places more accessible.

“These are such terrific landscapes and sharing them in a sensitive and sustainable way is great for tourism,” he said.

“Tasmania’s National Parks are a major drawcard for visitors and a real boost to the economy. These upgrades ensure the Overland Track retains its reputation as one of the world’s greatest alpine walking experiences with appropriate supporting infrastructure.”

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COMMUNITY NOTES

CLAUDE ROAD MARKET

Our Christmas market will be held on Saturday, December 10, from 9am to 1pm.

We will have a full complement of stallholders in the hall – and lots of stallholders outside if the weather is fine.

Come along and do some Christmas shopping then grab a snack in the kitchen.

For those of you who are unable to attend the market, on behalf of the Claude Road Memorial Hall Committee, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

ROLAND RAILWAY MURAL

The Roland Residents Committee would like to offer its sincere thanks to all of the local and interstate people who supported and attended our recent market on November 5 at the Gospel Hall.

The market was a great success, and we are extremely grateful for all of the donations we have received to help us in the reinstatement of our Roland Railway Mural.

KENTISH PROBUS CLUB

There will be no meeting in December for the Kentish Probus Club as it's the Christmas Luncheon at the Mole Creek Hotel on Tuesday, December 13.

We will resume normal meetings in 2022 on the second Tuesday of each month at the Sheffield Bowls Club at 10am. Visitors are always welcome.

For further information, contact Annelise on 6496 1220.

THE HUB INC.

Looking for Christmas cards, we have a variety, also decorations, call in and check them out.

We will be **closing on Wednesday, December 21** for our Christmas break and will be back again on January 9, 2023.

Recent donations:

Tandara Lodge \$1000.

Mountain Echoes \$710.

Sheffield Cricket Club \$2000.

Community Christmas Carols \$200.

Mountaineers Relay for Life \$1000.

Sheffield School Presentation Day Awards \$1350.00

We recently held our HUB Christmas Dinner, which was enjoyed by all. Thanks go to the team at the Sheffield RSL for a great meal.

Our amazing volunteers wish everyone a safe and special Christmas. Your continued support helps us support our Kentish community.

- *The Committee*

WILMOT CHRISTMAS BBQ

Come along and join the Christmas fun on Saturday, December 17 at Pioneer Park next to Wilmot Hall from 5.30pm.

Entry is Free - BBQ and salads for sale. Santa Claus will be making an appearance.

Further enquires to the Wilmot Tourist & Progress Association, phone 0400 486 368.

RAILTON NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE & COMMUNITY GARDEN

With the silly season beginning, why not call in and see what local arts and craft are available for Christmas gifts or maybe buy a jar of jam or relish for stocking fillers.



A massive congratulations to one of our volunteers Janine Poke (*at work, left*) for being selected to paint her beautiful painting of Norman Sykes humpy where he lived in Sykes sanctuary for the Sheffield Mural Fest. Janine won first place. Congratulations we are all so proud of you. And Zeehan for helping you paint a magnificent painting that every one can enjoy for years to come.

Norman Sykes left Railton area in the 1970s leaving the land to the youth of Railton as a peaceful sanctuary to

enjoy. The building no longer exists but there a few statues in the area where the building once was.

The centre will be **closed on Friday, December 23** and reopen Monday, January 9, 2023.

We would like to wish everyone a very merry and safe Christmas and new year. See you all next year.

Don't forget our craft days Tuesday and Thursday 10am till 3pm all welcome. FREE

Come in and get our freshly made cucumber pickles and bread and butter pickles, apple jam, Feijoa chutney, apple sauce, green tomato pickles, zucchini pickle, pickled chillies and tomato relish.

Kings Hall hire enquiries please contact.

Railton Neighbourhood centre on 64961 755

Mon – Fri 10am till 3pm; Email: railtoncentre2@gmail.com

Railton Recreation Community Hall (Blue Hall) enquiries please contact Jen on 0423 582 040 or Tanya on 0438 559 317.

What we offer at the centre:

Locally handmade crafts, jam, and sauces; Community garden (welcome to all); Free Wi-Fi; Computer - Internet facility available; Local history; Visitor information; Plants for sale.

Open: Monday-Friday 10am-3pm. Phone: 6496 1755.

Email: railtoncentre2@gmail.com

SPORTS GRANTS

The 2022-23 Sport and Active Recreation Equipment Grants Program closes on December 16, 2022.

