

SNAKES ALIVE!

More than 50 Smoke Signals readers attended the snake education session presented by Ian Norton from Reptile Rescue at the Dilston Hall in February.

We learnt to distinguish a tiger snake from a copperhead, how to live happily with snakes and, most important, what to do in case of a snake bite.

As a thank you for their ongoing work to keep us safe, Smoke Signals donated \$500 from our advertising revenue to Reptile Rescue.

IF YOU MISSED IT - all of the information is available on line – just go to smokesignalscn.com click on Smoke signals and then the snake bite supportive material. Thumb drives with the info are also available from Hillwood & Windermere shops



Ian Norton talks to a packed Dilston Hall



Snake handler Griffen Piper shows a copperhead



Trainee Reptile Rescue worker Jing Yu in the snake pit

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Letters To The Editor

Hi Tony

I struck a potentially bad safety situation this morning at the blind corner of Dilston Road where the old hotel is. There was a guy walking North with his dog on the left hand side of the road. If another car had come around the corner my choice would have been to run into him or the oncoming car and I guess it was obvious which choice would have been made!!

It is unreasonable (and impractical) for us to demand a wider road there and in similar blind spots on the Windermere Road – it should be up to pedestrian traffic to use common sense and walk on the correct side of the road so they can see oncoming traffic and take appropriate evasive action. So I suggest a little note in the Newsletter along the lines of something like this –

Pedestrian Safety

Please walk on the side of the road where you can clearly see and avoid oncoming traffic. There are several blind corners on the Dilston and Windermere Roads which are dangerous if walking on the same side of the road as traffic flow because the road there is narrow.

You edit a very nicely presented publication.

Cheers

Is anyone interested in joining a Dilston-Windermere Canasta Club?

We could meet weekly, monthly or whenever is suited, with only 2 players or more. It could be a social gathering where the card playing is accompanied by some nice wine with cheese and biscuits (but nothing more elaborate).

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Community Education Session



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To register, please email or phone Jenny:

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BIRDS OF THE TAMAR By Jon Hosford

Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo (Zanda funereal)



melanoxylon), after the invasive grubs that pupate in these trees. They have been known to ringbark some trees in an endeavour to gain this food. It is probable that these trees invaded would not have been long lived in normal circumstances.

They spend the winter months in flocks of 20-30 birds in the Tamar Valley. Yellow-tailed black cockatoos are endangered in South Australia and certainly suffered a population decline after the bushfires in Victoria/ NSW last year. They are common enough in Tasmania's bushland, however they rely on hollows for nesting and seed cones for food. I suspect we may see fewer of them as we remove the aging macrocarpa pine trees in our valley.

Have you ever heard the invasion call of our laid-back marauders?

Yes, the Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoos are to me the most human-like birds in our district. They travel in flocks quite slowly and always let you know of their presence as they pass. They adore eating cone nuts and any seed bearing pod that attracts their fancy. These birds spend the summer months in the highlands where they feed from the seed of hakea and like native species. They will occasionally cause upset to native tree lovers by invading young Blackwood trees (Acacia

Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoos have a long breeding season, which varies throughout their range. Both sexes construct the nest, which is a large tree hollow, lined with wood chips.

The female alone incubates the eggs, whilst the male supplies her with food.

It is usual that only one chick survives, and this will stay in the care of its parents for about six months.

Next time you hear the familiar "keeow" call, look up and appreciate

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EAST TAMAR MENS SHED

We are grateful to announce the continuing support of State Government through the Mens Shed Grants program in the successful delivery of our materials store container. This project has been a considerable challenge to our Committee, negotiating Council requirements. We have persevered and have succeeded in gaining support from Council for the extension of our lease and the purchase and delivery of the container.

We are most grateful to Rio Tinto, through a community grant, for the provision of a twin-head drum sander for finishing woodwork projects to a high standard. The provision of equipment such as this allows members to engage in projects that benefit them and members of the community. We invite community to enquire as to our ability to undertake woodwork and metalwork projects that have eluded you. Our members gain satisfaction from doing things together and sharing the joy of being useful in community after their formal work is finished. We are also keen to encourage younger members to share our experience. Check us out in your spare time on a Saturday morning.

