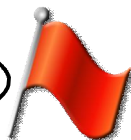




Smoke Signals

Dilston, Windermere, Swan Bay, Hillwood, Newsletter

Festivalé Bus Bookings for Friday Feb 11th
at The Windermere Corner Café.



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Get Connected

A group of local residents and business people have formed a protest group with a difference. Protests are usually against a proposal, a project or an institution that is not solving perceived problems to their satisfaction.

Get Connected is a protest group with a difference because it is resoundingly in favour of the super fast NBN and 'fibre to the home'.

Their protest is because current plans call for the super fast fibre optic service to exclude the East Tamar area.

Get Connected claims that current plans for the distribution of the NBN are inequitable as they will create a two-tier caste system with areas such as Dilston, Windermere and Swan Bay being relegated to a second class service.

"Significantly, and what is rarely discussed by NBN Co and seemingly misunderstood by government, is that the NBN is not about giving all Australians a faster connection. It is about universal access to quality broadband that is 'future proof'. Fibre meets these requirements. But in Australia we are disregarding all international research and broadband rollouts in other nations where fixed wireless and satellite are seen as lower quality and connections of last resort only when fibre or an upgrade of existing cable services is not possible."

Compounding the uncertainty is the group's understanding that at some undisclosed time after 2014 many East Tamar residents and businesses will

also lose landline and telephone internet services. This is because the copper cable supplying these services are to be phased out and replaced by fixed wireless instead of fibre.

The group is concerned that if this happens East Tamar residents may be worse off than they are now.

Clearly the preferred option is fibre. It makes commercial and social sense to make this investment now. If the East Tamar is a model for regional Australia and we do not get fibre, then the purported universal coverage and reach of the NBN rollout to 93% of Australian premises has to be challenged.

Tamar Valley NBN Committee spokesperson Trixie Gillard encourages residents to become informed by visiting their website

<http://tvnbn.com/wetpaint.com/>

and to become involved in the campaign to change government planning within the next 3 months.

The group has published a most comprehensive information kit on their case. This will be distributed widely in the district over the next few weeks. It is also available in pdf at the web address for Smokesignals.

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11th)

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Garden Club News

Our Christmas gathering was held at the home of Ros and Noel Ryan on a breezy but pleasant day. A delicious meal contributed to by those who attended and supplemented by the Club, was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Garden Club regularly gathers 24+ members and is a great way of catching up with the locals and seeing the gardens of members.

Noel & Ros's garden supports fruit trees & a vegetable area as well as many decorative shrubs and annuals. Great use has been made of hedges to control breezes around the property and the red Callistemon were a spectacular feature in December. An in-ground pool in a sheltered area provides a refreshing dip on the warmer days.

Thank you Ros & Noel for a great finish to the year's programme.

In January we visited Evelyn Sinatra's home in Windermere Road. Despite the wet weather preventing us from venturing outside, an enjoyable social time was had solving the gardening problems that inevitably arise in discussion, and enjoying the magnificent views from the windows of their large lounge room. The two family dogs enjoyed the attention and behaved themselves impeccably.

Thank you Evelyn & Jamie for allowing us to visit at such short notice.

Future Meetings:

Fri Feb 11 Louise Finney & John Bailey
1221 East Tamar Highway Dilston.
6328 1246

John has invited Mark from Allan's Nursery to give a talk to us.

Fri March 11

Wendy & Denis Butler 1 Cooper Crescent
Riverside.



Christmas cheers at Garden Club

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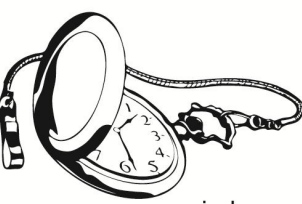
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That New Year's Resolution..... Dr Don



Drat ! You have started smoking again and it is still January. Never mind, you have the desire to stop smoking. Let's see if you can help your self first.

When do you smoke,? After meals , with coffee or a beer,? Break that association,
Where do you smoke,? Inside. Start by making the house a smoke free zone. The need to go out in the middle of winter certainly is a challenge.

How many do you smoke a day? Count that number of cigarettes out each night. Do not exceed it. Now start reducing this number by say two every fortnight 'til you are at ten, then reduce by 1 each fortnight. This allows the craving to progressively lessen as well as allowing time for your body to re-train itself. Your hand and mouth in particular have to acquire new habits.

