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CREATIVE THOUGHT MASTER ACKNOWLEDGED

Associate Professor Neville King was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia in the 2018 Australia Day Awards for distinguished service to medicine and medical education, particularly in the field of cognitive and behaviour therapy.

As a nation we salute our creative achievers; particularly so when they are locals. Associate Professor Neville King of Hillwood is a Tasmanian we can be very proud of. He received an AO this year in recognition of his leadership in the implementation of the widely recognised Cognitive Behavioural Change Therapy to Australia.

Cognitive Behavioural Change Therapy targets the thoughts and behavioural patterns of people who are suffering from depression and skewed thinking patterns to lead them to thought and action that is not self-damaging nor invasive.It teaches people to manage their own behaviour. It is now accepted world-wide as the most effective psychological approach for care. He has published 6 books and has contributed to another 35 others during his academic career.

Neville King attributes his early motivation to pursue learning and a creative future to Miss Meers, (now Mrs Hicks) a passionate teacher at Railton, who inspired her students to do anything they wanted with hard work. Former Premier Michael Field was in the same class.

A group of past associates including Mrs Hicks, now 92, Michael Field and his brother Terry, will meet with Neville over lunch next week to celebrate his award and relive the memories. Neville attributes his interest in behavioural change to a bulldog that used to chase

him on his way to school. Mr Coleman, who owned the bulldog will also join the group.

Neville and his wife Judith moved to Hillwood, Tasmania at the end of 2007, after a career of research and academic pursuit at Monash University. Neville's Huntington's disease has severely compromised his day to day living but his mind remains as sharp as ever.

Mrs Judith King expressed gratitutude to the media for they way they worked together to share information on Neville's background without invading his privacy.

Congratulations Neville, from your community.

CAFÉ NEWS

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE! Bean in the Country Café and Bar in Windermere is a cool place to be now that Summer sun is well and truly here! We are air conditioned and there's nothing like a delicious iced chocolate or iced coffee or perhaps an old fashioned milkshake, made the "right" way, to keep you chilled in these hot Summer days. Our menu changes with the seasons, but all the favourites remain including our All Day Breakfasts, tempting sweets and Merran's famous meaty sausage rolls. A cup of Bella's espresso coffee always goes down well too! We have also added a "Kids Menu" for our younger customers.

We open at 7:30am Tues to Friday, but if you're short on time why not phone ahead (63281335) and Bella will have your coffee and anything else you fancy ready for you. By popular demand our new Summer hours will be including Sunday opening from the 18th February, so we will really enjoy seeing our lovely customers here for Breakfast, Brunch or Lunch. Friday Night food and drinks will resume on February 9th from 5pm until 8:00pm, so please come on down and join us for a drink, we have a selection of Tasmanian wines, beers and ciders on offer. Also our house made café specials are available on Friday nights if you're after some dinner or a snack; we have really delicious fish and chips new to the menul. This is a really great way to meet the locals and become familiar with all

Please note! We welcome groups, children, dogs and are wheelchair accessible!

Follow us on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/windermerecaf/

Best Wishes Merran and Bell

GARDENING NOTES & NEWS

Garden Club Christmas Lunch

The Garden Club enjoyed its Christmas gathering on a beautiful sunny, hot day in early December. Anna and Jonathan Waterhouse hosted the event on their large shady deck which easily accommodated all of us in comfort.

We were all in admiration of their lush and well cared for garden, which included a hanging vertical garden on the wall of the deck itself, spilling over with ferns and other greenery.

Anna's and Jonathan's garden is a delight to walk around - from the productive fruit and ornamental trees and vegetable garden to the flower garden beds and the weed free green lawn areas. The well-cut garden edges are something Greg and I can certainly aspire to!

The lunch was a magnificent Christmas feast, with many colourful salad and dessert contributions by the 24 attendees. What a great way to end the Garden Club year! Thank you to Anna and Jonathan for hosting such a lovely event and for providing the wonderful Christmas fare.

As you all know, Ros has retired as the Garden Club coordinator after nine years in the position, and from all accounts, she has done a grand job. I only hope that I (as a relative newcomer to Windermere - six years) will be able to continue her good work. Thank you Ros from all of us.

