



Smoke Signals

East Tamar Newsletter

www.winderdoon.com/community/smokesignals.htm

River Frontage Vegetation Interference Prompts Council Action.

The removal of vegetation on the river frontage at Swan Bay adjacent to a recent land development has prompted action by the Launceston City Council.

Residents would have noted the significant interference with the native vegetation belt along the foreshore in October last year.

A local resident raised this issue to Council, and in response, the LCC Planning Compliance Officer, Mr Andrew Newton wrote:

“Council was made aware of the vegetation removal on the 19 October. I can confirm that Council has commenced compliance action in accordance with the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 by issuing a

Notice of Intention to issue an Enforcement Notice. This Notice of Intention provides the property owner/ developer the opportunity to lodge a representation to the alleged offences specified in the notice, and to provide the owner the opportunity to comply with The Act and the Planning Scheme.

Should a satisfactory response not be received at the end of the representation period, Council may commence further action to achieve compliance, through the issuing of an Enforcement Notice and in certain circumstances the issuing of Infringements. I can confirm that a representation has been received in regards to this notice, and Council is currently assessing this representation prior to making further determinations on the matter.”



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Your Health.... Ankle Sprains

by Dr. Heidi Dreiling

An ankle sprain is damage to the ankle ligaments when a single sudden incident occurs, such as when your foot rolls, twists or turns beyond its normal range of motion. A serious sprain may involve a partial or complete tear of the ligament.

Symptoms may include a feeling that the ankle gives away at the time of the injury, pain on weight bearing (walking etc.), swelling and bruising.

Treatment for uncomplicated sprains includes REST, keeping off the ankle for the first 48 hours, applying ICE immediately and then for 20 minutes every couple of hours, COMPRESSION with an elastic bandage and ELEVATION. These measures are also known as RICE.

More severe strains may need firmer immobilisation with a cast or brace. Rehabilitation and strengthening the joint (a visit to a Physiotherapist) are also important for optimal recovery.

They generally feed on a variety of large insects amongst the foliage of eucalypts and acacias.

Their flight pattern is most distinctive, with long undulating flaps and glides whilst uttering harsh metallic trills.

They build a small nest of twigs and spider web on a forked, horizontal limb at a height of between 6-20 metres in August-February. The nest is so small that the young nestlings end up sitting on it rather than in it. Both male and female birds share the brooding of the eggs and the feeding of the young.

In the late autumn, the birds and their offspring migrate to southern New Guinea or the Bismarck Archipelago and The Solomon Islands.



Photo: David Ong



Photo: Graham Chapman

Photo: Greg Holland

Birds of The Tamar...

Jon Hosford

Black-faced Cuckoo Shrike

A summer visitor to the Tamar Valley and many other parts of Tasmania, The Black-faced Cuckoo Shrike is so named because of its black face, cuckoo like form and flight and because of its shrike-like bill.

These birds are not cuckoos and do not lay eggs in the nests of other birds, although they have been known to steal nestlings of other species for food.

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Gardening Notes & News



February Vegetable Plantings

Leeks

Leeks are fabulous to have in the garden when onions are not available.

I usually sow Leek seed in early January and then transplant the seedlings into a well worked fertilised bed with about 400gms of Dynamic Lifter per square metre about mid February. This way you will have edible size leeks by June.

I prefer to harvest my leeks when they are about 25 mm thick.

They are tender and very tasty at this stage.

Be careful not to bury the seedlings deeper than the first set of leaves or they will gather soil in the leaf nodules and be difficult to clean when harvested.

You can hill up the soil slightly if you wish as the leeks grow, to ensure you have an adequate white section below the ground.

Cauliflower

Cauliflower has developed a reputation as a difficult brassica to grow. It must be grown in good rich soil that has been fertilised well prior to planting of seeds or seedlings.

Water and regular side dressing is important for cauliflower as any severe check in either will usually result in poor head formation.

I only grow cauliflower in 2 sowings, 1 in January and 1 in early February for harvest in April through June.

Transplanting seedlings in March will produce heads by July if the winter is mild and you have watered and fed them well.

I have found that growing at other times relies extra special care and the right variety of cauliflower.

Seed packets are most unreliable on the information for planting in cool climates.

Space the seedlings at 60x 75 cm. Side dress a little fertiliser close to the plants shortly after germination and again when they are about 20 cm tall.

