



Smoke Signals

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EGG ISLAND

For many years the local community contributed to the maintenance of the Egg Island Point Reserve, maintaining open areas for picnickers and restoring the sandy beach which had been overgrown with ricegrass. Previous editions of Smoke Signals have covered the ongoing differences between Parks Property Services and the Hillwood Progress Association and today we publish contributions from both parties. While the HPA has many criticisms of the way Parks is managing the Reserve, the pressing difference is the placement of rocks blocking vehicle access to the beach and boat launching ramp on the north side of the point. While Parks maintains that the ramp on the southern side is “all weather”, the locals are adamant that it is unusable both at low tide and in heavy southerly weather, when problems on the river are most likely to occur. Lindsay Millar has seen about a dozen river rescues in his time at Hillwood, and is concerned that the unnecessary blockage to the alternative launch site could cost lives. The Parks Department does not seem inclined to accept the advice from experienced locals or from Marine and Safety Tasmania.

Letter from Hillwood Progress Association

The Egg Island saga continues at Hillwood. In February 2018 CLS/Parks blocked the oversho

re access to launch a boat using a trailer and vehicle at Egg Island Point. If the boat ramp at the Point is not useable due to tide or weather, there is now no site on the East Tamar between George Town and Windermere to safely launch a boat. If river users get into trouble in the Hillwood, Egg island, Craighburn area there will be many times that a rescue will not be possible from the area. HPA have continually requested that in the interest of Public Safety, the three rocks blocking the access be removed. Initially, CLS claimed that use of the 80 year access was “undesirable”, then “unsafe” and now “we don’t have any money to move the rocks”. HPA have offered to provide a Contractor to remove the rocks (probably half an hour’s work for a Bob-Cat). To date, no reply.

You may recall, CLS wanted to charge the Community \$746.80 to install two table sets donated by Smoke Signals and the East Tamar Men’s Shed at Egg Island Point. HPA then offered the tables to CLS for them to install. Again, offer has not been accepted by CLS.

In May 2018, CLS wasted thousands of dollars placing approx. 145 limestone boulders to supposedly prevent “the increasing and continuing felling of dead trees by “woodhookers” on the Point. The dead trees were in fact felled by a CLS contractor in February 2018. Obviously, this news has not reached



Lindsay Millar with rocks blocking beach access

Hobart. Some of these rocks and 65 trees were planted to block public access to open grassed areas on the Southern end of Egg Island Point. The reason for this action was, CLS claim, “that these areas were created by the recent illegal use of a tractor and slasher to cut native vegetation”. The areas of open grassland have existed for certainly over 120 years. We have provided information and photographs to prove this fact.

Of the 65 trees planted in 2018, only 8 have survived and now CLS have no money to move three rocks to allow safe launching of boats over the foreshore.

CLS/Parks claim that they are “naturalising” the area. In Greenspeak this seems to mean that we will waste your money to restrict your access to this area reserved since c1840 for your recreation and access to the foreshore.

Lindsay Millar OAM
On behalf of Hillwood Progress Association.

Reply from Tasmania Parks & Wildlife Service

Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service (PWS) is responsible for maintaining the Egg Island Point area as a Public Reserve and for protecting the natural, cultural and recreational values of the reserve. The reserve is a maintained and attractive natural setting on the Tamar River.

The existing MAST boat ramp at Egg Island Point is a single lane, concrete, all-weather ramp - restricted at low tide. There is potential for a restricted Beach Launching facility nearby. Hillwood Progress Association have been encouraged to apply for a grant through MAST (Small Project Fund Proposal) and apply for a licence over the area through PWS if it is considered necessary.

Bushfire risk at the site is rated as low, with all houses being more than 30 metres from the foreshore, the reserve surrounded on three sides by the Tamar River and with roads, mown areas and slashed areas providing ample firebreaks throughout the reserve. PWS carries out regular abatement works by mowing grass and slashing.

In May 2018, additional boulder barriers were installed in the area to combat illegal wood hooking, to also act as a boundary to limit unauthorised vegetation clearing and to combat hooning/anti-social vehicle behaviour. These measures appear to be working well. PWS has now completed the installation of boulder barriers; undertaken road maintenance works and the removal of hazardous trees in areas of the reserve frequented by visitors. Revegetation of the site is also underway.

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“MADE WITH LOVE” CHRISTMAS MARKET



7th of December 2019.

Outside carboot spaces are now available.

