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**The Smoke Signals
Publication Team
wish residents of the
East Tamar and our
supporters a very
Happy Christmas.**



CHANGE OF GUARD - CAN YOU HELP?

The Editor of Smoke Signals for the past 10 years, Jon Hosford, has announced his intention to retire from the role after the April edition in 2019.

The newsletter has grown from a 4 page black and white document to one of regularly 12 pages colour in recent years, with a circulation of 900 copies throughout the East Tamar communities. It is supported by a team of volunteers who contribute articles, do layout and distribution. Printing costs are currently supported by Michael Ferguson MLA. Advertising charges in the newsletter are used for community projects.

The publication is well recognised by residents of the East Tamar, and despite a desire and efforts for transition to an online and more interactive publication through subscription, this has not eventuated. 120 email subscribers to the newsletter have joined since it was first offered in 2008, but it is apparent to the

Guiding Committee that the delivered paper edition is still what residents prefer.

A recent meeting of the Committee and some local supporters came up with many suggestions as to how we could make this publication more effective, however to date no-one has offered to accept the role of Editor.

If you have some time and would like to try your hand at coordinating this bi-monthly newsletter and perhaps integrating a new interactive approach through a web presence, please contact Jenni & George Chandler: 0419 544 266

You would be well supported by an enthusiastic team of volunteers to continue this publication in its 29th year.

The current editor is happy to talk with you about what would be involved. Jon Hosford: 0419 317 808

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GARDEN CLUB NEWS

OCTOBER saw the Garden Club enjoying not one, but two garden gatherings!

A small intimate gathering assembled at Di Nailon's home on a cool, overcast afternoon. Not only did we enjoy the garden, but there was some fun with drums and keyboards happening as well. There's nothing like a good "jam session"!

Di's garden is a joy to behold - the long double Lonicera hedges leading the eyes (and the legs) down towards the Tamar River and the beautiful sculpture encircled at the end of the double hedge. This hedge is Joe's legacy and what a wonderful legacy it is!

The garden slopes right down to the water's edge with a boathouse retreat on one side with views over the water and beautiful places to sit and contemplate the quiet water landscape.

Fruit trees include apple trees planted down one side of the garden, and an apricot tree which is already laden with tiny apricots! It holds great promise for a wonderful crop this summer.

The front garden has recently been renovated with a new side fence installed forming a backdrop for some well cared for trees and shrubs interspersed with interesting tip shop "sculptures". The landscaping leading up to the main door of the house is an artistic triumph, with a water feature with running water on one side and baby's tears (Helxine) among other low spreading plants forming the other side. Di has a true eye for beautiful detail in her garden, and we also recognise Joe's original input and expertise in this garden's creation.

Thank you Di for having us in your beautiful garden.

Our second October gathering was for afternoon tea at the home of Tom and Gary, who are leaving Windermere to make another beautiful garden in town. For those who visited their garden in April this year, it was wonderful to see the contrast between the autumn garden and the spring garden. We wish Tom and Gary well with their move, but we know that we will be seeing them regularly. And we hope that we just MIGHT be invited to enjoy Garden Club lunch in their new garden once settled in!

In **NOVEMBER** we gathered in the garden of Jon and Margaret Hosford. It was another cool day but we were well catered for in the sheltered courtyard and large entertainment room. Jon's



Di Nailon's garden art

Pinot Noir vines hold great promise again this year, and we were privileged to taste his pinot from last year - excellent Jon!

We enjoyed a tour of the garden including the vineyard and fruit trees as well as the vegetable garden - the entry to which is covered with very healthy kiwifruit vines. Jon's attention to the layout in the vegetable garden is an inspiration particularly with regard to the tomato plants which are carefully protected and trained to maximise crop yield.

Margaret's pride and joy is her native garden and in particular her most magnificent Tasmanian waratah which was flowering when we visited. We enjoyed walking to the top of the hill and visiting the dam decorated with water lilies and milfoil and providing a wonderful habitat for water birds and frogs.

Thank you both Jon and Margaret for a lovely day.

Our next Garden Club will be our Christmas gathering on Friday 14th December 2018. There will be no January Garden Club.

If you would like to participate in Garden Club gatherings, please contact me by email or phone. New members are most welcome.

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MEMORIAL HALL

Would the person who borrowed the crisper from the Dilston Hall Fridge please return it.

WANTED - Enthusiastic people from the Dilston, Windermere, Swan Bay area to form a new committee for the Dilston War Memorial Hall. For further information or to register interest please ring 0456666059.



