

### LEES ORCHARDS SALE



Brendon Morrison with some of the young cherry trees

When Brendon Morrison bought Lees Orchards in 2003, he had a 20 year plan.

Now, with the modernisation of the orchard completed, he says it's time to move on.

"My sons have given me enormous support, and now it's time for me to give them a hand."

This means that we'll still see plenty of Brendon in the district, as his son Daniel owns the property adjoining Lees Orchards, growing apricots, blueberries, cherries and greengages.

When Brendon took over the seven hectare orchard in 2003, he immediately removed half of the trees, all old varieties, and rested the land for two years.

He then began replanting modern market varieties in espalier trellising, which he says is easier to manage and harvest.

"It also increases your yield, from 45 tonnes per hectare to about 70 tonnes."

The move into cherries filled a gap in the year.

"We like to finish our apples by December and the fresh crop starts in February, so cherries give us an ideal cash flow to fill that gap."

The farm shop, open every Thursday and Friday, has been the main attraction for residents and Brendon would like to say thank you for the loyal support from locals over the years.

"Not only have they been good customers, but our regulars have given us so much support and encouragement."

The shop has been a great outlet for a variety of local produce, from Hillwood jams to Dilston blueberries and raspberries and of course Landfall meats.

The sale is of course dependent on finding the right buyer to keep the business going, but whatever the outcome I'm sure all East Tamar residents wish Brendon well in his "semi retirement".



Brendon Morrisom with espaliered apples

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## Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor

Since the Los Angeles Road/Sanwae Drive intersection opened recently, it has been the focus of many comments on our Swan Bay Community Facebook page. Particularly by regular users of Los Angeles Road who now need to negotiate this junction. At issue is how and why the Council chose to approve a design that is clearly unsafe, and many argue is an accident just waiting to happen. After several residents contacted the Council to express their concerns, a brief meeting was held one afternoon with those few who were able to attend. Concerns include speed limit, poorly re-designed and very sharp corner, and poor visibility. To put some context around the concerns, local resident Berrice said this Los Angeles corner has a history:

Some background history. This corner back in the 1980s was a narrow corner and the cause of many accidents. We raised the issue with the Launceston City Council and in late 1980 we granted to the council 152m of our land for the council to improve this corner. This resulted in an improved sweeping corner along with reducing the accidents. With the engineer design in relation to joining Sanwae Drive onto Los Angeles Road it has reverted this corner back to a narrow tight corner, and we have already witnessed near misses. Most concerning one was in relation to a large truck.

Her comments are backed up by several residents who are HGV drivers, and a school bus driver who was approached for his take on the safety angle. All are scathing, as comments posted by Brooke, and Hayley indicate: Completely unacceptable! Dangerous and not practical. Only a matter of time before serious accident or fatality! Don't even know why the new subdivision needs a through road? They have a perfectly safe exit at the river end! I for one would rather it not be a through road if I lived there for traffic and security for property! This area is still an active farming area totally not a safe corner from either direction for a large fully loaded truck . . . . They haven't allowed for the visibility issues with hills, tree shadows, sun at different times of the day etc. Only a matter of time before serious accident happens . . . I guess all we can do is flood them with e mails and wait till an accident happens . . . .

There are so many blind spots on that intersection it's not funny and unless it's going to remain a 40 zone and people adhere to it then it's only a matter of time before something happens. . . . I assumed this day and age the professionals would have designed something better or on par with what was there before . . .

Residents keen to put further pressure on the Council before there is a serious or fatal accident on this corner, are encouraged to contact the Council on [contactus@launceston.gov.tas.au](mailto:contactus@launceston.gov.tas.au) The more often these concerns are raised, or incidents of near misses and close calls are registered, the more likely something will be done.

Anne Layton-Bennett

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### WEEKSIE THE BLIND MAN



The back of his van says "BLIND MAN DRIVING" but he's not visually impaired.

