



Smoke Signals

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BEWARE OF THIEVES IN OUR DISTRICT

A recent notice at Windermere speaks for itself. Thieves have been active in the district during September and October. In early September the memorial Hall and the Men's shed was forcibly entered. Fortunately not a lot was stolen other than a planned meal for Shed members for their AGM. The thief/thieves must have had a conscience as they left 1 packet of hamburgers and 1 of sausages in the fridge. A very small amount of cash and a Bunnings voucher was also taken. In early October a number of properties in Windermere

Road suffered loss of cash left in open cars. Windermere Woodcraft had left a door on its showroom partly snibbed and a handcrafted box was taken.

Only today I have had the pleasing news that police have apprehended a young person who has committed similar felonies on the other side of the Tamar. Most of the stolen property other than cash has been recovered.

A timely warning for us all ! Ensure you lock your car and all doors to prevent intruders.

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GARDENING NOTES & NEWS

Garden Club News

Contact Kerri Curtis for further details
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In August, Garden Club visited the Annual Art Exhibition of The Launceston Art Society at Holy Trinity Church.

Unfortunately the September meeting was cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.

Upcoming meetings:

October: Friday 13th - 12pm
Kerri Curtis & Greg Mitchell - Bring a contribution for lunch to share

November: Friday 10th - 12pm
Trixie & John Gillard - Windermere Rd

December: Friday 8th - 12pm
Anna & Jonathan Waterhouse

The members of Garden Club wish to thank our retiring co-ordinator Ros Ryan for her great service to the Club over the past 9 years.



Garden Club Members visit the Art Exhibition



Goodenia elongata

Wiry Goodenia
Green Apple Berry



Clematis aristata

Clematis
White Flag Iris



Billardiera mutabilis



Diplarena moraea

Wildflowers of Windermere

We all know the wildflowers of WA are noted for their spectacular springtime displays. Very few are probably aware of the wildflowers that appear in our own locality. Tasmania offers a wide diversity of native flora including many species that are endemic to Tasmania.

In a year such as 2016, after our higher than average winter rainfall, we noticed many varieties of native flora have flourished on the verges of our rural roads.

A walk along the unsealed section of Windermere Road in early November will be rewarded through careful observation of several species in full flower. Some are shown here. Other examples can be seen on our website. If you find others that not listed, please send us a photo so we can share your find.

Tomatoes are Heat Lovers

For best results in Tasmanian conditions, they need special attention when they are young.

When buying plants from the nursery, do not be tempted to put them in the ground too early. Tomatoes are heat lovers and they will be set back severely if the soil is cold and we get much wind. The 1st week of November is usually ideal.

To protect them from wind and to give them a warmer start, a cloche made from gutter-guard or chicken wire covered with plastic is ideal.



Plastic cloches for heat retention

The plants should fill the cloche by late November and you should have ripe tomatoes by mid-late January provided we do not get an abnormally cool year.

Commercially tomatoes are grown on string suspended from a wire in a hot house. The growing plant is trained around the string as it grows and the laterals are religiously pinched out when they form.

A healthy tomato plant will set 5-8 trusses of tomatoes on a stake so you should have no worries about pinching out the laterals. This keeps the plants open and prevents fungal diseases from becoming established.

Tomatoes must have consistent watering for their uptake of calcium to set a firm skin. If this does not occur they are prone to a condition known as "Blossom End Rot".

This is a deficiency in calcium, not in the soil necessarily but usually in the plant's uptake due to inconsistent watering.



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SERVICE TIMES AT ST MATTHIAS HAVE CHANGED

The Services are still on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month but the **Starting Time** of the Services has been changed from **10:30 AM** to **9:00 AM**.

Our new Rector, Dane Courtney, would like to lead more services at St Matthias and therein lies the problem as it would be difficult for him to be in two places at the same time. The Sunday services at Holy Trinity in town are at 8:30 am and 10:30 am.