Margaret and Jon's Tasmanian Waratah

CHURCH NEWS



175 Year Anniversary Weekend

The cool and blustery conditions couldn't dampen the warmth of spirit and community involvement as several hundred locals and pioneer descendants joined in a wonderful Family Colonial Picnic (Sat.24), and 2 joyous commemorative services on Sun 25, with some West Tamar visitors arriving by boat. Along with a Bush Dance at the newly-renovated Windermere Farm Wool Shed on Fri. evening, a dinner at Silo Hotel on Sat., and family history displays on both days, it was an action-packed weekend full of sharing stories, lots of smiles, and warm vibes. Thanks to everyone who helped in anyway; before - during - or afterwards.

Christmas at St Matthias'

Dec 9th, 9am: Family Christmas Service
Dec 23rd, 9am: Regular Communion service
Dec 24th, 7pm: Carols at St M - A festive Windermere tradition

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From Rosevears by boat



Diary of Mrs. Gaunt Re-enactment



Sunday's Afternoon Congregation



Bush Dance

Stop Press!

It is now official. St M has been removed from the list of churches to be sold. Thanks so much to all who supported our fundraising efforts to cover our \$45,600 commitment to the Redress Scheme, thus saving our community church. We still have tea towels and history books available for purchase (good Christmas gifts) to support on-going property maintenance.



Helen's Cake



Saturday Fair



COMMUNITY NEWS

Playgroup

Dilston Playgroup has had another successful year for 2018. We have had many new families join regularly for a fun and relaxed Tuesday morning playgroup. All the children have enjoyed many activities involving water play, dress up day, mask making and snail races. It has been lovely to have all our families attend and to see the children and their friendships grow. The group had a wonderful picnic at the Hillwood Berry Farm, which everyone enjoyed eating and picking some fresh strawberries.

Our last playgroup for 2018 will be Tuesday 18th December and we will celebrate with a Christmas gathering. Playgroup will restart in the first week of February and we would love to welcome more families to our sessions. If you know of any families who would like a morning of craft, relaxed outdoor fun and play, then let them know to come and visit us! Wishing everyone a safe and happy Christmas and New Year. 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.



Men's Shed

ETMS is assisted by equipment grants from the Tasmanian Government.



A gathering of residents and ETMS members witnessed the official opening of our SHED extension on Saturday November 17th by The Treasurer and Minister for Infrastructure, Peter Gutwein MLA.

Our SHED is grateful for the support it has received from both State and Federal government grants for infrastructure and equipment through the Tasmanian Men's Shed Assoc. and the Australian Men's Shed Assoc.

We now have a well-equipped resource that will support our members and benefit this community through the wide range of services we can offer.



KNIFE SHARPENING - ETMS is now offering a knife sharpening service to residents of the East Tamar. Knives and scissors can now be sharpened at \$4 per unit if you bring them to the SHED during opening hours. Wednesdays 9:00-2pm, Saturdays 9:00-2pm.

HAND-CRAFTED ITEMS FOR SALE

Garden seats x2: Macrocarpa natural, \$175 ea or both for \$300 (photos below)

New storage cabinet with adjustable shelving: Suitable for books or general shelving. 1200mm H x 600mm W x 200mm deep - \$85 (photo to the left)





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.

50th Jubilee

We recently held an evening of good comradeship and hearty eating to celebrate the forthcoming 50th Jubilee of the Brigade, having being formed on the 16th December, 1968, following the devastating Tasmanian fires of the previous year.

In addition to our celebratory evening, we commissioned the striking of a bespoke commemorative medal, that we felt best epitomised our area, and the history to we hold close. Many of you will recognise the local landmark and we are very pleased with the result!



We were very lucky to have our



Minister for Police Fire and Emergency Services along for the evening, as well as the TFS Chief Officer Chris Arnol. They were gracious in presenting commemorative Jubilee Plaques to our life members, Mike and Pat Adams, and Rob and Rosalie Montague.

The Tasmania Volunteer Fire Brigades Association State President Rob Atkins, then presented each current Operational Serving Member with a Medal and ribbon bar.

Firewood Sales

We are currently in the process of stockpiling firewood for sales ahead of 2019. If you would like to secure your load/s, please contact our 3rd Officer Ben Jones on 0417 877 001.

Price per cubic meter is \$70.

Truffles and Short Bread!

Our resident brigade culinary expert Jazy Brown is selling Truffle and Short Breads in the lead up to Christmas. Call or Message her on **0418 614 083** to arrange your order!

