

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

We would encourage any feedback, comments or suggestions from tourism operators about Kentish e-news to enable the newsletter to be as user-friendly as possible. This editions featured image is our iconic Cradle Mt, photographed by Geoff Murray © Tourism Tasmania. All Rights Reserved



Kentish Visitor Information Centre

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Kentish Visitor Information Centre at Sheffield has installed a new booking counter to assist in providing a more efficient and professional tourism service to our visitors and locals. The brochure display area has been revamped and a greater selection of merchandise is now available at the centre. Stock includes a range of souvenirs including books showcasing the history of our region..

Visitor numbers to Sheffield have increased by 28.6% on last month and are up 15% for the same period in 2008.

Kentish is a region that enjoys exquisite scenery. Visitors and locals are invited to call into the visitor centre at Sheffield on their way to Cradle Mountain. Pick up our tourist map showing locations of our region's attractions, wineries and accommodation. Buy a Cradle Triple Pass and experience a mural audio tour telling the Story of the Sheffield Murals before heading up to Devils at Cradle and The Wilderness Gallery.

Waldheim Cabins

Waldheim Cabin bookings have grown in number on previous months. Waldheim vacancies are listed on www.sheffieldcradleinfo.com.au 24/7.

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Online Bookings

We encourage all operators to keep their online inventory up to date to increase the potential for more bookings.

For Bookeasy enquiries, please email info@bookeasy.com.au or phone 1800 754 499.

For more information on V3 or the Open Booking Exchange, please contact the Tas e-Connect Help Desk on 1300 303 259 or email taseconnect@tourismtasmania.com.au.

To update or remove your details on the Kentish e-news mailing list, please contact:

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New

Sheffield Bookshop

Sheffield has a new independent bookshop carrying a unique assortment of Tasmania literature, gardening, cooking and children's books. The bookshop includes new releases and a great variety of second hand books.

Sheffield Bookshop evolved from Carolyn Grey's life-long passion for books. Carolyn states "I saw a gap in the Sheffield market for quality books to interest our diverse local community as well as books to suit the large number of tourists who pass through this picturesque town".

If Sheffield Bookshop doesn't have the title you are after in store, then Carolyn would be happy to order the book in for you.

Carolyn is also a graphic designer and artist for Jelly Media with her IT industry partner Marc Watson.

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Internet Zone

Marc Watson and Carolyn Grey have set up a very comfortable internet access area in the Sheffield Bookshop. Locals and visitors can access high speed internet both in store and via a wireless connection – HotspotZone.

Jelly Media have been operating a very successful web and graphic design business in Sheffield for 2 years. Now they have an "in town" office to assist with everything you need to get your business online. Jelly Media can also design and print state-of-the-art business cards and DL brochures.

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Cradle Mountain Chateau Kentish Triple Top Launch

The 18th Cradle Mountain Chateau Kentish Triple Top Mountain Run staged by the Lions Club of Kentish has been officially launched. The event will be conducted on Sunday 8th November and is ranked as one of the best mountain runs in Australia.

The 19.7 kilometre course is extremely tough. The run starts on Round Mountain and includes Mt Claude, Mt Van Dyke, and Mt Roland before finishing at the Claude Road Hall.

The launch was conducted by Mark Whitnell, Manager of Cradle Mountain Chateau, and members of the Kentish Lions Club.

Mr Whitnell explained, "Cradle Mountain Chateau is delighted to extend its continued support of this unique event. The fact that the event is now in its 18th year is a credit to all involved. One of its appeals is that people with a wide range of ability and experience, from all age groups, are catered for."

The Cradle Mountain Chateau Kentish Triple Top is the only organised event of its type in Tasmania with separate events for both runners and walkers. Mr Whitnell added, "We know that the event attracts locals, interstate and even international visitors which is fantastic for our region. No doubt the unique nature of the event plus the wonderful setting and the spectacular views from the mountain tops will make for a memorable day for all the competitors."