Kerri Curtis Telephone: 0407 447 344 Email: kerridwen51@gmail.com Our next three Garden Club lunches are as follows:

Friday, 9th February, 2018 at the home of: Ros and Noel Ryan, 21 Swan Drive, Swan Bay

Friday, 9th March, 2018 at the home of: Elizabeth File 535 John Lees Drive, Dilston "The Birth of a Garden"

Friday, 13th April, 2018 at the home of: Tom Dart and Garry Quantrell 500 Windermere Road, Windermere.

Agapanthus seed

February/ March is the time to remove your Agapanthus flower heads and put them in the rubbish bin. Agapanthus, although providing welcome Christmas colour, spreads rapidly when left to seed. If you see any on the road verges, do the Council a favour and collect these also to stop them spreading.



CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY MARCH 4TH Noelene Westerneng has registered a Clean up Australia group for Windermere Rd and other locations in the area as necessary. If you are interested in participating, please contact her or register your interest on the web site.

https://cleanupaustraliaday.org.au/Windermere+Road noelene.westerneng@ths.tas.gov.au

Vegetable Plantings in February

Broccoli

Broccoli would have to be one of my favourite vegetables. It is easy to grow and great to eat. After providing a full head at about 12 weeks, Broccoli will provide side shoots until you get sick of snipping these regularly to prevent it flowering. It is such a persistent vegetable.

Providing you follow the principle that what you put in is what you eat, Broccoli is available all year in the food garden. I don't grow it all year as there are so many other vegetables that provide a more interesting diet at different times of the year.

Transplant seedlings March 25th - harvest Broccoli mid June- late July.

I usually sow seed in late January and the Broccoli grows to maturity in late Autumn and through the winter. The cooler the weather, the more reliable is this vegetable in holding its head. Allow about 12-13 weeks for it to mature. e.g. sow seed on Jan 25th- expect to harvest April 25th.

Leeks

Leeks are fabulous to have in the garden when onions are not available. I usually transplant Leek seedlings into a well worked fertilised bed with about



400gms of COF per square metre in early March. This way you will have edible size leeks by June. I prefer to harvest my leeks when they are about 1.5 cm thick. They are tender and very tasty at this stage. The leeks in the photograph were seedlings I purchased at a nursery in February and transplanted at 12 cm spacings in seedling trenches about 3 cm deep.

Be careful not to bury the seedlings deeper than the first set of leaves or they will gather soil in the leaf nodules and be difficult to clean when harvested.

You can hill up the soil slightly if you wish as the leeks grow, to ensure you have an adequate white section below the ground. They are tender and succulent when smaller like this.

Cauliflower

Cauliflower has developed a reputation as a difficult brassica to grow. It must be grown in good rich soil that has been fertilised with COF prior to planting of seeds or seedlings. Water and regular side dressing is important for cauliflower as any severe check in either will usually result in poor head formation. I only grow cauliflower in 2 sowings in January and 1 in early February for harvest in April through June. Transplanting seedlings in March will produce heads by July if the winter is mild and you have watered and fed them well. I have found that growing at other times requires extra special care and the right variety of cauliflower. Seed packets are most unreliable on the information for planting in cool climates. Space the seedlings at 60x 75 cm. Side dress a little fertiliser close to the plants shortly after germination and again when they are about 20 cm tall.

The size of the head you get is dependent on how large the plant has become prior to heading. Remember consistent and deep watering is essential for all brassicas-especially cauliflower. I grow Snowball, an Italian heirloom variety. This variety is especially suited to cool climates, producing small to medium sized heads that are fairly reliable.



ST MATTHIAS WINDERMERE







St Matthias': Your Community Church. Thanks to everyone contributing to rebuilding its significance.

Christmas at St Matthias' started with a very enjoyable and successful Christmas Concert. The Launceston Clarinet Choir raised over \$300 towards the restoration of the heritage windows, boosted by a further \$400 given by the community group. This group also donated our 2 new public benches with the BEST river views (see P5). More concerts are planned for later this year.

The concert was followed next day with a delightful Childrens' Service highlighting the simple Christmas story: full of bells, drums, singing, a Christmas DVD and Judy's biscuits. This was followed by a wonderful craft activity session and lots of fun with Di and Fiona.

The Christmas Eve Carols Service saw the Church filled, with our local community celebrating the joy of Christmas.

Shane Hayes and Claire Gray were delighted with their choice of St Matthias' to celebrate their marriage on Dec 30. Michael Shannon and Cathy Karuga will also be married here in April: our little church is indeed a very personal, beautiful and intimate wedding venue.