Truffles - \$8 for 12

Short Breads - \$5 for 6

New 2nd Officer

We recently held an election for a new 2nd officer with the successful nominee being Paul Blakie. Some of you might remember Paul as our immediate past Brigade Chief, and he returns to the brigade bringing a wealth of knowledge and experience. Our sincere thanks go to Jamie Smith as he steps down from the role.



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All the members at the Dilston Fire Brigade would like to wish everyone in the community the very best for the festive season, and ask that we all stay safe as we move on into 2019!! Thankyou to you all for your support throughout the year.

A thankyou again also to the Editor of Smoke Signals for continuing to make available the space in each edition so that the brigade can keep you all informed of our activities. Merry Christmas everyone, and a safe and prosperous New Year!



**DILSTON FIRE BRIGADE ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS LOLLY RUN**

SUNDAY 23rd December, 2018 from 3.00pm

Travelling from **Peddie Drive** to **Dilston** and **Rostella**,
then **John Lees Drive** to **Windermere Road Nth**,
to **Native Point**, then **Los Angeles Road**, **Walford Rise**,
and finally **Windermere Road Sth**.



RODENTICIDES AND THE HIGH RISK TO WILDLIFE

By Peter Stronach and Rod Knight – Landcare Tasmania

At particular times of the year, we wage war on rodents across the State in rural, urban and natural areas, often through the use of poisons. The impact these poisons are having on our wildlife is now becoming apparent. The threat is very real and some poisons are much worse than others.

Birds of prey, such as the endangered Masked Owl (ref to photo), are particularly vulnerable to rodenticides as potentially are other predators and scavengers like quolls and devils which eat dead and dying rodents and so are poisoned themselves. But there are ways to minimise our impact.

Controlling introduced rats and mice is a necessity for many of us, whether on farms, in the bush or in town. However there are several things you can do to limit the impact on our wildlife. For most people using a combination of the methods described below will give the best results.

USE MANUAL TRAPS

The old style mice and rat traps, live cage traps and the newer types like electric traps, still have a role to play in controlling rodent populations. Such mechanical or electric traps are safe for scavengers or predators because there are no poisons to pass on when dead and dying rodents are eaten.

USE LOWER IMPACT POISONS

Most rodenticides (poisons designed to kill rats and mice) are based on anticoagulants chemicals that kill by promoting internal bleeding. Older types of anticoagulants, called First Generation Anticoagulant Rodenticides (FGARs), require rodents to take multiple doses and therefore kill more slowly but have less effect on animals that eat poisoned rodents.

More recently developed Second Generation Anticoagulant Rodenticides (SGARs) are used much more widely, mainly because of the convenience of their “single dose” effect. They kill rats and mice more quickly but more residual poison is ingested by raptors or other scavengers/predators and so can significantly affect local populations.

When using rodenticides a choice to use FGARs may well make the difference for your local wildlife.

“But how do I know which is which?”

Fortunately, most SGARs are clearly labelled “single dose action” and you can check the label for the active ingredients.

FGARs - Warfarin, Coumatetralyl* ✓

SGARs - Brodifacoum, Bromadiolone ✗

****Remember:** No poison is completely safe, so use poison as a last resort and only use what is necessary.*

BETTER PREPARE YOUR FACILITIES

How you physically prepare your property can make a difference to whether rats and mice will come in looking for food. Properly sealing houses and buildings so as to restrict entry is particularly effective, though can be difficult to achieve.

Restricting the availability of food is also important, for example using rat and mice-proof compost heaps and using chicken feeders designed to release food in quantities needed only to feed your chickens.

EDUCATION

Remember others may not even know the impact, from your friends and neighbours right through to people managing shopping centres, factories and public buildings. If you are trying to protect habitat you need to get others on board, so don't forget to ask and look at the alternatives.

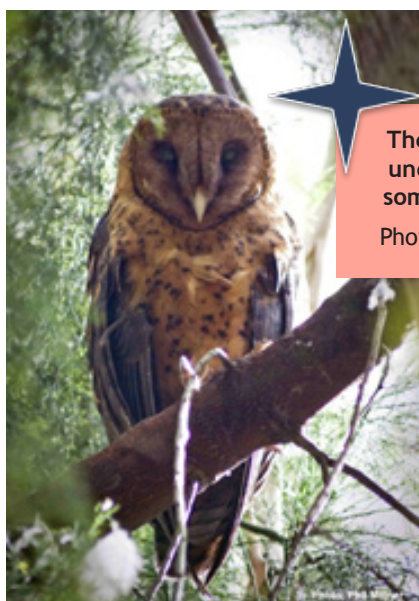
LETTER TO THE EDITOR

What a huge effort it must have been to organize the multiple events held to celebrate St Matthias' Church 175th Anniversary. The diverse program run over three days was so well-coordinated and such fun for all those who participated in the many and varied activities. A bush dance, an historical exhibition, a colonial picnic, a celebratory dinner at the new Silo Hotel and 2 church services - all sounds too easy but of course, not so!