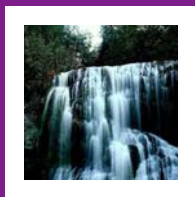
Postal entries close early November. However, registrations may be accepted on the day subject to event numbers. Further information and entry forms are available at www.kentishlions.org.au or by contacting Frank Atkins on 0400 156 514.

Lemonthyme Lodge Tasmania

770 Dolcoath Road, off Cradle Mountain Road, MOINA, TAS 7306

Lemonthyme Lodge is offering a 'Spring into Summer Special Package' from 10 October – 23 December 2009. *The Spring Special Offer* includes a free bottle of sparkly and chocolates on arrival, a free fully cooked breakfast and a free 2 course a la carte dinner. Stay a second night and receive a free lunch hamper! Don't miss out on this great 'Spring into Summer special package!

Visit www.lemonthyme.com.au
Email: reservations@lemonthyme.com.au
Phone: 03 6492 1112



The Wilderness Gallery

Nature Photographers Tasmania Exhibition

The Wilderness Gallery will be presenting an exhibition by Nature Photographers Tasmania, a collective voice for professional nature photographers in Tasmania. Nature Photographers Tasmania (NPT) is a professional organization whose aim is to facilitate and promote the use of photography for the protection of nature in Tasmania and elsewhere.

The Summer Season commences on the 29th November 2009. The 2009-2010 Exhibition season follows the theme of life's journeys, through the personal odysseys and road trips of both developing and professional photographers and conservationists.

Ian Jeanneret – *Susurrations*

The continuous whispering of wind and waves on a land in the path of the cold and wild Roaring Forties; Hobart based photographer Ian Jeanneret presents an exhibition of Tasmanian images exploring the interface between land and sea.

Raoul Slater – *Cradle of Light*

Raoul Slater is one of Australia's most acclaimed birders and wildlife photographers. Capturing the most extraordinary natural events in his inimitable style Raoul shares his unique insights and rare perspectives with the viewer through this stunning selection of images.

David Sinclair – *Feathers Fur & Ice*

A series of spectacular nature and wildlife images from the Antarctic Peninsula, Southern Ocean, South Georgia and the Falkland Islands by Melbourne photographer David Sinclair. David works as a photographer and guide in the Polar Regions and has participated in a number of private polar expeditions including a ski crossing of the Greenland Icecap.



“The Wilderness Gallery will be exhibiting at the Deloraine Craft Fair from the 30th October to the 2nd November 2009.”

Richard White - *Places I've Been*

A collection of photographs from places Richard has been, The Canadian Rockies, Death Valley, the California Coast, and the Dolomites in Italy, Scotland and Australia. Richard White has been involved in photography for more than 20 years and operates from his studio and darkroom in the hilly countryside around Mansfield, Victoria. Richard is considered to be one of the finest darkroom Fine Art Black & White printers in the country.

Michael Snedic- *Wildlife of Australia, a nature photographers Journey*

This collection of works represents Michael's steps along his photographic

journey which began as a bird keeper at Taronga Zoo, followed by time as a guide at a rainforest retreat. Today Michael works as a professional photographer, publishing images and running workshops.

Bruce and Alistair Paton – *Classic Australian Walks*

This exhibition includes images from the Overland Track, Australian Alps Walking Track, Grand Hightops and the Thoresborne Trail by brothers Bruce and Alistair Paton. Alistair is a sports journalist for the Herald Sun newspaper in Melbourne while Bruce conducts sustainability education for the Australian Conservation Foundation.

3718 Cradle Mtn Road. CRADLE MOUNTAIN

The Sheffield Honey Farm

Come and enjoy the best of Tasmanian honey at the Sheffield Honey Farm!

Open from 9am to 5 pm weekdays, the Sheffield Honey Farm showroom offers free tastings from the extensive Cradle Mountain and Sheffield Honey Farm range. Honeys include the world famous leatherwood, manuka, rain forest wild flower and flavoured honeys.

Organic and gluten free, the health qualities of these honeys are much enjoyed all over the world.