If you can achieve stopping with the above routine there is a 90% success rate. However, if help is needed at any stage, there are counselling services (the Quit line for example) and a range of medications , tablets and patches that can be used in the short term.

Good luck!

Fire News ... Rob Montague, BC Dilston



The rain finally stopped and the sun shone as we drove out of the station to start the annual brigade lolly drop which was greeted by a large number of new and old residents, children with mums and dads who were very receptive to our calling.

Thanks for sharing the Christmas with us . We'll do it all again next year.

It has been a very quiet fire season so far right across the north of the state but with warm conditions likely to be with us for a while and fuel drying after recent rains, there remains a real threat of fire activity in the next two or three months.

Brigade membership is strong with two new members currently going through the introduction process to become regular fire fighters.

A reminder to all property owners that permits are now required for the burning of vegetation only that which is a fire hazard. Permits may be obtained by calling one of our fire officers listed.



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Dilston Playgroup..

Louise McKenzie, President

0407 993616

There have been a few changes at the Dilston Playgroup during 2010, with the resignation of Kylie Barber (President), Annette Saunders (Treasurer) and Shelley Batt (Co-President). Kylie, Annette and Shelley have done a wonderful job during their years of service and all the mums and kids are very thankful.

We had our annual Christmas Party in November this year, with Jumping Castle, ponies and a special visit from Santa. It was a very memorable day indeed. It was a great day for the entire family to get together with great friends and enjoy themselves before the Christmas rush.

We had quite a few new families join our playgroup from town this year. With our country hospitality and charm, making it irresistible. Comments were made on the friendly atmosphere and the fact that children can play outside, watch the cows in the paddock and have a chance to have a picnic on the grass.

Myself and my two children have thoroughly enjoyed our involvement with our local Playgroup. I have made long life friends and we all look forward to every Tuesday. It has given my children confidence and they both love doing craft

activities and singing. The children have made many wonderful friends at playgroup most of them at some stage will be going to the same school, where they will know a friendly face.

We welcome new members at any time and we hold playgroup on Tuesdays between 10 and 12. I look forward to another great year.



Annette Saunders and her 3 children, Charlotte, Amelia and Ben enjoying their lunch at the Teddy Bear's Picnic.

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A Trip down Memory Lane

Lalla Smethurst

I wonder how many of the current residents of Windermere and Swan Bay know that in the 1920's this sparsely populated area boasted not one but two places of worship.

Everyone knows of the famous St Matthias Church at Windermere, but not many would know that at Swan Bay stood the Swan Bay Methodist Church. Officially opened in 1923 by Charles Hookway.

The Coward Family made available a small parcel of land from their estate for the express purpose of building a new church. The half acre chosen was situated on an escarpment overlooking the entire expanse of Swan Bay. The widest part of the Tamar River - Prime Real Estate indeed.

Other well known families involved in this major project were the Taylors, the Hills, and the Becks. I am sure there were many others whose names are now lost to me. Oh how I wish I had listened to my older brothers when they related the history of the district.

Harvest feast was a popular event on the Church Calendar and was always well attended. The only photo I have of the inside of the church shows the altar bedecked with the locally grown produce. Access to the church was from Coward's own driveway and across the adjoining paddock.

After heavy rain the area became quite hazardous. It was not unusual for parishioners vehicles to become bogged and require towing.

This little weatherboard church served the district until the 1950's when it was declared unsafe in high winds on its unstable rock foundations and was pulled down.

The pedal organ I believe was given to the Windermere Church. The timber from the church still lives on. It was used to build a garage/shed on a property on the East Tamar Highway at Mt Direction.

The Uniting Church who held the deed for this property sold it to a Mr Brown in the 1980's who built a small studio and house.

On returning to Tasmanian from Brisbane in 1989, I bought the property from Mr Brown and proceeded to extend the house and studio.

When landscaping the garden with the help of my late brother Keith Williamson, we uncovered the front door step of the church. Made of concrete and too heavily reinforced with nondescript scrap metal to break up, we laid it to rest under the garden bed on the bank at the front of the house.

The property has changed hands several times since I sold it in 2003.

I miss my little piece of blessed land and always feel quite emotional when I drive past 1004 Windermere Road.

Swan Bay Methodist Church Circa 1923-1950's



Above: The Methodist Church at 1004 Windermere Road. Circa 1950.

Below: Harvest Festival celebrations at the Swan Bay Methodist Church.