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Bangor Slate Quarry

The Bangor tramway was a 16 kilometer horse drawn railway that ran between the Bangor Slate Quarry and the company's jetty at Hillwood, just south of Egg Island Creek.

The Bangor Slate Quarry Company was formed in 1873 to mine a rich deposit of slate from Bangor, north west of Lilydale, producing roofing slates and slabs for items such as fire hearths, mantelpieces, counter tops and billiard tables.

The road system being rough and unreliable, sea transport was the only practical way to get the slate to markets in Melbourne and around Tasmania, so the company invested some four thousand pounds (in excess of \$500,000 in today's money) to build a wooden track railway.

They were able to lease or acquire a 20 metre wide strip of land from the quarry to the jetty, on a path surveyed by one of the company's directors, Marshall Cresswell.

In October 1874, a correspondent from the Tasmanian visited the quarry:



Horse drawn railway in Wales

"The jetty presented a very lively appearance. The cutters Lizzie and Venture were alongside loading with slates for Launceston."

Setting off on foot along the tramway "I met the trucks, four in number, drawn by six horses in two teams. One trip per day is made and 3000 slates each trip, about six tons in weight, are carried."

In March the next year the Premier (Hon. Adye Douglas) made a visit. On arriving at the Company's Hillwood jetty "a tramcar was waiting for the gentlemen, and in order to make the truck comfortable, Mr Blair had placed chairs for the visitors to sit on."

120 experienced Welsh and Cornish quarrymen were brought to Tasmania to work the mine and the village of Bangor created, with 50 cottages, a police station, school, boarding house and shops.

The original jetty at Hillwood was 9 metre long and 3.7 metres wide, drawing five metres at high tide, but in 1885 the Company announced plans to extend the jetty to 55 metres to access deeper water for larger steam powered vessels.

Sadly, the introduction of galvanised iron provided a cheaper roofing product and the demand for slate slumped.

There are still vestiges of the old tramway on several private properties and the general route is marked by the Old Bangor Tram Road, which runs between the Pipers River Road and Dalrymple Road near its junction with the East Tamar Highway.

And of course, looking up in Launceston, you will see Bangor slate on many stately homes, churches and public buildings, all shipped from the jetty at Hillwood.

(Ref: Wooden Rails to Bangor by Brian Chamberlain, QVMAG, 1993)



The Bangor tramway met the Tamar just south of Egg Island Creek



## BIRDS OF THE TAMAR By Jon Hosford

### GOLDEN WHISTLER *Pachycephala pectoralis*



Photo: George Chandler

This Photo shows a male Golden Whistler telling a would-be intruder image to his territory that he is unwelcome. Like so many birds, Golden whistlers often succumb to human reflection images. They are used to water reflections, but our mirrors and windows often put them out of sync with their habitat.

This bird is common to all States of Australia and spread throughout the Pacific Islands. Male Golden Whistlers are noticeable by their rich, golden plumage, extending from their underparts and in a collar around the neck, contrasting with a jet-black hood and a white throat patch. The females are much duller in colour, grey and indistinct

They have the most important job to do in laying and incubating eggs, so need to keep indiscriminate against predators. Vocally they often join

in duet with males in the breeding season. Young Golden Whistlers are rufous. As they mature, the plumage comes to resemble that of the female other than rufous edges to some wing feathers. Always note the shorter tail of immature birds; it is a reliable indication of age.

Golden Whistlers can be found in almost any wooded habitat and are present in mature well planted gardens. They feed on insects, spiders and other small arthropods. They nest in dense low growth foliage like blackberries with a cup shaped shallow nest of bark and grass bound together with spider webs. Although they often sit quietly and unobtrusively in the canopy in your garden, their presence is usually detectable by their most melodious song sometimes in duet by male and female during the breeding season. Their song carries on the wind for 100s of metres. Get used to listening to your garden as well as appreciating its visual appeal. Birds are often more recognisable by their song than their appearance.

“dee-dee-dee-dah -WHIT” = Golden Whistler.