Book your \$10 space now!

ON THE DAY

Handmade arts, crafts and goodies—BBQ—Santa visits— Men's Shed sales—
Scones, tea and coffee— free family friendly activities and
announcing the winner of the scarecrow competition!

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BIRDS OF THE TAMAR By Jon Hosford

Pardalotes

(*P. striatus*, *P. punctate*)

The little birds you may hear high in eucalypt canopies during Spring and Summer are most probably pardalotes. There are 3 species in Tasmania, Spotted, 40 spotted and Striated.

The 40 spotted Pardalote is uncommon and specific to white-gum forest in the south of the State.

The other two species are common around Launceston, especially where tall eucalypt canopies are established as this is where they feed on scale and insects. They control heavy outbreaks of insects and actively forage, "chip chipping" to each other in contact as they feed.

They breed from October to March in tree hollows or in an enlarged chamber at the end of a small tunnel in a bank. They will adopt artificial nesting boxes if natural nesting places are unavailable.



Striated Pardalote: These tiny birds migrate over Bass Strait to SE Australia March-September, returning on the 1st northerly air currents of spring. They exhibit head stripes as distinct from spots.



Spotted Pardalote: These birds are mainly sedentary although they can disperse over Tasmania in Winter. The spots on their head and wings are prominent, and the Tasmanian species have a small yellow marking on the joint of the wing.

During breeding season, Striated Pardalotes form pairs or small groups of up to six birds. Both sexes incubate and care for the young birds. Other members of the group may also help with the feeding of the young. We can encourage these birds and in doing so, improve the health of our eucalypt canopies by providing artificial hollows. Artificial hollows need to be in place for a season or so to be adopted as natural by the birds.

The East Tamar Men's Shed has been constructing suitable nesting boxes for these birds that are being used in gardens by residents of the district. The picture shows one of the boxes that is currently inhabited in Windermere Rd. Unfortunately, the birds are quite difficult to photograph entering and leaving the nesting box.



"SCARECROW COMPETITION"



DILSTON, WINDERMERE, SWAN BAY, HILLWOOD

We invite you join in the fun of creating a scarecrow and displaying it for all to see at the front of your property, inside or outside the fence line.

Judging will take place 4th or 5th of December and the winners announced at the "Made with Love" Christmas Market at 11.45am Saturday 7th December.

Text Fiona (0414 657 578) by the 1st of December with your name, address and phone number so our judges know where to look.

No theme, be creative, repurpose, recycle and enjoy!

Super Spring Market

Launceston Heritage Not Highrise (LHNH)



Saturday 16th November

10.00am-3.00pm

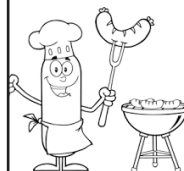
R.A.O.B Hall

11 Birch Avenue Newstead



What you'll find at our market:

- ♦ Cakes, biscuit's, slice's and preserves
- ♦ Plants, books, toys, tools, white elephant stall items
- ♦ Costume jewelry
- ♦ Buy a tea, coffee, hot dog or sausage
- ♦ Raffle
- ♦ Smiling faces





WHY BEES LOVE MY GARDEN: TWO SPECIAL BEE EVENTS

BEE EVENT NO 1.

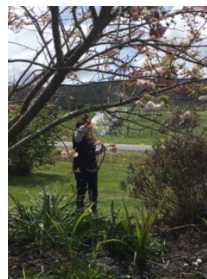
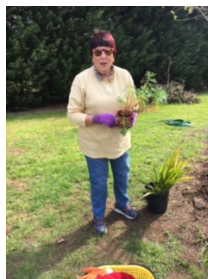
A fun, community day enjoyed by friends.

A big thank you to the enthusiastic volunteers that came to Windermere Café to weed, plant and sow the café garden beds with native Wildflowers and bee and butterfly attracting plants on Saturday October 19. Fleur was delighted, and provided us with a delicious lunch.

Garden Club, Kerri Curtis and Trixie Gillard donated packets of seeds and seed raising mix. These include Natives such as Swan River Daisies, Everlastings and Sturt Pea. Margaret Wynne, Judy East, Kerri and Trixie donated seedlings and bulbs from their gardens. These included Lomandra, Dianella, Osteospermum, Pelargonium Australe, Lemon Balm, Jonquils and Poppies.

