

HILLWOOD FRESH FOODS



Jordan Grieves on his Hillwood Farm

When Jordan Grieves bought a Grow-Your-Own mushroom kit, he hardly expected it to grow into a full time occupation, but that's exactly what happened.

A Victorian, Jordan came to Tasmania to visit his now partner Hayley seven years ago and virtually never went back.

The couple bought 20 acres in Burton Street, Hillwood and when their first child came along four years ago, Jordan left his job at Telstra to become a stay

at home dad and to develop Hillwood Fresh Food Co.

"I was just fascinated by fungi – the variety and the flavours – and I saw a hole in the market for the more exotic types," he said.

Jordan now grows 14 varieties throughout the year and sells most through his weekly stall at the Harvest Market every Saturday morning.

"I've been at Harvest for more than two years now and love the opportunity to talk to the customers and suggest how they could use the product."

He also sells through the Tasmanian Produce Collective, a collaboration between small-scale, family farmers and makers in Tasmania.

The Collective makes it possible to place an on line order from more than 20 small producers (covering vegetables, cheese, eggs, duck, berries, mushrooms and more) for weekly pick up in either Launceston or Georgetown. Their web site is <https://tasmanian-produce-collective.mailchimpsites.com/>

If you eat out in Launceston you are also

likely to be trying Jordan's many exotic mushrooms, featured at restaurants like Grain at the Silo, Bluestone at the Sebel and Pachinkos in the Quadrant Mall.

Sustainability is also a priority for Jordan and Hayley. Their farm is off the grid and they are self contained for both power and water.

All the mushroom growing medium comes from waste product and is composted on the farm.

The latest move is into mushroom products with a mushroom lasagne (just heat and eat), pickled mushrooms, mushroom powder and more to come. And incidentally, if you're looking for mushroom compost for the garden, or mushrooms for the kitchen, feel free to contact Jordan direct on 0407 914 086 or hillwoodfreshfoodco@gmail.com

"I feel we've neglected our local market and would love to hear from our East Tamar neighbours."

Jordan and Hayley also have a Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/hillwoodfresh/>



Hillwood Mushrooms



Jordan's Stall at Harvest Market

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Saturday 27th November 2021 9am-2pm

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WINDERMERE CAFE NEWS

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Play Group

Dilston playgroup has had a beautiful start to spring, enjoying some lovely gatherings out doors allowing the children to explore and experience the world around them. We have had some lovely sensory play experiences with our new sensory play table including fishing and making spring flower potions. These activities allow curiosity and child led inquiry based discussions about the world we live in, expanding children's vocabulary and imagination.

In term 4 we will be exploring the garden patch and planting some vegetables to watch grow and hopefully enjoy some produce in the coming months. We will also create a worm farm to build discussion about creatures in our soil and how they contribute, as well as composing our morning tea scraps and creating nutrients for our veggies.

Playgroup welcomes all families. We gather each Monday from 10-12 at the Dilston Hall. Sessions cost \$3. We encourage you to bring your child's morning tea and drink bottle. Contact Amy on 0413394523 if you have any questions.



BIRDS OF THE TAMAR By Jon Hosford

The Cuckoo Family

Keen bird observers learn to listen to their environment. This skill is important when detecting some of our less obvious residents. The cuckoo family is a prime example. You may see them occasionally, but these less obvious bird residents always make themselves known by their calls at this time of the year. We have 4 cuckoos which frequent the Tamar region. They are all insect or caterpillar feeders. All are parasitic and opportunistic nesters on species of smaller birds in the district.



Pallid Cuckoo

The largest of these cuckoos is the Pallid Cuckoo which focuses on the nests of Honeyeaters, Woodswallows, Whistlers and Flycatchers to lay an egg and have these birds raise a chick for it. The Pallid Cuckoo is sometimes seen perching on power lines. It has a mournful descending "too too too" call, probably deserving the nickname "brain-fever bird".



Fan-tailed Cuckoo

The Fan-tailed Cuckoo is rarely seen but often heard. It utters a mournful trill like the sound of a whistle with a broken pea. It relies on the nests of thornbills and wrens in our district.



Horsefield's Bronze-cuckoo

The Horsefield's Bronze-Cuckoo is a much smaller bird than the two previously mentioned and has a clear descending "tseeeuw" call. It is a greeny-brown bird about the size of a house sparrow. It is sometimes seen by its striped but broken breast markings and calls from high places such as overhead wires.



