



Smoke Signals

East Tamar Newsletter

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Boutique Blanc awarded the Oscar!

Local vineyard, Native Point Wines has again been celebrated as producing wines of elegance.

Native Point 2011 Sauvignon Blanc was awarded the trophy as the top scoring wine from entries throughout Australia and New Zealand at this year's Boutique Wine Awards.

A Boutique wine company is one which crushes and bottles 250 tonne or less annually and is owned independently, i.e., not owned by a larger wine company.

There were nine of the most experienced judges in Australia led by Chairman Huon Hooke judging over three days at Sydney's Homebush, where the record number of trophies was awarded.

The CEO of The Association of Australian Boutique Winemakers, Judith Kennedy, said that this was possibly the most successful year yet with regard to quality, as the highest number of trophies in any of the previous sixteen years was 12 and this year 14 were awarded.

The trophy was awarded through blind tasting of wines by nine of the most experienced judges in Australia led by Chairman Huon Hooke, wine writer for Sydney Morning Herald & Gourmet Traveller.

Huon Hooke is so impressed with the wine that he has selected it for entry into the prestigious Five Nations Challenge to be judged in October; the only Sauvignon Blanc to represent Australia.

Native Point owners, Sheena and Tim High are attending the Awards dinner at the Four Season's Hotel in Sydney on August 3rd to receive the Trophy.

"We will very proudly be bringing it back to Windermere to share and celebrate with all in our community", Sheena said.

"It's Quite an honour to win 'the Oscar' in the highly competitive world of wine. I truly believe it's the result of passion, dedication and creating the best possible environment for both the vines to thrive and their carers to nurture them.

We sincerely thank all who have helped in creating this very special wine."

The Native Point 2010 Pinot Noir was also awarded a Gold Medal at this show.

Congratulations to all those involved in these impressive achievements.



Huon Hooke presents Sheena High with the trophy for the top scoring wine.

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by John Bailey

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The truffle absorbs nutrients from the host tree and the tree receives minerals and phosphates in return as they work harmoniously together.

Originating from France, the black truffle tuber melanosporum is now farmed in Tasmania and harvested in winter.

Truffles are sold by the kilo; anything from 20 grams to almost 1 kg, but the favoured size for our chefs is generally around 50-150 gms.

Dogs, not pigs are used for harvesting. A contract harvester brings dogs to the trufferie twice per week with the dog sniffing the area under each of the 3,000 trees, and pointing to the prize where a fluoro marker is placed.

Following him are the specialised harvesters, generally using a common old stainless steel blunt knife to gently scrape the earth away from the prized fungi.

There is no grass growing underneath the trees as the spores in the ground enhance both the tree and the truffle growth, but does not encourage grass or weeds, so it is generally quite barren, making it easier for harvesting.

Australian Chefs now recognise Tamar Valley Truffles as one of Australia's leading producers of the Black Perigord Winter Truffle.

With many years of hard work with mother nature on their side Tamar Valley Truffles is now expanding into export markets. With the ability to export truffles on a weekly basis during the regular season from June to

early September, the business can offer restaurants and chefs around the world a quality product during the off season in Europe.

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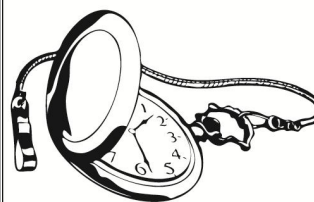


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Your Health...Can Your Repeat That Please?

Part 1

Varying degrees of deafness do occur as we get older, but there are a myriad of causes of deafness as we go through the ages. Temporary deafness can occur when wax builds up in the outer ear. This is easily dealt with. Other external or outer ear problems that can affect your hearing include foreign bodies, insects can enter the ear and get trapped, young children can place objects like peas and beads in their ear. Deafness, pain and discharge will give some clue as to the diagnosis. Particularly as we age, we need to have our outer ear checked regularly as the build-up of wax can lead to deafness and dizziness.