So watch out for the stunning display of flowers over the summer months when you sit outside and enjoy a coffee or a lovely sunset at TGIF at Windermere Café.

It's the start of our Wildflower Project. Next year we hope to extend our Native Wildflower planting to the bank that surrounds the Café. With Council permission, we'd like to extend to the verge across the road, where the new avenue of trees has been recently planted. Wouldn't that Bee Beautiful! Perhaps you'd like to be involved too.



We'd really welcome your comments and ideas. Please email Kerri Curtis kerridwen51@gmail.com or Trixie Gillard flahulac@bigpond.com with your story or comments for inclusion in the next issue of Smoke Signals. We'd love to hear from you.

BEE EVENT NO 2.

FOR ONE-NIGHT ONLY AT THE STAR CINEMA, INVERMAY A SPECIAL EVENT SCREENING OF "THE POLLINATORS"

WED NOVEMBER 13 AT 6.30 PM

PRICE OF ADMISSION:

\$22 PP + \$1.95 BOOKING FEE

<https://www.thepollinators.net/about>

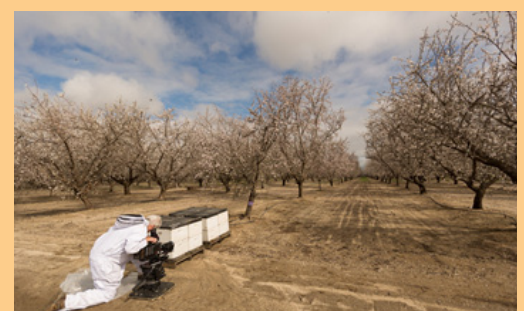
This is what filmmaker Peter Nelson has to say:

Cine

The Pollinators is a cinematic journey around the United States following migratory beekeepers and their truckloads of honeybees as they pollinate the flowers that become the fruits, nuts and vegetables we all eat.

We talk to farmers, scientist, chefs, economists and academics along the way to give a broad perspective about the threats to honey bees and what it means to our food security.

Images Courtesy of: <https://www.thepollinators.net/about>



GARDEN CLUBS NEWS

Garden Club is back in full swing now that spring and warmer weather has arrived. We have passed the spring equinox and daylight saving is under way!

GLENARA LAKES, YOUNGTOWN

August saw us enjoying ourselves at Glenara Lakes, hosted by Margaret and Jon Hosford who have now moved to this lovely place. Our lunch space was perfect – a warm, sunny and cosy spot in one of the lounge areas, with one of the original Garden Club members, Dora Hannan, in attendance. Patricia Adams who is also one of the original members showed us a Smoke Signals article from 1991, which reported on the Garden Club. It's good to know that this group is still alive after so many years.

Lunch was followed by a drive around the large complex to view garden features as well as the Community Garden area, in which Jon has made good use of his allocated space.

We visited Dora's garden (also within Glenara Lakes), which was truly beautiful with delightful little artistic touches to make it a really special haven. I only wish I had been around to see her original garden when she lived in Swan Bay! Thank you to Margaret and Dora.



If you would like to participate in Garden Club, please contact me by email or telephone. New members are very welcome.

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"PIRALLILA", DILSTON

In September, we revisited the Dilston garden of Elizabeth File. Her property, which was officially named at this gathering, is called "Pirallila" which is an aboriginal name meaning "beautiful hill". Elizabeth is doing a very fine job of making it just that – a beautiful space, and after only two years in her home, the garden is looking well established. The dam which was only installed 18 months ago, is looking very much a part of the landscape - and ducks have recently taken up residence!

Trees and shrubs have really grown and settled in, and Elizabeth is currently planning the next stage of her beautiful hill. "Pirallila" is totally reliant on rain water, so mulching has been of utmost importance, the mulch currently in use being grass hay from the surrounding acreage. It is truly an exercise in sustainability. We look forward to seeing "Pirallila" grow and evolve over the next few years. Thank you to Elizabeth for allowing us to participate in your garden journey.



NEW AVENUE OF TREES ON WINDERMERE ROAD

Many of you will have noticed the lovely avenue of trees which has recently appeared opposite the café near the junction of Windermere Road and John Lees Drive. This beautiful addition to our local landscape is the result of two years of negotiations by Windermere resident – Carolyn Riley.

Carolyn contacted the Launceston City Council about two years ago asking them to plant some trees to improve the landscape along this stretch of road, and to mirror the plantings on the other side. Jason, who is a Launceston City Council Arborist, was very supportive, and after removal of blackberries, approvals were given by the LCC and Roads Department. The result is what you see now!