Shining Bronze-cuckoo

The Shining -Bronze Cuckoo is a little larger than Horsefield's and has a more bronze-green back with breast bars that are continuous through its white breast. Its call is a rising call "pee-eeerr" in contrast to the descending call of the other Cuckoos. It competes with the Horsefield's bronze-Cuckoo to invade the nests of Wrens and Thornbills.

Australian native cuckoos are engaged in an arms race, competing with each other to take over other species' nests. The finding by Research School of Biology scientists gives new insights into the deceptive habits of cuckoos, which lay their eggs in other birds' nests to dupe other mums into raising cuckoo chicks.

Research conducted in recent years has provided evidence that the Blue-fairy Wren is adapting to the invasion of the cuckoo family by teaching developing embryos its call in the nest. It feeds most actively the emerging chicks that respond by imitating this call. See this article on our website for further explanation: Smoke Signals Edition 208 December 2016.

<http://coolclimateclassroom.com/smokesignalscn.com/ss/SSDecember%202016.pdf>

At our recent Annual General, ETMS confirmed George Murray as ongoing President, supported by a Committee of old and new names. The incoming Secretary is George Cercez. See below for contact details..



The Georges fit the new storage container at ETMS.

As well as our ongoing support for local project requests, we have recently taken on a community support project for the Low Head district with their Community Garden project. This organisation will provide materials for a community garden to be constructed and installed by ETMS members.

Our members are focussing on the pre-Christmas Market on November 27th to ensure we offer a range of crafted items for purchase as Christmas presents.

Current operating times are Wednesday and Saturday 9am – 2pm. New member enquiries are welcome even if the current opening times don't suit you. We are keen to justify sessions on other days if the need is there.

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The Tamar River presents a tranquil view to many of us living on the East bank, but 100 years ago it would have been a much more lively scene.

From first settlement till about 1930, the river was the main means of moving people and freight up and down the Tamar estuary.

Roads were rudimentary and often impassable in bad weather, so sea travel was faster and more reliable.

At one time there were some 29 commercial jetties along the Tamar, serviced by a small fleet of river ferries, which would stop at any jetty displaying a red flag indicating passengers or freight waiting.

There were five such jetties in our region of the East Tamar. From south to north they were Dilston, Windermere, Woodlawn, Leam and Hillwood.

There were many more private jetties, too small for the river steamers to access.

John Lees once told me that there was a jetty on the waterfront at what is now John Lees Drive which was used to ship out the fruit from the orchard which then extended right along the bank now occupied entirely by houses.

Before the motor car became common, many well to do families owned pleasure craft, adding significantly to the river traffic.

Many of the river ferries were also used for pleasure cruising



Tamar River Ferry SS Rowitta

to various picnic spots or regattas up and down the Tamar, like the Dilston Regatta covered in an earlier edition of Smoke Signals.

At the height of the orcharding industry, the jetties were vital to trade.

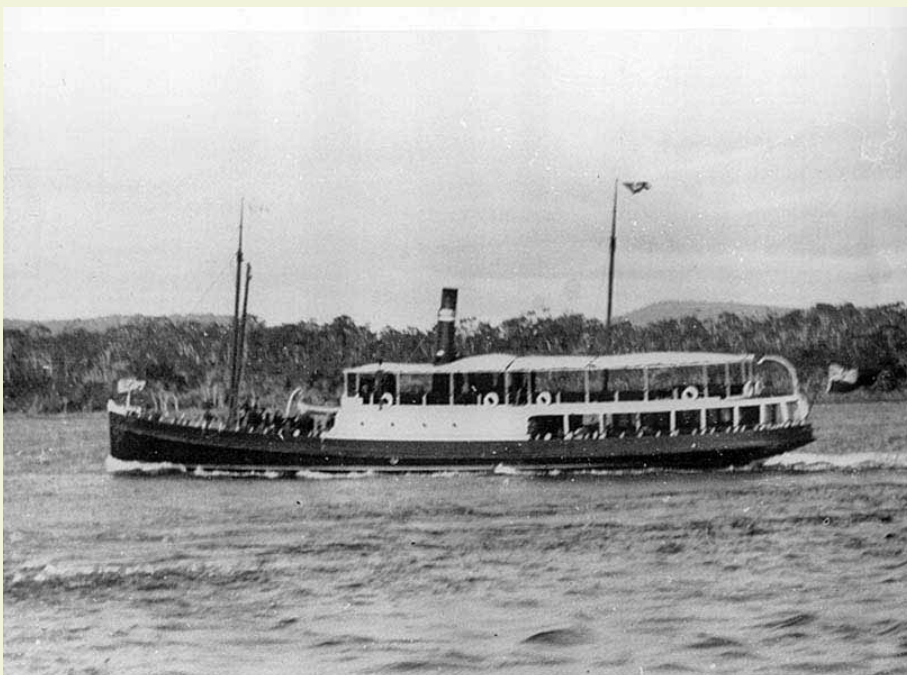
The Marine Board's report in 1934 showed 130,840 cases of fruit shipped from this section of the Tamar, 50,000 from the Hillwood jetty alone.

