



Smoke Signals

East Tamar Newsletter

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NBN survey offers strong case for fibre optic for East Tamar Valley residents

A survey of East Tamar Residents has shown conclusively that there is a high demand for this community to be given a Fibre Optic connection.

The proposed NBN broadband service for Dilston, Windermere, Swan Bay and Hillwood has been designated as 'fixed wireless'.

The survey results represent the opinions and experiences of **225** home internet users residing in Dilston, Windermere, Swan Bay, Hillwood and Mount Direction.

We're a 'connected' community

- **98.9%** of respondents have one or more home computers connected to the internet.
- **50%** have 2 or more computers, and **21.2%** also have Smart phones.

Most rely heavily on broadband

- **98%** say it is indispensable, very important or important for their personal lives.
- **62.8%** say their home internet connection is indispensable, very important or important for conducting their business.
- **72.3%** say they use the internet *at home* 1-4 hours per day (in addition to internet use at another workplace).
- **13.8%** are online *at home* 5-6 hours per day (in addition to internet use at another workplace).

Email tops the list of activities, followed by banking, research/study, news & sports, buying, selling, and education.

77.6% reported fibre optic was their preferred choice, **though the majority think communication about the NBN could have been handled better.**

More than 90% felt NBN communication has been poor.

Since the survey was completed, and while the report was being prepared, Telstra announced (9 May 2011) that the Dilston exchange, serving Dilston and Windermere, had been upgraded, and that ADSL2+ connections would shortly become available.

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PIZZA Night Sat June 18th

Glass of wine & Pizza \$25

Australiana Trivia night

Saturday July 16th

Bookings advisable



The East Tamar Men's Shed is a reality.

Our Constitution has been accepted by the Justice Department and we are now an Incorporated Association in Tasmania. At last month's Council meeting, The Launceston City Council have agreed to allocate the Council land behind the Dilston Memorial Hall for the construction of a shed for the purpose of providing a community facility for The East Tamar Men's Shed inc.

There is a strong group of support for this project.

It is a vision both for a growing and aging community. The major task ahead is to establish premises from which we can work, and in the short to medium term this means fundraising. We believe that this can be achieved by establishing a capital amount of \$25,000.

The group is determined to establish a facility that will support the need to age gracefully, with support from the male gender, as well as a potential to provide a role model for younger men who may need support in many ways.

At this point projects to be undertaken by the group are unspecified, but it is hoped that a facility can be established by mid 2012..

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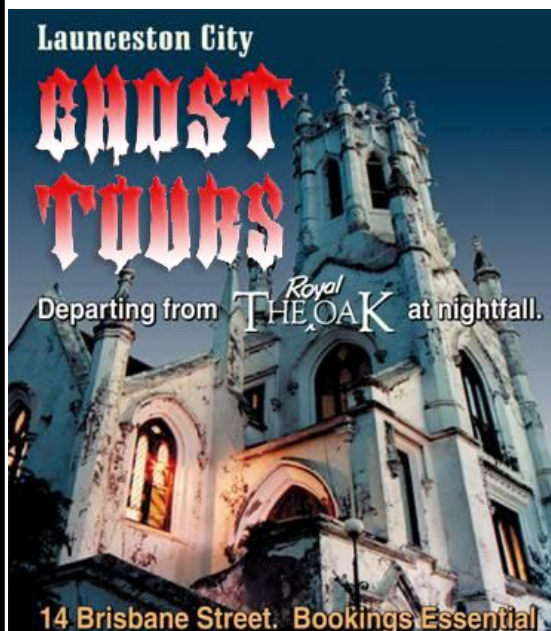
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Please support our endeavours to establish this
facility in the district..



Function in support of The East Tamar Men's
Shed.

Tuesday June 14th

Join us in an evening of intrigue. Discover the
secrets of Launceston's past.

Tour at 7:30pm \$25 per head

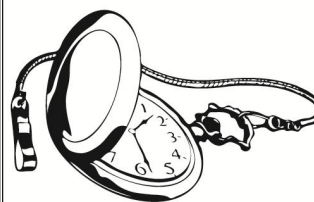
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How's Your Medicine Drawer? by Dr. Don



Hopefully it is out of reach of your children and grand children.