Congratulations Carolyn and thank you from all of us!



CHURCH NEWS St Matthias' Anglican Church

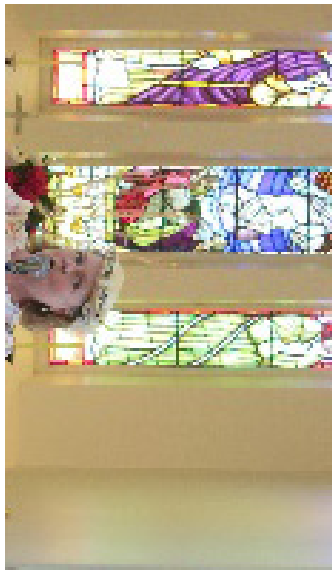
Concert and Sing-a-long . What an enjoyable afternoon we shared at the church on Oct.5th with a concert by the Launceston Male Choir, a special in-character “My Fair Lady” solo by Sharon Lissa, and some hearty sing-a-long audience participation from the full-house.

There was bubbly and juice, yummy nibbles and lots of friendly natter afterwards on the riverbank, and around \$900 (tickets plus donations) was raised after expenses. That's got to be a success in anyone's calculations.

Thanks to everyone involved and to those who invited friends to accompany them.

As usual, a great community effort.
We always enjoy and appreciate your
support.

A special morning tea was held on Aug 25th, celebrating one year since our Redress commitment was raised, thus “saving our church from sale”. This date coincided with the first blooming of the new daffodils in 2018, and again this spring, so Helen made a cake magnificently decorated with daffodils. Daffodils now hold a special meaning for us!

A rectangular white cake is presented on a silver platter. The cake is decorated with three large, bright yellow daffodils and several green leaves. The bottom edge of the cake is finished with a decorative border of white frosting. The background is dark and slightly out of focus.

Fri Nov 1st. 7:30pm. All Saints Day evening candlelight service to remember past family or friends who have died, and to light a candle in their memory. Please spread the word around, particularly to those with past family connection to the church, so they can share in this significant service. Thanks to Laurie Wing who has had his descendants' damaged headstone repaired(see photo). It certainly looks like it will survive for a few more years now! We applaud his initiative and concern to preserve his family heritage in this way. The inscription tells a sad story: tough times then. Happy Birthday to long-term parishioner Max Jansson who has a very special day coming up. Special prayers for our many parishioners and any community members who are not well at present. Please contact us if you wish to be added to the Parish prayer list, or if you would like the elements of Communion brought to you.

Future Events:

Regular fortnightly Eucharist service 2nd and 4th Sundays each month 9am

Sat. Oct 26. 9am-1pm Garage sale/BBQ/stalls at St James Franklin Village (also part of Holy Trinity Parish now)

Fri Nov 1st. 7:30pm. All Saints Day evening candlelight service

Dec. 24th Christmas Eve Carol Service

Sat. Feb 22nd Harvest Festival at StM. Please contact us (see below) if you are interested in helping or supporting this as planning will begin soon.

You can follow all further up-coming events by “Liking” our Facebook page: [stmatthiaswindermere](#) or contacting hosfordm@bigpond.net.au to go on our StM email network.

PLAY GROUP

Tuesday morning at Playgroup have been full of outdoor activities as we welcome the Spring sunshine. We held our normal sessions over the school holidays and meeting a few new families has been fun for all the children. Outdoor play, bubble blowing, play dough sculpting and dress ups have been a hit!

After over 5 years running Dilston Playgroup, I have recently handed over my role as Playgroup Coordinator to the wonderful Amy. She has just graduated as a teacher, has two beautiful boys and will bring some fresh ideas and fun to the mornings. Across the years I have been very lucky to meet many wonderful families (now wonderful friends) and watch their children grow and reach milestones. It has been a privilege to be able to offer this great space for the families to connect in the community, and I'm very glad that the Playgroup can continue running, thanks to Amy and all the support from committed families. Thank you to all the families who have supported myself and the playgroup over the 5 years, my children have also made some special friendships too. Wishing Amy all the best in her new role, and we look forward to more Tuesday morning fun!

Dilston Playgroup is held on Tuesdays 10am-12pm, at the Dilston Hall. Cost is \$3 (+a piece of fruit to share). All families welcome!