From the early 1900s Alfred Harrap & Sons operated most of the river ferries, including the Centennial, Breone, Niree, Rowitta, Reemere, Agnes and Bass.

As many as five river ferries would be operating at any one time, so they must have been a constant presence for East Tamar residents.

The Niree (pictured) caught fire while tied up at the George Town wharf in 1908 and was replaced the following year by the Rowitta (pictured) which served the people of the Tamar Valley until 1941.

(Sources: J.G Branagan, the Historic Tamar Valley; Gus Green, Jetties, Our River Life in On The Tide 2)



Tamar River Ferry Niree

CHURCH NEWS St Matthias' Anglican Church

Santa is already in the shops, so let's start NOW to include Christ's birth in everyone's family Christmas this year.



Save the date. Sat. Dec 11th.

Come along to the St Matthias' Christmas Festival 2pm-3:30pm when we plan to share the true Christmas story with all in the community. Your family can join in a range of free, informal activities including a Baby Jesus rock drop, nativity jigsaws and other puzzles, take your children's photo at our front gate nativity scene, decorate star biscuits, listen to carols, or make a Christmas story crown while watching a short Nativity video on a continuous loop if you wish.

At 3pm we will gather for a group photo of our community human nativity scene, including massed shepherds, angels, stars, sheep, cows, as well as the main characters.

Simple costumes are encouraged, with the opportunity to make a sheep or cow mask

on the day. McCall's Costume pattern 2340 is great for the keen sewers. The Guinness world record for a human nativity group is 2101 (Philippines 2019), but we're aiming for at least 100. Anyone who would like to be considered for Mary, Joseph, The Wise Men or even a new born Jesus, or is willing to assist with activities, make biscuits or paint Baby Jesus rocks, sew costumes, donate towards expenses etc, please phone Margaret Hosford 0409317806 ASAP. Also, from mid-October, the Koorong Book Shop at 92 St John Street stocks a wide range of excellent and reasonably-priced childrens' Christmas books, puzzles, activity/sticker books, nativity ornaments, cards and music etc, which are great for family sharing and/or gifts.



All Saints' Day. Sat. Oct. 30th 7:00pm

All Saints Day evening candlelight service will be held to remember past family or friends who have guided us on our faith journey, 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.



Concert/Sing-a-long Sat. Nov. 13th with the Launceston Male Choir at 2pm. Fundraiser towards our new cupboards project, which will hopefully be finished by Christmas.



Christmas Eve Carols Dec. 24th

Please "Like us" on Facebook @stmatthiaswindermere, or check the church noticeboard, for further details closer to these dates.

Special prayer requests for any parishioners and 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. Contact Rev John Tongue Ph. 0488 473 973

Regular services 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

AUGUST – Daffodils, Jonquils and More - Garden Club members enjoyed a delightful afternoon learning a lot about everyone's favourite winter flowers – daffodils and jonquils - at "Green Acres" in Swan Bay. This beautiful garden is host to thousands of daffodils in late winter – a result of the property being previously owned by a locally well-known flower farmer who produced daffodils, jonquils and freesias for sale. The freesias are no longer found in the garden but the daffodils and jonquils have naturalised in front of the house, and each year are left to flower until they die down completely (next year's flowers form in the bulbs whilst this is happening), and only then can they be mowed.