The program provides sport and active recreation clubs with grants of between \$2000 and \$25,000 to assist with the purchase of additional or replacement equipment.

Applicants are required to contribute at least 30 per cent of the total cost of purchasing the equipment.

To apply please go to https://www.sportrec.tas.gov.au/grants_and_funding_programs

COMMUNITY NOTES

SHEFFIELD STEAM & HERITAGE CENTRE

Sheffield Steam and Heritage Centre is open for the monthly Krauss running days from 11am to 4pm on December 3-4 and over the Christmas/New Year break from December 27 to January 8, 2023.

The Model Railway will be open on December 3. Miniature Train will also be running for as many days as we can get a crew and weather permitting.

SteamFest 2023 is just around the corner and we again need many volunteers to come forward and offer a few hours of their time to ensure the success of this great community event.

Please contact Christine Vaughan on mob 0417 307 259 if you can help us.



Are you having a special event – how about a Train Party? Ring Jan on 0404 497 584 or Christine on 0417 307 259.

KENTISH SCOUTS



KSG would like to thank Erin (not pictured) and Simon from Cement Australia for their generous donation of second hand iPads. This will allow our scouts to take control and plan their goals in their own time at home with a program called Terrain. They will be able to plan new adventures, try new activities, seek new pathways and the program will follow their journey throughout their scouting experience.

WORKING ART SPACE SHEFFIELD

Sheffield Art Gallery (6 Pioneer Crescent)

Exhibition for December/January. Gillian Robnik : "Close to Home". Opening hours: 10am to 3pm Mon-Fri; 10am to 2pm Sat & Sun.

Working Art Space (4-6 Albert St Sheffield.)

Printing every Tuesday between 10:30 and 2:30. (Cost is \$3.00 per person to cover inks and paper). Contact Fay on 0400 491 272 or email her at faylilly@hotmail.com

CLYDESDALE CHALLENGE

Kentish Clydesdale and Heavy Horse Challenge has been postponed to January 21, 2023. Events include Longreining, Carriage Driving and Ridden. All equine breeds are welcome at the event, starting at 9am Saturday at Native Rock Road, Railton.

The Challenge is hosted by the Apple Isle Carriage Driving Club with sponsorship funding secured by Kentish Council.

Entertainment includes music, boutique crafts, displays, and demonstrations from local suppliers.

MG CAR CLUB

Outright Concours Winner at the Annual Concours held on Saturday. The car is an MGZS160 owned by Life Member Robin Wilmot from Hobart.

There were 48 cars on display with 31 entered for judging in various classes. All comments we received were very positive of the weekend in Sheffield.



Stuck for a Christmas present?

Why not get a gift certificate for a professional car detailing from
Railton Motor & Tyre Center Ph 0417 511 681
Various certificates available.

PIZZA CONNECTION

“As food is to the body, so is God’s word to the soul.”

Planning is underway for our next men’s pizza night to be held in February next year. Details will be in the next edition.

It is Christmas again, a time of celebration and significantly, a time for friends and families to get together, a time of catching up with each other. Unfortunately, there are many family groups who do not celebrate this time of reunion because of old and often long-standing disagreements over things said, implied or done in the past.

Jesus tells a parable (a story disguised as another story) of a king who was owed a great deal of money by one of his servants. The servant was unable to pay. The king ordered he be put in jail until he paid what was owed, the servant begged the king to give him more time. The king did more than that, he forgave the whole debt!

The servant rejoiced but then went to another servant who owed him a much smaller amount, demanding payment and had him thrown in jail because he couldn’t pay. The king, on hearing of this, reinstated the debt on the first servant and had him thrown in jail ordering that he should be tormented as well as repayment. (Matthew 18:21-35)

In the Lord’s prayer, it says; “forgive us our trespasses (sins) as we forgive others.”

Let us forgive others who have offended or hurt us, that we and they might be set free to enjoy the spirit of Christmas and look to 2023 with renewed hope in that freedom.

TANDARA LODGE AUXILIARY

We wish you all a Safe and Wonderful time over Christmas.

This is a time of goodwill and sharing but many will be alone at this time of year. Can you reach out to your neighbour? A Christmas wish or a small gift can make such a difference to the lonely.

Please consider others and Do not Drink and Drive - you could leave someone maimed for life or worse kill someone (a stranger or someone from your family).