Why not take a sip from the Taverner's range of Honey Porter, Honey Ale and Strong Ales, all flavoured with honey from the apiaries of the pristine Cradle

Mountain ranges. Taverner's Honey Nectar concentrate is a versatile drink that you can also enjoy, hot or cold.

Taverner's Nectar of the Gods- the multi award winning Dessert Honey Mead- is ideal served with a cheese platter as an after dinner treat.

See you soon at the Sheffield Honey Farm!

111 Main Street, SHEFFIELD TAS 7306



THE OLD WILMOT BAKEHOUSE B & B

Due to family illness, our Bakery/ Tearoom will be temporarily closing.

Our Bed & Breakfast accommodation will still be operating.

You can check availability and book online at www.oldwilmotbakery.com.au or phone Sharon on 03 6492 1117.

We will advise everyone when our Bakery/ Tearoom will be up and running again.

Thank you for your understanding at this time.

57 Main Road Wilmot, Tasmania 7310

New Initiatives

Developing the Kentish economy

A program of free events called "Make it to Market" which focuses on small producers has commenced in the north-west.

This program would be useful for anyone thinking about value-adding and / or retailing their produce directly to market and fits neatly with Council's local food bowl strategy.

Craftspeople using local materials may also find some of the events beneficial. The events run through to 12 December 2009 and include a range of workshops, field trips and demonstrations.

For more information and event RSVP's, please contact Di Hollister on 0418 538 972 or email di.hollister@bigpond.com.

CONGRATULATIONS TO RONNIE BURNS -

APPIN HALL CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION

Ronnie Burns, who established the Appin Hall Children's Foundation near Wilmot, has received the inaugural Bryce Courtenay 'Power of One Hero Award' 2009. The foundation seeks to provide qualified respite care for young people in communities disadvantaged through serious illness, homelessness and destitution.

A commercial-type hothouse is planned to teach children how to propagate and grow produce. Ronnie and his wife Maggie are also planning a large kitchen for children to work together with a view to attracting nationally known chefs for workshops.

Additionally, Ronnie has recently received the 'Senior Tasmanian of the Year Award - 2009'.

Visit www.appinhall.com



Glencoe Rural Retreat

A place of "harmonie"!

Glencoe Rural Retreat – A place of "harmonie" - is a charming traditional farmhouse set on 24 acres of fertile rolling pastures, beautiful and tranquil gardens. With a breathtaking view of spectacular Mount Roland, Glencoe is located just outside Sheffield, the town of murals.

With Cradle Mountain as a backdrop and Lake Barrington rowing course on its doorstep, Glencoe is blessed with natural attractions and beauties all within easy reach. Bushwalking, horse riding, antiques and an array of food and wine to suit every palate are all located near Glencoe Rural Retreat. Glencoe is 20 minutes away from the Spirit of Tasmania Terminal.

Hosts Remi & Ginette Bancal have recently refurbished the farm in a French country style, with four guests bedrooms, all with modern ensuite bathrooms, separate lounge and dining room. A serene and warm atmosphere flows through the house in harmony with beautiful paintings of local artists.

Glencoe offers evening meals, by prior arrangement, to guests. Remi & Ginette's passion for food and wine is internationally known. Local and seasonal produce are used to bring the taste of South of France to the table. Glencoe boasts a garden cafe in a pristine environment serving light gourmet lunch, homemade cakes, great coffees and a large choice of loose teas. See you at the retreat!

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Invitation

Meet the 2010 Mural Fest Team



Would you like to be a part of this exciting event? The International Mural Fest Team is looking for people who would be interested in getting involved with the 2010 Mural Fest event.

If you are interested in volunteering to help make this great event happen, or you are wishing to be a sponsor of the festival, we would love to meet you.

Join us for drinks and nibbles at 5.30pm on Friday 6th November at The Working Art Space in Albert St, Sheffield.

