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East Tamar Newsletter



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Let's Celebrate our Year of Growth

We have much to celebrate this year in our East Tamar Community.

The year has seen many achievements that will obviously make the district a better place in which to live.

The opening of the East Tamar Highway Dilston Bypass with its safe under-road access for Dilston traffic has transformed the traffic flow in this area, making it a quiet country borough in a delightful river setting.

Despite the inclement weather, those who attended the Community Day held on October 15th would agree that the addition of Saturday monthly markets at The Dilston Hall have been a benefit to local residents.

The continued success of our TGIF nights at The Windermere Café make our community most welcoming and friendly to newcomers, whilst a downside to the by-pass is certainly the effect it has had on the trade at the Café.

We are confident we can overcome this to some extent, but it certainly will help if all residents support the business by popping in to get milk and supplies or take the opportunity to have a quiet weekend breakfast regularly.

The formation of a Men's Shed has received strong support from Council and the group is determined to contribute community projects of benefit in 2012.

The work of the Get Connected group has certainly assisted to influence the provision of ADSL2 High speed broadband to the Windermere exchange. They are hopeful, with your support, to convince

The National Broadband Co to include Windermere in the roll out of high speed internet cable. (see p.4)

New Year's Eve promises to be a special community time at the Windermere Corner Café this year. Come along and have a time of celebration from 7pm til Midnight or so. The Men's Shed will fire up a BBQ, offering Hamburgers, Salmon Steaks or sausages at very reasonable rates. Kerry & Maree will provide salads and a DJ operated Disco for a cover charge of \$10 per family. Bring your plates cutlery and drinks along with a chair and join in the merriment. Native Point wines and other beverages will be available for sale.

The traditional Australia Day Tennis Challenge is on again at Ross Schapel's home at 217 Windermere Road. A decorated baked Potato challenge is the feature this year. Entries for tennis draw by 11:00am.



Congratulations to Merry and Neil McLelland who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary last week.

Windermere Corner Café

6328 1335

Kerry, Maree & the staff wish all our customers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Join us in celebration of the New Year

Saturday December 31st

7pm til midnight

Mon-Fri 7-6 Sat-Sun 8-5

TGIF will continue Friday evenings 5:30-7:30

Come along and meet your neighbours.

Wine, beer and soft drinks served with food.

Garden NewsRos Ryan

October

The day was perfect for our October get together at the home of Anna & Jonathan Waterhouse in Windermere.

Approx 22 members enjoyed a lovely lunch, glass of wine and great conversation.

A walk around the garden is always a great part of the day.

Beautiful large Camellias, Azaleas, Blue Pacific, Gum trees all border the driveway making it a very welcoming entrance to the residence. Also noted were lovely Fuchsias, Hellebores and Polyanthus. An old garden has been transformed and now is home to new Azaleas, Rhodo's and a Holly tree.

The back yard, like the front, has manicured lawns all edged with gardens, The veggie plot in the process of new plantings with the Raspberries looking very healthy. Large Grapefruit, Lemon and Lime trees are full of fruit and also offer shade to the outdoor area.

Thank you Anna & Jonathan for your hospitality, a day enjoyed by all.

November

After a week of wet and windy conditions our November Garden gathering was a perfect day, much to the relief of our hosts Wendy & Peter Doyle of Dilston.

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Their garden is set out in levels on the River side. The 1st level is home to Roses, Rhodo's, Irises, Lavender and manicured lawns.

Its then on to the fruit trees, Lime, Grapefruit, Lemon and Plum trees. Peter has been busy in the veggie garden - Silver beet, Cauliflower, Kale and Raspberries. Beautiful Peony Roses in pots, together with scattered Irises & Lilliums are a feature.

A large Magnolia tree in the yard is looking lovely. The front garden is home to a variety of shrubs and trees.

Wendy has some beautiful plants in pots both scattered around the garden and on the deck. A Bird of Paradise is about to open, Orchids are in flower and potted colour is used to effect.

The grounds and lawns are all manicured and looking lovely.

Thank you Wendy & Peter for your hospitality, it was a lovely day.

Next meetings

Dec 9th Maureen & Rob McLaine

Jan 11th Jackie & Brian Ralph

Feb 10th Ros & Noel Ryan

March 9th Wendy & Denis Butler

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You will feel confused, lethargic. You won't be sweating and your skin feels hot and dry. You will feel giddy especially when changing from sitting to standing. You will become nauseated. If you vomit or collapse it becomes a medical emergency; ring for an ambulance.

