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SWAN SHOOTING

Several residents were upset by the shooting of black swans on the wetlands adjoining John Lees Drive in early June.

The shooter was culling swans for the Archer family of Landfall under a permit from the Department of Primary Industry, Parks, Water and Environment (DPIPWE) and was shooting close to the road, in full view of residents and children on the local school bus.

Frank Archer offered to meet with the community to explain the situation and a meeting was held at the Dilston Hall in mid June.

Frank, Gerald and Lou Archer attended the meeting with a number of community members, including some of those affected by the shooting.

As spokesman for the family, Frank Archer made it clear that the shooting at that place and time was unacceptable, should not have happened and would not happen again.

He explained that over recent years, growing numbers of black swans had become a problem, eating and fouling pastures and causing significant damage and erosion. They had over the years tried various forms of control such as gas guns, scarecrows and flags and bunting, but without lasting success – and they only undertook culling under licence as a last resort.

Landfall currently has a permit to cull 100 black swans per year over the entire property.

Residents at the meeting acknowledged the Archer family's significant contributions to the community, but Frank Archer



DPIPWE biologist Greg Hocking addresses the meeting

emphasised that the family expected no tradeoffs from their community support activities.

Being good community members was a high priority for the farming enterprise, but he acknowledged the difficulties sometimes raised by commercial farming in a relatively built-up area.

The possibility of egg culling as an alternative control measure was raised and Frank offered to arrange a meeting with Greg Hocking of DPIPWE, to look at possible solutions.

This meeting was held at the end of July and attended by Greg Hocking, Principal Wildlife Management Officer with Game Services Tasmania, Frank Archer and Tim Wheeler of Landfall, Launceston City Councillor Tim Walker, a representative from Birdlife Australia, and concerned residents.

Greg Hocking explained that the Department had been monitoring bird numbers since the 1980s and conducted a systematic annual count of black swans over 100 wetland sites in Tasmania.

Between 20,000 and 30,000 swans

were counted each year.

He said that while populations showed seasonal variation, there had been a consistent growth in numbers over that period and swan numbers were not under any threat.

The Department always considered

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alternative methods of control before issuing cull permits, but, as a biologist, he did not consider egg culling to be a viable alternative.

It was suggested that a full census of swan numbers should be conducted, but Mr. Hocking said that such a census would be a major undertaking with such a widespread and mobile species and was well beyond the capacity of his Department. Frank Archer said that the whole unfortunate incident had been a learning experience for Landfall, and gave an undertaking to continue to keep exploring alternative methods of control, and if culling was necessary, to ensure that it had minimum impact on local residents.

WINDERMERE CAFE

New owner of the Windermere Cafe and Gift Shop Fleur Keals has revived the popular TGIF nights with the cafe packed with locals every Friday night. Sunday roasts have also been an attractive addition to the cafe menu.

Fleur has asked us to pass on her thanks to the community for your amazing support over her first month.

Future events include:

- A High Tea on August 31
- An Elvis Karaoke Night in September
- A Poetry Reading afternoon in October.

Details of all upcoming events on the Windermere Cafe and Gift Shop Facebook page.
Ph 0418 258 506



Letters To The Editor

In 2017 MAST removed the well used low tide boat ramp at Craighburn. This left only two places to launch boats using vehicle and trailer on the East Tamar between East Arm and Windermere. One is the boat ramp on the eastern side of Egg Is Point and the second is an over shore access on the western side of the point used for over 80yrs. The ramp is not all weather or tide, is very steep and not useable in heavy S/E wind conditions. In Feb. 2018 Crown lands blocked the over shore access with no public consultation or notice. As result of this action river safety has been compromised. It is now not possible to launch a boat if needed for a rescue when the ramp is not safe to use. In my lifetime there have been six drownings and many rescues carried out in the Hillwood, Egg Is. Craighburn area.

