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A SNOWY SURPRISE



A village in Switzerland? No, Dilston under snow. What an experience, to wake up to this once in a hundred year event. It transformed the countryside and snow men sprang up like mushrooms. Of course it was not all good news - trees and limbs down everywhere, the weight of the snow brought down the overhead trellising in Mario's vineyard in Rostella Road and did serious damage to Alf Waters' shed in Hillwood.

Thanks to David Stallard, Sharon Fahey and Sue Walker for the photographs.



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Letters To The Editor

Dear Smoke Signals,

"On the afternoon of July 17 at 5.28 PM whilst motoring home to Woodlawn Road I turned into the exit lane from John Lees Drive onto Los Angelos Road and in doing so was startled to observe two barely visible pedestrians flash past my left hand vision. These two had not appeared in my vehicle light at that time when visibility is at it's worst. As an advocate for high visibility clothing, please, even if you are keen to arrive at 'the pearly gates', show some courtesy towards motorists."

Ian R Farquhar.

Roadside Rubbish

For more years than I care to think about I've carried a bag in my pocket while walking a succession of dogs along the roads of our community. The bag is for the discarded rubbish that litters the verges, and it's a rare day that I don't have occasion to pick up a plastic drink bottle or can, an empty cigarette packet, a food wrapper, and other assorted rubbish items. And I know I'm not alone, either in having a bag in my pocket while out walking, or in concern about the amount of litter that regularly lines our roadsides.

Together with the roadkill issue, comments about the extent of rubbish on Tasmania's highways and byways are a frequent criticism made by tourists, so it's concerning that our lovely East Tamar community is guilty on both counts. Our scorecard both for roadkill and for litter is distressingly high, and as an advertisement for the Tamar Valley, it's not a good look.

As well as being unsightly, the careless and thoughtless habit of tossing drink bottles, cans, cigarette butts, sundry bits of plastic, and takeaway food containers onto the verges creates a serious environmental and public health hazard. Surely nobody these days is unaware of the pollution from plastic that is poisoning our waterways and oceans, and the terrible impacts on marine and aquatic life from ingesting plastic waste - all of which ultimately poses a serious health risk for us. The land is also being poisoned from years' of discarded rubbish leaching toxins and poisons into the soil, some of which can take many decades to fully decompose. Our food is being grown in this soil.

A psychologist is better placed than I am to explain why some people feel it's acceptable to toss out their rubbish on the roadsides as they drive by. And I've no wish to lay blame on any one person or people. But with spring around the corner, and with thoughts turning towards spring cleaning, consider this a gentle nudge to take a moment, and be a little more aware of the stunningly lovely surroundings outside our homes, and ensure our roadsides and pathways are also clear and free of litter. Regardless of who was responsible for dropping it.

Many more of us are walking, cycling and exploring the district in these strange Covid days. How much nicer it is when we aren't obliged to navigate a carelessly abandoned coffee cup, a half-empty juice bottle, or worse.

Tasmania markets itself on being 'clean and green', let's make sure our East Tamar communities lead the way by having cleaned up roadsides that are free of rubbish.

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Swan Bay residents Patricia Adams and Moya Munro take a keen interest in the local wildlife, so when a neighbour brought them a sick rodent, they looked through their book of Tasmanian Mammals and identified it as a Long-tailed Mouse – a wholly protected species indigenous to Tasmania. A mercy dash to the vet was in vain as the animal died, probably from ingesting poison. They took the cadaver to the Museum zoologist where it was formally identified.....as a rat. We applaud their good intentions.



THE ONLY REMAINING RURAL CHURCH ON THE EAST TAMAR



THE OLDEST FUNCTIONING RURAL CHURCH IN TASMANIA

Windermere Church Forever Incorporated is a registered, incorporated, non-doctrinal, community group, formed in 2018 to raise funds for the long term preservation of St. Matthias' Church . All money raised is held in trust, independently of the Tasmanian Anglican Diocese.

Once there were churches at Hillwood, Swan Bay and Dilston.

177 years ago Dr. Mathias Gaunt fulfilled a promise to his wife to build her a church. Dr. Gaunt donated the land and the building was financed by Dr. Gaunt and local residents.

In 2018 Windermere church was listed for sale by the Anglican Diocese of Tasmania. The decision distressed, angered and disillusioned community members and people with links to those interred in the cemetery and columbarium wall. The following excerpt from the visitor's book reflects the feeling of many people at this time.