I am going to create a playgroup community garden at the Dilston hall - does anyone had any old wooden boxes, planter boxes, Woolworths seed grow pots or other pots to donate to help us get started, They could be delivered to me at 476 Windermere Road or to the Dilston Hall on Tuesday mornings.

A big thank you to Sarah Northeast for her devotion to the Dilston playgroup. A dedicated mum of three running the local playgroup for over the past years, Sarah Northeast has gone above and beyond, planning interactive crafts and activities for the children, as well as providing a cup of tea for the mums and an ear to listen. It has been such a blessing to have had her skills, dedication and passion channeled into our local playgroup creating an interactive developmental resource for children as well as creating life long friendships through the local mums.



EAST TAMAR MENS SHED

The SHED members have been working on a number of items that will be offered for sale at the forthcoming Christmas market on December 7th. Small handcrafted wooden toys and garden metal sculpture are items that will feature.

We recently combined with the Dilston Hall to put in a submission to Ambulance Tasmania for a Defibrillator unit to be kept at the Dilston Hall and available for groups using the Community Centre facilities.

In response to the Smoke Signals push to encourage Bee hives in backyards, ETMS is prepared to manufacture suitable top bar bee hives for purchase by community members. Enquire at the SHED on a Wednesday or Saturday, if you are interested.

Our recent Annual General Meeting,

saw the election of a new President, John Moody, replacing our founding President of 10 years, Jeff Wynne. Whilst Jeff will remain on Committee, we are most grateful for the strength of his leadership over our founding years.



**New President
John Moody**

Items currently for sale to community are listed on our website: www.easttamarmensshed.org.au Or call in on a Wednesday or Saturday to talk with us about a project you would like us to price for you. The SHED now has a membership of 34 members.



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Supporting Northern Tasmania



Dilston Fire Brigade



Tasmania Fire Service

Register the fire by calling freecall 1800 000 699

By telling the Tasmania Fire Service about your fire you may help prevent false alarms.

Melbourne Fire Fighter Stair Climb 2019

In early September, members of Dilston Fire Brigade travelled over to Melbourne to take part in the annual firefighter stair climbs. All members completed the climb to the 28th Floor of the Crowne Metropol, and our thanks goes out to all community members that contributed to the fundraising in support of awareness of Post Traumatic Stress, Depression and Suicide amongst emergency service workers. Collectively



the brigade raised \$2835 of the \$504,000 raised by all 600 climbers. Bring on 2020!!

Fire season preparation

As we move towards the traditionally busier months in terms of fire, now is a good time to prepare your property. We have added overleaf some handy tips on what you can do but we also want to acknowledge to generally good efforts that our community undertakes in keeping properties clear and prepared in the event of fire. Thank you to everyone for this preparedness and thank you also for continuing to register your burnoffs. This really does help us by reducing the number of unwarranted callouts!



Fire Permit Period

Just a heads up to the community that the permit period isn't too far away despite recent wet weather. Keep an eye out for the information signs on John Lees Drive, and on our Facebook page.



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

Brigade Contacts

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Paul Blakie	0417 592 424
Ben Jones	0417 877 001
Ken Nolan	0448 320 996

Prepare your home - create a defensible space

Your home is more likely to survive a bushfire if you have prepared it properly. The most important job is to create a defensible space, an area around your home where you have modified the vegetation and removed most flammable material to reduce the fire's radiant heat intensity. Flames and radiant heat from an approaching bushfire will be reduced, so sparks and embers will have less fuel to ignite when they land, and any spot fires will be easier to put out.

A defensible space makes it much easier to defend your home. And if you choose not to stay, a defensible space will help firefighters protect your home, or may even protect your home if firefighters cannot reach it.

A defensible space includes two 'zones':

- An inner zone where flammable materials are minimised.
- An outer zone where a low level of flammable material is permitted.

In the **inner zone**, flammable materials on, under and around your home should be moved away from the house. Use the guide below to work out the distance you need to apply.



Defendable Space Guide

SLOPE				INNER ZONE (Measured along the ground from the edge of the building)		OUTER ZONE (Measured along the ground from the outer edge of the inner zone)
				GRASSLAND	FOREST	FOREST
DESCRIPTION	DEGREES	PER CENT	RATIO			
Flat	0	0	-	10 metres	20 metres	15 metres
Gentle	5°	9%	1:11	10 metres	20 metres	25 metres
Moderate	10°	17%	1:6	15 metres	25 metres	30 metres
Mod. - steep	15°	27%	1:3.7	15 metres	30 metres	45 metres
Steep	20°	36%	1:1.27	15 metres	40 metres	50 metres

Don't hesitate to contact the brigade for more information!

