



## Railton And Districts Development Association Inc.

RADDAi Newsletter  
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### Welcome to the Railton and Districts Development Association Inc Newsletter

#### *Foster Street Development*

##### Second Stage Upgrade

The Topiary donated by the Apex Club and RADDAi to line the first section of the main business district upgrade in Railton are growing well and starting to thicken and shape nicely. . The second stage has commenced with the storm water drainage work and we hope that this side will be completed ASAP now that work has been undertaken.

It was disappointing to see that one of the spiral topiary near Bellchambers Joinery was totally destroyed by being broken off from the bottom on the weekend of 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> November. Please consider that it is the town that pays in the long run for the improvements to the town and for replacement of vandalised community assets.

#### *RADDAi Christmas Raffle*

Christmas Hamper - Drawn at  
“*Santa Clause is Coming to Town*”  
evening, Lions Park, 9<sup>th</sup> December

Thanks to all the businesses and community members who have made donations to the raffle. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

#### *Topiary Group Raffle*

“*Lucky Christmas Bear*”  
Drawn at *Don Chorale* evening  
Railton RSL, 15<sup>th</sup> December

The prize is a beautiful big Christmas Bear and 15 Scratch tickets. Many thanks to Railton Fruit and Veg – you will find the raffle there if you wish to purchase a ticket.

#### *Police Report*

**Topiary Damage:** Police believe that the damage was caused by a vehicle running over the topiary.

Police do not believe that it was an accident and that the damage was a deliberate act as a second topiary next to the destroyed one has been damaged, and it appears that the offenders have attempted to snap it by hand but have been unsuccessful. Anyone with information about the vehicle involved or the persons responsible should contact Constable Rance Swinton at the Railton Police Station on 64961110 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000

**Hooning:** Police are concerned about the increased number of hooning vehicles in the Railton residential areas; this behavior is dangerous and illegal. Hooning includes a maintained loss of traction (Burnouts), exhibitions of speed and racing. Members of the public are encouraged to report these incidents to Police as action can be taken if reports are made. For the report to be made police do need the following details; time, date and vehicle registration. The following details are also desirable if possible; a description of the vehicle, driver and the number of persons in the vehicle. Anyone wishing to make a report of hooning please contact Constable Rance Swinton at Railton Police on 64961110

#### *Topiary Group Cake Stall*

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December, 8:30am

Thank you to all who have supported the cake stalls throughout the year. Our funds continue to support the promotion of Railton’s topiary. A huge thank you once again to Ruth Beaumont and Colleen Jensen for the enormous amount of cooking they have done throughout the year.

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## *Don Chorale*

**Railton RSL Lounge, 15th December 7:00pm**

The Railton and Districts Development Assoc Inc is pleased to present

### *An evening of Christmas Carols and Songs*

The wonderful Don Chorale will be singing Christmas carols and songs on  
15<sup>th</sup> December 7:30pm at the RSL lounge

There is no cover charge, so add the date to your diary early!

RADDAi will be providing a free supper following the performance. All are  
most welcome and bring your friends. Enquiries – phone 0417 556 700.

## *“Santa Claus is coming to town!”*

**Lions Park, Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December, 6:00 pm**

The Railton and Districts Development Assoc Inc is pleased to present

### *“Santa Claus is Coming to Town”*



An evening of

**Christmas Carols, a free BBQ,**

**And**

**Santa will arrive during the evening  
With a Christmas Gift for the Children**



**At**

**Lions Park, Railton**

So, bring your chairs/blankets, and enjoy the BBQ and  
Christmas Carols sung by the Railton School Children.

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# Railton & Districts Development Assoc. Inc Light Up Railton Competition



We would love to see Railton really lit up with Christmas Lights  
Please enter the competition no matter how big or small your display

If you don't wish to go win a prize, just circle the non-competitive section on the entry form.

