



# Smoke Signals

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Egg Island Point Reserve



## OUR ENVIRONMENT MATTERS

### A Cause for Change

**The theme of this edition is clearly environment.**

*We choose to live here because we think it is special. When we come, we make changes. These changes often have a subtle, yet lasting impact on the natural environment that attracted us to where we have chosen to live. As a community we need to heed the advice of those who observe these impacts, and adjust our habits so that those changes do not ultimately come back to change this place into a place we no longer wish to live.*

Hillwood Progress Association met with Minister Sarah Courtney on the 28th of March at Egg Island Point over the concerns we have over the change of status and some management policies for the area. One of our major concerns

is that Parks have recently changed the use of this public area from the C 1840 as "Reserved for the recreational use by the community"- "Never to be sold" to "CLS is the primary authority for maintain the area for its 'intended' purpose as a natural values area with riparian communities." CLS then states that the area ( Egg Island Point) is no longer an area maintained for use by the Public."

The changes were made without any community consultation or notification. We were able also to express our concerns that on two occasions CLS/ Parks has provided Parliamentarians with false and misleading information to questions asked on our behalf re management issues. For example: in reply to questions asked by Ivan Dean MLC, CLS/Parks stated that in part "Hillwood Progress Association has shown no interest in maintaining the Egg Island Point Reserve."

This despite the fact that HPA has been in continuing contact and negotiation

with CLS/Parks since 2010. We have spent \$1,000 of our money to restore the beach, and community members clean up rubbish, remove noxious weeds and have offered to provide two picnic table sets to the value of \$1,000 for installation on the Point. This project has not proceeded because CLS/Parks will charge us \$647.80 for the privilege.

Minister Courtney has agreed to a further meeting to discuss other concerns.

Egg Island Point is the largest Public Access area between George Town and Launceston on the East Tamar, providing the Public direct access with the River for recreation.

The primary use should be for Public Community use.

- Lyndsay Miller OAM.

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# WHY BEES LOVE MY GARDEN

By Trixie Gillard and Kerri Curtis

## Tasmania In January 2019: Record Warm and Record Dry

This is the headline from BOM, the Bureau of Meteorology's report, and, as we are all too well aware, the warm weather has continued for months without any significant rain. Isn't it frustrating when there's a bit of a sprinkle, and then it turns out to be a tease, and then it dries up and nothing happens!

Our gardens are stressed, but just think how bad it is for the birds, bees and butterflies.

You might already have a birdbath in your garden, but it's not much help for bees, because they can't easily access the water. But, if you put a small rock or some pebbles or marbles in the water, to create little islands that the bees can land on close to the water, they'll be very happy. Better still would be to have a dedicated water-bowl just for bees, because, apparently, they use their sense of smell to initially locate the water. Adding a very small amount of dissolved sugar does the trick. Once they know where their water source is,

you should just give them fresh plain water, changing it every couple of days.

The bees will be starting their winter hibernation soon, so perhaps this is a good time to think about the flowers and flowering shrubs you already have in your garden and check them against the list below to see if you have enough that are especially bee friendly. Then you can plan your Spring planting.

**Flowers** such as Alyssum, Calendula, Catmint, Cornflower, Poppy, Marigold, Lavender, Forget-Me-Nots, Nasturtium, Cosmos, Salvias, and Zinnia should see your garden become a hive of activity.

**Herbs** such as Sage, Rosemary, Basil, Thyme, Borage and Mint are also favourites.

Bees are drawn to bright colours, particularly blue, white and purple, so planting bee friendly flowers in your garden will attract bees to your garden and provide them with the pollen and nectar they need to survive.

## Doing Our Bit to Save the World's Bees

Did you know that close to the port area of Bell Bay, Devonport and Hobart there are forty-five specially monitored beehives? These are sentinel beehives that have been set up by Biosecurity Tasmania, and have an essential role in the part that Tasmania plays in Australia's early warning system.