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## EAST TAMAR MENS SHED

ETMS celebrated its 10th birthday this month. How quickly time has passed since we first formed in 2011 with a good idea and a plan for the future. We have had great support from local community, State and Federal Government through various grant programs. Strong member support through various community and individual requests for support have raised funds that make us a sustainable organisation facing a strong future. Just recently we have installed a container for timber storage and look forward to a Winter with many projects on the board for member participation.



Members enjoy a Pizza lunch in celebration of 10 successful years.

Shed Sessions are currently Wednesdays and Saturdays 9:00am- 2pm. Come along and have a cuppa with us if you want to check out our organisation for yourself or someone you think it will help.

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## PLAY GROUP



A very big thank you to all the people who have supported me and the community by helping to keep the Dilston Playgroup running whilst I have been taking the time to enjoy our new baby boy. I have since enjoyed returning to playgroup with my new addition and catching up with all of the playgroup families.



The children of Dilston Playgroup have been very busy planting new veggies in the playgroup veggie patch, showing off their craft skills and interacting in lots of social and imaginative play.

We enjoyed a fantastic day at our picnic in the park event with a jumping castle, face painting, pony rides and more! It was a fantastic social event for both children and parents, catching up with old and new families.



Dilston Playgroup is held on Mondays 10am-12pm, at the Dilston Memorial Hall. Cost is \$3 (BYO children's morning tea). All families welcome! Any inquiries, please call Amy on 0413394523 or keep up to date on the latest news on the Dilston Playgroup Facebook page.



### WINDERMERE CAFE NEWS

TGIF is on every last Friday of the month  
We will have some events coming up  
which you can keep updated on with our  
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## CHURCH NEWS     St Matthias' Anglican Church



### Windermere Winter Warmers.

We are collecting warm winter clothing and blankets for distribution through Anglicare Housing Connect Scheme for people in housing stress or homeless. Thanks to Fleur at the Café for allowing donations to be dropped off there over the next 3 weeks, or contact any parishioner for collection. We look forward to strong support from all our Smoke Signals community in helping the more needy through the cold winter season.



Easter, ANZAC Day, Mothers' Day, Pentecost Sunday and indeed all our recent regular services have all been very heartwarming with a wonderful attendance, beautiful flowers and music, and a very real feeling of the Spirit's presence. It is so encouraging to again have a strong and enthusiastic congregation worshipping in our beautiful church. Now that our numbers are not as limited by COVID, we invite any other interested locals to join us on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month.



Over 60 people visited on our Open Day during the National Heritage Festival, and enjoyed chatting over the history display and refreshments; a wonderful outreach opportunity to share our heritage. A visiting photography enthusiast with a new drone took some stunning photos for us. So beautiful!

Parish Council has offered to buy our music group a new electronic keyboard and amplifier, which will further enhance the group's wonderful contribution to our worship. Their music is so uplifting.

Quotes are now being sought for the new cupboards designed to include our catering equipment, and store all extra equipment away from sight at the back of the church. This will be a very special project, which we believe will be our generation's legacy to the long heritage of our church, so we certainly want it to be just right and fit in with the existing heritage style.

The new wall heaters are nearly ready for installation, now that approval has been given from Heritage Tasmania. So, a cold church should now be a thing of the past!



Assoc. Priest for St Matthias': John Tongue [john@htl.com.au](mailto:john@htl.com.au) 9am on 2nd and 4th Sundays or follow us on Facebook [stmatthiaswindermere](https://www.facebook.com/stmatthiaswindermere) for weekly updates.



## GARDEN CLUB NEWS

Garden Club has had an eventful year so far – visiting some wonderfully diverse gardens in the northern part of our island home.

We are now in recess for the winter, but will emerge briefly in July for our Annual Mid-Winter Lunch at the Windermere Café and Gift Shop. If you have been toying with the idea of participating in Garden Club, the Mid-Winter Lunch is a wonderful opportunity to meet other members. If you would like to take part, then please let me know.

