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Welcome to the sixth 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 businesses 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 edition features the iconic Cradle Mountain, photographed by Dan Fellow © All Rights Reserved



Kentish Visitor Information Centre

5 Pioneer Crescent, SHEFFIELD TAS. Ph 03 6491 1036 or email kvic@kentish.tas.gov.au

Kentish Visitor Information Centre opening hours have been revised. Summer (September to April inclusive): opening hours are 9am to 5pm seven days a week, including public holidays. Winter (May to August inclusive): opening hours are 9am to 4pm Monday to Friday; 10am to 4pm Saturday to Sunday; and 10am to 4pm on public holidays. The visitor centre will be closed on Christmas Day and Good Friday.

Waldheim Cabins – Cradle Mtn
Book Waldheim Cabins on www.sheffieldcradleinfo.com.au 24/7.

New Business Directory

A newly updated business directory is currently displayed in the front window of the visitor centre for the benefit of visitors to our region.

Tasmanian Masters Regatta – Lake Barrington – 22 & 23 May 2010

For further information, check out www.rowingtas.asn.au.

Cradle Mountain Helicopters

Cradle Mountain Helicopters wishes to thank everyone for their support over the past season and advise that they will be closing over winter and reopening in September.

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2010 Cradle Coast Regional Tourism Awards

–Sponsored by the Advocate Newspaper – Have you entered yet? The Cradle Coast Authority has launched the inaugural regional tourism awards to reward operators who exemplify industry excellence and professionalism in the Cradle Coast Area. Entry details can be found at <http://www.cradlecoast.com/tourism.html> - Entries to be received by 31st May 2010.

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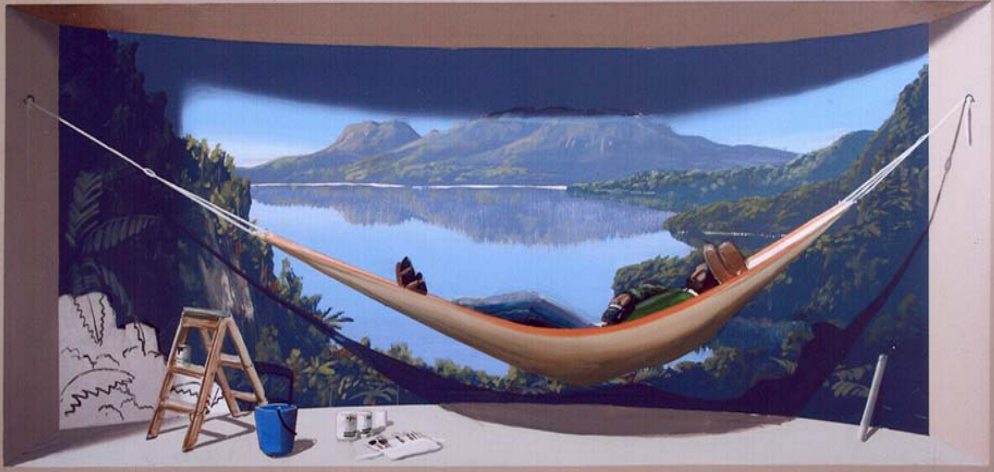
16th Annual Tastings at the Top Cradle Mountain Lodge 26-28 June 2010

Celebrating our 16th year, this gourmet extravaganza is rated as one of the premier food and wine experiences in the country. From degustation dinners to cooking demonstrations, fresh produce markets to wine and cheese tastings, "Tastings at the Top" encompasses the very best Tasmania has to offer. This year's event will be hosted by Peter Bourne ("The Wine Man") from Sydney and Nick Haddow (owner and artisan cheese maker) from the Bruny Island Cheese Company. Packages are priced from \$1,595 per person (twin share) with 3 nights accommodation including all meals and program activities. For more information call 1300 806 192 or visit www.cradlemountainlodge.com.au



National Volunteers Week 10 – 16 May 2010

Kentish Council invites volunteers from all organizations in Kentish to attend a celebration BBQ at the King George V Park on Tuesday 11th May 2010, from 12.30 – 2 pm, to acknowledge this special contribution to the social fabric of Kentish. RSVP by calling Aleasha Goss on 6491 2500 or email Aleasha@kentish.tas.gov.au



The Wilderness Gallery 2010 International Mural Fest Winners Announcement

The Wilderness Gallery 2010 International Mural Fest has delivered the most successful mural competition to date! A colourful array of work borders Mural Park at Sheffield with locals and visiting tourists having an opportunity to vote for their favourite mural. A few days of bad weather did not hinder the artists in completing their work. The nine murals were ready for the judges by 1pm on Saturday 10th April, 2010.

For the first time in the history of Mural Fest, the judges could not decide on a single winner. Judges included Greg Leong (Director of Regional Burnie Art Gallery), Malcolm Bywaters (Gallery Director from the School of Visual and Performing Arts at the University of Tasmania in Launceston) and Brian Inder (patron of Mural Fest).