What they're guarding against is Varroa destructor, or varroa mite, which originated in Asia in Asian honey beehives. Since the 1960s it has spread across the globe, with Australia the only major honey-producing country still free of the pest.

The National Bee Pest Surveillance Program places working honey beehives close to ports, which beekeepers then regularly test to see if any pests or exotic bees have hitched their way in on a ship.

"The hives are tested every six weeks for all the exotic pests that we want to keep out of Australia. It's a barrier, an early warning system," says Karla Williams, coordinator of the National Bee Pest Surveillance Program in Tasmania.

The program also sees catch boxes placed around ports — empty hives designed to attract bee swarms that might have stowed away on a visiting ship.

Because our state is free of the Varroa mite and other bee pests, such as the small hive beetle, Tasmania's bees are a sought-after commodity, and do their bit to help boost countries with declining bee populations.

Each year Tasmania exports bees to Canada and the United States where thousands are lost over the cold winter months and to varroa and other pests.

This makes the job of the sentinel bees not just important for the state but for the world.

If you are interested in keeping bees and would like to be part of the program, check out the Biosecurity Tasmania website. Even simply having a thriving bee community in your garden means you're doing your bit to keep our bee population in tip-top condition.

## What Our Native Bees Love

Native bees, many of which are stingless, prefer native flowers so Swan River Daisies are a must, as are Abelia, Buddleja (Butterfly Bush) Callistemon (Bottlebrush) Eucalyptus and Angophora (Gum Trees) Grevillea (Spider Flower) and Leptospermum (Tea Tree). They also love daisies and lavender.

I've just given myself a nice little tick of approval as I've got all of the species that native bees love growing in my garden, but I can plan to lift my game by growing native wildflowers under my apple trees. For a few years now I've been letting the grass grow long under these apple trees, and I no longer have coddling moth problems. My apple trees used to be plagued with them, and I tried every commercial remedy. Then one day I noticed that in old paintings of orchards, where they also used to have sheep grazing, I observed that the grass grew long under the apple trees, and this was centuries before insecticides. I thought, I'll try that. And voila, no more coddling moth. Apparently the long grass makes it difficult for the larvae to get back up the tree to infest the fruit. So, amongst the grass, I want to plant native wildflowers that flower early to entice the bees to pollinate the nearby apricot trees. Over the last couple of years these apricots have been blossoming very early, before the bees in my garden have properly finished hibernating, and there's not much around to entice them out of their winter accommodation. The result is that they've borne very little fruit, whereas further along in the garden I have late season apricots that are producing lots of fruit. Problem solved? Hope so!

For the source for this article (left) and related stories go to <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2018-03-17/protecting-tasmanian-bees-to-help-the-worlds-population/9554514>

## Not Only Bees!



It was a conversation with a friend who works for the Tasmanian Land Conservancy that prompted a decision to officially register the green and gold frogs that have called our garden home this summer, with the Natural Values Atlas (NVA).

The NVA is a Tasmanian government initiative, little known outside local council planning departments and conservation circles, that: “provides authoritative and comprehensive information on Tasmania’s natural values.” It uses a database to assist conservation and environmental scientists searching for information on the more than 20,000 Tasmanian flora and fauna species, and includes maps that show their location and range. The NVA is also the ‘go to’ site for town planners, who have to assess the environmental impacts of all development

application projects before they can receive council approval. This includes an awareness of threatened and vulnerable species of plants, insects and animals that could potentially be at risk.

With so much housing development happening or planned for this area it’s important for both developers and planners to know where vulnerable and endangered flora and fauna are found, so the necessary steps can be taken to ensure their habitat is respected and protected. The NVA therefore is always seeking to know more about where populations of Tasmania’s unique plants, insects and animals are located.

Long-term residents who are familiar with greens and golds may remember their presence in the Windermere and Swan Bay area was first highlighted during the pulp mill campaign. Once common throughout much of Tasmania, the amphibian is now a state and federally listed species, and was generally considered extinct in our area, so not unnaturally conservationists were excited to discover these frogs were actually alive and thriving along the East Tamar.

