

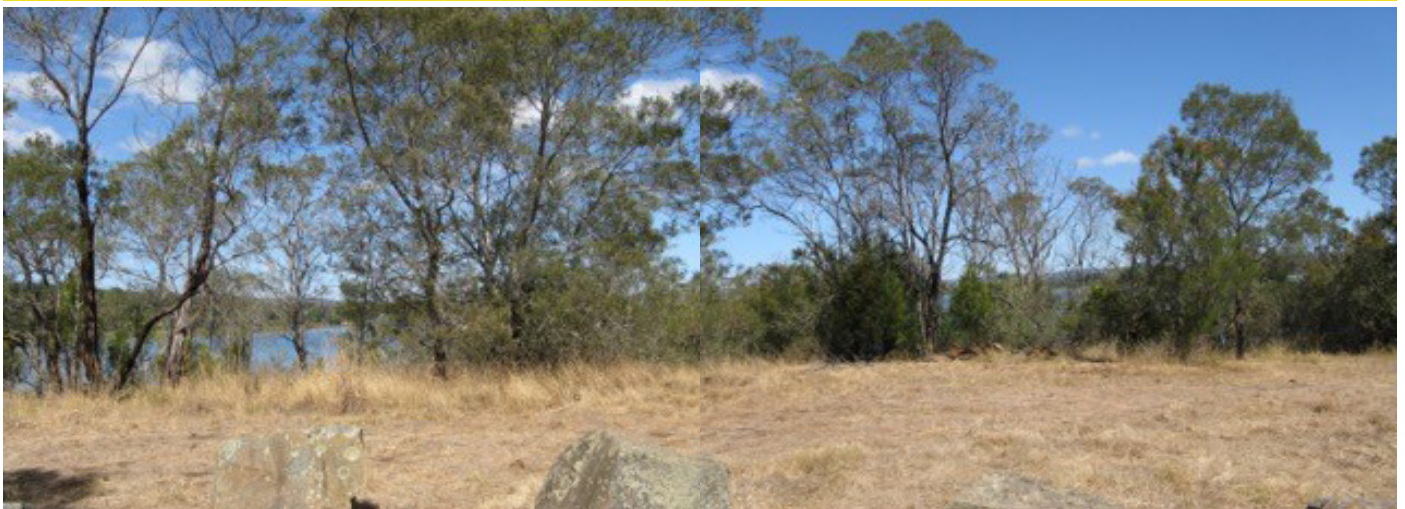


Smoke Signals

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The current view along with rock placement to prohibit access to the beach.

EGG ISLAND POINT RESERVE BATTLE

Egg Island Point Reserve in Hillwood is one of the few public access areas to the Tamar within 25 km of Launceston. It was a community-maintained reserve for many years until Crown Land Services has taken over management and allowed the area to be overgrown and unfriendly in terms of river access.

Whilst it is understandable that standards of river access need to be maintained, it appears that the Hillwood Community is prepared to undertake a persistent and consistent approach to CLS to ensure that this area remains a well maintained and accessible area to the public.

Local residents have appealed to MLC Ivan Dean for support in assessing the area and negotiating with CSL for a more community friendly approach to the management of the area.

After a detailed letter to CSL on the issue and a response from Manager Fiona Steel, local advocate on the issue, Lyndsay Millar reports:

"I think we have a major battle on our hands to get a common-sense management policy for Egg Is. Point.

CLS now have three policies for the area that place the environment ahead of the real risk to human lives.

The policies support:

1. Refusal to undertake fuel reduction burning on land they control bordering the community
2. allowing dead trees stand for five months after being warned that they posed a real risk to the public ; only removing them after one fell across a well-used walking track and on to the beach. Lyndsay claims although they are "habitat", they are deadly.
3. blocking off the only access to allow launching a boat when ramp is unusable due to weather conditions, to carry out a rescue.

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This access has been used for over 80yrs.without causing any problems .

The matter has not been raised previously because access has never been blocked before.

Lyndsay questions who has decided that the 'vehicle access is not an appropriate use for the beach' and challenges the statement that the boulders "do not hinder access to the shore" It is just not true he claims."

Lyndsay states that the permit from Parks to restore the beach did not include closing off vehicle access. He claims that the response from CLS does not address all questions he asked in his letter.

The Hillwood Progress Association will now apply to CLS for a permit to install two picnic tables on the Point at no cost to CLS.

