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Busy as a Bee: Lindsay earns AM

By Heather Eiszele

Sheffield Honey Farm chairman Lindsay Bourke barely had time to take calls from all the well-wishers after he was named Member of the Order in the inaugural King's Birthday Honours List last month.

The 80-year-old is too busy developing new honey meads, organising the next meeting of the Tasmanian Beekeepers Association, waging a (successful) campaign for manuka honey, submitting his entry for the fine food awards and dusting off his latest trophy.

Lindsay was awarded the Rueben Charles Memorial trophy for the World's Best Leatherwood Honey at the 78th annual Tasmanian Beekeepers Association Conference held in Hobart on May 27.

And he still wants to achieve more. "I look forward to every day," Lindsay says with enthusiasm.

His AM is in recognition of his significant service to the beekeeping and honey industry, and to the community, including his positions on numerous industry boards and fighting the Kiwis to retain the right to use the name Manuka.

"I'm thrilled to receive the award," he said. "But I've got so many things to do - so many fingers in the pie. I've just put on a Personal Assistant - people can't keep up with me!"

Apart from his industry awards and recognition, Lindsay achieved a significant personal milestone last year.

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EDITORIAL

This edition of *The Kentish Voice* celebrates the first 10 years of service to the business community and the residents of Kentish. A big THANK YOU to all our advertisers and contributors over the journey! You have made it possible for the Kentish community to remain connected and engaged.

Doug and I have volunteered our service to the community, preparing and publishing *The Kentish Voice* for nine of those years after having been involved from the outset in establishing *The Kentish Voice* following the closure of *The Kentish Chronicle* due to the ill-health of Beth Pagel in June 2013, who had been a servant of the Kentish community for some 19 years. We see *The Kentish Voice* as Beth's legacy to the community as none of those involved in the establishment could imagine life in Kentish without a monthly community paper.

Our aim now is to ensure the service continues for many years.

We are grateful for our volunteer editor, Heather, and our volunteer webmaster who have made continuity firstly, and now growth with an on-line presence, possible. Two vital steps toward sustainability in the short as well as the long term.

A local team of volunteers can provide the business community with affordable advertising to connect them with local customers, and that advertising support enables the sharing of community information with residents and businesses alike.

The Kentish Voice has never been about making a profit as a business, but to cover the cost of printing so that we could help support both the local businesses and the residents of Kentish.

A team means that the processes that are necessary for the production of *The Kentish Voice* is not dependent on one person as in many of the past years, and continuity is more secure. At one point I was too ill to continue as that one person and, if it was not for Heather, *The Kentish Voice* may well have suffered the same fate as *The Kentish Chronicle*. Now Heather and I work together to produce each edition.

Our plan is to establish a Not-For-Profit committee to oversee the administrative aspects and to have a production team that is not burdened with administration. My hope is that we will find at least one additional volunteer to fill my shoes in the role of advertising manager. This involves receiving the ads each month and placing them in a template ready for Heather to complete the edition with her editorial content. I would be on hand to assist either Heather or our new advertising manager as a guide and a mentor. So if you would like to talk about this volunteer position, please get in touch on 0408 451 107.

For the foreseeable future, Doug and I will continue to print *The Kentish Voice* each month in semi-retirement. We thank you all in anticipation of your ongoing support for the next generation of volunteers!

Lesley & Doug

Rini's perfumes gain stamp of approval

Kentish business Wilderness Lab has been named as an Australia Post Local Business Hero.

Of more than 5000 businesses, only 100 were selected Australia-wide, with just three in Tasmania (two of those in Hobart).

Owner Rini Puccetti began with a stall at Claude Road market. She was formulating and selling botanical solid perfumes and lotion bars that were sustainable, vegan, and a great alternative to people with sensitive skin.

Over time, the products gained a following and the business grew into a successful e-commerce operation. There are now stockists all around Australia as well as in Taiwan.

Rini is a staunch supporter of local Tasmanian and Australian ingredients. She also has passion for sustainability and is proud that her business is plastic-free, including the product packaging, shipping materials, and in-store displays.

By opting for eco-friendly packaging, she's taken a proactive stance toward preserving the planet's health and reducing the company's environmental impact.

"I love what I do, so to be recognised at a national level is an absolute honour," said Rini.

"As an autistic person, perfumery has always been one of my special interests and, since moving here 12 years ago, I've been deeply inspired by the beautiful wilderness of this region.

"I wanted to recreate part of the experience of being in nature through my range of natural fragrances."

With names like Cradle Mountain, Dark Forest, Secret Garden and Wild at Heart, the perfumes represent parts of Tasmania that have had a lasting impact on Rini.

"It's really a different take on conventional alcohol-based perfumes," she said. "I've had customers tell me that they evoke happy memories and a sense of calm. They're also very long-lasting and people will comment on that beautiful, unusual fragrance you're wearing. It's OK to be different and I want to embrace that."

Using knowledge from her Science Degree, Rini meticulously formulated the range to exclude harsh chemicals, alcohol, synthetic fragrances, petrochemicals, and animal products.

Wilderness Lab recently gained a certification from Safe Cosmetics Australia, reflecting this commitment to clean and cruelty-free formulations.

"I'm very thankful to Mark, Beth and Joseph at the Sheffield LPO for nominating my business" said Rini. "They have always been so supportive of Wilderness Lab and were actually the very first stockist in Tasmania. I'm grateful for their support, they're a wonderful part of our small community."

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Information Session - Know the options being considered for Kentish

Kentish Council will be holding an information session for residents on the 20th July 2023 at the Sheffield Town Hall starting at 6:00pm.

SUPER COUNCIL AN OPTION

Since late 2021, the Local Government Board, established by the Tasmanian Government, has been reviewing how councils work to enable the Board to make recommendations to the government on how councils need to change so they can develop and maintain the capability that communities want while delivering services locally, keep jobs in local communities, and ensure that all Tasmanians have a strong voice in decisions being made on their behalf. The Board have stated that the status quo cannot remain, but the sort of change required is unlikely to be voluntary.

To stimulate discussion, nine catchment areas that align with data reflecting how Tasmanians live, work and access services in their community were identified.

Criteria associated with these scenarios are: place and representation, future needs and priorities, financial sustainability and operational capability.

The Board has identified Kentish within the Cradle Coast catchment along with Devonport, Central Coast, Burnie and Wynyard-Waratah council areas.

Information packs detailing how this catchment was determined are accessible at https://bit.ly/CradleCoastCatchment and detail four proposed scenarios for new local government boundaries and service delivery models, specifically:

- **Scenario 1** - Establishing two separate councils

Council A being the existing Burnie Council area plus a part of the Central Coast Council west of the Leven River. Council B combines the existing Latrobe, Kentish, Devonport and balance of the Central Coast Council east of the Leven River.

- **Scenario 2** - Establishing three new council areas

Council A being the existing Burnie Council plus Somerset; Council B being the existing Central Coast Council plus south of Cethana and Moina; Council C a combined Latrobe, Devonport and eastern part of the Kentish Council (minus the areas south of Gowrie Park).

- **Scenario 3** - Establishing a single Cradle Coast Council consisting of the existing Latrobe, Kentish, Devonport, Central Coast and Burnie Councils.

- **Scenario 4** - Establishing two councils

Council A to be an amalgamation of the existing Burnie, Central Coast and Devonport Councils and Council B to be an amalgamated Latrobe and Kentish Council.

SURVEYS AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK

The Local Government Board has published surveys so you can provide feedback on the scenarios as well as any other relevant ideas for how councils might operate to better serve their communities in the future.

The survey is accessible at www.engage.futurelocal.tas.gov.au/surveys or pick up a copy from the Kentish Council office. Surveys must be lodged by Thursday, 6 July. Council can assist with scanning and emailing your completed survey to the Local Government Board provided you return it to Council no later than 3:00pm that day.

Additionally, ***written submissions close on Wednesday, 2 August*** via https://engage.futurelocal.tas.gov.au/make-submission or email Submissions.LGBoard@dpac.tas.gov.au.

While Council will make a submission to the Board, we are only one voice.

Your voice is important.

Council strongly encourages you to provide comment to the Board before they finalise their recommendations to the State Government.

Trailblazer walks his final path

To former Kentish mayor Tim Wilson, he was someone who was given licence; to his many friends and followers, he was an inspirational leader; to his family, he was everything.

Bastiaan Kleynendorst's amazing life was celebrated at Vincent's Chapel in Devonport on June 9, after his untimely death in a tractor rollover accident a week earlier.

Dutch-born Basil, as he was affectionately known, and his wife Maraea moved to Sheffield in 2012 after visiting the island many times and deciding to make it their home.

Basil flourished in Tassie: he loved the bush, the mountains, the fresh air and the people. He was passionate about his interests – Kentish Walks, Tasmanian Fungi, Waterfalls Tasmania, Field Naturalists, Mountains of Tasmania etc.

A keen photographer and avid bushwalker, Basil found his niche in Kentish.

Establishing Kentish Walks in 2019, he was actively involved in creating new tracks and maintaining existing ones. Basil would access old maps to find bushwalking tracks that had been covered for decades and along with Maraea, they cleared the tracks, opening them up to be enjoyed again.

Signage was one of his pet projects, and he erected many directional signs where he thought appropriate.

"My advice to staff was to follow behind him and clean up after him and make it legal," said Mr Wilson at his friend's funeral. "This was a guy with some backbone and driving force."

Mr Wilson hoped Council would acknowledge Basil in some way, perhaps with a Lookout. "That would be a great encouragement," he said.

More than 100 people attended Basil's funeral and mourners learnt of his early life as a merchant seaman working on cargo ships. It was when his boat docked in New Zealand that he met Maraea Gilbert who became his wife of 55 years, the love of his life. Maraea still has the postcards he sent when he was at sea.

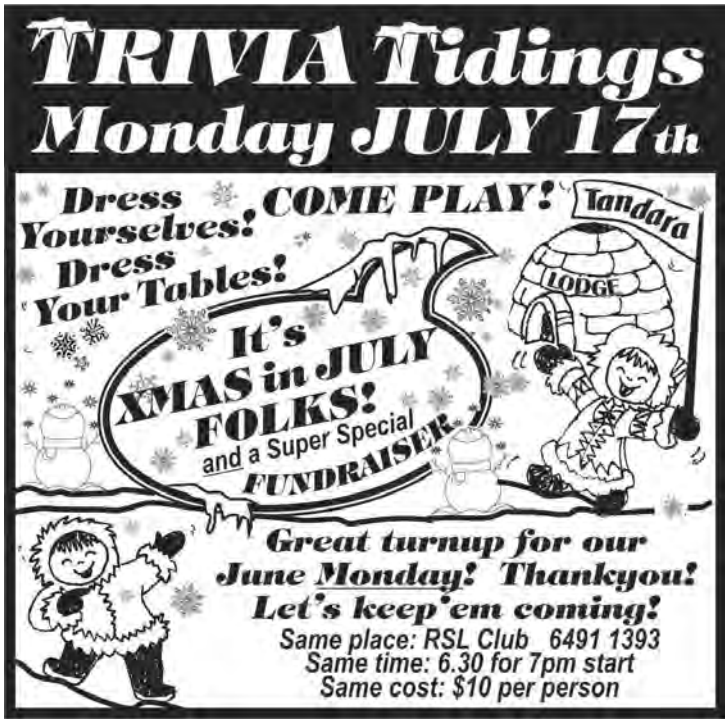
After emigrating to New Zealand, Basil and Maraea married and had two children, a son Herman and daughter Antonia, both named after Basil's parents.