December 14 the Auxiliary is holding a Christmas Food Stall in the foyer of the Tandara Lodge Nursing Home at Nightingale Street, Sheffield. Our Christmas Raffle will also be drawn on this day. Got to be in it to win it! 1st Prize is a Christmas Hamper containing a ham, chicken, cake and pudding and lots of little extras. Plus three other prizes.

If you have any enquiries regarding joining the Auxiliary, please contact Ann on 6491 1694.

SHEFFIELD RSL SUB-BRANCH

Reminder that our Christmas Dinner is on Wednesday, December 7, and we are still waiting on some RSVPs. Two of our members, Rob Dix and Laurie Appleby, are in hospital and we wish them and their families well.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 1, 2023, which is our AGM followed by a committee meeting.

I would like to wish all our members and families a very merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year in 2023. Stay safe and enjoy the holiday season.

Lest We Forget

KENTISH COMMUNITY MEN’S SHED SHEFFIELD



At the Men’s Shed, works continue on the development of the rainforest garden, brainchild of founding member Mike Taylor (*pictured above*), with assistance from fellow enthusiast James Marcom. The garden shows great promise as the spring growth has the surprisingly diverse plantings of Tasmanian natives burgeoning with the promise of a very special tribute to the horticulturists involved.

During the month we were visited by our local member Brian Mitchell.

Our Park Run shelter was well and truly blessed with the gentle rain and a team will voyage back to Railton to erect a replacement garden shed at the caravan park - the original has fallen victim to the late bad-tempered weather that visited our district (again!).

Meantime, our in-house housekeepers prepare for our Open Day on December 3. Afficionados of Morses’ Famous snags will not be disappointed as we will sizzle from 10am to 1pm. Also on the day Redwater’s Steam train and miniature rail will be running and The Makita Man will be on hand with a big range of Makita hand tools.

Visitors are always welcome at our shed. We open Thursdays and Saturdays 9am to 1pm.

For more information, please call Terry 0429 122 520



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“O Son of Spirit!

“Noble have I created thee, yet thou hast abased thyself. Rise then to that for which thou wast created.”

- Bahá’u’lláh , Sacred Writings

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Come and join Kentish U3A if you are over 50, retired or semi-retired.
Summer School Dec 2022-Feb 2023.
\$10 except for fully paid members.

MONDAY	COURSE DETAILS
Move With Ease	10.00-11.00am. Sheffield Uniting Church. Contact Nita: 0437 795 374
Petanque	1.00-2.30pm. Boules Court, Health Centre Park. Contact Nita: 0437 795 374 No previous experience necessary. Fun and laughter with friends.
Social Mah-jong	1.00pm (1 st and 3 rd Monday) . Contact Ali: 0410 742 012 for venue.
TUESDAY	
Wellness & Support	1.00-2.00pm. Sheffield Uniting Church. Contact Lynne: 0407 240 450
Table Tennis	3.00-6.00pm. Sheffield Town Hall. Contact Don: 0458 343 059
WEDNESDAY	
Walking for Leisure	9.00am. Meet Don Store Carpark (1 st & 3 rd Wed). Contact Margaret: 0421 648 123 (½ day and full day walks available.)
Topiary	10.00am-12 noon. Railton Hotel. Contact Leoni: 0429 705 062
Nature Walks	8.00am (2 nd Wed) Meet Don Store car park. Contact Greg: 0438 589 173
Balance and Bones	9.00-10.00am and 10.00-11.00am. Health Centre. Contact Jennifer: 0400 376 937
THURSDAY	
Ukulele	10.00-12 noon. Sheffield Uniting Church. Contact Jennifer: 0400 376 937
Zumba	2-3pm. Sheffield Uniting Church. Contact Colette: 0439 426 665. Resumes 5:1:23
FRIDAY	
Kayaking	Pre-requisites - essential safety course/safety equipment/own kayak. Contact Jennifer: 0400 376 937
Balance and Bones	9.00-10.00am. Health Centre. Contact Jennifer: 0400 376 937
Cribbage	2.00-4.00pm. Sheffield Uniting Church. Contact Mark: 0428 515 445
SATURDAY	
Botanical drawing	1.00-3.30pm. Working Art Space, Albert St. Contact Colette: 0439 426 665 Resumes 4 th Feb.2023

Come and join Kentish U3A Inc. Find out more at <https://kentishu3a.u3anet.org.au>
2023 enrolments: February 3, 10.00am-noon, Sheffield Uniting Church.