In the last issue of Smoke Signals I promised to tell you about HILLWOOD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC: The brief history of the Association is that it was formed about ten years ago at the request of Council to replace the Hillwood Area Committee which replaced the former Hall Committee which has a long history. We have Minute Books for the Hall Committee going back to 1927! (These are now located in our Hillwood History Room in the Hillwood Hall.)

The following is quite lengthy, but people ask, what do you do? So this is the answer. Quite a lot, really. Don't realise until you start listing it!

HILLWOOD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC as an incorporated body, is a Committee of Council from which it receives an Annual Allocation plus the hiring fees (Council is responsible for Hiring and is responsible for costs and maintenance of the Hall). The Association also raises funds through events such as Car Boot Sales, the Anzac Day Event etc.

- The Association and Council work together to provide improvements to the Hall such as the purchase of a refrigerator and the resurfacing of the Hall floor for which the costs were shared, organised for toilets for disabled.
- is working with Council to provide an Acoustic system in the Hall and for the repair of the stage.
- has a representative on the GEORGE TOWN COUNCIL'S SAFETY COMMITTEE:
 - o The Safety of walkers on our roads will be dealt with in the next round of Vulnerable Road Safety Grants.
 - o The issue of arrows at the intersection of Hillwood Jetty Road and the East Tamar Highway is being raised at every meeting until this is rectified.
 - o We plan to raise the issue of safety at Egg Island Reserve with regard to the launching of boats in the event of an emergency with regard to users of the river needing rescue (which has occurred in the past) if we can't resolve the issue ourselves which has been ongoing.
 - o has representatives on Council's Coastal Management/Natural Resource Management Group which looks after Weed Management in Hillwood. Through this group, we are investigating burning off for safety reasons.
 - o is working with Council to provide a Foreshore Walking Track and an All-Tide Boat Ramp
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One of the roles of the Association is to be the contact point for issues like the following:

- FREE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP OFF. JESS NESBIT of Hillwood in her role as Environment Officer with Launceston City Council has provided the poster in this issue of Smoke Signals. Please read the poster for info re the drop off for Hillwood on Saturday 26th October from 12.30 to 3.30 p.m.
- CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA: The Progress Association has taken over the role of organising Clean-up now HARRA has been dissolved.
- This year it is being organised under the banner of **Catch It In The Catchment** for the Tamar Estuary. The Co-ordinator, Trish Haeusler has been in touch with Hillwood Progress Association and provided the Flyer in this issue of Smoke Signals. This year it will be held on November 10th between 9.00 am and 12 noon with a BBQ to follow at the Hillwood Pontoon. The plan is for an audit to be done and the data collected will contribute to ongoing community education and campaigns to reduce waste. This will be the first of what is anticipated to be an annual event.

PLEASE KEEP THE DATE and help us to tidy up Hillwood.

The Progress Association also

- holds events such as the "Meet the Candidates" event prior to the recent Council election to fill a vacancy.
- runs the Anzac Day service and breakfast since taking it over from the former Hillwood Anzac Day Dawn Service Committee about four/five years ago. Funds are held for the following year's breakfast and the remainder donated to a worthy cause.
- has set up a Hillwood History Sub-committee, set up a room in the Hall as a History Room, received a Grant from Temco for a Compactus, had it painted and furnished, and has purchased a Cataloguing System for the use of which three members will take the three day course.
- is investigating with Council the setting-up of a Community Library, provision by Council of Noticeboards including one at Mt Direction and improved Tourism signage.

- is responsible for providing and caring for the little beach at Egg Island Reserve, working with Crown Land and Parks and is actively working towards providing an alternative access to the river in case of emergency and arranges with MAST the cleaning of the Boat Ramp.
- plans to provide further Playground equipment for those above the age of twelve and for people with disabilities.
- holds funds towards the establishment of a Tennis Club.
- has a Community Fund established to assist members of our community in need. At our last meeting we allocated \$450 of these funds and
- now administers HARRA's Facebook page. It has been re-named
- "Hillwood Area Happenings".