Basil became a painter decorator, a profession that he stayed

with until his retirement. The family moved to Brisbane in 1975 and later to Central Queensland, where he painted houses in different mining towns. A decade on they moved back to Brisbane and started Basil Brush Painting Services, a business that son Herman is still managing today.

Basil was a thinker and a listener, quiet in nature, who always saw the good in people. Basil took people under his wing, sharing his love of being outside, walking in the bush, breathing in the fresh air and using this as a therapy.

Vale Bastiaan Kleynendorst Nov 25, 1945 - May 30, 2023.



Early years program makes learning fun

HIPPY Kentish, a program that introduces a love of learning for both parents and children, is now taking expressions of interest for next year for children born in 2020.

HIPPY (Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters) Kentish has reached its target of 30 families for 2023 and has begun its expressions of interest list for the program in 2024.

HIPPY Kentish Coordinator Lou Carter said the Kentish site was one of 100 sites nationally, providing free resources, including books and activity packs.

"Parents are their child's first teacher," she said.

Lou said the free two-year program aligned with the Early Years Learning Framework and promoted "everywhere learning" - one of HIPPY's key learning areas. "Each pack has activities for parents to do with their child and ideas so that learning can happen anywhere at any time," she said.

Clockwise from bottom left: Chantelle Parker, Lou Carter, Laine Stephens and Ali Grossmith. Photo: Heather Eiszele

"We visit families in their homes or community and Home Tutors will go through the packs with them."

Families spend about 10-15 minutes a day doing activities with their child and a Home Tutor visits for an hour fortnightly.

"A parent is empowered because they're being exposed to all this educational language," Lou said.

Only parents and carers who have previously completed the program with their own child are eligible to be a Home Tutor.

Home Tutors Chantelle Parker, Laine Stephens and Ali Grossmith said the program had benefitted their families and it was rewarding to see positive changes in other parents and carers.

"HIPPY develops a love of learning which is maintained through their lives," Laine said. "We help parents teach their child the first stages, the basic concepts and numbers."

Chantelle said 90% of feedback from parents was positive, emphasising how their child had grown and become more confident. "I've had parents tell me this has changed the way they're going to parent," she said. "You get incredible stories."

Laine said there were great benefits of having Home Tutors mentor other parents through the program. "Parents listen to us as we've obviously done the program and we tell them how well our own little people have done," she said.

"And how we implemented different plans and strategies to do the activities. It doesn't mean just sitting down with a book. We might have gone out and looked at different numbers on letterboxes or to the grocery store to get three oranges. It's life skills learning."

Ali said the HIPPY program helped parents and caregivers teach their child by doing fun activities.

"It gives them the first stages and concepts so when they go to Kinder, they already have the concepts and a love of learning."

For more information, email lou@kentishrc.com.au

Visiting service

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

Services Australia will be visiting Sheffield and Railton.

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

Wednesday 28th June

Wednesday 26th July

Wednesday 23rd August

Kentish House, Sheffield 09:30am to 11:30am

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COMMENT - MAYBE, MAYBE NOT

By Geoffrey Curtis

Come round my house and into the main bedroom and look at the array of my lovely gold medals hanging from the walls. What may you ask are they for, what did I do to achieve such a high standard? The truth of the matter is not what you might expect as it makes me feel rather ashamed to explain. You see all of these medals are for my Procrastination!

Before we go any further, perhaps it would be better to explain what Procrastination is. Let's be honest, most of us know it since some of us do it so regularly that one hardly notices, while others abruptly pull themselves up just in time. Procrastination means 'putting things off' or 'a lack of motivation', 'postponing something 'and 'delaying' especially if it is boring or unpleasant. A classic for myself is putting off writing this monthly column until waking up to the realisation the cut-off date for sending in the 'Comment' to the Editor of *The Voice* is looming!

So why do we Procrastinate and is it a positive or negative thing to do? Well actually it is a bit of both. You see the human being is made of 99% chemicals of which a tiny but significant amount is dopamine which is a neurotransmitter in the brain. In plain language this is a chemical messenger propelling it to another cell with information which is, as Martin-Iverson from the School of Biomedicine and Sciences at the University of WA describes, more of an "incentive system" to do something. This could be good, such as a want, or it may be trying to avoid something we don't want.

Apparently there are four main types of Procrastinators - at least that's what the University of Technology Sydney describes on their blog about careers: 'the performer', 'the self-deprecator', 'the over booker' and the 'novelty seeker' which all seem a bit bizarre to say the least, but which one is you? Or is there more than one type inside your head?

One thing that may be of help here is the severity of Procrastination that is the difference between mild, average and severe or chronic. And that in turn will depend on how often an individual postpones things, and secondly how much the negativity affects the person that may for example, cause them to miss deadlines or experience stress.

Most of us will know the answer. For those who find it difficult and require remediation, there is always counselling which is fundamentally necessary if it is producing mental distress. Fortunately most of us can alter our behavior - but how?

There are a number of tips you can read online. Here are some of them, which will require some mindful attention to activate each day and for a suitable amount of time that is decided by you alone. However first you need to realise you are procrastinating. This could be for a number of reasons such as fear of failing or having unreasonable goals. Secondly work out why you are doing this, and next adopt some anti-procrastination strategies, and finally forgive yourself about procrastinating from the past.

One of the strategies or approaches is the 1 3 5 Rule. Take breaks from your work or tasks on a regular basis. Number 1 choose one major task you wish to complete. Rule 3 is to divide that piece of work into three medium tasks and lastly sub-divide those three medium task into five smaller tasks.

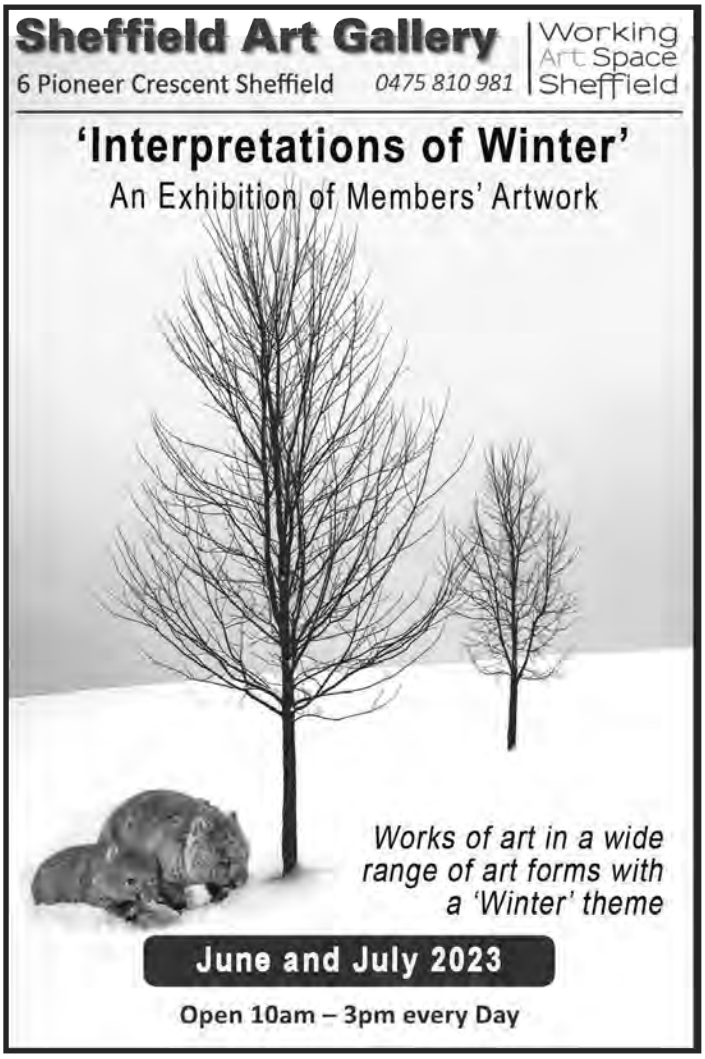
Another way is to be aware you may not have elevated levels of energy and while it is normal to procrastinate there are several areas to consider. Make sure you are getting enough sleep, having a healthy diet, avoiding snacks by eating smaller meals throughout the day, exercising regularly and drinking sufficient water and not being addicted to something from too much social media or chocolate to drinking excessive alcohol.

Changing your behaviour is crucial especially if you have been procrastinating for an exceptionally long time. In fact, it may be years. It's worth trying whatever it is you've been putting off, whether it's gaming, singing in a band or a choir, drafting a book or asking someone out for date.

Much has to do with who we think we are: believing we are so good at something or fear of failure. What psychologists call a 'construct in our head' and it ain't going to change until something changes.

By learning to let go and dismiss the stories we 'construct' about what it is stopping us from moving forward, we will finally be free of the consequences of procrastination.

Geoffrey Curtis is a social commentator and researcher.



Bahá'i Faith.

"God grant that the light of unity may envelop the earth, and that the seal, 'the Kingdom is God's' may be stamped upon the brow of all its peoples."

- Bahá'i sacred writings.

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Councillors accountable in current model

From the last Kentish Voice (*June*) issue, the government's Local Government Reform Stage 2 report mentions the concerning idea of mandating amalgamations (from 29 to nine, or even three). They say having offered amalgamations voluntarily but without receiving enough feedback for positive change suggestions, they're now proposing mandating.

It is thought they may leave current boundaries as are, if we can show reasons/suggestions for our preferred ways to manage things, but keeping our local councils as our planning authority, for matters important to local communities.

For any councils to voluntarily amalgamate seems fine: they know best. Councils voluntarily sharing equipment seems good, and perhaps other sorts of sharing eg. IT etc, but still allowing decision-making for each community's own direction to develop its own character.

For any amalgamation with a larger council, besides it diminishing democratic representation for the smaller ones, any existing mismanagement issues for the larger one can be addressed by charging new and higher rates/service fees/fines on their adjoining smaller communities.

Smaller communities' autonomy of choice determines their overall unique 'vibe'/charm/integrity, plus they can look after their own natural treasures whether environmental, historical or social. It's for these aesthetic/social reasons visitors come, possibly to escape the comparative Mainland homogeneity?

One wonders if a university study determining council boundary changes for reasons 'where we work and play' are less relevant than for where we actually live (and therefore where we pay rates etc). A university's predictive model surely can't be a 'one-size-fits-all'?

With our own democratically elected councillors, who must live among their ratepayers they've promised things to, this causes some accountability guarantee. As opposed to a scenario of having to vote for unknown characters from a whole other (distant?) community.

There's serious concern about one's own property becoming vulnerable to introduced broader rulings, an individual losing their existing direct access, engagement and negotiation with their smaller council's possible discretionary considerations, with its more detailed knowledge and understanding of their area's idiosyncrasies.

Some Mainland amalgamations have been reversed, eg in NSW for complained increased corruption, loss of services, higher costs. Centralising governing allows more corruption.

If any of these points help, we can ring /email our State pollies, radio talkback, newspapers, and make a submission short or long (asap but before August 2) to www.futurelocal.tas.gov.au

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Robin Thomas

Paradise

Check proposed zonings

Kentish Council currently has its new draft Planning Scheme on display and it has the potential to drastically impact your property and its value!

