



Smoke Signals

Dilston Windermere Swan Bay Newsletter

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ST MATTHIAS wins Heritage Award

St Matthias Church, Windermere has been awarded Launceston City Council's **non-residential Heritage Award** for 2010.

A submission focusing on the roofing project and the renewal of the bell tower in 2008-2009, was unanimously voted as the best project for heritage preservation by the award committee.

The submission celebrated the support of the community in raising the necessary \$14000 for the works and the recognition of the community in preserving the 168 year-old building.

The replacement of the roof battens and the cladding of the roof with durable colourbond in an appropriate color, has insured that the building will remain weatherproof for a long time.

The bell tower project has restored the original bell housing structure and ensured that the bell is functional for services and community celebrations.

This work was initiated through an outreach mission of the Holy Trinity Launceston Anglican Parish in 2007 when the Church community sought help to continue worship services at the church.



Services are regularly conducted at the church on the 2nd & 4th Sundays at 10:30am.

The church has become a special venue for weddings and an historical feature for visitors taking the Tamar River Cruises.

Regular visitors to the church and graveyard on a daily basis remind us that family is more than what we experience at the local level.

Preservation of this building can only strengthen the appeal of the district for the "family" of visitors and the community.

This award allows the church to maintain the building to standards that preserve not only its heritage but its availability as a community centre for worship and for community functions.

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(Special evening detailsp7)

Garden Club News by Jackie Ralph

April saw us at the home of Lou Finney and John Bailey "Tarcoola. The garden was used some 35 years ago as quite a productive area supplying the Launceston Hotel with much of the "fresh" requirements.

Since then, the most of it has been neglected and over run as a paddock with stock and normal weeds and grasses.

Since Lou and John moved in some 18 months ago, it has been totally re dug and re worked.

Digging a variety of composts and including a truck load of cow manure from Tas feed lots have been successfully worked in, and the results are evident in the

tomatoes caulflowes, leeks ,parsnips and carrots that were on show.

A number of new fruits are obviously doing well , as with the artichokes that were procured from a small ad in "smoke signals" some 6 months ago. Although no fruit has been harvested, big thins are expected next season.

The garden was originally started for the Launceston Hotel, by a man called Harry, who lived in the house in the front of the garden, with ideas and input (but not the Hard work) from Lou's father.

Lou's favorite things are the old mulberry tree and the 2 figs trees.

John has done all the work in "re doing " the garden – and there is always enough fruit and veggies for lunch and dinner.

Thank you Lou and John for a very interesting and enjoyable afternoon.

Our **May** outing saw an afternoon visit to the Native garden of Rosemary Verbeeten in Lanena.

A magical stroll around the many feature rooms in her garden made us all marvel at the work she has put in over 17 years of love and hard labour.

Rosemary's garden is a fabulous example of how native and exotic plants can be blended in harmony and we are most thankful for having the opportunity to visit it.

Next Meeting:

Friday June 11th Merryn & Neil McLelland, 385 Windermere Rd.

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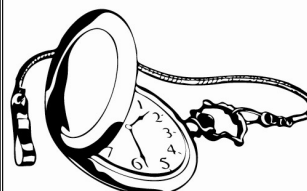
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This Cafe



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with friends from

Dilston/Windermere/Swan Bay

if you are in town.

Come and see us for a coffee and a chat

At our new business in George Street.

Opposite Barratt's Music.

FIRE BRIGADE NEWS by Rob Montague

TRAINING EXERCISE DALRYMPLE GROUP OF BRIGADES.

After months of planning, seventy-eight firefighters including eight members from the Dilston brigade and the rest from neighbouring brigades and eighteen fire fighting appliances, converged on the area around Bell Bay and George Town last Saturday. Multi-event exercises ranging from road accident rescue demonstrations, structure fires and vehicle fires to bushfire simulations including map reading and four wheel driving were undertaken. Operating under a incident management team, with support from District staff, all crews participating gave positive feedback as to the days events, with most members gaining valuable experience from an exercise of this type.

training courses, which are a Tasmania Fire Service requirement for members to maintain their skills.



Residents are reminded of the Council

Bylaw that prohibits back yard burning during the months June, July and August due to issues with wood smoke in the Tamar valley.

Rob Montague
BC Dilston
0417 554 269

Locally, our brigade members have been busy attending

Perfect Health ...Winter

with Dr. Don

As the demands of the garden lessen and we prepare for the year ahead, it is a good time to service the body, I have spoken previously about the importance of having moles and other irregularities of your skin checked, Likewise it is a good time to have those preventative health checks that we are so good at avoiding. Tests such as Blood pressure, weight and some routine blood tests,

especially a fasting, glucose and your liver and renal function may allow simple abnormalities to be corrected.

For the women, we should ensure that mammograms and pap smears are up to date, whilst for the men over 50, the obligatory prostate check needs to be done.

In recent years an increasing number of Tasmanians are being found to be short of vitamin D,

Whilst vitamin D is a result of sunlight on skin, it seems that many are avoiding adequate exposure to prevent damage to their skin,

I would urge those over 60 having blood tests to have the vitamin D level checked, as vitamin D is

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important in the prevention of osteoporosis (the thinning of bones which results in fractures) as well as being involved in our sense of well being. It is available as a tablet.

