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UP, UP & AWAY!

NBN Tower arrives at Windermere

The Long awaited NBN service to our district moved another step closer with the delivery and erection of the tower base on the top of the hill at Windermere.

The site preparation has been ongoing since late June and dry weather has allowed it to progress smoothly. An access track to the site was first established with the delivery of many truckloads of crushed rock to allow heavy vehicle access to the site.

On Wednesday, August 2nd, the delivery and erection of the tower base was undertaken. The base was delivered on a low loader in telescopic form.

Two mobile cranes secured the sections front and rear and maneuvered the sections up the narrow track and onto the site. The top section will be placed later this week and work will commence on fitting the transmitters and receivers for the relay.

It is hoped that the service is on track to be offered to potential customers by Telcos from late 2017. The NBN Co website is showing that planned availability should be between July and September. This may apply to residents who will receive a signal from the upgraded relay station at Legana. NBN personnel were not available to advise on the precise logistics. Watch this space for further updates.

See photos by Jack MacKeddie on Page 3.

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GARDENING NOTES & NEWS

Garden Club

Contact Kerri Curtis for further details Phone: 63281590

August:

Friday 11th - 12pm
Meeting at Holy Trinity Church (Cnr
George & Cameron Sts) to view
the Launceston Art Society Annual
Exhibition. Bring a Picnic lunch. Church
will provide tea & Coffee.

September:

Friday 8th - 12.30pm

Visit Marananga Stud Western Junction - Rod & Louise Summers. 1st left on Davies Lane. Big black sheep at gate. Gravel Road 2kms in. Bring a picnic lunch to have in the garden after a tour of the farm.

The day will be cancelled if it's been raining leading up to the day or on the day. This is due to it being too muddy to park the vehicles. Contact Louise on 0363918511 if you have any doubts.

October:

Friday 13th - 12pm Kerri Curtis & Greg Mitchell. Bring a contribution for lunch to share.

November:

Friday 10th - 12pm Trixie & John Gillard - Windermere Rd.

December:

Friday 8th - 12pm Anna & Jonathan Waterhouse

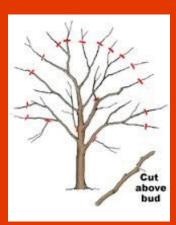
Pruning Fruit Trees in Winter

The pruning of apple and pear trees during dormancy is a necessary task for young trees to train their growth for low level fruiting. For mature trees, pruning removes dead wood and wood that is preventing proper air flow through the tree. Apples and pears produce fruit on the spurs that remain on the tree after establishing in its first few years of growth.

Severe pruning (hedging) in late winter will cause the tree to put on lots of growth in Spring whilst not necessarily producing any more fruit. Pruning trees lightly in summer to restrict strong spring growth allows new fruiting spurs to form before the tree becomes dormant and will usually lead to better fruit production.

If last year's pruning resulted in rapid stem growth, encourage the development of fruiting spurs for the following year by lightly pruning only. (No more than 1/3 of last year's growth)

Stone fruit trees produce vertical fruiting wood from lateral branches. Do not prune these hard as this will limit the fruit in the coming season. To encourage lower fruiting on fruit trees, the general rule is to prune regularly and lightly, removing dead wood and growth that is crowding the centre of the tree. Good air flow through the tree will assist in limiting fungal attack.



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NBN TOWER PHOTOS











Scrabble Group

The new Scrabble Group is now a regular feature at Bean in The Country Café at 10 am on a Tuesday. The group welcomes both experienced players and learners with plenty of assistance with rules and lists of acceptable clinching words. Participation at present is from the 4 corners of the district: Dilston, Windermere, Swan Bay and Hillwood + Deviot. This is a most therapeutic way of keeping your brain active. Share a coffee and social chitchat.

Enquiries: Jan Huggett - 6328 1630



The Scrabble Group at play. L-R: Anne, Kate, Janis, Shirley, Kerri, Janis, Leila.