Stop; go inside where it is cooler, drink water at room temperature. This is easier to swallow than iced water. Avoid coffee, caffeine drinks and alcohol for at least 12 hours. You will know when the danger is over, when your urine becomes clear in colour.

Remember you need 2-3 litres of fluid a day, most of this as water especially if you are doing things in the outside heat. Unless absolutely necessary avoid doing things outside between 12 noon and 4pm.

As another year draws to a close I wish you all merry Xmas and a safe healthy new year, the surgery will be open during the festive season if needed.

Keep Well

Dr Don

The State Fire Competitions were held earlier this month in Launceston with 25 teams of Senior and Junior Brigades from around the state and including a composite team from NSW competing in 16 events staged over two days.

The Dilston Brigade was one of two Brigades from the north of the state competing in the Senior section and performed credibly against strong opposition. The extra eight weeks of training undertaken for these events enhanced the skills of all members competing.

After this year's success all members are determined to 'lift the bar' and again compete in the Championships of 2012.

Weather predictions for the upcoming Fire Season indicate a late start with the chance of slightly higher than normal temperatures and drier conditions. Fuel loading, for example, grass on road edges, paddocks etc. could be high after spring rains, causing potential hazards when they dry out. We still have time to reduce hazards around properties before the fire season is upon us.

THIS YEAR'S SANTA'S LOLLY RUN WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY THE 18TH DECEMBER COMMENCING AT FIRE STATION AT 5.00 PM. TRAVELLING VIA OLD EAST TAMAR HWY TO PEDDIE DRIVE, ROSTELLA, SWAN BAY WOODLAWN, LOS ANGELOS RD AND WINDERMERE BEFORE RETURNING TO STATION.

Merry Christmas to all and a safe new year from all members of the Dilston Fire Brigade.



Smokesignals acknowledges the continued contribution and support of

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Get Connected is set to have an important meeting with Launceston City Council (LCC).

Providing our local broadband speed test results could support the Council's case for 'Fibre To The Home' for East Tamar residents. (See how to send your speed test below)

In January 2012 LCC and NBN Co will announce details of Phase 3 of the NBN rollout, which *Get Connected* has learned will include Mowbray and Invermay, but not Newnham/Rocherlea. *Get Connected* believes this future fibre optic rollout to Newnham/Rocherlea is key to our communities having any hope of getting FTTH.

SO CLOSE, AND YET SO FAR

Ironically the fibre-optic backbone connecting Launceston and Hobart is integrated into the Dil-

ston By-pass Highway, at its closest point less than 350 metres east of Dilston.

Is this an overlooked opportunity for us to get fibre?

WHAT'S YOUR SPEED?

Speed test website: <http://www.speedtest.net/>

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Play Group

We held our annual Teddy Bear Picnic on the grass at the Dllston Hall in October this year. We all came packed with our picnic rugs, lunch and the important Teddy. It was a great day with the sun shining and we had time to relax(even with a few running races) and both the mums and the kids enjoyed themselves before the start of the Christmas rush.

We are welcoming any new members at any time. We are a friendly little group and we take pride in the fact that children can play outside, watch the cows in the paddock and have the chance to have a picnic on the grass. It will also give you an opportunity to make life long friends and increase your child's confidence before starting school. So please, if you have a little one or know anyone between the age of 0 and 5, come down to the Dllston Hall on Tuesdays between 10 and 12.

We will however be having a break from playgroup during the month of January with all of us returning on the first Tuesday, 7th February 2012. I look forward to seeing you there. If you would like any further information, please do contact Louise on

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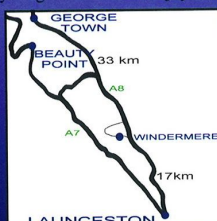


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Top: Children enjoying their picnic lunch

Middle: Tracey Butt with sons Xander and Saxon.

Bottom: Ready set Go! Off and Racing.



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These high quality products, along with other Tasmanian farm fresh products have been brought together for local families within the one store. It is managed by Ellie Archer, who has a Degree in Health Promotion and complements her role in the shop part-time as a program officer with General Practice North.