Uni students eligible for rural scholarships



Applications for the 2023 AgriFutures Horizon Scholarship Program are now open. Students entering their final two years of an undergraduate degree who are passionate about the future of Australian rural industries are encouraged to apply.

The AgriFutures Horizon Scholarship is a collaboration between many Research and Development Corporations (RDCs), along with Cooperative Research Centre for Developing Northern Australia, FMC Australasia, AgriProve and Kalyx to provide eligible university students with a \$10,000

bursary over two years and plenty of opportunities to develop their leadership skills and expand their networks.

As part of the Program, students also attend an annual four-day professional development workshop and complete two weeks of industry work placements per year.

The Horizon Scholarship Program is open to students studying agriculture-related or STEM degrees with major studies and/or subject selections that align to agriculture.

AgriFutures Australia Managing Director John Harvey said attracting people from non-traditional agricultural backgrounds would be crucial to solving workforce challenges.

“Our cohorts are no longer made up solely of ag students from traditional farming backgrounds,” he said.

“We now have scholars studying engineering, law, business and communications. This diversity in backgrounds and thinking is beginning to elevate the conversations beyond anything we’ve seen before.”

Applications close Friday, January 13, 2023 at 5pm.

To apply visit www.agrifutures.com.au/horizon

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James Hope's gigantic flour mill stands

When **James Hope** (53) bought the corner block on Main St, Sheffield and West Nook Rd from his younger brother **Henry (Harry) Hope** (40) in 1895, it was a stroke of genius. James could now build on this prime site at the intersection of Sheffield, Barrington, West Kentish and Nook Rd, his huge new three-storey flour mill becoming the dominant landmark in the Kentish district for almost 80 years.

The second eldest son of Scottish immigrants **David & Janet Hope**, young James (23) remained in Deloraine when the rest of his pioneering family moved to Kentish in 1866. After learning the flour milling trade, in 1871 James (29) married **Susannah Harding** (22) in Deloraine and two years later began managing Samuel Shorey's flour mill where 9 of their 10 children were born.

In 1889 James built a water-powered flour mill on the Don River opposite the cemetery one mile out of Sheffield and brought his family to Kentish. Within a few years, his growing business had exceeded this small mill's capacity and he had to look for new opportunities.

This is the fascinating history of the four generations of the Hope family who built and operated this big new mill.

James (1844-1922) & Susannah Hope

Commencing in mid-1895, James' brother-in-law, local builder **Wm Jeffrey**, began building the massive mill measuring 55ft wide by 60ft long. He completed it in April 1896. James Hope, helped by his two sons William (21) & George (18), imported the latest machinery from America. At first the 20-horsepower engine was steam driven from a boiler that took 6ft-long logs. Later an oil furnace was purchased from Melbourne.

Located on the ground floor, it drove the main shafting, pulleys and belting for the machines upstairs. On the second floor was a pair of Cornelius rolling machines (the first of their kind in Tasmania), one corrugated roller, a wheat scourer and a separator. The third floor held two round flour dressing machines, two oat and barley cylinders, two bran and pollard dusters, wheat screens, etc.

Originally, bags of wheat were winched up to the third floor; but later they were emptied into a large hopper on the ground floor that fed the wheat into open metal cups on a vertical conveyor belt taking them to the top floor. On the way down, the wheat was ground between the steam-powered Cornelius rollers to produce the flour, which was sieved four times through special mill silk.

Whilst the mill was being erected, Wm Jeffrey also built a substantial family home next door at 5 West Nook Rd for James & Susannah Hope and their 10 children, most of them then teenagers.

Ten years later, the new mill had also become too small. Every bit of space on the ground floor was packed to the ceiling with bags of flour. Over the summer of 1905-1906 James Hope enlarged the back of the mill to increase the total floor space by 50%. Other improvements included a bag lifting machine, installation of acetylene lighting, and fire and burglar alarms fitted in the mill to ring in his private house.

However, not everything ran to plan. In Oct 1905 **Mrs Amelia Morse** of Paradise called at Hope's Mill for a bag of rolled oats. With many buggies looking the same, her purchase was placed in the wrong buggy which she didn't realise until she got home.

Early in the new century both of James' sons married: in 1902, William Hope to **Margaret Braid** of West Kentish and in 1905, George Hope to **Evelyn East**, one of two dressmakers from Sydney who worked for Thomas Clarke's Clothing Store (later Slaters of Sheffield). Along with building the new storage, James built a house next to his homestead, at 7 Nook Rd for William Hope.