Frogs worldwide face a number of threats including habitat loss from deforestation, land clearance, and the chytrid fungus disease that has wiped out many species globally. I know we aren’t alone in having these comparatively rare green and golds happily hopping about

the garden, basking in the sunshine from late spring through to early autumn. And I also know the NVA is keen to record other sightings in our area of this ecologically important Tasmanian frog. So if you’ve also spotted these delightful bright green amphibians in your garden, maybe sitting in the strawberry patch, among the vegies, or close by a dam or pond, please consider registering them with the NVA. <https://www.naturalvaluesatlas.tas.gov.au/#HomePage>

Admittedly the process is a little tricky but the support people are extremely helpful and will be more than happy to guide you through the procedure.

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### Do You Have A “Why Bees Love My Garden” Story Or Anecdote?

If so please email **Kerri Curtis:** [kerridwen51@gmail.com](mailto:kerridwen51@gmail.com) or **Trixie Gillard:** [flahulac@bigpond.com](mailto:flahulac@bigpond.com) with your story or comments for inclusion in the next issue of Smoke Signals. We’d love to hear from you.

**Men’s Shed-support:** The East Tamar Men’s Shed is offering to support this campaign by manufacturing basic cell beehives for beginners. Please approach us if you wish to be involved.

## GARDEN CLUB NEWS

Wendy and Dennis Butler very kindly hosted our March Garden Club gathering at their new home in Kings Meadows. They moved in only a short time ago but have achieved some major works in their garden, including the removal of several pine trees (which were overshadowing their neighbours) and a large tree close to the house which was undermining the paving. I am sure this has opened up the garden beautifully because the view is magnificent!

Their house is about 20 years old - designed by Architect, David Denman, for his and his wife’s use, after the children had left home. The garden is well laid out on a steep slope which affords a most beautiful view out to the mountains. The slope has been used very well with the inclusion of a waterfall cascading into a large pool below. There are paths winding backwards and forwards amongst garden

beds, and a small lawned area. I am sure that Dennis and Wendy are going to very much enjoy adding their own vision and creativity to this beautiful garden.

We all enjoyed lunch together at a long table. Garden Club members are becoming more aware of the importance of bees in our environment and we had a lively discussion about bee-attracting plants and other observations.

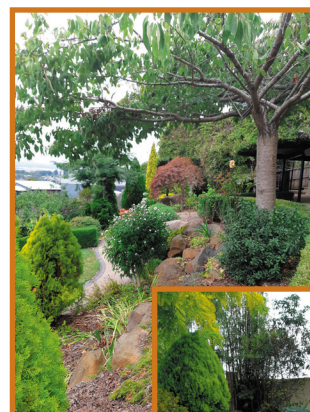
If you would like to be a part of Garden Club, you would be very welcome. We enjoy a monthly gathering (although not so much in winter) over a shared lunch and enjoy each other’s company very much.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like to be included.

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Butler’s Garden



# CHURCH NEWS

## Reporting on Past Events

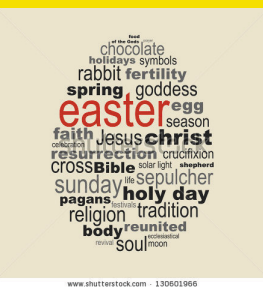
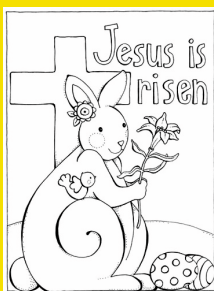
We have had no further news on the break-in, during which our historic communion chalice and other items were stolen, though the Police are still hopeful of finding these. The church has been secured and new reinforced locks will be finished soon.

Our Shrove Tuesday pancake event, and recent small Produce Stall, raised \$145 for the ABM Northern Territory Discipleship Track.

**Alpha Course:** About 11-12 locals have met weekly over Feb/March/April through the Alpha Course, investigating basic Christian principles. A very thought-provoking and enriching experience.