This is a good time of the year to empty it out and check what you have.

Drugs you now no longer use or need should be returned to your pharmacist .

Drugs you use infrequently e.g. anti - allergy tablets and epipens, anti-angina pills and sprays, spare antibiotics. Check their use by date and replace if necessary.

Whilst on about antibiotics, if you or some one in the house suffers recurrent infections, it is prudent to carry a complete course of the antibiotics so treatment can be started outside surgery/chemist hours.

Basic requirements:

- Paracetamol /nurofen in the appropriate form for all members of the house hold. Not only for pain relief but control of fever and symptoms associated with many viral illnesses (pain, cough , rigors etc.)
- Mylanta or similar ant acid, preferable liquid form not only for the obvious indigestion but a good tool to decide on management of chest pain. If Mylanta does not relieve the chest discomfort in say 10 minutes, it is not indigestion. Seek medical advice.
- Dressings/ antiseptic solution

- A variety of sized band aides
- several unwrapped crepe bandages,(for sprains, holding dressings in place and applying pressure in the case of a bleeding wound or snake bite,)
- Some sterile pads, although folded tissues work well and either Savlon or Betadine solution.



Fire News From the Tasmania Fire Service

Good habits for heating Installation

- Have your heater installed to Australian Standards specifications by a professional installer.

Portable heaters

- Always purchase a portable heater that automatically shuts out when knocked over
- Position portable heaters away from areas of heavy traffic
- Always turn off your heater when going to bed or leaving the house

Chimneys and flues

- Have your flue installed professionally
- Clean your chimney or flue regularly
- Insulate the flue from roofing timbers and wall panelling

Open Fireplaces

- Place a metal mesh guard in front of open fires to protect against flying sparks and embers
- Unless well-guarded, extinguish the fire completely before leaving the house or retiring for the night
- Guards help protect children from burn injuries

Other fire safety tips

Barbecues

- Never use petrol or kerosene to start your barbecue - as well as being

extremely dangerous, children may be encouraged to copy your actions.

- Keep all flammable liquids away from your barbecue

Flammable liquids

- Store flammable liquids such as petrol, kerosene, methylated spirits, paints and solvents well away from heat sources such as barbecues .

From <http://www.fire.tas.gov.au>



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The Windermere GP
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Get Connected, the community interest group that conducted the survey, emailed Michael Patterson, General Manager, Telstra Country Wide Northern Tasmania to seek clarification.

GC: "Having made this financial commitment now to upgrade the Dilston exchange, how long do you envisage our ADSL2+ service being operational, given the future de-commissioning of the copper landlines under Telstra's agreement with NBN Co. And is the future cessation of ADSL an absolute foregone conclusion?"

MP: *"Too early to tell. Your (sic) best placed to identify what Tas NBN's plans are regarding the build out of its network."*

GC: "In your media release you say, 'Telstra's networks are supported by a proven roadmap of innovation and investment. We have been able to develop this roadmap thanks to the close working relationships we have with our local communities.'

Does this suggest that Telstra took notice of the plight of Dilston/Windermere/Hillwood residents as reported by Get Connected, in deciding to prioritise the Telstra upgrade to our exchange? If this is the case, we applaud your awareness of our community concerns."

MP: *"Our teams are connected to the local communities in which we live and our business is to determine where sufficient demand is for investment. Dilston has demonstrated demand for this product."*

For a full report visit : <http://tvnbnc.wetpaint.com/>

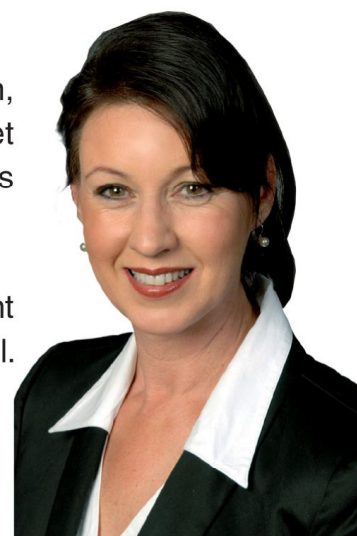
Your local residing agent...

