

**Welcome** to the ninth edition of the Kentish e-news! All Kentish tourism businesses are encouraged to submit new articles and notify changes to update the tourism industry about activities available 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's featured image is the mural 'Stillness and Warmth' from Sheffield, Town of Murals, photographed by Dan Fellow © All Rights Reserved



## Kentish Visitor Information Centre

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Kentish Visitor Information Centre welcomes visitors to the Kentish region, located in the North West Coast and Western Wilderness regions of Tasmania. Sheffield 'Town of Murals' is a quaint, rural town with Mt Roland as a stunning backdrop. More than 50 large-scale murals have transformed Sheffield into Tasmania's outdoor art gallery. The murals depict pioneering history and the natural beauty of the region. Railton, 'Town of Topiary', Wilmot 'Valley of Views' and Cradle Mountain all form part of Tasmania's outdoor art gallery.

### 'Story of the Sheffield Murals' Audio Tour

Hear how Sheffield was transformed into Tasmania's renowned 'Town of Murals' and Outdoor Art Gallery. Check out this review from a visitor who has experienced the audio tour. *"Have just completed the audio tour of the murals. Well worth the money and the effort. Feel we know and understand the town and the people past and present. Well done Sheffield. A town to be proud of."*

Visit [www.sheffieldcradleinfo.com.au](http://www.sheffieldcradleinfo.com.au) to access more information on the mural audio tour, accommodation bookings, tours and attractions.

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Waldheim Cabins at Cradle Mountain National Park can be booked 24/7 on [www.sheffieldcradleinfo.com.au](http://www.sheffieldcradleinfo.com.au).

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14<sup>th</sup> November, 2010

**Kentish Garden Trail**

27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2010

**Wilmot Produce Market**

4<sup>th</sup> December, 2010

**2010 Christmas Parade Sheffield**

17<sup>th</sup> December, 2010

**Claude Road Hall Market**

18<sup>th</sup> December, 2010

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# Events

## Cradle Mountain Chateau Triple Top Mountain Run

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2010

Congratulations to Allan Hood from Hobart who won the Cradle Mountain Chateau Triple Top Mountain Run held on Sunday 14th November, 2010.

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 19 years with an extremely tough 19.7 kilometre course.

The race started on Round Mountain and included Mt Claude, Mt Van Dyke and Mt Roland before finishing at the Claude Road Hall. Competitors assembled at the Claude Road Hall where they were transported to the start by bus. The race finished at the Claude Road Hall where food and drinks were supplied by the Lions Club. Intending walkers were 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 attracted 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, contributed towards a memorable day for both competitors and spectators.



## Cradle Mountain Canyons

### Cradle Mountain

Cradle Mountain Canyons (CMC) is Tasmania's first canyoning business and will begin operations in early December 2010. It is owned and operated by two Tasmanians who have worked as canyoning and rafting guides both locally and overseas for over a decade.

CMC caters for a range of abilities and desires. Adrenalin junkies can do no better than the Dove Canyon trip – the new must do in Tasmania for those who like a rush. The Dove Canyon combines abseiling, waterfall jumps and unreal scenery for an experience you will remember for the rest of your life. On the other hand, those looking for a unique but non-scary way to experience nature will love the Lost World Canyon. This trip is very easy and open to children as young as eight. Float leisurely down the Dove River and see this amazing ecosystem as a platypus sees it.

Safety is CMC's number one priority. All guides are highly experienced and skilled and have internationally recognised first aid, swift-water rescue and abseiling qualifications. They will give you a pre-trip briefing and ensure your trip through the canyon is safe and fun. Join CMC for an adventure and discover the secret side of Cradle Mountain!

Call 0420 412 336 or check out [www.cradlemountaincanyons.com.au](http://www.cradlemountaincanyons.com.au) for further information.

## Kentish Garden Trail Sheffield

27 - 28 November 2010

The Kentish Garden Trail will feature six to eight unique gardens that will be open to the public from the 27-28 November 2010. All \$2.00 entry fees will be going to The Leukemia Foundation. The gardens are located in and around Sheffield with quite a variety of gardens on show. Gardens for viewing are on small town blocks as well as other gardens on larger two to three acre lots.

There will be maps at each open garden to show the various gardens open in the Kentish region and surrounds. Any enquiries, please contact Susie on 03 6491 1239.

# TASMANIAN TOURISM AWARDS

## Construction work near Cradle Valley Board Walk

Congratulations to all Tasmanian Tourism Award winners for their outstanding achievements across all sectors of the tourism industry! The Minister's Award for Outstanding Contribution to Tourism went to our very own Cradle Coast Authority Regional Tourism Development Manager, Ian Waller. The Wilderness Gallery won the Tasmanian Tourism Award for Specialised Tourism Services.

Around fifty representatives from the Cradle Coast tourism industry attended the Tasmanian Tourism Awards in Hobart on the 12<sup>th</sup> November 2010 in a proud show of support for the region's entrants. The state tourism awards recognised outstanding achievements across all sectors of the tourism industry.

Finalists from our region who attended the Tasmanian Tourism Awards as part of the Cradle Coast contingent included representatives from Redwater Creek Steam and Heritage Society (competing in both the 'Heritage and Cultural Tourism' and 'Festivals and Events' categories), Cradle Mountain Chateau and Cradle Mountain Wilderness Gallery.

Regional Tourism Development Manager at Cradle Coast Authority, Ian Waller, highlighted that Cradle Coast finalists were proud to be recognised among Tasmania's best. Mr Waller stated, "The group's shared support is a mark of how unique we are as a region and it demonstrates the co-operative approach we've taken to these Awards".

As of December this year a new business, Cradle Mountain Canyons, will be running commercial canyoning tours on the Dove River near Cradle Mountain. As part of the process of obtaining a license to run these tours, Parks and Wildlife are requiring the construction of two access tracks and platforms, so tours will operate with a minimum impact on the vegetation in the area. A number of bolts will be installed into the cliffs of Dove Canyon for the purpose of providing anchors for abseiling.

The two tracks to be constructed lead from the Cradle Valley Board Walk to the Dove River. One of the platforms and the bolting will be done in the vicinity of the Dove Canyon Circuit Track.

Power tools will be utilised at some points in the construction process but impact on other users of the area will be kept to a minimum. The majority of activity will be confined to an area adjacent to the Cradle Valley Board Walk, in the vicinity of Soldiers Creek. All existing tracks will continue to be open to the public throughout the construction process.

## Devils@Cradle

### What's happening at the Sanctuary!

3950 Cradle Mountain Road, Cradle Mountain

Devils@Cradle has recently expanded the reception, gift shop, interpretation centre, viewing and car-parking areas to assist the centre staff in catering for increased visitor numbers to the sanctuary, including large coach groups. Much work has been done on enclosures and walking tracks throughout the sanctuary. The focus of the facility over the next few years will be to continue to enhance the visitor experience, maintain a genetically and demographically diverse breeding population of animals and continue with field monitoring work which will include the release of small numbers of individuals into the wild.



Eastern Quolls, Spotted-Tail Quolls and Tasmanian devils have been successfully bred at the sanctuary this year. The sanctuary now has seven baby devils, ten baby Spotted-Tail Quoll and three baby Eastern Quoll, all starting to enjoy the warmer spring weather. Devils@Cradle commenced their 8.30pm tour (in addition to the 5.30pm tour) on first of November. All Day Entry to Devils@Cradle costs \$15 per adult with the choice to join a tour or wander at your leisure. Evening feeding tours are \$25 per adult. So, if you are visiting Tasmania in the next few months, it is an ideal time to come and see the baby animals at the sanctuary!

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