



Smoke Signals

East Tamar Newsletter

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Get Connected is active

The February edition of Smokesignals raised the issue of telecommunications in the district.

Get Connected is a local group formed to focus attention on the fibre-based NBN connections being available for the district. It has been active in researching current problems and approaching NBN Co. as well as Launceston City Council for support to ensure that the East Tamar standards compare with the rest of the City.

There are many examples of residential concerns at present.

Example 1: We were alerted that no landline could be provided to the new Dilston Fire Station, as Telstra claimed that the Dilston Exchange was full. Apparently this situation is under review.

Example 2: A resident in Los Angeles Rd sold their property and purchased another established property further along Los Angeles Road. Prior to the transactions both properties had ADSL2, however in moving into their recently acquired home they found it no longer had ADSL2 and that it was impossible to get it.

Example 3: A resident with a small business home office that deals with large amounts of data is so frustrated by the slow speed and unreliability of his internet service and how it is adversely affecting the servicing of his clients that he is now considering relocating interstate. Clarity as to how soon NBN Co will actually provide reliable high-speed broadband in this area will impact on his decision.

Example 4: A distance student is having difficulty completing his course due to poor internet service.

Example 5: Mobile phone signal in the area is erratic and unreliable (many blackspots due to the terrain), posing a major problem on occasion for those unable to acquire a landline connection.

Example 6: Tourism operators in the area, who rely on the internet for real time processing and payment for bookings are increasingly compromised, as other operators in other locations who are already connected to high-speed NBN broadband have a competitive edge over them.

Example 7: A Windermere based tourism support business (publishers of Tasmanian Invitation) also needs to deal with large amounts of data, and has been wrestling with this problem for years.

Example 8: Up until last December, the Rollout map for our area still indicated that we would be receiving fibre, but with no date indicated. The map has since been updated to be even more obscure - and now simply says - **not available in your area.**

A letter has been sent to NBN Co. and to The Launceston City Council addressing the issues and seeking support.

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GET CONNECTED

Community Campaign to get NBN 'Fibre to the Home'

To: Mayor, General Manager and all Aldermen, LCC; cc Lalla MacKenzie, NBNCo.

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

We, the local group Get Connected, represent our fellow residents and ratepayers of the East Tamar community, Dilston, Windermere and Swan Bay, in voicing concerns regarding the status of telecommunications issues in our area (landline access and NBN broadband).

As background, Get Connected has been active in our community for a number of years. In 2012 we conducted a community survey, gaining media coverage, and meeting with politicians and NBNCo. In October 2012, NBNCo, in response to our campaign, met with the community and assured us that we would get fibre to the premises. That work was scheduled to start in May 2013.

Since then, nothing has happened, however the community continues to expand with new people buying properties, new subdivisions coming on the market, and established residents in some cases moving from one property to another within the community.

It has now come to our attention that there is a major issue for some people in our community that relates to landlines, internet access and property values and business confidence. There is also considerable frustration with the lack of information from NBNCo, notwithstanding our efforts.

To add further to the confusion:

The Australian reported (9 December 2010):

The (NBN) spokeswoman said rural residents without access to the NBN cable would still be able to use their existing phone lines, under a deal with Telstra to maintain its copper network in non-fibre areas for 10 years from July 2012.

But when asked if residents could lose access to their existing internet services, she replied that individual providers would decide whether to maintain or scrap them.

Property values

If new residents are not guaranteed phone or internet service in a timely way, we are concerned that those selling will experience major issues with property values.

A continually growing problem:

Council has recently approved the development of accommodation construction at 575 Windermere Road.

Council has also approved the release of blocks of land for residential development such as:

Swan Bay Real Estate development, 2043 Windermere Rd (16 Lots);

Millhaven Downs development, 388-392 Los Angeles Road Swan Bay (10 Lots) both managed by Harcourts.

We understand from Harcourts that a further substantial development is to become available in 6-12 months.

In addition there are various small subdivisions and recent sales of empty building blocks.

We have been reliably informed by Jeremy Wilkinson, Harcourts Manager of Swan Bay Development, that Harcourts has been provided with no information regarding access to landline or internet services, and that this has discouraged some potential purchasers.