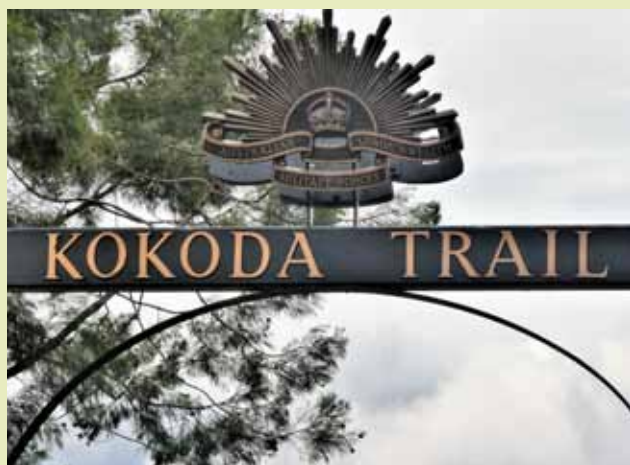
We have been working towards contributions to the Made with Love Market being organised for April 10th. Look forward to this event. We are well supported by Fiona Miller and the many stall holders who will make this market special for the East Tamar community.

I remind community of our special planned evening on the eve of ANZAC Day this year. ETMS member, Peter Steckenko will present an evening on the Kokoda Trail and its wartime history through slides he has on a visit in recent years. This will serve as a fitting tribute to those community members who served in New Guinea during World War 2. Due to COVID restrictions on shared space, we have limited numbers. Bookings are essential to Jon Hosford or Alf Waters. \$15 per head for a light meal and the presentation. Proceeds will assist our SHED sustainability as an organisation.

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ETMS is assisted by
equipment grants
from the Tasmanian
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Peter Steckenko Presents

An evening of reflection on the Kokoda Trail
at the Dilston Memorial Hall

Saturday April 24th

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OUR HISTORY

APPLES ON THE TAMAR

The East Tamar was home to a flourishing orchard industry for nearly 100 years. At its peak there were more than 50 commercial orchards growing apples and pears between Rocherlea and Beaconsfield. There were jetties along the East Tamar at Dilston, Windermere, Woodlawn, Leam, Hillwood and Craighburn, where apples were shipped, first to Launceston, then, when exports to Britain began in the 1920s, to Beauty Point. In 1928, the Examiner took its readers on an entertaining jaunt down the East side of the river:

"One of the main industries on the east side of the Tamar is fruitgrowing, and from Rocherlea, where the annual fruit and vegetable show is held, let us start at Mr C. White's 23 acre orchard. These young trees are coming on well. Then we come to the Archer brothers. They have a well kept orchard.

Then we reach Mr Watson's orchard, 20 acres. Watson lives in England at the present time. W. Hill's property, about 600 acres, has a very nice home. His three sons, Phil, Gerald and Alfred have each a well kept orchard on their own farms. One old apple tree, in 1926, on Percy Hill's property, had a crop of 30 bushels on it. (a bushel of apples was about 20 kgs. Ed)

Windermere Estate is owned by Mrs Stephenson, of White Hills. At Swan Bay G. Williamson, a returned



Picking Apples at Hillwood

soldier, has a 12 acre orchard, and Coward Brothers have a similar area under fruit.

Hugh Law has a 17 acre good orchard, well kept. Mr Curran's homestead and orchard is a well kept one. Mr Ben Saunders has a good orchard overlooking the river. Other orchardists are at Hillwood – Westbrook's, Dodery's, Saul's, Perrin's, Findlay's. Lower down the river we come to Johnson's homestead. He has 40 acres of orchard. Mr Booth has done well with his fruit in the past. The Bay View, owned by Mr Ritchie, is a large apple and pear orchard. The owner

has done well out of fruit, as have many other fruit growers on both sides of the Tamar River."

The Tasmanian industry reached its peak in 1964, when 6.4 million boxes were exported to Europe. Its subsequent decline was hastened by Britain's entry into the European Common Market in the 70s, and many orchards have been taken over by urban development or new crops like cherries and wine grapes.

Our two remaining commercial orchards in the district, Miller's at Hillwood and Lee's at Dilston are an important part of our historical heritage.

Ivan Dean MLC
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I am frequently in the Hillwood and Dilston areas and happy to catch up should I be able to assist with any issues.

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Tamar Apples

CHURCH NEWS St Matthias' Anglican Church

We are all very excited that services have now re-started at St M "post-COVID". Our attendance is limited to 30, but we have managed to abide by the COVID-safe requirements. There is a real joyous atmosphere with our musicians leading the singing, the feel of the hope and presence of the Lord, and so far the weather has been kind for refreshments outdoor afterwards, John Tongue has been appointed as our main regular minister. He has specific responsibility within the parish for St Matthias', so come along so he can get to know you all.