Large areas are being rezoned E3 Environmental. Once zoned environmental, the goals of the zone change and severely restrict what you can do, for example you are not permitted to run stock in these areas or collect firewood and will be reduced to existing use rights. The High Court has described Existing Use Rights as "transitory" and designed to "cushion the blow". E3 zoned land is effectively stolen but you still get to pay rates and will be forced to maintain it. The really frightening thing is this is just the beginning and over time the restrictions and fines will become far worse. I describe this as rural slavery as you will be forced to work for free and receive nothing in return.

On my farm the proposed E zones are 100% inaccurate, clearly no ground truthing has occurred and someone has just looked at out of date satellite maps and had a guess. Notably there has been a six-year gap between consultation and display which could explain some of this. In my opinion, this lag leaves the Planning Scheme vulnerable to legal challenge.

Rural land is also being rezoned. Check your proposed zoning and make sure that it reflects the capacity and use of the land!

TasNetworks has snuck a 'new' electricity corridor in as well. This corridor is from the 1960s and does not appear in title searches. Any landowner who purchased in recent decades was not informed of this easement. I believe this makes the easement unlawful or at the very least it will be very susceptible to legal challenge via a class action. This easement runs over people's sheds and houses! Check the electricity corridor overlay.

If you are not happy with any of this, you need to go to Kentish Council's website and view the draft plan and overlays. Then you MUST make a submission! If you do not, then the draft plan will become law. Do not delay, time is limited. Must be in by Friday, July 7, 2023.

Greg Bennett
Staverton

Keep that wallet handy

It looks like the price of rain has gone up again. Well, it wasn't Hydro workers' wages! Anyway, don't put your wallet away because we are being amalgamated with Devonport and we will be helping pay for the resuscitation attempt on "The Living City".

But wait! There's more! Keep that wallet handy because soon you will need to pay about $15 for a trip to the transfer station.

I believe that our councillors should be members of our community so that their priority is in the interest of their fellow residents. To put it another way, democracy means the right to choose who governs you and, for my money (what's left of it), that's not a token Kentish resident on Devonport Council.

Taking the "Local" out of Local Government? Most important to me, our sense of community will suffer.

Note that The State Government didn't commission this Board. lt created it! In my opinion, the primary purpose being the reduction of the number of councils.

So, the Board has clearly given their intentions with plenty of notice. I am a bit surprised that there seems to be no public response or resistance and certainly no outrage.

Perhaps I am out of touch. Thank you, *Kentish Voice*, for the forum for my sad rant.

Max Wood

Sheffield

Please send
Letters to the Editor, including your suburb, to:
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Winter is the perfect time to get festive

Sheffield warms up and comes alight during Christmas in July. Attend a Lantern Making Workshop at the Sheffield Arts Centre, a fashion parade at Du Coeur, Trivia Tidings in support of Tandara, or 'Not Your Traditional High Tea' at The Epicurean, just to name a few of the fun events which will be taking place between July 17 and 29.

Lantern Making Workshops

Sheffield Arts Centre (Workshop 1), Pioneer Crescent

Join in the fun at one of the Lantern Making Workshops. Learn how to create paper lanterns and be part of the Gathering of the Lanterns Grand Finale at this year's winter festival in Sheffield. The workshops are free of charge with all materials supplied. No specific skills are needed. Open to all members of the community, young and old. Children are welcome with an adult. To reserve a place, please phone, text, or email Sandy on 0427 475 113 or info@muralfest.com.au .

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Saturday 1st July (1pm – 4pm)

Saturday 8th July (10am – 1pm)

Monday 10th July (10am – 1pm)

Monday 17th

Turning on the Lights Outside of the Sheffield Post Office. Hot Chocolate & Christmas Cookies. 5.30pm

Trivia Tidings Sheffield RSL with proceeds benefitting Tandara. 6.30pm for 7pm. Bookings Essential - Tables of up to 8 people - $10/person. Prizes for Best Dressed and Best Dressed Table. Phone the RSL on 6491 1393

Saturday 22nd

Artisans Christmas in July Market Artisan wares, delicious food, entertainment by Shasa Bolton. Sheffield Arts Centre. 1-4pm

Wednesday 26th

'Not Your Traditional High Tea' Enjoy a delicious five-course high tea with tea/coffee and lucky door prizes at The Epicurean Café from noon. Cost is $60/person; bookings 6491 2410.

Saturday 29th

The Catwalk Gate Crasher Fashion Parade Come and celebrate Christmas in July by joining us at Du Coeur at 11am. A few lovely ladies will be strutting their stuff and the amazing Robert Gower will be sashaying among the beauties in ladies' fashions. There will be nibbles and bubbles for you to enjoy as well as 20% off clothing and a Lucky Door prize valued at $50.

Gathering of the Lanterns Working Arts Space, Albert Street to Mural Park, 5.30pm

Mountain Mumma Come in from the cold and warm yourself by a roaring fire Friday 21st July, Saturday 22nd July, Friday 28th July and Saturday 29th July. Janelle and the team will be cooking pizzas from 4pm and have added a Special Christmas Pizza to the menu - Turkey, Cranberry and Camembert. Dine In or Take Away.

If you're thinking about dining in, make a booking so you don't miss out. Phone 6491 1041.

Seafood Affair Café – 47 Main Street Sheffield Don't miss out on a German-themed Christmas in July lunch (Sunday 16th, 23rd, 30th July) with complimentary Gluhwein, choice of soup of the day or dessert plus main meal (2 choices) menu, complimentary homemade Gingerbread cookies and a small gift for everyone. $30 per person. Please call 0448 682 752 to reserve a table.

Drop into the *Sheffield Art Gallery* and be inspired by the Members' 'Winter Exhibition' at the Sheffield Arts Centre, 6 Pioneer Crescent, from 10am to 3pm every day. Enjoy beautiful art works, jewellery, millinery, ceramics, photography, and creative crafts by members of Working Arts Space Sheffield.

Purveyors of quality merchandise, *Dk Mojo's* will be open Thursday – Sunday from 10am to 5ish.

Decorating of Shop Fronts and Homes along Main Street

A People's Choice Award will be presented to the Sheffield business with the Most Festive Shop Front. Members of the public can vote for their favourite shop front at the Sheffield Post Office from Monday, July 1, closing Friday, July 28.

We are hoping residents living along Main Street in Sheffield will also decorate the fronts of their homes, with the Christmas in July Organising Committee choosing the most festive.

For more information, please phone Sandy at Kentish Arts Commerce and Tourism on 0427 475 113.

Tandara's angels fold up their wings

One final Afternoon Tea: (from left) Jean McNabb, CEO Paul Crantock, Maree Irvine, Mayor Kate Haberle, Dawn Connors, Ann Ridgway, Margaret Hughes, Lynne Morris and Jenny Tuson.

Boost for internet

More than 7500 residents and businesses across Lyons can now order uncapped satellite broadband services, following a successful trial of NBN Co's Sky Muster Plus to boost internet speeds in rural areas.

The new Sky Muster Plus Premium service will provide customers with unmetered data and faster speeds of up to 100 Mbps.

The unmetered service has been enabled by the federal government's $480 million investment to upgrade NBN Fixed Wireless services that is shifting about 120,000 premises from satellite to fixed wireless, freeing up capacity on Sky Muster.

Lyons MP Brian Mitchell said residents can now upgrade to the new product.

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NORTH WEST FILM SOCIETY

All movie screenings at Level 3, paranaple convention centre, Devonport

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

July 12
***Close** M | 105 mins | 2022 | France | Drama

The intense friendship between two thirteen-year old boys Leo and Remi suddenly gets disrupted. "Close" is a film about friendship and responsibility.

Stars: Emilie Dequenne, Lea Drucker, Eden Dambrine, Gustav De Waele

*Pending Distributors approval

August 9
***Everything Everywhere All at Once**
M | 139 mins | 2022 | USA | Adventure, Comedy

When an interdimensional rupture threatens to unravel reality, an overwhelmed immigrant mother must learn to channel her newfound powers and fight to save her home, her family, and herself, in this hilarious and big-hearted **Academy Award winner 2023 – Best Picture**

Stars: Michelle Yeoh, Stephanie Hsu, Jamie Lee Curtis

*Pending Distributors approval

Bookings essential for all movies via Eventbrite

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Our membership recruitment desk operates between

Return to Railton for rollicking reunion

Anyone who lived in Railton, worked in Railton or went to school in Railton is invited to the annual Railton Reunion at the Railton Hotel on Sunday, July 16.

The event has attracted up to 100 people in the past and is an opportunity to reminisce and reflect about the tiny town that once hosted bullock carts in the main street.

Railton once had a population of nearly 1000, three butchers, two general stores, two garages, two milk bars, an electrical shop, two sawmills, a taxi service and a resident policeman.

"It was bustling," said Reunion convenor Dianne Atkinson, who grew up in Railton and taught at the primary school. Her mother, 93-year-old Dawn Bannon, has only just left, moving to a nursing home.

Railton old boy Lionel Shepheard said the reunions had been held since 2014.

"We all caught up at a funeral and decided we wanted to see each other more often, not just at funerals," he said.

Among the town's alma mater are six Order of Australia Medal recipients, including wine maker Josef Chromy who was elevated to Officer of the Order of Australia – the second highest honour bestowed - in the recent King's Birthday Honours List.

The Czech refugee arrived in Railton after the war and was involved in building what became known as Balt Huts for displaced men from the Baltic states.

Dianne's father Lysle Bannon was a butcher and Josef Chromy would use his off-cuts to make small goods.

Reunion organisers Lionel Shepheard and Dianne Atkinson.

"It became a state-wide business," she said.

Lionel said: "He'd sell to the blokes in the huts."

Although the town isn't as busy these days, the pair said memories of its heyday are still vivid.

"It doesn't matter how many times you come here, you always feel something when you come to Railton," said Lionel.

"It feels like coming home," said Dianne.

The Christmas in July lunch starts at noon at the Railton Hotel. Tickets are $38.

For bookings, please phone Dianne on 0428 144 795.

Brian drops in for a cuppa

Federal Member for Lyons Brian Mitchell met with Kentish Mayor Kate Haberle on Monday, June 5, to discuss local projects and plans.

Discussions included improved flood mitigation for Railton and the Federal Labor Government's cheaper medicines policy that will slash medicines costs for local residents.

They also discussed the Australian Government's recent $125,000 investment in a project to make Kentish the 'Short Walks Capital of Tasmania', encouraging visitors to visit Kentish and to stay longer.

"It was great to catch up with Mayor Haberle in Railton and see the great work the council is doing for the municipality," Mr Mitchell said.

"Kentish might be a small council, but it has some big ideas for the region!"

Lindsay promotes sweet side of life

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"Leatherwood is our signature honey here in Tasmania and I've been trying to make good Leatherwood honey mead for 53 years," he said. "And I did it!

"I had tried whiskey and I tried brandy and that didn't work either so I thought, look I'll try some gin. I had to drink glasses of honey mead gin every night for weeks on end until I got it right!"

Lindsay began his working life as a wool classer and tended a few hives on the side. By the time he was 26, he had 200 hives and was extracting honey into Sunshine Milk tins at night and selling them along Main Street in Launceston.

He saved for a house and each time his bees turned a profit, he would buy another, ending up with 74 flats and houses. He also ran his own restaurants, hotels and motels and renovated many of Launceston's historic buildings.

Lindsay was also responsible for introducing Breast Screen Tasmania and Sydney IVF to the Queen Victoria Hospital, which he owned.