Easter: Good Friday is early this year: March 30. Our service times are still to be confirmed, so check out details closer to the time on our new noticeboard, or the website www.htl.org.au

A Harvest Market Stall is proposed for Sun April 8th at 11am after the normal 9am service. Donations of fresh vegies, fruits, preserves, are requested from anyone and everyone to boost this event back to its former glory as a true community celebration of our wonderfully productive district. All are welcome to share, buy, and join in the picnic atmosphere.

Our 175th anniversary falls in November. Any earlier parishioners who can offer snippets of past history are asked to contact Marg Hosford (63281163) to form an informal chat/coffee group to contribute stories for an updated history document.

We are aware of some older locals, or those who are not well, for whom it is difficult to get to church. Any people in the community interested in a visit by the current Rector Dane Courtney, or requesting to take communion at home, are invited to contact Dane on 0408 622 182 to make arrangements.

Services:

St Matthias 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month @9am. Coffee and chat afterwards

Holy Trinity (in town) 8:30 and 10:30 every Sunday.

*LOTS of Photos: http://www. holytrinitylaunceston.org/news.html Click on the heading St Matthias', Windermere News and go to the top of the page.

COMMUNITY NEWS

East Tamar Men's Shed

There's so much been happening at the SHED to involve members. Our extension project is now a reality and we have almost gained an occupancy permit from LCC.

We are most grateful for the generous support we have received from many local businesses in the preparation and construction of the many attributes of a project such as this.

Broady's Bobcat Henry Beams, electrician Crossroads

This is truly a local project we can be proud of and will benefit the community over many years in supporting its men and in turn offering a little place to have those jobs that seem undoable, doable with a bit of creative thought.

Our Shed Extension Project co-ordinator, Rod Stuart has excelled recently in his leadership and his ability to make things happen through thorough planning and organisation.

We have evolved into an organisation that will take on medium construction projects that community organisations with limited funding can approach. Bulletin Boards for the George Town RSL and refabricated the tables at the Corner Café along with the provision of a community noticeboard have been recent success stories.

Meanwhile our 1929 Hupmobile restoration project enters another phase, where the chassis can be housed along with the reconstructed frame to undergo serious matching and further progress over the next year. We are keen to engage in projects that will benefit the community whilst assisting us to achieve our goals and to remain sustainable.

We encourage men from the community to check us out and to consider joining.

Currently we are open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10:00am-2:00 pm, but are seriously keen to add Thursday as well.

Be brave! Contact the President (0417 843 943) or Secretary (0419 317 808) to arrange a visit... or just turn up when we are open.

Community seats

The Windermere/Dilston/Swan Bay Community Group was formed in 1999 to organise a local Tamar River event .Several successful events were conducted over a couple of years until insurance and Public Risk became a dominant issue. The Group decided to close its bank account and to purchase and install two more seats for the riverbank at St Matthias' Church installed by Steve Hollier & Rob Montague. The remaining \$400 has been donated to the window restoration at the Church.







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Dilston Fire Brigac



Tasmania Fire Service

Register the fire by calling freecall 1800 000 699

By telling the Tasmania Fire Service about your fire you may help prevent false alarms.

A fire season that rolls on

Since the last issue of Smoke Signals, where we reported on the early start to the fire season, and the brigades involvement on the east coast, we have continued to be kept busy, primarily in support of other brigades in the north and northwest of Tasmania.

Along with other Launceston peripheral brigades we have travelled to support Beaconsfield and Sassafrass fire brigades as they work to contain challenging incidents in their own areas.

Our specialist Compressed Air Foam capability has been a key aspect in these and other deployments, and we continue to develop our skill in this fire fighting application along side other brigades with the same capability.

In addition to all the "lights and sirens" callouts, we have additionally been regularly supplying both crews and appliances to hot day "strike teams".

On days of high fire danger, the Tasmania Fire Service prepositions appliance and personal, into areas of high risk, in order to respond them quickly in support of local crews should a fire start. These days can often be spent at a single location and indeed as recently as the weekend of the 27/28 of January, crews were prepositioned at both days at Campbell Town. The Saturday saw them deployed to Blessington and Elizabeth Town, while the Sunday saw the crews remain on station. Training opportunities were taken too.