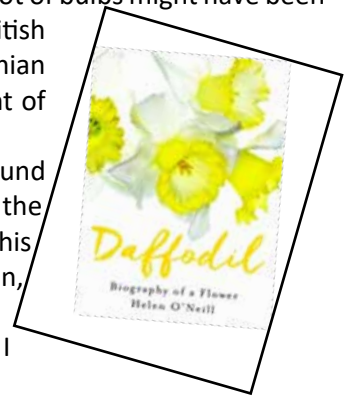


Our host, Evelyn, talked to us about some of the history and uses of the daffodil. It was said that Roman Soldiers took them to Britain by carrying them in a satchel when they went into battle. If they were injured to the point

of death, they would eat the toxic bulbs to relieve pain and hasten their death. It seems that a lot of bulbs might have been left lying around on the battlefields which resulted in their becoming naturalised in the British landscape. Early settlers coming to Australia brought them here and as we know, the Tasmanian climate is particularly favourable for these bright, cheery flowers. I personally think the sight of golden daffodils against a dark grey sky is quite magical!

Evelyn has conducted quite a lot of research into narcissi, and has found that scientists have found ways to extract compounds from daffodils with the potential for treating diseases. Some of the daffodil benefits to medicine may include treatments for Alzheimer's and even cancer. This beautiful flower is more than just ornamental! Thank you so much for a wonderful afternoon, Evelyn.

If you would like to know more, Evelyn has recommended the book (shown at left) which I believe may still be available at Petrarch's in Launceston. <https://helenoneill.com/daffodil/>



SEPTEMBER – Evandale - A cold and gloomy day was the perfect weather for an indoor gathering - a special guided tour of St Andrew's Anglican Church in Evandale. Grahame Foster, Church Warden of Holy Trinity Parish, entertained us with some interesting information and history about this charming church set in the very pretty Georgian village of Evandale. The church is the third one built on this site and re-used many of the bricks from the previous church building which was demolished due to large cracks caused by faulty foundations. Our group later enjoyed afternoon tea at the Ingleside Bakery and Café, in front of a very welcoming fire!

COMING UP IN OCTOBER – Are you ready for our Bee-Friendly Plant Swap Day at the Windermere Café? Local Beekeeper, Malcolm Giles, will be in attendance so if you have an interest in beekeeping or bees generally, here's an opportunity to find out a whole lot more. And some of Broady's art works in the form of decorative garden bee stakes will be on sale on the day – prices start at \$15.00. Most importantly, don't forget to bring along your potted up bee-friendly plants to swap on the day! See flyer following.

And while we are on the subject of bee-friendly plants, note a Timely Warning – Pesticides and Bees, following. Let's make sure we look after these important pollinators!

PESTICIDES AND BEES – A Timely Warning!



Bees are busy foraging and visiting flowering plants and can be easily poisoned by pesticides and herbicides sprayed on plants. **Please don't spray flowering plants. Wait until the plants have finished flowering before spraying.** If you really want to broad-leaf spray your lawn for dandelions or other flowering weeds, mow the flowers off **immediately before** spraying.

A couple of years ago a bee keeper on the north west coast lost more than 80 bee hives due to a nearby farmer using herbicide and pesticide on his vegetable crop.

Malcolm Giles, Swan Bay Apiarist

GET BUZZING! BEE READY FOR PLANT SWAP DAY!



SAT 23 OCTOBER 9.15 - 11AM

Pot up the bee-friendly plants you want
to swap and bring them along to

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important role bees play
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**TAKE A LOOK
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bee-themed
garden ornaments.
Meet local Garden
Club members for
a chat.**



**ENJOY THIS FREE COMMUNITY EVENT
WEAR A FUN SUN HAT!**

We welcomed a new member to Garden Club this month. If you would like to participate in Garden Club activities, please call or email me. New members are very welcome!

Kerri Curtis: Telephone: 0407 447 344

Email: kerridwen51@gmail.com



Tasmania Fire Service

Dilston and Hillwood Fire Brigades



Register your burn offs and fires by calling freecall 1800 000 699

By letting us know, you will help to prevent false alarms!

HILLWOOD FIRE STATION OPEN DAY

Hillwood Fire Brigade will be holding an open day and information session for the community on Saturday October 23 from 10am to 2pm. See over for more information on the day and we hope to see many of you there!

SMOKE DETECTORS

With the change to daylight savings, it is a good time to check your smoke alarms for correct operation. Most have a test feature, and it is also good practice for batteries to be replaced for those smoke detectors that use the common 9V battery.

...and here's a good tip for those of you installing 10year lithium batteries detectors, put the installation date on the back cover so you know when it should be replaced.

As always both brigades are more than happy to offer support and assistance to our communities with advice and installation!

CAN WE FIT!