Do you have an historical feature
we can use in our next edition?
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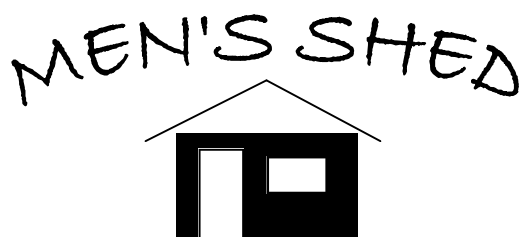


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Community News



"Men don't talk face to face they talk shoulder to shoulder"

"The modern Men's Shed is an updated version of the shed in the backyard that has long been a part of Australian culture. Men's Sheds are springing up all around Australia. If you looked inside one you might see a number of men restoring furniture, perhaps restoring bicycles for a local school, maybe making Mynah bird traps or fixing lawn mowers or making a kids cubby house for Camp Quality to raffle. You might also see a few young men working with the older men learning new skills and maybe also learning something about life from the men they

work with. You will see tea-bags, coffee cups and a comfortable area where men can sit and talk. "

(Australian Men's Shed Assoc .)

The second meeting of the Men's Shed group was held on January at Steve Hollier's home in Windermere. 10 men attended reinforcing the desire to form a shed group. Discussions centred around suitable locations for a shed , the potential costs, incorporating an East Tamar Men's Shed group and affiliation with an organisation that supports Men's Sheds.

We are keen to attract other men within the district to join us in our efforts to establish a shed and invite those interested in the concept to phone Brian Ralph 6328 1369 or Jeff Wynne 6328 1544 .

The next gathering will be at Brian Ralph's home, 31 Swan Drive, Swan Bay at 5pm on Tuesday February 15th at 5pm. Please bring something to share.

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The 6th Annual Windermere Tennis Tournament was held on a glorious Australia Day at the Schapel Stadium before a strong gathering of enthusiastic residents.

Good hearted competition along with the traditional Australia Day BBQ provided a delightful day for all who attended.

The illustrious Barb Lutwyche Memorial Trophy was won by Jo Lutwyche and Jamie Melvin.

Photos taken on the day can be viewed at :

<http://www.winderdoon.com/community/ss/tennis2011/index.htm>



Hillwood News

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY HILLWOOD

The Hillwood Garden club has registered for the Clean Up Australia Day campaign and members and volunteers from the community are invited to meet at the Jetty Park (on the river at the old shop) at 10am on Sunday March 6.

The clean up will include Jetty, Leam, Hillwood and Johnston's roads and should finish by 12 noon with muffins and drinks. Rubbish bags will be provided but participants are encouraged to bring their own gloves (some will be available). Rubbish is taken to the Jetty park where it is promptly collected by George Town Council.

The Hillwood Garden Club which was formed in 2004 meets at 7.30pm at the Hillwood Hall on the third Monday of the month.

Everyone is welcome. As well as the clean up day the club coordinates the annual Boneseed Blitz in Hillwood.

Marion Riley

President

63948276



Participants in last year's Clean Up Australia Day.

Hillwood Festival
Sunday Feb 27th

Hillwood River Festival

Now in its 12th year, the **Hillwood River Festival** is a fun day out not to be missed on the Tasmanian Summer Festival Calendar.

From Dragon boats to helicopter rides, billy cart races and apple bin races, to community group activities as well as river and sport activities, the Hillwood River Festival has it pretty well covered. There are many activities for young and old as well as plenty of everything else, including berry pancakes, BBQs, local wines, art crafts and local produce stalls.

This great day out on the Tamar River is a sure way to enjoy some local country community fun for all the family. Whether you are visiting Hillwood or a local, and keen to join in one of our great races or events, we look forward to seeing you at the Hillwood River Festival on Sunday 27th February 2011.



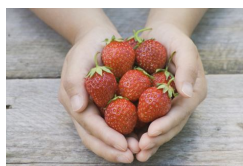
Entrants line up for the lawnmower race at last year's Festival.

Berry Farm Booms

It's go go go, with an incredible start to the new year for everyone at Hillwood Berry Farm. With the new cafe swinging its doors open one week before Christmas, the influx of visitors that passed through Berry Farm doors (and berry patches!) exceeded all expectations. It seemed the Berry Farm was the place to be over the Summer Holidays.

