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East Tamar Newsletter

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Hillwood Commemorates ANZAC Centenary

A crowd of 140 gathered in the dark before dawn to remember. They came from Hillwood, Windermere, Dilston, Launceston, Georgetown, Hobart and beyond with one purpose: to share memories and to pay respect to those brave souls departed who had died on the far-flung battlefields of the world. In particular they remembered the disaster that was the Gallipoli campaign of 1915-16, where 10,000 Australian and New Zealand young men died in the name of King and Country. In that clear, eerie dawn, we paused to

Hillwood resident Dorian Airey, a College student, presented a memento at the foot of the flagpole: a lovingly carved replica of an Australian Army slouch hat.

Padre of the day, The Reverend Ian Wheeler, led us in prayers of remembrance and the Last Post sounded in the eerie light of an Australian late autumn morning.

Hillwood RSL knows well how to entertain on this occasion, we were

"It was not until Australia as a nation committed to such an enormous sacrifice demanded by circumstances of World War 1 by the nation's loyalty to the mother country that perhaps our sacrifices were fully understood, acknowledged, respected and commemorated."

*Squadron Leader Philip Keays.
Royal Australian Airforce.*

invited to join residents at breakfast in their Recreation Centre. A hearty breakfast of eggs, bacon, sausages, beans and coffee was professionally served by members of the Hillwood community.

remember, to recount with respect and gratitude, the gift of freedom they have given us.

The service was addressed by Squadron Leader Philip Keays who recounted the foymers of war in which Australians had been involved since we became a nation in 1901.

His address was punctuated at dawn by a cacophony of Kookaburras in the eucalypts across the road. It brought home the reality of our natural surroundings and the legacy we have inherited from the sacrifice of so many.



Dorian Airey with the slouch hat he carved from Tasmanian timber. More photos p.10.

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Landscape management in the Tamar Valley, meeting of May 14.

An attendance of 30 people and the lively level of discussion manifest considerable care for our local landscape, in particular the impact of die-back in Eucalypts.

We were led by Ms Alison Hugo from NRM North who presented an array of helpful literature and introduced Dr. Tanya Bailey, Restoration ecologist with Greening Australia.

The meeting learned that the death of 'White Gums', *Euc. Viminalis*, is an outcome of an extended period of warm days in excess of 30°, with only one or two days more than the normal summer event of just 2 or 3 such days being sufficient to 'suck the tree dry' and force gum into the outer zone where sap normally flows.

Manifestation of this called 'ginger syndrome' is very much in evidence in this valley. Subsequently the tree ring-barks itself. Mr Lindsay Miller contributed with photographs and accounts of his observations. Climate change is with us and impacting our environment. Those who enjoy the delightful song of the pardalote may be sad if, when all the White Gum are gone, so are the pardalote.

The meeting expressed an interest to meet again with a view to exploring how we may be able to meet the challenge to adapt to these changes. Also the possibility of community involvement in the Native Point Reserve was mooted & some interest expressed.

Accordingly a follow-up public meeting will be held **at the Dilston Hall at 6.30 pm on**

Thurs, July 2. All are welcome.

Ginger Syndrome in Eucalypts

The syndrome blamed for causing eucalypt deterioration in the Tamar valley, Ginger syndrome, is being studied by Forestry Tasmania. In recently felled trees Forestry Tas has observed a relationship between record sustained hot temperatures and sap oozing from the bark.

Principal scientist ecosystems services with forestry Tasmania, Dr Tim Wardlaw said heat stress is the cause in blue gum (*Eucalytus Globulus*). "The reason we call it 'ginger tree' is the staining on the stem caused by gum bleeding out of large pockets of gum underneath the bark", Dr Wardlaw said.

"When we looked closely at those pockets we found they were formed in the growth ring of the 2012 and '13 growing season.

The heatwave in early March was more pronounced in the north of the State. Temperatures in Launceston were above 30 degrees for eight consecutive days, and that was double the previous average."

In extreme heat weather events, trees lose water rapidly through their leaves. It is thought that this causes the tissue between the bark and the stem to shrink. The injury response from the tree is the production of gum veins and bleeding from the tree.

In response, the trees are often attacked by insects and pests that normally wouldn't affect healthy trees.

