



Smoke Signals

East Tamar Newsletter

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What Do You Want from the NBN?

Have your say in our community survey

When a new technology comes along we are rarely asked whether we want it. Some members of our community who live at Dilston, Windermere and Swan Bay became very interested in the possibilities the NBN might offer and decided to find out more. The information in the box below summarises what they learned. It may be useful to you when you are completing the survey.

By taking part in our own survey you have the opportunity to influence NBN Co, either to confirm that what is planned for your area —'fixed wireless' — is most appropriate, or to convince NBN that 'fibre-optic' is our broadband choice.

Whatever the outcome, this is a unique opportunity to have your say, so please support this community initiative by completing the East Tamar Community Internet Survey (**special insert in this issue of Smoke Signals**). Results of the survey will be published in the next issue.

The National Broadband will be delivered in one of three ways to your home:

fibre optic, known as 'fibre-to-the-home';
fixed wireless; or
satellite.

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Please turn to pages 4 & 5 to read the details of these options then complete the survey and return to The Windermere Corner Café by April 20th

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Garden Club News by Ros Ryan



February:

A very informative and enjoyable day was had by all 24 members who attended our February get together at the home of Lou Finney and John Bailly at Dilston.

John invited Mark from Allans' Garden Centre, Prospect to talk with us.

Mark spoke about many of our gardening problems and helped a few of our members who took cuttings along with a diagnosis. His tips have helped me in my garden.

Mark also spoke on how difficult it is for nurseries to bring plants into our clean garden state because of quarantine regulations. He brought a variety of plants with him and talked on each one. These plants were available for sale.

A new variety of Magnolia is now available called "Teddy Bear". It is a small dense plant, suitable for a pot. It comes with a price tag most of us don't want to spend on a plant.

A tasty lunch followed, and was enjoyed by many sitting on the deck overlooking the Tamar. It was then time for our garden walk. John has a large vegie garden producing artichokes to pumpkins and blackberries to strawberries. A variety of grafted apple trees together with plum, grapefruit lime, lemon mandarin and a large mulberry tree.

Beautiful old specimen trees, Blue Spruce, Golden Oak and Oak, to name a few, surround the curved driveway.

Thank you Lou and John for your hospitality and for organising the guest speaker. A great day was had by all.

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March:

Wendy and Denis Butler of Riverside hosted our March get together. The weather was perfect and approximately 18 members enjoyed a delicious buffet lunch. The Trade table was packed with home grown produce, all quickly snapped up by members.

Wendy and Denis invited Noel Button from Bonny Banks at Gravelly Beach to speak to us.

Noel specialises in Irises and gave a talk on planting, dividing, fertilising and the varieties of Iris.

Noel also brought with him a large variety of plants he propagates and grows in his garden. He made them available for sale to members.

Such different and high quality plants were readily taken up.

Bonny Banks is open to the Public on the 2nd weekend in August with all proceeds going to the R.S.P.C.A.

A walk around the garden saw a large vegie garden and several fruit trees.

A variety of roses, Iris, Agapanthus and many beautiful trees adorn the grounds. It was a lovely day, Thank you to Wendy and Denis for your hospitality.

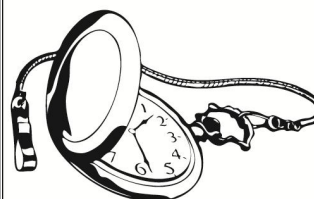
April Meeting: Villarett—Railton Rd, Kimberley (B13)

June: Merryn & Neil McLelland.

Members need to register for the April meeting please, as we need to know numbers to make a booking, **63281566**

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Are You Ready? by Dr. Don



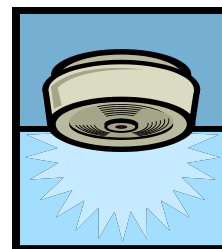
With the onset of the cooler weather one needs to prepare for winter and the stresses it places upon our body.

If you have had the annual influenza shot in the past, then the 2011 injections are now available. Likewise, if you are prone to recurrent colds or have had a serious chest infection in the past, you should talk to your Dr, not only about the flu shot, but about Pneumovax, which may lessen the risk of pneumonia for the next five years.