The reason I am telling you all this is because we would like to see people become interested in the Association and attend the open meetings and learn what we do so that they can take over when the oldies (of which there are quite a few) are no longer able to keep it going. You can become a member of the Association for the cost of \$5 per year for which you will receive a copy of the Constitution and the Minutes of the Meetings and the opportunity to contribute ideas and assist with projects. Meetings are held bi-monthly with one a closed meeting and the next an open meeting. Councillors attend our meetings. At the last meeting we had our new Mayor Greg Kieser, Deputy Mayor Tim Harris, General Manager, Wayne Power and Councillors Greg Dawson, Winston Mason and Peter Parkes. The AGM is of course, an open meeting. I can assure you that any new member will not be pressured to take office.

Having said that, I have to advise that, although I advised in the August Smoke Signals that I would be retiring as Secretary of the Progress Association next year, unfortunately I find it necessary to retire this year and will not be accepting nomination at the October AGM. Even so, I assure you that you will not be pressured to take the role of Secretary.

HILLWOOD FOOTBALL CLUB won the 2019 AFL GRAND FINAL. First win for the Seniors in nineteen years! So all very happy.

- **MEALS:** Will be provided again by Bee Bop Dance Group at the Football Clubrooms on Friday nights during the off-season beginning on the first Friday in November on November 1st from 6.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.
- **WOMENS FOOTBALL IN HILLWOOD:** Hillwood Football Club Inc is proud to announce that there will be a Women's Football team in Hillwood in 2020. The women's team will play the first game of the day at an earlier time of 9.00 a.m. followed by Under's, Reserves and Seniors. Well done, Jayne Donnelly.
- **MOTOR BIKE RIDERS ASSOCIATION** will again hold an event at the Recreation Ground with the Football Club as their hosts. Last year's event was most successful and they are happy to return this year on 16th November, 2019.
- **YOUNG ACHIEVERS:** JAMES HAWES of Mt Direction won the Best and Fairest for the Under 18 Soccer team for Launceston City. Congratulations James.
- **SHELBY MILLER:** Shelby had a good write-up in the Examiner at the end of August. She was named Captain of the Cavaliers Netball team and was awarded Player of the Match in her 100th game. The Cavaliers won the Grand final.
- **Locals,** TOM DONNELLY played for North Launceston Seniors who also won their GRAND FINAL against Lauderdale and CHE' HAINES, son of Michelle Isaac played for NORTH LAUNCESTON DEVELOPMENT team which also had a win but unfortunately Che' was unable to play because of injury.

DELIVERY OF SMOKE SIGNALS: We have received an answer to our call for help with delivery of Smoke Signals by one resident in the Hillwood area. As there have been no offers from the Mt Direction area, it has been decided to arrange for collection by residents on the Eastern side of the East Tamar Highway from the Mount Direction Service Station.

HILLWOOD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**TO BE HELD IN THE HILLWOOD HALL
ON MONDAY 28th OCTOBER 2019**

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT, TREASURER'S REPORT, ELECTION OF OFFICERS
ELECTION OF COMMITTEE (TOTAL OF NINE INCLUDING EXECUTIVE)
SET FEE FOR THE YEAR**

HILLWOOD GARDEN CLUB

HILLWOOD GARDEN CLUB REUNION

At the October meeting of the Hillwood Garden Club it was agreed to hold a reunion of all members on Sunday 1st December. Details will be decided at the October meeting. All members, past and present, are invited. For more information contact Robin Claxton on 0418 463 347

Letters To The Editor

3rd September 2019

Dear Sir

I confess that leading a busy life leaves me little time to join in the good work regularly portrayed in the marvelous "Smoke Signals" periodical. I must say that the matter of "Swan Shooting" in Issue 222 was well handled and all who were involved, in any respect, should have been well satisfied.

I was surprised however to find, tucked away in a narrow column, comment from three ladies in respect of the "iconic black swan". First, I note the suggestion that we should have more regard for black swans than we already do because:

"They mate for life."

Certainly that creates an idyllic concept. A survey undertaken on Albert Park Lake a few years ago however made it quite clear that swans are promiscuous!

It seems that both boy swans and girl swans would, in the dead of night, paddle across the lake, apparently to shack up until morning! Next, the ladies suggest that there is something sinister about the fact that:

"some farms are allocated licences to shoot black swans (though a protected species)..."

Obviously they are not a protected species if licences can be obtained to shoot them!