In 2008 he purchased the oldest apiary in Tasmania, the Sheffield Honey Farm, formerly H L Jones & Sons, Barrington Apiary. Australian Honey Products now has 3200 hives and is one of the largest commercial pollinator in the state.

Lindsay has no plans to retire and will continue his promotion of the honey industry. "In this pristine environment, we have the cleanest honey in the whole world," he said.

LIONS CLUB OF KENTISH

May 24 was kite making day at Sheffield School. Parents and students turned up in droves to make their kites in the gym. They then got to fly their kites outside. The weather was accommodating with a nice breeze to keep the kites aloft.

The Lions Club of Kentish was there to provide sustenance for the busy kite makers.

The BBQ was fired up and soon there was a long queue of students and parents headed for a good feed. Sausages and veggie burgers were wolfed down by the hungry masses.

Lions Jan Crosswell and Rudy Van Der Korput (*pictured left with Lily*) were well supported on the BBQ and assembly line by Wally Crosswell and student Luka Sullivan.

This is just one of many ways that the Lions Club supports our community. Others include Breakfast Club for our school children, care packages for the elderly and the Christmas Parade. More on those in future Kentish Voices.

Our fundraising includes catering at Tasmanian Endurance Riders Club (TERC) events, Bunnings sausage sizzles, Steamfest and Triple Tops.

The club is always looking for new members to help with our motto "To Serve our Community". We have a dinner meeting twice a month at local venues. Guests are welcome but please RSVP for catering purposes.

If you are interested in becoming involved in Lions and helping our community, find us on Facebook or email kentishlions@gmail.com

ROLAND MURAL

The Roland Residents Mural Committee would like to thank everyone involved with the Trivia night at the Sheffield RSL on May 31.

Hats off to all these… Sheffield RSL, for the use of their space, Rose, Desi, Jan and helpers with the questions scoring and generally lending a hand.

All the participants who came despite the horrid weather, without them there would not be a night of such fun.

To all the businesses in Sheffield and Latrobe who gave for our raffle without hesitation, to support us in our quest for relocating of the mural.

The night was a great success, making just over $1900 after the expenses were deducted, so sincerely thanks again to all.

- Heather Kirkcaldy

ROLAND LODGE

Readers may have heard of (now nearly) 4-year-old Lawson Andrew Troughton who was born in Burnie at just 24+3 weeks, weighing 790 grams (1 pound, 4 ounces).

Lawson now suffers from Spastic Quadriplegic Cerebral Palsy and requires 24 hour per day care.

In recent times, Freemasons from the North-West have contributed approximately $5000 to assist Lawson's family with essential support in the form of tyres and vouchers.

The photo shows Master Laurie Appleby and Brother Darren Hyland after delivering more vouchers to Lawson and his mother Maddi with Speedy Tyres Manager Brendan Healy.

In a similar vein, Freemasons from Roland Lodge have supported the local "Samaritan's Purse" with a cash donation to assist in their great cause.

On June 15, Roland Lodge's Master Laurie Appleby was unexpectedly thrilled to have seven other Masters from as far afield as Scottsdale in addition to other visitors from Somerset to Launceston attend a regular meeting in Sheffield. A fair indication of the esteem in which Laurie is held.

Finally, despite the fact that Freemasonry is an association for men, Roland Lodge encourages wives/partners to attend Lodge meetings and enjoy each other's company during the formal part of the meeting and later join in the supper festivities.

If you or members of your family would like to know more about Freemasonry or would like to see inside Sheffield's Lodge facilities, please contact Laurie on 0417 599 225.

Roland Lodge meets on the third Thursday of each month.

Leigh Clark, Secretary 0467 525 275

REDWATER CREEK STEAM & HERITAGE SOCIETY

Come and ride the Krauss 0-4-0 steam locomotive No 5682 which was built in Munich in 1906.

Rides are available from 11am-4pm every half hour. The train will be running on **July 1-2**. The Model Railway will also be open from 10am-3pm.

KENTISH COUNCIL

DOG REGISTRATION
Registering your dog helps us reunite you quickly if they become lost.

- All dogs over the age of 6 months must be microchipped (unless legally exempt), and registered.
- **Registration must be renewed every year by 31st July** ($5 Discount off the full fee applies prior to 31 July).
- If you do not register your dog within a reasonable time, you may receive a fine.
- If you have more than 2 domestic dogs or 4 working dogs, you must also apply for a Kennel Licence.

If your pet is already registered with Council, we will send you your pet registration in July when it is due for renewal. Please ensure your contact details are up to date with Council, and it is your responsibility to notify Council of any changes that effect your dog, i.e., new property, change of owner, leaving the municipality or if deceased.

You will need the details from your renewal notice to make the payment and can renew your pet registration in the following ways:

- **Pay Online on the Council website.**
- **Pay by Bpay using the biller code and payment reference number.**
- **Pay in person at the Council office at 69 High Street, Sheffield during business hours.**
- **Pay by phone by calling Council during business hours.**
- **Pay by post by sending a cheque to Council.**
- **Pay in person at the Sheffield Service Tasmania at 64 High Street, Sheffield during business hours.**

LIFETIME TAGS
A reminder that lifetime tags are now issue for all dog registrations. These tags are a small metal disc with your dog's unique tag number and Council's contact number on one side, with the other side blank for you to engrave your contact details if you choose.

This tag will stay with your dog for life, and you will only be required to pay the renewal fee each year. Replacement tags are available through Council if lost or damaged, a replacement fee applies.

RATES
Ratepayers should receive their rates notices for the 2023/2024 financial year before **31st July 2023**. Please ensure Council has your current postal details. If you have not received your rates notice by this date, please contact the Council Office.

PENSION REMISSIONS
Are you eligible for a pension remission on your property for the 2023/2024 financial year? To be eligible for a remission you must be responsible for the payment of rates on the property, have a Pension Concession, Health Care or Department of Veteran Affairs card valid as of **1st July** for the financial year in which you are making a claim, and it must be your principal place of residence on the **1st July 2023**.

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

SAFEGUARDING VOLUNTEERING
Local volunteer groups, Council and Volunteering Tasmania are working to develop a sustainable strategy to safeguard a strong volunteer community in Kentish.

Please take a few minutes to look at the document on the Kentish Council website https://www.kentish.tas.gov.au/council/public-notices. Council will greatly appreciate and value your ideas and comments.

You can provide feedback to Community Development Officer Leigh Gracie at 6491 0100, leigh.gracie@kentish.tas.gov.au or Council Office at 69 High Street, Sheffield. The consultation will close on Friday **21st July 2023**.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY SPORTS DAY!
Come and try new sports at the School Holiday Sports Day. All ages and skill level welcome bring the whole family!

Friday 14th July –
- 10:30am Youth Yoga
- 11:30am Taekwondo
- 11:00pm Tennis with Coach Pip

Thursday 20th July –
- 10:30am Youth Yoga
- 11:30am Taekwondo
- 1:00-1:40pm 6-9 years Come and Try Dance
- 1:45-2:30pm 6-9 years Come and Try Dance

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

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING
The next ordinary meeting of Council will be held at the Council office on **Tuesday 18th July 2023** commencing at 6:00pm.

PO Box 63, SHEFFIELD Ph: (03) 6491 0200 Office Hours: 8:00am – 4:30pm weekdays

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

SHEFFIELD FOOTBALL CLUB

We have had a busy first half of our season at the football club and aim to go further and hopefully bring home a couple of flags at the end of the season!

Our reserves have been showing no mercy as they sit at the top of the ladder moving into the second half of this season with 9 wins 0 losses. Last year's Lewis Marshall Reserves best and fairest Nick Barrett continues his great on-ground performances seeing him in our best players eight times. He is also sitting as our leading goal kicker. This helps when Shane "Soup" Campbell has an injury during the first half of the season!

Our reserves pick up Adam Smith has been a major help with his strong hands in our forward line. Young gun James Huxtable is also making a name for himself with his large hops and fantastic tackles winning the ball around the ground.

Our Seniors have been showing the competition that we are a side to be reckoned with. We sit second on the ladder moving into the second half of the season with Motton Preston Demons hot on our tails. We currently sit with 7 wins and 2 losses but this half we have a home ground advantage against Wesley Vale and Motton Preston which if you can make it will be two rounds you will not want to miss!

Like last year, our most consistent player and dual Les Hicks Medallist Manassah Dare-Bonnici is leading the way in our Seniors with pick up Brodie Deverell continuing his 'hard at it' approach to football that we saw last year.

Kayden Deverell is looking fit moving into the second half of the season. Joining Deverell as a utility will be late pick up Jayden Bramich. Jayden joins us from Penguin Football Club as a legacy and joins a long line of Bramiches who have played for Sheffield.

We wish to congratulate the following players for representing our club and the NWFA in the mid-season combined game against the Darwin Football Association.

Under 23s – Tony Temple, James Huxtable, Corey Foley, Mitch Burns, Liam Slatter and Ethan Duff.

Below: The Seniors NWFA winning side.

Seniors – Aaron McNab (captain) Manassah Dare-Bonnici (vice-captain), Kayden Deverell, Brodie Deverell, James Knight and Brendon Short (emergency).

We also thank our club volunteers who took the time to join the NWFA's team of volunteers in many roles.

Our Inaugural Dreamtime Under the Mountain Match was something we hope everyone enjoyed. It was a fantastic day made up of many volunteers and was a great way to pay tribute to all Aboriginal and Torres Straight Islander players past, present and future.

Our night with Kevin Sheedy was absolutely wonderful and bought many new and old faces to the club to meet arguably the greatest coach in AFL history. He even brought along a Premiership Cup for us to enjoy.

Upcoming Functions:

July 1 – Trivia. All Welcome! 6:30pm for a 7pm start

July 15 – Life Members/Sponsors Day + Premiership Reunion (1973, 2000, 2001, 2003)

Robinland: Jayden Bramich with his grandmother and Life Member Bev Bramich.

SPORTING ACTIVITIES

SHEFFIELD GOLF CLUB

A huge Congratulations to the Ladies who played pennant this year and managed for the second year in row to finish on top of the ladder after defeating Thirlstane in the Grand Final.

For such a small number of ladies who play golf, it is a huge achievement to do so well. After this win, the ladies played against Launceston Golf Club for the State title at Woodrising but Launceston were too strong for our players.

You should all be so proud.

The golf Course is looking fantastic all thanks to Richie and his band of workers who put so many hours into keeping it in such a great condition.

Monthly Medal Winners

Members: Sponsored by IGA Don Store was won by Stephen Hope 62 nett from Peter Orchard 68 nett on a countback from Allan Duncan 68 nett

Vets: Sponsored by Sheffield Tyre & Mechanical was won by Richie Day 67 nett from Allan Duncan 68 nett on a countback from Glen Connors 68 nett on a countback from Noel Meyers 68 nett

Ladies: Sponsored by Denise and Philip Morgan was won by Geneen Duff 75 nett from Lu Proud 80 nett

Members:

20/5 Maklyn Jones was the winner of the Stableford with 37 points; also on 37 were: Allan Duncan, Rod Shackleton, Lyell Hardwicke, J Smith, Rodney von Stieglitz and Matthew Knight

27/5 Pinehurst Foursome was won by Tony Brown and David Jago 66.875 nett on a countback from Charlie McCaffrey and Mick Chatwin 66.875 nett

10/6 Four-ball Aggregate Stableford saw John and Stephen

Champions! Robyn Jones, Judy Denney, Kathy Davies, Denise Morgan, Susie Coombs and Winsome Sherriff.