Both brigades would like to ask our

respective community members to have a check of the entrances to their properties to ensure we (and other emergency services) can easily gain access should the unfortunate need arise. It is worth noting that we don't just respond to fires, but also to other call such as medical emergencies, and to assist Ambulance Tasmania. Our larger appliances are quite large as shown below, and so your help would be greatly appreciated!!



.../DilstonFireBrigade
.../TasmaniaFireService

Dilston Fire Brigade Contacts

Raoul Stow	0417 351 423
Paul Blakie	0417 592 424
Ben Jones	0417 877 001
Ken Nolan	0448 320 996

Hillwood Fire Brigade Contacts

Elaine Burns	0417 540 665
Sharon Clarke	0417 600 571
Andy Kendall	0427 818 282
Leon Hodges	0409 169 288

Prepare for bushfire - Protect what matters to you

Information and Open Day at the Hillwood Fire Station Saturday 23rd October 10am-2pm

You are invited to drop in and:

- Learn how to create your own plan to prepare your home, yourself and your family against bushfire.
- Understand why total fire bans are important under certain weather conditions and what they mean for you.
- Find out how you can improve your home's chance of surviving bushfire.
- Look at the resources stationed at your local Brigade
- Ask Questions
- Even enquire about becoming a volunteer with your local Brigade.

The Bushfire Ready Neighbourhoods Information Stand will be on site.

Prepared and ready community is a more resilient community.

Smoke alarms

Only working smoke alarms save lives!

- You should **install** a smoke alarm in each sleeping area (bedroom), hallway, living area, the top of stairways in a multi-level home.
- **Interconnect** smoke alarms so when one goes off they all go off alerting you and your family at the earliest possible time.
- For **older people** or **people with a disability** smoke alarms should be connected to a personal alarm system.
- Young children are likely to **sleep through** the sound of a smoke alarm, so **you must alert them** to a fire and help them escape to safety.
- **Replace** lead/alkaline batteries yearly or use an alarm with a 10 year battery.
- **240-volt smoke alarms** also have back-up batteries - check with the manufacturer if your model has batteries that need to be replaced regularly, or whether it has a re-chargeable battery.
- All alarms have a **use by date of 10 years**, after this time, the entire alarm must be replaced.
- **Installation** is quick and easy. Follow the manufacturer's instructions. Because smoke rises, mounting in the middle of the ceiling is recommended.
- **Test** alarms monthly.
- **Vacuum** dust from alarms every six months.



HAPPY NEWS:

Welcome to Areliah Sophie Jade ISAAC born 11th August 2021. A daughter for Billy Isaac and partner Kimberley, sister for Archie, grand-daughter for Michelle Isaac and Andrew Isaac and Diane, Great grand-daughter for Lyn and Terry Glover. Welcome to Jaxson Joel WEBB born 6th September 2021 to former resident Joel Webb and partner Chelsea Jones. A grand-child for Lyn and Bruce Webb of Hillwood.

SAD NEWS:

MIZZI, Jean died on 10th August 2021. Loving mother of Pauline, Manny (Lel), Tony, Susan, Diane, Jim and Steven, mother-in-law, grandmother and great-grandmother. Jean lived for many years in Hillwood and was a founding member of Hillwood Ladies Group.

VERNON, Heather died on 17th September 2021. Loving mother of Jake and Marlina, Tynella and John and Drew (dec). Loving grandmother and great-grandmother and sister.

Heather celebrated her 70th birthday earlier in September. Heather was the wife of David (dec). She lived in Hillwood for many years and raised her family here. She was a lovable character well known to many in Hillwood.

Heather's funeral was, like Heather, different. It was actually awesome. During her funeral, attendees were asked to turn to someone and tell them, as Heather would, that they were effing awesome.

YOUNG ACHIEVERS:

SHELBY MILLER: Congratulations to Shelby who won this year's Cavalier's Netball team Best and Fairest Award.

Shelby is the Captain of the Cavaliers Netball team which won the Tasmanian Netball League Grand Final 62 to 57.

Shelby is one of five Cavaliers players to make the State team for this year's Australian National Championships in Netball to be held in Traralgon, Victoria over a week in September. [CHECK]

PIERS NICHOLLS: Hats off to Piers who was the overall soloist for the Northern Primary Schools 2021 Singfest event. Piers, who is a Grade 6 East Launceston Primary School attendee stated that "I just always enjoyed singing. It always made me feel good and I felt I was quite good at it, so I joined choir and that helped my control my voice". (quote from the Examiner). Piers used to practice his singing travelling to and from school on the school bus!