Christmas Santa Run

It was great to see everyone out and about in mid

December (seems so long ago now!) and the turnout from the community was fantastic!! We very much appreciate the support of you all, even with the minor traffic inconveniences as we travel around the Dilston Windermere Swan Bay area!







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Brigade Contacts

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CORRECTION: Re G C Miller & Sons. In a previous Newsletter I mentioned that the orchard known as G C Miller & Sons had once belonged to Robert Miller, the father of G C Miller. This was incorrect. Robert Miller owned Constant Springs. His son, G. C. Miller purchased a number of different orchards over guite a period of years. These orchards together became known as G C Miller & Sons Orchard. [This is an interesting story which G C Miller's son, Kevin told me. Kevin knows who owned the previous orchards and which year each was purchased. Kevin has kindly offered to research this history with us for our Hillwood History records.]

HAPPY NEWS: Happy to announce Jeff and I have a new great-grandchild - Harry Phillip born on December 8th to our son Phillip and wife Wendy's daughter Amy and Simon.

WEDDING: Congratulations to Kody Riddle and Teagan Van Royen who were married on 13th January.

Kody's brother Luke was best man and brother Lochie was groomsman along with Kody's mate James from W.A.

Teagan's attendants were her sisters Nedine and Aspen and Auntie Melissa. Kody's Labrador Douglas was ring-bearer along with Teagan's two-year old twin brothers.

Brothers Kody, Luke and Lochie grew up in Hillwood and are the sons of Karlene Riddle and Stephen Riddle, grandsons of Maureen and the late Peter Riddle and Lynne and Terry Glover.

SAD NEWS: Bill Sarich, father and father-in-law of our former coffee shop owners, Phil and Deb Sarich died on 27th December six months after his dear wife Ev. Bill and Ev lived at Mt Direction for many years raising a family of eight.

Former Hillwood resident of many years, Peter Redman, died on January 1st. He raised his daughters, Julie and Angie in Hillwood. Peter was involved in the Hillwood Community including as a member of the former Hillwood Hall Committee (now Progress Assn), a football coach, member of former local Pony and Tennis clubs, and helping to run roller skating in the Hillwood Hall. He was also known as a "horse whisperer" and helped many to learn to ride.

ACHIEVEMENTS: Our Shelby Miller is one of five Northern-based players named in the Tasmanian Magpies squad of 19 for next season's Australian Netball League.

Tony Newport performed at the Tamar Valley Folk Festival in January playing his Auto Harp presenting original stories and songs as a Tasmanian story teller, singer and songwriter which I am informed were very well received. Tony also entertained guests at the Football Club's Pot Luck Dinner before Christmas.

CONGRATULATIONS: to Associate Professor Neville King of Hillwood who was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia in the Australia Day Honours for 2018. His Award recognised his distinguished service to medicine and medical education, particularly in the field of cognitive and behaviour therapy, in which Neville is a highly regarded International expert.

THANK YOU: to newcomer to Hillwood, Henry Bell who organised the 2017 Christmas Santa lolly run for the children of Hillwood.

HILLWOOD LADIES GROUP: A reminder that Hillwood Ladies Group recommences for 2018 on the first Wednesday of February, meeting every Wednesday from 10.00 am to 12 noon. Bingo once a month. Raffle every week. Occasional outings including lunch. Cost \$2 per week towards cost of hire of hall and morning tea. New members are most welcome. Contact: Gayle Laverty on g.laverty@bigpond.com or 63 948213

CANTEEN MANAGER: After many years, Kaye McLean has retired as Canteen Manager for Hillwood Football Club and the club is looking for interested persons to apply for the position of Canteen Manager. Please contact Kaye or Bob McLean on 63 948124 or bobandkay5@ bigpond.com

WHAT WHEN WHERE - 2018-2019:

This very helpful Directory provides information about Businesses, Health Services, Schools, George Town Council, Community Organisations etc. within the George Town Municipality. George Town Chamber of Commerce very kindly provides this Directory FREE. 200 copies have been made available for residents of Hillwood and Districts to collect from the following businesses.

Miller's Orchard, Mt Direction Service Station, Signal Station Tavern, Hillwood Farmgate and Hillwood Road Meditation Skills Centre. Copies will also be offered to local Clubs and Associations for distribution.

SERRATED TUSSOCK: In December Tamar NRM held an information session regarding this invasive declared weed. Some of the points that I noted were:

There is a need to eradicate for our farmers as there is almost no nutrition - animals with full stomachs have died of starvation.