This uncertainty indicates the likelihood of a continually growing problem, unless Council can make a case on our behalf to NBNCo for clarification on the status of this area as to when we will receive broadband, and what type of service will be provided, e.g. fibre to the node, fibre to the premises, or wireless; and the date when copper landlines are to be decommissioned.

Perhaps you can suggest, also, how we can ascertain information as to the legal rights of residents to have access to landlines. Is it true that Telstra's Universal Charter no longer applies since the NBN paid out Telstra with \$11 billion?

According to a recent NBNCo statement:

"NBN Co also continues to work with a variety of stakeholders including telephone and internet service providers, community groups, local Council and advocacy groups to ensure the message is reaching the local community."

We therefore request LCC to intercede on our behalf, while we continue our efforts for a resolution to our community concerns.

So close, and yet so far.

Ironically the fibre-optic backbone connecting Launceston and Hobart is integrated into the Dilston By-pass Highway, at its closest point less than 350 metres east of Dilston.

Is this an overlooked opportunity for us to get fibre?

We are forwarding a copy of this document today to Lalla MacKenzie, NBNCo, requesting a response within ten days. Likewise a response from LCC within the same timeframe would be much appreciated.

Kind regards,

Get Connected Community Group

Letters

The Editor,
Smoke Signals,

Dear Editor and fellow readers,

Impacts of human activities in the East Tamar landscape.

Having lived in this district for eight years Di & I are beginning to feel that we belong. This contrasts with our former life in further out agriculture where 'that new bloke' may have been resident for some thirty years! An unfortunate aspect of this more mobile community is less awareness of landscape changes. In our short time here we have observed a significant level of eucalypt die-back. My regular walk path takes me from Woodlawn to Windermere Church and return; this section of the landscape, which is by no means unique, is beginning to resemble Dorothea Mackellar's "stark white ring-barked forests". I am saddened by these observations.

Many factors impose stress on trees, these may include: drought, wet feet, cultivation in the root zone, compaction by livestock, loss of understory, grass competition, excess phosphate levels, exposure due to loss of nearby trees, age/lack of replacement, insect browsing, possum browsing and more. In extreme circumstances one of these factors may kill a tree, this is however less common. Usually several challenges may confront a tree at any one time, or in sequence, and ultimately lead to death. It is often difficult to identify the sequence of stress factors which compromise a tree or group of trees.

Possums are often blamed for killing trees; this is barely a half truth. A stressed tree pumps energy into growing new photosynthetic tissue. Unfortunately energy in plants is transported as sugars, this attracts the animals which move in and deliver the death blow. Possums do on occasion kill soft leafed deciduous trees but rarely eucalypts, though they may browse or break the growing tip and influence the form of a tree. In this district we are observing established eucalypts suffering from stress imposed by one or more of the above factors and often helped along by possums to

ultimate death. Invariably human activity is directly or indirectly responsible for these stress factors.

Thankfully there are alternatives evident in examples of healthy trees providing shelter and enhancing the landscape. This is where land managers have acted to ameliorate or pre-empt those factors which impose stress on trees. Accordingly this suggests that the wider community may benefit from a discussion of landscape issues.

Tamar NRM and NRM North together have access to expertise in all aspects of landscape management. Sometimes public funding may be offered to assist with specific landscape projects, NRM can also advise on this. If sufficient community interest is expressed these organisations could be invited to lead a discussion on tree decline and landscape management in this district.

Citizens who may share my concern for trees in this landscape are invited to respond to either 0448 281 645 or 'irdcfarquhar@bigpond.com' in the expectation that we could generate sufficient interest to justify a landscape management discussion group led by an NRM.

Yours,
Ian R Farquhar

Council News

From the City of Launceston

The survey on safe pedestrian access along Windermere Road, collating all information received and writing reports, is still a work in progress. We will be in touch with everyone when we have finished this work.

All along Windermere Road

Before winter, our Operations crews will be upgrading culverts at various sections along the road. We've already been talking with local property owners, so if you notice a crew in your area - after the Easter

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John Lees Drive bike and pedestrian footpath:

We are still waiting on approval from State Growth. We will be in touch with local property owners prior to any work starting.

Windermere Road Bridge

Plans are in progress to begin the works late April 2015. When we have a definite date, we will be in touch with all local residents. We will also be putting up signs well in advance of the work.