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ST MATTHIAS WINDERMERE







OUR LOCAL CHURCH IS ALIVE AND WELL !!!

Especially because it is an important Heritage Registered Church in Tasmania and an iconic church set in a rural location on the banks of the River Tamar in Northern Tasmania with a dedicated congregation that works very hard to communicate with the community!

'Let the Church Bells Chime, Good News'

In a world where, every day, news is often filled with sadness, here's a good news story. At the distinguished age of 175, the Church of St Matthias, in the Tamar Valley, was featured as this year's 'face' for Launceston's 2017 BRIDAL EXPO, which took place at the Albert Hall, on Sunday the 28th of May 2017.

> Courtesy of the combined professional skills of Louise Scott (Timeless Elegance) Anthony (Linda Pasfield Photography), Kate Greaves (bridal model and other models, who kindly donated their talent and time) St Matthias Church was selected as the **FEATURE SITE** for a glamorous, bridal photo shoot, showcasing latest bridal gowns.

It is no exaggeration to say, that this rural Church, it's grounds and windows have never looked so handsome, or had such a high profile! Ads featuring St Matthias Church appeared, not only, in the paper but also on social media, publicity posters and on all, official 2017 Expo registration papers. I am sure, early wedding parties from Windermere, would have been pleasantly surprised just how far their little Church had come!



With the number of Church weddings on the decline, not only at St Matthias, but also overall within our and other Anglican Parishes, Pre Expo publicity & Expo participation was a crucial stepping stone for our Parish to start encouraging couples back to Church to celebrate marriage. To this end, we have distributed cards with beautiful images of our Church to nearby vineyards and wedding function centres. We also plan some future wedding events, our next proposed event, though still in planning will most likely be a Vintage Bridal Fashion Parade.

Finally, it's taken over six months of collaboration, discussion and as this article shows, the generous donations of several suppliers & other professionals to start our mission to bring marriage back into the Church. For and on behalf of our Parish, we are grateful to all who have and continue to participate in this all important mission.

Evelyn-Lilly Tuba

St Matthias Services for next two months

Sunday 13 August Revd. Craig Arnold will come down to take Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday 27 August Colin will take Morning Prayer 10:30, and

Sunday 10 September Dane should be back so I will take a communion service 1030.

Rev Ken Box

IS THERE A WELDER IN WINDERMERE, DILSTON, SWAN BAY OR HILLWOOD WHO CAN ASSIST US ??

(Because we need your help)

In the past we have had vandals who have destroyed tombstones in the graveyard. And about 15-20 years ago we had the broken ones repaired (at great expense to the Church) and there have been more gravestones damaged, but not for a long time and we really cannot afford to repair them now.

But what we do have is a once beautiful rod iron 'GRAVE SURROUND' which we have been wiring back together for I would say close to 25 years. Unfortunately the grave seems to be in the 'wrong' spot and seems to catch the back end of a lot of cars trying to back up close to the front door. Close to 22 years ago I backed into it myself and learned that IT IS THERE and not going anywhere! Please ring Sue Speed on 6328 1209

EAST TAMAR MEN'S SHED

Our Hupmobile project has progressed well, with parts being identified and a schedule for restoration mapped out. Work has been undertaken on the vehicle frame, the drive train along with electrical components. Our last report in Smoke Signals did attract the interest of 2 new people, one of whom has become a member. We would encourage others to check us out on a Wednesday or a Saturday. 10am-2pm.

We would hope one of our projects will be of interest to you.

Focus over August to October will be on the erection of our additional working space. This will house our car restoration project and other metal work focussed works. We are committed to finding something to interest a wide range of men in our community as well as supporting a community library and other groups for meeting space upon application.

We are grateful to the relationship we have developed with Launceston City Council and our neighbours Landfall Angus for their co-operation in this building project.

We are confident it will be of great benefit to the Community.

Farewell to our Foundation Mates

The death of 3 ETMS members in the past 2 months has been a sad time for us.