Congregation numbers continue to regularly exceed 20, with Di and now Sharon contributing to the music. So the Spirit is alive and well here; and you are always welcome to worship with us.

Second and fourth Sundays each month at 9am  
Rector Dane Courtney: 6331004



## Upcoming Events

**Sunday April 7th - "Weddings at The Albert" Expo:** Our new wedding brochures will be in the guests' tote bags. We are always keen to attract weddings to our beautiful church.

**Sunday April 14th - Palm Sunday:**  
Regular eucharist service at 9am.

**Friday April 19th:**  
Good Friday service at Holy Trinity at 10:30am.

**Saturday April 20th:** St M and Holy Trinity will be offering children's activities in City Park from 11-2pm as part of Launceston Alive (formerly called Launceston Easter Community Festival), which is a collaborative effort between members of the Christian church, community services, arts, academic and business sectors of Launceston ([launceston.org.au](http://launceston.org.au)). The aim is to unite our city in celebrating the original Easter message in an engaging, contemporary manner which shows how vitally relevant it is for everyone in today's world. Spread the word!

**Sunday April 21st - Easter Sunday:** Come and celebrate the joy of new life through the Risen Lord. Some special music is planned... and Easter Eggs of course!

**Saturday May 4th:** Open Day at St M as part of the National Trust Heritage Festival from 9-5pm. **2019 theme:** This Place Matters. History display, questions answered, refreshments.

**Sunday May 12th - Mothers' Day:** Bring along mum, grandma, a special friend, your daughter, or just your own personal special family memories to reflect on in church.

## PLAYGROUP NEWS

Dilston Playgroup has had many fun and relaxed mornings this year, with loads of outdoor play. On the 26th March playgroup held an Open Day to celebrate National Playgroup Week. With some help from Caz and her team at the Northern Suburbs Community Centre and Bec at Playgroup Tas. the morning was a great success, with many families enjoying face painting, the jumping castle and morning tea. It was great to meet some new families and see our regular groups enjoy the morning.

After running Dilston playgroup for the last 5 years, the time has come for me to hand over the keys to someone else. Across the years I have been very lucky to meet many wonderful families (now wonderful friends) and watch their children grow and reach milestones. It has been a privilege to be able to offer this great space for the families to connect in the community, and it will be missed if it no longer running. The role as Playgroup Coordinator is a very rewarding one and a role that could possibly be shared and/or a roster system put in place. If you would like to know any more information about volunteering as Playgroup Coordinator or about the playgroup, feel free to contact me (Sarah: 0437 851 920).

Dilston Playgroup is held on Tuesdays 10am-12pm, at the Dilston War Memorial Hall. Cost is \$3 (+a piece of fruit to share). All families welcome!

**Playgroup Shed:** Thank you to Lizzie for cleaning our storage shed and Jeff (Men's Shed) for adjusting the door so it won't allow leaves to invade.



# EAST TAMAR MEN'S SHED

We continue to offer services to Community and provide a place where men can come to feel engaged, either to work or to just relax and talk or to engage in relaxing activities they are interested in. We have currently 35 members with a regular active engagement of 10 members at sessions. There is always something to do either for yourself or to keep you active. Skills you have are highly prized. Skills you wish to learn are shared by those who can and are willing to teach.

We have been actively sponsored by generous community grants and are keen to involve adult men in activities that support you at whatever stage of life you are in.

**Come along and check us out: Wednesdays and Saturdays regularly 9-2. Other times by contact**

**President: Jeff Wynne 0417 843 943**

**Secretary: Jon Hosford 0419 317 808**



Ian's Table

John's Workbench



In the months since last edition, Ian Farquhar has been involved in crafting a very special table for a member who supplied a very special piece of timber.

John Wood has crafted a very special workbench for someone in the community who wants to be independent at home. Enquiries welcome.

Our members have been involved in producing early learning centre play block sets of high quality for a wide range of Tasmanian early learning centres.