Hope combine to win with 68 pts from Andrew Shaw and Glen Connors with 64 pts

17/6 Stableford was won by Glen Connors 33 pts on a countback from Stephen Hope 33 pts

Vets: 23/5 Noel Meyers with his handicap of one (1) was the winner with 38 pts from David Macmillan 36 pts

15/6 Stableford was won by Mick Chatwin 33 pts from Tony Wootton 30 pts on a countback from Peter Orchard 30 pts

Ladies:

23/5 Stableford was won by Lu Proud 33 pts from Susie Coombs 32 pts on a countback from Judy Denney 32 pts

Sheffield Golf Club 6491 1184

Green Fees (per day): Adults $15.00; Juniors $5.00

MUNTING TAEKWONDO
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Classes are starting in Sheffield.

Friday Nights
Starting from July 28th
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Seniors: 6:30-7:30

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Munting Taekwondo Tasmania
Lisa-Marie 0429 070 188

RAILTON BOWLS CLUB

How is everyone coping with their time off bowls? I have had some time to recoup but things are starting to heat up again.

All members and interested future members are requested to come along on July 16 at 10am. We have a lot to talk about regarding the upcoming season. There are several interesting issues coming from the association and we would like your ideas for our future and what we can do to make our club more accessible for everyone and boost our membership and players.

We will have soup available on the day and some fun indoor bowls and other things happening.We will be holding our AGM at this time.

We are always looking for more bowlers. Our divisions for this season are Thursday Division Three, Saturday Division One and Five, but there are changes to pennant games and carnivals we usually host.

If anyone is interested in joining us for a game or try out, please contact 0409 768 863 or email noelenepurton@gmail.com

Our indoor team is going great and keeping our club rolling over winter. Some of our members are playing winter paddle sticks or pennant. Good luck and have fun. Hone those skills ready for our start. I am working with Deloraine re: our early game so I will keep members informed.

Thanks and hope to see everyone at our day July 16, 10am. Please don't forget, we need everyone there.

- Noelene Purton, Secretary

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Saturday 9:00am - 12:00pm

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WILD MERSEY MTB

Working through raging rivers and difficult weather, Wild Mersey is finally complete. Boasting nearly 100km of singletrack, it has already hosted big events like the Quad Crown MTB series.

Spanning from Devonport Esplanade most of the way to Mount Roland, the $5.1 million wide-ranging network was funded by all tiers of government.

Ranging across Latrobe, Railton and Sheffield - and two council areas - the goal was to have all three towns connected with singletrack. The final puzzle piece was a suspension bridge that crosses the Mersey River, which will be the longest in the southern hemisphere. Lower lying versions were washed away three times during construction.

The bridge has since been rebuilt in a different spot and is expected to open this month, forming the final connection between the Warrawee Forest and the Railton Express trail.

Footnote: Sheffield MTB racer Harvey Lee ranked 17th in the Italian leg of the Enduro World Series but broke his wrist during a training ride and was unable to compete in Austria.

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Carer Gateway helped me get some time for a break.
Mary - Carer

Mary is a carer for her husband, Bruce, who has Huntington's disease.

With Carer Gateway's support, Mary gained some time for a break to recharge her batteries and unwind, and to connect with other carers just like her.

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The online marketplace has transformed the way we buy and sell goods. Whether you're decluttering your home or selling homemade goods, online platforms provide a convenient and accessible space to reach potential buyers. However, it's crucial to prioritise safety and security when engaging in online selling.

Be Connected, an Australian government initiative, provides some valuable insights and tips to help you sell safely and confidently in the virtual marketplace.

Choose Trusted Platforms:

Begin by selecting reputable online marketplaces that prioritise user safety and provide secure payment options. Platforms such as eBay, Gumtree and Facebook Marketplace have established protocols and guidelines to protect buyers and sellers. Familiarise yourself with the terms and conditions, privacy policies, and dispute resolution processes of each platform to ensure a secure selling experience.

Safeguard Your Personal Information:

When creating a seller profile or communicating with buyers, be cautious about sharing personal information. Only use the secure messaging systems provided by the platform to maintain privacy. Avoid sharing sensitive details such as your home address, phone number or financial information until a transaction is finalised and trusted communication channels have been established.

Secure Payment Methods:

Preferably, opt for secure payment methods that provide buyer protection, such as PayPal or bank transfers. Be wary of requests for unusual payment methods or offers to pay more than the agreed price, as these may indicate potential scams. Be Connected advises against accepting payments via money transfer services or direct cash deposits, as these methods offer limited protection against fraudulent activities.

Check out the resources at https://beconnected.esafety.gov.au.

SHEFFIELD LIBRARY

Winter is here … enjoy our collections from the comfort of your couch. Choose a cosy corner and curl up with a great book from our lending collection. It's easy to search for items from your phone using the Libraries Tasmania lending app or by visiting libraries.tas.gov.au. Place a hold on an item and we'll message you when it's ready to collect from Sheffield Library.

Too cold to go out? A huge selection of e-books, e-audiobooks, magazines and comics are available to read right now via the Libby app. You can stream a movie for free through Beamafilm or enjoy one of the many films or documentaries available through Australasian Video Online.

Visit the eLibrary section at libraries.tas.gov.au for more information on getting started with e-resources.

Big Library Read

Big Library Read is a global book club that connects readers around the world with the same eBook at the same time without any wait lists or holds. The next Big Library Read runs from Thursday, July 13 to Thursday, 27 July.

Read the featured title *A Very Typical Family* by Sierra Godfrey. The book will be available to borrow with no holds or wait list on the Libby app from July 13 in both eBook and eAudiobook formats. All you need to join is a free Libraries Tasmania membership and the Libby app on your mobile device or computer. Drop into your local library if you would like some help getting set up.

What's On in July @ Sheffield Library

Coffee Books and More - Thursday, July 27, 4-5pm

Tech Help – every Wednesday 5-6pm and Thursday 5-6pm

We are located at Sheffield School, 12 Henry Street. Call us on 6491 8233. Opening hours: Tuesday 3-6pm; Wednesday 9-11am and 3-6pm; Thursday 3-6pm.

Book Review: Urban Quilting - Wendy Chow

I may have mentioned before in other reviews that I love to sew and love textiles. Over the years I started dabbling in making quilts for myself and family. As any quilt maker knows, fabric and tools such as sewing machines and patterns are not cheap. So it is always wonderful to find new quilting books at the library to inspire myself. The book *Urban Quilting* is wonderful - the patterns are designed for beginners and a lot of the quilts can be made with scraps of material that you already have at home. Lots of straight lines and geometric patterns offer a way to make an interesting quilt.

There are loads of photos and diagrams to follow, but remember to measure twice before cutting to avoid unnecessary mistakes. I have learned the hard way unfortunately.

Reviewed by Rachel

RAILTON Hotel

3 Foster St Railton

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KENTISH MEN'S SHED

The Men's Shed is once again thankful for the ongoing support of The Hub and we can now arrange to have Tas Networks connect directly to our shed.

We remain indebted and grateful to Redwater Creek who have provided our electricity since our foundation in 2007. Initially to help us become established, this service was given free of charge but, as our membership grew, our electricity consumption grew likewise. During the past year or so we have paid our share but now we believe it is time to come of age and stand by ourselves.

Thank you Redwater and we are determined to remain as good a neighbour as you have been.

Among the many services provided to the community by Kentish House is a program for men who, as everyone knows, are total nincompoops in the kitchen. Every two weeks or so Cassandra and Joy with the redoubtable Lesley Bennett from Rural Health round up the usual suspects and give hands-on instruction in basic cooking.

At last I can now boil an egg and next week's toast. These three lovely ladies are remarkable for their dedication, patience and endurance and we are lucky to have them.

Mayor Kate Haberle met with Paul Robinson and Bob Read (*right*) on a recent visit to The Shed.

The Annual General Meeting of the Kentish Mens' Shed is set for 10am, Thursday, September 7, at The Shed.

Visitors are always welcome and we are open most Thursdays and Saturdays 9am to 1pm. For information, please call Terry Hughes on 0499 559 257.

- Peter Willcox

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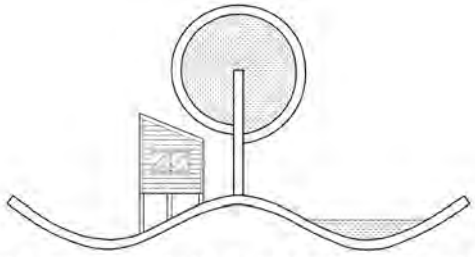

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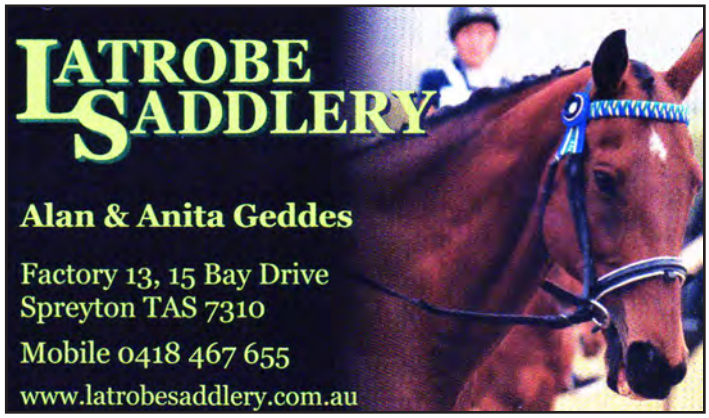

Breaking down the benefits of mulch

Kentish Garden Club

At our June meeting we welcomed Georgie and Angus Galloway from Easy Mulch. Angus grew up in Sheffield and was delighted to be back in town to talk about the garden mulch product they've developed.

Easy Mulch is pelletised wheat straw or lucerne mulch, which is compressed into hard pellets. It is locally produced and very easy to spread on garden beds.

The pellet expands to four times its size when wet and fluffs up to cover the soil. Each 15kg bag of mulch covers seven square metres. The pellets are weed free and can also be used on potted plants.

Georgie and Angus had bags of mulch for sale to members and donated a bag of mulch to raffle at our July meeting. Easy Mulch is also available at garden centres including Devonport Garden Centre in Steele Street, Devonport.

Why mulch? Mulch is an important part of garden care and maintenance. As well as deterring weeds, mulch makes weeds that do emerge easier to remove from the soil. Mulch cover also helps keep soil cool in summer and retains soil moisture.

Organic mulches such as straw, pea straw and lucerne also add nutrients to the soil as they break down.

The final Saturday meeting for this year is July 15 from 2pm at the Bible Chapel, 45 High Street, Sheffield. Guest speaker is nurseryman Noel Button who will discuss rare bulbs and bring perennial plants to sell, including hellebores.

For more information, please phone Jennifer Stackhouse on 0488 047 011. Visitors are welcome.

Robert's gardening tips: landscaping made easy

Last month I started to landscape around the Wollemi Pine, towards a small pond that fills with water every winter. Now to continue where I left off last month.

Three weeks after I sprayed all the weeds with weed killer, they had died, so I started to clean the site back to bare soil.

The next step was to gather some rocks, of which I had plenty, for the landscaping around the pond. That area becomes saturated with the water seeping out of the ground. I placed most of the rocks at the front of the pond, and some either side.