For George, James built one of the most up-to-date bakeries in the north of the state, employing **H Symes** as baker and George as manager. It opened in August 1907, but its location was not ideal for townfolk to regularly walk down the Mill Hill to get their bread. So in 1909 James Hope (62) built a new baker's retail shop and residence in the town at 45 Main St. He & Susannah moved there whilst George & Evelyn Hope took over James' original house at 5 West Nook Road.

In 1912 the Hopes were forced to stop milling local flour as imported Victorian flour became more popular. This caused George Hope to move his family to Launceston where he became head miller at **Monds & Affleck**. James and remaining son William modified their machinery so they could concentrate on cleaning other grains and crush them into bran and pollard. To do this, in 1913 another huge 60ft x 30ft grain store was erected where workers processed up to 2,500 bags a week.

In the early hours of 15 August 1915, a fire destroyed their new bakehouse at the rear of Hope's Mill with its modern baking machinery. With no bread to sell, James sold the retail shop in town and returned to his old homestead at 5 Nook Rd. By this time he was 73 years old, yet James chose to buy his first **T model Ford** car. All their lives, James, Susannah and family were active members of the **Sheffield Presbyterian Church**

'James was 73 years old and chose to buy his first T model Ford.'

where James served as church elder. Susannah Hope (70) died 24 June 1919 and James Hope (78) died suddenly at home on 24 June 1922. Both were buried in Sheffield Cemetery.

William Hope (1875-1938) & (1) Margaret (2) Annie Hope

In a popular social event on 21 May 1902, William Hope (27) married Margaret Braid (29) in the home of her parents **Wm & Ann Braid of Braeside**, West Kentish. Fifteen months later, Margaret gave birth to their son Robert J (Bob) Hope, but seventeen days later, Margaret tragically died of blood poisoning on 27 Aug 1903. As a result, baby Bob was raised by his grandparents James & Susannah Hope at 5 West Nook Rd. On 6 Nov 1905 William then married **Annie Smith**, daughter of Henry and 2nd wife **Mary Smith** at Springfield, just along the road at 71 West Nook Rd. Afterwards, William and Annie moved into the new house his father had built for them at 7 West Nook Rd, where their three children **Ellen, Allan & Leslie** were born.

William bought one of the first motor lorries in the district, a T model Ford truck with only three gears and a travelling speed of 15 mph. He began regular deliveries of flour to all country stores as everyone did home baking. Over time, he developed a fleet of six lorries carrying produce and stock to market in the days before farmers owned their own motor vehicles. Some of Hope's lorries had seats that could be fitted on their trays to

over Kentish for 80 years

by Alan F Dyer

carry sports teams to their various matches and picnickers to scenic places like the Bluff or Forth Falls.

Another progressive idea William Hope had was to become the local agent for the **Shell Company**, distributing petrol, kerosene and oil to country stores and farmers all around the Kentish district. As these flammable fuels were sold in drums and tins, they had to be stored in a specially constructed fireproof building, well away from the mill. This explains the mysterious windowless concrete bunker-like building situated in the present mural park at the beginning of Main St, Sheffield.

In August 1931 William and staff feared the worst when they watched a light plane make a brief inspection of his back paddock, then land behind the flour mill, but all was well. The pilot with a photographer as passenger were making the most of a lovely clear day and only wanted more fuel.

William Hope was appointed a **JP** in Oct 1923 and was patron of the **Sheffield Rifle Club** and secretary of the **Oddfellows Lodge** for over 30 years. Like his father, he was a Presbyterian church elder and a self-taught musician who enjoyed gathering his family around their organ to sing in four-part harmony.

In Jan 1931 William Hope purchased the now vacant block at 31 Main St, half-way up Mill Hill, which formerly contained his uncle Wm Jeffrey's large, comfortable home, and **Frank & Doris Smith's boarding house** until destroyed by fire two months earlier. There he built a house for his son Allan.

When William began to lose his eyesight in 1933, he and Annie moved to 43 Main St, opposite the Sheffield Hotel, where **Dr Wm Firth** began his medical practice. William died sitting in the barber's chair at Sheffield on 30 April 1938 aged 62. Three years later Annie Hope (63) died in June 1941. Both are buried in Sheffield Cemetery.