We have some amazing prizes again this year with combined value of \$550 thanks to our sponsors:

*Darren Brown from the Shoreline Hotel  
And  
Gail and Frank from paradise Place B & B*

Judging will take place between 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> December  
Entries eligible from Railton, Sunnyside, MerseyLea, Dulverton, Stoodley

### Entry Form

<b>Name:</b> (Business Name if applicable)	<b>Address:</b>	<b>Phone Number:</b>
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COMPETITIVE / NON COMPETITIVE (please circle)

Does your display have a "name":

**Competition Entry Forms - drop into entry from boxes located at:**  
 Looking Glass Cottage  
 The Town of Topiary Tea Rooms

**Entries must be received by December 18th**  
 Spare entry forms available at Looking Glass Cottage and Town of Topiary Tearooms



## Best Christmas Lights Prizes

Prize Value: \$250.00  
2 nights accommodation  
*including* breakfast

### Shoreline Hotel



### Howrah

[www.shorelinehotel.com.au](http://www.shorelinehotel.com.au)

Phone (03) 6247 9504

Situated in the city of Clarence, on Hobart's Eastern Shore, the Shoreline overlooks the beautiful Derwent River with the city of Hobart with Mount Wellington in the background.

After opening in 1967 and enjoying a reputation as being one of Hobart's premier entertainment venues of the day, a substantial refurbishment was undertaken in 2001 bringing the hotel back to its former glory but in a modern style.

The multi award-winning Shoreline Hotel now has a large bistro with adjacent function area, 3 bars, gaming, accommodation and a large bottle shop.

Prize Value: \$300.00  
2 nights accommodation  
*including* breakfast

### Paradise Place B & B



### Hawley Beach

[www.paradiseplacebnb.com.au](http://www.paradiseplacebnb.com.au)

Phone (03) 64286913

Paradise Place B&B is a luxury romantic adult only Bed and Breakfast

The "WOW FACTOR" is obvious from the moment you see Paradise Place B&B. Quality fittings and features throughout; starting with amazing entry and buffet area. Ambient guest lounge with TV, DVD and CD player, exudes comfort and style. Opening out on to the guest alfresco, where you can enjoy a bottle of wine and order a Gourmet Platter.

Continental Breakfast, tea and coffee facilities are provided, whilst picnic hampers and tasty treats are available. Paradise Place caters for up to two adult-only couples, ensuring your tranquil luxury romantic getaway.

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## Economic Development

### Community Bank

There will be a steering committee meeting for Bendigo / Community Bank on **Saturday 5 December 2009, 7:30am** (yes, morning) at Slaters Country Store. Anyone interested in helping this project along in any way is welcome to attend.

## Blooming Tasmania

This year the Association has continued its membership with Blooming Tasmania to continue to increase promotion of the town and the topiary not only within the Tasmanian Community but also on a national and international level also. The Association has again also paid for a ½ page ad for the 2009/2010 Blooming Tasmania Booklet. The booklet has just been released in the Gardening Australia Magazine across Australia. Our special thanks one again to Lyn Maxfield from Ebony Design at Stoodley for donating the design of the ad once again.

Along with our ad and membership, we also are featured on the Blooming Tasmania Website Under tours/walks.

Visit [www.bloomingtasmania.com.au](http://www.bloomingtasmania.com.au).

## Green Hall

The Green Hall Committee is seeking suggestions for a new name following the refurbishment of the facility. If you would like to submit a suggestion, please contact the Green Hall committee.

## Major Donations

### Town Promotion Funding

Our grateful thanks go to Cement Australia for their continued support of the town's promotion. Their donation will provide an extra month of advertising on Southern Cross in January.

### Christmas Activities Funding

Our thanks also go to the Kentish Council for providing funding towards the Railton Christmas activities. We have several activities planned as outlined in the newsletter and hope the community members enjoy them all.

## Other Information...

### Railton Recycle Centre

The Recycle centre has closed with the introduction of kerb side bins for recycling and consequently this Associations activities have therefore finished after many years of sorting, crushing glass etc. We wish to extend our thanks to the many volunteers who have contributed to the smooth operation at the Centre over the years. We would especially like to acknowledge Phillip Foster who has managed the centre for the past years until it closed – the time given and dedication has been tremendous. Thanks also go to the Kentish Council for the use of the facility.

### Kentish Visitor Information Centre

If you haven't already, check out their website – [www.cradleinfo.com.au](http://www.cradleinfo.com.au).