A few parishioners have jokingly said they might show up in their pyjamas



St. Matthias' Church Community Working Bee **Saturday October 21st 2017**

There will be a working bee for the grounds of St Matthias' Church Windermere and the adjacent graveyard to be held on Saturday October 21st from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Your assistance for any period during these hours would be greatly appreciated.

The works to be undertaken are numerous depending on attendance, the weather and other factors beyond our control.

Suggested tasks to be undertaken:

- Slash Winter and Spring Grass growth around the southern boundary fence adjacent to the river.
- Burn timber accumulated in the burning pile. Gravesite weeding and removal of moss where appropriate.
- Karcher cleaning of the columbarium wall. Provision and catering for worker's sustenance
- Any equipment you have and can operate or are happy to allow others to use would be appreciated.
- Chainsaws, Brush cutters, spraying equipment grass rakes.
- You should bring a pair of gardening gloves for these tasks.
- Safety equipment for brush cutters and chainsaws should be worn if you are operating these. Be sure you shall not be asked to operate equipment you are unfamiliar with nor undertake tasks you are uncomfortable with.

Anyone able to assist, please contact Jon Hosford 0419 317 808 to maximise planning and use of your time.

HOLY TRINITY SERVICES

*(For information on Services
Go to the website
holytrinitylaunceston.org*

ST MATTHIAS' SERVICES

Sunday 8 October

**9:00 am Eucharist Service and Baptism of
Wendy and Peter Doyle's great grand-daughter !!**

Sunday 22 October

9:00 am Eucharist Service

Sunday 12 November

9:00 am Eucharist Service

Sunday 26 November

9:00 am Eucharist Service

EAST TAMAR MEN'S SHED

We have finally managed to get our Building Permit after a technicality in the National Building guidelines forced us to re-design and, of course, recommence the planning process.

Preparation of the site will commence this weekend. We are most grateful to the generosity of Gary and Rebecca Broad of Broady's Bobcat who have offered to donate their time to prepare the site for us in readiness for the slab pouring.

Over August, we completed the seats and tables at the Windermere Corner Café. This was a joint project funded by Smoke Signals, which indirectly comes from advertising charges of local businesses.

Tables and seats have been replaced with stronger timber. It is our plan to install a Community Notice Board in this area for information on local businesses.



Pardalote Nesting Boxes

One of our little local residents is the Pardolote.

It is a very small bird that lives and feeds on the insects (lerps) of the eucalypt. They nest between June and March in a hollow formed by digging at the end of a narrow entrance tunnel. They are known to seek roof cavities if a suitable non-threatening entrance is available.

They will use artificial nest boxes and ETMS has a number of these available for sale to the public @\$20 each. They can be attached to the side of a building under eaves or on a suitable tree at a height of about 5 metres.

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Tasmania Fire Service

Dilston Fire Brigade



Spring Fuel Reduction

In coming weeks there are a number of fuel reduction burns planned by the Tasmania Fire Service in and around the Tamar Valley. These burns are all part of the ongoing initiative to decrease the level of vegetation around key areas of the community, hopefully resulting in fires of lower intensity, and ones easier to manage.

There will be significant levels of smoke in the air so don't be too alarmed and check the TFS website and facebook page for the latest fuel reduction activities.

Protecting Your Properties

You can all play a part in the preparations for the forthcoming fire season by preparing your properties. This will aid you should your property be impacted by fire and where you choose to stay and defend.

Most people who die in bushfires are caught in the open, either in their car or on foot, because they've left their property too late,

when the fire is approaching. If you are unsure about defending your property, you should prepare a Leave Early Plan as well.

Can We Fit?

Please see over leaf for an indication of the level of clearance needed should emergency services need to access your property

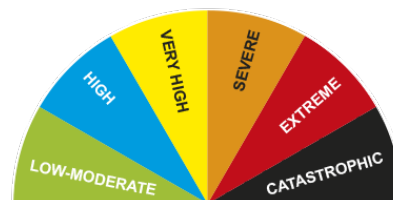
New Members Needed

As noted previously we are in need of at least 2 new members, preferably more, in order to ensure increased sharing of the load. Whilst not wanting to single any demograph out, as we are open to all, we are in particular in need of community members that are able bodied and able to respond during the day, during the week. We provide all the training, including licencing to drive the Heavy Tanker Appliance, and you are part of a dynamic and cohesive team! We like to think we are warm and welcoming and would love to see new members join our ranks. Contact one of the officers

below if you would like to come along and see what we are all about!!