Many years ago I had dug up a number of large river pebbles, which I had put aside, and where they had stayed until I had a use for them. Now I placed theses large river pebbles into position, just down from the pond.

Next step was to fill in the gaps with two bags of small river pebbles ($40) and four bales of sugar cane mulch ($85.50). Then came the plants, quite a number of them I had grown myself over time, others I had bought from the Australian Plant Society and other nurseries that I had potted up and grown in my nursery at home.

Now that the landscaping was done, it was time for these plants. I hooked up the trailer to the ride on mower and started to gather them all. Ferns first - over two dozen mixed, five of which were Tree ferns. Then some water loving plants - Carex, Ficinia, Baloskion, and Juncus. Then Riches scoparia, leatherwood and a number of alpine plants. Now they have all been planted and mulched.

Standing back, I saw a long dead branch, that just so happened to fit perfectly across the pond - I took a photo of it all done.

The next day I walked up towards the pond, only to see four endemic parrots, sitting on the branch drinking from the pond, and a pademelon heading towards the watering hole. The pademelons don't seem to eat the plants around my place, just the grass.

As I develop my garden, I like to think it is there for the animals to share - we've certainly had an increase in visiting wildlife.

Now is a good time of year to be doing some landscaping while the ground is soft and easy to dig for some much-needed maintenance. Happy Gardening!

- Robert Gower

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Cement Australia's centenary

Part 5 - WWII

The outbreak of World War II in 1939 and the inevitable reduction in demand, exacerbated by Government restrictions on private building projects, combined with an acute shortage of labour as employment opportunities increased and 31,000 Tasmanians joined the armed forces.

Traditional applications for cement, such as the building of dams, were abandoned during this period. Goliath was also faced with increased shipping costs and difficulty in gaining shipping space for the mainland market.

Production steadily declined during this period and by February 1945 the company was producing only 280 tons per week. (Current day production rate is 190 tonnes per hour.) Thankfully the situation steadily improved from this low point but the company's position remained desperate for some time.

The period 1941-1947 saw a 29% reduction in Goliath's cash reserves due to decreased production, increased costs and the ensuing reduced profits, further exacerbated by government price controls. In fact, the company only managed a net profit of £12,794 in 1943. The situation became so bleak that at one stage one of the directors suggested moving the plant to Victoria in order to avoid shipping problems.

Goliath also had the added pressure of significant competition in its Victorian and Queensland markets. Queensland Cement and Lime was able to reduce its selling price when the new plant, installed in 1939-40, enabled a reduction in production costs. As Australian Cement in Geelong was capable of fulfilling the reduced demand for cement in Victoria, they became much more aggressive when faced with competition from Goliath.

These problems were only exacerbated by intermittent banning on shipping to Queensland and New South Wales due to the shortage of commercial shipping space. Healthier export prospects in mid to late 1945 were also hampered by labour shortages at the Devonport wharves.

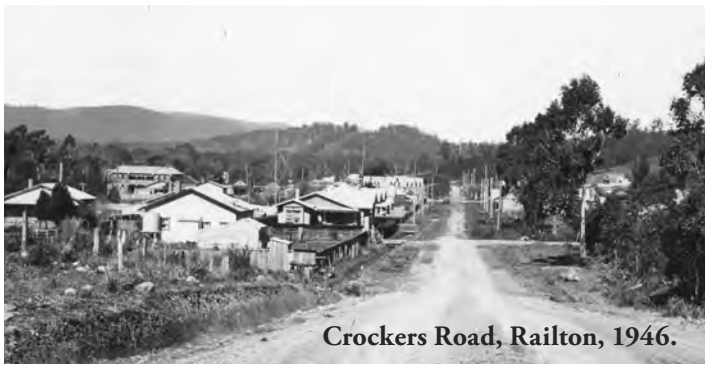
During the war, measures had to be taken to reduce costs and manage the effect of material shortages. With the kiln being lined with expensive "Firebricks" to protect the kiln steel shell from high temperatures and the need for these bricks to be replaced every 4-6 months, alternatives had to be considered.

One of the alternate methods introduced was lining part of the kiln with concrete. (Dry mixed concrete rammed into place.) This method proved unsuccessful with the kiln suffering from continued hot spots where the concrete failed due to the extreme heat, resulting in excessive down time to repair.

During this downturn during the war, Purves and his team did not back away from these challenges and in 1941 acquired a second-hand mill from Mt Morgan. The mill became operational as a cement mill in tandem with the Number Two F.L.Smidth cement mill at the Railton plant in 1943 and set the site up to handle increased production when things improved.

There was also some good news during the war years. In 1944 Goliath was able to export cement to the armed forces in India which to some extent alleviated the company's predicament. Also in 1944, a dam requiring 40,000 tons of cement was proposed for Butlers Gorge, providing further relief for the embattled company.

In June 1945 Goliath received an order for 22,400 tons of low heat cement from the Hydro. November 1945 witnessed some hope for the Queensland market with 1400 tons leaving for that state on board the Ardent.



Crockers Road, Railton, 1946.

A new amenities building and canteen were constructed in December 1945. This followed the same philosophy that had prompted Goliath to start a housing scheme in the area in October 1944. Essentially these facilities were an attempt to reduce the company's chronic labour shortage by appealing to prospective employees.

The housing scheme opened up the area in Railton north of Crockers Road, including Ramsay Road, Giblin Street and Ennis Avenue, to provide housing for the site's workforce. (Ramsay street & Ennis Avenue were named after Founding Director Sir John Ramsay & Lawrence Ennis OBE).

As part of the housing scheme, Goliath developed a brick-making machine. Many of the houses built as part of the scheme (and many houses built privately by employees) can be identified today by the type of construction bricks.

Eventually the housing scheme, which had been disappointingly slow, was handed over to Goliath's partners in the project, the Agricultural Bank, and in total 30 houses were built

On the death of Sir John Ramsay in early 1944, Colonel Charles Mills took over as chairman of the Board and Captain Holyman and Mr Haunstrup were appointed to the Board. Tasmania become increasingly vital to the viability of Goliath during the war years and an increase in the size of the Tasmanian market saw production rise by 54% in 1946.

By 1947 Tasmania was the company's major market and production was raised another 30%, reducing relative production costs.

The Welfare Committee and the workers at Goliath made great sacrifices during the war years to assist in the war effort. Employees made donations of between one and five shillings a fortnight into a Patriotic Fund, which was donated to the Red Cross and the Australian Comforts Fund.

Through the Welfare Association, employees also invested £250 in War Savings Certificates and £300 in the War Loan. In 1940 the annual Welfare dinner was cancelled and the money saved was donated to the Red Cross, the Comforts Fund and the Salvation Army Work Fund, in all a total of £50.

With the conclusion of hostilities, restrictions on civilian movement, which had been necessary to guarantee war time production, were lifted and the company directed considerable energies towards keeping its employees.

Aware that higher wages elsewhere could create a drain on Goliath's skilled labour, Purves applied to the Wages Board in April 1946 to increase worker's salaries.

Compiled by Garry Bissett – Railton Production Manager

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Kentish U3A table tennis group meets at 3pm on Tuesday afternoons in the Sheffield Town Hall and plays a mix of social and competitive games (no sheep stations wagered).

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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
Basic Guitar	1.00-3.00pm Sheffield Uniting Church. Contact Mark: 0428 515 445
WEDNESDAY	
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Balance and Bones	9.00-10.00am and 10.00-11.00am. Health Centre. Contact Jennifer: 0400 376 937
Cryptic Crosswords	2.00pm (2nd & 4th Wed) Blacksmith Cafe. Contact Margaret 6491 1175
THURSDAY	
Challenging Walk	9.00am (1st Thurs). Meet Don Store carpark. Contact: Lindsay 0434 984 570.
Ukulele	9.30am– noon. Sheffield Uniting Church. Contact Jennifer: 0400 376 937
Zumba	2.00-3.00pm. Sheffield Uniting Church. Contact Colette: 0439 426 665
FRIDAY	
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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. Contact Colette: 0439 426 665

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CRYPTIC PUZZLE TASMANIA

(Solutions Page 35)

1. We got gingham material (6,6)
2. Really enough trouble (5,7)
3. Machined large components (7,6)
4. Casually roam about wild orgy (3,5)
5. Wind drier in Bahrain (5,9)
6. Rather coy, awkward (5,4)
7. Spray henbane if lush (3,10)
8. Camel had homing device (7,7)
9. Hoped unrest moderated (5,6)
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Community Art and Craft: Drop in to the Working Art Space, on Wednesdays from 10am-3pm. Work on your own project or learn a new craft. Contact Olga on 0479 078 548

KENTISH PROBUS CLUB

The next meeting of the Kentish Probus Club will be on July 11 at 10am in the Sheffield Bowls Club.

The Guest Speaker is Tim Hess re- Salmon Industry.

Outing this month is a Combined Quiz day to be held at the Sheffield Bowls Club with all north west Probus clubs.

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

SHEFFIELD RSL SUB-BRANCH

The club extension is progressing well and will soon be completed. Movement of the 15lb cannon to the RSL is progressing and a Development Application will be submitted to council when we draw up the required plans.

RSL member-ship is only $10 a year.

Vietnam Veterans Day is on August 18 and DVA is reminding veterans that the 50th anniversary medallion and certificate are available through DVA and ANZAC websites or 1800 838 372.

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Lest We Forget

- George MacDonald, President

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Keep warm, we look forward to your next visit. Your continued support helps us support our Kentish community.

- The Committee

PIZZA CONNECTION

"As food is to the body, so is God's word to the soul."

Our last men's pizza night was held on Friday, May 26, another successful night. Our main speaker was John Sypkes from Burnie who stressed the need for conviction in our Christian faith, warning against "sliding" into practices and activities which can end in life-affecting consequences.

Frans Ammerlaan of Latrobe shared his experience of ill-treatment and how willingness to forgive those who harmed or abused him gave him new life.

His initial unwillingness to forgive almost destroyed his life. "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." (Matthew 6:14 – 15)

A free DVD is available or the speakers can be accessed on YouTube or Facebook; search Sheffield Pizza Connection.

The first pizza night was held just 12 years ago this month and much has changed since then. As a consequence, a review of the nights is being undertaken and will be discussed by the organising group in coming weeks.

More will be available next month.

For further information: Craig 0400 921 187, John 6491 2525, John 0407 877 104.

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This prominent heritage-listed building has always been Sheffield's largest retail store with its original first-storey section being built for **Joseph Schmidt** more than 140 years ago. Born in England, Joseph Schmidt (1845-1888) had an English mother and a German father. After immigrating to Tasmania in 1877, Joseph Schmidt (30) married **Charlotte (Lottie) Excell** (18), daughter of local blacksmith **Wm Excell Snr** and purchased 320 acres in West Kentish. Greatly influenced by 'the Sheffield gold rush', Schmidt sold his farm and purchased a prime 1¾ acre corner block on High St and along Main St which today incorporates both Turnbull's pharmacy and the Don Co store. Two years earlier, **John Best** had bought it and built a split-shingle shop-fronted house on the corner.