Vice President Joe Mennen died in June after a battle with lung cancer. Joe was our most productive member when establishing Shed practices and innovating projects that gave members pleasure whilst generating an income to make our organisation sustainable. We will miss Joe's contribution.

Rob McLaine died in June after brain cancer. Rob was a foundation member of our Shed and was most active during the planning phase. He was always encouraging in a quiet and unassuming manner.

John Briggs died recently. John was supportive of ETMS in its early fundraising ventures.













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In recent weeks, Tasmania Fire Service brigades around the state have responded to a markedly increased number of wood heater related fire incidents, in many cases involving the chimney or flue as it exits through the ceiling and roof cavities. Dilston Fire Brigade have been requested to attend a number of properties to give advice on condition and installation of flues, and indeed respond to incidents where smoke has been flowing internally from a compromised flue.

Our advice to all residents is first and foremost to ensure that their heater and flue installation has been done by an accredited installer; or if you have concerns over the condition of an existing installation to seek advice from same accredited people. Yellow Pages will point you in the direction of a number of businesses in Launceston that can provide this service.

We also advise that you ensure your flue is cleaned prior to being used in the colder months. The build up of soot and creosote is the major cause of chimney and flue fires, and can in worst case lead to surrounding materials combusting



And lastly, the moisture content of the fire wood you are burning will have a major effect on the rate of build up of soot and creosote in the flue. It is found that many people try to burn wood that is too wet. The ideal moisture content range for fire wood is between 13 and 18%. Anything over 20% will increase the build up in your chimney flue, and can be seen as a tar like substance. "How do you tell?", we hear you asking.

Well, try to ensure your firewood has been allowed to

dry for an extended period of time; i.e. don't use wood that has been freshly cut up! If buying in, ask the supplier how long the wood has been drying for.

What we really recommend however is to obtain a moisture meter in order to be sure. They can be purchased online for under \$20 and are a cheap investment in maintaining the "health" of your wood heater and chimney/flue.

As always, we are more than happy to provide advice and point you in the right direction!





www.facebook.com/DilstonFireBrigade www.facebook.com/TasmaniaFireService

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RECENT BRIGADE ACTIVITIES



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HAPPY NEWS: Great-grandson to Lyn Hodges and Sally and Garth Miller. Jackson Anthony was born on 17th July 2017 to Greg and Anita Hodges. Greg grew up in Hillwood and is the son of Lyn's son Philip and Tanya (nee Miller) both of whom also grew up in Hillwood. Jackson Anthony is named for his great-grandfather, the late Anthony (known as Tony) Hodges. Greg and Anita will be moving into their new home in Hillwood very soon. Another young family to be welcomed into the Hillwood community.

SAD NEWS: SARICH, Evelyn. Ev died on 20th June. Ev and her husband Bill lived for many years on Tram Road, Mt Direction bringing up a family of eight. Ev is the mother and mother-in-law of former Hillwood Coffee Shop owners, Phil and Deb Sarich. Ev and Bill used to play badminton in the Hillwood War Memorial Hall. Their children attended George Town schools. Our sympathy to Phil and Deb.

McCARTHY, David: a former long-time resident of Hillwood died on 30thMay. David married local Anne Burton and built a house in Hillwood. They lived here for 24 years, David running a transport business. They raised three children in Hillwood and later moved to Richmond where they purchased some acres and continued the transport business. Members of David and Anne's families live in Hillwood. Our sympathy to you all.

AIREY, Janine died in July. Janine Standage lived in Hillwood when she met and married Larry Airey. They later moved to Launceston but were still involved in the Hillwood area through the Football Club. Members of Larry's family live in Hillwood. Our sympathy to all.