Fire fighters Ben and Adam training for zero visibility!



www.facebook.com/DilstonFireBrigade
www.facebook.com/TasmaniaFireService

Brigade Contacts

Raoul Stow	0417 351 423
Jason Hingston	0439 771 156
Jamie Smith	0458 515 386
Tom Hudson	0427 378 908



As we move towards a new fire season, it's a good time to be thinking about access to your property in the event that an emergency service vehicle needs to gain access. We respond not only to fires, but also to medical emergencies in support of Ambulance Tasmania. So please take the time to access your driveways and don't hesitate to contact us for advice. We are only happy to help! Please note these measurements are "absolute minimums", and we recommend increase clearance for best access.

Are **YOU** bushfire ready? **PREPARE • ACT • SURVIVE**

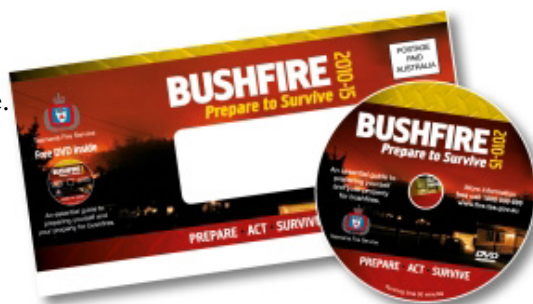
This Tasmania Fire Service (TFS) DVD provides information to guide you through the steps you should take to prepare your home, yourself and your family against bushfires.

It answers important questions about what it's like in a bushfire, why houses burn down and why people die. It also provides information and advice about whether to leave early, well before a bushfire arrives, or to stay and defend your well prepared property.

The TFS message is a simple one – fewer lives and homes would be lost if property owners planned and prepared for bushfires.

Please take the time to watch segments of this DVD listed below – the information may not only save your property, it could also save your life and the lives of your family.

To order your free copy of the DVD, visit the TFS website, or contact one of the Brigade Members.



SAD NEWS:

ACKROYD, Peter died in September. Peter came to live in Hillwood at age fifteen. He worked in Bob Miller's sawmill and then in the orchard doing the ploughing. (Bob Miller was the original owner of G C Miller & Sons). Peter was the oldest of four members of the Ackroyd family who grew up in Hillwood. His youngest sister, Lyn Glover was the only member of the Ackroyd family still living in Hillwood until she and her husband Terry recently moved away, but members of Lyn and Terry's family still live in Hillwood and Mt Direction. Our sympathy to them all.

WALKER, Gordon died recently. Gordon and his wife Audrey raised their family of five in Hillwood. Gordon and Audrey lived here for many years and only recently relocated to Western Australia to be with family members.

WARREN, Rosie died recently. She and the late Cedric raised a family at the Glen.

ANNUAL CLEAN-UP AND BONESEED

ERADICATION: Hillwood Garden Club, HARRA and the Hillwood Progress Assn Inc. combine for this event. This is still being organised. The proposed date (not finalised - please check the Community Hub web-site) is 15th October.

CLUB NEWS:

HILLWOOD FOOTBALL: Hillwood was the only team in the NTFA 1st Division to have all three teams in the finals. They didn't win but the Club hosted the first round of the Finals. This was a first for Hillwood. It was a very successful event. A lot of work went into the preparation, including an extension to the change rooms. Thanks to George Town Council for their assistance in preparing for the big day at home. You can be proud of the Club's presentation with Clubrooms, ground and service being top-notch. It was also Hillwood's turn to hold the canteen for the NTFA Grand Final. There were 54 volunteers for that day, including players. This is a massive effort for a small country Club. Congratulations to all. The extension at the Clubrooms is an ongoing project and an essential requirement for hosting future NTFA finals. Thank you to the State Government for a Sports & Recreation Minor Grant.