The size of the head you get is dependent on how large the plant has become prior to heading.

Consistent and deep watering is essential for all brassicas, especially cauliflower.

I grow Snowball, an Italian heirloom variety first introduced in 1830.

This variety is especially suited to cool climates, producing small to medium sized heads that are fairly reliable.

<http://www.thelostseed.com.au> is a reliable

supplier of this seed.

Broccoli

Broccoli would have to be one of my favourite vegetables.

It is easy to grow and great to eat.

After providing a full head at about 12 weeks, Broccoli will provide side shoots until you get sick of snipping these regularly to prevent it flowering.

It is such a persistent vegetable.

Providing you follow the principle that what you put in is what you eat, Broccoli is available all year in the food garden.

I don't grow it all year as there are so many other vegetables that provide a more interesting diet at different times of the year.

I usually sow seed in late January or transplant seedlings in mid February and the Broccoli grows to maturity in late Autumn and through the winter.

The cooler the weather, the more reliable is this vegetable in holding its head.

Transplant seedlings Feb 15th - harvest Broccoli late April - late June.

Garlic

Garlic grows well in a cool climate. Garlic bulbs form a few centimetres below the soil surface.

If the soil becomes hard and compacted, the bulbs will be small.

Garlic grows best when allowed to grow strong leaf and overwinter before setting a bulb in the following Spring.

The best time to plant garlic for sufficient leaf growth is March.

In preparation of the bed, work the soil well to a depth of 30 cm and apply a dressing of or Dynamic Lifter at 250gms per square metre.

Plant the cloves with their top upwards at a depth of about 2.5 cm.

Water well and keep the bed moist until the shoots appear.

When the shoots appear, regular

Ly side-dress the growing plants with Dynamic Lifter until the cold of winter sets in.

The plants will put on another growth spurt in about September once the weather warms.

You can keep feeding them and watering them well until the end of October.

In November the tops will start to yellow. This is an indication that the plants are starting to bulb.

There is no further need for fertilise and no water.

About Mid December, you can pull the plants out of the ground, shake all the dirt off the roots and leave the plants on the top of the bed to dry thoroughly.

During this time, the plants will store the available food in the leaves as they dry.

When the leaves are thoroughly dry you can braid the bulbs onto a string and hang in a cool dry place.

They should last almost over winter before starting to sprout if you have dried them properly.

I save the best of my garlic cloves for seed each year.

Garden Club News...

Ros Ryan

Christmas garden club was held at Lou Finney and John Baily's home in Dilston last December.

What a great day it was: good attendance; great food ; wine and excellent company. Weather wise, it was a little windy early but not enough to deter from eating outdoors. John had organised his neighbour, Rod Harker, to give an insight on his commercial growing of 3 varieties of Garlic, Rhubarb and now venturing into Mushrooms; but there is still some way to go with the mushrooms venture.

These products are largely sold through wholesalers, Coles, Hill St. Grocers, who distribute through most IGA's - Flemington Markets, Sydney.

Thank you Lou and John for your great hospitality. We always feel most welcome.

Upcoming events for 2016

Feb 12: No Meeting

March 11 : Helen Pratt

April 8: Heritage park (picnic)

May 14: Noel & Ros Ryan

Aug 11: Evelyn Tuba

Sept. 9: Maureen & Rob McLaine

Oct 14: Anna & Jonathan Waterhouse

Nov 11 : Greg & Kerri

Dec 9 : Marg & Jon Hosford

ST MATTHIAS WINDERMERE



HOLY TRINITY LAUNCESTON

Christmas Eve welcomed 80 residents and their families to St Matthias Church for the annual Carols Service. Rev'd Ken Box conducted the service of carols and lessons and Edie Williams played the Harmonica accompaniment. Don Chugg accompanied Silent Night on his guitar. After the service, Christmas cake along with a glass of sparkling wine or punch was served to those who attended. The Church acknowledges the most generous giving each year on this occasion. It is an indication that the maintenance of our village church is appreciated.

In the month of October, a major structural reinforcement was undertaken by Heritage builder Andrew Madden and Plasterer Mark Woodley.

Since its construction, in 1843, the church has been a gable roof with excessively slender roof rafters, struts and ceiling joists which readily have buckled in compression under wind load.

The movement has caused internal cracking in the walls.