The reason given by CLS. for the closure was that it was considered "inappropriate" to allow boats to be launched over the shore and when challenged on this then stated that it posed a "risk to public using the area". At an onsite meeting with MAST representatives, CLS were advised that the access was in fact the only back up to the ramp, if a rescue was required in the area and launching posed no real risk to other users. Mast also advised that boats are launched over shorelines worldwide without significant problems. I am aware that the Hillwood Progress Assn. has continually requested that the access be reopened since closure. CLS. refuse to do so even after being supplied with photographs to prove the HPA case. As a lifetime resident I have been personally involved in many rescues in the area and I can assure readers that there are sometimes only minutes between success and failure in water rescue attempts. Current CLS. policy has the potential to convert a successful rescue to a fatality and they don't seem to care..

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The iconic black swan – native to Tasmania, is a symbol of grace and beauty --- to most. They mate for life.

Sadly it has been learned that some farmers are allocated licences to shoot black swans (though a protected species) on the basis of crop protection. After much consultation - the swans on the wetlands along John Lees Drive, will no longer be disturbed.

Elizabeth File, Kristy McCullen and Marilyn Guy

PLAY GROUP

Dilston Playgroup has continued to attract new and old families, with children ranging between 0-5 years old. The playgroup ran over the school holidays, which gave some past play groupers who are now school age, a chance to re-connect with the younger ones.

We wanted to thank Lizzie again for her time and communication with the Launceston Council to make the hall a very warm and welcoming space. The hall and outdoor area are always in perfect condition and the playgroup community really appreciate it.

We always enjoy meeting new people and would love to connect with more people in the community. If anyone in the community would like to share any skills, passions or talents with our group (e.g. cooking, knitting, a musical skill or perhaps just a book reading session), please get in contact, we'd love to hear from you.



All families welcome! 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. You can now find us on Facebook @dilstonplaygroup

HIRE OF THE DILSTON MEMORIAL HALL

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Contact Lizzie Benstead: 0409 974 508

BIRDS OF THE TAMAR By Jon Hosford

The Tasmanian Native-hen

Is entirely confined to Tasmania, but unlike other Tasmanian endemic species, it does not occur on the main islands in Bass Strait (King and Flinders Islands). Although the islands support plenty of suitable open habitats, such as farmland, grasslands and lush wetlands, being flightless, native-hens have never been able to colonise these islands from the Tasmanian mainland. These raucous inhabitants of our river valley have been prominent in gardens this year, probably due to the drier conditions in Summer and Autumn. I have heard several reports of birds attacking plants such as silver beet and spinach in gardens. Although they do not fly, they are capable of jumping onto fences and entering normally enclosed areas.



Normally they eat grasses as well as some seeds and insects. Throughout the year 2 or 3 birds (sometimes more) form an integrated breeding group with young up to 1 year within a permanent territory. Tasmanian Native-hens are usually polyandrous. All the male birds in the group breed with 1 or more females in the group. They vigorously defend territory, and last year I observed a few of these

birds seriously challenging an Echidna wandering down the plantation of our boundary at Windermere. The Echidna was largely unphased by this and kept on his lumbering path unperturbed by the commotion the birds were making. Both sexes participate in nest building, incubating and tending chicks. Eggs are laid in an egg nest typically between August and November but this may vary significantly depending upon seasonal conditions. The egg nest is usually built on the ground or over water from grass, reeds or herbage. Young are brooded at night (and sometimes during the day) in one of a number of nursery nests built in a more exposed position. Nursery nests are usually bulkier and untidier than egg nests. From 3 to 9 (but usually 5 to 8) eggs are laid. These eggs are incubated for about 22 days. Parents feed the chicks in decreasing amounts up to 8 weeks.



WHY BEES LOVE MY GARDEN By Trixie Gillard and Kerri Curtis

COULD THIS BE A NEW COMMUNITY PROJECT?



Rotherham Council: Eight miles of roadside wildflower meadows

In the UK more than 65,000 people have now signed a petition encouraging councils across the UK to allow wildflower meadows to grow on roadside verges. Councils seem to be listening. In just one example Rotherham Borough Council has established eight miles of meadows alongside a motorway, saving £23,000 per year on mowing costs.

Plantlife, a British conservation charity, has called on councils to turn their road verges into wildflower meadows by cutting just once in late summer.