FAREWELL: To Lyn and Terry Glover who have moved to the Big Smoke - or a Northern suburb of the Big Smoke. Lyn moved to Hillwood with her family when she was nine months old. Her grandfather owned most of Leam and after living in a house in Johnstons Road (Wallace's) and then Hillwood Main Road (Joy Eade's) (older residents will know) her father built a house in Leam Road. Lyn lived the rest of her life in Hillwood, marrying Terry 54 years ago. They raised five children in Hillwood, some of whom still live here. Lyn and Terry built a new house 40 years ago, which has been purchased by another young couple to be welcomed into the Hillwood Community.

NEW EIGHT BALL TABLE: A new table was donated to the Eight-ball Group by Luke Donnelly (you guessed it, my grandson). It was very interesting to watch it being passed through the upstairs window of the Corporate Box at the Hillwood Football Clubrooms on a forklift. Made of slate and very heavy.

ACHIEVEMENTS: Congratulations to Angus Jeffries





and Che' Haines who travelled to Western Australia for 15 and under Australian schoolboys football against all states and territories. They played extremely well, two of the matches being really close. The youngsters thoroughly enjoyed their trip, the team bonding and meeting lots of young footie players from all over Australia.

Gabby Hoffman, who won the Open Jazz championships at the Launceston dance competitions.

James Hawes of The Glen was selected in the U14 Northern Tasmanian Junior Soccer Association Representative team early in 2017. The team has travelled to Hobart and Devonport to play in tournaments and practice matches. On Sunday 2nd July the team travelled to Canberra where they played in the NSR Australia & NZ Kanga Cup. The team played 4 games, winning 3 and drawing the 3rd; they then played and won the semi-final which took them into the grand final, which they also won. Since returning from Canberra James has tried out and been selected in the State U14 Squad of 21, with final cut to 16 to be finalised this week. James is the grandson of Gayle Laverty of The Glen who assists in co-ordinating Hillwood Ladies Group.

STOP PRESS: James made the State Team! Congratulations James.

Jimmy Shannon, son of Millie Jex. Jimmy received a Life Membership of the Boxing supporters Association (QLD) in July at age 52. Jimmy gained No 1 ranking in Australia and No 10 ranking in the world as a kick boxer and Muay Thai Fighter, having 73 bouts. He joined Fred Brophy's Troupe in 1997 and 20 years later has had over 300 bouts in the tent, winning most of them. Jimmy is in the Muay Thai Hall of Fame and will make his last tent appearance at the Birdsville Races in 2017. He presently trains youngsters in kick

boxing, Muay Thai and boxing and every weekend travels to all parts of Queensland to tournaments with a car full of youngsters and in doing so makes a change for the better for many young lives. No doubt a proud Mum and Step-dad, Millie and Chris Jex.

A SPECIAL GET-TOGETHER: Sunday 24th SEPTEMBER. At a recent social event we realised there is a need for residents to meet up socially and for new residents to meet the locals. This includes the wider community at Mt Direction and Glen Road. It was decided to have a special gettogether on Sunday 24th September to trial the idea and to invite former residents as well. If we find that people would like this to become a regular event, we would be prepared to host an event hopefully once per season. The Hillwood Football Club is happy to host such events. The Club now has a full licence so the bar would be open as well as tea and coffee provided with guests to bring a plate for afternoon tea. Please keep a watch-out for a notice on our notice boards.



Dilston Playgroup

Dilston Playgroup has been running again for 2017. It has been lovely to have our regular families attend and to see the children and their friendships grow. We have had a few new faces, which has been wonderful and encourage and welcome any families who would like a morning of craft. outdoor fun and play to come and visit us. So far this year we have had a visit from Belinda at Playgroup Tasmania, who brought out many activities, such as giant puzzles, craft and rollacoaster cars, which were all a great hit. Other activities have been water play, cooking, peg dolls, mural art, ball sports and bike riding. As our numbers are low and some of our current children are at kindergarten age next year, we would love to see some more families. As the playgroup has been running for over 30 years it would be a hard decision to close the doors. Dilston Playgroup is held at the Dilston Memorial Hall, Tuesdays 10am-Noon, please bring \$3 and a piece of fruit to share. Any enquiries -Sarah 0437 851 920







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