



Smoke Signals

Dilston Windermere Swan Bay Newsletter

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ByPass Takes Shape

Work on the Dilston Bypass is progressing well, and final completion is expected in September 2011, slightly ahead of schedule.

Because of recent wet weather in the North, work is continuing on structures such as the concrete Barnard's Creek Bridge and the steel culverts for Cold-water Creek, Lady Nelson Creek and Coulson's Creek, and two stock underpasses for the abutting landowners.

Work around the southern junction will proceed next followed by the northern junction, which is programmed for Spring 2010.

This project is fully funded by the Australian Government and the contractor is Shaw Contracting.

Work on the bypass began in February 2010.

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Bridge construction at Barnards Creek Bridge on the Southern abutment

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Article & Photos courtesy of Department of Infrastructure, Energy & Resources.

Windermere Corner Store

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All Day Breakfast

New Lunch Menu

Homemade Lasagne

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Garden Club News by Jackie Ralph

A good gathering of people at Merryn and Neil McLelland's home enjoyed each other's company and good food. Well-presented front and back gardens and lawns down to the water's edge. They had lost a tall tree dahlia hit by the wind. A peaceful outlook on the river.

Thank you to Merryn and Neil for a great luncheon in their lovely home and peaceful water-side garden.

Our July luncheon was held on a sunny but cold winter day at the home of Evelyn and Jamie Melvin. They have only been in Tassie for about four months, coming from Perth W.A. So we were very grateful to them for offering us their home and hospitality for our luncheon, especially as it was their wedding anniversary.

Their niece Jess was over from

Perth celebrating her 17th birthday. She hopes to return to Tassie and go to university to study marine science. What better place than Launceston!

Jamie had invited Frank Rosol, an arborist, to give us a short talk on trees. It was very interesting and I liked his quotation "trees are good for your soul"

I find that applies to all gardening.

They had also asked Mel and Nikki Wicks, who are local gardeners to come along and answer questions for us, I am sure all three had quite a lot of questions to answer, and maybe got a few prospective customers.

Evelyn and Jamie had made the luncheon a Christmas in July, complete with decorations and crackers. They spoilt us a bit with some extra delicious food and drinks. As usual there was plenty of conversations going on over lunch, not all to do with gardens. We always seem to cover a vast range of topics whilst eating and drinking.

We had a walk around the garden and admired the well pruned and shaped trees and shrubs, including banksias and camellias. The Jonquills and daffodils were giving a splash of colour.

Thank you Evelyn and Jamie for a lovely afternoon. We hope that you continue to come along to our luncheons.

Calendar:

August: No current function.

September is at Val and Max Jansson;s

October is Maureen & Rob McLaine's

November: Margaret & Jon Hosford

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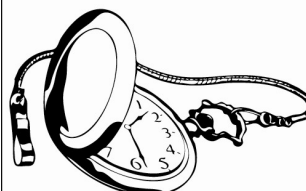
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Opposite Barratt's Music.

FIRE BRIGADE NEWS by Rob Montague

Winter brings a respite from the threat of fire to our properties from external sources, however we must be aware of the risk of internal fires arising from home heating.

Please be sure you have cleaned the flue of your home wood fired combustion heater, as the condensation of moisture in soot particles builds up over time.

You need to be warm in the winter, but you don't need to be surprised by the sudden combustion of your chimney through neglect of cleaning.

Please call if you need advice on this.

Residents are reminded of the Council By-law

that prohibits back yard burning during the months June, July and August due to

issues with wood smoke in the Tamar valley.

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Brian Wightman MHA, Labor member for Bass.

Getting Value for your money *with Dr. Don*

With the arrival of the discount chemists in Launceston we now have competition of prices both on prescription and non prescription items. Whilst most chemists are willing to match the lower prices offered by the discount chemists, you the clients need to know what this is.

By going onto www.epharmacy.com.au you will get onto the discount chemist

web site. From this you can ascertain the cheapest price available.

Avoiding the winter blues:

Yes it is a real condition brought on mainly by the lack of sunshine, but

contributed to by decrease in activity and lack of fresh air. Rug up and get out. You will experience the full glory of our climate, the crisp mornings, the wattles, bulbs and other plants flowering. If you are lucky, a bit of sunshine and even some birds of the feathered type to look at may come your way.

Keep warm and active.

See you in spring.

Don Hempton



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Nature Notes—Jon Hosford



I am outback at present, enjoying the birds of the dry country.

I appreciate the behaviour of birds that I think I know, doing something out of the ordinary.

A bird we all know well in our local gardens is the **Masked Lapwing**. It is very common in Tasmania for one main reason. The threat of ground predators is lower here than elsewhere.