Lisa Brady
Community Relations Officer



Community Centre News

Dilston Playgroup

A busy start to the year has been fun at the Dilston Playgroup. Weekly craft activities have been a highlight, with many creative masterpieces completed, such as masks, hats and caterpillars. On the last Tuesday in April we will be inviting Grandparents, Mums & Dads, friends etc. to share a 'special someone morning tea', we are looking forward to it and all families are welcome. Playgroup meets at the Dilston Hall every Tuesday 10am-12noon. Session cost is \$2 plus a piece of fruit to share. All welcome! -Sarah & Ange



We are currently finalising a leasing agreement with Council to occupy the old fire station building at The Community Centre.

Twenty members are currently registered and some attend the shed on Saturday mornings between 10 and 12 to assist with set up procedures.

A film night and Barbecue held recently was well attended and

members are keen to commence project work once the lease is finalised.

We have decided initially to focus on woodwork projects, and an application to The Tasmanian Men's Shed Association for a grant to purchase woodworking equipment is in progress.

We have been donated quite a few small hand tools, a work bench and some larger items of wood-working equipment.

Our policy is to ensure all equipment conforms to OH&S standards, so some of the unsuitable equipment will be offered for sale in order to contribute to the cost of new equipment.

Any men in the community who are interested in our activities are welcome to pop in on a Saturday morning to see what is going on. We are not just a group of "old buggers". We welcome adult men of all ages to share their expertise or to learn the many facets of using tools and creating useful items.

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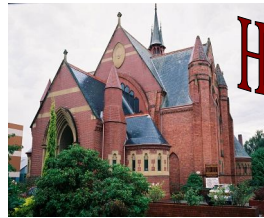
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Sunday 10th May

10:30 am Eucharist Service

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Commemoration of Last Supper &

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Good Friday 3 April

10:30 am Stations of the Cross and Good Friday

Liturgy

Easter Day 5 April

A VERY SPECIAL BAPTISM SERVICE AT ST MATTHIAS

8 March 2015

Laughter filled the church as Rev Ken Box read Banjo Paterson's "Bush Christening" before the baptism of *Charlotte Chloe Gaman*.



Charlotte, born 20 December 2013, daughter of Andrew and Caroline Gaman of Spreyton, was baptized in a beautiful service on the above date. Chloe's mother, Caroline, is daughter of Helen and Peter Strong of Windermere who watched on proudly as young Charlotte behaved perfectly.



Every Monday the Bells are ringing at Churches (including St Matthias) and buildings around Australia to draw awareness to the Asylum Seeker Situation.



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Tasmania Fire Service

The Storm that followed the Calm!

With the lead up to Christmas being relatively quiet by our standards, we thought the slight change in the weather had brought an early end to the Tasmanian fire season. How wrong we were!

We have been extremely busy in the last month and a half both with callouts and training.

A fire that threatened the Bass Link Converter Station on the Flinders Highway at Bell Bay kept the brigade busy for a few days, working in conjunction with other TFS brigades (George Town, Bell Bay, Hillwood to name a few) and crews from Parks and Wildlife. The terrain was somewhat challenging with steep sandy tracks making fire fighting activities hazardous at times.

Hot on the heels of this incident was the significantly larger fire at Curries River Dam that went on to attract significant media attention as the township of Lefroy was placed under direct threat of the advancing fire. Dilston Fire Brigade was one of 15 or so brigades right in the thick of it and we are pleased to have been able to lend our efforts to the eventual containment of this fire. Once again we worked with Parks and Wildlife, their relatively new fire fighting vehicles being put to test. Of interest we can report, with no small amount of pride, that these newest PWS vehicles were built by our very own Tasmania Fire Service Engineering Services at Cambridge in the south of the state.

This fire also allowed the TFS to

employ some latest technologies with the latest Heavy Tanker incorporating the industry leading foam management system (CAFS for Compressed Air Foam System) being utilised. The Bridgewater Fire Brigade members that crewed this vehicle put it well to task and we were impressed at its capability.

Perhaps the biggest addition to the fire fighting capability on this fire was the employment of the Large Air Tankers (LATs) from Avalon Airport southwest of Melbourne. These two aircraft flew from Avalon and each dropped approximately 13000L of fire retardant on key areas of the fire ground. They then flew back to Avalon to refuel and refill!