The special season of Easter is now upon us.

Sun March 28th Palm Sunday at St Matthias' 9am

Fri. April 2nd Good Friday service @ Holy Trinity 10:30am.

Sun. April 4th Easter Sunday at St Matthias' 9am . Come and celebrate the joy of new life through the Risen Lord. Some special music is planned...and Easter Eggs of course! We would love you to decorate your mailboxes or front yards with an Easter theme again this year. They gave such a happy and warm feel to Windermere last year; a true sign of community.

Sat. May 1st. 9am-4pm Open Day at St M, as part of the National Trust Heritage Festival, celebrating the theme of 'Our Heritage for the Future'. History display, questions answered, refreshments. If you would like a copy of the Power Point presentation on our church history, given to the Georgetown Historical Society recently, bring along a USB to the Open Day and we will copy this for you FOC.

May 3rd will be 175 years since the first baptism at StM: Emma Goodson. This is a wonderful heritage milestone to celebrate during the Festival.

Sun. May 9th. Mothers' Day. Normal Eucharist service on a special day for Mums. Bring along mum, grandma, a special lady, your daughter, or just your own personal special family memories to reflect on in church.

A cold church on cool autumn and winter mornings will soon be a thing of the past. Our Parish Council is investigating installation of gas heating similar to that recently installed in St Andrews Evandale which has been approved by Heritage Tasmania, so this extra comfort should not detract from our heritage values.

Our project to build new storage cupboards at the rear of the church to conceal our catering requirements, is at the stage of obtaining quotes, so it is slowly ticking along....

A few in our church community have asked us to keep their sick family members in our thoughts and prayers. Please never under-estimate the power of prayer. Also remember that the Electoral Roll closes early August. So the Spirit is alive and well here; and you are always welcome to worship with us. Second and fourth Sundays each month 9am. Rector Dane Courtney 63310041 John Tongue 0488473973). As usual, the 10.30am service at Holy Trinity will be available to watch live-stream at home or to catch up on later in the day via our YouTube channel: You can follow any updates on Facebook: stmatthiaswindermere or contact Marg Hosford 0409317806 for further details.

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

I think that everyone will agree that we in Tasmania have been very fortunate to be living on this beautiful island where we have been able, for many months, to experience relative (but cautious) freedom to move around. Not only that, but how fortunate are we to enjoy this lovely community of garden lovers! We welcomed quite a few new members in 2020 and look forward to a long and happy association with you all.

“Wychwood”, Mole Creek



The Labyrinth motif

February saw a large group of us visiting this beautiful garden in Mole Creek, organised by Ros Ryan. Matt and David have added their own special personality since they took ownership at the height of the floods in 2016. Wychwood is 2-1/2 acres of secluded garden rooms and spaces using many old and unusual plants.

A highlight (and the shape of their garden motif) is the labyrinth, formed by mowing at two levels to make the pathway to the intriguing sculpture called “Ancient Column” (by Gerald Makin) at its centre.

The spiral garden formed by privet hedges is magical and sets off the weathered sculptures within

perfectly. The orchard contains some old cultivars of apples including Grimes Golden which was discovered in the 1830s and is thought to be one of the parents of the Golden Delicious. We all sampled this delicious apple – sun-warmed and straight from the tree!

The vegetable garden was bursting at the seams with late summer produce: vegetables, berries and espaliered fruit. The Catshead Apple is one of the latter. It was bred in England in the 1600s, with bright green skin and soft white flesh, ripening late.

The group enjoyed lunch at the Mole Creek Hotel before visiting the garden just a short drive away. For those of you who have not been to this garden – I urge you to do so. Hours are 10.00 am – 4.00 pm, Friday to Monday. It is not open in winter.



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“Stoneacre”, Gravelly Beach



The pond at “Stoneacre

This property is approximately 1-1/2 acres. Rosemary and her husband, Alf, moved here four years ago. At the time, the garden consisted of exotic plants with mature deciduous trees and lots of hellebores and daffodils. Since then, they have undertaken a major renovation of the house and made changes to the garden with an emphasis on having more Australian plants which has increased the birdlife and biodiversity. They have added a pond and bog area and allowed the natural grass patches to go unmown for 12 months at a time.