Pictorial Meadows is another campaign group that has researched how meadows can be encouraged in urban environments to provide the pollen and nectar that bees and butterflies currently struggle to find. Bees don't seem to be put off by the traffic noise and their numbers have been shown to increase dramatically on verges that are cut no more than twice a year.

My thanks to Bev Ernst who alerted me to this news story.

Imagine a carpet of wildflowers all the way from the Mowbray turn-off, through Dilston, and along Windermere Road. In many stretches the grassed area is quite deep, so the wildflower meadow could be set back from the road. It would give joy to drivers, enhance our community, and provide a much-needed floral corridor to help our bees thrive.

Do you like this idea? How would you envisage this happening? Could we get it going this Spring? Would Launceston Council provide us with wildflower seeds?

What do you think?

We'd really welcome your comments and ideas. Please email Kerri Curtis kerridwen51@gmail.com or Trixie Gillard flahulac@bigpond.com with your story or comments for inclusion in the next issue of Smoke Signals. We'd love to hear from you.

At the recent Garden Club lunch at Windermere Café members showed interest in a handy little book on beekeeping that I had unexpectedly found at Mowbray Australia Post for just \$9.99. The title is *Beekeeping Self-Sufficiency* by British author Joanna Ryde. Not a very glamorous title, but it is a very well laid out and simple informative guide for anyone considering keeping a hive or two. It's nicely illustrated too.

As the blurb on the back cover says: "Joanna Ryde brings her fresh but meticulous approach to all aspects of beekeeping, from the basic tools and equipment needed for setting up a hive to detailed advice on when to

harvest honey, and honey-inspired recipes from cakes to beauty products. This really is the definitive guide for anyone thinking of keeping bees." The only thing to remember is that it's written for the northern hemisphere, so you just need to adjust the seasons. Published by IMM Lifestyle Books ISBN 978 1 5048 0040 2

Any beekeepers in the neighbourhood? Perhaps you'd like to make your recommendations.



GARDEN CLUBS NEWS

The Windermere Café and Gift Shop, headed by Fleur and supported by her wonderful staff, provided a warm and welcoming venue for the Garden Club Mid-Winter Lunch. Nineteen winter-worn gardeners attended, all enjoying the company of each other, and anticipating with some pleasure, the advent of spring and renewed activity and growth in the garden. Several new members attended and we look forward to their continued participation.



Trixie updated us on her findings with regard to providing a welcoming and sustainable habitat for all bees which are, of course, very important pollinators. See the "Bees in my Garden" article in this publication.

Our next gathering will be in August, at Glenara Lakes.

If you would like to be a part of the Garden Club, please contact me. New members are very welcome.

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ANNUAL WINTER MARKET

The Annual Winter Market at the Dilston Hall was a great success.

There was a happy, lively atmosphere, sunshine and a huge selection of goods for sale.

The Community's response to the appeal for goods and help reflects the importance of, and affection for, St Matthais' Church. A huge THANK YOU to all helpers, donors and supporters.

The market was organised by Windermere Church Forever Inc. and raised over \$4000.00

Raffle results

Decorated Cake - Pam - Dilston

Orchid - Robyn - Hillwood

Windermere Rose - Pat - Newnham

FOUND

Prescription Glasses in a Case & Sunglasses

Left at the hall - Contact Lizzie 0409 974 508



CHURCH NEWS St Matthias' Anglican Church

Autumn has come and gone, the elm leaves have dropped, and winter is heading towards spring. Thanks to the efforts of a small band of StM folk, the grounds have been kept neat and tidy, to be enjoyed by all parishioners attending our regular fortnightly services, as well as the many visitors who come to our special place of spiritual reflection and heritage. We very much appreciate their work. There will be a major annual working bee day planned for Nov 9, but any wider community members wishing to help out in future with lawn-mowing, weeding etc may ring Rob on 0417554269, to be contacted when regular maintenance is being organised. Anyone is welcome any time to spend a few quiet minutes weeding on the riverbank and enjoying the serenity and views.