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My wife's ashes are interred in the columbarium.
My son and I have the spaces paid for our ashes
when we join her. My youngest daughter was
married in this Church. My wife's ancestors, the
Duttons are interred here and her mother's family
were settled here or the near vicinity from early
in the twentieth century. It is a beautiful church,
with a profound Christian base, and history.
I and my son are looking forward to joining
my wife in due course, in the bosom of God
in this most beautiful facility.
H.R. McDonald

Excerpt from the visitors Book 2018

A packed community meeting expressed overwhelming support for saving the church. \$45,500 was raised by parishioners and the community; sufficient to fund compensation for historic Anglican Church abuse. St. Matthias was removed from sale and retained by the Anglican Diocese of Tasmania.

Why was Windermere Church Forever Incorporated formed?

At this time it was realised that there are no funds which can be called upon should the church be offered for sale in future.

With this possibility Windermere Church Forever Inc (WCF), an independent community group was formed to unite all those who value St. Matthias', its grounds and graveyard.

St Matthias is :

- Valued as a place of worship, a peaceful resting place for loved ones and a beautiful place for quiet contemplation.
- Valued as a place where the community comes together to share the important milestones of our lives: weddings, baptisms and funerals.



Mr & Mrs Bec and Stew Reid of Los Angelos Rd
21st March 2020

- Valued as a cultural centre for music, festivals and community gatherings.
- Valued for its heritage and as an iconic Tamar Valley Landmark.



Flowers in the Columbarium Wall
Mothers Day 2020



Colonial Picnic Day

We believe that the community and religious functions are compatible and can readily co-exist into the future.

We believe that a plan for the Church's future must ensure protection of the integrity of the current historic building and site, graveyard and vegetation, unobstructed views from the river and roads, and continued public access.

See our website www.windermerechurchforever.org

OUR HISTORY



Photograph Courtesy Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery.

In the 19th century Dilston was described as “Launceston’s favourite picnic spot” and pleasure boats ran frequent day excursions which landed at the Dilston jetty, at the bottom of what is now Jetty Road. The most significant event was the East Tamar Regatta and the crowd at the 1866 regatta is shown in the photograph. There were six races, for both rowing and sailing boats, with prizes ranging from 10 shillings to one guinea. The Examiner gave an account of the day:

EAST TAMAR REGATTA

(From our own Reporter.)

The first regatta was held yesterday at Dilston--a beautiful spot, with a view as fine almost as could be wished--about nine miles from town. Being a public holiday, and the steam-tug Tamar having been chartered by the Committee, many persons from town availed themselves of her accommodation in visiting the grounds.

She left the wharf Launceston at a few minutes after 11 o’clock a.m., the Longford Band playing “Were off to Charleston” as she glided into the stream. About one hundred persons were on board, including a good sprinkling of the fair sex. Those who adopted this mode of transport had indeed a most pleasant trip. The scene on board was one which pleased us always. Every one appeared to be in a recreative mood. The many hearty

laughs and apt impromptus clearly showed that all had determined to start the new year by enjoying themselves, and heartily did they put into execution that determination.

At about a quarter after 12 o’clock town and country folks greeted each other. Besides this mode of arriving at the regatta ground, many boats, laden with gentlemen and ladies, had left town from nine o’clock onwards. Others preferred an overland route, and therefore a few cars and cabs, and the usual supply of private vehicles, were driven over during the morning. By about noon there were a good number of persons on the ground, many more, we must confess, than we, or even our friends at Dilston we think, had imagined. Refreshments of all kinds, and prepared in good style, were in abundance at Mr. F.B. Watson’s, Tamar Hotel; and a roomy bower erected on the brow of the hill and commanding a good view of the whole of the course to be taken by the boats, was created for the convenience of visitors. In short everything seemed to be arranged for the convenience of pleasure seekers, and much satisfaction was expressed on all hands. Though we did not expect to find the arrangements as nicely appointed as at our town regattas, yet we must compliment the people of Dilston for the manner and spirit in which they have conducted their first regatta, and this augurs well for the future.

BATS OF THE TAMAR By Jon Hosford

The Dark Side of Life.....enlightened

I must admit, that as a naturalist, I am largely a day time observer these days. I do take note of birds and animals that share my environment and have preceded me and my kind in calling this place home.

A relatively unknown Tasmanian was brought to my attention recently. When asking for submission for community project funding, Smoke Signals received a letter from a dpiwpe employed resident who felt that she could not apply for funding because of her position. She suggested that the Men's Shed should apply for funding to build artificial hollows for these residents MICROBATS. Yes we do have bats in Tasmania.