If you are looking for a local agent that resides in Windermere Road, knows about local infrastructure and has a good sound knowledge of the Real Estate market along the East Tamar - then please call Sharon Fahey.

Mainland interest is still strong with some recent sales to these buyers. Maybe you might prefer a quiet sale where we bring along a buyer without advertising.

Alternatively if you would like a "No Sale No Charge" marketing campaign, which offers you a colour photographic signboard and global internet advertising, means that if we do not sell your property you owe us nothing!

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Birds in your GardenFlame Robin— *Petroica phoenicea*

What does it look like?

Description

Male Flame Robins have a bright orange breast and throat, and are white on the lower belly and undertail. The top of their head and back is dark slate grey and there is a clear white stripe on the folded wing. The bill is black and the legs dark brown. The female is quite different from the male, being mostly grey-brown with a pale buff wing stripe, and a mostly white outer tail feather. Young Flame Robins resemble the adult female, but the brown of the back is heavily streaked with buff and the pale belly is streaked with brown.

Similar species

The male Flame Robin may be confused with the male Scarlet Robin, *Petroica multicolor*. This species is black above and on the head, extending to the throat, with a scarlet breast and upper belly. Female and young Flame Robins can easily be confused with those of several other robin species. The main difference is that the outermost tail feather is white, and the next one has only a white edging.

Where does it live?

Distribution

Flame Robins are found in a broad coastal band around the south-east corner of the Australian mainland, from southern Queensland to just west of the South Australian border. The species is also found in Tasmania.

Habitat

Flame Robins prefer forests and woodlands up to about 1800 m above sea level.

Seasonal movements

In winter, Flame Robins may move to lower and more open areas, including gardens, and some Tasmanian birds move to the mainland.

What does it do?

Feeding

Flame Robins feed on insects, spiders and other small arthropods. Birds take prey from the ground, pouncing on it from exposed lookouts, then return to a perch to eat. Outside of the breeding season, Flame Robins often forage in scattered flocks, but are otherwise seen alone.

Breeding

The Flame Robin may lay up to two clutches during breeding season. The eggs are pale green or blue eggs, spotted with brown marks. These marks are mostly at the larger end. The nest is built by the female, and is a grass and bark cup, bound with spider web and decorated with lichen. It is normally placed in a cavity in a tree or rock face, or other similar area up to 20 m above the ground. The female also incubates the eggs, while the male supplies her with food. Both sexes feed the young chicks.

From:

<http://birdsinyard.net/species/Petroica-phoenicea>

This is a great site for all Australian birds.



Above: Male Flame Robin (note white forehead and white wing stripe. Photo :Jon Hosford

Below : Female Flame Robin. Photo: David Cook



Flame Robins and Scarlet Robins are often seen in gardens and open woodland in Tasmania. They predominantly feed on insects amongst leaf litter and can be seen perching on fences and posts where they obtain a good vantage point for hunting.

Jon Hosford

Community News

Thank you

St Matthias Harvest Festival
Fundraiser

Thankyou to everyone who donated to and supported our recent fundraiser.

1st Prize Tegan (Newnham)

2nd Prize Fiona (Windermere)

3rd Prize Bev (Dilston)

Total raised \$695

House Sitting Position Wanted

We are a retired, fit, non-smoking couple (ex teacher and policeman) with experience in house sitting looking to care for a house and pets over the summer period. The owners of our last house sit at Hillwood in January will be happy to provide a reference. We have our own transport and can take a dog to a park if required, otherwise take them for walks locally. We are exceptionally clean and tidy, can cater for most emergencies and are experienced gardeners. We run a gardening and odd job service to a regular clientele during winter. We would undertake to be available for you at least a week before your departure and we can chat by phone or Skype before then so call us on **0439946351**.

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Bookings are essential to ensure your reservation.

Saturday June 18th
Pizza Evening.

