



Smoke Signals

Dilston Windermere Swan Bay Newsletter

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Celebrations for Community Achievements

Since the last edition this community can celebrate with humility 2 major victories: the commitment of Minister Graeme Sturgess to the construction of a safe entry to the proposed Dilston Bypass of the East Tamar Highway; the restoration of St Matthias Church bell tower. These issues reflect the values of our community, and whilst at opposite ends of the spectrum in community concern, together they demonstrate the power of community through people who care.

The bypass issue has dominated this newspaper for two years. When it is completed, four years will have passed, demonstrating how long it takes to obtain satisfactory outcomes from any major issue. Consultation in planning to gain acceptable community outcomes is a relatively new area for governments and their departments. I would suggest that process in future will reflect, to a higher degree, the outcomes of a more democratic process. Whilst this will be more costly in dollars, it will give ownership both to the parties involved and the growth of democracy rather than to the party politics and the shallow level of government we have suffered in the past.

I include 2 letters to the editor in this edition: one from Minister Graeme Sturgess in response to my letter in March; and one from Jeremy Ball in thanks of community support.

It is also fitting to note the support of all Launceston City councilors, especially Aldermen Armitage, Ball, Dean, Norton and Sands. Local politicians, Kim Booth, Ivan Dean, Peter Gutwein and Sue Napier have been strong in their parliamentary support.

The bell tower of St Matthias is an achievement that a few people have championed in support of the cultural heritage of the district and the continuation of a community centre of worship. Again, persistence and a will to persevere have won out. Read Sue Speed's celebration of this on our back page.

In future editions I would encourage letters to the editor that bring issues of community focus to the attention of our residents.

Editor..

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Garden Club News

Our last luncheon was at the home of Ros and Noel Ryan on April 3rd, it was held a week early due to Easter falling on our usual Friday. Their garden was looking particularly splendid as they had spent many hours on it getting it ready for their son's wedding which was at the end of March.

Apart from the well manicured lawns and clipped and pruned shrubs there were many pots of colourful plants. Some of us sat outside on the back patio, whilst most of the men seemed to congregate around the pool area. It was one of those days weather wise when we had four seasons in one day. It went from sunshine to a rather large down-pour of rain coupled with thunder and lightning, then back to sunshine.

As usual there was plenty of delicious food, wine and stimulating conversation.

thank you Ros and Noel for another good day.

Jackie Ralph

Garden club this month will be held at the home of Meryn & Neil Mc Lelland, 385 Windermere Road on Friday June 12th at 12 Noon.

Newcomers most welcome. Bring a plate of food to share.

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FIRE BRIGADE NEWS <http://www.fire.tas.gov.au>

Safe Cooking in the Home

Watch the Pot

- Never leave cooking unattended - Turn it Off Before Your Turn Away .
- Cooking fires are one of the most common causes of house fires in Tasmania.

Clear the Cooking Area

- Curtains, tea towels, oven mitts and any flammable items should be kept well away from the cooking area.

Control the Splatter

- Cook with the right size pan and keep the heat low so that fat doesn't spatter or overflow onto the cooktop.

No Water Needed

- Water does not put out fat or oils fires - so don't use it;
- If you put water on this type of fire significant and horrific burn injuries could occur and the fire will be spread more rapidly.

Smothering the Flame

If a fire does start on the stove -

- Turn off the heat source either on the stove or at the fuse box;
- Smother the fire with a large pan, lid or fire blanket;
- Do not remove the pan, lid or fire blanket until the pot has cooled, as the fire will re-ignite if the oil is still hot; and
- Never carry a burning pot - horrific burn injuries can occur.

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Broad Beans for Summer Salads

May and June are suitable months for planting broad bean seeds.

For rapid germination soak the beans for 24 hours before sowing.

Ensure dolomite or lime is applied as they do not like acid soils. Wood ash is an excellent natural fertiliser. Do not add extra nitrogen, as the plants grow too tall and lanky.

Broad beans are ideal cover crop or green manure crop as they provide nitrogen back to the soil through rhizobium bacteria nodules on their roots (look for little white lumps clustered around the roots).

Plant broad beans immediately after harvesting

Cauliflower , Cabbage or Broccoli, or root crops.

Coles Dwarf variety, generally grow taller than one metre, so they also need a string support system.

Reo-mesh placed horizontally, supported by garden stakes will prevent the plant breaking in strong wind.

Plants will flower in September although beans will rarely set until November.

Young beans make a delicious addition to early salads.

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21 MAY 2009

Mr Jon Hosford
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Dear Mr Hosford

Thank you for your email of 10 March 2009 in relation to the proposed junction treatments for the Dilston Bypass. I apologise for the delay in responding to you.

In response to the Launceston City Council's (LCC) request to review the safety of the Dilston Bypass project and their proposal for a roundabout at each end of the project, the Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources (DIER) submitted a new Development Application for due consideration. The scope of the project was changed to include an underpass for traffic heading south at the southern junction and installation of fog detection speed reduction signs for the northern junction. The Development Application has now been approved by the LCC and DIER is now working towards finalising the project documentation to tender in August 2009.

These additional safety measures will see the implementation of a project that will deliver exceptional safety to the travelling community and one that also utilises the most up to date intelligent technology with regard to fog warning and signage.