"We were caught a little by surprise by just how busy we were over the Christmas and New Year's period and were very lucky to have a fantastic crew of local staff, with an endless amount of energy and enthusiasm, who were totally dedicated to the somewhat overwhelming task"

Owners Simon and Stacy have been especially touched by the overwhelming support by the local community who have welcomed their efforts with open arms and remained patient with large crowds of tourists and initial "teething" for the new venture.



"It's been an amazing whirlwind of activity. As the dust settles, we are getting a better feel for what people enjoy and are conjuring up some new and exciting activities for people of all ages".

"Our Sunday barbies, with live acoustic music are proving very popular and will continue into the winter season. Other exciting activities will include Friday night footy at the Farm, Theatre nights, weekly kidz club gatherings and much more." "We also hope to start focussing on special events such as birthday parties, weddings and corporate gatherings.

There will be no slowing down for the Berry Farm in winter with planting fruit for next season the main priority in the upcoming months. "We're well aware that there is a lot of work that still needs to be done and our ultimate goal is to supply the very best Berries to our customers for the longest period of time. We'll be focussing on planting the most successful varieties of fruit and hoping to double production for next year. We still have a long road ahead of us, but we plan to enjoy every step of the way. We feel very lucky to live in such an amazing community. Who could ask for more?"

ST MATTHIAS WINDERMERE



HOLY TRINITY LAUNCESTON



ST MATTHIAS

Sunday February 13 **10:30am**

Eucharist

Sunday February 27th **10:30 am**

Eucharist

Sunday March 13th **10:30am**

Eucharist

Saturday March 26th **8:30pm**

Earth Hour Service

BBQ before service 7:00pm

HOLY TRINITY

Mondays 12:15pm Eucharist

Tuesdays 12:15pm Eucharist

Wednesdays 10:30am Eucharist

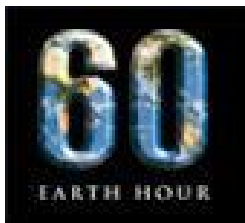
Thursdays 12:15pm Eucharist

Fridays 11:30am Eucharist

Sundays 8:30 am Eucharist (Lady Chapel)

10:30am Sung Eucharist

5:30pm Evensong



Earth Hour Service

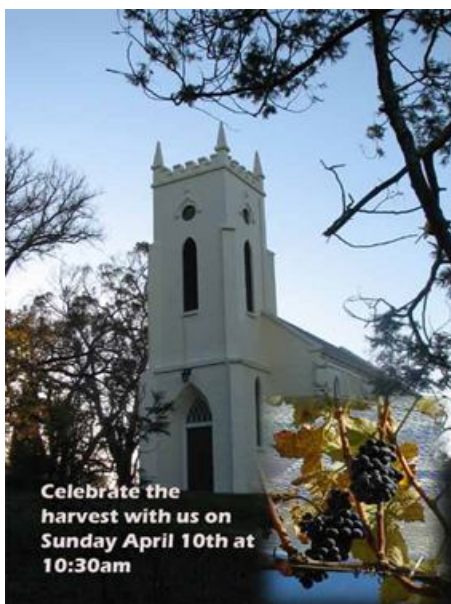
All are welcome to a community celebration of Earth Hour on Saturday March 26th at 8:30pm to give thanks for the beauty of our earth and reflect on how we can reduce our reliance on fossil fuels.

We have been well supported by local renewable energy firm, EnergyBank, who will provide a solar charged energy source to run a special Power Point presentation on Tasmanian scenery and renewable resources, supplied by Hydro Tasmania and played on an LED TV on loan from Robert Fergusson's. And there are also giveaways for the kids...

A new liturgy has been written by Ken Box, so this candlelight service promises to be very special.

Join us beforehand at a BBQ in the church grounds starting at 7pm, kindly run by the Men's Fellowship group.

Don't sit at home in the dark: celebrate Earth Hour with us at St Matthias!



Harvest Festival Service

At the 10:30am service on Sunday April 10th, we will hold a special Harvest Festival.

Matthius Gaunt, who built the St Matthias church, was one of the first vineyard owners in Northern Tasmania, so the focus will be on the celebration of the bounty from our local orchards and vineyards, as well as our home vegie gardens. Any of your excess fresh produce, or jams/chutneys etc would be welcome for a stall to be held after the service, with any leftovers being offered to the City Mission.

Please invite any orchardists or vigneron you know, and come along and give thanks. Join us for tea or coffee after the service as you choose produce for purchase.