Ivan Dean, Member of the Legislative Council for Windermere, in his assessment of the situation after visiting the area with concerned residents states:

"Regarding the trees, not even the green trees have a strong root hold on this point and that is obvious from the die back and the root structure on the dead trees that have been pushed over. I am not sure why some agreement can't be reached in this case ... an agreement that will ensure protection of the area and as has occurred over the past many years. I am also of the view that if the area which is an attractive and accessible picnic area, is semi locked off, not managed effectively, some people are likely to vandalise the area.

Before the rock placement occurred I understand there wasn't any major damage (if any at all) to the foreshore area and or picnic open space. If I am right I don't understand why that course of action was taken. It is clear that you and I think with some other support, have kept the area accessible to the public over a long period and that is commendable because it is one of the only areas close to Launceston where the public can picnic and fish next to the river.

The undergrowth needs to be kept tidy because without some clearing, it is a fire hazard and no doubt will suffer the consequences of unlawful burning in the future and the roads in the area will not be sufficient for fire control. Hence it will be a threat to residences in the area.

I am yet to receive a response from CLS relative the concerns I have raised with them. I have requested the maps of the 'point' as we discussed and will catch up with you when I receive any information on these matters."

We await a negotiated outcome on this issue and commit to supporting it as a community to ensure it remains a well-maintained and inviting area for public access. Ed.



Previous views of the river prior to current management.



Use of rocks to prohibit access.



GARDEN CLUB NEWS

Friday, 9th February, 2018

The Garden Club met at the home of Ros and Noel Ryan on a hot, dry February day. Despite the prolonged dry weather, Ros and Noel had maintained a lush green area close to the house and near the pool, which provided the perfect space for us all to enjoy each other's company for lunch. The pool looked very inviting, although no one "took the plunge"!

Ros and Noel have created a micro-climate near their house using some very fine specimens of viburnum tinus. The result is that they have a beautifully framed view of the Tamar river whilst being sheltered from the prevailing winds.



Beyond the house area, the garden stretches out in a park-like fashion with some well-established silver birch trees taking pride of place.

The vegetable garden has been ingeniously protected from birds and animals by the use of a discarded children's swing set, which makes a very clever frame for netting.

Thank you to Ros and Noel for another lovely Garden Club gathering.

9th March, 2018
"The Birth of a Garden"

Elizabeth File hosted a very special Garden Club event in the form of a "baptism" of her new garden. Elizabeth is new to the area, and indeed to Tasmania, having arrived in May last year from northern NSW.

Her first season saw her planting windbreaks and shade trees, using bird attracting trees and shrubs and she has already established ground covers to retain the steep slopes. Most recently she has installed a dam with an island as well as a hilled windbreak which she calls "Uluru"!

As it has been a long dry summer, Elizabeth is really looking forward to having her currently dry dam, filled with water. With this in mind, Jonathon proposed a toast to the new garden and Jacki led a "rain dance" from the house down to and around the dam. The women then all joined in to do a circle rain dance and chant. I am very pleased to announce that as I write this, it is raining, and in fact we have had over 40 mls in the last 24 hours! Thank you Jacki! And thank you to Elizabeth. We hope to be able to visit your garden in future years and to see its progress.

Rain Dance Queens... Guess who!



Next Meeting

Our next Garden Club gathering will be on: Friday, 13th April, 2018, at the home of Tom Dart and Gary Quantrell: 500 Windermere Road, Windermere.

If you would like to be a part of the Garden Club, please do let me know. New members are most welcome.

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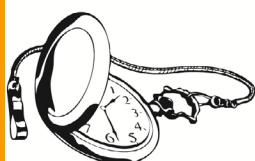
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INAUGURAL WINDERMERE REGATTA, 2018

Well after many years of Joe and Keith talking about holding a local regatta, it happened on Sunday the 11th March, the long weekend.

It was held at the home of Di Nailon, who was the main instigator for the event and a superb host. What a perfect setting for the regatta, with bunting, umbrellas, BBQ, lots of food and of course the occasional drink was had.

The day was just perfect weather wise, however the tide was not kind to us. All went well, with some visitors enjoying rides on the jet ski and the biscuit. There were power boats, jet skis and canoes. As with a regatta tradition there was a sail past and the salute was taken by retired Commodore Tim.

Thanks to those that came along to enjoy the day.