## Dates for the Diary

5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	7:30am	Community Bank Steering Committee Meeting - Slaters Country Store.
6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	8:30am	Topiary Group Cake Stall
9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6:00pm	Santa in the Park - Lions Park <i>Christmas Songs &amp; Carols by Railton Primary School, Santa &amp; Free Community BBQ</i>
15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	7:00pm	Don Chorale - Railton RSL <i>Christmas Carols &amp; Songs</i>
18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	midday	Entries for Light Up Railton due in
19-21 Dec	9:00pm	Light Up Railton competition judging



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**SHOP LOCALLY** We are publishing this story from Tasmanian Parent Magazine to encourage all the community, where possible to shop locally – at your local corner store, food outlets, specialty shops and businesses to keep our town alive and provide jobs now, to grow local businesses and provide local services and jobs for the future generations.

## Where Did The Corner Store. Go?

BY Yvonne Gluyas

I have always wanted to live in the country. Not right out in the bush away from civilisation, but in a little country village. I just wanted a few basic facilities and room for the kids to have a horse and a trail bike.

THAT'S why, a few years ago, we moved to Hampton. The kids had to bus to school, as the little two-teacher village school was closed down years ago, but when we moved here Hampton had a bank, post office, general corner store, hotel and hardware shop, as well as a garage, milk-bar, art & craft shop and tea-rooms.

YOU can just imagine my shock when first the post office, and then the bank, closed down! Not that I ever used them, I always went into town to do my banking and buy stamps, but what would happen if I suddenly needed these services now? Actually, I did most of my shopping in town. Well, it was more convenient.

I had to take my son to his music lessons in town once a week, and my daughter went to Cadet Training every Friday night, so that's when I did my main shopping at the "Big Freeway Supermarket", although I never really enjoyed shopping there. Sometimes I had to park miles away in the crowded supermarket car-park and the staff were very young and not very helpful, but, in the long run, they were a couple of dollars cheaper than the Hampton Store.

DON'T get me wrong, I did shop locally, too. I would buy my bread, milk and paper from the corner store in Hampton nearly every day! Mrs Oliver, who ran the store with the help of her family, was such a nice person. Occasionally, if I ran out of sugar, flour or breakfast cereal, I would buy it here too, and her very helpful son would always carry my bag out to the car.

I suppose multi-national supermarket chains can always buy their products a bit cheaper, and sometimes they pass these savings on to us. I joined a "rewards" club at the Big Freeway Supermarket. There was a huge promotion about it, and I imagined getting enough points to buy up big at Christmas, but, when I added it all up, I had to spend thousands of dollars just to get a \$20 voucher! Mrs Oliver said it was some American idea of getting customers to be loyal to one supermarket, and I suppose she is right.

OF course, I never bothered to shop at the Hampton Hardware Store. It was just as easy to buy the timber and wire-netting for our new henhouse in town, and who in their right mind would buy the farming tools or check shirts they stocked! The funny thing was, when Mrs Oliver decided to put an extension on the corner store last year, she had the blokes from the Hardware shop do all the work. I told her it would be cheaper to get trades people in from town, but she muttered something about "keeping local money in Hampton.

THEN, early this year, the hardware store closed down. I don't suppose many would miss that old dinosaur, except, perhaps, the family who ran it, the two men employed there, and their families. Actually, these three families soon moved out of the village, looking for work.

WHO would have thought that this was the beginning of the end? I went to buy my milk and papers a few months ago, and found Mrs Oliver packing up the store. She said they were closing down, as not enough people shopped there anymore. Well, how rude! I always bought my bits and pieces at the corner store, surely she didn't expect me to do all my grocery shopping there, too? Her son went on the dole, there weren't any other jobs he could do in Hampton.

WHEN the garage closed down last month, we gave up. We used to get a few tourists here, who would top up with petrol then browse through the craft shop or have afternoon tea. After the garage closed down, not many tourists stopped any more. The craft shop was the next to close down, and then the tea-rooms and the milk bar. Hampton was no longer the thriving little village that I wanted to live in, so we put the house on the market. The estate agent from town came out for a look, and said we would be lucky to get \$50,000 for the house.

HOW ridiculous! We paid \$90,000 for it only a few years ago, but here was this man saying that the property values in Hampton had dropped because-it was now a depressed area. He pointed out that there wasn't even a corner store! As if that was my fault!

Now try reading this story using the word RAILTON instead of Hampton.  
See what is happening right before your eyes....



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