See you then!..... Kerri

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### “ERICVALE” and TASMANIAN GOURMET SAUCE CO., Evandale

“Ericvale”, as we see it today, is the result of development over the last 31 years. The simple Victorian cottage was built in 1890 and after initially being well cared for, it suffered many years of neglect and indeed, faced demolition. Tim and Julie Barbour saved it from this fate by taking on the formidable task of restoring and adding to the house and creating the garden.

The site is a difficult one with exposure to the harsh, drying north-westerly winds and biting southerlies and the garden falls steeply to the South Esk River. However, the view over the South Esk is a breathtaking feature! The Barbours have developed an evergreen shelter belt to take the full blast of the winds and have replaced some of the evergreens with deciduous trees to provide winter light to the topiary nursery.



A shady sitting spot on a secluded and sheltered lawn area near the orchard.

Birch, New Zealand Beech, Pin Oak, Maples, Oaks and a Tulip tree provide further wind-filtering. Apples, Nashi, Peaches, Quince and Persimmon all contribute to shade and shelter and offer generous pickings of their bounty.

The “gorgeous” crabapple glade (malus gorgeous) was displaying its full autumn glory when we visited in April – covered with rich red crabapples – one of the best varieties for making crabapple jelly. The mingling canopies enhanced perfectly the view of the Balinese volcanic ash bowl on a pedestal.

The topiary nursery was full of well-shaped trees for sale and in fact, many had orange tags on them which indicated they had already been sold! I particularly loved the twisted and shaped holly tree!

We all enjoyed tasting a variety of relishes, sauces, mustards, etc., and quite a number of purchases were made. A few of us drove into Evandale afterwards for afternoon tea at “Ingleside Bakery and Café”, with its beautiful Pierre de Ronsard rose-lined courtyard. It was a very special way to celebrate autumn and our last garden club activity for a couple of months.

Thank you to Margaret Hosford for organising our visit to this beautiful garden.



Balinese volcanic ash bowl on pedestal with overarching malus gorgeous crabapple.



Part of the house at “Ericvale” with a climbing rose displaying its colourful rose hips.



## HARVEST CELEBRATION - Windermere



A few hardy souls assembled at “Windsong” on a slightly damp and rather cool afternoon in March for our Harvest Celebration. The Harvest table positively groaned under the weight of produce from our collective gardens and we swapped and shared – not only food, but also stories, and enjoyed discussions on a wide variety of subjects! Thank you to those who braved the weather – it was a wonderful afternoon of togetherness and we look forward to doing something similar next year.

## THE BEES IN MY GARDEN

### AROUND THE WORLD BEES ARE MAKING A COMEBACK.

*The good news is the upside of the Covid 19 Lockdown.*

The current COVID-19 lockdown is helping to reverse the sharp decline in bee populations in two significant ways. Fewer fumes and pollution particles from automobiles means that bees can more easily smell floral scents that lead them to plants that need pollinating.

Another reason that the bee population may be recovering is that, as the BBC noted, “Fewer cars on the roads means other benefits for bees too. The number of bee deaths is likely to fall as car journeys decrease during the lockdown, Brown notes. A 2015 study by Canadian researchers estimated that 24 billion bees and wasps are killed by vehicles on roads across North America every year.” How many bees are killed this way in Australia, I wonder.

While across the world people may be getting restless hunkered down in their homes, it is a positive reinforcement to know that the natural world is getting a reprieve as people forego their routine activities and contribute to less pollution. The bees are clapping their wings.



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While Tasmania has been the lucky island with regards Covid 19, and also the overall wellbeing of our bee population, mindfulness about caring for ourselves and for our environment has never been more important.

Read More: The World’s Bee Population Is Recovering During COVID-19 Lockdown [https://thebeet.com/the-worlds-bee-population-is-recovering-during-covid-19-lockdown/?utm\\_source=tsmclip&utm\\_medium=referral](https://thebeet.com/the-worlds-bee-population-is-recovering-during-covid-19-lockdown/?utm_source=tsmclip&utm_medium=referral)

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## HILLWOOD BRIGADE NEWS...