In mainland Australia, these birds are confined to successful nesting where foxes are few, due to vigilant human presence.

These birds are ground nesters and rely on their aggressive defence of nesting territory to survive.

In Tasmania, we have very few foxes at present. (please don't be kidded to believe there are none)

If you have these birds in your backyard, please work around them and don't be overly threatened by their noisy defence of territory. They will recognize you as not too threatening if you are consistently patient with their enthusiastic defence of nesting territory....and by the way they will always defy your attempts to predict exactly where they will choose to nest.

They will be establishing territory right now.

Please help to give them a few weeks of peace.

The eggs are incubated in 21 days of patient sitting by mother and vigilant defence by father.

A mild winter seems to encourage them to nest early and to risk mortality of chicks through unduly severe

cold.

You can help by keeping away from their chosen nest with the lawn mower and having the joy of watching what happens.

The chicks desert the nest within hours of hatching. Whilst they will return to this area, they are largely brooded by mother and father, underwing. I have never observed these birds feeding young. If you observe differently, please let me know.

They are truly independent chicks, their parents having the sole responsibility of protecting their learning in life.

Enjoy the wonder of nature on your backdoor through this bird.

There will be a pair on every suitable piece of ground in the district.

Genuine buyers looking...

Buyer A. Young lady has just sold her home & is looking for a house with land (minimum 8 acres) for horses up to \$350k in the East Tamar Valley region, or alternatively 10 plus acres of pasture so she can build a cabin. Up to \$250k.

Buyer B. Local guy here from W.A. looking for a neat home on small block up to \$350k. Private area - shift worker. Cash Buyer.

Buyer C. Cash buyers here in Tassie looking for a nice house on approx 4-20 acres land. 4 bedrooms & good garaging. Windermere, Dilston, Swan Bay & Hillwood areas. Up to 30 mins from CBD. Up to \$550k.

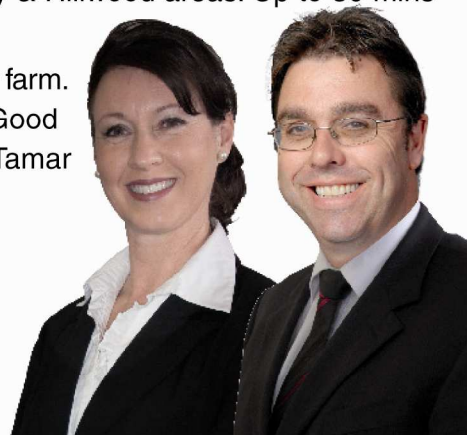
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Playgroup News– Kylie Barber

We recently had a free “Play in the Park” held at the Dilston Community Hall and it was a great success, we had visitors from other networks and community playgroups attend. We would like to extend our appreciation to both Caz and Louise from the Childhood Network for assisting and making the day possible.

The Playgroup has recently had a change in office bearers, Kylie Barber, Annette Saunders and Nicole Armitage have recently resigned from their positions on the committee. They would like to say thank you to all the members for there support over the past three years and are looking forward to continuing their support for the playgroup in the future.

The new President position is now shared between Shelly Batt and Louise McKenzie and the new Treasurer is Tracey Butt.

Playgroup times are Tuesdays 10am – 12pm bring a piece of fruit and share a cuppa. We are running through the holidays.

Late Winter Vegetable sowings from The Cool Climate Classroom

<http://www.winderdoon.com>

Spring Onions

Spring Onions are usually of the Sweet Spanish variety which can be grown in Spring and harvested before they begin setting a bulb. This variety does not set a very strong bulb so they are best not grown through to try to achieve this.

Once again, regular feeding with Dynamic Lifter will ensure strong growth during the Spring period.



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Salad onions such as the mild flavoured **Odourless Onion** are great for summer salads. I usually buy seedlings after the month of July and transplant them into a bed that has been finely worked and fertilised with 250 gms of Dynamic Lifter per square metre. By digging shallow trenches you can lay the Onion's bulb in the trench and backfill easily with your fingers. Water the seedlings in well and regularly fertilize with a liquid fertilizer during the vegetative growth stage. Onions rely on a strong vegetative growth stage and then store the nutrition of this in their bulbs before throwing up a seed head in the next season.

When you notice the onions are starting to bulb, stop the water to the plants if you can, and allow the tops to die down and fall over. You can then pull the onions and lay them on top of the bed until they have completely dried on top. This way they should store well until the late winter.

...photos from Pages 1&2



Culvert installation at Lady Nelson Creek

We are privileged to share the development of our highway Bypass. As residents, each day we see the amazing changes and infrastructure that will change our world before too long.

We see the delays to work, caused by rain that is so welcome to us, but so frustrating to the contractors who need to plan for these delays and their workforce.