It was certainly impressive to see these large low flying aircraft over head! At one stage one of the helicopter pilots radioed us indicating that we'd better move back from the fire edge as there was an artificial downpour about to drop in!

It hasn't all been about bush fires however with the brigade also responding to a number of other calls including an MVA involving excessive speed. The occupant received only minor injuries but it brought home the reality of unsafe driving practices. Please take care everyone as we transition to the cooler, and wetter months ahead!

Training:

Training has involved a number of disciplines but of special note is the qualification (and requalification for

DILSTON FIRE BRIGADE

Brigade Contacts

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Jason Hingston	0439 771 156
Raoul Stow	0417 351 423

some members) in Apply First Aid.

We took this on as a whole brigade activity, particularly now that it is a nationally accredited qualification. Included in the course was a range of specific applications of first aid relevant to our role as a community emergency service provider, and particular focus on the uses and operation of an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED). This has resulted in the brigade being able to commission our AED that has been generously donated to us along with training aids to maintain our competency. With an upgrade to our first aid kits in progress, we are pleased to be able to offer a higher level of service to our community.



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Gardening News

Autumn sowings

Garlic

March-April is an ideal time to sow garlic for best results. Strong leaf growth before the Winter cold sets in will assist the plant to store food in the later Spring months before harvest in December. There are many different types of garlic, but I have had success with the pink Italian type obtainable from Allan's Nursery in Prospect at present. Prepare your soil for the garlic by digging in Dynamic Lifter pellets and or sheep manure. Garlic is a hungry feeder and requires a balanced soil. Break the cloves away from the bulb and sow them with the pointed end up at a depth of about 2.5cm. Plant about 25 cm between cloves for best root growth. Water in well and wait until the leaves emerge from the soil about 2 weeks after planting. Side dress in Spring with further pellets or apply Seasol to the leaves every two weeks during spring growth. When the plant starts to set a bulb you can stop fertilising but keep up the water until the leaves start to fall over. At this stage it is preferable that the plants do not get a lot of water or they won't keep well. When the leaves have fallen over in early December, you can lift the plants and lay them on the top of the bed until they dry completely. Plait the garlic into strings and hang in a cool dry place.



Garlic plants in August

Broad Beans

Broad beans are fantastic for rejuvenating depleted beds over the



winter if sown as a green manure crop. Liberally sow the seed at a depth of 2.5 cm and when it is green and starting to set flowers, chop it down and dig it in. At this stage it will have set nitrogen nodules in the soil and this will help the next crop you sow.

Broad beans are best sown in April or early May, as they too require strong leaf growth to flower well and produce big beans. You won't get flowers setting much before mid October no matter when you sow the beans, but I always sow mine in April so that tillered growth is strong in the Spring, and a healthy bean crop follows.

In late December when they are finished, don't pull them out. Cut them off at ground level and sow Sweet corn seeds between the old broad bean plants. They will grow strong and produce great cobs on the nitrogen remaining from the beans. You must water the corn plants consistently also to get good filled cobs. I grow Coles Dwarf, which is a heirloom variety and will grow true to seed. I save seed each year.

Cauliflower

Cauliflower can be a challenging vegetable to grow. It is a hungry feeder and must be grown without check in its leaf stage if the heads are to be firm and white.

Dig your soil deeply and mix in plenty of Dynamic Lifter pellets and sheep manure. At this time of the year it is better to buy seedlings from the nursery than to sow seed. Transplant the seedlings deeply, almost up to the lower leaves. They will establish new roots and grow strongly. Covering cauliflower or broccoli with mosquito netting available in rolls fairly cheaply from Spotlight will prevent them being infected by White Cabbage Butterfly

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Regular spraying with Dipel, a bacterial fungicide is another way of keeping the grubs out.

If you sow cauliflower seedlings now you should be cutting heads in early July.

If you plant them in December, you will have caulis in April.

Broccoli is another brassica crop which are easier to grow than Cauliflower.

They also are heavy feeders, but the advantage is their habit of continuing to produce side shoots once the main head is cut. Plant them as seedlings now for Broccoli June -August

Kale is another brassica and the easiest to grow of this family. Again a heavy feeder, Kale will provide winter greens of great nutrition throughout winter and spring if planted out as seedlings now.