Let's move into the middle ear, a cleverly designed drum like structure where 3 small bones or ossicles transmit the sound to the inner ear. Deafness can occur when this structure is damaged by infection and trauma. These days most likely loud noises, sudden loud noises like explosions, shooting without ear protection, can disrupt these bones. Damage by surgery, infection and growths of the outer drum will also impede the passage of sound waves through to the inner ear.

We will see next time that the inner ear is much more sensitive to loud sound and can easily be damaged by infections and persistent loud noises like mp3 players etc.

To be continued . . .

Dr. Don



FIRE BRIGADE NEWS.. Raoul Stow

It has been a quiet period for Dilston Fire Brigade but we have kept active with regular training held fortnightly on Wednesday evenings. The brigade has committed to compete in the upcoming State Fire Fighter Championships, held in the last weekend in October at Inveresk. The brigade performed exceptionally well in 2011 taking top billing in the North East District. Considering the long period of hiatus from competitions prior to last year's competition it was pleasing to see the brigade achieve such a high mark. We endeavour to match and improve on this result for 2012. Members of the public are welcome to come and spectate.

The brigade would like to ask the community to take a look at their properties with particular mention of vehicular access. Our primary appliance is 8M long by 2.8M high and 2.4M wide. Would this be able to fit through your gate and down your driveway? Simple things like trimming of trees and hedges can make access much easier should we need to attend your property. Do you have automatic gates? Can the brigade activate them?

As always, if you have any concerns or queries, feel free to contact the brigade on one of the numbers below.

Paul Blakey 0417 592 424

Neville Jolly 0417 540 230

Jason Hingston 0407 392 457

Raoul Stow 0417 351 423

Community Contacts - **FIRE:000**

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St. Matthias Church: 6328 1209
Playgroup: 0407 993 616

Garden Club: 63281566
Book Discussion Group: 6328 1231
Bird Watching: 6328 1163

Native Animal Rescue

Lorraine De Weys 63263502

Men's Shed 6328 1544

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the continued contribution
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in the printing of this
newsletter.

Dr Don Hempton

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Our Xmas in July function was a great success on July 15th. 42 people attended and we managed to raise \$1900 + on the night. Many thanks to all involved for great teamwork, and to those who attended, we thank you for your support of The Mens' Shed.

A sincere thank you to Landfall Farm Fresh for support and its magnificent meats for our catering.

We are grateful to those members and sponsors who donated items towards the silent auction:

Tamar River Cruises, Landfall Farm Fresh, Bev Ernst, Jack MacKeddie, John Baily, Darryl Restall, Margaret Hosford.

On Sunday 22nd July we manned the sausage sizzle tent at Bunnings and had a most successful day. 12 members were involved on the day, and we had no shortage of customers.

We are hopeful of achieving our desired outcome in 2013, that of actually getting a base (shed) to operate from.

Grants available from all known sources to date will not support the actual building of a shed, so it is a challenging task to raise enough money.

Nevertheless we are positive and achieve a great level of friendship and camaraderie at our fundraising ventures.

NBN CO Comes to Windermere Cafe...

OCT 26 RED LETTER DAY FOR
WINDERMERE CAFE TGIF
(Mark this date on your calendar)

Special appearance: NBN Co Lalla Hinds and colleagues will make a special visit to Windermere Café Friday Oct 26.

Be sure to come and have your questions about Broadband answered.

We are grateful for the enthusiastic support we have received to date from Council, local politicians and our Fire Brigade colleagues.

If you are not currently involved, we would love to hear from you.

Contacts:

President: Jeff Wynne

Ph: 6328 1544 / 0417843943

Vice President: Brian Ralph

Ph :63281639

Secretary: Jon Hosford Ph 63281163/
0419317808



MOVIE MARATHON...



What: Movie marathon for ages 10-16, featuring 2 new release movies and 1 classic!