There are at least 8 species of bats that inhabit Tasmania. Bats belong to the order Chiroptera, which is comprised of two main groups (suborders) of bats. These are the microchiropteran or small (micro) bats and the megachiropteran (large) bats such as the flying foxes. All of the Tasmanian bats are microchiropteran bats and all belong to the family of evening bats called Vespertilionidae. Bats in this family are insectivorous and have their tails fully enclosed in a membrane. Fruit bats, like the flying fox, lack tails and eat fruit. They do not generally occur in Tasmania, although occasional vagrants have been recorded on the Bass Strait islands, northern Tasmania and, very rarely, southern Tasmania.

Bats comprise one-fifth of all the mammals in the world. This highly successful group of mammals are predominantly a tropical group - given Tasmania's temperate latitude, it is not surprising that it has relatively few species of bat.

All Tasmanian bats are insect eaters. They are nocturnal feeders and become active at dusk. Bats are opportunistic feeders and most commonly eat moths, beetles, caterpillars, mosquitos and other flying insects. Tasmanian bats do not feed on fruit or blood. In fact, they help control the numbers of many insects including mosquitos and crop pests. Bats can consume up to half their body weight in insects per night.

Where do bats live?

Tasmanian bats do not usually live in caves. Generally they live in old hollow trees. They roost, upside down, in these hollows during the day. So it is very important to leave suitable bat roosting sites such as old trees and limbs around farms.

Some bats will roost in alternative shelters such as rock crevices or buildings. The lesser long-eared bat is quite urbanised and is often found in the roofs or walls of houses and sheds. This bats' proximity to urban areas and its method of foraging close to the ground, results in this species being the one most commonly killed by pet cats. Tasmanian bats are shy, nocturnal and not aggressive. People only encounter them infrequently, for example when bats become disorientated and cling to curtains or

roost in sheds.

All of the Tasmanian bats are fully protected species and it is illegal to collect or harm them in any way. They are widespread and occur in a range of forest types. Seven of the eight species also occur on mainland Australia. All species appear to be relatively common, although the larger species are probably less abundant (e.g. Goulds wattled bat, Tasmanian long-eared bat and the eastern false pipistrelle). The lesser long-eared bat and the eastern false pipistrelle are often encountered foraging and roosting in urban areas.

If you find a bat it is important that you handle it correctly. The Parks and Wildlife Service is keen to examine and identify any bats accidentally found, whether live or dead. Follow the instructions below when handling the bat and contact the Parks and Wildlife Service. Remember all Tasmanian bats are fully protected species and must not be unnecessarily caught or injured.

I shall approach the Committee of the Men's Shed to advocate that ETMS adopts this as a community project. At this point I would suggest that any reader who has access to fallen timber containing hollows, gets in contact with us to offer a regular supply. We can readily convert these pieces of hollow eucalypt to worthwhile residencies for these creatures and so assist us humans in our success in feeding ourselves by food growing. Controlling the numbers of insects in our environment is a factor we can never take for granted if we are to reduce chemical control and promote the wellbeing of those creatures that reside with us and do us a great service. Most of this article has been sourced from <https://dpiwpe.tas.gov.au/wildlife-management/fauna-of-tasmania/mammals/bats> with permission. I encourage any reader to visit the aforementioned link to learn more about these creatures.



Little Forest bat: *Vespardelus vulturnus* Tasmania's smallest bat.

Photo: All About Bats allaboutbats.org.au

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

Garden Club members have, once again, made good use of the last four months when we have all been spending a lot more time at home. We have some new members too, who we look forward to meeting in person soon. Welcome to Jan-Harm Barkhuizen and Rosalette, who live in Windermere Road.

Some free horseradish plants were, last month, made available to members who took advantage of the offer. Horseradish is a very vigorous grower and is very tasty when grated or preserved in vinegar, salt and sugar for use as a condiment. It is believed to have originated in Eastern Europe, and is a cruciferous vegetable, alongside mustard, wasabi, cabbage, broccoli and kale.

Gardeners at Work - Wendy has been very busy reducing and rejuvenating an old hedge at her property in Dilston. Big job Wendy! Well done!



The Slug Pub – Elizabeth has established a very successful trap for slugs by planting a small container filled with beer alongside a plant under attack to lure slugs into the “pub”. A simple strategy of drink - drunk – drown!