We have crafted a garden bridge for a member of community, and done lots of little but special jobs for fix-it scenarios.

We have another special piece of macrocarpa (pine) that is wanting a home in future. Please contact us if you would want a table crafted from this piece.



Macrocarpa  
Table Top



Garden Bridge



We are planning a clearing sale for May 11th the election day where a good range of tools and items we wish to pass on will be offered for a reasonable donation towards our sustainability.

We are planning a check out and a sausage sizzle with the Fire brigade at this time, so plan to drop in when you come to vote.

We are supporting the BEE ACTIVE message in Smoke Signals with an offer to construct a basic hive and to educate those willing to BEE involved.

Thank you to new Hall Manager Lizzie Benstead for her enthusiasm and new broom, and to Pat Hollier for teaching her about the very special relationship community has in this place.

## On a Sad note:

Our active and brave member Hans Mohler passed away in February. We treasured his involvement as a personality who never failed to encourage and inspire those he mixed with.

We offer Trudi and family our sincere condolences for the passing of this much loved man. We know his soul will find a place where he will be fully utilised, but we are saddened by your loss and ours at this time.



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# 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.

### 2018/2019 Fire Season rolls on!

As advised last issue of Smoke Signals, the fire season to date has been one of our busiest in recent years.

And indeed this has continued with Dilston Fire Brigade appliances and crew having travelled as far south as Geevston to aid in the fires in that region, as well as other locales in the state.

We have also been somewhat busy in our own area with a number of small fires and other incident types keeping us busy.

Again a big thankyou to all brigade members for their commitment in time to train and respond.

### Firewood Sales

We have been busy also in stockpiling our firewood piles in preparation to begin delivering. We are planning to begin this over the Easter period and we will be in touch to arrange a mutually agreeable time.

We do have quite a number of orders to deliver so we thank you in advance for your patience.

Please also be advised that we cannot take any further orders

until the current ones are fulfilled.

### Newly qualified members

We are pleased to welcome Fire fighters Andrew, Gabrielle and Joseph to our active list following their completion of their basic fire fighting course recently. They have already seen some action and have put some of their newly acquired skills to test.

We also have our 2 Junior Firefighters Courtney and Zak, almost at completion of their basic course. Well done to them all.

### New Membership Opportunities

We do have a number of spots available for both Junior and Senior Fire Fighters. We would love to be able to fill these spots and this is a good time of the year to get started!! Give one of the officers listed below a call to find out more of this exciting opportunity.

### Melbourne Fire Fighter Stair Climb

This year a number of hardy brigade members have committed to the challenge of the Melbourne Fire Fighter Stair Climb at the Crown Metropal in Melbourne. More details next issue but we will be

raising funds in order to support a nominated charity, and help our crew in their travels to Melbourne. As part of raising funds we are collecting old car batteries or similar. If you have one that you would like to donate to the brigade, please contact one of the officers listed below.

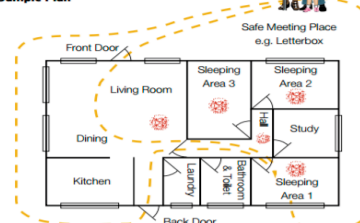
### Changing Seasons

Being Tasmania the weather has already started to shift towards the cooler months and we advise that it is time to look at your wood heaters and flus tp ensure that these are ready to be used. Feel free to contact the brigade for more information and even a home fire safety check! Making a plan in case of fire is a key aspect of preparedness and the graphic below give a notional idea on how to prepare an escape plan for your residence.