Pizza + glass of wine
\$25 per head

Saturday July 16th
Australian Trivia

Get a team together and
book for a reservation
with Kerry or

Marie



The Wine Doctor of Windermere..... Down Memory Lane

From:

Wine and Health Through The Ages with Special Reference to Australia by Dr Philip Norrie MBBS (NSW), MSc (Sydney). MSocSc(Hons)(CSU), FPA Cert, FIBA

A Thesis submitted in fulfilment of the requirements for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, School of Social Ecology and Lifelong Learning University of Western Sydney 2005. pp 298-300



DR GAUNT

After Dr Gaunt graduated in medicine, he spent some time in South America before returning to practise in London. Because of his dislike for the English climate, Dr Matthias Gaunt sailed from London on the 28th August 1839 for Tasmania (then known as Van Diemen's Land) with his wife Frances and 5 sons on the 342 ton ship "Eliza" arriving in Hobart Town on the 2nd May

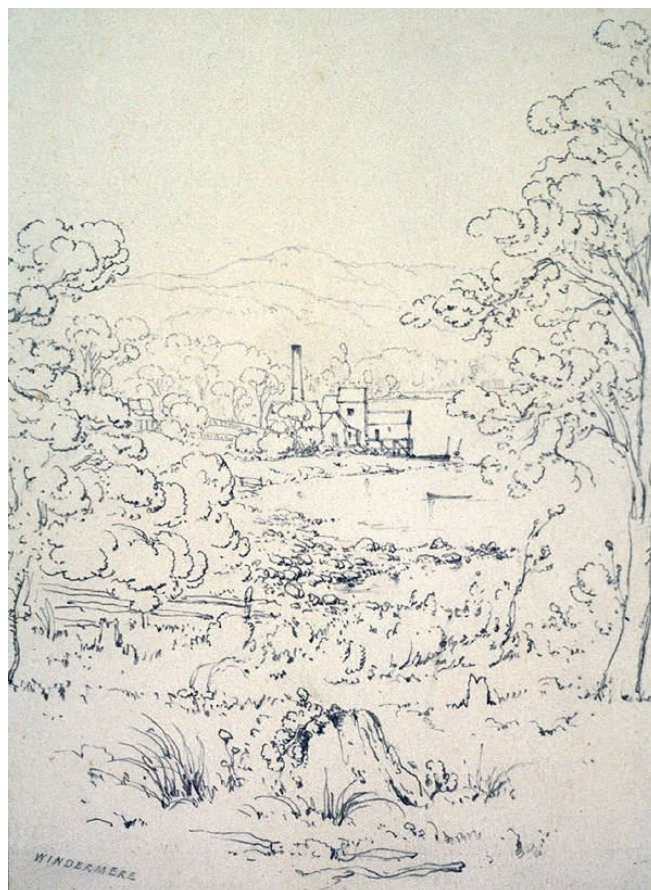
1841. He received a grant of 2560 acres of land on the east bank of the Tamar River. Later he received a further grant of 1280 acres and called the property "Windermere". In his application for a land grant dated 4th May 1831, Dr Gaunt stated that he was 36 years old from Yorkshire and had capital of 2,313 pounds 19 shillings and 1 penny.

Before leaving England, Dr Gaunt had promised his wife that if there was no church near their new home he would build one.. Consequently Dr Gaunt gave the land and paid the balance necessary for the construction of St. Matthias' Church of England at Windermere. Other funds included 60 pounds from local subscriptions and 40 pounds from the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge. Building began in 1842 and completed in 1843, with the Archdeacon of Launceston, the Rev. W M Browne conducting the opening service in November 1843. Dr Gaunt was appointed the Chaplain's Churchwarden. As another display of his Christian background, Dr Gaunt was a staunch opponent of the transportation of convicts to Tasmania. He petitioned the governor and high officials, he aided various religious bodies, who were opposed to the moral pollution of transportation and supported the Anti-transportation League. Dr Gaunt was also a member of the standing committee of Church of England schools in Launceston.

Windermere was Dr Gaunt's main interest. Here he built the Union Steam Saw Mills by 1839. This was converted to a flour mill in 1844. His other main interest at Windermere was his vineyard. To quote from Dr Gaunt's obituary, which appeared in The Launceston Examiner on the 12th May 1874.."Thirty years ago he commenced

the cultivation of grapes and from his vineyard some very superior wine is annually produced."