WINDERMERE CAFE NEWS



We thank everyone for their continued support
We are still offering a choice of two Sunday roasts. Bookings are essential.
Thursday we have a roast pork lunch special \$13.50
TGIF will held on the last Friday of every month starting this month on the 28th
Call us to book on 63281303 because due to COVID seating is limited.
We are also taking bookings for our Spring High tea !!!!
Saturday September 12th @2:30pm
\$35 per head includes a glass of sparkling.
Our opening hours are Thurs to Sunday 9-3

THE BEES IN MY GARDEN

Bee Facts for big kids and little kids:

1. Honey bees are super-important pollinators for flowers, fruits and vegetables. This means that they help other plants grow! Bees transfer pollen between the male and female parts, allowing plants to grow seeds and fruit.

2. Honey bees live in hives (or colonies). The members of the hive are divided into three types:

Queen: One queen runs the whole hive. Her job is to lay the eggs that will spawn the hive's next generation of bees. The queen also produces chemicals that guide the behaviour of the other bees.

Workers: these are all female and their roles are to forage for food (pollen and nectar from flowers), build and protect the hive, clean and circulate air by beating their wings. Workers are the only bees most people ever see flying around outside the hive.

Drones: These are the male bees, and their purpose is to mate with the new queen. Several hundred live in each hive during the spring and summer, but come winter, when the hive goes into survival mode, the drones are kicked out!

3. What are these buzzing bugs most famous for? Delicious honey! But did you know they produce honey as food stores for the hive during winter? Luckily for us, these efficient little workers produce 2-3 times more honey than they need, so we get to enjoy the tasty treat, too!

4. If the queen bee dies, workers will create a new queen by selecting a young larva (the newly hatched baby insects) and feeding it a special food called "royal jelly". This enables the larva to develop into a fertile queen.

5. Honey bees are fabulous flyers. They fly at a speed of around 25km per hour and beat their wings 200 times per second!

6. Each bee has 170 odorant receptors, which means they have one serious sense of smell! They use this to communicate within the hive and to recognise different types of flowers when looking for food.

7. The average worker bee lives for just five to six weeks. During this time, she'll produce around a twelfth of a teaspoon of honey.

8. The queen can live up to five years. She is busiest in the summer months, when she can lay up to 2,500 eggs a day!

9. Honey bees are also brilliant dancers! To share information about the best food sources, they perform their 'waggle dance'. When the worker returns to the hive, it moves in a figure-of-eight and waggles its body to indicate the direction of the food source. Cool, huh?

10. Sadly, over the past 15 years, colonies of bees have been disappearing, and the reason remains unknown. Referred to as 'colony collapse disorder', billions of Honey bees across the world are leaving their hives, never to return. In some regions, up to 90% of bees have disappeared!



<https://www.natgeokids.com/au/discover/animals/insects/honey-bees/>

If you would like to participate in Garden Club activities, please call or email me. New members are very welcome.

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CHURCH NEWS St Matthias' Anglican Church

The May edition sadly featured the vandalism incurred during the break-in on May 26. Fortunately the damage was repaired quickly and expertly, and no further problems have ensued.

While Covid social distancing requirements are preventing us worshipping together at St Matthias', the opportunity is being taken to carry out some structural improvements for the future.

We have chosen to replace the vandalised internal door with one featuring a large glass panel. It will keep the warmth in during winter, keep the flies out in summer, allow more natural light inside, and most importantly, it will allow late-comers to future services to be able to gauge an appropriate time to enter as they can both see and hear where the service is up to.

We are also researching a system of flexible cupboard space for the rear, to house our catering and storage needs. This will be planned with consideration to the heritage values and the original design chosen by the church founders, featuring blackwood panels to match those already in the church.

The installation of a security system has been approved by Parish Council, and we are simply awaiting final quotes before finalising this.



Services for the whole Parish have now been running for 4 weeks, under strict Social Distancing requirements. At present, they are held each Sunday at 9:30am at Holy Trinity Church in town. You are asked to book if you wish to attend, as maximum numbers must be adhered to. However, new video filming technology has been installed so you can watch on-line in real time, or you can watch an edited version later in the day, or at any future time on YouTube. !

Go to: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPOUXnDxuiTDwSalWa-rv1g>

You might like to draw this to the attention of elderly or vulnerable friends or families, as it is a way of spreading the Word further afield. Our rector Dane has a special gift of preaching, and the services have been widely watched from far afield.

However, it is very much desired and anticipated, that some form of the annual community Carols Service will be held this Christmas Eve. It may need to be held outside, and involve much less singing, but rest assured, SOMETHING will happen if at all possible.