All in all an excellent day was had, and we expect this now to become a yearly event.



Sunny scenes from the inaugural Windermere Regatta.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Play Group

Dilston Playgroup is looking for someone (or someones) to take over the running of playgroup, this includes unlocking the hall and toy shed, small amount of paper work, and welcoming families. The Dilston Playgroup has been a wonderful part of the community for over 40 years, as many of the children grow and head off to start their years at school life the playgroup has lessened in numbers. An option is to close the doors for a short period of time and re-open them when the need and demand for a playgroup in the community rises. Any more information contact Sarah 0437 851 920 or Bec at Playgroup Tasmania 0458 751 716. Dilston Playgroup is every Tuesday 10am-noon at the Dilston Memorial Hall. Cost is \$3 and a piece of fruit to share.

Olive's Cottage

Smoke Signals has recently been contacted by the owners of this establishment in Windermere Rd. It is a well-appointed B&B suitable for visitors to locals if need be. You can contact the owners to discuss use in the future. Robyn has offered recipes from her food blog. Contact details are below with a live link to her Food Blog if you are interested.

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East Tamar Men's Shed

Work on the extension has now been completed by contractors. We have an occupancy permit and are undertaking the long and detailed task of fitting out the SHED for operations. We also await connection of 3 phase power by Hydro. The extension now includes our Hupmobile chassis and our woodworking machinery. The original building will be used for metal work and housing the accumulating tools and machinery we have for tackling many projects.

We are currently working on some outdoor tables for the Catholic Education Office in town for their professional development needs. We are designing and producing a new set of gates for the St Matthias Church and continuing our supply of early learning block sets to educational centres in Tasmania. Members are readily employed whenever they attend either

to complete their own tasks using the equipment we offer the community or assisting with the projects that keep us sustainable as an organisation.

We have just received news that a submission to The Australian Men's Shed Association for equipment and lighting for the SHED extension has been successful. We look forward to installing this equipment and to further expand our offering for the men of the community.

A recent visit by the Launceston branch of the Veteran Car Club of Australia was well rewarded for them in discovering that the missing (known) 1929 Hupmobile. It was rewarding for us in acquiring much advice and personal knowledge that accumulates when men get together and share experiences. A further visit in October is planned for



a tour of Tasmania by the Hupmobile specialists.

We specifically seek assistance in panel beating at this stage of the restoration. If you are one and have a few hours to spare, or know one who would be willing to give us some advice and a little teaching please give us a ring or just pop in to the SHED when we are open.

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YOUR LOCAL HALL NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

We are fortunate to have an excellent community centre with the Dilston Memorial Hall and the increasing strength of the Men's Shed.

Some communities have lost the use of their community hall in recent years as Councils are reluctant to maintain a building if it is not supporting its costs through community use.

The Hall Committee has been advised by the Launceston City Council that the Dilston Memorial Hall must continue to pay its way if it is to survive.

You and your group/ family can help here directly by hiring the hall for birthday parties or day/ evening functions. The Hall has a fully serviceable kitchen and BBQ facilities can be arranged if necessary. A Children's playground and outside tables and chairs make this a suitable venue for those fine days in Summer Tables and Chairs are available for casual hire also.

Ring Pat Hollier 6328-1348

CHURCH NEWS

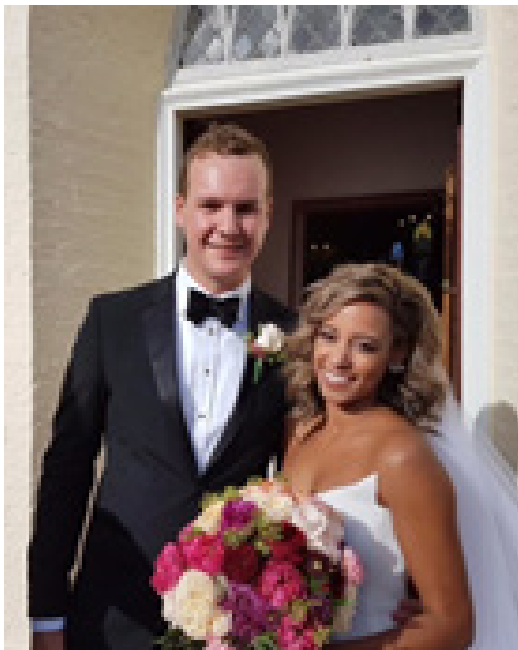
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HOLY TRINITY
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There has been much to celebrate at St Matthias' since last Smoke Signals.