One of our recent services was on The Day of Pentecost. The day commemorates the coming of the Holy Spirit in the form of flames and wind to the apostles (Acts 2), allowing them to preach the word of Jesus to everyone. Thus many recognise the descent of the Holy Spirit with the birth of the church. In Western countries it is traditional to wear a “splash of red” on Pentecost Sunday, so a lovely touch was provided in the form of tiny red camellias for all attendees, and beautiful red and white flower arrangements adorned the church. Thanks again to those who help with flowers and catering.



Thanks also to all those who contributed warm winter clothes, blankets and food items for Anglicare to distribute to the needy. The demand throughout our community is ever present.



Coming up:

Do you know a friend or relative who was married here? Sunday Aug 11th marks 174 years since the first wedding at StM, so it would be a special day for them to re-connect with the church. Please help spread the word. Next year we will organise a big 175th celebration of this date, but why leave it till then? Please pass on to us any contact details so that next year's event can be a great success for everyone.

Parish Annual Meeting, Sun. Aug. 25 at Holy Trinity. Forms available at StM for inclusion on the electoral roll (closes Aug 11) and for nominations for elected positions (closes Aug 18).

You can follow further up-coming events on our Facebook page: [stmatthiaswindermere](#) or contact hosfordm@bigpond.net.au to go on our StM email network.

Why not join us next week? Second and fourth Sundays each month 9am.

Rector Dane Courtney 63310041. (Services are held at Holy Trinity every week 8:30am and 10:30am. 5pm at St Andrews Evandale)

The winter months have seen a great attendance at THE SHED with many activities providing a warm welcome for members and the community interaction we are encouraging.

We have been involved in the special focus on the government focus on increasing levels of suicide, with one of our members attending workshops on awareness and response within our network. Attendance has been consistent, with many activities involving member participation. Our woodworkers have worked on outdoor furniture and our Early Childhood support projects of play block sets and more lately, easels for book display within classrooms.

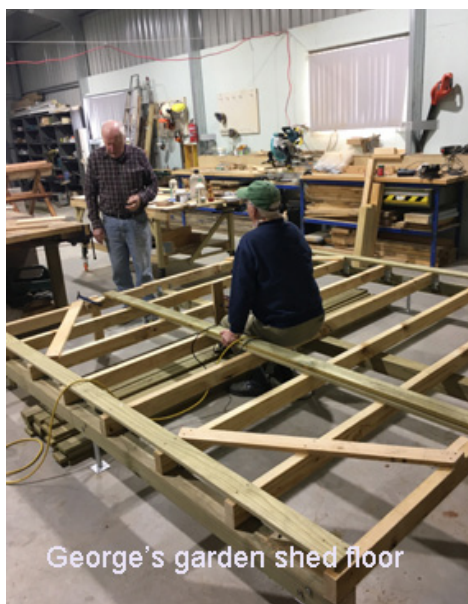
Despite the cold winter weather our SHED has provided a great insulation against the elements and members have engaged in varied activities for their personal interest and for support of our ongoing costs through sale of items produced. We are always keen to help community members with work that supports their needs in the maintenance or restoration of items they require. We will tell you if a project is beyond our means or expertise.



Our main aim is to support our male members by providing a venue where they can express their practical skills or exchange ideas and learn new skills. We encourage members of the community to drop in when passing by to see the range of activities we engage our members in and to discover ways in which we can engage with community.



The fund raising evening held recently featuring a presentation by member Peter Stecenko on the history of convicts in Tasmania was well supported by community. Thank you Peter for a great community evening.



We would welcome community interest in the production of beehives to support the benefits of this hobby both personally and for the environment in our rural community. Please approach us if you are willing to learn this farming technique. At present we are not offering hive management, however if you are interested we can help with the making of the hives and perhaps guide you into what you need to learn.

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Dilston Fire Brigade



Tasmania Fire Service

Register the fire by calling freecall 1800 000 699

By telling the Tasmania Fire Service about your fire you may help prevent false alarms.

Melbourne Fire Fighter Stair Climb 2019

Donation tins have been placed at both the Windermere Café and at Caltex Mt Direction. Thankyou to all those that have drop in their loose change. Every bit makes a difference, and the cause is certainly just!