I trust this information is of assistance to you and once again thank you for writing to me.

Yours sincerely

Graeme Sturges MP
Minister for Infrastructure



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Dear Smokesignals

I would like to congratulate the Dilston/Windermere/Swan Bay and surrounding community for the way in which you have advocated for a safer outcome on the Dilston Bypass issue over the last 18 months.

We got there in the end!

From the beginning, through well organised and informative public meetings at the Dilston Hall the Safety Committee, along with individual community members, presented the case, time and again, for a safer entry and exit onto the highway with integrity, precision and persistence.

So often people walk away without even fighting, believing that you can't change government's mind and yet you have shown that through tenacity and strong community action, democracy is alive and well and the people united, can never be defeated.

It was an honour to be an Aldermen representing your views on this matter for the last year and a half and I know that every time any of us drive through the southern underpass we will have a wry smile at the battle it took to get it there!

The northern intersection is still a serious concern and I only wish that DIER could have seen fit to make changes there as well however that was a bridge too far for them (no pun intended).

It is dangerous to single out individuals in instances such as this, when so many contributed in so many ways to the outcome however I would like to particularly thank George and Jenny Chandler and Beverly Goldfarb from the Dilston Safety Committee; Ron Goodes for his single minded pursuit of his intersection; Rod Keena for pointing DIER in the right direction with his design (last year!) and Kevin Poole and Ron Sainty, whose voices as experienced bus drivers against the T-intersections held a great deal of weight at a crucial moment in the debate.

Danielle Blewett and the Examiner deserve a tick for the front page of the truck in the fog (I'm sure George is happy that Jenny is no longer sending him out on freezing mornings to get photos).

Hopefully we won't have a battle like that again too soon however if one looms give me a call.

Good luck to all and safe motoring.

Jeremy Ball (Alderman LCC)

Time for the community to celebrate

The bypass will not only make travelling safer but it will create a discrete community of the areas of Swan Bay, Windermere, Dilston, Los Angeles Road and Rostella.

It's time to celebrate!

Who: everyone in the community

Where: Dilston Hall

When: after the flu scare is over

What: ideas welcome!! especially from community groups (local play group, gardening, bird watching, fund raisers) Local musical entertainment? BBQ? Ideal time to meet your new neighbours...

Suggestions to: Jon Hosford, Editor, Smoke Signals, jhosford@bigpond.net.au or 6328 1163

Nature Notes by Jon Hosford



Native Water Rat: *Hydromys chrysogaster*
Illustration Source: Gould League

Native Water Rat *Hydromys chrysogaster*

The native water-rat is a distinctive rodent specialized for an aquatic existence. The species can be found locally on the Tamar and environs. It is a relatively large rodent (body length not including tail up to 40cm) with broad partially webbed hind feet, water-repellent fur and abundant whiskers. The tail is thick and usually tipped white.

The water-rat is largely carnivorous, feeding on crustaceans, aquatic insects and small fish. Plants are sometimes consumed in the winter when food is scarce.

Being a placental mammal, it bears 3-4 young in Spring and Summer months although greater numbers can survive in times of plentiful food.

H. chrysogaster is mainly nocturnal, although it differs from most Australian rodents in being partially diurnal. It is most active in the hours following sunset, but may also be found swimming or foraging during daylight in the early morning or early evening. The Water-rat is territorial and may be quite aggressive when populations are at high density.

Further reading on this interesting local resident can be found at:

<http://www.anbg.gov.au/cpbr/WfHC/Hydromys-chrysogaster/index.html>

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Even though the Bell Tower is now safe, it doesn't mean it has been completely paid for. We would most welcome any donations to help us cover the costs.

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ST MATTHIAS

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4th Sunday each month

Eucharist

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REPAIRED



Well, it isn't exactly a BRAND NEW Bell Tower. It looks the same from the outside, but is much different from the inside. And if the weather is bad, it means we can stand under the Bell Tower and have a chat without worry of the bell falling on us—and I'm not joking. We haven't been able to ring the bell for 9 months because of serious safety issues—and

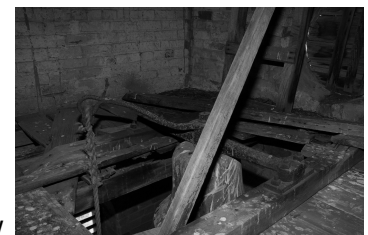
OLD



All three levels of the tower have been replaced or reinforced to strengthen them. The outside window slates have been covered from the inside with bird netting to keep birds from getting into the tower.



The second level which held the bell was almost completely rotten. It has been replaced with a new floor and 3 large beams on either side of the bell, with a strip of iron between each layer, which actually holds the bell itself. Hopefully, this should last for another 100 years. We have retained one of the rotten beams inside the church just to remind us how bad it was—a bit frightening. The top level or roof



These two nice men

Jan Schilling and

John Morris have worked very hard to make our Church safer



As you would have read from the last edition of Smoke Signals, the Rev Doug Edmonds has now retired. The services at Windermere are being shared by the Rev Ken Box and Rev Craig Arnold on a temporary basis. The procedure to find a new Rector has already started with a General Parish Meeting last Sunday 31 May.

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