Easter: The stark emptiness of the wooden cross in an unadorned church on Good Friday, contrasted with the joy, vibrance and beauty of the flower-decorated church on Easter Sunday. With much praise, as well as Hot Cross Buns, then chocolate eggs, we mourned the crucifixion, then celebrated the new life of the resurrection.



Wedding: A beautiful wedding was conducted by Ven. Dane Courtney on Saturday April 7th uniting Cathy Karuga of Adelaide, and Michael Shannon of Adelaide and Rowella. 105 happy friends and family fitted into our historic and romantic church. The reception was held at Waterton Hall, the vineyard of the groom's parents near Rowella.

We will have information leaflets in the tote bags at the Bridal Expo at the Albert Hall on May 27. Please pass on the message that "St Matthias is perfect for weddings!" We too believe in "happy ever after".

Services are held at St Matthias 9am on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. See Facebook:

St Matthias'
Windermere



Blessing of the Harvest



Sunday April 8th saw the church and grounds alive with the buzz of Harvest Festival celebrations. The church was adorned with corn stalks, fig and olive branches, and all types of fruits and veggies for the service. Then, from 11-2pm the wider community gathered to enjoy an English village atmosphere with lots of activities for children (including a TasRocks hunt), an interesting display of local and church history, as well as the usual well-stocked stalls for preserves, produce, cakes and a BBQ and espresso coffee.





Dilston Fire Brigade



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.

New Brigade Officers

We recently elected 3 new officer positions and are pleased to announce the following individuals in their new roles:

Jamie Smith - 2nd Officer

Ben Jones - 3rd Officer

Ken Nolan - 4th Officer.

The election process is a democratic one of their peers and their election is in recognition of their respective skills that they can bring to their roles. Well done Jamie, Ben and Ken!

Deployment to Victoria

Early on the morning of March 29, the brigade received a request from the Northern Region of the Tasmania Fire Service to provide our heavy tanker for deployment to Victoria....with a departure date set for that EVENING!!

We hastily prepared the truck for departure and our newly elected 3rd Officer Ben Jones departed that afternoon to the Spirit of Tasmania along

with other appliances from Bridgewater, Prospect, and State Operations. Following this deployment we along with other brigades have been rotating crews in and out of Victoria, and as this issue of Smoke Signals goes to print, we have committed our appliance out to April 17. The TFS have put in place alternative response arrangements whilst our primary vehicle is away.

We would like to offer our sincere appreciation and gratitude to the families and employees of all the TFS personal travelling to Victoria in aid of Emergency Management Victoria, the Country Fire Authority, and the affected Victorian communities that were recently heavily affected by severe fires in the south west of that state.

By way of a brief explanation, following the aforementioned fires there were significant environmental and health concerns from fires burning

in heavy peat beds in and around the township of Cobden. The Tasmania Fire Service was requested to provide assistance by way of our specialist Compressed Air Foam capability which is well suited in suppressing the smoke and Carbon Monoxide emanating from these fires. CAF is also well proven in decreasing the time to extinguish such fires. Dilston Brigades request came as our appliance is CAF enabled and the brigade is well recognised in the application of this medium.

We will provide more information in the next edition of smoke signals following the appliances and crews from Victoria.

End of Permit Period

The Tasmania Fire Service has announced that the Fire Permit Period will cease at 2am on Tuesday April 10. Thankyou to all residents that asked for permits this season and for the registering of burns in general.



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HAPPY NEWS:

WEDDING: of Morgan Miller to Benjamin Wilson on February 17th 2018. Morgan is the daughter of Helen and the late Mark Miller formerly of Hillwood and grand-daughter of Pat and Kevin Miller of Hillwood. Benjamin plays football with Hillwood Football Club.

NEW BABY: A son, Jack Timothy Wheeler was born on 15th February 2018 to Ellie and Tim Wheeler of Swan Bay in February. A sister for two year old Grace and another Grandson for Robyn and Ian Wheeler and great-grandson for Nancy and Jeff Donnelly.

SAD NEWS: ROETSZ, Pauline of Hillwood died on 3rd March 2018. Our sympathy to her husband Wally and children Tanya and Paul.

Our sympathy to our local Service Station proprietor, Susan Sullivan whose mother, Ivy Sullivan died on 5th March 2018.

