



Smoke Signals

East Tamar Newsletter

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Wild Wet and Windy Weather

The East Tamar district is gradually recovering from the shock of the wild storms that hit recently. 82mm of rain was recorded on July 29th followed by a further 37mm on July 31st.

This is the second highest daily total recorded at Acacia House, in Windermere Road, the official Bureau of Meteorology weather station in the district.

The highest fall of 110.5 mm was recorded on March 3rd, 1931.

Water flows were so heavy that some property owners needed to sandbag low lying areas to keep the surging water from entering their homes. The torrential rain saturated the soil and allowed the wind which followed to play havoc with trees that were shallow rooted or top heavy with large limbs.

In Rostella Rd Dilston the wind

brought down a large eucalypt across the road and power lines, blocking traffic from accessing the area.

In Windermere Road, some residences on the lower side of the road were flooded by water not able to escape into formal drainage quickly enough.

Fortunately conditions like these in our district are not common.

It is 17 years since we have seen water across the causeway on the old East Tamar Highway.

Council has arranged to carry out repair of guttering and to improve drainage in some areas over the next few weeks. Residents may experience some temporary delays in access on Windermere Road whilst drainage repairs and improvements are carried out.

Traffic lights and signage have been installed in affected areas.

Below: Council workers clean out drainage channels along Windermere Road.



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Community News

Dilston Playgroup

Dilston Playgroup is changing its session times. It will now be held every first Tuesday of the month from 10.30 till 12.00.

Come for a coffee and meet some people from the area.

We are an allergy free Playgroup.

Bring a piece of fruit to share and \$2 per family.

5th August - Special Craft visitor

2nd September - Bake a Loaf of Spelt Bread demo.

7th October - Teddy Bears Picnic, Bring a blanket and some fruit for a fruit salad plus playgroup will provide more nibbles.



Rules for Horse Riding on Public Roads

An increased use of public roads for horse riding prompts the need for a reminder of the rules for safety both for riders and drivers. Common respect and courtesy will prevent most dangerous incidents.

What the Law says: Under the Australian Road Rules, horses are regarded as a vehicle and riders are subject to the same road rule as apply to other drivers. However there are some specific additional rules including: Horses are allowed on footpaths and nature strips, unless specifically prohibited.

Horse riders must give way to any pedestrian on a footpath or nature strip.

If you are riding two-abreast with another rider, you must not ride more than 1.5m apart. This will allow other road users room to overtake safely.

Lights on animal drawn vehicles – when ridden at night or in conditions of reduced visibility they must display a

white light on each side at the front of the vehicle, a red light on each side at the rear (visible for 200m) and be fitted with a red reflector towards the rear of each side of the vehicle.

A person must not lead an animal while also driving a motor vehicle or riding a bicycle.

Penalties

A horse is considered to be a vehicle and therefore permitted to be ridden on the road, horse-riders are subject to the same penalties for road traffic offenses.

Your Health



NIGHTMARES & NIGHT TERRORS

Most children have **nightmares** from time to time. It isn't a sign of an emotional disturbance but the product of having vivid imaginations and the strains of growing up.

When a nightmare happens it is best to:

- Reassure your child that they are safe

- Acknowledge that their feelings are real but that they are not silly for worrying
- Explain that what's scared them is not real
- Stay with your child until they have calmed down.

It may also be helpful to reduce the amount of TV shows or electronic games that are a source of stress and fright.

Night terrors are different to nightmares. They happen when your child is abruptly disturbed from a deep sleep but isn't fully awake, even though their eyes are open. The child may scream, thrash around, and not make sense or indeed recognise you. A night terror may last several minutes and will not be remembered in the morning.

Night terrors can be frightening for parents but are a normal part of development and children usually grow out of them. When they happen, just stay calm and keep your child safe until the night terror has passed.