Hats off to Margaret Hosford especially, as well as to her helpers. They have created a truly memorable experience for everyone involved. Most importantly, is the recognition achieved from highlighting the unique history and the significant role our iconic little Windermere Church has played in the lives so many throughout the past 175 years.

Again, as a resident of Windermere, I would like to express my appreciation for what has been a big achievement by a small number of people.

- Carolyn Riley, Windermere.



The Masked Owl is under threat from some rodenticides.

Photo by Phil Millner

For more information and to support our Rodenticide Community Awareness Program:

<https://www.landcaretas.org.au/rodenticides>

NO PROGRESS ON BOAT ACCESS AT EGG ISLAND POINT



By Lindsay Millar OAM. for Hillwood Progress Assn.

In Feb. this year Crown Land Services blocked access, used for over 80 yrs, to launch small boats over the foreshore on the Western side of Egg Is. Point. As a result there is now nowhere in our area, if a rescue is needed, to launch a boat using a trailer, if the boat ramp is not able to be used due to strong S/E winds or tide situation.

Photo's taken on Fr. 23rd Nov. 5 min apart, with a medium strength S/E wind blowing, show the situation on the ramp, compared with the calm water at the blocked shore access.

Where would you want to launch safely?

Hillwood Progress assn. have repeatedly requested that the access be reopened but with no success.

CLS (Crown Land Services) advise that access to launch a boat there is, "deemed inappropriate."

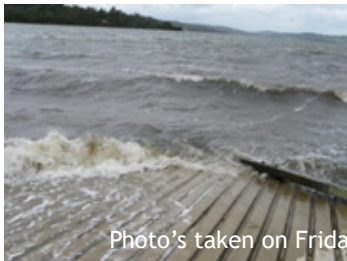
Does this mean that CLS believe that it is inappropriate to attempt a river rescue if one is needed when the ramp is not able to be used?

A second problem created by the blocked access is that CLS/Parks have reneged on the agreement to allow Hillwood Progress Assoc. to maintain the restored beach using a small tractor.

We are expected to carry out this work using hand tools only. And we thought that the Convict days were over. Because of this we have not been able to clear the large quantity of Rice Grass, debris and weed clogging the beach.

CLS advised that some community members support their actions to block access.

Perhaps they can volunteer to clear the beach using hand tools.



Photo's taken on Friday the 23rd of November



Beach after restoration



Current state of the beach

HILLWOOD NEWS By Nancy Donnelly

1 OF 2

HAPPY NEWS: Baby Sophie Grace Davidson born October 6th 2018 to Danielle Jackson and Cam Davidson of Hillwood. (Examiner Oct 11 2018). Welcome to Hillwood little Sophie.

SAD NEWS: BROUGH, MAX died on Saturday 10th November. Max and his wife Sue have lived in Hillwood for quite a few years. Our sympathy to Sue and family.

RE-UNION: Former long-time resident, JANET MILLER caught up with friends and relations recently at Peppers at the Seaport in George Town. Janet and her husband David (who was born in Hillwood) raised a family of five in Hillwood before moving to the mainland in the eighties.

HILLWOOD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION Inc held their AGM on Sunday 28th October. The new committee is President Roger Millar, Vice-President Robyn Wheeler, Treasurer Kathryn Millar and Secretary Nancy Donnelly, members Lindsay Millar, Alf Waters, Ross Grange, Jeff Donnelly

and Carolyn Smith. Bob McLean was recognised for his commitment as a founding member of the current Progress Association and for his involvement for many years in the former Hall Committees. Bob did not stand for election this year.

Hillwood Progress Association attends meetings of Tamar Natural Resource Management/George Town Council Coastal Communities Group and George Town Council's Safety Committee. Combine with HARRA for Clean-up days and with HARRA, Hillwood Garden Club and Tamar NRM for Boneseed Eradication (and other weeds).

Membership of our Association is \$5 per year. Meetings are held bi-monthly, alternating between Committee meetings and open meetings. The next open Committee meeting will be Monday 4th February at the Hillwood Hall at 7.00 pm.

Would the young lady who approached me (Nancy) at the recent special

meeting of HARRA to meet candidates for local government elections please contact me with regard to her request to become a member of the Association.