We lunched in the sheltered garden courtyard, before being taken on a tour of the garden by Rosemary, who is very knowledgeable about the plants in her garden. She keenly propagates for selling at native plant sales, and from her home nursery. Thank you to Elizabeth File for organising this really interesting garden visit. If you would like to visit this nursery and garden, please contact Rosemary Verbeeten on 0458 812 850



A shady corner with pond guarded by dragon and surrounded by native violets



Quirky garden sculpture of kookaburras in the garden at “Stoneacre”

THE BEES IN MY GARDEN

Like in Europe and the USA, there is one part of Australia that has seen honey production plunge by 75%. Can you guess where? And why it could be an eco disaster?



Unique to Kangaroo Island, the island is a declared reservation for the Ligurian honeybee, and is considered a disease-free bee sanctuary.

But that has come under threat after thousands of bees were killed and more than a thousand hives destroyed when fire ripped through Kangaroo Island in January last year, and devastated the western half of the island.

Ligurian honey bees

The Ligurian bees on Kangaroo Island are believed to be the last remaining pure stock of this insect found anywhere in the world. They have been thriving on the island for the past 135 years after the South Australian Government declared the island a bee sanctuary.

Kangaroo Island Ligurian Queen Bees owner Stephen Heatley lost 40 of his hives in the fires but “guessed” up to 500 hives could have succumbed to the flames. “That part of the island that was burnt was the main drawcard for keepers to put their hives,” he said. He said the Ligurian honey bees were introduced from Italy and arrived in Australia via the United States in 1885, before making their way to Kangaroo Island. “They’ve stayed here ever since,” he said. The production of Ligurian honey has boomed on the island and it is now used to make a range of products, including beauty products and skincare, as well as being enjoyed for its unique taste.

The Tasmanian honey industry is no stranger to bushfire devastation, when Leatherwood honey production was decimated a few years ago, also from bushfires. But what’s special about the Kangaroo Island situation is the rarity of the Ligurian honey bee.

Devastating losses for apiarists

Peter Davis’s Kangaroo Island beekeeping business was ravaged by the fire.

He lost up to 400 of his 1,000 beehives. His son’s house burnt down, and in it 600 kilograms of honey turned into a sticky pool on the ground. “We have a community spirit here on Kangaroo Island that is not burnable,” he said. “It hurts. It hurts to see this and I don’t want anyone to go through this again— but I will be here helping them.” But even those that have survived are facing a dire future and may not be able to produce honey. “If we can’t get them onto a resource where there’s flowers, nectar and pollen, the queens will stop breeding and they’ll just decline in numbers,” Mr Davis said.

Despite the challenges, those in the industry are determined to help the Ligurian bee and Kangaroo Island honey industry recover. “We have the Ligurian bee genetics and they are special, we are a bee sanctuary, the bees here are protected and many of us feel very responsible to care for that and look after them and preserve what we have here,” Mr Hinves said. “Who knows what the future holds worldwide with the bee diseases and pests that we have; we’re relatively safe here.” Their story is a lesson on how vulnerable our eco-systems are, and how watchful and prepared our communities must be to protect all at risk flora and fauna.



Beekeepers on Kangaroo Island are feeding bees flowers that they have not tried before which will lead to new flavours of honey.(ABC News: Lincoln Rothall)



Beekeeper Mick Geursen has had to rebuild his beekeeping business from scratch after losing everything in the bushfires.(ABC News: Lincoln Rothall)

WINDERMERE CAFE NEWS



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HOME FIRE SAFETY

As the season starts to change, the temperatures drop and we find ourselves looking towards a few small jobs that need doing as we approach the coldest months.

The TFS advised that drying clothing be no closer than 2M to heat source, and preferably greater. If hanging clothing out overnight to dry, then is it best placed well clear of any heating device, and of course, we recommend that smoke alarms be fitted in the house..

On the topic of drying clothes, ensure lint filters are kept clear

Are you electric blankets in good condition?? Replace them if you find any damage, and remember never place heavy objects on them!

Don't forget also to change your smoke alarm batteries if applicable at each change of daylight savings!



HOME FIRE SAFETY AUDITS

...and whilst talking about smoke alarms, did you know we are able to visit your place of residence to undertake a home fire safety audit?

This is a FREE service offered by both brigades, and one where we can aid in the installation of smoke alarms also.