The standard was exceptional and gave the judges plenty to consider. After much deliberation, a draw was agreed upon. Instead of splitting the prize money of \$6000, Brian Inder from Tasmazia (patron of Mural Fest and sponsor) generously donated another \$6,000, enabling both artists to receive their due. This was a one-off occurrence and will never be repeated. The announcement and presentation to the winners was made at the Sheffield Senior Citizens Hall at 4pm on Saturday 10th April, 2010.

2010 WINNERS OF THE WILDERNESS GALLERY 2010 INTERNATIONAL MURAL FEST JUDGES' AWARD

Marc Spijkerbosch from New Zealand with his mural (first mural pictured above) titled "Turangawaewae". Marc was also the winner of "The TARGA TASMANIA 2010 Visitors Choice Award".

Julian Bale from Penguin, Tasmania, with his mural titled "The Homesteaders".

Costa visits the "Town of Topiary"

Railton, Tasmania

Railton Topiary is gaining more recognition each year. Recently, Railton hosted Costa's Gardening Odyssey for a day's filming. Costa's show contacted Neil Hurley to find out how the topiary idea was born and evolved into the "Town of Topiary".

Costa and his film crew spent the day in Railton filming many aspects of the topiary project. Amongst these were the Cradle Mountain National Park Paddock and the RSL topiary soldiers at the cenotaph. In addition, Costa met the Topiary Group which produces the topiary frames; and topiary plant propagator, Ruth Beaumont. Another highlight of the day was the planting of the Tasmanian Devil Scene, a huge community project.

A barbecue lunch featuring local producers, with fresh produce, was held in the Lions Park. Costa and the film crew were able to taste the finest local produce from the North West Coast. Impressive local products from Seven Sheds Brewery, The Cherry Shed, White Rock Vineyard, Barringwood Park Vineyard, Anvers Chocolates and the Town of Topiary Tearoom were



available for tasting.

Costa's visit proved to be a fantastic experience for the Railton community with the town being recognised as a tourist attraction in its own right. New businesses (brewery, hairdresser) have opened over the last 12 months with the topiary bringing about revitalisation of the town. Business opportunities are being created with

increased tourism visitation. Ideas for boutique businesses are growing as investment opportunities are being recognised in Railton. Railton hopes more doors will open for the township with the screening of Costa's Garden Odyssey on SBS, Thursday May 13 2010 at 8.00pm.

www.townoftopiary.com.au

The Old Wilmot Bakehouse

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The Old Wilmot Bakehouse would like everyone to know that vanilla slices, pies and specialty breads are being freshly baked to order. Please phone or email and we can send you an order form/price list. Orders need to be placed a few days prior to collecting from the following collection points:-

WILMOT - The Old Wilmot Bakehouse (57 Main Rd) on Fridays, 2 - 7pm

WILMOT - Wilmot Markets (Kitchen in Wilmot Town Hall) on the first Saturday of each month, 9am - 2pm

DEVONPORT - Devonport Farmers' Market on the second Saturday of each month, 8am - 12noon

BARRINGTON - 1606 Sheffield Rd (starting in June) on the 3rd Saturday of each month, 11am - 3pm

DON - Don Store & Post Office - (Don Rd) on Tuesdays, 4 - 6pm

BURNIE - 5 Simon Court on Tuesdays, 5 - 7 pm
(Note: No baking during most school/ public holidays)



TARGA TASMANIA

Visitors arrived from all over the country to view the TARGA TASMANIA cars, when competitors stopped for lunch in Sheffield on the 28th April, 2010.

TARGA TASMANIA kindly provided sponsorship for International Mural Fest and competitors with support crews patronised local cafes and bakeries.

TARGA TASMANIA competitors and crews also stopped for lunch at Wilmot on Saturday 1st May, 2010.

Competitors spent time in our region during reconnaissance trips between January and April, often with family or friends in tow.

New Initiatives

Public Meeting at the Sheffield Hotel on Wednesday, 19th May, 2010 at 6.30pm

The Wilderness Gallery 2011
International Mural Fest – Sheffield
Sunday 24th April – Saturday 30th April 2011

The Mural Fest Event Team needs your help to gather enthusiastic members of the community who would like to take part in the running and organisation of this fabulous event. Much preparation is required and the Event Team is looking for people who would like to contribute their skills and time. Without these people, this Event would simply not happen. Anyone wishing to join the Event Team for the 9th International Mural Fest is welcome to attend. Come and see for yourself what goes on. Your talents will assist keeping this event alive and well. Visit www.muralfest.com.au or call Petra Meyer on 0407 191 742
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TOURISM AUSTRALIA CAMPAIGN

“THERE’S NOTHING LIKE AUSTRALIA” COMPETITION
CLOSING 12th MAY 2010

Currently, Tourism Australia is running a campaign called “There’s nothing like Australia”. The opportunity exists to post your favourite holiday experience or destination within our region - or for that matter anywhere in Australia - on www.nothinglikeaustralia.com. It’s easy! Take a photo of your favourite Aussie holiday moment and describe your picture in 25 words or less, beginning with the words, “There’s nothing like...”. Upload to your entry to www.nothinglikeaustralia.com
Prizes include 8 x \$5000 Australian holidays and one x \$25,000 Australian holiday!