The AGM of the Parish is scheduled for August 30th. Only those on the Electoral Roll are eligible to vote. Contact Dane if you are unsure whether you are on the roll or not, and enrol if you desire. The AGM service will be screened on-line, and there will be the opportunity to vote for Parish Council representatives if required. Critical dates related to the Annual Meeting are:

16 August **Electoral Roll closes.**

23 August **Nominations close.**

Our wonderful small band of volunteers is maintaining the grounds in the usual trim state, and I believe the spring daffodils are starting to bloom. It is inspiring to remember that these first bloomed at the same time as we finally reached our fundraising target for the Redress Appeal, thus saving our church from being sold. These now are an annual reminder and symbol of our determination to maintain St Matthias' as a worship centre of the Anglican Church in the East Tamar area, and a sign of hope for its continuation into the future.

For pastoral concerns or details regarding Weddings or Funerals, contact The Ven. Dane Courtney on: 6331 4460 or rector@htl.org.au





EAST TAMAR MENS SHED

The SHED is back in operation after our 2 month suspension due to COVID. In keeping with limited number access and detailed attention to personal hygiene and sanitisation of work areas, members have been able to attend on 3 days per week to undertake their own projects as well as contributing to projects for community benefit and SHED sustaining revenue.

Since the re-opening in June we have replaced a hot water supply unit and installed a new dust extraction unit. The dust extraction unit will maintain clean air in the woodwork area. Regular fund raising projects of children's block manufacture are gradually being re commissioned through volunteers. We apologise to those facilities that have had to wait. A new community notice board has been installed behind the mailbox at the Community Centre. This was funded by Smoke Signals and erected with Council permission by ETMS members. A key for the display of community notices can be obtained from ETMS on days of opening, or from the Hall Manager, Lizzie Benstead. Notices of A4 size or less may be displayed for a maximum time of 1 month.

We remind residents that we offer a knife sharpening service for \$5 per item. Enquire at the SHED on Tues, Wed or Sat. A wide range of other services in woodwork and metalwork

can be competently completed by our members. Come up and tell us about your project. We may be able to help. Recently we were advised that we have been successful in gaining a defibrillator unit through a sponsored national project through the Australian Men's Shed Association. More details about this unit and training offered to community in its use will be forthcoming.

Focus in the Spring months will be on preparing items for our Christmas market, the details of which will be announced in the October edition.

On Wednesday, October 14th we will offer, as a part of Senior's Week, an open day at the SHED focussing on men's health. Come along and see what we have to offer and hear visiting specialists contributing to the day on issues of male health.

We have places available for community men who wish to join our organisation.

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Secretary-Jon Hosford – 0419317808

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Alf Waters erects the Community Notice Board.



ETMS is assisted by equipment grants from the Tasmanian Government.



Working from a ladder?
Cleaning the roof, gutters,
solar panels, flue?

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to order online.

Enter the discount code
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delivery.





Tasmania Fire Service

Dilston Fire Brigade



Register the fire by calling freecall 1800 000 699

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

New Members

Our new members that have so patiently waited out our period of no training due to COVID19 activity restrictions, were finally able to complete their Basic Fire Fighter training with the able support of some of our senior members. From this they will be able to undertake further, more focussed training with the aim to have them ready for the 20/21 fire season! Well done to them all!



Winter Clean Ups!

This time of year is a great time to prepare your property ahead of the next fire season. We have seen a significant level of bark and

branch shedding in a number of areas, and it would be beneficial to tidy these up while the weather stays cool!



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

Dilston Fire Brigade Contacts

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Ben Jones	0417 877 001
Ken Nolan	0448 320 996

FACT SHEET

Electrical fire safety

Laundry

- **Clean** dryer lint filters **before** every use.
- **Ventilate** dryers adequately.
- **Allow** dryers to complete their cool down cycle.
- **Label** flammable liquids and poisons clearly and keep in correct containers.
- **Store** poisons and flammable liquids safely away from children.



Electrical

- **Don't overload power points** or power boards.
- **Replace** damaged plugs and leads.
- **Use** power boards with **overload protection**.
- **Never** handle electrical equipment with wet hands.
- **Switch off and unplug** appliances when not in use.
- **Don't** use faulty electrical equipment until it has been repaired.
- **Don't** place extension leads under carpets or furniture.
- **Install** an earth leakage circuit breaker.
- **Check** electrical wiring and switches regularly, **especially** in older homes. This must be done by an authorised tradesperson.