1882 Schmidt's original brick store

But Schmidt wanted a much larger shop and had Latrobe builder **James Bellion** erect a spacious single-storey store next to it on Main St so that he could sell groceries, drapery, ironmongery, boots and shoes. Schmidt opened this first brick store in Sheffield on 25 August 1882 just as **Wm Collard** began laying the first bricks for his ill-fated Kentishbury Hotel. Further down Main St close to the present site of the RSL, Bellion also built a fashionable wooden house with front bay windows for Joseph and Lottie Schmidt and their four children, which they called **The Elms**. Shortly after opening his large new store, Schmidt was approached by **James York**, manager of the Lower Barrington store and **John Henry** of Don to join their growing group of retail stores known as **The River Don Trading Co**.

James York (1845-1929) was born and educated in Launceston and as a young man found employment in the office of **Cummings, Raymond & Co** at Don. In 1863 he married **Mary Neville** and had four boys ('64 Albert, '66 Samuel, '68 William, '80 George York) and four girls (Esther 1870, Annie 1873, Elizabeth 1875, and May 1877). When Cummings, Raymond & Co. failed, visionary entrepreneur **John Henry** from Melbourne purchased the bankrupt firm and joining with James York and **Wm Shaw** formed the exporting and importing firm of **John Henry & Co** which in 1880 became The River Don Trading Co. This new Company built a horse-drawn tramway up the Don Valley to tap into both the timber and agricultural trade. Upon reaching the new farming district of Lower Barrington, they built an 80ft x 24ft store in May 1879 and appointed James York manager. Across the road they erected his homestead **York House** which still stands today.

Both John Henry and James York were also drawn into the prospecting frenzy throughout our back country that followed the discovery of gold at Lower Beulah, dubbed the Sheffield Gold Rush. They took out mining leases at the base of Mt Roland which proved an utter failure. However, in 1881 they had a much better success, after purchasing several miles of fertile river flats on both sides of the Dasher River from Lockwoods Rd upstream to present day Gowrie Park. They envisioned continuing their tramway from Lower Barrington up through Sheffield to the Claude Road, but of course this never happened. On 13 Jan 1883 James York (37) did persuade independent shopkeeper **James Schmidt** (also 37) to join forces and become **York, Schmidt & Co** and be part of their expanding chain of retail stores. This partnership worked so well that in Nov 1885 at Railton, they purchased the first of Foster's many town blocks offered for sale, intending to erect another branch store.

1888 became a momentous year for the River Don Trading Co. In January John Henry moved their headquarters from the Don township to Devonport because of its better port facilities, while James York was asked to move to Devonport and take charge of the company, so that the founder John Henry could enter State politics. Selling their sawmilling interests at Don, the company began exporting potatoes to Sydney and importing manufactured goods from Melbourne. Prior to this, there had been no real market for potatoes, so the 'Don Co' became the first to begin buying potatoes in Kentish.

Within a few years, they were exporting 60,000 tons of potatoes and curing 1000 hogs of bacon annually. At this time the River Don Trading Company consisted of Wm L Well's first store at Don; James York & Co, Lower Barrington; York Schmidt & Co, Sheffield; Wm Fair & Co, Dunloran; and F. Henry & Co at Strahan. Later they added stores at Devonport, Ulverstone, Penguin, Burnie, Rosebery, and Zeehan to become the largest retail business on the north west coast.

In June 1888 came the sudden and unexpected death of Sheffield branch manager Joseph Schmidt (43) from an attack of rheumatic fever that turned into pneumonia. Being a capable friendly businessman, more than 300 people attended his funeral on a bitterly cold day in the High St cemetery adjacent to his shop. Joseph left a young wife Charlotte (30) with four small children: Josie (8), Florence (6), Albert (4) and Hilda (1).

As Schmidt was a partner in the firm, the Don Co provided his widow with an annual allowance sufficient for her to live and raise her family in reasonable comfort. Charlotte had opportunities to remarry but never did. She remained at The Elms until her death in 1932. Nor did her two eldest daughters ever marry. **Josie Schmidt** was engaged for two years to Sheffield's young **Dr Ed Chisolm**, whose father was a Macquarie St specialist and wanted his son to join him. But Josie couldn't bring herself to move to Sydney.

Florence's fiancée drowned in the Forth River. Young **Albert Schmidt** worked for his father's firm and became a prominent Sheffield cricketer/footballer until 1907 when he was transferred to their Zeehan branch. Later he moved to Queensland where he won the Golden Casket Lottery. Youngest daughter **Gladys Schmidt** married **Robert Soutar** employed by Customs Hobart and had two sons.

1890 Adding the second floor

James York's third son **William T York** (21) was sent to Sheffield to replace Joseph Schmidt as manager and because of increasing business, to oversee the erection of a second storey. Bulk supplies were stored upstairs on its western side and **Miss Eliza Carr's** dressmaking department with seven employees was set up on its eastern side. The first sewing machine operator they employed was **Margaret Bannon**, who married **Clarence Murfet** and became pioneer settlers in Staverton.

Above the broad staircase that led to the second floor was an interesting feature of 'modern' architecture – a glassed-in box-like opening in the roof that allowed daylight to illuminate the centre of the ground floor. The finished store with its ornamental trimmings and curved verandah over the footpath made a stunning impact on the town and was classed as the only building of its kind on the coast. Opened on 25 Sept 1890, it was said of this tall new shop 'there was nothing to beat it outside of the cities.' Even today its ornate exterior is still impressive. Four months later in Jan 1891, on a visit to

Co Store, Sheffield

By Alan.F.Dyer

Devonport, the Governor of Tasmania was driven to Sheffield by Wm Henry to see the Kentish district. Numerous vehicles and horsemen followed the Governor's carriage to Sheffield where the Vice-Regal visitors were welcomed by the **Hon John Hope**. In the afternoon they were given a tour of the district, including an inspection of 'the magnificent business premises recently open by York Schmidt & Co'.

During the building's construction, young Wm York was appointed Chairman of the Sheffield Town Board and on 18 March 1891 aged 22 he married postmistress **Louisa Pullen** (27), daughter of schoolteacher Thomas & Margaret Pullen in her parents' home Vermont Nowhere Else Rd, Upper Barrington. The Yorks had four children: Thomas b1892, John b1893, Gwen b1897 & Freda b1902.

'They did retain stocks of gelignite, detonators, fuel, cement, sawn timbers and roofing irons.'

1899 New manager's residence

Just after midnight on 30 Dec 1898, a destructive fire broke out in the split-shingle shop/house that Joseph Schmidt originally purchased on the chemist's corner. The alarm was raised by tolling St Barnabas' church bell which soon brought willing helpers to assist. The fire commenced in the old shop section but quickly spread to the adjoining house where Wm & Louisa York and family were asleep along with Louisa's widowed father **Thomas Pullen**. Fortunately, they were all rescued; but the old wooden building was destroyed. York Schmidt's impressive new two-storey store was only feet from the fire which blackened its brick wall but didn't catch fire. The destruction of this original house/shop allowed William York to erect a much more substantial manager's residence of bricks, into which he and his family moved in September 1899.

With nearly a dozen local young men away fighting in the Boer War, great excitement swept the Kentish community after York Schmidt's store received a wire at 5pm, 30 May 1900 informing them that the Boer's seven-month siege of Mafeking had been broken and Colonel Baden-Powell with 1000 soldiers had been freed. Horse riders were despatched to all outlying districts ringing bells, carrying flags and shouting themselves hoarse. Farmers fired guns, families lit bonfires, while others rode into Sheffield to join the evening celebration. **St Barnabas' church** bell was rung, the gathering crowd waved flags and a drum of tar was set ablaze in front of the Post Office. Then a parade led by the local rifle Corp and 60 schoolchildren beating kerosene tins made continuous din until they reached a huge bonfire built on Jamieson Plain (south-eastern side of Spring St) where an estimated crowd of 1000 people sang patriotic songs and listened to speeches.

1906 Extra wing windens the Store

The Don Co's shop frontage on Main St was widened by 27ft when a single-storey extension along its eastern side was opened in March 1906. It provided a large new drapery department in front of a stylish showroom displaying fashionable ladieswear and hats. A feature of this new showroom was its huge wall mirror 20ft x 13ft high (6.1m x 4m) edged with elaborate wood carvings. Millinery cabinets, chests of drawers and a long-carved counter were all manufactured by the company's carpenters at Don. Other improvements included the installation of 'flying foxes' to bring cash and dockets over a network of wires to one small office in the centre of the store. Three years earlier the store had switched to acetylene gas lighting and this was extended by fixing a row of glowing acetylene lights beneath the front verandah.

In charge of this new drapery department was **Alexander Cruickshank**. He came from Scotland in 1888 and managed their drapery section for 22 years. In 1902 Alexander and **Annabelle** built a house at 13 High St where they raised their six children. In 1910 they moved to Ulverstone, where Cruikshank established his own drapery business.

His second son **Tom Cruickshank** commenced at York Schmidt as a boy and eventually took charge of their grocery department. In 1906 Tom married **Nellie Morris** daughter of **John Morris** and purchased 33 acres from his father-in-law's farm along High St. He built the original house on the site of the present Kentish Municipal Offices. Eventually he sold this house to **Albert Phair** and his farm to **Charles Duff/Ray Duff** before moving to Hobart to work in Chas Davis store. Between 1904-1909 **James Curnow** was office manager/accountant. It was through Curnow's vision and drive in 1906 that townspeople built Sheffield's first public swimming pool on a 5 acre Government land grant, next to the Sheffield Recreation Ground. It was 80ft x 50ft, had graded concrete bottom, timber planked sides and fed from Dodders Creek.

Up to this time the River Don Trading Co stores had being dealing in all kinds of farm machinery and implements, but as of November 1907 **Tas Woolgrowers** took over all their farm machinery and fertilizers, allowing them to concentrate on groceries, drapery, and ironmongery. They did however retain stocks of gelignite, detonators, fuel, cement, sawn timbers and roofing iron.

On 2 Feb 1910 York, Schmidt & Co held its first annual picnic for employees and their families. Nearly 70 people travelled in horse 'drags' via Nook to Denny's Gorge, where they played games and ate plenty of 'viands.' On 1 Aug 1912 the first motor lorry carrying 1½ tons of merchandise from Devonport arrived at the Sheffield store, where this latest means of transport was inspected by many townspeople.

1912 Two Prominent Don Co Deaths

The founder of the River Don Trading Co, the Hon **John Henry** CMG (79) died in Devonport on 14 Sept 1912 and was buried at Don. He had distinguished himself in Tasmanian politics as a treasurer and a member of the Legislative Council chosen to help write the Australian Constitution. Six weeks after Henry's death, on 25 Oct, 1912 York Schmidt's popular manager at Sheffield **William York** (44) was found drowned in distressing circumstances. His clothed body was discovered floating in the town's swimming pool. An autopsy showed he had taken a dose of arsenic. His untimely death caused a sensation not only in Kentish but throughout Northern Tasmania. His cortege was the largest ever seen travelling to the Sheffield General Cemetery. Many motored from all branches of the 'Don Co', resulting in the greatest display of motor cars ever witnessed in Kentish.

Louisa and her four children moved to the mainland where she died in 1934 aged 72. Her two daughters never married.

Wm York's replacement was **William Lord**, followed by the longest serving manager **Louis Wilson Tankard**.

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Davies builders may quit Sheffield

Award-winning building firm Davies Construction is considering relocation outside of Sheffield if it cannot secure an appropriate site for its planned house-building factory.

Managing Director Luke Davies (*below*) said the firm required between 2000sq m and 6000sq m for a factory and storage yard however sourcing the land had proven challenging.

"We aim to construct our panellised, modular, and pre-fabricated homes off-site," Mr Davies said, conceding that a move to Spreyton or Devonport may be necessary.