An assessment was undertaken by Heritage Engineer, Peter Spratt and work was carried out to his specification to reinforce the roof and repair some of the plaster cracks internally.

This work should prevent wind movement and therefore alleviate the pressure movement on the walls from the wind. We sincerely hope that this work will prevent further cracking. Thank you to the many donors who have supported this work through the Heritage Building Fund.

In December, security lighting and feature illumination of the bell tower was undertaken with the result that the tower and the grounds are pleasantly illuminated at night. Thank you to local electrician Henry Beams for undertaking this work, which has been almost 2 years in the planning and approval stages.



Left to Right: Builders load timber into the roof for reinforcement.

Henry Beams signs off after completion of the lighting.

St Matthias at night.

HOLY TRINITY SERVICES

For information on Weekly Eucharists and Special Services go to Holy Trinity's

Website

<http://www.holytrinitylaunceston.org>

The Good Friday Service at 10:30 am

will be addressed by the new Bishop of Tasmania

The Venerable Dr Richard Condie.

ST MATTHIAS' SERVICES

Sunday Feb 14th	Eucharist	10:30am
Sunday Feb 28th	Eucharist	10:30am
Sunday March 13	Eucharist	10:30am
Friday March 25	Good Friday @ Holy Trinity 10:30 am	
Sunday March 27	Easter Day	10:30am

Community Centre News



The members at ETMS have been active on many projects over the last few months.

High quality sets of Early Learning Project blocks are being manufactured for Early Learning Centres under management of the Northern Child Care Centres Network. The blocks are designed to enhance learning when knowledgeable adults join children's play and are interested in what children are thinking when they are making decisions about their constructions.



The kits comprise a basic set of 200 blocks that are supplemented with the feature-shaped blocks pictured above.

The kits can be ordered from ETMS and details are available on our website at

www.easttamarmensshed.org.au

The project involves members in elementary use of machinery and sanding skills and is a great opportunity for men of all ages to get involved.

Three members have constructed a



bench for use at The Shed and one member is producing garden bird sculpture pieces for possible sale to the public. A further group is experimenting with the manufacture of food-grade kitchen pieces.

Another group of members has been involved in learning about electronics under tuition from a member who has specialised in this area.

The sharing of skills is a great feature of The SHED.

The ETMS has been successful in receiving grants from The Tasmanian Governments Grants Program administered by The Tasmanian Men's Shed Association and has

purchased machinery and tools for use in woodworking and metal work.

Currently THE SHED, at 308 John Lees Drive Dilston, is open on Wednesdays between 10am and 2pm and Saturdays between 10am and 2 pm.

The group welcomes enquiry for membership of adult men. Just visit us during our operating hours or phone the President, Jeff Wynne 0417 843 943 or Secretary, Jon Hosford, 0419317808 to have a chat about your interest.



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Launceston City Heart Project

The first construction - **an upgrade of Quadrant Mall** - begins mid to late February 2016. A contractor, Baker Civil Contracting, will be doing the work which includes upgrading the underground infrastructure which runs down the centre of the Quadrant, laying new pavers, installing new lighting, planters, trees, street furniture. The work will be carried-out both day time and night time. The night work is in an effort to minimise disruption for the traders. This link <http://www.launceston.tas.gov.au/lcc/?c=329> will take you direct to the Council's works in progress website page which will be kept updated on the progress of construction, and if you require any other information, please contact Lisa.Brady@launceston.tas.gov.au

An update on the planning stages of the Launceston City Heart Project (LCHP)

The *Launceston City Heart Project Masterplan Stage 1 - Public Realm (Major Public Spaces)* was adopted by Council in December 2015 and represents Northern Tasmanians' vision for the future of Launceston's central business district. The project will re-define central Launceston as a modern regional retail, cultural and business hub and seeks to make Launceston a more vibrant and energetic place, where people of all ages can socialise, shop, work and play. You can view this document and find out much more information about the LCHP at www.launceston.tas.gov.au.

Free household hazardous waste drop off

The Northern Tasmanian Waste Management Group is holding a free household hazardous waste drop off on the 27th and 28th of February. The drop off collection is a registered service for all residents of northern Tasmania including the Break O Day, Dorset, George Town, Launceston, Meander Valley, Northern Midlands and West Tamar areas, for domestic quantities of household chemicals.

Only registered materials will be accepted for disposal. Registrations close on Wednesday 24th February.

