



Smoke Signals

Dilston Windermere Swan Bay Newsletter

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Dilston By Pass Update

The By Pass Safety Committee has provided an update to the community about the 'state of play' regarding the By Pass.

DIER had 2 weeks to respond after the Council Meeting resolutions of March 2nd clearly recommended roundabouts for the intersections on the proposed bypass.

This period has lapsed without official objection to the Council's resolutions. There have been several communications between the committee and representation from DIER and Minister Graeme Sturgess.

It appears that the community concerns over the safety issues expressed on the plans for the Bypass have been recognized, and DIER is now designing an amendment to plans to put before Council at its next sitting. The Launceston Examiner is reporting the current progress of these negotiations accurately and residents can be assured that the committee will act until the best outcomes have been achieved.

The community support for this proposal has demonstrated clearly that communities acting in unison can make a difference to proposed government infrastructure.

It is highly desirable that full consultation and co-operation be consistently pursued by government planning agencies in projects that are likely to affect the safety and well being of citizens.

It is a credit to the Safety Committee that its members have pursued this issue rigorously from the outset with a clear expression of community support.

Council has clearly listened and been receptive to the community debate and push to get the best outcomes for our future.

This promises to be a most successful development for the Dilston/ Windermere/Swan Bay community.

We owe a big thank you to those members of our community who have been leaders in this campaign.

When outcomes are clearly defined, we can move forward to a future that will clearly enhance the safety and wellbeing of this community.

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Garden Club News by Ros Ryan

On February 13th a small group of 11 members met at Hollybank for a picnic. We all gathered around 1 table, enjoyed packed lunches and good conversation in the lovely peaceful surroundings. A few members walked down to the creek whilst the remainder sat in the sun and enjoyed the day.

Wendy and Dennis Butler hosted our March meeting. The day was beautiful; hot with a slight breeze. We sat under shelter in the garden and enjoyed a tasty lunch and a glass of wine.

Wendy and Dennis have used the contour of the land to establish their garden. Large boulders surrounded with Agapanthus in flower, a beautiful Flowering Gum and a large productive vegetable garden with tomatoes abundant.

Dennis has worked hard building stone walls using stones from his land. Small areas planted with Petunias give colour near the back deck. Wendy has a most attractive rose garden at the front of

the house which has beautiful river views.

Basil (89-"ye olde neighbour") invited us to see his topiary garden. What a nice gentleman he is; and so proud of his garden. Thank you Basil. Your garden is a credit to you.

Thank you to Wendy and Dennis for a great day.

Forthcoming Events:

April 3— Ros & Noel Ryan—21 Swan Drive Swan Bay

May 8—Free at present. Hosts are sought. Please ring Ros.

June 12— Merryn & Neil Mc Lelland—385 Windermere Road

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FIRE BRIGADE NEWS by Rob Montague

As we near the end of the summer fire season and head into autumn we can recall the warnings last October that the eastern, south and central north of Tasmania were under threat of serious fire activities in the coming months due to low winter rains and heavy fuel loads. Thankfully this did not occur in our area of responsibility and we would like to think it was partly due to responsible land owners clearing and making safe their properties and the quick "hot day" response initiated by Tasmania Fire Service to vegetation incidents.

Across Bass Strait, Victoria was not so lucky with the worst fire weather imaginable causing devastating damage and loss of many lives. Forthcoming analysis's of these fires could result in changes to council building regulations, haz-

ard and fuel reduction and council BY-LAWS.

The Permit Period is now revoked statewide, but we do encourage the public conducting controlled burns to register their burn with the freecall to Firecomm on

1800 000 699. For more info visit the Tas Fire Service website at www.fire.tas.gov.au

The permit system is a vital management tool for coordination of resources and assist to maximise fire safety for the TAS community.

With the TFS training programme up and running for '09, Dilston brigade members are now participating in a broad range of courses covering most TFS responses. Firefighters must now, more than ever before, be suitably qualified and accountable to undertake the task at hand.

Good to see the Dilston Toyota light tanker return from Victoria unscathed after three and a half weeks and three thousand four hundred kilometers working on the fires.

Farewell to Doug Edmonds

Most residents of the district will not have met

the Rev. Doug Edmonds, Rector of Holy Trinity Anglican Parish, Launceston. Doug is a most active city missionary, running the many programmes of the parish and supporting those who need to be assured that there is a God in a practical way.

Holy Trinity Parish took on the continuation of St. Matthias Windermere, as an outreach active centre of worship, when it was separated from the

Parish of North Launceston in 2007.

We can thank Doug's leadership for facilitating the replacement of the roof and bell tower of St. Matthias, a building that has been a foundation for Christian worship in the district since 1842.

The future of St Matthias as an Anglican worship centre is not secure, due to small numbers currently supporting its services, however its heritage is secure through Doug's vision.

Doug retires from formal Parish duties in May and will be farewelled at a service at Holy Trinity on May 3rd at 10:30 am.

All residents of the district would be welcome to thank this man for his vision.

Peter Whish-Wilson for Windermere



I am a husband, father & vineyard owner in the Tamar Valley. I have large & small business experience, have worked, & teach at UTAS, in Macro Economics, Globalisation & Change, Climate Change & Adaptation.

Please come to a community meeting at Dilston Hall at 7pm on 20th April 2009, or Hillwood Memorial Hall on 23rd April at 7pm.

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Candidates for the Tasmanian State Parliament Legislative Council were invited to submit information on their platform for publication in Smokesignals.