Dr Heidi Dreiling

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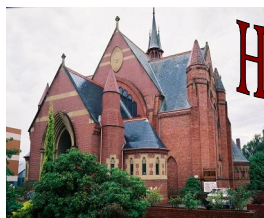
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ST MATTHIAS WINDERMERE



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ST MATTHIAS HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS

About six weeks ago the parishioners of St Matthias were very surprised and totally delighted to receive historical documents regarding our iconic church dated from 1934-37. In 1937 there were extensive renovations to St Matthias in regards to the foundation, the roof and a window. There are photos inside the church showing some of the repairs. These documents tell a history of St Matthias as seen in 1934 and some of its parishioners leading up to these renovations. Let's start with a document dated 1934 and compiled by the Rev W Witt Gregson, Rector .

The history of St Matthias Church, Windermere, must strike the imagination and admiration of all who read it. As an event in the Church history of Tasmania it stands alone, mainly owing to the efforts of the late Matthias Gaunt M.D., that St Matthias Church exists.

Dr Gaunt, one of the early settlers, arrived in Tasmania in the year 1830 and obtained a grant of land at Windermere. Here he made his home and erected a sawmill and also planted a vineyard, from which he produced a wine of very excellent quality.

In the year 1844, Dr Gaunt converted his sawmill into a flour mill. Some of the flour was sent to the London Exhibition in 1851 and took first prize.

Like many other Englishmen coming to the Colonies, the Doctor was a devout member of the Church of England. Before he left the old land he promised his wife and friends that if there was no church near their new home across the sea, he would build one. The picturesque little church of St Matthias is the fulfilment of that promise which was erected in 1842, but not completely finished till 1843, where he and his wife and family and servants worshipped together each Sunday. Although Services were held in the Church it was not dedicated till April 1845. This service was performed by the first Bishop of Tasmania, Dr Nixon, who arrived during the year the church was being built. It was the first church dedicated by the Bishop in the North.

The first clergyman to conduct services in the church was the Rev Frost. The first Chaplain appointed was Archdeacon Davenport in 1846.

(The story continues in following Smoke Signals)

A VERY SPECIAL SERVICE FOR ALL SAINTS DAY

SATURDAY 1st NOVEMBER

(mark it in your diary)

This service will be celebrated with a BBQ and Evening Service and possibly a performance of **Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard** . It will be in remembrance and celebration of persons buried in the graveyard, the Columbarium Wall and our departed loved ones. Start time around 6:00 pm—to be advised.

ST MATTHIAS' SERVICES

Sunday 24th August

10:30 am Eucharist Service

Sunday 14th September

10:30 am Eucharist Service

Sunday 28th September

10:30 am Eucharist Service

Sunday 13th October

HOLY TRINITY SERVICES

Each Sunday:

8:30 am Eucharist Service

10:30 am Sung Eucharist

5:30 pm Choral Evensong (1st Sunday)

Growing in Faith Together (2nd Sunday)

Taize Service (3rd Sunday)

Prayer at the end of the day (4th Sunday)

Gardening—

Leaf Curl in Stone Fruit

This month is the last month of winter in which you can safely prune dormant fruit trees and spray for early spring fungal diseases.

Curly Leaf in Stone fruits

Curly leaf is a fungal disease that attacks stone fruits through the developing flower buds.

To control it, timing of a spray application is critical.

The last week in August, or if it has been warm, maybe a little earlier, is the right time to apply a copper-based spray before the plants show colour in the bud. This colour (pink-bud in peach and nectarine) is the time when the fungal spores, carried freely in the air, will attack the plant and cause the leaf to curl and blister in its spring growth.



This condition affects the development of fruit as it restricts the leaf's ability to create sugars and ripen the fruit in the summer.

Apply Copper Oxchloride or a Bordeaux mixture of lime and copper. Lime sulphur will also control it. This is available readily these days in commercial products.

Ask your nurseryman.

Remember, timing is critical. If rain occurs after you spray before flower buds swell, you are best to apply a second spray, as the original may have washed off in the rain.

In The Vegie Garden

Early lettuce plants can be planted in Tasmanian gardens through September as long as you cover your seedlings with plastic. I use gutter guard to act as a frame around the seedling and cover this with

plastic stapled to form a collar protection.



Naturally, lettuce is slower growing in September /October and this affects the flavour, but if you are keen, have a go and see how it works for you.