CLUB NEWS:

HILLWOOD GARDEN CLUB hosted the George Town and Districts Historical Society in February. They hold a combined meeting every year. This year's speaker was Peter Cox who presented a very interesting story of the avenue of trees planted more than 80 years ago between Launceston and Hobart. The renowned Walker family provided the trees, some money provided by Government and donations from families who purchased trees. Well researched by Peter who visited the sites of trees on a number of occasions providing photos of the trees in different seasons which made his story even more interesting.

Peter, who has been involved with the Historical Society since its inception, was recently awarded a prestigious prize from the Federation of Australian Historical Societies. He received an Award of Merit for his work on George Town planner and former NSW Governor, Lachlan Macquarie. Well done, Peter.

The March Garden Club meeting was held at the Hillwood Meditation Centre kindly hosted by Stephanie, Michaela and Cesar. Before the meeting, members visited what is known (on Facebook) as Michaela's Village, with a vegetable garden and hobby farm. The vegetable patch has been developed especially to suit people with disabilities. It has been of special interest to young visitors

who are home-schooled, people who don't have access to gardens, e.g. live in the city or in units, even people with health issues or visitors who come for meditation.

The difficult concepts of time and seasons can be explained when discussing the garden. How long things take to grow, when they grow, what they need. Also, growing the plants, enjoying the harvest, cooking the food or eating raw.

The hobby farm creates responsibility - feeding and watering the animals, looking after orphaned lambs, keeping the cages clean for the guinea pigs. There are sheep, ducks and chooks also on the farm.

It was very interesting to view the garden and hobby farm from a different perspective.

You don't need to be good at gardening (I'm not!) or even have a garden to be a member of the Garden Club. The meetings are always interesting, a lot of fun and the meeting part is short. Supper is enjoyed.

I must confess that I pinch some of my wording from Garden Club Secretary Geraldine's reports. They are always interesting and amusing.

Garden Club meetings are held on the third Monday of the month in the Hillwood Hall at 7.30 p.m. Contact: Geraldine Goodwin 63948267.

HILLWOOD KIDS CLUB started back on 2nd March with an outing to Airtime which was enjoyed by 20 children plus parents. Term 1 ended on 16th March. Term 2 starts 11th May, 25th May, 8th June, 22nd June, 6th July. Cost \$4 per child includes tea. Kids from 5 years of age to 12 years of age welcome. Come along and join in for lots of fun, games, craft and Bible story. Contact Susan Gillman - 0439065914 gillmas73@gmail.com

DON'T FORGET OUR ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE AND BREAKFAST on Wednesday April 25th.

Come along and enjoy the Dawn Service at 6.00a.m. followed by the Breakfast afterwards at the Hillwood Hall. This has become a popular event and is well worth attending. Arrangements have been made for the cock to crow and kookaburra to laugh during the Dawn

Service as per usual. The Launceston Men's Choir will also be entertaining us again with tunes old and modern.

Helpers are always welcome - with serving up or clearing away and washing up.

A collection is made at the breakfast and a raffle held to raise funds for the following year's breakfast. Money for this is held in the Progress Associations bank account. Any surplus above the required amount is donated to charity.

ANN and TOM NIXON of Hillwood often hold fundraiser luncheons for worthy causes. Always delicious food, good company and a delightful setting. The most recent luncheon held at their home was held by the Order of the Eastern Star, Tamar Chapter 178 with more than 30 guests. This group chooses a charity to raise funds for each year. Ann and Tom are generous hosts and together with their wonderful band of helpers raised a massive \$715.00 at this luncheon for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter.

George Town Council Leadership Group met with Hillwood Progress Association Inc. and other local groups on Wednesday 28th March. Several issues were discussed together with items to be included in Council's Budget. Acoustics in the Hall was a major item which we hope to achieve this year. Also Grants are to be sourced for our Foreshore Walkway project and a future All-Tide Boat Ramp. It was good to have face-to-face interaction with people you often only know over the phone. Their attendance much appreciated.

A new business in Hillwood, Brett & Lilli Carson are keen to help local residents with their carpet cleaning service. If you need your carpets cleaned give them a try and please report your experience to Smoke Signals (Ad on page 3). The business generously offered a carpet clean for our Harvest Festival silent auction. This was purchased by Ian Hay and Rosemary.



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