The Hillwood Fire Brigade have experienced a quieter than usual Fire Season, and we are hopeful for a quiet off season. Daylight savings is a good trigger to change the batteries in your smoke alarms and, also to have your chimneys swept. A timely reminder to do both, if you have not already done so.

Brigade elections were held in April with Elaine Burns re-elected as Brigade Chief, Hillwood Fire Brigade, Sharon Clarke as 2<sup>nd</sup> Officer, Andy Kendall as 3<sup>rd</sup> Officer and Leon Hodges as 4<sup>th</sup> Officer. Congratulations to those elected to these positions for the next 5 years.

Several members attended the Emergency Services dinner where several achievements were recognised, not the least Group Officer of Dalrymple Group, Don Mackrill recognised for 50 years of service, prior to his retirement. What an amazing achievement!

A full training schedule has been organised for the off season, including Pumping, Road Crash Rescue, First Aid, Structure Fires, along with a trip to Hobart to visit Fire Comm and the Fire Museum. Don't be alarmed, Dilston and

George Town will be on call should any call outs be activated in our absence. For any queries Fire related in the Hillwood area, please contact Hillwood Brigade Chief, Elaine Burns on 0417 540 665

## ...AND FROM DILSTON BRIGADE

Dilston Brigade is keeping busy as the daylight hours grow shorter with our Winter Training schedule well in swing. We have 2 members nearing completion of their Basic Firefighter Training, and they are already undertaking more advanced training around the area with the senior members.

In addition to our Wednesday evening sessions, we also train one Sunday morning a month so free to call in if you see us on station, or touch base with one of our contacts below.

Dilston brigade congratulates the recent officer appointees at Hillwood, and in the near future we will also be holding elections for the same positions at Dilston.

Following the last edition of smoke signals, we have received a number of enquiries surrounding wood

heaters and flus. We always recommend a professional assessment be undertaken should you have any significant concerns, but we are always happy to visit your residence for an initial assessment, and for a home fire safety checkup as well!

We would also like to reaffirm here our gratitude to the community for continuing to register your burn offs. This has led to a marked decrease in false callouts, but we do still encourage you all to call 000 if you just unsure, and see smoke/fire that is out of place, or placing a risk to property.

We will be out and about in the community over the coming months so make sure you give the trucks a wave as they pass you by!



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### Dilston Fire Brigade Contacts

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### Hillwood Fire Brigade Contacts

Elaine Burns	0417 540 665
Sharon Clarke	0417 600 571
Andy Kendall	0427 818 282
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## HAPPY NEWS:

WHELDON, Toby George, a new grandson for Natalie and Craig Rigby and Ady Wheldon and Ros Williams. Toby is the son on Matthew Wheldon and Brittany Woods. Matthew, who grew up in Hillwood, is the son of Natalie Rigby and Ady Wheldon. Toby was born on 6th March 2021.

Natalie, who also grew up in Hillwood is the daughter of Val and the late Gerry Seymour.

Ady, who grew up in Mt Direction, is the son of the late Norma and Brian Wheldon.

FAWKNER, Theo Jack, another new grandson for Ros Williams and Ady Wheldon. Mitch Williams and Paige Creely are Theo's parents. Mitch is the son of Ros Williams. Theo was born on 6th January 2021.

## VISIT:

Another happy event was a visit to Beth and Bob Wolf by their son Alex, daughter-in-law Kelly and grand-children Lolavie, Louis and Lior.

## SAD NEWS:

BARKER, Beverley. Bev died on 27th March 2021. Bev, a former long-time resident of Hillwood was the wife of Don and mother of Sheryl, Roslyn (dec), Trevor (dec) and Donna. Bev lived for many years at "Bay View", Hillwood. Bev was well known to residents, she was a lovely kind lady and well liked.