HILLWOOD MINI-LEAGUE: had a successful year, winning their Grand Final.

HILLWOOD COMMUNITY GET-TOGETHER:

It was a dreadful day for our first get-together on Sunday 24th September at the Hillwood Football Clubrooms. This was aimed at keeping in touch with residents and former residents and getting to know any new residents and giving them the chance to get to know their neighbours and learn about Hillwood's past. To this end, there was a small display of items of historical interest. It was great to meet new members of our community who were very grateful for the opportunity and also for former residents, Pat and Kevin McLean to travel to Hillwood in such dreadful weather. Next event is planned for December 10th which will also be a combined Christmas Celebration with most of the Clubs in Hillwood.

Thank you to HARRA for your assistance in providing and delivering the Keep the Date Notices and advertising on the web.

TENNIS CLUB: We are still looking for interested persons to form a Tennis Club. The Hillwood Progress Association Inc holds funds for a Tennis Club. It would be great if we were able to improve the facility but need a special group to facilitate this. The Club could become a sub-committee of the Progress Association through which grants could be sourced.

Residents from Windermere, Dilston and Swan Bay are also welcome to become a part of a proposed Club. Please contact Lindsay Millar on 63 948191 or 0418 555264 or Nancy Donnelly on 63 948140 or 0431 613484 or nancydonnelly@bigpond.com

EUCHRE: It is planned to run a tournament if anyone is interested. An evening for a trial run to either brush up on your skills or learn to play will be held on Tuesday 24th October 2017 at the Hillwood Football Clubrooms from 7.00 p.m. It is really easy and a lot of fun.

HILLWOOD CLUB CONTACTS:

HILLWOOD GARDEN CLUB: Held third Monday of the month at 7.30 p.m. in the Hillwood Hall. Contact: Geraldine Goodwin 63 948267 philip_goodwin@bigpond.com philip(underscore)goodwin

HILLWOOD LADIES GROUP: Held Wednesday mornings at the Hillwood Hall from 10.a.m. to 12 noon. Contact: Gayle Laverty, 63948213. g.laverty@bigpond.com

HILLWOOD KIDS CLUB: Alternate Friday nights from 4.30 to 7.00 p.m. \$4.00 per child which includes tea. Age group 5 to 12. Contact: Susan Gillman 0439 065914 gill734@harboursat.com.au

HILLWOOD FOOTBALL CLUB: Training during the season, Tuesday and Thursday nights. In the off-season, the Club, which is fully licensed, opens every Thursday night from 6.30 p.m. when it is planned to play INDOOR BOWLS. The Clubrooms are available for hire. There is also a Corporate Box. Contact: Grant Radford 0400 4306111 ga.radford@bigpond.com

HILLWOOD MINI-LEAGUE: Train at Hillwood Thursday nights and play at Beaconsfield in the Tamar Mini-League comprising five teams. Under 12. The Mini-League also runs Auskick for younger children. Contact: Debbie Pentland 0419 313256 d.pentland@bigpond.com



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HILLWOOD AREA RATEPAYERS AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION:

Meet second Tuesday of every month at 7.00 p.m. at various venues (see website). HARRA recent held a successful AGM where they gained new members. If you want to include something on the agenda, just phone Alf and it will be included. Contact: Alf Waters 63948224 alfandcolleen@outlook.com

HILLWOOD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION: The Association works with George Town Council on projects in the district. Meetings: First Monday of alternate months. Contact: Secretary Nancy Donnelly on 0431 613484 nancydonnelly@bigpond.com

HILLWOOD FIRE BRIGADE: As an emergency service dial 000. Training nights are held on alternate Thursdays from 6.00 p.m. at the Fire Station. The Community Defibrillator provided by the Progress Assn is housed at the Fire Station. This is accessed through the Ambulance service who, when busy, page the Fire Brigade who will bring the Defibrillator to you. Fire Permit officers: Elaine Burns 0417 540665 Ian Nixon 0429 948254 Sharon Clarke 0417 600571 Leon Hodges 0409 169288. To register a small burn 1800 000699. A reminder to change your FIRE ALARM BATTERIES. CONTACT: Brigade Chief Elaine Burns 04171 540665 beauwood44@gmail.com

NOTE: Most of these groups can be accessed by googling Hillwood Community Hub's website which also provides information about the area: www.hillwood.org.au

Letter to Launceston City Council Re: Planning.