Further Information

For further information on electrical safety contact:

- Office of Electrical Standards & Safety
Ph: **1300 366 322** or visit **www.worksafe.tas.gov.au**
- Aurora Energy
Ph: **13 2004** or visit **www.auroraenergy.com.au**



HAPPY NEWS:

WHEELER, Meg Geraldine. Robyn and Ian Wheeler welcomed a new grand-daughter born to their son and daughter-in-law Tim and Ellie born 19th July 2020. A new great-grand-daughter for Nancy and Jeff. Meg has a sister Grace and brother Jack.

SAD NEWS:

MILLER, Garth. Our sympathy to Garth's wife, Sally and his daughters Tanya and Sonya and Son and Daughter-in-law Grant and Josephine. Garth was the son of the late Fred and Dorrie Miller and sister of Bev.

GOOD NEWS:

The lift is in place at the Hillwood Football Clubrooms and looks good. Congratulations to all involved.

MEALS have resumed at the Hillwood Football Clubrooms on Friday nights commencing at 6.00 p.m. with the Sharks Lotto Draw at 7.30 p.m. Booking for meals can be made with Kaye on 0427 150 476 or Bob on 0418 130 901. Menus are available on the Club's Facebook Page, Hillwood Sharks Football Club. Covid requirements such as signing in and using sanitiser apply.

Unfortunately, there have been no games this year because of Covid.

DEFIBRILLATOR

George Town Council has provided a Defibrillator in a glass case near the door of the Hillwood Hall. There is also one at the Hillwood Fire Station and one in the Hillwood Football Clubrooms.

HILLWOOD LADIES GROUP

Has recommenced. The group meets on Wednesday mornings at 10.00 a.m. at the Hillwood Hall. Bingo is held on the second Wednesday of the month. We also go out for the occasional lunch. If you would like to meet other ladies of the district, please contact Gayle on 0418 590 564 or Muriel on 0438 414 798. Feel free to bring your knitting or other craft work.

HILLWOOD KIDS CLUB: : If you have children between the ages of 5 and 12 and would like them to attend this fun club please contact Susan Gillman on 0439 065 914 or gillmas73@gmail.com Games, craft. Bible story, tea provided all for \$4. Start time 4:30pm - 7pm in the Hillwood Hall on some Friday nights.

Sorry the news is a bit light on for this issue. Hopefully that will improve now that Covid restrictions have been lifted.

If anyone has any news they would like included in this Newsletter please contact me on 0431 613 484 or nancydonnelly@bigpond.com

Hillwood Progress Association

The Hillwood Progress Association Incorporated has been unable to meet since February, however the Annual General Meeting was held on the 3rd August 2020 with an update on the new Committee to be provided for the next edition of Smoke Signals. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Ross and Kaye Grange for their tireless efforts on the Committee and for their commitment to helping out at our various events and projects whilst they were on the Management Committee. Congratulations on the celebration of your 50th Wedding Anniversary and you will be missed!

In the meantime, our Secretary, Carolyn and Committee Member, Ross were able to organise the delivery of some much-needed display cabinetry for the Hillwood History Room with thanks to the George Town RSL Subbranch for their kind donation and Steen Wiberg for his help on the day. With the Hillwood Memorial Hall now open again, subject to its Covid Safety Plan, the cataloguing and set up of the room can now begin in earnest.

Sadly, there were many reports coming into the Hillwood Area Happenings Facebook page about incidences of crime in the area between Dilston through to Hillwood so to get some much-needed focus on the problem, letters were sent to Mr. Darren Hine, Commissioner of Police, Tasmania, and the Honourable Mark Shelton MP, Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management, Tasmania. Written responses were received, and subsequent conversations have taken place between our Secretary and Inspector Adam Mollineaux, North East Division, Tasmania Police. With a number of measures now implemented, the result so far has been a substantial reduction in crime in the area but the message is clear – if you see something that seems suspicious, call the Police on 131 444.

A date for the diary – the next George Town Council Roadshow will be held on Thursday 28th August 2020 at 10.00 a.m. in the Hillwood Memorial Hall. More details will be available closer to the time on the Hillwood Area Happenings Facebook page and emailed to members.

Stay safe everyone.

Carolyn Smith

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- 8t Tip Truck
- Post Hole Diggers
- Rock Breaker
- Rock Grab
- Buckets

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*I am frequently in
the Hillwood and
Dilston areas and
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