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Dilston Hall: 6328 1348

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6328 1209

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Garden Club: 63281566

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Dr Don Hempton

The Windermere GP

Is available for consults,

Strictly by appointment

Ring 6328 1560



Nature Notes—Jon Hosford

Have you ever heard the invasion call of our laid-back maurauders? Yes, the Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoos, are to me the most human-like birds in our district.

They travel in flocks quite slowly and always let you know of their presence as they pass.

They adore eating cone nuts and any seed bearing pod that attracts their fancy.

These birds spend the summer months in the highlands where they feed from the seed of hakea and like native species.

They spend the winter months in flocks of 20-30 birds in the Tamar Valley.

Yellow-tailed black cockatoos are

endangered in South Australia and suffered a population decline after the bushfires on the Eyre Peninsula.

They are common enough in Tasmania's bushland, however they rely on hollows for nesting.

Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoos have a long breeding season, which varies throughout their range. Both sexes construct the nest, which is a large tree hollow, lined with wood chips. The female alone incubates the eggs, while the male supplies her with food. Usually only one chick survives, and this will stay in the care of its parents for about six months.

Next time you hear the familiar "keeow" call, look up and appreciate the slow magnificent flight of these birds.



This photo in B+W does not do justice to these beautiful larrikins.

Genuine buyers looking...

1. Buyer from Broome looking in the Swan Bay/Dilston/Windermere area. Looking to purchase a well presented large family home. Have 3 small children. Would like some land for a few horses. Will look at houses up to \$600k. *Call Sharon.*
2. Single local man (shift worker) looking for home in a quiet area. Would like well presented or renovated. Needs granny flat or extended living for elderly parents. Up to \$400k. *Call Sharon.*
3. Due to 132 Los Angeles Road now sold, multiple buyers are looking for something similar. 3 bedroom nice home. A few acres and good sheds for caravan and boat. up to \$400k. *Call Sharon.*
4. Single older lady looking for a home to renovate on a small block, up to \$250k. *Call Sharon.*
5. Local Buyer looking to purchase pastured land for horses in Windermere/Dilston up to 20-50 acres price open. *Call Wayne.*
6. Local Family of 6 looking for large family home up to \$800k on a few small acres. *Call Wayne.*

Your local residing agent

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Garden Notesfrom The Cool Climate Classroom <http://www.winderdoon.com>

Broad beans, spring onions and winter spinach are the best crops to plant this month in the Northern Tasmanian food garden.

Colder soils and moist conditions will slow growth and make germination of seed slow.

It is important at this time of the year to keep a check on your soil moisture. Damp and frosty conditions in the early morning will give you the impression that there is plenty of moisture.

Check the sub soil at a depth of 30 cm to ensure there is adequate moisture.

Provide fertilizer regularly in side dressings to obtain the best growth.

One very good things to do in gradens at this time of the year is to sow legume crops for green manure.

A mixture of oats, rye corn, lupins and dun peas is available at local nurseries. This mixture if sown lightly on the soil and raked into contact with the soil will provide excel-

lent nitrogen through the ability of these plants to set nitrogen nodules in the soil.

Dig this manure in during the month of September and you soil will be ready to introduce the late spring sowings at the traditional time of Launceston Show Day.



Broad beans can be sown now for bearing in **November**. Sowing them earlier than May-June will not produce mature beans any earlier, however greater vegetative growth will provide more beans.



This photo was taken this week from my crop of winter tomatoes.

YES! Winter tomatoes. They are European varieties promoted by "Bourke's Backyard " and grown under hyro-ponic conditions with optimum nutrient. I imagine ripening will be the challenge.



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L.J. Hooker Launceston
183 Charles Street Phone: 6334 9111



Friends Of St. Matthias

Do you have an association with St Matthias Windermere Anglican Church?

Maybe you were married there or baptized at the historic church in the centre of our community. If you would like to keep in touch with news of the Church community,

become a friend of St Matthias by returning an expression of interest below to : Friends of St. Matthias c/- Mr. J Hosford 454 Windermere Rod., Windermere 7252

\$45.00 will entitle you to a nail cross constructed from the original nails and timber from the roof of the church.

I wish to become a Friend of St. Matthias. I attach my cheque for \$45 as a donation to the Church and detail my contact below.

I understand I shall receive a regular newsletter by email, or a posted newsletter for an annual contribution of an extra \$15.

Name.....

Postal Address.....

Telephone:.....

Email Address.....

Valé Eric Sandblom

JUNE 6TH 1933– Feb 21st 2010

Eric Sandblom is credited as the **foundational editor of *Smokesignals***.



It is with sadness we acknowledge his death on February 21st this year.

The District recognizes his genuine contribution as a communicator at a time when computer literacy was in its infancy.

Eric, and his wife Noelene, moved to Windermere Road after an early forced retirement from an active life as a Telecom technician in Sydney.