**Make a plan in case of fire**

Sample Plan



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[www.facebook.com/TasmaniaFireService](https://www.facebook.com/TasmaniaFireService)

### Brigade Contacts

Raoul Stow	0417 351 423
Paul Blakie	0417 592 424
Ben Jones	0417 877 001
Ken Nolan	0448 320 996



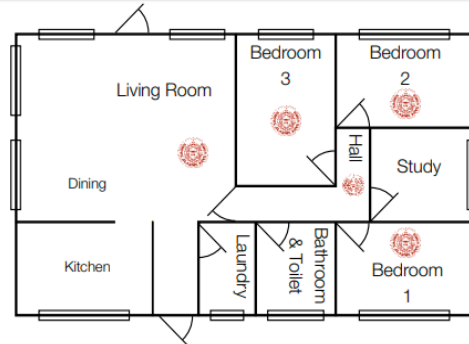


# Home Fire Safety

## FACT SHEET Smoke Alarms

### Only working smoke alarms save lives!

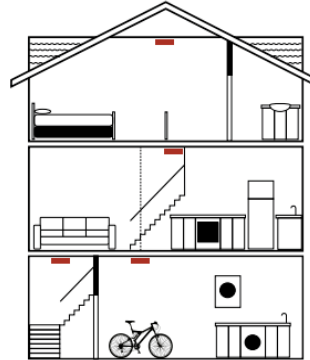
- You should **install** a photoelectric smoke alarm in each sleeping area (bedroom), hallway and living area. **Smoke alarms** should be supported by a home fire escape plan.
- Test** alarms monthly.
- Vacuum** dust from alarms every six months.
- Replace** batteries once a year. Some alarms have 10 year lithium batteries that do not need replacing every year.
- Mains powered smoke alarms** also have back-up batteries - check with the manufacturer if your model has batteries that need to be replaced regularly, or whether it has a re-chargeable battery.
- Young children are likely to **sleep through** the sound of a smoke alarm, so **you must alert them** to a fire and help them escape to safety.
- Installation** of a smoke alarm is quick and easy. Follow the manufacturer's instructions. Generally, because smoke rises, mounting in the middle of the ceiling is recommended.
- Maximum protection** can be gained from interconnecting smoke alarms - when one smoke alarm operates, all connected alarms will operate.
- All alarms have a **use by date of 10 years**, after this time, the entire alarm must be replaced.



**Single Level Homes**  
Install a photoelectric smoke alarm in every sleeping area (bedroom), hallway and living area.



– Smoke Alarm



### Multi Level Homes

Install a photoelectric smoke alarm in every sleeping area (bedroom), hallway, living area and on the ceiling at the top of the stairway connecting the levels.

### Important

All smoke alarms must be replaced every 10 years.



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# Home Fire Safety

## FACT SHEET Fire extinguishers & fire blankets



**REMEMBER** – Saving lives through a quick escape is far more important than saving property.

You should be trained in the use of an extinguisher or fire blanket to use them safely and effectively.

**An emergency is not the time to read instructions.**

If you do not know how to use a fire extinguisher or fire blanket:

- Get down, get low, get out** – smoke is poisonous, get underneath it on your hands and knees, and crawl to the nearest safe exit.
- Shut the doors behind you to stop the spread of fire.
- Shout **Fire! Fire! Fire!** to warn others.
- Ensure **everyone is out** of the building.
- Get out and stay out** – **never go back inside**.
- Go to your **safe meeting place** – such as your letterbox.
- Call **triple zero '000'** from a mobile or a neighbour's phone.
- Wait for the Fire Service to arrive.**



# Home Fire Safety

## FACT SHEET What to do in a fire

### Do these things to safely escape a fire



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**SAD NEWS: GLENN PARISH** former resident of Hillwood, died on January 31st. Glenn and his wife Rhonda and sons Jason and Dean lived in Hillwood for quite some years. Glenn was a good footballer who played for the State at one time. He coached the Hillwood Mini-League. Our sympathy to the family.

**SYLVIA BARTER** former long-time resident of Hillwood died on 25th January at Ainslie, Low Head, aged 91. Sylvia's husband **EDDIE** (artist) and daughter pre-deceased her.

**HANS MOHLER**, another long-time resident of Hillwood died on 7th February at his home. He led a very interesting life - born in Switzerland, climbing mountains, living in Northern Nigeria for five years where he was made an honorary chief. Before retiring, Hans was a paramedic. Our sympathy to Trudi and their family.