"We are seeing some trees dying

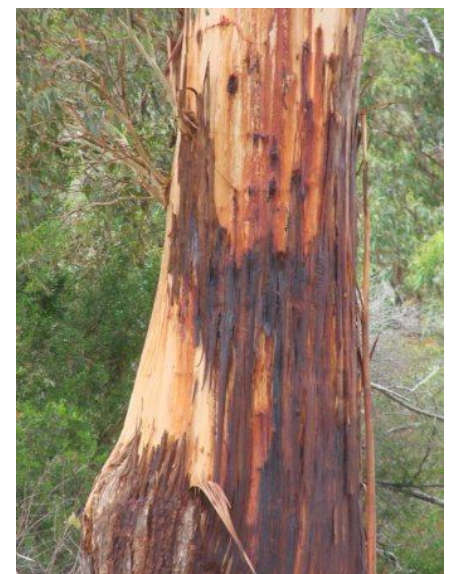
from wood-boring insects particularly, that have attacked the trees", Dr Wardlaw said.

"The syndrome is not caused by insect attack and has nothing to do with fungal disease such as myrtle rust and *Phytophera*."

Forestry Tasmania is hoping that by tracking the genetic derivation of infected trees they can determine which trees are more resistant to the syndrome and use seed from these trees to propagate seed for future planting.

"Clearly we can't do that in native forests but nature tends to have its own way of dealing with things like that— survival of the fittest to reproduce."

Local landholders are encouraged to attend the next public meeting on the topic advertised on this page.



One of thousands of ginger syndrome affected eucalypts in northern Tasmania with sap-stained trunks.

Your Health.... KIDNEY DISEASE

by Dr. Heidi Dreiling



Kidney disease kills more Australians each year than breast cancer, prostate cancer and motor vehicle accidents.

The kidney is made up of millions of tiny blood filters called nephrons. When these are damaged the kidney cannot filter blood and kidney disease occurs.

90% of kidney function can be lost before you feel sick. You can get breathless, tired, and puffy and often have to run to the toilet at night.

There is no cure for kidney failure – if they stop working completely you may require dialysis or a kidney transplant.

Early detection can help

If kidney disease is found early, medication, dietary and lifestyle changes can increase the life of your kidneys. A blood test is all that is needed to check for kidney disease so it is something that may be worthwhile considering if you have these symptoms or if you are having a check-up.

Council News

Lisa Brady

The work on the shared pedestrian way along John Lees Drive (North of Peddie Drive to just south of Dilston Road) is scheduled to start in July and will go for approximately 5 weeks. The contractor is Crossroads Civil Contracting. There is no scheduled major traffic disruption, but there will be obvious signs of work in progress and a lowered speed limit in the work area. As part of this project driveways will also be resurfaced but this will not restrict your access as the contractor is happy to work around your comings and goings.

Windermere Road Bridge (North)

The bridge work is all finished and we in the Projects Department would like to say thank you to everyone for working in with us!



Windermere Road Works Slow .

Since residents of Windermere Road took issue with Pedestrian safety provisions in Windermere Road, Council has provided centre line marking to the boat ramp area. The editor has been

informed that it is Council's intention to continue this marking to the end of the bitumen seal. Works await the availability of line marking equipment and at time of publication, there was

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The line marking has improved driver awareness of vehicle position on the narrow road and is of benefit to pedestrians.

Road repair to several sections that have severe longitudinal cracking was also undertaken in April.

In December 2014, Council conducted a survey of Windermere Rd residents to ascertain perceived pedestrian safety issues. There has been no feedback from this survey to date, and the 2015 Council Budget did not include any specific allocation of funds for such safety improvements.

Representation to Councillors by concerned residents needs to be undertaken on this issue.

Community Centre News

Dilston Playgroup

As the cooler and frostier mornings are becoming more frequent at the Dilston Playgroup indoor activities such as creating music, sock puppets and pasta jewellery have been a hit. However, the wintry weather has not stopped the children enjoying the outdoor play area. Over the next couple of months we are looking forward to a baking day, obstacle course, more craft and sing-a-longs.

We would love to see some new families join in on the fun! Dilston Playgroup would like to thank Jennie for kindly donating a music CD, and Caz for the story books. The children will enjoy them immensely. The Playgroup meets at the Dilston Hall Tuesday 10am-12noon. Session cost is \$2 plus a piece of fruit to share. All welcome! -Sarah & Ange 0415 137 523 (for any more info).



Love our creative music!



It's finally official!

After what seemed like a never ending wait, we finally have a shed we can call home. Through the support of The Tasmania Fire Service and The Launceston City Council, The East Tamar Men's Shed has taken over the old fire station at the Community Centre.

With 20 members on our books and excellent plans for a safe shed layout with storage and designated work areas for wood working, welding and craft activities, the group is currently setting up for operations to commence in the near future.

One project, in support of Bunnings Warehouse interaction with home-schooled children and a Boy Scouts group has already been undertaken.

40 construction kits for Pardalote nesting boxes were constructed by a group of members were made for assembly by the students.

An Official Opening for the Shed will

be organised for **Saturday August 29th**. Precise details and invitations will be advised when details are planned further.