The types of chemicals accepted include:

- Solvents and household cleaners
- Floor care products
- Ammonia-based cleaners
- Pesticides and herbicides
- Poisons
- Pool chemicals
- Hobby chemicals
- Acids and alkalis

Date	Location	Registration process
8:00am - 5:00 pm 27 February 2016	50 Lamont Street, Invermay	Call the City of Launceston Customer Service Centre on 6323 3000
8:30 am - 11:30 am 28 February 2016	3 Ellenor Street, Scottsdale	Call the Dorset Council depot on 6352 6510
1:30 pm - 4:30 pm 28 February	Alveston Drive, Deloraine	Call the Meander Valley Customer Service Centre on 6393 5300

Australia Day Tennis

Traditionally, Australia Day has become the day for the playing of the Barbara Lutwyche trophy at the *Windermere Stadium*.

Host *Ross Schapel* reports:

"It was a good day enjoyed by all who attended. The weather was kind, no wind and not too warm. The Lamington bake off was a hit, with quite a few entries that challenged the judges who eventually announced Rebecca Broad the winner.



The Tennis was won by an all-male doubles team as we were short on women players for all mixed doubles combination.

The winning team to lift the trophy was Denis Pratt & Paul Price."

Put this event in your calendar for January 26th 2017.





Dilston Fire Brigade



Tasmania Fire Service

A very busy season so far...

Within a short few days of the last edition of smoke signals being distributed, the 2015/2016 fire season kicked off in a big way for the Dilston Fire Brigade with the pager messages sending us to the well publicised incident at George Town. Our involvement in this fire took us right up until Christmas 2015, in collaboration with a multitude of other brigades from the north of the state. Whilst this fire has been deemed accidental, it could have been avoided and it was sheer luck that George Town was not impacted in a more significant way. Our efforts were cut out protecting amongst other things the high value communications installation on Mt George. A task we were successful in doing in conjunction with Legana and Bell Bay Brigades.

Our season hasn't stopped there, and as you are no doubt aware Tasmania is facing some of the worst bushfires for a number of years particularly in the Northwest, central North and the North East. The Dilston Fire Brigade volunteer crews lent assistance to many other fires at Lefroy, Pipers River, Musselroe Bay, Rocherlea, Mayfield, Nunamara and Lake MacKenzie but to name a few. Indeed as this edition goes to print we are still organising and deploying crews to the various incidents as requested

We are extremely grateful for all the many hours put in by brigade members at all these incidents, and also for the essential cleaning duties that inevitably follow.

We would also like to give a huge measure of thanks to members of the community for their ongoing support through donations of food and good will. It is humbling for us to receive such generosity.

...but it isn't over yet!

Despite the recent rainfall in the area the potential risk for bushfire to start is still there. We are still in the bushfire season and we all need to remain vigilant. Normal everyday tasks such as mowing, slashing, welding, grinding and burning garden waste do have the potential to ignite surrounding grass or bushland. We ask that if you are planning to burn off any garden waste or vegetation that you keep it at 1 cubic meter in size and do so in a cleared area free from anything that may catch alight and as a precaution you have a means of extinguishing it should the need arise and that you never leave a fire unattended as a precaution.

If you plan to burn off any garden waste/vegetation it is recommended that you register your intention to burn by calling the toll free number 1800 000 699 to help prevent any unnecessary brigade callouts.

If your plan is to light more than 1 cubic meter at once then you will

require a permit at this time of year. A permit is free and can be obtained by either calling 1800 000 699 or by calling one of our Brigade permit officers listed in this newsletter.

Thankfully within the Dilston, Windermere and Swan Bay area's we have had relatively few fires to respond to and this can largely be attributed to the community's vigilance, the Dilston Fire Brigade would like to thank the community for their co-operation and we hope that it continues into the future.

New Appliance

We made mention of our new Heavy Tanker appliance in the last edition of smoke signals. Well, we can report that the vehicle has certainly had a baptism of fire (pardon the pun!) The CAFS technology employed on this appliance has frequently been called upon by the Tasmania Fire Service to better manage different aspects of fire fighting activities. We are proud to say that our volunteers have taken to this new capability very well, with a high level of brigade competence being built in a relatively short period of time.



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Brigade Contacts

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Hillwood News....Nancy Donnelly

FAREWELL to Len Price, a long-time resident who recently sold his house and moved into Launceston...