Do not use Round-up. This kills surrounding vegetation which leaves an area in which Serrated Tussock can grow.

The seed is weak so good vegetation helps prevent growth.

For further information and photos you can google Serrated Tussock.

RAGWORT RAID: Members of the Hillwood Fire Brigade were involved in the recent Ragwort Raid organised through Tamar NRM (Natural Resource Management). Members reported seeing a significant improvement in the Hillwood area. Of course members are unable to go on private land so please encourage those land owners to be aware of any Ragwort and to pull out prior to seeding if possible.

REMINDER: FIRE PERMIT OFFICERS:

Elaine Burns 0417 540 665 Ian Nixon 0429 948 254 Sharon Clarke 0417 600 571 Leon Hodges 0409 169 288.

BIRDS OF THE TAMAR

Yellow-throated Honeyeater - Lichenostomus flavicollis

The Yellow-throated Honeyeater is endemic to Tasmania. It is often observed and probably more frequently heard in the Summer when Eucalypts are flowering. The species breeds from August to January, and lays two to three spotted pinkish eggs in a cup-shaped nest which is often built within a meter of the ground in dense vegetation, or up to 10m in foliage. This makes them particularlyvulnerable to cats in well vegetated gardens. The bird is of a similar size to the New Holland Honeyeater, which is common in the gardens of the Tamar Valley. It is very closely related to the White-eared honeyeater of mainland Australia, but has become a separate species through isolation when the waters of Bass Strait isolated Tasmania from the mainland.

Both genders have a prominent yellow trapezoid-shaped throat patch flanked by a black border.

The call is an incessant high-pitched chatter that reminds me of a distant Bren Gun retort I experienced as an army cadet in the 1960's. Seen from behind, both genders are prominently green with a grey head.

The call is often heard from eucalypts in your garden in the summer months.

Listening to bird calls when working in my property is impulsive to me. If I hear a bird call I don't recognise, I will go out of my way to check it out. I don't consider myself a "twitcher", as I have no impulsion to tick off species observed on any given day. I do get very excited in seeing new species or seeing birds that are infrequently observed in the district. Being alert to individual calls gives me an ear for this. If you are interested in observing bird behaviour, my advice would be to get to know the calls. You will often hear the bird before you see it, although this is not always the case.



CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Winners of the 2017 Smoke Signals Christmas Lights competition were:

149 Johnston Rd Hillwood100 Windermere Rd Windermere66 Peddie Dr Dilston

They can enjoy some coffee and cake at Bean In The Country Café, courtesy of Smokesignals.

Thanks to all who helped bring the festive joy to our area by decorating their homes and letter boxes.





Towns Shearing Real Estate

Sharon Fahey is your local rural real estate agent for the East Tamar and North East areas,...

covering properties approximately within a 40 minute radius from Launceston. Sharon previously resided on a hobby farm in Karoola for around 20 years, and now lives on a larger cattle farm in Windermere. Sharon is familiar with all aspects of country living. Having been in real estate now for 15 years, Sharon has the experience, expertise and an excellent flair for marketing. As the market has recently turned and is moving quickly, Sharon has buyers waiting for rural properties. You may not need to wait long before your property is sold.

Accolades: 2017 has seen Sharon Fahey placed twice in the top 100 agents Australia wide!

Current Genuine Buyers Looking...

James from Gippsland is a family of 4. Like a more modern newer home, or something that has had a good renovation done. Looking for a hobby farm for a few horses. Will commute 20-30 minutes to town daily for work.

Looking to spend between \$450 - \$600k

No hurry but will fly over to view suitable properties.

Tracey and her husband are from NSW and have 11 horses. Also looking for acreage with a good water supply. Around 30 acres plus. From \$450 - \$650k. Here in Tassie February 2018. But will come back again if the right property has not been found. No further out than Pipers River.

Robert is a local buyer looking for 200-300 acres of land. \$400 - \$600k

House is no issue, with or without. Needing good quality pasture to run 100 head of cows. Must have a good water supply. Call Sharon now to discuss an appraisal and what we can do for you.

Call Sharon Fahey now for an obligation free market appraisal on your property - 0409188249

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1/4 page (85mm x 125mm):	\$40
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(1 column x 10 lines single spacing):	\$10