



# Smoke Signals

East Tamar Newsletter

## Let's "Cellar-brate" .....

Native Point Wines have recently had much to celebrate. Their 2009 Pinot Noir, regularly served at Windermere TGIF evenings, has won a Gold Medal at The Tasmanian Wine Show.

Well known wine judge James Halliday has featured this wine in his latest Australian Wine Companion commenting on the wine's excellent qualities...."strong crimson-purple colour, complex plum and spice bouquet, touch of mint, very lively and with long palate with drive and thrust, good tannin and oak balance".

Local viticulturalist Sheena High believes passionately in the quality of the fruit produced in their vineyard at Swan Bay and if medals are the criterion of success, her wines speak highly of this passion.

Native Point 2011 Sauvignon Blanc won the Top Gold Medal at the National Cool Climate Wine Show Bathurst NSW in October.



Above: Award winning Potato Bake by Tom Dart. "Opera House" egg sails in a baked bean harbour.

Left: The Native Point grape picking team celebrates the Gold Medal at TGIF with Native Point Wines Proprietor Sheena High.

L:R: Patricia Adams, Sheena High, Jon Hosford, Peni Loloa.

Celebrations of a different kind are in order for Windermere resident Tom Dart.

A feature of Australia Day celebrations in the district has been the annual "bake off".

This year the theme was a potato bake off and Tom's winning entry "Opera House" was celebrated in grand style. Set in a harbour of baked beans, the egg pieces adorn the potato base in grandeur. I wonder whether taste is a criterion for this creation's award and how James Halliday would rate this.

Perhaps an international judge will be a feature of the 2013 event...Ed



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## Windermere Corner Café

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

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tasting room for

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The Clarinet Quintet**

**Sunday Feb 12th at 12 Noon  
Join us for Sunday lunch and  
live music.**

**Spit Roast and Salads**

Bookings by Thurs 9th please.

Easter Edition: Contributions by March 23rd

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## Garden News .....Ros Ryan



Our Christmas Garden Club lunch at Maureen and Rob McLaine's featured seed saver and Proprietor of Garden Inspirations at Exeter, David Kenyon.

We also celebrated the 50th wedding anniversary of Neil and Merryn McLelland.

### Next meetings

Feb 10th Ros & Noel Ryan  
March 9th

Wendy & Denis Butler.  
Everyone is welcome, please feel free to come along and join our happy group.

### Copy For NEXT ISSUE

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<http://www.winderdoon.com/community/smokesignals.htm>

### Tomato Laterals

Tomato plants will keep on growing and producing fruit as long as warm conditions allow them to do so.

To keep them trainable so that they do not become a mass of tangled leaf growth, it is necessary to train them vertically and to support the fruit with a stake or with strings suspended from overhead wires.

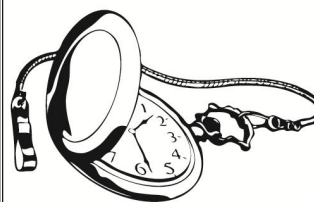
Pinching out the laterals, which are side shoots that emerge from between the leaf branch and the main stem, is essential to keep the tomato plant growing vertically. If allowed to develop, these laterals will produce their own fruit and further laterals which make the fruit difficult to control and ripen properly. The weight of the fruit sags to the ground where it is eaten by Blue-tongued Lizards and other grateful predators.

### For further tips on growing vegetables in this area

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## THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR... with Dr Don

FIRE BRIGADE  
NEWS

The start of yet another academic year is a good time to review the medical needs of your sons and daughters.

Do they have a medical condition requiring the school to hold medications? If so these need to be retrieved from the school, the expiry date checked and the management plan reviewed. Likewise, if they carry asthma sprays in their school bags, these need to be checked for expiry date and effectiveness. In particular the aerosol puffers can become blocked.

Management plans are essential for conditions like allergic reactions to insect bites and particular foods; asthma, diabetes and epilepsy. These need to be revised regularly. The written plan certainly needs review, but as the child grows, dosages may need to be changed or medications updated. This, of course, applies equally to the home situation as well as to that at school.

Perhaps, when there are not specific medical needs, children still need to be reviewed biannually, to check height, weight and blood pressure, especially in the teen years, and to ensure that vaccinations are up to date.

This, of course, is also a good time for the parents or child to raise other issues which may concern them.

**Dr. Don**

It has been a quiet Christmas period with your brigade responding to 5 incidents including sending units to assist at the recent Evandale and George Town fires.

The Christmas Lolly run again was a great success.

Whilst our membership is steady with 13 operational members, we still need to have new younger members coming through to maintain our operational capability into the future. Firefighting is no longer just about putting out fires but also about fire prevention and community safety and education.

Please contact any brigade member if feel you are able to commit some time to the service of your community.

Our fire service is only as strong as the commitment of its volunteers.

Neville Jolly (Third Officer Dilston Brigade)

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in the printing of this newsletter.