The Shed is awaiting the outcome of a grant submission for woodworking machinery through The Tasmanian Men's Shed Association to The Tasmanian Community Fund.

The Shed is open for activities each Saturday morning 10-12.

Other times will be added in the future.



Joe Mennen prepares a radial arm saw watched by President Jeff Wynne.

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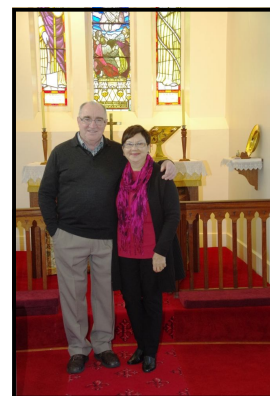
SUNDAY 31 MAY - 1975/2015

Why are these dates very special ???

Because Steve and June Watts were married at St Matthias on **31 May 1975!!**

And they and their lovely family celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary at St Matthias last Sunday, 31 May 2015.

I felt incredibly lucky to witness the celebration of this family. The entire family (excepting a daughter and son-in-law who live in WA with 3 children) were all gathered together—all with beautiful smiles on their faces. Would you like to meet them?



Steve and June



Melanie Stone, Steve, June and grand-daughter Lucy Stone, Lisa Watts and Tahlia



LOVELY AND EXUBERANT
LUCY ringing the church bell
for her grandparent's,
Steve and June, on their
40th Wedding Anniversary.

Gavin Stone is not pictured as he and I were VERY BUSY snapping photos and having a GREAT time laughing with everyone!!

CITY OF LAUNCESTON 2015 Heritage Awards (Garden & Landscape)

Thanks to the hard work of participants from the local community and friends in continuing Working Bees at St Matthias over the last few years, we have been awarded the Garden & Landscape award of \$1,000. This is St Matthias' **second Heritage award** within 6 years (the first being for a new roof and renovations on the Bell Tower).

This current award is due, **in no small part**, to the hard work of Margaret Hosford in submitting the grant application to the City Council. The Community of Windermere would be very proud of the local efforts and donations to keep this Heritage Icon of Tasmania safe.



ST MATTHIAS' SERVICES

Sunday 14th June

10:30 am Eucharist Service

Sunday 28th June

10:30 am Eucharist Service

Sunday 12th July

10:30 am Eucharist Service and Baptism

Sunday 26th July

10:30 am Eucharist Service

**We encourage the community to
enjoy the church grounds.**

HOLY TRINITY SERVICES

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8:30 am Eucharist Service

10:30 am Sung Eucharist

5:30 pm Choral Evensong (1st Sunday)

Growing in Faith Together (2nd Sunday)

Taize Service (3rd Sunday)

Prayer at the end of the day (4th Sunday)

For information on Weekly Eucharists

Go to Holy Trinity's website

holytrinitylaunceston.org

Gardening

June and July are usually the coolest months in a Tasmanian Garden. Frosty mornings and days of 8-12 degrees Celsius make everything grow very slowly.

It is a time to plant green manure crops to replenish the humus in the soil in preparation for the Spring ahead.

Rhubarb

Rhubarb bears reasonably well at this time of the year, and at a time when there is not much fresh fruit available, so good use can be made of stewed rhubarb for breakfasts. Some varieties of rhubarb die down in the winter, so ask before you transplant crowns into your garden.

It is a good time of the year to prune and spray fruit trees. Do not prune apricots heavily at this time of the year. They are better pruned after you have removed the Summer crop so they have time to grow fruit buds for the following season in the late summer and autumn before dormancy.

Fruit Trees

Spray fruit trees with winter oil to kill overwintering insect pests and their eggs. Bordeaux mixture can be used on fruit trees to protect against fungal diseases.

Curly Leaf on peaches and nectarines must be treated with Bordeaux or lime sulphur before pink bud stage (about the middle of August).

Winter spinach

English Spinach is a very natural crop for cool climate gardens.

It produces abundantly throughout the year if you sow the correct variety and feed it well with extra blood & bone for nitrogen.

Spinach is low in saturated fat and cholesterol. It is an excellent source of Niacin and Zinc, and a very good source of Dietary fibre, Protein, Vitamin A, Vitamin C, Vitamin E, Vitamin K, Thiamine, Riboflavin, Vitamin B6, Folate, Calcium, Iron, Magnesium, Phosphorus, Potassium, Copper and Manganese.

Spinach is most tolerant of cold weather so may be sown in late June and throughout July.

Many of the punnets of seedlings sold by nurseries run to seed in the warmer weather.

Prepare the bed with 250 gms of Dynamic Lifter per square metre. Sow the seeds in shallow furrows about 1 cm deep.