## WRITER:

We have a writer in our midst. Tony Newport is known as a singer and song-writer who plays a wonderful instrument called an autoharp. A lot of his songs are about his beloved West Coast. He has now co-authored a book about the area. The title of the book "Gravel and Mud" refers to two famous ovals known for their bizarre terrain, Rosebery and Queenstown.

## DEMISE OF MINI-LEAGUE:

Hillwood Mini-League was unable to raise enough players to form a team this year. In fact, the Tamar Valley Mini League of which Hillwood was a part and which has been in operation for over fifty years has been disbanded. All clubs involved have experienced lack of numbers and lack of sufficient volunteers. These issues, together with the requirement from AFL to change from under 12 to under 11 have all contributed to the problem.

Thank you to Sean Crawford who, as President of Hillwood Mini-League and the Tamar Valley Mini-League has done his best. Shane has been involved in the Organisation for eight years and had, as President, the unfortunate job of making this announcement.

## SMOKE SIGNALS DELIVERY:

A big THANK YOU to comparative newcomers to Hillwood, Jasmine (who plays in our Women's team) and James who have joined the team who deliver Smoke Signals.

## YOUNG ACHIEVERS:

### NETBALL:

Shelby Miller is again the captain for Cavaliers Netball team in the State League. The Cavaliers have high hopes of returning to the top this year.

Shelby is obviously a valuable player with the Cavaliers. I quote from a recent write-up in the Examiner "(Shelby) used her unrivalled athleticism to create multiple opportunities in the offensive pockets. 'The moment she came on, we had a run of nine goals in the second quarter'."

### FOOTBALL:

Tom Donnelly, who plays for North Launceston has been selected as one of eight young state players to play football for North Melbourne in the Victorian Football League. So far, Tom has played three games for North Melbourne.

### LITTLE ATHLETICS:

Magnaia and Skyla Jones ended up with numerous ribbons after the final meet in March.

### PLEASE NOTE: :

I know about some of these young achievers because I am related to them. However I love to report on Young Achievers and would be most grateful to hear from anyone who has anything for me to report in this section. In fact, I am reluctant to report if I only have something for those related to me.

So, come on you proud parents and grand-parents, you must have something to report about your young achievers.

Also, please let me know about your new babies or grand-babies for my Happy News section.

### TOM GUNN'S CONFERENCE:

This was the second of Tom Gunn's "Low Head" conferences held at Hillwood. It was well attended and complimentary comments were expressed regarding the new acoustics in the Hall. A considerable difference was noted between this and the previous conference and other meetings.

There were eight speakers on various subjects. I found Nick Clements talk on the Aboriginal warrior Tongeloneger, also known as King William especially interesting and sad. It was based on Nick's book "The Black Wars".

Compliments were also received regarding the History Room display which had been prepared by the History Group especially in time for this conference.

I can certainly recommend Tom's conferences having attended both of those held in the Hillwood Hall and hope he continues to hold them here. Thanks to Tom and his able assistants who kept us well fed and watered.

Please contact me on 0431 613 484 or [nancydonnelly@bigpond.com](mailto:nancydonnelly@bigpond.com) if you have any news you would like me to include. I especially like achievements of young people from the district. Not much lately because of COVID.



#### HILLWOOD GARDEN CLUB:

Greg Lundstrom, who recently retired as Programme Co-ordinator of Tamar Natural Resource Management, was guest speaker at the April meeting. Greg spoke about weeds – garden weeds, agricultural weeds, roadside weeds WOS/ WONS (weeds of significance /national significance). As Geraldine Goodwin reported in her notes of the meeting “Greg, thank you so much for taking the time to give us a talk on weeds. It never hurts to be reminded which weeds are currently the “baddies”.

The May meeting was mainly about individuals gardens. Quite interesting, humorous and educational. There were also queries about a couple of plants that people had in their gardens but didn’t know what they were.

The meetings end, as always, with a delicious supper. Hot and cold savouries, apple tart, cream cake. A small meal before attending is a good suggestion.

These meetings, which are held on the third Monday of the month are delightful. A lot of fun, chat, banter and a catch-up with good friends. Some recent arrivals in Hillwood have found it a good way to meet their neighbours.