Over leaf you can find a flyer promoting the brigade's participation. Come next issue of Smoke Signals we hope to have some pictures from the event to share!

Collection of Old Batteries

If you have old batteries lying around we would love to take them away for you with the intent being that they can be redeemed for extras funds towards the stair climb. Please let of us know if you have a battery surplus to requirements!

Winter Period.

We are pleased to note that the colder months this year have failed to result in the normal call outs for flu and chimney fires. Well done to all for keeping these and your wood heaters in good condition.

Backyard Burns

Just a reminder that if at all possible, please register your backyard burns and don't leave them unattended!

Windermere Café

Welcome back to the area to Fleur as she takes over operation of the Windermere Café.

Firefighter CHRIS hard at it with the rest of the crew during a Wednesday training. He would love for you to join him!



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www.facebook.com/TasmaniaFireService

Brigade Contacts

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Paul Blakie	0417 592 424
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Ken Nolan	0448 320 996

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I will start this Newsletter with an apology to the lovely BRIANNA AIREY. In the June Newsletter I referred to her as Isobel. Isobel, is of course, Brianna's older sister. So apologies, Brianna. Because she is lovely, she has forgiven me.

HAPPY NEWS: KELLY:

Welcome to THEO QUINN KELLY, a son born to Eva Quinn and Kieran Kelly of Hillwood on 6th June 2019. Congratulations to Theo's grandfather, Phil Kelly and his partner Dot, and to Kieran's mother, Belinda. Theo's grandfather Phil grew up in Hillwood with Theo's great-grandparents, Lil and Max Kelly and his great-great grandparents, Lil's parents, Lucy and Austen (Bob) Waddell. (As a matter of interest, the house they owned is the one Jeff and I now own). Phil returned to Hillwood and purchased the house next door and is heavily involved in the Hillwood Football club. One of the plaques on the memorial at the Fire Station honours Bob Waddell.

SAD NEWS: MILLER,

Barbara. Barbara, the daughter of Ruth and Lindsay Ervin (both deceased, formerly of Hillwood) died on 31st May, 2019. Barbara grew up in Hillwood and recently returned to live with her brothers, Noel and John at Craighburn. Our sympathy to all of Barbara's family especially her two daughters, Sarah and Sammi.

FOOTBALL: You may have noticed that Hillwood players wore black armbands at their first home game in June. That was in honour of Anna Green. Anna died at aged 40, the wife of Brad Green. Brad was a noted player for Melbourne Football Club. Brad and Anna grew up in George Town and Low Head. Brad is the son of Helen and Rod Green of George Town. Rod was President of Hillwood Football Club for several years. Brad was connected to our Club and, for fun, ran as water boy for one of our games while a player with Melbourne.

Brad is also the nephew of Jan and Grant Radford, residents of Hillwood heavily involved in Hillwood Football Club. Our sympathy goes to them all and the two little sons of Anna and Brad, Oliver and Wilba.



HILLWOOD MINI-LEAGUE won their seventh Grand Final out of eight when they won the match 39 points to 23 against Bridgenorth at Beaconsfield on Saturday 3rd August, a lovely sunny day. Congratulations to all.

"MEET THE CANDIDATES".

Hillwood Progress Association recently held a MEET THE CANDIDATES event in the Hillwood Football Clubrooms for the three candidates standing for Mayor and eleven candidates standing for one seat in the recent by-election at George Town Council following the resignation of Bridget Archer as Mayor. (Congratulations to Bridget who is now a Member of the House of Representatives). Nearly all of the candidates attended and were allotted a three minute time frame in which to speak. Although candidates present a statement which comes out with the postal votes, it is interesting to listen to the speeches and of course there is a question period for attendees. There were some fine candidates and it was a pity that it was not a general election because it would have been good to be able to choose nine from those present including current councillors, most of whom were also present. It was held in the Hillwood Football Clubrooms. Afternoon tea was provided (thank you to Trudi Cross a candidate who brought scones) and there were refreshments available. Many stayed on to have a chat with the candidates and councillors and it was thought to be a popular event. Do think of attending when we next hold one of these. It is well worth it.