Brother OLIVER also sang in the all boys choir "The Lads" in the Launceston Church Grammar School Spring Concert.

CELEBRATION:

A pleasant afternoon was held to celebrate the 80th birthday of former Hillwood resident Robin Claxton. Robin moved not far away - to Dilston - and friends from Hillwood Garden Club and others met to enjoy a feast at Robin and Pam's home on a Sunday afternoon in August. Robin told us his life story which was, as we knew it would be, extremely interesting. Robin was involved in the community while living in Hillwood and although he has moved away, still takes an interest. Happy birthday, Robin.

OF INTEREST:

JACK OSBORNE (son of Jo Osborne in Leam Road) grew up in Hillwood and is an Engineering Officer in the Royal Australian Navy. Early this year he moved to Maine in the USA on an exchange program building ships with the American Navy, and was joined in July by his partner Gabi who is also in the RAN. They met while on posting in Darwin, but by happy coincidence Gabi comes from Hobart. They've been able to enjoy a bit of travel freedom in the US, with recent trips to Boston and Las Vegas!"

HILLWOOD GARDEN CLUB

Always an enjoyable night with lots of laughter and fun. Nothing serious. August was seed swap. Lots of seeds shared. Lady at the garden shop at Mt Direction donated the raffle prize. The Club made a generous donation of \$500 to the Examiner's Christmas Appeal. The September meeting was devoted to Wattle stories.

HILLWOOD FOOTBALL CLUB:

Nothing to brag about here. Seniors were on the bottom of the ladder and Reserves not far from. The Women's Football team fared a lot better but didn't make it to the Finals. However, there is always an upbeat atmosphere in the Clubrooms especially on meal nights, which are held, during the season, on footy training nights, Thursdays. And, of course, there is always next season to look forward to.

The Club Annual Dinner was well attended and nine members were presented with Life Memberships.

A new innovation, Sharks Coffee Shop will be operating on Mondays and Tuesdays at the Clubrooms during the off season commencing October 4th between the hours of 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m.

Friday night meals will resume during the off-season on 2nd and 4th Fridays commencing Friday 8th October with roast pork and vegies and cottage pie and vegies, baked peach custard for sweets.

GENEROUS DONATION

By former resident Willis JACQUES: Willis, who was almost one hundred years old when she died earlier this year, has made a very generous donation to the Examiner's Winter Relief Appeal. This Appeal distributes the funds between four Launceston charities. Willis was member of the former Jacques orcharding family of Hillwood.

GEORGE TOWN COUNCIL MAYOR'S ROADSHOW:

Was well received and well attended. It really is worth attending. Ratepayers learn what their rates are spent on and can ask questions as well.

If you have any news you would like me to include on this page, please contact me, Nancy Donnelly on 0431 613 484 or nancydonnelly@bigpond.com

THE HILLWOOD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

The HPA AGM was held on 2nd August 2021 and the following new committee members were elected.

President: Robyn Wheeler. Vice President: Kathryn Millar.

Treasurer & Public Officer: Jess Nesbit. Secretary: Anne Green. Committee members: Jo Osborne (Minutes Secretary), Emmalea Jones, Julie Airey, Elaine Burns and Sharon Clarke.

Following the AGM the General Meeting was held. It is great to have so many young (and not so young) enthusiastic members with great ideas.

Since then, a very successful Father's Day Raffle has been conducted.

Congratulations to the winners: Hudson and Linda Thorp : Meat Tray Newnham Butchers, Christine Fountain: Signal Station Tavern Voucher & Thomas Mulligan: Marigold's Café Voucher.

A BIG Thank you to Marigold's Café (Hillwood) for their very kind donation.

Boneseed Blitz



Members of the HPA joined with Tamar NRM and members of the Hillwood Garden Club for a Boneseed Blitz on Saturday 11th September and removed the Boneseed along Egg Island Creek and the neighbouring reserve area. There is still quite a bit of boneseed about, so what can you do?

- Destroy any new plants before they flower or set seed hand pull or dig up.
- Cut down larger plants closer to the ground and apply herbicide to the stump within 15 seconds of cutting. (Before it seals itself!)
- Leave non-fruiting plants to decompose. Burn any that are fruiting.
- Look out for new seedlings that grow in the area and pull them out while small.



