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Welcome to the fifteenth edition of the Kentish e-news! All operators are encouraged to submit articles on a bi-monthly basis regarding new promotions or changes to tourism-related business to update other business operators on new developments within the Kentish region.

We encourage feedback, comments or suggestions from tourism operators about Kentish e-news to enable the newsletter to be as user-friendly as possible. This edition's featured image is Sheffield Golf Course photographed by Dan Fellow © All Rights



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Summer is a great time to experience Tasmania's Outdoor Art Gallery: Sheffield's 'Town of Murals'; Railton's 'Town of Topiary'; Wilmot's 'Valley of Views' with novelty letterbox trail; and Tasmania's iconic Cradle Mountain are must see destinations.

Visitors can book accommodation, tours and attractions online at www.sheffieldcradleinfo.com.au

See Tasmanian devils, pristine wilderness, wineries, brewery, mazes, art, marbles, seashells, fibre optics, collectables and history displays. Hire a 'Story of the Sheffield Murals' audio tour, ride on a steam train (check event calendar), take a horse riding tour in the heart of Cradle Country, go canyoning at Cradle Mountain, play a round of golf and see stunning views of Mt Roland or experience walking tracks and waterfalls in

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5-6 Nov - Redwater Creek Steam Railway

5 Nov - Wilmot Market

13 Nov - Kentish TripleTop Mountain Run

19 Nov - Sheffield Town Hall Market

3 Dec - Wilmot Market

3-4 Dec - Redwater Creek Steam Railway

9 Dec – Silver Jubilee Mural Celebration

10 Dec - Sheffield Town Hall Market

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10 Dec - Santa in the Park at Railton

16 Dec - Sheffield Christmas Parade

For further information on events, accommodation and attractions visit

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<http://www.facebook.com/#!/KVIC7306>

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Events

2011 Cradle Mountain Chateau Triple Top Mountain Run

Sunday 13th November



Staged by the Lions Club of Kentish, the Triple Top Mountain Race is ranked as the premier mountain race in Australia!

This challenging event has been held for 20 years with an extremely tough 19.7 kilometre course.

The race starts at Round Mountain and includes Mt Claude, Mt Van Dyke and Mt Roland before finishing at the Claude Road Hall.

Competitors assemble at the Claude Road Hall where they are transported to the start by bus. The race finishes at the Claude Road Hall where food and drinks are supplied by the Lions Club. Intending walkers are advised that the walk is a tough five hour challenge and that the track can be covered by snow at various times of the year.

The view from the top is spectacular, stretching from Frenchman's Cap to Bass Strait.

Members of the Lions Club clear the course before each event for good running and fast walking conditions.

Competitors are monitored through check stations and water points. The Triple Top Mountain Run is the only organised event of its type in Tasmania with separate events for both runners and walkers.

The event attracts locals, interstate and even international visitors, which is fantastic for the region. The unique nature of the event, together with the wonderful setting and spectacular views from the mountain tops, contributes towards a memorable day for both competitors and spectators.



devils@cradle

Tasmanian devil sanctuary, Cradle Mtn

Explore the mysterious world of the Tasmanian devil at devils@cradle Tasmanian devil sanctuary located just 500m from the entrance to the Cradle Mountain National Park. The sanctuary boasts stunning views of Cradle Mountain. This unique alpine conservation park combines comfort with high quality education and viewing and guarantees your closet ever encounter with a Tasmanian devil.

The devils@cradle Tasmanian devil sanctuary breeds Tasmania's three unique threatened carnivorous marsupials; the Tasmanian devil, Spotted-tail and Eastern quolls. The facility is located on the edge of the Cradle Mountain National Park World Heritage Area and conducts in-situ conservation programs for the Tasmanian devil including an onsite breeding program for insurance of the species. A visit to the sanctuary day or night will allow you to observe these extraordinary animals up close whilst one of our Keepers will give you an understanding of their lifecycle and the threats that confront them.

With spring well and truly in the air this is a wonderful time of the year to visit the sanctuary. We have a number of baby animals starting to emerge from the pouch for their first time. Daylight saving is warmly welcomed up here in the mountains and the longer and warmer days are an indication of the summer months ahead. Our 8.30pm tours recommence on Sunday the 3rd of October. The sanctuary is open from 10am with **Keeper Tours** being conducted on the hour while, in the evening, visitors can observe these animals being fed and the fierce competition for a share of the food on an **After Dark Feeding Tour**.

Open daily DAY and NIGHT

Keepers Tour - starts on the hour from 10am – 3pm: 45 minutes duration

*After Dark Feeding Tour – starts at 5.30pm every night (8.30pm daylight saving times): 1.5hours
3950 Cradle Mt Road, Cradle Mountain Ph: 03 6492 1491 www.devilsatcradle.com*



Celebrating the Silver Jubilee of Mural Art in Kentish



Friday at the Town Hall and Saturday King George V Park

December marks the Silver Jubilee of the Murals in Sheffield. On Friday 9th and Saturday 10th we celebrate 25 years of Sheffield as a rural Australian success story.

From 7.30 on Friday night, at a party at the Town Hall, a 25-artist collaborative mural will be completed. At this free event for the town, nibbles

and drinks will be provided, there will be speeches and an opportunity to talk with mural artists and members of Sheffield Inc., the custodians of much of our public art.

On Saturday, celebrations will continue in King George V Park, with a family fun day featuring a lively band, a food fair, market, car boot sale, bouncy castle and more.