HISTORY ROOM: I think I have mentioned before that your Hillwood Progress Association is setting up a History Room in the old Playgroup Room in the Hillwood Hall. We received a \$5000 grant from Temco (South 32) to purchase a compactus. We took so long to purchase and assemble it that we became under pressure to have the room ready for the August 11 History Conference about Hillwood that Tom Gunn is presenting at which he wanted to celebrate the opening of our History Room. However, on a Sunday with seven weeks to go, the compactus was finally in place. On that Sunday the room was gutted by three members of HPA, on Monday the plumber removed the plumbing, Tuesday the painter arrived, on Friday we received his quote and the following Friday the painting was completed. Our member Ross Grange who has done a massive amount of work on this project then washed the vinyl, cleaned the mat and purchased the vinyl necessary to cover a small area of concrete where the kitchen sink and cupboard used to live. Builder Grandson then laid the tiles before footy training. Three of the heavy wooden tables which we forgot to put in the Car Boot sale were installed, followed by donated desks and a cupboard for storage of Anzac Day equipment. A computer desk and chair were purchased and installed. (Second hand – cost \$20 – in good condition). A member of the community scrubbed the front of the compactus and has offered to sort and store the materials as a temporary measure ready for the opening. Museums have been visited, advice sought before purchasing the necessary equipment for cataloguing and storage. I am personally very excited about this as it has been a long time coming. Alf Waters started the whole thing off by saving articles and collecting stuff and encouraging me to do the same. A celebration of fifty years since opening of the Hillwood Hall used much of this material

together with other donated material and items. This material has been stored in our houses since then so we are very happy to finally move the accumulation of history stuff of years out of our respective houses. By the time you receive this issue of Smoke Signals Tom Gunns's Conference will have been held, so I am hoping that those who were interested were able to attend. Look for the report in the October issue. It should also be noted that on 11th September 2019 it will be 60 years since the opening of the Hillwood Hall. Discussion re a possible celebration will be held at the August Progress Association meeting. Definitely not as large as the last one. More about the plans for use of the History Room in the next issue.

POSITION TO BECOME VACANT:

I am afraid I will not be able to continue the role as Secretary of Hillwood Progress Association for much longer (assuming I am elected again - it is hard to get the sack). If I am re-elected at the AGM which is held in October, I will be announcing that I will retire within one year. The ideal would be for someone who is retired or a working person who could spare some time who could join the Committee or attend the open meetings and learn what we do in order to take on the job when they are ready. I will write about what we do in the October issue. I would stay involved with the History Subcommittee.

Notice of the AGM will be in the October issue.

COMMUNITY LIBRARY:

HPA have received a request by a community member to investigate setting up a Community Library. You may have heard of the concept. An interesting container is placed in an easily accessed position where people may borrow a book and leave a book. I am not sure of the exact arrangement but we are interested and it will be on the Agenda of the August meeting. We already have what could be a great container but will need to check requirements and rules and regulations of course.

Long-time Hillwood resident

ACHIEVEMENTS:



Highest honour: Geraldine Brown has been awarded an Order of Australia medal. Picture: Paul Scambler.

GERALDINE BROWN was awarded the Order of Australia Medal in the June Queens Birthday Honours. Quote from the Examiner

"With a list of achievements as long as the Flemington straight spanning from local to global, Brown has been able to make the transition from player to administrator in a highly successful manner, fulfilling the role of Badminton World Federation vice-president since 2013.

Formerly president of Badminton Australia, the passionate lover of the sport now sits atop of Badminton Oceania's board and despite not being able to spend much time in her home state, wouldn't have it any other way. Quick to downplay her own achievements on the court, Brown is an 11-time Tasmanian representative, making her a member of the Turner-Wylie club as someone who has achieved the honour more than 10 times.

Geraldine also received the OSFO merit award from the Organisation of sports Federations of Oceania for her outstanding contribution to the game. The article in the Examiner is lengthy. If you want to know more please Google "Geraldine Brown awarded Order of Australia - The Examiner. Our sincere congratulations, Geraldine.