We will forget this and take it for granted in the not too distant future.

We see up close the changes that are implementing our wish: to have a peaceful community with safe access for our families.

Smokesignals is grateful for the co-operation of the personnel at DIER for the report and photos in this edition.



A happy table of locals at the Windermere Café's wine & food pairing evening.



Santa (Rob Mc Laine) and reindeers, L to R Bob Liebmann, Jamie Melvin & Noel Ryan enjoy a drink at the Winter festive gathering of the Garden Club.

Forthcoming Events

TAP Fundraiser Card making Day

WHEN:- Saturday 11th September

TIME:- 10 am to 4pm

PLACE:- Dilston Hall

COST:- \$30 most materials / lunch / morning and afternoon tea

Please bring your own scissors / ruler / pencil / glue stick / double sided tape / cello tape and cutting mat if you have one and anything else that you think would be useful.

Three tutors will share ideas for Christmas / birthday / greeting cards and gift boxes

Please register with :- Pat Hollier on 63281348, Patricia Adams on 63281384 or Susan Judge on 63442385

Windermere Café is more than just a café to our community. The special evenings that are held there celebrate the best of food and wine .



Bob Liebman & Jenny Chandler enjoy the evening.

Windermere Café held a special evening on Saturday June 19th; a wine and food

pairing evening sponsored by Native Point Wines.

Native Point Wines owners Sheena & Tim High, introduced each of 4 wines tasted during the evening, accompanied by superbly cooked and presented grazing platters organised by Kerry and Marie, which accompanied each of the wines.

A Trivia Quiz on wine, focusing on Tasmania and the local regions was a challenge to all tables.

Janelle Kelly along with her husband Ned and table partners Laurie & Chris Parr took out the prize for the evening. We are led to believe that Janelle has been lately intense on her study of wine, graduating from Passion Pop to Pinot Noir in fine style.

Native Point Wines this year released 4 wines to the market which we were privileged to taste:

2008 Riesling—Silver medal (Sydney & Tasmanian wine shows)

2008 Pinot Gris—(Bronze medal Tasmania) Pinot Gris is the new taste for those who have become a little tired of Chardonnay.

2008 Sauvignon Blanc- (No medals but one of Tasmania's best)

2005 Pinot Noir— Silver medal (Sydney & Tasmania wine shows)

Windermere Café has licence to taste and sell this great local selection.

Dilston Hall upgrades its Commonwealth Image

We are fortunate to have a public meeting place for our "out of town" community .

The Dilston Hall is governed by a small committee and enthusiastically managed by Secretary/Treasurer Pat Hollier.

The Hall provides a space for the conduct of many activities in the district, particularly the Playgroup and for many community meetings.

The facilities of the Hall include seating for 50+ as well as a catering facility which is great for family or small community functions.

Chairs and tables are available for hire from the Hall for family functions at a very reasonable rate.

Contact Pat Hollier for details and bookings>

Phone: 63 28 1348

Pat is available to show potential users what is available.



In May this year the Hall Committee upgraded their heritage recognition of our sovereign Queen Elizabeth II.

Local Councillor and MHR, Ivan Dean, presented a more recent photo of HRH Queen Elizabeth taken on her last visit to Tasmania in 1998, to be displayed on the wall of the Hall. A new flag was also given to replace the ageing flag which flies from the flagpole at the hall.

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12:15 pm Eucharist

Wednesdays

10:30 am Eucharist

Thursdays

12:15 pm Eucharist

Fridays 11:30 am Eucharist

12 Noon—Friday Cafe

A group of us from St Matthias have put in a submission for a grant of \$3,000 from Australia's Open Garden Scheme. If we are successful we will use the funds to clean up and restore the garden at the Church, especially the area leading from the Church down to the foreshore of the Tamar River. This should enable us to restore the original pathway along the river used by the early settlers in this area to walk to Church on Sundays. We should find out the results in mid-August.

We have also put in an application to Tourism Tasmania to have St Matthias (as a Tasmania Heritage Listed Church) included on the Tourism's Tiger Database.

Our new Morning Services have been very well attended—and they are even better now. We have moved some of the pews to new locations and created an area at the back of the Church where we can now set down comfortably and enjoy our refreshments and conversations together. Come and join us!

UP-COMING SPECIAL EVENTS

Saturday, 20th November 2010, 10:00 am

QUIET DAY AT ST MATTHIAS (quiet meditation)

*More details on these events in
upcoming Smoke Signals*

Sunday, 31 October 2010 (time to be advised)

ALL SOULS DAY

This is to be an Evening Service for Thanksgiving and Remembrance of people who have died. There will be a BBQ before the Service.

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