Sheffield is an example of a dying rural Australian town reinventing itself, where a small municipal

population can maintain itself fiscally and grow at a steady and sustainable rate.

The success of Sheffield spreads into the rest of the municipality with Railton taking the mantle of Town of Topiary and Wilmot the Valley of Views, the novelty letterbox trail and friendly markets theme.

All three towns have strong community organisations in Railton and District Development Association Inc., Wilmot Progress and Tourism Association, and Sheffield Inc. (murals, tourism, commerce).

The Old Wilmot Bakehouse

57 Main Road, Wilmot TAS 7310
Ph: 03 6492 1117

The Old Wilmot Bakehouse EST 1893 is under new management by Chris and Rachel O'Farrell. Chris is a cheese-maker and Rachel is a cake decorator/pastry cook. Both Chris and Rachel are looking forward to their new adventure.

The Bakehouse will be open from Saturday 5 November to tie in with the Wilmot Markets from 10am - 4pm. Come in and see what is on offer!

The opening hours for the Bakehouse/Café will be Wednesday to Sunday 10am - 4pm as well as Friday and Saturday

5pm- 8pm for takeaway food.

Bread, rolls, cakes, pastries, coffee, milk shakes, sandwiches, pizzas, takeaway food (Fri & Sat 5pm-8pm), Tasmanian cheeses and products are all available at the Bakehouse.

Chris will be conducting cheese-making courses at selected times. The Old Wilmot Bakehouse B & B accommodation will continue to operate and the Bakehouse is available for functions.



Chris making mozzarella cheese

GLENCOE CAFÉ

1468 Sheffield Road, Barrington
Ph: 6492 3267



Glencoe Café will be open from Thursday to Sunday 12 - 3.30pm for traditional French rustic food. Enjoy the beautiful garden while having a cup of tea or coffee and homemade cake.

Book your Christmas lunch, dinner or New Year's dinner now to avoid disappointment.

KENTISH MUSEUM

SHEFFIELD

93 Main St, Sheffield 7306

Ph: 03 6491 1861

Open Mon-Wed 10am-12pm & 1-4pm; Tues 1-3pm; Thurs 10am-12pm & 1-3pm;
Fri 10am-3pm

Find the heart of Kentish at the Kentish Museum. Displays include everyday house and farm items back to the 1800s; the world's first coin-operated petrol pump; significant artifacts such as the Weindorfer collection and a Boer War canon, to name a few. The collection is 99.9% from the Kentish district.

Kentish Museum offers a genealogy service that enables visitors the opportunity to trace their family history. The museum has access to state, national and international records and a collection of local marriage, birth, death and baptism records from churches. The service costs \$22 per hour. Over the years, Barb Wells has solved many family mysteries. In one case, the mystery lasted over 80 years with a family discovering an inter-family adoption. The family was overjoyed with the result. People are surprised to find out information they were unaware of. Perhaps a convict they had not been told about or a brother or sister that may have died young.



Congratulations to Redwater Creek Steam and Heritage Society for SteamFest Award!

Winner of the Prime Super Events and Tourism Award in the 2011 Community Achievement Awards



SteamFest, a three day event held annually on the long weekend of March, has been recognised for presenting learning experiences and making a difference in the local community. A family event, patrons learn about the cultural and agricultural heritage of the Kentish region.

SteamFest will be held on March 10, 11 and 12, 2012. Additionally, the Redwater Creek Steam Railway runs on the first full weekend of each month and the first two weeks after Christmas.

Friday Nite Folk

Skwiz Cafe

63 Main Street, Sheffield 7306 Ph: 03 6425 7433

Matthew Fagan - FRIDAY NOVEMBER 18

Matthew is a master of Spanish flamenco, classical, bluegrass finger style and jazz guitar. A passionate artist, Matthew performs on his custom made ten string Spanish guitar and Liberty banjo, given to Matthew by Billy Connolly. Matthew Fagan has toured with international celebrities such as Natalie Cole, The Original Buena Vista Social Club, Billy Connolly, Shirley Bassey and Michael Crawford on concert and arena stages in Australia. Additionally, Matthew has performed for his Holiness the Dalai Lama at the Parliament of World Religions.

Matthew has studied with Masters John Williams, Paco Pena, Leo Kottke, Martin Taylor, Joe Pass, John MacLauchlan and his Australian friend Tommy Emmanuel. A finalist in the Winfield International Finger Style Competition in Kansas, U.S.A in 2009-2010, Matthew's latest recording, "Voyages and Journeys" has been released on Steve Vai's U.S.A label "Favoured Nations". From Spanish flamenco to bluegrass, gypsy jazz, Latin and jazz, Matthew has entertained audiences in more than 120 countries worldwide as a soloist, in orchestras and bands. Matthew loves to perform for audiences, entertaining, engaging and encouraging audiences to participate in hilarious situations. Matthew includes a 'Guitar Challenge' where he performs up to 35 audience requests spontaneously in his show. Stories from his life of travel and entertaining are a special feature of his show. Matthew Fagan is an exhilarating, breathtaking, captivating performer and his shows are not to be missed. This will be Matthew's second tour of Tasmania and his second performance at Friday Nite Folk.

OPEN MIC - FRIDAY NOVEMBER 25

This will be our final night for 2011 and our big event of the year. If you know of anyone at all that may be interested in performing or looking for a great night out, please let them know. Don't forget the great snacks, excellent coffee, and free wine. The two Christmas hampers will be drawn on this night.

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