The changes in seasons are also a good time to reflect on our health in general. Are we getting enough fruit and vegies in our diet? Are we indulging in too much processed food? Are we taking that talked about vitamin d supplement? All of us need at least 1000 units of vitamin D daily. Have we reduced or stopped smoking? All these simple things can help in preventing major problems with the wintery coughs and colds.

If the cold/flu strikes, stay in doors, drink plenty of water, fruit juices, take paracetamol and watch. If symptoms don't resolve in 24 to 48 hours seek medical advice. You may need to seek medical advice sooner if you have either vomiting or diarrhoea.

In children we move our time frame down to 12-24 hours, again seeking earlier advice where the child is hot, vomiting or has diarrhoea.



Fire News From the Tasmania Fire Service

Smoke alarm safety

- A timely reminder to change your smoke alarm battery when you change your clock at the end of daylight savings and help save lives -

Almost three-quarters of Australians believe they would wake up if a fire started during the night, despite evidence¹ that sense of smell is reduced when people are asleep and that smoke may put them into an even deeper sleep.

According to the Duracell National Fire Safety Survey, in the event of a house fire 49 per cent of Australians believe the smell of smoke would alert them. Other respondents highlighted the crackling sound of the fire (39 per cent) and the flickering light (22 per cent) as expected wake-up calls.

The Tasmania Fire Service Chief Officer, Mike Brown warns, that people could not rely on their senses to wake them and that household [smoke alarms](#) could mean the difference between life and death in the event of a fire.

"The high-pitched sound of a smoke alarm activating is designed to wake you and other family members before the smoke seriously harms you. If you're asleep at the time of the fire, the smoke, which is full of toxic gases, may numb your senses and put you into a deeper sleep," Chief Officer Brown said.

Despite these warnings, the survey

found that only 12 per cent of households tested their smoke alarms each month, and over 60 per cent of households were not replacing their smoke alarm batteries once a year.

Chief Officer Brown said the change in seasons called for even greater vigilance with smoke alarms.

"In the winter months, the risks for household fires are higher, as people use more electrical equipment or appliances such as heaters, dryers and electric blankets, therefore working smoke alarms are crucial in giving households the early warning needed to safely escape a fire in the home," he said.



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Fibre Optic Network

Will serve 93% of premises across Australia

100 Mbps service (speeds of 100 Megabits per second)

Makes downloading and uploading larger amounts of data faster and easier (e.g. movies, video-conferencing, VOIP (i.e. Skype)

Makes it easier to access government services such as e-health and educational programmes, and conduct more financial transactions (banking, payment of rates, registrations etc.)

Enhances all in-home use of digital media

Fixed Wireless Network

What NBN Co has planned for Dilston, Windermere, Swan Bay and Hillwood

Will cover 4% of premises in Australia

12 Mbps service (guaranteed speed of 12 Megabits per second)

One-tenth the speed of fibre optic

'Fixed' wireless is different from mobile wireless, it does not have the flexibility of mobile wireless (you may currently use mobile wireless when away from home for your laptop, smart mobile phone etc)

'The first fixed-wireless commercial services are scheduled for delivery in mid 2012' (NBN Co website, 17 Feb 2011).

Satellite Network

For the remaining 3% of premises in Australia

NBN Co will provide this with a 12 mbps service

NBN will give the wireless subscribers the option of this satellite service

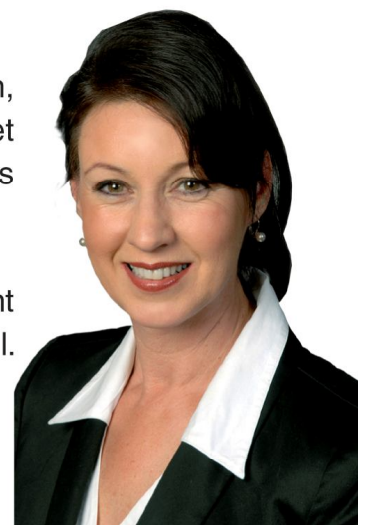
Your local residing agent...

If you are looking for a local agent that resides in Windermere Road, knows about local infrastructure and has a good sound knowledge of the Real Estate market along the East Tamar - then please call Sharon Fahey.

Mainland interest is still strong with some recent sales to these buyers. Maybe you might prefer a quiet sale where we bring along a buyer without advertising.