Our sympathy goes out to Anthony and Helen Scott of Hillwood. Anthony's mother, **BARBARA SCOTT** died on 7th February.

Another long-time resident, **MARGARET KELLY** also died. Margaret was a founding member of Hillwood Ladies Group and attended regularly until recent times. We have missed her attendance when she first went into hospital and then Ainslie House.

News is just in of another death of a former local identity. **COLIN PAUL** a former resident of many years who was involved with the community in particular the Football Club. Our sympathy goes out to his wife Sandra and their two sons. In recent years they have lived on the Gold Coast.

**HAPPY NEWS:** (Thank goodness, plenty of Sad News this edition). I forgot to let you know that Robyn and Ian Wheeler are Grand-parents once again with the birth of little Amelie Emily (Millie) born to son Ben and Kylie on 5th November last year. Another great-grandchild for Nancy and Jeff.

**CAR BOOT SALE.** A successful event organised by HARRA with the assistance of Hillwood Progress Assn. Stallholders all seemed very happy - many asked when will there be another? The Hillwood Fire Brigade were in attendance, the Hillwood Football Club provided a barbecue and there was a coffee stand.

**HILLWOOD GARDEN CLUB/GEORGE AND DISTRICTS HISTORY SOCIETY EVENT.** I was tired and nearly didn't go to this Annual event but am so glad I did as I was fortunate to hear the fascinating story of the Emu Bay Rhododendron Gardens. From an idea in the heads of a few people who loved Rhododendrons to the clearing of wooded weedy paddocks to the glorious massive gardens with Rhododendrons from all over the world. It was an absolutely fascinating story told by Eric Weeks who has been involved for over forty years since soon after the beginning. After advising us that he is not used to public speaking he spoke eloquently about his passion. He took us through all the ups and downs, the building of lakes, interesting Chinese building, Japanese inspired bridge, gazebo inspired by Little House on the Prairie, other buildings, roads and massive plantings. For the celebration of the centenary in 2001 they even had David Geldoff playing his piano for two glorious nights. These gardens are world- renowned, people come from all over the world, a wonderful place to hold a wedding. There are rhododendrons from all over the world in areas specific to their origin. Eric's favourite time is autumn because the rhodos with their beautiful colours flower at different times but in the autumn, all of the rich autumn colours occur at the same time.

It was interesting to realise the differences from when they started out. It is now necessary to have a paid employee to deal with all the necessary paper-work to free up the volunteers, of which there are many.

We know Tassie runs on volunteers, but forty to do the catering? That is apart from all the other necessary jobs.

The stories told at this annual event (Garden Club and Historic Society) are always interesting. We have had in recent times the story of the well-known Walker gardening family and the story of the avenue of trees planted from Launceston to Hobart.

Hillwood Garden Club meets on the third Monday of each month in the Hillwood Hall at 7.30 p.m. and the George Town and Districts Historical Society on the same night at various venues.

**CLEAN-UP DAY.** HARRA again with the assistance of Hillwood Progress Assn held a clean-up day on Sunday 3rd March ending with a Sausage Sizzle at the Pontoon Reserve. George Town Council assisted with the collection of the bags of rubbish.

**HILLWOOD ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE AND BREAKFAST:** This annual popular community event will be held again this year. The wonderful Launceston Men's Choir will again be in attendance. The Dawn Service is held at the Fire Station at 6.00 a.m. followed by a delicious Breakfast in the Hillwood Hall about 7.00 a.m. Donations are accepted during the Breakfast from which sufficient funds are held to pay for next year's breakfast and any funds raised above that are donated to a worthy project, this year "Soldier On" has been suggested. If anyone would like to help us on the day we would be most grateful.