**Dr Don Hempton**

**The Windermere GP**

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## Where Technology Meets The Environment

Developed by an Australian company, this new technology came about as a result of concern for the carbon cycle on planet Earth. The unit has been tested and proven to achieve the highest performance in composting against world ranking compost units at the

Swinburne University of Technology, Environment & Biotechnology Centre.

The Aerobin is a technological breakthrough in home and garden waste management.

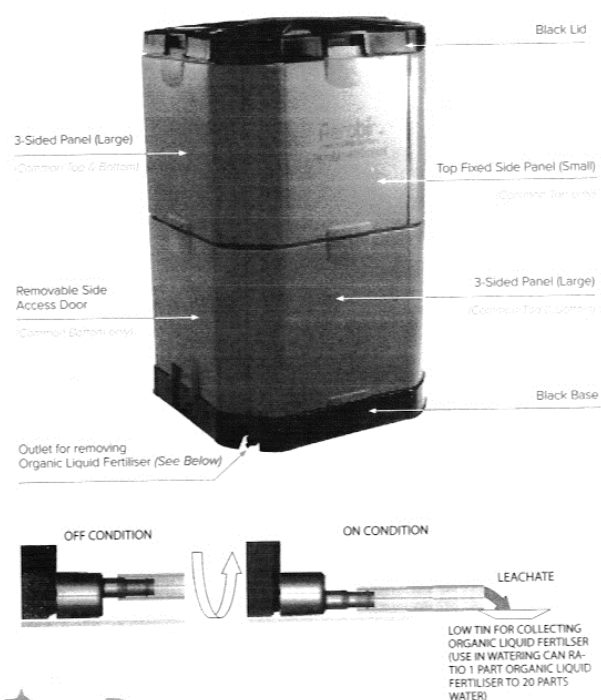
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## Live Music comes to Windermere Corner Café

Join us for a pleasant Sunday lunch and afternoon with a spit roast and salads. Cellar Door drinks and beer available.

## Music by Jane Brown and The Clarinet Quintet

Sunday February 12th from 12 Noon

Bookings by Thursday 9th for catering purposes please.



## Visitors Discover our Tamar

Visiting couple Roy and Pat Bosett from Derbyshire England have travelled annually to Tasmania and stayed at The River House, Dilston, for 3 years now, because they love the area so much!

What a recommendation!

They are seen here enjoying a meal at TGIF, held each Friday at the Windermere Corner Café.





### Australia day fun at the annual tennis tournament.

A great attendance at the annual tennis tournament saw Jo Lutwytche partnered this year by Jeff Folo win the Barbara Lutwytche memorial trophy from Jamie Melvin and Tracey Brooks. This year's bake off prize went to Tom Dart for his "Opera House" creation.



### Anyone for Tennis?



Yes! It's on again!

Friday Feb 10

The annual trip to Festivale for Windermere and Dilston residents is on again.

To reserve a seat on the bus, visit the Windermere Corner Café and put your name on the list. Bookings are limited, so be quick.

Thanks to Evelyn Tuba for tennis photos on this page







Regular meetings are held at The  
Dilston Fire Station at 7:00pm

### Meetings in 2012:

February 21<sup>st</sup>

(AGM) March 20<sup>th</sup>

### Contacts:

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Vice President: Brian Ralph

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Secretary: Jon Hosford Ph 63281163/  
0419317808



The Men's shed put on a BBQ at the Windermere Corner Café New Year's Eve celebrations, serving Tasmanian Salmon fillets, homemade hamburgers and sausages.

Locals Catherine King and Wendy Duncan donned their new glitzy T shirts and celebrated 2011/12 with a bottle of Sauvignon Blanc.

In 2012 we are hopeful of gaining a base from which to support further community projects and to provide our district men with a gainful interest to support their health.

East Tamar Men's Shed is a member of Australian Men's Shed Association.

For further information visit:

<http://www.mensshed.org>

## Experienced Country Agent...

Attention East Tamar residents...

Yes, the real estate market might be slow, but as an agent, I am really busy.

Many home sellers are listing their properties on the market NOW in the hope of attracting the mainland holiday traveller. These buyers are making their internet enquiries now. So DON'T miss out.

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## Play Group... Louise Mc Kenzie

It has been another great year at Playgroup. We ended the year with the annual Family Christmas Party complete with jumping castle, face painting, pony man, bbq and the all important Santa. It was a very warm day and the children had a ball, and the day went so quickly with so many activities on offer. Dads were on hand to help and they too enjoyed spending time with their families at Playgroup.

Our mothers also had their 'annual night out' held at the Signal Station Tavern where James and his staff made it a most enjoyable evening. Some of our members from town who came and supported our local business were very impressed with the quality counter meal and the friendly atmosphere that was on offer.