And to Audrey and Gordon Walker, also long-time residents who have sold their house and are moving to be with family in Western Australia. They raised a family of five in Hillwood and three of their grandchildren were raised here as well.

CONGRATULATIONS to Anthony Newport of Hillwood who played his auto-harp at the recent Folk Festival in George Town. Tony launched his album "Give me Grace" dedicated to the spirit and people of Western Tasmania. Tony played his harp at last year's Australia Day BBQ at the Pontoon.

HILLWOOD CLUB NEWS: KIDS CLUB: Is run fortnightly in the Hillwood Hall from 4.30 to 7.00 p.m. (not during school holidays). Starting Friday 5th Feb for 5-12 year olds, cost \$4 – meal, fun and games. Susan and Nick have been involved for many years. They began helping Susan's parents Barbara & John Bigham when they took over from the Cornerstone Church which started the club over 25 years ago and have now taken over the reins. Contact Susan Gillman on 0439 065 914.

GARDEN CLUB: Third Mondays from Monday 15th Feb at the Hillwood Hall. A group of fun people who incidentally like gardening as well. A delightful Christmas lunch was held at Pam and Robin Claxton's new home in Dilston. It has become a tradition to hold the February meeting together with George Town & Districts Historical Assn. Speaker this year is Marian Walker

of the well-known Walker gardening family. Topic: History of Walker's Nursery (over 100 years). The Hillwood Garden Club also take care of the garden they established at Hillwood Pontoon Reserve when time permits. Contact: Geraldine Goodwin (Sec) 63948267.

LADIES GROUP meets weekly on Wednesdays at the Hillwood Hall from 10.00am to 12noon. Start Wed 3rd Feb. Second Wed – Bingo. Contact Gayle Laverty 63948213.

FOOTBALL CLUB: As you probably realise (by the sound effects), training has commenced on Mondays and Thursdays. You have probably received a flyer inviting you to become a member or visit the club on Thursday nights. Watch for invites to meals during pre-season on the community blackboards and in the local Coffee Shop. The first home game is on Saturday 16th April against Bracknell. Contact: Bob McLean 63 948124 M 0418 130 901

HILLWOOD STRUCTURE PLAN: A meeting was held in Hillwood in January by George Town Council.

It was generally felt that this is a good document – a necessary document which is the first of its kind after years of ad hoc development. I know that a lot of time was spent preparing this Plan and well done to Justine Brooks-Bedelph, (Manager Development Services and Municipal Planner for George Town Council) for an interesting and informed presentation. Residents were invited to

submit submissions regarding the plan. The draft plan can be viewed at

<http://georgetown.tas.gov.au/hillwood-structure-plan>

GOOD NEWS: Our little beach (Lindsay's Beach) at Egg Island Reserve has had a lot of use over the holiday period. I believe there were twenty people there on one occasion!

THANK YOU to George Town Council for providing new heaters for the Hillwood Hall and Supper Room and for the upgrade of the bar area.

H.A.R.R.A

The Hillwood Area Residents and Ratepayer's Association is now active on Facebook. Local News and Issues can be followed at the following link:

<https://www.facebook.com/Hillwood-Area-Residents-Ratepayers-Association-Inc-135036056616636/>

A website at:

<http://www.harra.asn.au/>

is currently under construction.

For further details and enquiry contact Secretary/Treasurer, Victoria Pullen on

0404 050 121

Warning to Residents

Residents are reminded to be vigilant with security following thefts and break-ins in the Bridport, George Town and local areas recently. Fuel and personal belongings have been reported stolen.

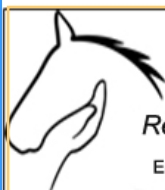
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Market Update

You have probably noticed that people are saying that the market has finally turned and things are picking up.

According to the data collected by the Real Estate Institute of Tasmania this appears to be the case, with both volume and prices increasing over the previous 12 months.

In Tasmania we generally have an increase in sales in the spring and summer months, and this year has been no different, with spring sales being exceptionally strong. We expect this to continue for the short to medium term, particularly as it looks likely that the lowest interest rates we've

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COMMUNITY WORKS

East Tamar Men's Shed

is seeking provision for the under-cover storage of dressed timber, MDF sheeting and metal fabrication for our current projects.

We are happy to discuss conditions of medium term storage and access as required. Please contact Jon Hosford 0419 317 808 to discuss.

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