Contact for Hillwood Garden Club is Geraldine Goodwin on 0363948267 or [ger\\_goodwin@bigpond.com](mailto:ger_goodwin@bigpond.com)

#### HILLWOOD FOOTBALL CLUB:

Only one win so far for Hillwood Seniors who are re-building after losing many players during 2020 as they did not field a team due to Covid. They are a team of mostly new young players who will improve as time goes on.

Great to see that Amy, the daughter of the barman, Craig Rigby is taking the opportunity to learn to be a trainer.

Meals are available at the Clubrooms on Thursday night training nights during the season. Members of the Community are welcome. Apart from the usual fish and chips and Parmi and chips, Trish Airey cooks some special tasty meals to choose from as well, plus delicious sweets. Orders are taken from 6.00 p.m. so that supporters and community members can eat before the hungry players descend. It takes a lot of volunteers to run a club and quite a number to provide these meals, so a big THANK YOU to all for keeping us well fed. The Sharks Lotto is also drawn on this night at 7.30 p.m. and streamed live through Facebook.

#### WOMEN’S FOOTBALL:

Great to have Hillwood locals Caris Britton, Jasmine Latham, Sarah Radford, Leah Renton, Myra Donnelly and Amber Donnelly in Hillwood Sharks Women’s team. Also the trainer Nadia Hyde and her daughter Hayley Brimfield another player have strong connections to Hillwood through family who live or lived in Hillwood, including mother, grandmother and great-grandmother through the Voss and Glover families. Another player, Nadia Donnelly also has Hillwood connections (of course!).

The Ladies won the first game of the season against Bridgenorth, and had another win and a draw and a loss since then.

Women’s football has been a big boost for football at Hillwood. Another plus for Hillwood Football Club is that Nadia Hyde’s daughter Sophie Brimfield worked at Agfest for the Club and plans to help out at the Canteen as well.

## THE HILLWOOD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

#### MEET THE CANDIDATES

On the 12th April at the Hillwood War Memorial Hall, we hosted a “Meet the Candidates” evening ahead of the Upper House election held on the 1st May. The event was very well attended by about 50 people and it was the only time during the campaign, that all five candidates were together in the same place. It even attracted a reporter from The Examiner, with a great story appearing in the newspaper the next day. The format of allowing each candidate a set time to speak worked well and the questions from the attendees had been well thought out! It was an opportunity to thank the outgoing representative, Ivan Dean MLC, for his commitment and achievements for the past 21 years and we wish him and his wife Anne, all the best for the future. Most attendees stayed on for a delicious supper afterwards allowing them to ask the candidates more questions. A great experience all round and thanks to Ross and Kaye Grange and Jo Osborne for your assistance on the night and the candidates Nick Duigan, Vivienne Gale, Geoff Lyons, Will Smith and Rob Soward for giving up their time.





## ANZAC Day and Breakfast

We were pleased and fortunate to be able to organise this event after being restricted to the end of our driveways last year, and the wider community ensured it was as well attended. Thank you to the Hillwood Fire Brigade ably organised by Elaine Burns with the setting up at the Fire Station, and also organising a band of volunteers setting up at the Hall.

Our speaker this year was Wally Perkins, a Korean Veteran of George Town whose talk was both very interesting, informative and from a slightly different perspective. Following the laying of the wreaths, a Vale was read. As we had no Service last year, the vale included eighteen members of our Community who have died over the last couple of years. Several roosters crowed and we were waiting for the kookaburra when his welcome voice was heard after the Last Post during the one-minute silence. Maybe he was replying to the Last Post! We had an extra voice when a butcher bird added his call and a wallaby that visited as well. Thank you to Roger Millar as MC, Rev. Ian Wheeler as Padre of the day, with new Fire Fighter Maurie Taylor (ex-Navy) raising the flag and Sue and Nick Gillman for the sound system.