We do though, say goodbye to a few of our little members who will be starting full time school and wish them all the luck in doing so, but it's also great to see them start so little and watch them grow over the years. We are welcoming new members for 2012, so come along and bring a friend as well. We have quite a few members from town who have come along just for a look and have continued to be a part of our little community. So please, if you have a little one, or know of anyone between the age of 0-5 come on down to the Dilston Hall on Tuesdays between 10 and 12. We have had a break from Playgroup during the month of January, with us all returning on the first Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> February 2012. I look forward to seeing you there. If you would like any information please do not hesitate to contact Louise on 0407 993 616.

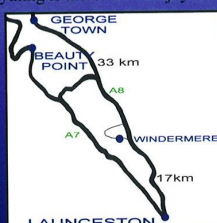


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Top: The McKenzie Family, Craig, Neil, Lauren and Louise with Santa.

Below: Layton Davey with his mum Angela and dad Marc enjoying a pony ride.

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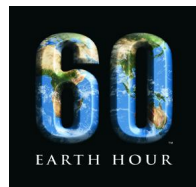
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### Earth Hour Service: Sat March 31

Everyone is welcome to join us at St Matthias Church Windermere in a community celebration of Earth Hour on Sat March 31. There will be a free BBQ starting at 7pm in the church grounds followed by a service at 8:30pm to give thanks for the beauty of our Earth and to reflect on how we can reduce our reliance on fossil fuels.

The United Nations has declared that 2012 be the "Year of Sustainable Energy for All" making our celebration of Earth Hour this year even more appropriate.

<http://www.sustainableenergyforall.org>

*Earth Hour is recognized world wide as an opportunity for us all to consider our over-dependence on non-renewable energy sources. This movement, which started 5 years ago in Sydney, challenges us to turn off all our electrical appliances between 8:30 and 9:30pm to reflect on the effects of our energy guzzling on the state of our planet. [www.earthhour.org](http://www.earthhour.org)*

Again this year, we will be supported by local renewable energy firm, Energy Bank, who will provide a solar-charged energy source to power a display of some short presentations on a high-tech low-energy TV supplied by Robert Fergusson Retravision

...thus highlighting how we can look for alternative energy sources.

With music provided by the pedal-powered organ, and light from candles, this will be a very special service, with the format written by Holy Trinity pastor Ken Box...so don't sit at home in the dark!

### "Pilotage on the Tamar"

**The Hillwood Garden Club and George Town and District Historical Society** are holding a combined meeting on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February at the rebuilt Hillwood Football Club.

Guest speaker Capt. Ron Riley's talk is titled "Another day, another challenge. The Tamar river Pilotage." Ron has many years experience as a pilot working from Bell Bay and will also cover some early history of the river when Launceston was the main port.

The meeting starts at 7.30 and visitors are most welcome. There is no charge.



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Sunday 12 February

**10:30 am Eucharist Service**

Sunday 26 February

**10:30 am Eucharist Service**

Sunday 11 March

**10:30 am Eucharist Service**

Sunday 25 March

**10:30 am Eucharist Service**

With tea/coffee, biscuits and Conversation  
after each service

## SERVICES

Each Sunday:

**8:30 am Eucharist Service**

**10:30 am Sung Eucharist**

(1st Sunday) **5:30 pm Choral Evensong**

(2nd Sunday) **5:30 pm—Prayer for Healing**

(3rd Sunday) **5:30 pm—Taize Service**

(4th Sunday) **5:30 pm**

**Prayer at the end of the day**

(5th Sunday) **5:30 pm No Service**

*For information on Weekly Eucharists*

*Check out the website*

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## \* \* SPECIAL DATES COMING UP FOR YOUR DIARY

- **18 FEBRUARY COMMUNITY BBQ & MUCH NEEDED WORKING BEE on St Matthias' Grounds**  
Saturday (Details Below)
- **24 FEBRUARY QUIET DAY AT ST MATTHIAS'** (Details Below)  
Friday
- **Saturday 31 MARCH ST MATTHIAS' EARTH HOUR SERVICE** (Details P.9 )

## WORKING BEE ON ST MATTHIAS' GROUNDS 10:00 am — 3:00 pm



We have had quite a lot of major historically 'contracted work' on the grounds lately but as most of you would know, things still need tidying up after the work. We desperately need a day of general maintenance work on the grounds, so please come and help us tidy up. BRING YOURSELF and your gardening tools—wheel barrows, chain saws, shovels, garden rakes, all sorts of handy clippers and whatever else you think you might need.

WE WILL HAPPILY PROVIDE LUNCH for all of your hard community work. It would

be appreciated if you would let us know that you are coming so we can cater for everyone by ringing either Sue Speed on 6328 1209 or Jon Hosford on 6328 1163.



## QUIET DAY AT ST MATTHIAS' 10:30 am till 3:00 pm - EVERYONE IS WELCOME

The Rev Jo Pyecroft, Co-Incumbent of Quamby Parish, will guide the day (I've heard she's great)!! Coffee, tea and biscuits will be provided but you will need to bring your own lunch, paper and pen. This is a time of reflection for yourself—there are no outside intrusions—just listening to yourself and God and perhaps trying to solve a problem.