Protection of young plants.

To protect young seedlings when transplanted and to give them wind-free warmer conditions, I use gutter-guard covered in plastic. It protects the plants from wind, snails and slugs. You can remove these clothes when the plants get to the top.

Curly Leaf

A word about curly leaf in peaches and other stone fruits. This is a fungal disease that enters the leaves as they emerge in early spring. Lime Sulphur or Bordeaux (copper sulphate and hydrated lime) will control it but the timing is critical. You must spray the buds before they show any sign of pink colour. Usually the middle of August is early enough, but if you get significant rain you will need to respray. Mark August 15th on your gardening calendar.

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A Touch of Green

There were close on 30 people celebrating St Patrick's Day on March 17 at Windermere Cafe. Kerrie hosted with knockout green cocktails, Guinness, and Midori Bubbly. The hearty food included a delicious Guinness Irish Stew, Shepherd's Pie, Mushy Peas, Bangers 'n Mash and particularly good cabbage and

bacon. Those with a sweet tooth enjoyed cupcakes topped with Irish cream and decorated with green fondant shamrocks, or a mint cheesecake, which really caught the eye. All this accompanied by traditional Irish music in the background. As they say in Ireland "the craic was great."



Australasian Pipit

You may have noticed a small brown bird fly away from the path of your car over the warmer months on Tasmanian roads. A flash of white on either side of the tail will almost assure that this is a Pipit.

The Australasian Pipit, or Richard's Pipit as it was previously known, is a small ground-dwelling bird that is resident in Tasmania during the warmer months. Birds fly to mainland Australia during our winters.

Pipits forage for insects in open country and on road sides, and are readily noticeable by their tail wag. They will alight on a fence post or a rock and twitch their tail. They are curious birds and will often fly just ahead of a walker, then circle back and look for insects that may have been disturbed.

Australasian Pipits form breeding pairs after an elaborate courtship ritual, with males making swooping dives from a height, accompanied by a sweet trilling song. The nest is a depression in the ground, sometimes sheltered by a grass tussock, stone or piece of wood, and lined with grasses and hairs. The female incubates the eggs and feeds the young.



Rabbit Control

Release of rabbit calicivirus for localised rabbit control Biosecurity Advisory 12/2015

Biosecurity Tasmania intends to undertake release of rabbit calicivirus, also known as rabbit haemorrhagic disease virus, for biological control of European rabbit populations at various sites throughout Tasmania during March and April 2015.

This release is part of a strategic and integrated program to support Tasmanian landowners in their rabbit control activities. Rabbits are a devastating invasive species and cause significant damage to the natural environment and agricultural industries in Tasmania.

Rabbit calicivirus is a highly specific viral disease which only affects European rabbits. It is used by Biosecurity Tasmania where significant negative impacts on the environment have been identified and the use of other control methods by landowners is not suitable. Release is undertaken at this time of year as conditions are most favourable for the greatest spread and effectiveness of the virus.

Rabbit calicivirus is released on carrots following a period of pre-feeding with carrots to attract rabbits to the release site. Release sites will be on public and private land (with prior consent from the landowner). All public land where rabbit calicivirus is being released will be clearly signposted during the release operation. Weather conditions and other factors can influence the effectiveness of the virus so it may not be released at all proposed locations if conditions are not deemed suitable by Biosecurity Tasmania.

Rabbit calicivirus poses no risk to human health or other non-target species. However, it is important to note that rabbit calicivirus is present in the wild rabbit population in Tasmania and domestic rabbits may be affected at any time. Vaccines to protect domestic rabbits from rabbit calicivirus are available and owners should keep their vaccinations up to date in case of an outbreak. Rabbits that have died from rabbit calicivirus often show no outward cause of death.

Domestic rabbit owners and commercial rabbit breeders should consult their local vet about vaccinations.

Hillwood News

SAD NEWS: Jean Taylor, who died on February 24th. Jean celebrated her 100th birthday on 9th August 2014 with, would you believe, 180 friends and family. She was a stalwart of the Hillwood community before moving to a unit at Low Head. Jean grew up in Kimberley and Merseylea, moved to Craighburn in 1939 with her beloved husband Eric and later in the main part of Hillwood. She was a member of the local Red Cross and could always be relied on to provide delicious cakes for any occasion. At age 14 she went to Devonport with friends in a T Model Ford to see Bert Hinkler when he landed on the Showgrounds (no airport then).