Other products featured in the shop at 49 Balfour St, Launceston are:

Greenhams Natural Beef; Cape Grim Beef; Scottsdale Pork; Nichols Poultry; Gilham Creek Free Range Eggs ; Boks Bacon; Ashbolt products; Tasmanian Natural Garlic; Ashgrove Dairy Products and Roaring 40s Bulbs.

Many of these businesses gained their genetic lines from the Landfall heritage.

The 5th generation Archers, Ed, Will, Frank, Ellie & Mimi have used their qualifications and skills to complement the business and diversify their offerings.

Ed obtained a qualification in Agri business at Marcus Oldham College. He farms at *Greenhythe*.

Frank completed a Diploma in Agricultural studies at Lincoln University in New Zealand, and now farms at *Landfall*.

Will completed a Business Diploma in Victoria and now has a business in earthworks and agricultural support. (see below).

Mimi has a Bachelor of Occupational Therapy.

Assisting with the retail outlet is shared by family members

on a Saturday with the shop being open Thursday– Friday 10:00am–5:30pm & Saturday 10:00-3pm.

If awards are the hallmark of an excellent business, the Archers have certainly had their share with this extension to their family company. Awards include Primary Industry & Agricultural Award 2010, Best Food Stall Festival 2011, Tamar Valley Dairy Business Enterprise Award Finalist 2011. Their latest award was a win for Prime Lamb in the Paddock to Plate competition at the Campbelltown Show this year.

Congratulations to the Archer family for this truly local Tasmanian innovation. We hope our readers will support the initiative and be rewarded by the quality of the produce.



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On Sunday 13th November a fundraising golf day was held by The East Tamar Men's Shed at The George Town Golf Club.

24 players came to the event which was run on Ambrose rules for nine holes. Heavy rain the day before had us all worried that it would be a wash-out, but on the day the rain kept away (mostly) and a great day was had by all. Several of the players had not held a golf club for many years but everybody enjoyed themselves immensely with not too many lost balls!!

Thanks to Steve Hollier for a great job in organising the day and special thanks to The GeorgeTown Golf Club for donating the use of the course for the morning.

The golf was followed by a BBQ lunch in the clubhouse prepared by Pat Hollier and Jackie Ralph. Over lunch several raffles were run to distribute prizes raised for The Men's Shed.



Participants in The Golf Day.

The prizes were donated by Bill Husbands Golf Shop and six packs of beer from the George Town Golf Club. Overall, nearly \$ 500 was raised for The Mens Shed and a good time was had by all.



Sue Hill and Jacquie Ralph who together with Pat Hollier provided lunch for those taking part .



Jim and Bernadette Roger with Neil McLelland & Vic Cochrane.

The East Tamar Men's Shed is an incorporated body that provides activities aimed at supporting the health and well-being of ageing men in the district.

Our focus to date has been fundraising to establish a building on land leased from The Launceston City Council at Dilston.

We have currently 25 financial members and an interest list of 35 +. We are confident that once a shed is established projects that support community interests will become the focus of the group.

The Men's Shed will provide a BBQ in support of the Community New Year's Eve gathering at The Windermere Café.

Regular meetings are held at The Fire Station.

Meetings in 2012:

January 24th

February 21st

(AGM) March 20th

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Down Memory Lane

by Judy East

An attraction for residents from near and far has been the Christmas Carol service at St Matthias Church. Dr. Mathias Gaunt was responsible for the erection of our historic church in 1842, and he donated 1 acre of his property "Windermere" so that his wife and family would have a place for worship. Dr. Gaunt's grave is in the north-west corner of the graveyard. There was a son, Mathias, who died at only 13 years of age as the church was completed. Perhaps that is why the church was so named.

As you enter through the gates set in the columbarium wall, the path leads straight past the graves of people who have played a role in the history of our district. Notice graves of cherished infants, a minister's wife, farmers, orchardists, retired navy captains, boat builders, children who died of an epidemic— even unmarked graves of convicts are said to be on the eastern side. These were real people who found a resting place together at Windermere.

There is only one grave with a remaining wooden fence. There used to be more, but the way the grass was mown in the distant past is the likely key to their demise. An area would be fenced off and packed with a flock of sheep to mow the grass. We have much more careful ways now— thank you to those who keep the area so neat.

The plan of the graveyard has been lost, but in 1970 the columbarium wall was built as the graveyard was declared full.

To test for used sites, a stake was hammered into the ground. If it suddenly went in quickly, (finding no resistance) it could be presumed a grave lay in that site.