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The best available now: ADSL1 and ADSL2

ADSL1: optimal delivery 8Mbps, available in Dilston, Windermere, Swan Bay and Hillwood

ADSL2: optimal delivery 24Mbps, available only in Hillwood

Both delivered via the copper landlines, but under the agreement Telstra has made with NBN Co, the Telco will gradually shut down the copper network and shift Telstra customers to NBN.

Decommissioning the copper landlines means decommissioning your ADSL broadband and landline telephone services too

What will the NBN cost you?

Senator Stephen Conroy, Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy, stated in February this year:

The National Broadband Network will ensure every community in regional Australia gets fair and equal access to affordable high speed broadband. This includes the delivery of a uniform national wholesale price. Wholesale broadband prices will be the same regardless of location and irrespective of the technology platform used to deliver the services.

PLEASE PLACE YOUR COMPLETED SURVEY FORM IN THE BOX MARKED: *EAST TAMAR COMMUNITY INTERNET SURVEY*, AT WINDERMERE CORNER STORE NO LATER THAN APRIL 20.

Additional copies of the survey are available at the store.

For more information on the NBN you may want to check out:

<http://tvnbnc.wetpaint.com/>

www.businessspectator.com.au/nbn

The Mercury, 31 July 2010 (Sue Neales)

Towns to miss NBN link

http://www.themercury.com.au/article/2010/07/31/162591_tasmania-news.html

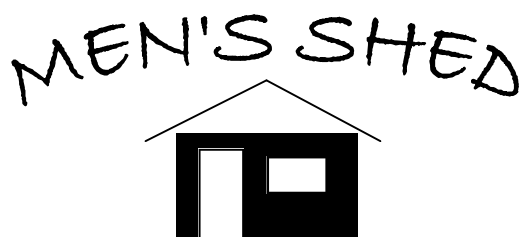
How Much Bang Can Optical Fibre Cable Deliver? By Chris Dziemborowicz

<http://newmatilda.com/2010/11/09/how-much-bang-can-optical-fibre-cable-deliver>

[National Broadband Network Co.](http://www.nbnco.com.au/) — Official website for the NBN \$43 Billion dollar infrastructure project

<http://www.nbnco.com.au/>

Community News



A Public meeting held at Dilston on March 15th attended by 23 residents decided there was sufficient support to proceed with the incorporation of The East Tamar Mens' Shed.

The group will now approach Council to negotiate the use of land available for the erection of a suitable building and initiate funding options to assist with the project.

We invite interested men to attend the next meeting to formalise our intention to incorporate and to further actions for this exciting community project. Dilston Hall Tuesday April 12 at 7:00pm

Poetry, Plonk & hot filled Potatoes

*Saturday 16th April 2011 6.30 for 7pm
at Dilston Hall, main rd, Dilston*

Three P's Night

\$15pp - to book, ring Patricia on 63281384

Help with catering appreciated.

Raffle and Lucky Door Prize

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Any one wishing to participate and have a stall contact Pat 6328 1348 or Patricia 63 28 1384.

This is a good way to fundraise for clubs or to make some money for yourself by selling your unwanted items.

The cost is \$10.00 a stall and all funds raised goes towards the Dilston Hall maintenance.

There will be a sausage sizzle , morning tea, household items, clothes, cakes and plants etc. for sale.

Hillwood Clean Up Australia Day

Hillwood did well in the Clean up Australia day organised by the Garden Club with 27 people participating. This included 6 children and a family from George Town as well as local residents. There was less rubbish beside the roads than in recent years, but there were still plenty of drink cans which will be recycled by the BeeBop dance group in George Town to help send a team to America next year.

Down Memory Lane by Lalla Smethurst

In this issue I am delighted to bring recollections of the district as recorded by the Late Lemuel Hill, who lived his entire life at Windermere. These gems of local history were sent to me by Lemuel's sister Mary Hutton (nee Hill). Mary and Lemuel's Mother was the former Kate Medwin of Woodlawn, who married Perc Hill, an orchardist at Windermere. He was also a councillor serving on the Lilydale Council for a number of years.

From the writings of the Late Lemuel Hill

The first Hydro power to Windermere was in the early 1950's. It was obtained by guarantee from each house for a fixed amount for 5 years.