Our other sad loss was of Victoria Stuart who lived at the Glen before moving to George Town. She was a member of Hillwood Ladies Group and will be sadly missed. Victoria died on March 8th.

HAPPY NEWS: A baby boy, Oliver James born to Jaimie and Marc Nicklason of Hillwood on 2nd March. And another garden wedding – Jaimie's brother Ben and Natasha Donaldson were married on March 7th. Jaimie and Ben grew up in Hillwood.

DEFIBRILLATOR: By the time this edition arrives, the defibrillator will have been purchased. Further cash donations including Meander Valley Dairy for \$100 have brought us closer to our goal. (Jean Taylor also proudly contributed \$50). A raffle is being held to raise the shortfall. This will be drawn during the Anzac Day Breakfast. Donors for the raffle include Hillwood Berry Farm and George Town's Your Pharmacy. It will be housed at the Fire Station where it can be easily accessed, as Fire Brigade members carry pagers.

A defibrillator was also presented to the Hillwood Football Club recently by George Town Council. This will be especially handy as it will be available at all games, home and away. And provides another defibrillator available to the community.

HILLWOOD FOOTBALL CLUB: I would like to profile different groups for Smoke Signals so

you can learn what they are all about. For this edition, I have chosen our local Football Club as the season starts soon. Football clubs are quite often the community hubs in small towns. This is the case with Hillwood Football Club. The Clubrooms are open on Thursday nights all year plus Tuesday nights during the football season. Members of the community are welcome to drop in – maybe for a meal or a chat – (no meals Tuesday night) and in the off-season a game of indoor bowls or crib. As well, during the off-season there are special occasions where meals are provided especially for the community.

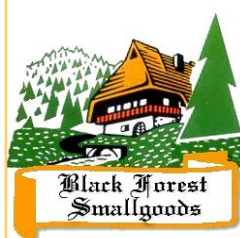
The season starts on April 11th with a home game against Scottsdale.

Senior Coach – Ryan Worn. Reserves Coach – Tim Wheeler. Under-19 Coaches, Elliot Barnes and Toby Lutwyche. This year we have quite a number of new young players and quite a few locals from the next generation in our under19's. Ryan is a new find for the club. He is very keen and working the boys hard.

Mini-League: We also have a Mini-League (under 12) and Aus-kick for the littlies which is well-supported. Anyone who has children they would like to be involved (girls too!), pop along to the Club-rooms on Thursday night about 5.00 p.m.

Memberships are: General \$40 – provides member Bar prices. Aquarium \$100– entry to home games & member bar prices. New this year – Platinum - \$200 – all of the above plus access to the Corporate box and one special day for Platinum members.

ANZAC DAY SERVICE AND BREAKFAST: This year the Hillwood Progress Association is holding the 6.00 a.m. Service at the Hillwood Fire Station followed by Breakfast in the Hillwood Hall. Breakfast is provided from funds collected last year. Donations towards next year are collected at the breakfast. An auction will be held and possibly a raffle. The raffle for the defibrillator will also be drawn that day. If you are to attend please contact Kathryn Nicholls on 0408 095850 or Nancy Donnelly on 63948140 or 0431 613484 or nancydonnelly@bigpond.com



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According to the latest REIT (Real Estate Institute of Tasmania) the statistics for the last quarter are showing that prices have started to increase in a significant and positive way with the highest median price recorded since March 2010.

This is a significant positive factor to the Real Estate economy which has been in a steady decline since this time, with only marginal increases in the warmer months.

The trend shows that winter is usually slower than Summer, but now as we are heading into the winter months, things may be different.

According to an Independent Mortgage website, the interest rates are the lowest level since their inception in the late 1960's.

Chief economist with CommSec stated that 'This is the best borrowing conditions we have ever seen.'

The government is still providing new home grants, interest rates are extremely attractive

and vendors are getting the best price since 2010.

So it seems that the conditions for a favourable market are now at hand. Both buyers and sellers are more positive.

I had a buyer through a property in South Launceston recently who said that the repayments for the house in the low \$200'Ks were lower than the rent he is paying, so he is definitely in the market to buy.

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