Please feel free to contact one of the officers listed below, and we can make a time to visit. Quite a few members of our community have taken advantage of this service.

WOOD HEATERS | CHIMNEYS AND FLUS

As the colder weather sets in, a reminder to everyone to ensure your wood heater flue is cleaned prior to being used this year. The build up of soot and creosote is the major cause of chimney and flue fires, and can in worst case lead to surrounding roofing materials catching fire.



2nd Officer Paul and 3rd Officer Ben recently out and about!!

END OF PERMIT PERIOD

By the time this issue is delivered the permit period will have ended. Thankyou to all residents that asked for permits this season and for the registering of burns in general. Please continue to register you burns and it helps us keep a track on fires in our area.



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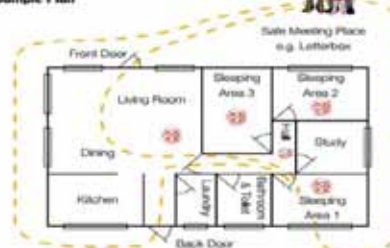
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mins**

The fire has spread to the walls of the room. All of the contents is



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Sample Plan



HAPPY NEWS:

WILSON, Annabelle Mary was born on 18th July 2020. Her parents are Morgan and Ben Wilson. Annabelle is the grand-daughter of Helen and the late Mark Miller and the great-grand-daughter of Pat and the late Kevin Miller.

DONNELLY, Hallie Rose was born on 2nd March 2021. Her parents are Alex Tyeson and Luke Donnelly. Hallie is the grand-daughter of David Donnelly of Hillwood and Lynne Smith of Queensland and the great-grand-daughter of Janis and Barrie Robinson of Swan Bay and Jeff and Nancy Donnelly of Hillwood. Trudy Hoffman and Alan Smith welcome Hallie also.

WELCOME to Luke and Alex who recently moved into their new home in Hillwood.

EVANS: Jaeger Mitchell Evans was born in November 2020. His parents are Stacey and Chae Evans. He is the first grandson for Lana and Scott Ellis.

FAREWELL to Lana and Scott who recently sold their home in Hillwood. Scott was born in Hillwood and lived all of his life here. He is the son of the late Dot and Doug Ellis who lived in Hillwood for many years. Scott played football for Hillwood from Mini-League through to Seniors. The sons of Lana and Scott, Jonty and Jobi who lived all their lives in Hillwood, played for Hillwood Mini-League and Lana's twin sons, Chae and Ashley Evans also played for Hillwood. We will miss you all.

SAD NEWS:

FRENCH, Darral of Mt Direction died on 9th February 2021 after a very short battle with cancer. He leaves a loving wife Lorraine and children Isaac and Shannon. Our sympathy to you all and Lorraine's sister and brother-in-law Sally and David Young and family.

MILLER, Kevin of Hillwood passed peacefully away at Aldersgate Newnham on 2nd March 2021. He was the beloved husband of Pat, father and father-in-law of Mark (dec) and Helen, Stephen and Susan, Todd and Kim and Wade and Emi-con, grand-father of twelve and great-grandfather of one, little Annabelle Wilson.

Kevin was well-known in Hillwood as part owner of the former G C Miller and Sons Orchard as well as a popular community member who played football and cricket for Hillwood and was also a noted player for and member of the Northern Tasmanian Cricket Association.

After his funeral, a well-attended and special afternoon was held in the Hillwood Football Clubrooms to celebrate his life. He will be missed as a respected and loved resident of Hillwood and our sympathy goes out to Pat and his loving family.

FAREWELL also to PHIL KELLY and DOT POOLE. Phil returned to Hillwood some time ago after growing up in Hillwood when he bought the house next door to where he grew up. Phil became heavily involved with the Hillwood Football Club as did Dot. Phil did an exceptional job of looking after the ground in particular among other jobs and Dot was for years the loved Bar Manager for the Club. Phil sold his house and moved out of Hillwood but

he and Dot are still seen often at functions and events and will be following the games when they commence. Dot has also filled in as Bar Manager when required.

WELCOME TO ALL NEW RESIDENTS:

When people move out, others move in. So, Hillwood welcomes all our new residents, we hope you enjoy living here as much as we do.

A BERRY ENJOYABLE AFTERNOON was held on Saturday 6th of the long weekend. The event was hosted by HILLWOOD FOOTBALL CLUB in appreciation of the ongoing sponsorship of Hillwood Berry Farm. A fun afternoon was provided for the Tongans and East Timorese who work at the Berry Farm.