I think that the detailed explanation given by the owners of Landfall makes it clear that the procedures adopted by the farmers are fair and should not be viewed in the light of some fanciful belief that in the undertaking of farming enterprises all is happy and cuddly.

Please note I make these comments having regard to the fact that I have a daughter who, for a while some years ago, became a vegetarian! It is best that we all understand that on the East Tamar there are certain requirements to ensure that we can continue to produce the economic benefits of best quality and sustainable agricultural pursuits.

By the way, perhaps the ladies would like to get the views of Mr Sully Sullenberger – even though of course he was met by a flock of geese!

Regards

BILL

COMMUNITY EVENTS COMING UP



Catch it in the Catchment

A community clean-up of kanamaluka / The Tamar Estuary

80% of all plastics in our oceans come from the land via rivers and estuaries. What if we could catch this and other rubbish before it started this journey.

Let's be part of the solution not the problem.

When: 10th November 2019 9am-12pm

Where: Your local community along kanamaluka/ Tamar Estuary

How:

1. Organise a group and a coordinator from your local community or we can link you in with a local group.
2. Contact us at catchitinthecatchment@gmail.com or on FACEBOOK

Celebrate: Let's celebrate this great Tamar Estuary event at a BBQ close to your community clean-up site

A small effort for a short time by many people can help restore our beautiful kanamaluka/Tamar estuary

A Tamar NRM and Clean up Australia Day project



Are you spring cleaning ready for summer & have old chemicals in your garden shed or laundry cupboard?

Free household hazardous waste drop off - 26th and 27th Of October 2019

The drop off is an unregistered service for all residents of Northern Tasmania including the Break O Day, George Town, Launceston, Meander Valley, Northern Midlands and West Tamar areas, for domestic quantities of household chemicals.

* Pack material in a sturdy box & transport in the boot of your car. Make sure individual containers are no larger than 20kg or 20 litres.

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- Solvents and household cleaners
- Floor care products
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- Pesticides and herbicides
- Poisons
- Pool chemicals
- Hobby chemicals
- Acids and alkalis

Chemicals **NOT accepted** include:

- Motor oil
- Asbestos
- Pharmaceuticals
- Farm vet chemicals
- Fire extinguishers
- Ammunition & explosives
- Chemicals from commercial businesses

Date	Location
Saturday 26 th October 2019 - 8.30am - 11.30am	St Helens Waste Transfer Station - Eagle St
Saturday 26 th October 2019 - 12.30pm - 3.30pm	George Town Waste Transfer Station - 111 Mount George Rd
Sunday 27 th October 2019 - 8am - 4pm	Launceston Recycling Centre - Cavell Rd, Meabury

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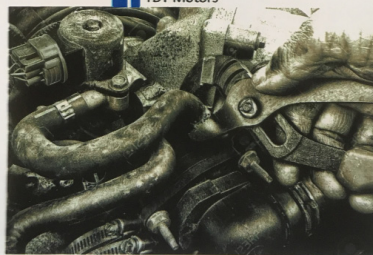
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First Home Owner Grant

The \$20 000 grant for eligible first home owners who are building or buying a brand new home, has now been extended to 30 June 2020

(The extension is subject to the passage of legislation through the Parliament.) The grant is open to eligible first home owners for the purchase or building of a new home.

Also offering a 50% concession on property transfer duty for first home buyers of established homes if your property value is \$400 000 or lower.

Duty concession for pensioners downsizing to another home is extended to 30 June 2020

(The extension is subject to the gazetting of a Ministerial Order.)

This offers a 50% property transfer duty concession to eligible pensioners who sell their existing home & downsize to a new home valued at \$400 000 (or lower) within the buying period of 10th February 2018 to 30th June 2020.

With the recent bank rate cut, mortgages at the cheapest rate in the last 100 years. This aims to ignite an interest in the housing market that seems to have fallen into a slump on the mainland. The CBA bank was the first to pass on the .25% cut.

In Tasmania there is still strong buyer interest & demand for properties. Within the CBD areas, record high prices are still being achieved. Rural areas are starting to see the market as a bit slower. Overall, Tasmania's economy is now growing strongly due to mainland buyers purchasing here at a cheaper price than elsewhere in the country coupled with a lovely cooler climate, & a strong tourism sector. Rental yields are still higher than many other states of Australia with the income being in excess of 5% in many cases.

If you are thinking of selling & would like a no pressure, no obligation, free appraisal, please call me to arrange a time.

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