The business was left to his two sons R J (Bob) and Allan, but during the lean years of World War 2, Allan and his family moved to Devonport where Allan died 18 Jan 1955 aged 46.

Robert (Bob) J Hope (1904-1972) & Alice Hope

As mentioned above, after his mother died, Robert was raised by his grandparents James and Susannah Hope at 5 West Nook Rd, where at age 14 he began working at the Mill. In 1929 Robert courted **Alice Cross**, a Sheffield schoolteacher from Burnie staying in Frank Smith's boarding house. After marriage, Bob and Alice Hope moved into 7 West Nook Rd where they raised two children **John & Barbara**.

Bob Hope continued the grain processing but expanded his fleet of lorries to become general carriers, distributing Shell oil products, carting farmers' produce to the wharves and hauling pine logs from the Stoodley pine plantation.

On 10 April 1944 one of Hope's lorries was being driven down Mill Hill by **Kevin von Stieglitz** when local farmer **George Bye** hustled a flock of sheep through an open gate out onto Main St. Unable to stop the lorry in time, Kevin ran into the flock, regrettably killing 10 sheep.

As the 'trucking side' of the business grew, in 1948 it became necessary to build a workshop with a heavy-duty hoist to service these trucks.

In May 1946 R J (Bob) Hope was made a JP. Like most Hopes, he was a good golfer and for many years the top shooter of the Sheffield Rifle Club. Robert James Hope (68) died 8 April 1972

and Alice Maud Hope (84) died 4 September 1987. Both are buried in Mersey Lawn Cemetery, Spreyton.

John Hope (1932 -) & Judy Hope

John began attending the Sheffield school, when it became the 'first Area School' in Tasmania. When man-power was short during WWII, as soon as John got home from school, his father would leave him in charge of the mill, whilst he went off delivering in his truck.

Upon leaving school, John was still too young to drive so he began servicing his father's trucks. At 19 John went off on a working holiday to NZ but later returned to help develop the mechanical repair side of their trucking business.

Gradually John expanded into servicing all kinds of farmers' vehicles, his first client being **Ray Duff** with his 1947 yellow Ford V8 truck. During the 1950s, the popularity of Holden cars was such that John once serviced 34 consecutive Holden cars without seeing any other model.

John soon showed his prowess in rifle shooting and golf. Commencing in 1958 he remained secretary of the Sheffield Rifle Club for 60 years. Twice he was a member of the state rifle team and four times coach. He was also a founding member of the Sheffield Golf Club, serving as president several times.

In May 1963 John Hope married Barrington belle **Judy Smith** at Barrington. Judy attended the Devonport High School where she became head prefect. She began playing hockey when she was 14 and represented the state aged 17; this included playing games against NZ & USA.

Judy became a physical education teacher, first in Hobart then at Devonport High School where she successfully coached various hockey clubs.

When she married John, she gave up teaching to help with the business bookwork. In 1963 they built their house at 25 Main St where they raised their two children **Stephen & Suzen**.

In 1967 John and Judy Hope opened a modern Shell service station on the opposite corner to the old flourmill, which had gradually become unsafe and in 1974 was demolished.

In 1975 Judy coached several Sheffield hockey teams and went 10 years without a loss. Six of her proteges were in the state team, two subsequently awarded Australia's Best & Fairest. Judy was also an active member of the Sheffield Golf Club, where in March 1986 she holed in one.

John became a founding member of the **Kentish Association of Tourism** in September 1985 whilst Judy remained a regular model for Slaters Fashion Parades that raised money for various charities. In 1991 Hope's Service Station was the first business in Sheffield to become computerised. In 1995 they sold their Shell service-station to Norvac P/L who made it a Mobil station. Since retiring, John and Judy travelled a lot, but still live in their Main St house where last April John celebrated his 90th birthday.

Mill Corner Redevelopment

As part of the Sheffield Township Enhancement Project, Hope's Mill Corner has recently been given a makeover. The council in cooperation with the Kentish Garden Club and the Mural Committee has enhanced this area to provide a pleasant new entrance to our Town of Murals.

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COMMENT - THE LEGACY OF CHRISTMAS

By Geoffrey Curtis

Sorting out fact from fiction is not only unwieldy but can be confusing. Yet we do have one major skill that most of our ancestors never had which is the ability to read and write. We also have many stories passed down in the oral tradition which is amazing for there is much to tell. The traditional Aboriginal people across the globe are well founded in this ability, something that has been lost in our so-called 'civilized societies'.