Thin out to 30 cm spacings as the seedlings emerge and start to put on size.

You can start to pick the leaves regularly as soon as they are large enough to eat. 10 plants will be adequate to feed a family of 4.

Lettuce

Lettuce can be successfully grown all



the year in a cool climate proving that you choose the right varieties and use cloches in the winter to keep the lettuce growing strongly.

Lettuce must be grown quickly to develop the best taste.

Cloches can be made from wire netting or plastic gutter guard and covered



with plastic. This raises the temperature within the cloche by at least 4 degrees, which is enough to

keep the loose leaf varieties growing strongly.

Salad Onions

Salad onions such as the mild flavoured Red Odourless Onion are great for summer salads.

I usually buy seedlings after the month of July and transplant them into a bed that has been finely worked and fertilised with 250 gms of Dynamic Lifter + a handful of Agricultural Lime per square metre.

By digging shallow trenches you can lay the onions bulb in the trench and backfill easily with your fingers. Spacing should be 10cm x 10cm to allow the onions to fill out properly when they bulb.

Water the seedlings in well and regularly fertilise with liquid fertiliser during the vegetative growth stage.

Onions rely on a strong vegetative growth stage and then store the food from this in their bulbs, before throwing up a seed head in the next season. Keep the bed well weeded as onions do not like competition.

When you notice the onions are bulbing, stop the water to the plants if you can, and allow the tops to die down and fall over.

You can then pull the onions and lay them on top of the bed until they have completely dried on top.

This way they should store well until the late winter.

Plait the onions and hang in a cool dry place for storage.



SAD NEWS: The young people of our district in particular will be sad to learn of the death of John Bigham. John and his wife Barbara who lived until recently at Mt Direction ran the local Kids Club in the Hillwood Hall with the assistance of their daughter and son-in-law Sue and Nick Gillman.

We were also sad to hear of the death of former resident Gerry Seymour. Gerry held the office of Treasurer of the Hillwood Football Club when his boys were playing for Hillwood and the Club sends their commiserations to Gerry's family.

Commiserations also to Dot Poole, the Football Club's Bar Lady who is mourning the sad loss of her mother.

HAPPY NEWS: We are happy to welcome twin daughters to Kendall and Alistair King. Charli and Elise.

TOILETS AT HILLWOOD. Very pleasing to see the upgrade and no smell!

DEFIBRILLATOR: This has now been purchased and delivered to the Hillwood Fire Station. The balance of the funds were raised through a raffle which was drawn at the Anzac Day Breakfast. There were some funds over which have been supplemented by funds raised at the Breakfast with which Child Pads will be purchased.

ANZAC DAY: An interesting morning which was followed by a Breakfast enjoyed by 130 guests. Funds were raised towards next year's Breakfast and the balance of total funds raised, after purchase of the Child Pads for the Defibrillator are being donated to Legacy. Thank you to all who donated items for the ever popular Auction which raised \$395.00 and also for other funds and items donated for the raffle for the Defibrillator.

You may have noticed tentative markings at the junction of Leam and Hillwood Jetty Roads adjacent to the Hillwood Coffee Shop. There has been concern about this junction for some time and Council is investigating the best method to achieve safety here.

PROPOSED DANCE: There has been a proposal to hold a formal dance in the Hillwood Hall possibly in July if Hillwood and surrounding community are interested.

George Town Council held a successful community forum regarding the Strategic Plan in the Hillwood Hall, reasonably well attended. Good to see a few new faces. Some of the issues raised were items the Progress Association is working on including Foreshore Walkway, All Tide Boat Ramp, and signage.



Above: Rev. Ian Wheeler, Jeff Connelly & Guest Speaker, Squadron Leader Philip Keays

Below: ANZAC Centenary wreath.



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Birds of The Tamar..... Jon Hosford

Flame 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://birdsinyourbackyards.net/species/Petroica-phoenicea>



Above: Male
Flame Robin
Right: Female



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This is a significant positive factor to the Real Estate economy which has been in a steady decline since this time, with only marginal increases in the warmer months.

The trend shows that winter is usually slower than Summer, but now as we are heading into the winter months, things may be different.

According to an Independent Mortgage website, the interest rates are the lowest level since their inception in the late 1960's.

Chief economist with CommSec stated that "This is the best borrowing conditions we have ever seen."

The government is still providing new home grants, interest rates are extremely attractive

and vendors are getting the best price since 2010.

So it seems that the conditions for a favourable market are now at hand. Both buyers and sellers are more positive.

I had a buyer through a property in South Launceston recently who said that the repayments for the house in the low \$200'Ks were lower than the rent he is paying, so he is definitely in the market to buy.

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