Lemonthyme Lodge

Name our Restaurant Competition

Competition open from May until June 24th 2010

Lemonthyme Lodge Luxurious Wilderness Retreat is located in the heart of Cradle Mountain Valley and showcases some of Tasmania’s finest and freshest produce.

Head Chef, Chris Hayes, and his team of local chefs use only the finest Tasmanian produce from local suppliers to inspire and create a fantastic, modern, Tasmanian dining experience with wines to match.

The restaurant at Lemonthyme Lodge has a well-balanced menu using many unique local products from Tassie such as Wallaby and the much sort after native pepperberry. Chris experiments in his spare time to create exciting dishes such as the pinot poached pear with pepperberry ice cream or the citrus and Tassie pepperberry cured ocean trout entrée.

In the winter months, a large open fire place and wood heaters create a cosy atmosphere while you relax and enjoy some of the best food that Tassie and Chris have to offer you!

Now, Lemonthyme Lodge is running a competition to name the Lodge’s restaurant! Competition forms are available at the Lodge and the winning prize will be a night’s accommodation in a tree top cabin (including a fully cooked buffet breakfast). Check out www.lemonthyme.com.au for more details or call 03 6492 1112.

“Taste of Lemonthyme” 28 May 2010

6.30 - 7pm start, until close

Lemonthyme Lodge is hosting a “Taste of Lemonthyme” evening on the 28th May 2010, showcasing fine local Tasmanian produce and wines, with tastings from the restaurant’s a la carte menu. The degustation dinner comprises 6 -7 courses and features wines from Meadowbank and Tamar Ridge vineyards. Accommodation packages are available. For bookings and further information, call Lemonthyme Lodge on **03 6492 1112** or email reservations@lemonthyme.com.au.

The restaurant at Lemonthyme Lodge will be open to the public 7 days per week during the winter months from May through to October/November for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Bookings are essential with breakfast from 8 – 9.30am, lunch 12– 2pm and dinner from 6 – 8.30pm.

CHERRY TREE GARDEN B & B

STOODLEY, TASMANIA

New B & B accommodation has opened at Stoodley! Cherry Tree Garden B & B provides accommodation in a separate wing of the house, with queen sized bedrooms, spa bathroom and a separate guest lounge area. The owners offer and promote freshly produced local vegetables and fruit with meals provided for guests at 24 hours notice. Popular menu choices with produce sourced from the vegetable patch include fennel and potato soup, fresh asparagus pasta or yummy old fashioned baked apples. Local wines are available for guests to try. Cherry Tree Garden B & B offers very special rates for those local residents with visiting friends and relatives.

Recently, Beth (the owner) hosted Costa from Costa's Gardening Odyssey. Costa was invited to open 'The Taste of the North West' in Sheffield where he promoted sustainable organic gardening and also encouraged young people to garden and grow their own food.

So, come and relax in the gorgeous gardens where seating can be found in secluded areas, and listen to the sound of birds or cows mooing from across the paddocks. A lovely place for a drink, a read, or maybe a little nap!



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New Industry Development Co-ordinator

A warm welcome to Tanya Trost, Tourism Tasmania's new Co-ordinator of Industry Development for the North West and West Coast. Tanya was previously the Project Manager in the North West Regional Office of the Department of Economic Development, and brings extensive experience in business and industry development to her new role in tourism.

Tanya will be working on a range of projects for Tourism Tasmania, that will deliver tangible outcomes for the tourism industry, and will be working closely with Ian Waller and the team at the Cradle Coast Authority to achieve this end.

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Wilmot Country Store, Wilmot

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From the 1st May, the Wilmot Country Store and Bottle Shop will be closing one hour earlier on week days during winter. The store will now be closing at 6pm Monday to Friday. Weekend opening hours will remain the same for Saturday, 9am to 6pm, and Sunday/public holidays, 9am to 4pm. Additionally, from the 1st May 2010, eat in or take away evening meals will be available from 5pm. Home cooked hot evening meals can be purchased on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights. Roasts will be offered as well as steak and veggie casserole, spaghetti bolognese, creamy chicken and noodles and corned silverside, to name a few. Call 03 6492 1335 to find out "what's on the menu"! Saturday 1st May 2010 brings TARGA to Wilmot. Everyone is welcome to pop in for Saturday Special Home Made Pies at \$4 each (chunky chicken and mushroom, or bolognese) to enjoy while they watch the TARGA cars parade through town. The Wilmot Markets will also run on the 1st May 2010, just down the road from the Wilmot Country Store at the Community Hall.



Everyone is welcome at the Wilmot Country Store, where you will always receive good old-fashioned friendly service with a smile. Happy days and see you soon at the Wilmot Country Store and Bottle Shop!

Pauline and Andrew Towning, Joanne, Karen and Georgia.

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