Davies Construction and Align Architecture have joined forces as one of three chosen suppliers awarded the Tasmanian Government's social housing contract, with plans to construct 200 homes over the next four years.

These homes will incorporate principles of the German Passivhaus standard, a decision Davies believes will be a game-changer for environmental sustainability and occupant health.

"These homes represent quality and healthiness," Mr Davies said. "Due to their efficient design, these buildings not only last longer and consume 80%-90% less power for heating and cooling but also provide healthier living conditions, alleviating pressure on the healthcare system."

The design elements include thermal insulation, high-quality windows and doors and a heat recovery ventilation system to retain heat and reduce air pollutants.

Mr Davies drew attention to a potential upcoming epidemic of "sick home syndrome" due to mould in walls and ceilings and decay in timber frames.

He criticised the current building codes, cautioning that under these rules, a home constructed today could potentially be compromised within five years.

Davies Construction recently finished its inaugural development project, 'The Grove', in High Street, Sheffield.

Of the 17 villas, 14 have sold off the plan with three available for sale or rent. The company's next project is a 35-lot subdivision in Duff Drive, Sheffield.

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Askew backs rare cancer inquiry

Any diagnosis of cancer is a scary one but for those who are diagnosed with a rare cancer, prognosis is directly impacted by residential address, according to Senator Wendy Askew.

Medical professionals with experience in treating rare cancers are often located in capital cities, which means it's common for Tasmanians who live in rural locations to travel long distances to undertake a treatment regime.

"It's a sad reality but for many people who face a battle with cancer, the treatment for the disease can be as challenging, or more challenging than diagnosis," Senator Askew said.

Tasmanians diagnosed with rare cancers who live in rural and regional towns like Strahan or St Helens can often be faced with travelling to Launceston, Hobart or even interstate.

In an effort to address this inequity, Senator Askew has moved a motion in the Senate to establish an inquiry into the matter.

The Terms of Reference for the inquiry are:

Equitable access to diagnosis and treatment for individuals with rare and less common cancers, including neuroendocrine cancer, with particular reference to:

a. barriers to screening and diagnosis, including the impact of factors such as:
 i. geographic location,
 ii. cost,
 iii. cultural and language barriers,
 iv. type of cancer, and
 v. availability of treating practitioners;

b. barriers to accessing appropriate treatment;

c. the adequacy of support services after diagnosis;

d. the adequacy of Commonwealth funding for research into rare, less common and neuroendocrine cancer; and

e. any other related matters.

Senator Askew said statistics showed instances of rare cancers was on the rise, with recent data from Rare Cancers Australia showing about 52,000 Australians are diagnosed each year, which is one person every 10 minutes. While one in three cancer diagnoses are rare or less common, they cause over half of all cancer-related deaths.

"These statistics show how far-reaching this issue is, and I'm proud to have moved the motion to establish this inquiry for all Tasmanians who have raised this issue with me, but also for all Australians who are affected by rare and less common cancer," she said.

Individuals and organisations are invited to make a submission to the inquiry before August 31, 2023. Full details in relation to the inquiry can be found at -www.aph.gov.au/parliamentary_business/committees/senate/community_affairs/cancerdiagnosis

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Book donation hub set to move to Kentish

By Leoni Read

Did you realise that Australia sends tons of books to landfill each year? I am part of a group at Sheffield Uniting Church, which has been collecting school books for several years for Library Aid International (LIA). The organisation is a Christian charity, based in Burnie, which sends books to needy schools in developing countries. We are hoping to move this worthwhile project to the Kentish area in the near future.

After 17 years of operation and sending 10 containers of books and educational materials to schools overseas, the group will be 'closing the chapter', as they are no longer able to continue.

In April this year, the group sent off their final container, which was full of books, educational resources, edible food plants information, library shelving, sports equipment, educational games, laptop and tablet computers, a laser printer and a data projector to a school in the Solomon Islands.

LAI has been richly blessed during the years it has operated, despite many difficulties, particularly in relation to finances, supply of books and overcoming shipping difficulties. The feedback from recipients has really touched their hearts.

Our group in Sheffield would like to continue this wonderful project and is looking to recruit local volunteers. We hope the project might appeal to the youth of our community, possibly leading to partnerships with overseas schools.

We appreciate that purchasing and freighting a container of books is expensive and a major undertaking. As the group in Burnie has operated for many years, the operational structures, networks and contacts are all in place. De Bruyn's Transport is agreeable to storing the container in its East Devonport depot.

Our small group in Sheffield still has its 'L' Plates on! We have become members of the LIA Committee, which will still operate until the AGM in August, so we will be working side by side with the current committee.

I hope the Kentish community gets behind us to support this worthwhile project. We are looking to dedicate one afternoon a week to sort and package donated books and hope to use Beulah Hall as a base.

To participate, please contact Leoni Read on 0429 705 062.

Building mental fitness in our youth

Rural Alive & Well (RAW) is pleased to join with the AFL as a delivery partner for Movember Ahead of the Game (AOTG) – a mental health literacy and resilience program for young people that will commence in community football clubs this month.

The AOTG program will be the largest roll-out of a mental fitness program in sport globally and aims to educate young players and umpires (aged 12-18 years) and their support networks of parents, coaches, and club volunteers on the importance of mental health. Giving them tools to deal with life's challenges and the confidence to support their mates through tough times, while empowering them to look after their own mental wellbeing.

RAW will join 15 other community organisations from across the country to facilitate AOTG's interactive workshops for young players and umpires in community football club change rooms, before, after or during training.

The program also extends to workshops for parents, coaches and club volunteers, providing opportunities to educate whole football club communities on recognising mental health challenges, identifying when to get help, and building resilience to deal with challenges in sport and life.

AFL Head of Mental Health and Wellbeing, Dr Kate Hall said it was great to welcome a host of delivery partners to the program. "The AFL is thrilled to partner with Movember and work with our delivery partners to facilitate the Ahead of the Game program to hundreds of communities this year," she said.

"We know that grassroots football clubs around Australia provide a place for connection and belonging for young people. The AFL and Movember believe footy is a way for young Australians to learn crucial mental skills that build resilience in football and life. These skills include appreciating your team and helping out a mate.

"We want to harness the power of our great game to help players, coaches, parents and volunteers to understand mental health, build mental fitness and strengthen resilience across the country so that we can build communities that are mentally fit and capable to handle any challenge that comes their way."

With most common mental health conditions occurring in adolescence to mid-20s, Movember APAC Country Director, Rachel Carr said giving young people the tools to better understand mental health and mental fitness had never been more important.

"We know that 75% of all mental health conditions onset before the age of 25 years old, making these critical early intervention years," she said.

"If we can connect with young people before this point and help improve their mental health literacy and resilience, we could slow the onset and burden of mental ill health for future generations."

RAW president Tom Windsor, who has been captain of the Mobart Mo-Bros Movember team for the past 17 years, said: "It's fantastic to see Tasmania's passion over so many years to improve mental health is rewarded through this partnership with Movember, AFL Tas and RAW.

"RAW is perfectly placed as a program delivery partner to reach our most at-risk people and build mentally healthy and resilient rural communities."

'We want to harness the power of our great game to help understand mental health.'

Rural Alive & Well CEO Barb Walters said early intervention is the key. "To be a delivery partner means that RAW is able to continue to grow the support for rural communities from an early age, ensuring that clubs and communities know support is available to each person," she said.

"Football is the heart of Tasmanian rural communities

"Having been a part of football clubs my whole life, I know how important this partnership will be to not only build thriving rural communities, but Movember, AFL and RAW will now play a key role in helping develop the next generation of footballers for a national scale."

The AOTG program will be delivered in stages to community football clubs across all states and territories throughout the three-year partnership, with the program to begin in Victoria, NSW, Queensland, Northern Territory and Tasmania in the first year.

Community football clubs can register their expression of interest for the first year of the AOTG program via https://www.play.afl/aotg

WHAT'S ON IN JULY

		Exhibition: "Interpretations of Winter" Members' artwork, Sheffield Art Gallery
Sat-Sun	July 1-2	**Steam Engine rides** 11am-4pm, Sheffield Steam & Heritage Centre, 14 Spring Street
Saturday	July 1	**Sheffield Football Club Trivia Night** 7pm, Spring Street, Sheffield
Wednesday	July 5	**Sheffield RSL Sub-Branch meeting** 7pm, Sheffield RSL, Main Street
		Railton Fire Brigade senior training 7-9pm, Railton Fire Station, 11 Crockers Street
Thursday	July 6	**Local Government Board survey** period ends; www.engage.futurelocal.tas.gov.au/surveys
Tuesday	July 11	**Kentish Probus Club** meeting 10am, Sheffield Bowls Club
Thursday	July 13	**Kentish House & Services** 10-11am, Beulah Hall; 12-1pm, Claude Road Hall
Friday	July 14	**School Holiday Activities** 10:30am-2pm, Sheffield Town Hall, 66 High Street
Saturday	July 15	**Sheffield Football Club** Sponsors Day & Premiership Reunion, Spring Street, Sheffield
		Kentish Garden Club meeting 2pm, Bible Chapel, 45 High Street, Sheffield
Sunday	July 16	**Railton Bowls Club AGM** + Activity Day, 10am, 38 Giblin Street, Railton
		Return to Railton reunion noon, Railton Hotel, 3 Foster Street
Monday	July 17	**Christmas in July** Turning on the Lights 5.30pm, Sheffield Post Office
		Trivia for Tandara 6.30pm for 7pm start, Sheffield RSL, Main Street
Tuesday	July 18	**Kentish Council Meeting** 6pm, Council Office, High Street, Sheffield
Wednesday	July 19	**Railton Fire Brigade** senior training 7-9pm, Railton Fire Station, 11 Crockers Street
Thursday	July 20	**School Holiday Activities** 10:30am-2:30pm, Sheffield Town Hall, 66 High Street
Saturday	July 22	**Artisans Christmas in July Market** 1-4pm, Sheffield Arts Centre, Pioneer Crescent
Wednesday	July 26	**Services Australia assistance** 9.30-11.30am, Kentish House, 5 Austin Place, Sheffield
		Services Australia assistance noon-1.30pm, Kings Hall, 10 Latrobe Street, Railton
		Not Your Traditional High Tea noon, Epicurean Cafe, 68-72 Main Street, Sheffield
		Railton Fire Brigade junior cadet training 6.30-8pm, Railton Fire Station, 11 Crockers Street
Thursday	July 27	**Coffee, Books and More** 4-5pm, Sheffield Library, 12 Henry Street
Friday	July 28	**Munting Taekwondo** 5.30pm & 6.30pm, Sheffield Town Hall, 66 High Street
Saturday	July 29	**Fashion Parade** 11am, Du Coeur, 50 Main Street, Sheffield
		Gathering of the Lanterns 5.30pm, Mural Park, Sheffield

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wednesday	Aug 2	**Local Government Board survey** written submissions close. See Page 4.
Friday	Aug 18	**Vietnam Veterans Day**
Wednesday	Aug 23	**Services Australia assistance** 9.30-11.30am, Kentish House, 5 Austin Place, Sheffield
		Services Australia assistance noon-1.30pm, Kings Hall, 10 Latrobe Street, Railton
Thursday	Aug 31	**Mural Fest** entries close
Thursday	Sept 7	**Kentish Men's Shed AGM** 10am, 14 Spring Street, Sheffield

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