His flour was well known and won a first prize at the Great Exhibition held in London in 1851. By 1853, Dr Gaunt transferred the Windermere property to his sons and moved to Launceston " where he entered the flour and grain trade". Here he owned The Union



Flour Mills. During his years in Launceston, Dr Gaunt was a director of the Commercial Bank in Launceston, a Director of the Cornwall Fire and Marine Insurance Company, a Warden of the Marine Board and on the committee of Christ College. On 10th of May 1874, in his 80th year, Dr. Gaunt died in Launceston and was survived by his widow, five sons and three daughters.

The pen and ink drawing above is attributed to Francis Russell Nixon, first Bishop of Tasmania. It was obviously drawn from a position within the Church grounds looking over the bay to the flour mill which was situated at Mill Point where "The Manor" now stands. The original is part of a collection housed in the Alport Library and Museum of Fine Arts, State Library of Tasmania.

ST MATTHIAS WINDERMERE



HOLY TRINITY LAUNCESTON

Sunday 12 June

10:30 am Eucharist Service

Sunday 26 June

10:30 am Eucharist Service

Sunday 10 July

10:30 am Eucharist Service

Sunday 24 July

10:30 am Eucharist Service

With tea/coffee, biscuits and Conversation
after each service

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

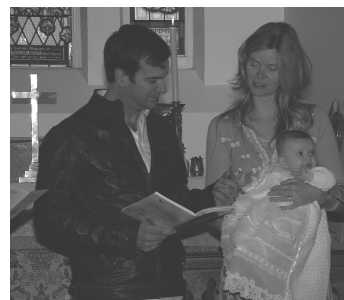
holytrinitylaunceston.org

WHAT IS BUZZING AT ST MATTHIAS' ?? A LOT !!

If you have either walked or driven past St Matthias' in the past few weeks you would have noticed and heard

LOTS OF BABIES AND CARS

At the Eucharist Service on Sunday 22 May thirty-five people attended the beautiful baptism of Scarlet Jones. Her very proud parents are Naomi and Scott Jones who live in Melbourne. And very proud Grandparents, Leoni and Adrian McKercher of Dilston.



TREE BRANCHES ON THE GROUND: CHERRY PICKER AND PEOPLE IN THE TREES

The old trees around St Matthias' have largely been ignored and not cared for in years. It had become quite dangerous to stand beneath them. After much consideration and discussion (and several quotes), the Parish Council of Holy Trinity made the decision that extensive cutting back/pruning of most of the trees could not be avoided. Four large dead trees have been cut down.

We accepted the quote of Certified Arborist, Frank Rosol, of Australian Tree Care – TAS. He and his men have been hard at work Wednesday 25 May till Friday taking care of the trees on the east and south sides of the church. We are leaving the slope down to the river as is as we may need a geological survey of that part of the church grounds. In the spring we will need a working bee from the community to finish off the elm suckers. They can't be poisoned now as they are dormant.

PEOPLE ROAMING AROUND 'MEASURING' EVERYTHING'

As most of you would know St Matthias' is now over 170 years old and has had 2 extensive renovations in the past.

The Parish Council looked at the possibility of a Restoration Appeal for both Holy Trinity and St Matthias'. The Anglican Parish of Holy Trinity Launceston has launched a **tax deductible conservation appeal** for both churches under the auspices of the National Trust of Australia (Tasmania). This appeal is to ensure that the most important heritage values of **both** churches are preserved for future generations.

The congregations of both Holy Trinity and St Matthias' have received brochures in the mail which explain the required conservation of both churches. If anyone in the community would like a copy of this brochure please feel free to contact Sue Speed on 6328 1209.

The Parish Council have initiated a Conservation Management Plan for St Matthias' and the successful applicant was CDA Architects of Hobart. The work is being undertaken by Peter Cripps, acting as the project conservation Architect assisted by Ann Cripps, historical researcher and garden history consultant. They have been most active on Wednesday 25 May till Friday researching the history of St Matthias' and inspection of the building itself and surrounding grounds, assisted by Edith Williams, Sue Speed and Grahame Foster.