Ivan Dean MLC



Independent

Member for Windermere

Legislative Council

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~ Please vote 1 For Me ~

I have been committed to the electorate of Windermere for the past 6 years and with your

support I would like to

continue as your elected representative.

Many in Windermere would be aware of my commitment to achieving the safest outcome for the Dilston By-Pass. I believe my discussions with the Government contributed to the positive result.

I am also committed to working towards better road safety outcomes in general, a more efficient &

accessible public hospital system and better educational outcomes for our children.

I have always been available 24/7.

For assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kathryn Hay



Kathryn Hay is committed to representing the people of Windermere. "I believe I can bring much needed energy and experience to the Legislative Council. I know I've got a fight on my hands. The people of Windermere deserve better representation. They have been taken for granted for too long," Ms Hay said.

Ms Hay believes her previous political experience will help her. "I know what people are worried about. They're worried about health. They're worried about their jobs."

Ms Hay said that health will be a key battleground in the election. "It's time we got serious about waiting lists at the LGH. Better targetting of aged care services is vital to freeing up more hospital beds," Ms Hay said.

Ms Hay is passionate about education. "I want to see our young people have access to a first class education. We need to give more support to help kids with disadvantaged backgrounds," she said.

Ms Hay wants to see the state government do more to tackle climate change. "At the very least more support for the installation of rainwater tanks," she said. Ms Hay believes it is time the state government looked at the viability of a Metro bus service to George Town and Hillwood. "The people of the East Tamar are getting a raw deal on public transport," Ms Hay said.

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Ted Sands



The person who is elected to the seat of Windermere MUST be able to present to the electorate that this role will be their primary focus for the next six years. The position is well remunerated with allowances, motor vehicle and benefits. People who seek these positions must do so on the undertaking that they will forfeit other paid positions.

It is improper to receive payment from another source. If this was the case, contrary to what some aspirants may believe, is patently unfair to their electorate who want and are entitled to full time representation.

Elections for the Legislative Council will be held on Saturday May 2nd 2009.

There are 5 candidates for the seat of Windermere.

All candidates were approached to submit material for the Smokesignals publication.

Further information on the Legislative Council Elections can be obtained from

<http://www.electoral.tas.gov.au/pages/LegislativeCouncilMain.html>

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Peter Kaye Independent Candidate for Winderemere

Through my years of broadcasting on 7LA and 7EX, I have always been acutely interested in local current affairs.

The Launceston General Hospital issue was what pushed me "over the edge" as far as candidacy for the seat is concerned. Like many others, I attended the Save The LGH rally in Civic Square about 18 months ago and was mortified to observe that not one Government Member, apart from Lara Giddings, was anywhere to be seen. I believe we need someone in Parliament, screaming from the rooftops about our hospital, to assist the LGH in getting the improvements they need to better service the needs of people in northern Tasmania as it appears that in this day and age that it is only the noisy wheel that gets any attention.

I also disagree very strongly with any increase in the numbers of Parliamentarians in our State and believe that with the age of computers comes an excellent opportunity for people to participate fully in the decision making in the Parliamentary process which is long overdue.

I have published a lot of my ideas on the internet for people who may seek to read more, particularly about e-democracy, at www.peterkaye.com.au.

Community Events

April

- Friday 3rd Garden Club Luncheon 12noon see Page 2.**
- Friday 10th Morning Service at St Matthias 10:30am**
- Sunday 12th Eucharist St Matthias 2:00pm**
- Monday 20th Council Meeting 1:00pm**
- Sunday 26th Creative Memories Scrapbooking (see Advertisement P2)**

May

- Saturday May 2nd—Legislative Council Election.**
- Polling Booth , Dilston Memorial Hall 8:00am-6pm**
- Sunday May 3rd— Farewell Service Doug Edmonds—Holy Trinity 10:30am**
- Monday May 4th Council Meeting 2:00pm**
- Friday 29th —Copy for Smokesignals due.**

Nature Notes by Jon Hosford

BROWN THORNBILL— *Acanthiza pusilla*

One of the great challenges for bird watchers in Tasmania is clearly to distinguish the Tasmanian Thornbill

(*A.ewingii*) from its more common relative the Brown Thornbill (*A. pusilla*). In our district it would be most unusual to see a Tasmanian Thornbill as this species is almost invariably confined to the wet sclerophyll and rain forests of Tasmania.

To confuse matters, the Brown Thornbill can also sometimes be found in these forests also, but in the dry area the Thornbills are invariably Brown Thornbills.

The true test for a species is that they do not interbreed, and ornithologists need adequate evidence to distinguish closely related birds as species rather than a race or sub-species of the same species. Races are usually formed through geographical separation and mutation over time that leads to genetic variation in colour, call or behaviour.

SO.....

The bird you see around your garden in pairs or inter-mixed with Yellow-rumped Thornbills are most likely Brown Thornbills.

They feed mainly on insects but may sometimes eat seeds from grasses, nectar or fruit, mostly in the under-story of low trees.

The female builds a small oval domed nest with a partially hooded entrance near the top out of grasses bark and other materials, lining it with feathers, fur or soft plant down. The nest is usually low down in prickly bushes grass clumps or ferns. Unfortunately this makes them particularly vulnerable to cats.

The Brown Thornbill (Acanthiza pusilla)

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Friday 10 April

GOOD FRIDAY

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Saturday 11 April

EASTER EVE

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