Eric saw the need to contribute to the community, and as he was disabled physically, he found a way of contributing to the Fire Brigade by establishing a newsletter based on the Fire Brigade and its need to inform the community.

Eric was a keen supporter of The Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra, and amongst many other interests more locally, the **Garden Club**.

Eric is well remembered by many in the district as a friend.

He and Noelene regularly visited the community to consolidate friendships in later years over a meal at the Windermere Store.

It is contributions such as Eric's that give the community its strength.

Smokesignals has been carried on since as an integral part of the Dilston, Windermere, Swan Bay community, and we sincerely honour Eric's vision in its establishment.

Pineapple Sage ...*Salvia rutilans*



Pineapple Sage (*Salvia nutans*) is a plant of Mexican origin that is having a profound effect on the survival of some of our native species of birds.

I have read cautions about its ability to spread prolifically through seed dispersal, and of its nature to get very ragged and leggy in gardens where it is not contained. **Prune rigorously after flowering if you have this plant!**

My observation to date are that this plant offers an abundant food source for one of our prized rare visitors. The **Eastern spinebill** is one of Australia's very special birds. We have managed to attract this bird regularly to our garden recently through the introduction of this plant on the advice of a gardener in the district.

I cautiously commend the source of nectar from this plant for a special friend.

I well remember my first introduction to this bird in 1982 on the Murray River NSW. I happened to have a camera handy and to me this was a treasured photograph.

The image featured (alas in B+W) was taken 2 weeks ago in our garden at Windermere. (Bird centre)

Plants do attract birds! To have them visit your garden despite pets and other deterrents is very special.

I am unsure about recommending this plant for widespread planting in Tasmania.

If anyone has reservations, please communicate to :

smokesignals@bigpond.com

Windermere Café

Wine & Food Pairing Evening

Join us on Saturday 19th June at 7pm for a fun and informative Wine & Food pairing evening, featuring local **NATIVE POINT** Wines complemented by **Gourmet Grazing Platters**.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

STRAY DOGS:

Dear Editor,

Some of us understand how dogs – when out of their owner's control, tend to go wild, sometimes very wild; & others just want to play.

Most owners would never accept the fact that "their dog" would misbehave, if allowed to wander uncontrolled.

We had 9 sheep in our front 7 acre paddock.

On Friday 28th May they experienced 2 pug type dogs; 1 a dog and 1 a bitch – both grossly overweight & importantly not registered, snorting around the paddock.

If they were registered they were not wearing a collar, so there was no identification to hold the animals & report them as having wandered away from home.

They were certainly not aggressive at the time I saw them. There was some commotion with neighbours' dogs identifying the strangers in their space, but as we had visitors at home that night, we were not focused on the outside activities.

The following day we had 2 sheep down & one badly mauled.

This is the first time in 18 months there have been stray dogs in our particular area – we have now removed all our sheep; as once a dog has tasted blood they will be generally back for more, or "more games".

I do not want the unpleasantness of dealing with the matter, hence I have removed the animals. We do need them, however, purely to reduce the fuel (as do a number of other people in our district) for the necessary fire limitations over the summer months.

I urge dog owners to keep their animals under control as it will save a lot of unpleasantness in the future.

Thanking you John Baily – Tarcoola – Dilston.

We all love our dogs for what they are to us.

We find it difficult, however, to understand that our pets can be potentially pack driven animals when presented with the opportune conditions.

Your experience in this district is fortunately, less common than it was. These nasty incidents remind us as a community that we must be responsible for the privilege of living how we have chosen to live in a suburban rural community, and to reciprocate by being totally responsible for our pets.

Editor.

**ST MATTHIAS
WINDERMERE**



**HOLY TRINITY
LAUNCESTON**

***THE CONGREGATIONS OF
ST MATTHIAS, WINDERMERE
AND
HOLY TRINITY, LAUNCESTON***

NEWS FLASH !!

As some of you already know St Matthias is now having Morning Services twice a month, *in place of the 2:00 pm afternoon services*. This is wonderful news for us. It means we can worship in the mornings and share fellowship, then spend the rest of the day with our families. Everyone from our community is more than welcome to join us. They are beautiful, simple services held in a beautiful heritage building.

ST MATTHIAS

2nd Sunday each month

10:30 am Eucharist

With tea/coffee afterwards

4th Sunday each month



HOLY TRINITY

Mondays

12:15 pm Eucharist

Tuesdays

12:15 pm Eucharist

Wednesdays

10:30 am Eucharist

Thursdays

12:15 pm Eucharist

St Matthias, Windermere, had a very special service on 9 May, 2010. Special in two ways:

Along with the Eucharist, we also celebrated Mother's Day and the Rev Warwick Cuthbertson delivered an inspired sermon on Mothers.

The service was at 10:30 am in the morning – our first morning service in four years. What a milestone for us.

There were 17 very happy souls in attendance. We offered tea and coffee afterwards along with a selection of delicious homemade goodies from the ladies of the congregation. Due to the windy weather we stayed indoors and shared the fellowship of Christ (and, of course, the food).

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