There was one telephone and a Post Office situated at Hookway's later (Clarke's) and was called 'Tagarra'. Later on when more telephones were installed it was changed and all calls were put through the Dilston Exchange.

Windermere never had a permanent school, the only one was near Woodlawn. Children would catch the mail car at 7.30am. if he had room, but had to walk home to Windermere whether it was wet or fine. Between 18-20 children attended up to about 1933-1934 when it was burnt down.

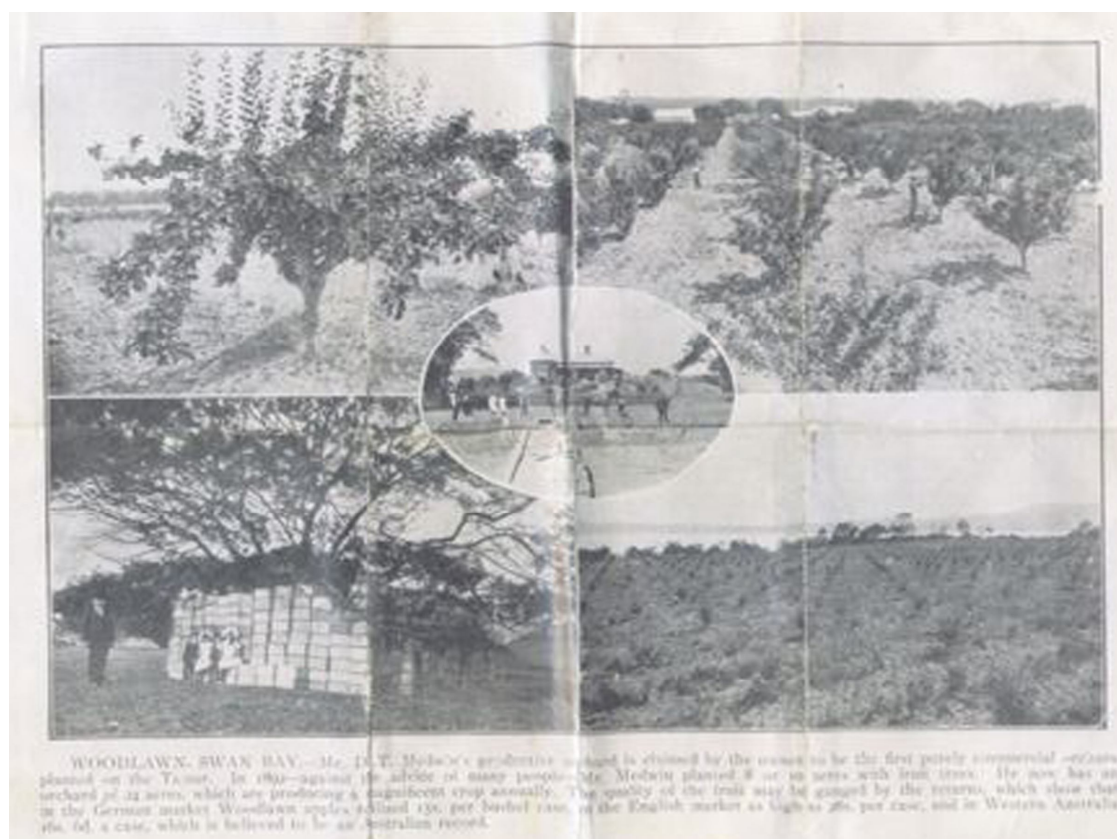
Temporary school was then held in a room at the Windermere Farm house until the Education Department had time to enlarge the Dilston school and call tenders for a school bus, which was won by Mr. W. Phillips for many years. The teachers in my time at Swan Bay were Miss French and Miss H. Elwood, and at Dilston was Miss C. Vinney. The next move, all children were bused to Mowbray Heights School
Author Lemuel Hill

The following pictures were published in the Weekly Courier dated April 7th 1906. Taken at Lemuel and Mary's Grandfather's Mr. David Medwin's 'Woodlawn' Orchard. The picture shows the old home and Jetty. Export fruit was carried on trolleys along the narrow jetty to the waiting river ferry and taken to Beauty Point, where it was loaded onto large ships and shipped all over the World.

David Medwin (standing) with his four children daughters Kate and Vera and sons Cecil and Gordon, seated on the apple cases.