In order to promote Hillwood and assist businesses in Hillwood, **HILLWOOD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC** has recently joined the Greater George Town Area Business Group which has been formed through the George Town Destination Action Group Committee of which we are also a member. The Association is also actively working towards an All Tide Boat Ramp and a Foreshore



## HILLWOOD NEWS

Walking Track. Acoustics will soon be installed in the Hall, another initiative of HPA Inc. This will much improve the enjoyment of attending functions in the Hall. Through Tamar NRM and the George Town Council Coastal Group, we also are attempting to eradicate or reduce the numbers of weeds in the area, in particular Boneseed and Spanish Heath. We also participate in the Clean-up day combining with HARRA and Garden Club. We are also part of the George Town Council's Safety Committee through which we are hoping soon to see improved signage at the Hillwood Jetty Road intersection with East Tamar Highway.

If you would like to attend meetings of the Progress Assn, learn about what we do and participate through becoming a member of the Association, we meet bi-monthly

with one being Executive Committee and the other open to the public. If you become a member for \$5 you are eligible to vote on issues. Unfortunately, when you receive this newsletter, our April Public meeting will have been held. The next Public meeting will be August. Look for reminders on the Notice Boards.

### LIFT AT FOOTBALL CLUBROOMS:

I told you about the Lift being installed in the Football Clubrooms for use by the community using the Corporate Room including the Hillwood Eightball Group, some of whom find the stairs difficult to use and in some cases impossible to use meaning they have to give up this enjoyable sport. I am happy and grateful to report that a generous donation towards the Lift has been received from the former Hillwood Tractor Pull. These funds have been held since the last Tractor Pull held

more than twenty years ago and the former committee were keen to donate towards a worthy project. So thank you sincerely to John Taylor and Alf Waters for your donation of over \$1700. A Grant was secured from the Tasmanian Community Grant Fund with the proviso that a percentage of the funds be provided in cash. The balance of the required deposit was donated by the Hillwood Eightball Group and Hillwood Progress Assn Inc. (HPA Inc raises funds held in a Community Fund specifically for donation to worthy causes).

A big thank you Jon Hosford for his work over many years with Smoke Signals and for being so helpful and welcoming with our contribution. We wish you and Margaret all the very best in your future adventures.

## The Coffee Shop Lives Again!

HILLWOOD COFFEE SHOP Hillwood Jetty Road, is re-opening under new management on Wednesday 1st May. Opening hours 10am to 4pm Wednesday to Sunday. Closed Monday and Tuesday. Jan and Pieter extend a warm invitation to everyone in the Hillwood, Windermere and Dilston communities. Looking forward to meeting you.



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# LETTER TO THE NEXT EDITOR

## The Penultimate Word

Dear Tony,

When I agreed to take this publication over from you, I had no idea it would grow to be the publication it is now. Despite my efforts to make it an online communication, there seems currently to be an overwhelming support in this community for it to continue as a letterbox-delivered newsletter. There are an increasing number of "NO JUNK MAIL" signs on letter boxes within this community, but in 13 years I have had no objections to anything our team of faithful volunteers have placed in mailboxes, nor I have had in response to emails I have distributed. We have continued to receive support from parliamentarians, Jim Cox, Brian Whiteman and Michael Ferguson who have enabled the publication of this newsletter from their office at their expense.

This is community. We have also had assurance from Ivan Dean that if there is a future need, he would be happy to support.

I have enjoyed my time as Editor despite expressed frustrations about the difficulty of obtaining contributions on time, if at all.

I do express my gratitude to Hillwood's Nancy Donnelly together with Rob Montague and Raz Stow from the Dilston Fire Brigade who have always worked with me to produce a publication that emanates from the origin of its title.

Margaret and I have chosen to downsize from the adventure we have enjoyed at Windermere.

We have chosen to be involved in a great deal. We have chosen to down size from our property and personal commitments, but let me assure you, as long as I feel needed in this community, we will always belong.

Thank you East Tamar for providing a safe and caring community in which we can share our need to be involved.

I sincerely trust that you together with Dani, Jenni & George along with so many others who support Smoke Signals will continue to make this community so special.

Sincerely,  
Jon Hosford



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