The major problem as many of us know when reading stories is just how much myth or legend arises from unknown origins and passing down through the generations gets twisted or misinterpreted. Classic among books is the Old and New Testaments in the Christian Bible. Over decades of research about stories of Noah's Ark on Mount Ararat in modern day Turkey, for example, have proven to be false hopes. However, from a geographical understanding evidence shows there were many floods in the Tigris and Euphrates rivers in the Middle East and told as a narrative in the Old Testament as the 'Great Flood'.

Stories about the gift of generosity having had a profound affect over the centuries are many. However, to understand its legacy and origin, we must thank the Romans who decided their empire was so unmanageable to govern that it became necessary to split the domain into two halves. In the West, Rome continued as its capital only to fall to the heathen savages in the 5th century. Byzantium in the East became the Romano-Greek Empire with its own Emperor and continued until its fall in 1453.

To govern successfully in such a large area with contrasting peoples, cultures, including religions (as the British found to their advantage) was to not denigrate the social beliefs of the dominated. Thus, locals worshipping their own gods was permitted together with the acceptance of the Emperor and his own religion. In the East, Emperor Constantine 1st (306-337 CE) became the first Roman leader to profess the Christian faith. Therefore, anyone who wished to be baptized into the new

religion was encouraged both in the East and Western Empires. By the 4th century in the Byzantium Empire, Christianity was flourishing each with its own dioceses (districts) and leaders called patriarchs (bishops). One of these local Greek leaders in the Church was a man called Nikolaos (Nicholas) who lived in Myra, the capital of Lycia, a province in modern day Turkey. We know the account of this man through the writings of a high monk or priest (Archimandrite) called Michael who mentions Nicholas as a devote Christian and generous man.

According to the stories that abound, Nicholas became a wealthy man after the death of his parents. It appears Nicholas would reach out to those in need, especially children and sailors. Whether it was his own conscious or the heeding of the Gospels (the Christian message) to heal the sick and the poor we shall never know. On one occasion he deliberately threw a purse filled with coins into an open window of a house knowing the father - a once wealthy man - had fallen on hard times and could not afford a dowry (wedding gift) for a daughter. Nicholas did this again for a second daughter but on the third attempt, was caught by the father who openly thanked him.

Nicholas asked the man not to tell anyone and so the secret of giving to those in need carried on not only in Myra but eventually taken up by Christians throughout the Middle Ages.

Nicholas was later canonised by a Pope. We know him as Saint Nicholas or Santa Claus which is a corruption of Sank'ni kolaus or by his now familiar name of Father Christmas.

Nicholas' generosity is still felt today for those in need especially at Christmas when volunteers give up their time to feed those living off the streets or families who have hit rock bottom for financial reasons.

Generosity is not tied to any period like Christmas but the story long forgotten by many as to its origin still lingers. Your generosity like Saint Nicolas is open for the less fortunate in need.

Business grants up to \$25k for flood damage



If your business was impacted by the severe weather event on October 13-14, a number of support options are available. These are listed under the Severe Weather Event Assistance section on the Business Tasmania Funding page.

Small businesses
Small Business Emergency Response Grants of up to \$25,000 are available for small businesses across 17 affected municipalities that can provide evidence of direct

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Further information, including eligibility criteria and application details, is available on the Business Tasmania website. Contact 1800 440 026 or email ask@business.tas.gov.au.

Primary producers

Primary Producer Emergency Response Grants of up to \$25,000 are available to support Tasmanian primary producers impacted by the October flooding with clean-up and restoration activities.

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A property owner in Railton reported a break-in last month. The house was under renovation but it does not appear that anything was taken. Some minor damage also occurred at this address. There was also an assault in Railton where a shop attendant was assaulted by a customer. The customer has been arrested and charged and will face court at a later date.

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To receive this payment, you must be:

- A primary producer.
- Registered as a farmer with Rural Aid.
- Have a current ABN.
- Be in a flood declared area from Oct 2022
- Have had significant flood impact to your property or person.

Examples of significant damage to your property include:

- it's been destroyed or must be demolished
- it's been declared structurally unsound
- the flood has caused major damage to the interior
- the flood has exposed the interior to the elements
- sewage has contaminated the interior
- the flood has significantly damaged a major asset or assets you own at your property.