Where: Windsor Community Precinct, 1 Windsor Drive, Riverside.

When: Friday 7th September, 2012

How much: \$5 (drinks and popcorn available for purchase on the night)

FREE BUS!

PICK UP TIMES: Beaconsfield (Community Centre)-6.10pm; Exeter (opp Shakers Takeaway)-6.25pm; Legana (outside Legana Bakery)-6.35pm; Riverside (Council Offices)-6.45pm – bookings essential!

RETURN by: Riverside-12.10am, Legana-12.20am, Exeter, 12.30am, Beaconsfield-12.40am

For more information or to book the bus: Stewart Bell (Youth Development Officer) on 63239206 or 0429416310, email: stewart.bell@wtc.tas.gov.au or youth website: <http://youth.wtc.tas.gov.au>

This event may be of interest to either your children/ grandchildren or your students?

Bookings are essential as per the attached flyer.

Please check with Stewart Bell of the West Tamar Council on 6323 9206 as to whether young persons under the age of twelve need parental/legal guardian supervision at this event.

Play Group News.....

Louise McKenzie

We will be holding our annual Teddy Bear's Picnic on the grass at the Dilston Hall in October this year. It is sure to be a good crowd pleaser, with packed picnic rugs, lunch and the all important Teddy. Hopefully the sun will be shining and we should have plenty of time to relax (even with a few running races).

Myself and my two children have thoroughly enjoyed our involvement with our local Playgroup. I have made life-long friends and we all look forward to every Tuesday. It has given my children confidence and they both love doing craft activities and singing. The children have made many wonderful friends at playgroup. Most of them at some stage will be going to the same school, where they will know a friendly face. We welcome new members at any time and we hold playgroup on Tuesdays between 10 and 12. So come along and bring a friend as well. We have quite a few members from town who have come along just for a look

and have continued to be a part of our little community. So please if you have a little one or know of anyone between the age of 0-5 pop on down to the Dilston Hall. If you would like any information please do not hesitate to contact Louise on 0407 993 616.



Fun activities at Playgroup



Experienced Country Agent...

Attention East Tamar residents...

Winter time in Tasmania will soon be over and we can all breath a sigh of relief, that better times are soon to arrive...

It is no secret that it has been a challenging time in Real Estate and our economy here in Tasmania over the past 12 months, brought about by many factors. These include the recent budget cuts and job losses, which have resulted in a lack of consumer confidence across the State.

The good news is however, that it is not all gloom and doom. Properties are still selling, people are still moving house, mainland buyers are lured to our lovely state, families are downgrading or upgrading, retirees are moving to smaller holdings and the list goes on..

If you have a look at my profile on the Towns Shearing website, you will see all the new homes I have listed there recently. 27 new properties for sale, and more quiet listings not advertised. While buyer activity has certainly slowed, recent activity has shown that the more properties I have, the more buyer enquiry I receive and the more sales I do- over the last 7 months 24 properties have sold unconditionally since December 2011.

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The dual bridges at the entry to Windermere on Windermere Road are quite narrow.

The rule for traffic using these bridges is to **give way to vehicles approaching the bridges from downhill by waiting before the first bridge when you are travelling downhill towards the Windermere Café.**

Several residents have reported near misses by vehicles not adhering to this.

For the safety of all please respect.

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sign

(downhill side of bridges)

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Or email: lisalord_kaszazz@hotmail.com. I look forward to crafting with you all.

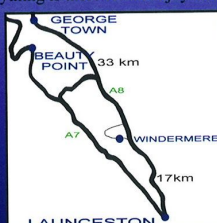


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10:30 am Eucharist Service
Sunday 26 August
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Sunday 9 September
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A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - ST MATTHIAS' VENUE Sun 14th October

Blessing of Pets—10:30 am St Matthias' followed by a sausage sizzle. All sorts of pets welcome. Please bring cats in a small pet container. All pets must be under owner's control. More information next Smoke Signals.