Now on into the church, probably passing a bellringer working inside the first of the wooden doors.

You have come to a celebration: the birth of Jesus the Saviour over 2000 years ago! Looking directly forward to the eastern wall you may be impacted by the special stained glass windows, the central one being of Jesus after he ascended into heaven after his death on a cross. The window was given by the wife of Andrew Curran, who died in 1948.

The windows either side were bequeathed by Gordon Medwin (died 1973). Gordon, like his father David, lived in the area, working the land and serving as a church warden. Imagine the church without those who served. Playing instruments, rowing others across from Rosevears, teaching Sunday School or pastoring the flock are only a few ways in which help was offered. Can you imagine how the church looked before 1948 with no stained glass windows?

The window to the right of "The Ascension" depicts Judas Iscariot (a disciple of Jesus who handled the money purse). Judas witnessed the miracles of Jesus and heard him speak amazing lessons, and yet agreed to betray Jesus for the price of 30 silver coins. Before Jesus was crucified, Judas realised his error of betraying innocent blood. The chief priests and elders were not concerned, even when Judas threw his coins back to them in the temple, then went away and hanged himself. (Matthew 27:1-10)

A close up of the stained glass windows shows Judas

with the rope, a bag of coins, and even a red devil on his shoulder signifying the presence of evil in his life.

On the left window is St. Matthias, who was chosen by lot to replace Judas as the 12th disciple. Matthias was a wood cutter, hence an axe is shown along with a wooden cross. (Acts 1: 12-26)

On the altar is a cross given in memory of William and Louisa Coulson.

Captain Coulson was an early settler of Dilston, later moving to the property "Rostella", Captain Neilley and his wife had previously established.

Neilley had fought under Wellington at the Battle of Waterloo. A communion plate was donated by him and his wife. Tapestries on the seats at the front were done by Hazel Holyman, a descendant of Dr. Gaunt. She trained the first air hostesses in Australia.

Candlesticks were made by Ern Hill and Dudley Williams to commemorate the 150th celebration of St Matthias Church. Wood had been saved from a tree that used to grow in the graveyard.

There are many more things to see, reminding us of people who have contributed in the past.

On the back wall are photos: Dr. Gaunt; the manse he built for the first Chaplain, and even one lifting the Church off its foundations to replace them in 1937.

There may not be enough time to see everything this time, so please feel welcome to come again.



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CHRISTMAS EVE

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CHRISTMAS DAY

Christmas Eucharist: 9:00 am (Rev Ken Box)
(Rev John Bedford)

Christmas Services at Holy Trinity

CHRISTMAS EVE

Crib Service: 5:00 pm (Rev Warwick Cuthbertson)

Midnight Mass: 11:30 pm (Rev Warwick Cuthbertson)

CHRISTMAS DAY

Christmas Eucharist: 9:00 am (Father Warwick Cuthbertson)

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I think most of us are fairly familiar with the story of Dr Matthius Gaunt and his wife, Elisa, arriving in Hobart Town on 2 May 1831 and the 'Romantic Story' behind why the church was built.

What most of us are not aware of is why the church's design displays characteristics of both the Regency and Georgian periods and Victorian Gothic Revival styles. This has been revealed by the Conservation Management Plan (CMP) carried out by C D A Architects, Ann and Peter Cripps. We are extremely privileged to have access to this information.

In 1842 the Launceston based architect, Robert De Little, began work on the church at Windermere for Dr Gaunt. He was responsible for preparing the plans and supervising this work. Robert De Little was also responsible for designing and building many remaining and famous structures throughout Northern Tasmania.

Matthius Gaunt was born in Yorkshire c. 1795 and baptised at St John the Evangelist chapel of Denby in April 1796. There is anecdotal evidence that Dr Gaunt wanted the church at Windermere to be similar in design to the chapel in Denby, Yorkshire. Many design elements of the Denby chapel are incorporated in St Matthias.

The chapel in Denby no longer exists in its original form as Matthius Gaunt would have known it. How fortunate for us that St Matthias Church still exists for our use today. The inhabitants of present Windermere must thank the past Windermere residents for maintaining the building and we, in turn, must preserve it for the future Windermere Community and the whole of Tasmania.

MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE
Sue Speed



PLEASE JOIN US CHRISTMAS EVE FOR THE CAROLING SERVICE

And for REFRESHMENTS after the Service