Radish germinates well and grows well in the spring months. Summer radish has a tendency to become pithy if water is not regular and the weather is hot. I find spring and early summer radish easy to grow and delightful in salads.

Early September is when I always sow my tomato plants indoors. I save seed from last year's crop and sow the seed in trays indoors where it is warmer. A night time temperature of about 10 degrees is ideal for tomato to germinate. When they reach their first true leaf stage you can prick them out and transfer them to individual small containers to transplant into the garden in the first week of November.

Again a plastic shield of gutter-guard and plastic will ensure your tomatoes get a strong start for their summer growth.

Prune out the laterals in tomatoes so that the fruit is larger and not quite as prolific.

Don't be tempted to buy advanced seedlings at the nursery prior to November in Tasmania. They are available, but they rarely produce strong healthy plants.

Australian Open Garden Scheme

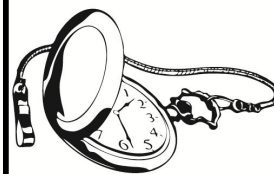
The Tasmanian section of Australia's Open Gardens will feature 2 Windermere gardens over the Summer months.

Carolyn and Wayne Riley will open their garden at 325 Windermere Rd on Saturday November 1st and Sunday November 2nd in aid of the Rotary Club of West Launceston.

Margaret and Jon Hosford's garden at 454 Windermere Rd will be open to the public on Saturday January 10th and Sunday Jan 11th 2015 in aid of The Christopher Strong Education Trust.

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MEMBERS

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SESSION

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COMMUNITY

AND LET US KNOW WHAT YOU WOULD
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Mother Nature

...and speak she did in this last week just past. We had multiple call outs as a brigade to assist various people in the community with downed trees, extensive flooding and general carnage!

Together with the stretched resources from the Launceston City Council and the State Emergency Service we were able to assist in a number of areas of the community, and in turn highlighted to our newer members that being a volunteer fire fighter is not always about 'putting the wet stuff on the red stuff'.

We would also like to extend a thanks to members of the public that lent their assistance particularly in clearing roads of felled trees.

Can we also take a minute to remember the unfortunate loss of a life during the height of the wind storm in Trevallyn and the work the emergency responders did to try and revive said person.

With the ground still wet and the winds to persist for a few days there is still an extreme risk to everyone whilst venturing out to clean up the mess. Trees will still be unstable until the ground dries out and this could take several weeks. Please be careful and steer clear of downed power lines even if they look to be dead.

Pictures and Video of our movements during this last week can be seen on our facebook page...address below.

NEW STATION...

Unfortunately the wild weather that

beset our community took its toll on our new station with excessive water run off creating a lake around the new building.

The water ingresses inside has resulted in our delaying of completing our moving-in plans.

We are hoping that the remedial works process will move forward quickly but have decided that improved drainage is a priority before we move our operational equipment in. In the mean time we will still be operating out of the old station but you will see action from time to time at the new one. Fingers crossed!

Group Exercise...

On August 23rd Dilston Fire Brigade will be partaking in a multi brigade exercise aimed at testing out operational readiness in a variety of situations. Don't be alarmed if you see a steady movement of fire trucks and vehicles in and out of the area during the day!



www.facebook.com/DilstonFireBrigade





The job can be **WET**

The job can be **DIRTY**

The job can be **STRESSFUL**

The job can be **EXHAUSTING**

But most of all, the job IS rewarding, fulfilling and ultimately gratifying, in serving your local community.

Dilston Fire Brigade needs you! Our numbers have been declining through retirement and relocation so if you are physically able, and feel that you would like to do something extra then please come along to one of our training evenings or mornings and see what it is all about!

You can play dress ups in our turnout clothing, ride in the BIG RED TRUCK, and put names to faces that you may have seen out and about in the community.

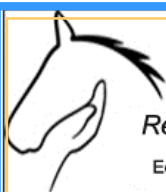
The Tasmania Fire Service is predominately made up of volunteers, like all fire services in Australia. You don't get paid, but you do receive nationally accredited training and qualifications.

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men's health issues.

We plan to do this again in
2014.

Will you join us?

Accept the challenge and
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Further details next edition.

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