Please note, your property is defined as your principal place of residence. It doesn't include holiday homes or investment properties. Major assets with a combined market value of \$20,000 can include buildings, vehicles, caravans, water tanks or large scale machinery. To apply, visit www.ruralaid.org.

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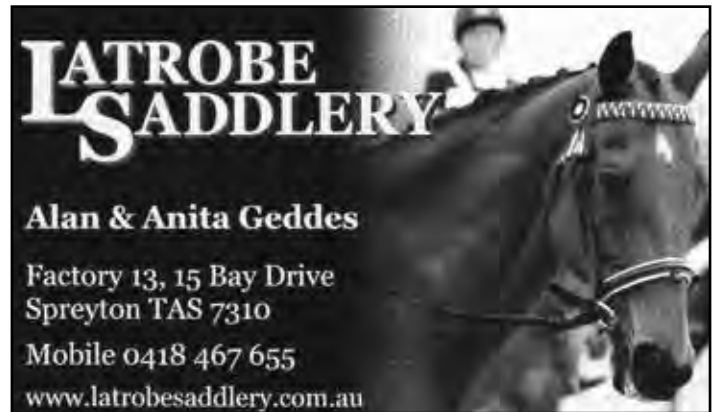
Although the Kentish and Latrobe Independent Business Association event on October 13 had to be cancelled and more than 120 people notified at short notice, like our business community, we are not letting the flood event hold us back.

Bigger and better, it has now been rescheduled to 6pm on Wednesday, January 18, 2023.

Since its formation in late 2021, the Kentish and Latrobe Independent Business Association has been working to develop programs and partnerships to help local businesses. At the KaLIBA business event you will find out how to capitalise on free services for all local businesses.

Every business person across the Kentish and Latrobe municipalities, and everyone with an interest in the prosperity of these regions, is invited to this catered event. It will be officially launched by the Tasmanian Minister for Small Business, the Hon. Madeleine Ogilvie MP.

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- Each participant will learn to identify their own self-care strategies
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When: Wednesday 14th of December, 2022
Where: Supper Room (Town Hall) 66 High Street Sheffield
Entry via side ramp
Time: 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM (registration from 9:10am)
Cost: Free (Please bring your own lunch)
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Dec 2	U3A Christmas lunch 12-2pm, Sheffield RSL
Dec 3	Men's Shed Open Day Spring Street, Sheffield
Dec 3	Gymkhana Kentish Pony & Hack Club
Dec 4	Barrington Hall Christmas Party 12-2pm, Barrington Park
Dec 3-4	Steam Train Rides 11am-4pm, Sheffield Steam and Heritage Centre
Dec 7	Sheffield RSL sub-branch dinner
Dec 10	Claude Road Market 9am-1pm, Claude Road Memorial Hall
Dec 11	Kentish Garden Club Christmas BBQ lunch 12.30pm, Claude Road Hall
Dec 11, 17	Christmas Tree Festival 1.30-4pm, Sheffield Uniting Church, Main Street
Dec 12	Nominations for Australia Day awards close
Dec 13	Kentish Probus Club Christmas luncheon, Mole Creek Hotel
Dec 13	Kentish Council Meeting 7pm, Council Office, High Street, Sheffield
Dec 14	Tandara Nursing Home Christmas lunch & food stall
Dec 14	CORES Suicide Prevention training 9.30am-3.30pm, Supper Room, Town Hall
Dec 15	Railton Community Meeting 6.45pm, Kings Hall Supper Room
Dec 16	Kentish Lions Club Christmas Parade, 6pm, Sheffield
Dec 17	Sheffield Cricket Club 70th anniversary dinner
Dec 17	Wilmot Christmas BBQ 5.30pm, Pioneer Park
Dec 18	Sheffield Community Christmas Carols 6.30-8pm, Sheffield Town Hall
Dec 27-Jan8	Steam Train Rides 11am-4pm, Sheffield Steam and Heritage Centre

DATES FOR THE DIARY - JANUARY

Jan 7	Festival of Small Halls 7pm, Wilmot Memorial Hall
Jan 15	Sheffield Bowls Club Grand Opening
Jan 21-22	Folk Harp Workshop Claude Road Memorial Hall, Claude Road
Jan 28	Skate Park Jam 11am-1pm, Goliath Park Skate Park, Railton
Feb 11	Roland Market Roland Gospel Hall, Staverton Road



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Wishing everyone a **Merry Christmas** and happy New Year

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