The Breakfast was also well attended and well organised by Kathryn Millar with lots of willing helpers including members of the Football Club and many from around the district not associated with any organisation, but just wanting to help, too many to name. Some fun was had during the Auction and Raffle and together these raised the sum of \$437.75. With donations (less costs) there was a total of \$682.65 of which will be donated to a worthy charity. As per our policy, the recipient charity will be decided at the next Committee and suggestions are welcome. Thank you so much to the raffle donors: Marigold's Café, Thomas Gunn, Anne Green, Tim and Ellie Wheeler of Landfall, Fletchers Nursery, Windermere Café, Dilston Men's Shed, Geoff Carr from the Hillwood Vineyard, Rosemary Whish-Wilson from Three Wishes Winery and Wade Millar. Also, Pure Foods once again for donating the Eggs, (via Leah Glover), Jen Parish and Alan Hunt for the Lambs Fry and Alf Walters for loaning his 3-phase power-board, of which we could not have done without.

Thank you to Julie Airey who opened our History Room for visitors to have an informal look around and what a great response those visitors gave. All full of compliments, encouragement and offers of items for donations! Julie did explain that we are not yet up to accepting items but will be in the not too distant future. It is great to have Julie on board assisting with innovations for the ANZAC event as well as being involved with HPA's History Room.

We have a surprising number of ex- service men and women in our community and many loaned personal military items for display on the stage including an amazing ANZAC quilt and some shared their photos for the computer screen show.

All in all, a very successful morning, remembering the sacrifices that have been made so we can enjoy the life that we live today.



Dorian Airey with his hat carved from wood.



Sue and Nick Gillman, sounding us out!



Tim Haque next to his Dad's plaque and medals



Bigham family in front of the memorial wall.

## Egg Island Point Reserve Clean Up

After several reports of an increase in the dumping of rubbish in the bushland, the Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service were quick to respond with a contractor coming out to clean it up. After feedback from the HPA, various options are now being considered by Parks and Wildlife, Tasmania Police and George Town Council to reduce the incidence of campers, fires, parties and rubbish dumping. If you see nuisance or illegal activity, please report it.





Hall set up and display.



Rebecca Broad with the Anzac Quilt made by her mother.

### Hillwood War Memorial Hall Facility User Agreement

After many, many hours spent reviewing, discussing and negotiating the Hillwood War Memorial Facility User Lease Agreement proposed by George Town Council, it was accepted that the Agreement does not represent the best interests of the community. As a result, the George Town Council have taken over the total ongoing management of the Hillwood War Memorial Hall. After decades of the HPA being the "Hall Committee", it is disappointing that the Council have taken this course of action. The Hillwood Garden Club, the Hillwood Ladies Group and the HPA now have alternative meeting venues and should be contacted individually for their locations.

### The Hillwood Structure Plan

George Town Council have released the latest version of the Hillwood Structure Plan via their website and everyone is urged to take a look and provide feedback directly to the Council. Public comment has been invited from the 22nd May to 4.00 p.m. 22nd June 2021 by way of written submissions to [council@georgetown.tas.gov.au](mailto:council@georgetown.tas.gov.au) or to the General Manager, PO Box 161, George Town TAS 7253. The Council have also organised a drop-in session at the Hillwood War Memorial Hall on Tuesday 15th June from 4.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

This Plan will affect everyone with the changes to land use dramatically increasing the number of housing lots through the proposed subdivisions and the widening and extension of roads despite the acknowledgement of the existence of threatened flora and fauna species and previous strong resistance by residents to the proposed changes now spanning five years. TasWater have advised that there is no spare capacity within the water supply system and doesn't have any plans to upgrade it. Population projections are based on the whole of the George Town Municipality and not just Hillwood and a priority appears to be the protection of the interests of developers and the major businesses in the area with the Plan stating that it will "protect the existing agricultural area along Hillwood Road" even though Council are also committed to "Taking a 'whole of community' approach to everything", If you love the hamlet of Hillwood the way it is and have some feedback for Council, then please have your say.

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