For further information email info@murfest.com.au or call Julie on 03 6491 1692

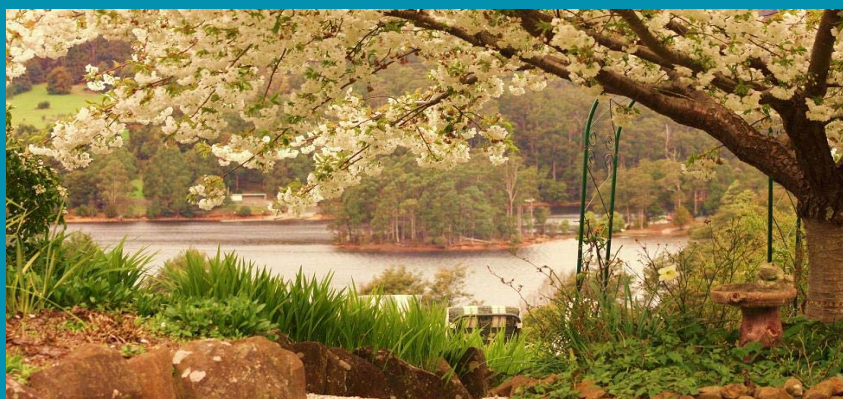
LAKE BARRINGTON GARDEN CAFÉ

WILMOT, TASMANIA

The Lake Barrington Garden Cafe is now open 7 days from 11am-4pm for Summer 2009-10. Karen and Warwick have completed their renovations, re-opening on 3rd October as planned.

Karen has a brand new kitchen to cook even more tempting garden dishes. The menu features a new selection of culinary delights to indulge yourself as well as some favourite drinks carried over from previous seasons!

Karen and Warwick look forward to seeing all their old friends as well as making some new friends now that they have re-opened. See you soon at the Lake Barrington Garden Cafe!



Forth Falls

Lake Barrington, Wilmot

Forth Falls walking track forms part of the Tasmanian Trails network and was constructed by volunteers from the Wilmot area. Access to the walking track and parking facilities are provided by Karen Charleston and Warwick Smith from Lake Barrington Garden Café, located at Wilmot.

Experience temperate forest with stunning views over Lake Barrington! This moderate walk will take you on a 30 minute journey to Quoll Point. From this point, the track branches to either the Lower Falls or the Upper Falls with the walk to both falls taking about 2 hours return.

After all the rain we have experienced, the falls are now at their best. You will need to wear appropriate footwear as the track can be a bit wet at the beginning. Don't forget your camera for plenty of great photo opportunities!

A charge of \$2 entry fee per person helps to cover public liability costs and maintenance of the track. For further information, contact the Lake Barrington Garden Café on 03 6492 1394.

Wilmot Country Store, Wilmot

"Time for a Cool Change"

The Wilmot Country Store, known as being "The Original Coles Store", has recently changed hands. The new owners Andrew and Pauline Towing would like to welcome everyone, locals and travelers alike, to call in for a 'cuppa and a chat'.

Andrew and Pauline have relocated from Cairns in Far North Queensland after seeking a "cool change" to their lifestyle and are now enjoying the friendly atmosphere of the Wilmot town-ship since settling in to Tassie's cooler climate.

A lot has happened at the Wilmot Country Store since Andrew and Pauline's first day on the job. Day one saw a beautiful wood heater installed into the centre of the store. "The heater is a real winner with everyone, not only Pauline and I who are obviously still adjusting from the warmer tropical climate of Cairns!" says Andrew. It has created a friendly gathering spot for many of the locals. Andrew cooks up a storm each morning with his very popular egg and bacon rolls that can be enjoyed by the warmth of the fire. The store now has a new roof with a fresher look for the store emerging without losing the appeal and historical presentation of the building itself.

A variety of hot and cold foods, drinks, ice-creams, local produce and home baked goodies are available at the store along with grocery items and giftware. The tearoom is operating again and seating is available on the verandah if you would like to enjoy a cappuccino or cuppa of your choice.



Trading hours have been extended with petrol being available during operating hours. The new hours are:
7am-7pm Monday to Friday
9am-6pm Saturday
9am-4pm Sunday and public holidays.

So, when you next pass through Wilmot, pop into the store and say g'day. Everyone is welcome and friendly hospitality and service is guaranteed.

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