Defib Demo and Speak Up! StayChatty



After requests from the Community to have a Defibrillator Demonstration, HPA organized a demonstration at the Hillwood Hall with the assistance of Tas Fire Service, Field Officer, Roger Brown, on Wednesday 29th September. The HPA donated the original Defib at the Fire Station for use for the Community and a Defib owned by the George Town Council is also located on the outside of the Hillwood War Memorial Hall.

This Defib is an Alarmed Grab and Go system. The community was extremely fortunate to have Roger who gave a skillful presentation, providing a practical and interesting demonstration of the Defib and the 1st Aid process.

Roger seen here with 3 capable assistants, Beau, Isaac & Quinn Briede (Grandchildren of Ron and Marion Riley of Hillwood).

Speak up Stay Chatty were elected as one of two Charities to receive a donation from the Anzac Day funds. Kylea Aldred from Speak Up! Stay Chatty gave a short talk and was presented a cheque prior to the Defib Demo.

PROMOTE THE MESSAGE

SPEAK UP: when you aren't feeling ok or you notice some else is struggling.

STOP THE STIGMA: help us normalize the conversation by opening up the dialogue when it comes to mental health.

GET HELP: Find out what resources are out there and access professional help when you need it.

BE KIND: we get multiple chances each day to act with kindness- take those chances to make a positive impact in your community.

LISTEN: listen actively and without judgement to people who are struggling.

Email: staychatty@reltas.com.au

www.staychatty.com.au



Kylea Aldred receiving the cheque from the HPA

HILLWOOD

Meet the Neighbours: Kids & their Carers – Saturday 2nd October 10am at the Hillwood Hall / Playground.

The first of our meet the neighbours, was for the younger members of our community and their parents or carers. A simple meet and play at the playground/ hall/ footy oval. Future events will be posted on our New Facebook Page, search HILLWOOD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION.

Hillwood Family Friendly Trivia Night

Get some friends and family together for a fun night out in your local community, Funds raised from the event will support upcoming community projects by the Hillwood Progress Association.

Saturday 16th October

Hillwood Hall

6.30pm for 7pm Start

- Tables of 8 (11 tables available due to covid restrictions)
- \$100 per table - Payment on booking (price includes table snacks)
- Drinks available to purchase on the night, BYO platters
- Games included in between trivia rounds including balloon tree and heads and tails

To book your table email HillwoodPA@outlook.com, they will send a confirmation email and a request for payment. All ages welcome. Covid Restrictions will apply.

Catch It in The Catchment is a Tamar NRM project to clean up our waterways and provide ongoing community education and campaigns to reduce waste. HPA plan to participate Saturday 6th November followed by a community BBQ.

Our Meet the Neighbours - Christmas Get Together – Planned for the 1st weekend in December 2021. - More details to follow.

HILLWOOD HISTORY ROOM:

Work has progressed with the Hillwood History Room. Members have met regularly to formulate policy and also to sort a plethora of paperwork – Minutes, letters etc of the various committees that have been a part of Hillwood for many years including some lovely old Minute Books of the old Hall Committees which go back to 1927. There are also articles from Newspapers about people from the community.

Julie Airey, who organizes this group has commenced a project called “Who’s been living in my House”. This is an interesting project which is an attempt to record who has been living in the houses of Hillwood.

Oral and/or written histories are also being recorded about people who have lived in the district for many years. One is about the Roberts family who were prominent in the early years. Eileen Cooke, late of Mt

Direction, wife of Dudley also deceased, was the daughter of Lewis Roberts who was Warden (now called Mayor) of Lefroy at the age of 21 and her grand-father William was manager of the Back Creek Slate Mine. Her aunt Ethel was involved with the church and ran the Post Office and the Roberts family owned a considerable amount of land including Rocky Forest. Roberts Road off Dalrymple Road is named for this family.

An interesting project for the group was a field trip to try and find the site of the former Mt Direction Public Hall which was built by William Roberts. Using old maps a site was identified along Dalrymple Road on land once owned by the Roberts family. This was confirmed by historian John Dent.

The Hillwood State School was open from 1916 to 1953. We have a copy of enrolments for all of those years.

The Hillwood History Room would like to make contact with former pupils of the school with the view to inviting them to an afternoon tea. Also would appreciate any old memorabilia or photos from school years to include in our newly established history room.

If you would like to be involved in the “Who lived in my house” or provide or assist with our oral or written history please contact:

HillwoodHistoryRoom@outlook.com or

Julie on 0408 275 539

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