The accompanying article gives an interesting insight into the Apple and Pear market at that time.

Lalla Smethurst



WOODLAWN, SWAN BAY. — Mr. D. T. Medwin's productive orchard is claimed by the owner to be the first purely commercial orchard planted on the Tamar. In 1892 – against the advice of many people – Mr. Medwin planted 8 or 10 acres with fruit trees. He now has an orchard of 24 acres, which are producing a magnificent crop annually. The quality of the fruit may be gauged by the returns, which show that in the German market Woodlawn apples realized 15s. per bushel case, the English market as high as 28s. per case, and in Western Australia 16s.6d. a case, which is believed an Australian record.

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Sunday April 10th **10:30am Harvest Festival Eucharist**

Friday April 22nd **10:30 am**

Good Friday

Sunday April 24th **10:30am**

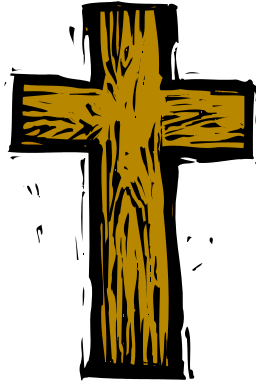
Easter Day Eucharist

Sunday May 8th **10:30am**

Eucharist

Sunday May 22nd **10:30am**

Eucharist



HOLY TRINITY

Easter Services

Maundy Thursday April 21st 7:30pm

Good Friday - April 22nd 10:30am

Liturgy

Easter Eve -Saturday April 23rd
7:30pm Service of New Light

Easter Day Sunday April 24th
8:30am ; 10:30am

Eucharist

For regular services see the website

<http://holytrinitylaunceston.org/>

Earth Hour Service Report

by Evelyn-Lilly Tuba

AN ENCHANTING EVENING...best describes the celebration of Earth Hour on Sat March 26 at St Matthias Church where over thirty people gathered to celebrate the wonder of earth and to renew their commitment to care for our planet.

Celebrations started at 7pm in the church-yard with community members invited to share a BBQ before the candle-lit service. A banquet of salads made from locally grown produce and sausage sizzle, kindly run by the Anglican Men's Fellowship Group, was enjoyed by all. On twilight, candles were lit and placed around the yard, and the sunset revealed a moon-lit, star filled sky. On the stroke of 8.30, it was – lights out and we proceeded into the candle-lit church to celebrate Earth Hour.

A special service was compiled and jointly delivered by Rev.s Ken Box and Warwick Cuthbertson. Inspiring words and hymns including the well known "All things bright and beautiful" were enthusiastically sung (special thanks to Edi for her pedal organ accompaniment; as reading music by candlelight is no small feat – especially for those of us who are visually challenged at night).

Via LED TV on loan from Robert Fergusson's and powered by solar energy using only 130watts (read on for further details) local residents Jon and Margaret Hosford ran a power-point presentation showing Tasmanian scenery and renewable energy sources. Breath-taking visual images and thought-provoking words combined to reinforce not only the beauty of life but also the need for all of us to care for our planet.

Whilst watching the presentation, little did we know, of the earlier stress experienced by organizers. Originally, power was being provided by a specially designed solar panel on loan from local business EnergyBank. Unfortunately, on the morning of Earth Hour, organizers were told that there had been a 'technical malfunction' rendering the equipment unusable that day.

In the words of Agatha Christie's Hercule Poirot, this problem now required 'exercise of the little grey cells'. What could be done? Fortunately, Rev Ken came to the rescue. His solution, to utilize a solar panel, the back-up energy source for his wife's nebulizer, but to have sufficient power for the night, we needed extra battery charge. This further challenge was capably resolved, by our resourceful vicar hooking the battery from his tractor to the solar panel before the service. Thankfully on the night all went well, with just enough power to run the presentation!



Join us on Sunday April 10th when we celebrate the harvest bounty of our district.

Matthias Gaunt planted an early commercial vineyard in the north of Tasmania at Windermere, as well as building St. Matthias Church. Today our area is a most productive asset for Tasmania.

The 10:30 Harvest thanksgiving service will be followed by a stall selling local produce. Bring along your donations or call 63281163 for pick up if you are unable to attend.

Please feel welcome to join us at the service and /or at the produce stall afterwards. Sale proceeds will benefit our restoration fund.