LCC is considering a major development in the "Windermere Rd loop" that potentially compromises wildlife habitat. A letter from an educated resident puts context to this:

Dear Sir,

We note that significant rural residential subdivision has been undertaken in the Swan Bay area in recent times and that there is presently an application pending based on 1056 Windermere Road. It is indicated that this may result in as many as 75 lots being available for occupation. If one adds this to other subdivisions in the vicinity one is observing significant expansion. Given that nationally we have limited land available for new housing these are positive developments. There are however some issues which do need attention at this development stage.

One is access to the East Tamar Highway from the Northern end of Windermere Road. This is presently a particularly hazardous junction which requires urgent attention ahead of population increases & subsequent traffic flow. There is no provision for safe crossing of the traffic flow if, for example, one needs to cross the flow to travel from Windermere Road to Launceston City, or alternatively for North travelling vehicles to exit the highway onto Windermere Road.

Two, what plans does Council have for provision of a wild-life corridor which links the Native Point Reserve to the woodlands further East? Present land use is such that if one follows the ridge-line above Windermere wild-life movement is relatively unimpaired for larger creatures, though already smaller creatures would find movement difficult. Native Point

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Reserve is an increasingly popular community facility which will no doubt gain value with time. Our State Parks authority do their best to care for this reserve with their limited funds & man-power, NRM North also invest in leading local volunteers in control of invasive weed species. There will doubtless be a need for increasing attention to this facility, however an important contributor to the value of this reserve is negated if no provision is made for wild-life. Accordingly, one submits that planning which includes provision for a wild-life corridor is a matter of urgency which could be partly addressed in the proposals for 1056 Windermere Road.

Further to the above an over view of the land-scape would suggest where steps may be taken to encourage provision of corridor links whilst it is still possible.

Thirdly, is there any provision for other public or recreation space in the area? Perhaps a hill top lot within the 1056 Windermere proposal would be best reserved for public space. Sir, let me stress that plans which look beyond established guidelines will benefit future citizens and would be rather arrogant if wild-life are excluded.

Yours Sincerely,
Ian R Farquhar

This is a serious planning concern. Please support either to SS or Council. Ed



Towns Shearing Real Estate

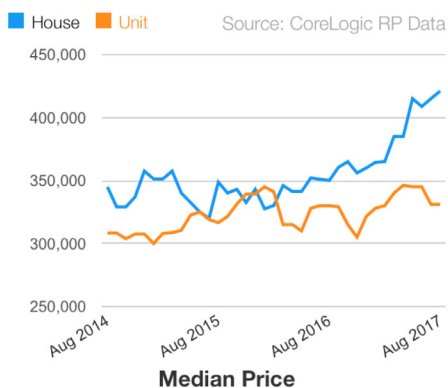
Tasmania is currently experiencing high levels of demand from both local and overseas buyers. Hobart has displayed strong growth and this has now filtered through to Launceston as prices are always more affordable in the north of the state.

Compared to the same period five years ago, the median house sale price for Launceston and surrounding suburbs has increased 11.8% which equates to an annual growth rate of 2.3%. (stats from realestate.com).

So if you are thinking of selling, spring is always a great time to market your property. Buyer demand is excellent and some top prices are being achieved within days or weeks of listing a property for sale.

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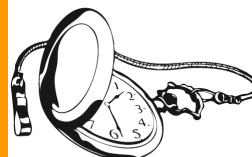
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