When the guests arrived in busloads, they were first treated to a meal for which six BBQ's were required to cook the food provided.

The guests were then treated to some lessons in AFL. While they might have known a lot about soccer and rugby and nothing about AFL football, their lack of knowledge was rectified when they were treated to some lessons. After some coaching in hand passing followed by kicking, six teams were formed to play three games of 10 minutes each. To differentiate between the teams, one team of each group was provided with Hillwood football tops and there was lots of tackling and laughter which added to the hilarity of the day.

In between barracking for their teams, our lady guests enjoyed dancing to some music they provided and one young lady with a lovely voice also sang for our entertainment. I feel sure that the guests would appreciate being welcomed into the Hillwood family. They must miss their own families. One lady spoke to us of coming from Vanuatu and not seeing her family for twelve months or more having been caught up in the Covid restrictions.

We certainly hope they enjoyed their day. Who knows, we might have some Tongans or Timorese playing for Hillwood in the coming season.



From the Examiner

MEALS AT THE CLUBROOMS: Meals will be provided for players and the community on Thursday nights during the footy season. ALSO, because Friday night meals have proven popular, it is planned to trial the provision of meals on first and third Fridays as well as the regular Thursday night meals. If these prove to be popular, they will continue throughout the season. HOWEVER, as the first Friday in April is Good Friday, this arrangement will not begin until the third Friday, 16th April.

HILLWOOD ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE AND BREAKFAST:

While last year was particularly moving with people standing at the end of their driveways and the sound of bagpipes playing over the hills, we are pleased to note at this stage restrictions have been lifted enough to hold the usual Hillwood Dawn Service.

HILLWOOD LADIES GROUP: has changed its meeting place to Hillwood Meditation Centre at 362 Hillwood Road. Ladies group meets at 10.00 a.m. on Wednesdays. A good way to meet your new neighbours and make friends. Contact: Muriel on 0438 414 798 or Gayle on 0418 590 564.

The service starts at 6am at the Hillwood Fire Shed followed by Breakfast at the Hillwood Memorial Hall. We are assured that the Kookaburra who usually has a good laugh at our expense will be present again this year. Not sure about the rooster!

Please register your attendance by text to Nancy Donnelly on 0431 613 484 or Robyn Wheeler on 0409 420 877 or email: nancydonnelly@bigpond.com

As always there are many helpers needed on the day, and we can always do with more. If you can assist in any way, big or small please advise when registering your attendance.

We also include a display of memorabilia, so if you have anything you would like to include in the display please contact us. Thank you.

Please contact me on 0431 613 484 or nancydonnelly@bigpond.com if you have any news you would like me to include. I especially like achievements of young people from the district.



LOW HEAD CONFERENCE

PLEASE NOTE CHANGES TO VENUE AND DAY

To be held in the Memorial Hall, Hillwood, on Sunday 28 March 2021

Registrations from 9am, First Speaker at 9.30am.

This year's speakers (in no particular order) are

Catherine Pierce – George Farquharson, the gentleman sheep stealer

Ron Riley – on the pilot launches of Low Head

Thomas Gunn – on Low Head and the 1925 shipping strike.

James Parker – on Australia Day

Lorraine Wootton – on Low Head's version of lifesaving heroine Grace Darling

Dr Nick Clements – on a topic to be advised

Tim Smith – on the South African box thorn and its invasion of Low Head

John Dent – on the relationship between settlement at Yorktown and Low Head

It promises to be one of the best programs we have put together so don't miss it.

BOOKING ARRANGEMENTS

BECAUSE OF COVID RESTRICTIONS BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL

Cost is \$40 per head and includes morning and afternoon tea plus a light lunch. To book :-

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or Anne Green 0408 370 646



**Please join us at the
Hillwood Dawn Service
Hillwood Fire Station**

Corner Jetty Road & Hillwood Main Road
(Rug up in your Woollies, service held outdoors)

**6:00am
Sunday 25th April 2021**

**Full English Community Breakfast following the
service at Hillwood Memorial Hall**
Jetty Road, Hillwood

Fundraising Raffle to be drawn on the day
Fantastic prizes showcasing our local producers and businesses.

All Welcome!

Please register your attendance by text to:
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Market Update

Despite Covid for the year 2020, Tasmania ended up on a very high note Australia wide.

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