HARRA (Hillwood Area Residents and Ratepayers Association).

Sad to report that after ten years this Association has been voluntarily de-registered. Alf Waters was behind the set-up of the Association just prior to the formation of the Hillwood Progress Association. We would like to recognise the good work that Alf and his willing band of workers have achieved over the years. These include setting up a Web-site to promote Hillwood and dealing with issues of concern to local residents. HARRA members arranged for delivery of Smoke Signals in the Hillwood and Mt Direction areas, organised clean up days, held car boot sales, Australia Day BBQ and continued the River Festival, some of these in conjunction with the Progress Association and Hillwood Garden Club.

With dwindling numbers, the decision was made to de-register and the remaining funds were donated to East Tamar Men's shed and Windermere Church Forever Inc.

Hillwood Progress Association has taken over the delivery of Smoke Signals.

DELIVERY OF NEWSLETTER

A band of willing but busy people deliver the Newsletter. In Hillwood and Mt Direction, there are several delivery areas. If anyone would like to help out, we could re-organise and share the workload. For example, the Mt Direction area covers Dalrymple Road, Tram Road, the Glen and the Den, plus smaller single small road areas. For instance it would help if someone who lives along Dalrymple Road from the Glen intersection to the Bridport highway (16 houses) and someone or two people along the Glen Road – this could be divided into two. It takes two or three hours to do the whole Mt D'n area (depending on the age of the deliverers! The Hillwood area including East Tamar Highway could also be divided into smaller areas. If we get enough, it would reduce the workload considerably. Remembering it is only once every two months and the people doing it now are either elderly or heading that way or work.

HILLWOOD GARDEN CLUB

The June meeting of the Hillwood Garden Club at the Hillwood Hall was a poetry night and this was the outstanding contribution:

The Hillwood Garden Club is 15 years old
And its history is rich and rhymes, behold:
The Club was inaugurated in 2004
By a posie of locals, numbering twenty four
Seven originals still remain in the garden club ranks.
Today Geraldine is secretary and it's Robin who banks.

The club meets each month on the third Monday.
The program is varied, it's always a fun day.
There's a small flower show and a raffle with prizes,
There's produce to swap and lots of surprises.
With varied speakers on all sorts of topics,
From temperate gardens to the Indian tropics,

Exotic gardens, casting their spells,
Travels abroad visiting wishing wells.
Wisdom on plants, weeds and insect control,
Worms, orchids, birds, and small garden trolls.
Know-how on bites from ants and adders.
And preventing mishaps, like falling from ladders.

The meetings are entertaining and educate,
On planting, weather, and shutting of gates,
Practical talks on garden photos and snaps.
Wreath-making, kokedamas, and seed swaps.
Testing soil pH is something we've done,
And garden meditation was also fun.

But seriously, the Garden Club isn't just funny.
It's raised and donated \$1,500 in money,
To causes from cancer to bushfire relief,
To community gardens and, in brief,
With concern for all creatures, great and small
It's a vibrant club welcoming one and all.

With weed clean-up efforts and working bees,
The Garden Club contributes for tiny fees,
To the vines that bind our social society.
And with tasty suppers of endless variety,
Bonds are strengthened by coming together.
Gardening friends in fair or foul weather.
We always look forward to the third Monday each month.
For a Hillwood garden club meeting with a great growing bunch.

COMMUNITY EVENTS COMING UP

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

"Made with Love" Christmas Market

7th of December 2019.

- Do you live in Dilston, Hillwood, Swan Bay or Windermere?
- Would you like to make a little money before Christmas?

In conjunction with the East Tamar Men's Shed and Dilston Hall we are currently seeking local crafters, sewers, bakers and makers of all things handmade to join us for a Christmas Market.

Cost per table/space \$15.

More information

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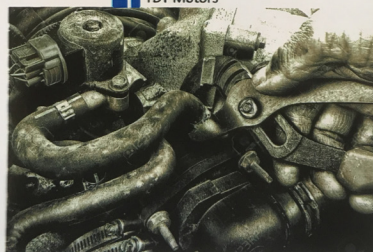
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