WHEELIE BIN STICKERS - 'PLEASE SLOW DOWN - CONSIDER OUR KIDS': George Town Council's Safety Committee chaired by Councillor Heather Barwick has arranged for every resident in the George Town municipality to receive special Safety stickers to be placed on their red wheelie bins. Hillwood and Mt Direction residents - please watch out for these in your mail boxes in the near future.

YOUNG ACHIEVERS:

First of all, my very sincere APOLOGY to JAMES HAWES for spelling his surname incorrectly in the October issues of Smoke Signals. Sorry, James.

James' brother, SEAN HAWES and JOSH GEEVES were winners in the Examiner-IGA Junior Sports Awards. Their NTJSA Under-12 Gold Soccer team tied in

these Awards with Scotch Oakburn's Senior Rowing squad. SEAN and JOSH were included in the photo on the front page of the Examiner on Thursday 1st November. Well done, boys.

Good to see re-opening of SIGNAL STATION TAVERN under new management, the HILLWOOD BERRY FARM and Café open and we are looking forward to the re-opening of the HILLWOOD COFFEE SHOP with new owners.

FOOTBALL CLUB: CONGRATULATIONS to BEE BOP DANCING GROUP who have been holding successful Friday night meals at the Hillwood Football Clubrooms. On the opening night, one group took the opportunity to celebrate a 60th birthday. It is great fun not having to cook and to catch up with old friends and to meet new members of our community. It is planned to provide these reasonably priced Friday night meals during the football off-season, after which Players Teas will be provided on Thursday nights, to which members of the community are also welcome.

If you heard a rumble of many motorbikes in November you may have wondered what it was all about. A very successful MOTORCYCLE RALLY was held at the Hillwood Recreation Ground for which the Football Club catered. The Football Club also held a Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings in November which was also a great success. This is an Annual Event.

HILLWOOD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC report re **EGG ISLAND POINT RESERVE:** In the last issue, HPA reported that a Crown Services Contractor had collected the forest debris that resulted from felling most of the dead trees in the

treed area on Egg Island Point Reserve and dumped five loads on private property off Craighburn Road. We assume under directions from Crown Land Services.

We can now confirm that this was done without the owner's permission and more taxpayers' money was wasted to re-load and take it we know not where.

STOP PRESS: Following a question by Ivan Dean M.H.A. to the Minister, Parks and Wildlife have advised that they have spent \$15,000 on Egg Island Point Reserve recently. The majority has been used to place rather expensive boulders to further reduce public access. The pleasant lightly timbered mowed grass areas on the end of the Point that have existed for over 100 years, have now been blocked off. The C.L.S. Operations Manager decided that these areas were formed by a "tractor slasher illegally cutting native vegetation" - not true and would now be allowed to "naturalise". And you thought grass was natural! Also approximately 50 more trees have been planted to further restrict the beautiful views locals and visitors have enjoyed for so many years.

A merry Christmas to all and a happy New Year with the hope that someone is prepared to take on Jon Hosford's role which he has carried out so well over many years. Thank you, Jon for your dedication.

Please feel free to contact me on 63 948140 or 0431 613 484 or nancydonnelly@bigpond.com if you have any news you would like included in this column.

Events

HILLWOOD CHRISTMAS EVENT: On Sunday 16th December, 3-5 p.m. at the Hillwood War Memorial Hall, come along for some Christmas fun and afternoon tea. There will be some activities for the kids (and the young at heart) and a visit from Santa. Gold coin donation per person. *Inquiries to president@harra.asn.au or phone 0439 070 593*

HILLWOOD CAR BOOT SALE: A Car Boot Sale is being planned for Saturday 16th February, 9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. at the Hillwood Recreation Ground. It's a great opportunity to clean out your treasure, please contact president@harra.asn.au or phone 0439 070 593. We would love to hear from any licensed food vendors or busker who are interested in participating.

SAVE THE DATE - 3RD MARCH 2019: **CLEAN-UP AUSTRALIA DAY** will fall on Sunday 3rd March in 2019 and HARRA is planning to co-ordinate volunteers in Hillwood to pick up litter in our beautiful area. Please set aside the date and start encouraging your group of friends in Hillwood to do the same. On previous clean-up days in Hillwood, participation has been low and many helpers have been elderly or limping. Let's see some more diverse enthusiasm this time!

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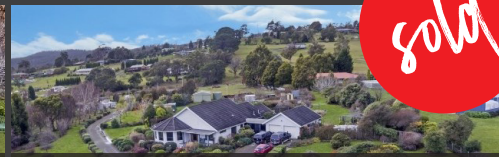
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