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East Tamar Newsletter

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Celebrate Family & Community



Jack Ball and the medals he gained for winning the Formula 1 Schools Challenge World Championship.

Jack Ball would have to be the local hero of the month in Dilston.

Humble heroes are rare, and yet on interviewing Jack and his family, I could not help but appreciate that this was a hero who had adopted his own values and pursued his own mission with the support of family and his school community.

Jack is a quiet, intelligent local lad, whose attention came to me as a Smokesignals courier with his Dad Byron. They have together delivered this newsletter over many years, well prior to my time as editor.

Jack initially gained his opportunities through a special teacher connection , Murat Djakic at Brooks High School when he entered Grade 7 in 2006.

It is so often the case that young people are inspired by one very special teacher who facilitates their growth and scaffolds

their learning, without dominating its outcome.

It's not just about racing designed model cars along a 20 metre race strip. The Challenge is an outstanding model for recognising individual potential in the science and engineering field, and in the development of personal skills. It has 11 criteria that embrace its achievement, including verbal expression, research & development, engineering and speed. Although speed is a special trophy, winning the overall World Championship demands highest achievement overall on the 11 criteria.

With the support of HIT Lab, Jack's team designed a simulated circuit based on the Longford Formula 1 race track, and in a year in which this racetrack celebrated its achievements, the team managed after 4 years, to mount the final step of an international platform in Malaysia for this event.

Jack has been offered a scholarship at The London City University in Engineering; an enticing carrot for his future. At this point, in Year 11 in Launceston College he must focus on his TCE and accessing a potentially exciting future.

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Windermere Corner Café

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neighbours.**

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with food.**

Garden Club.....Ros Ryan & Barry Oliver

Our August get together was held at the home of Margaret & Jon Hosford with approx 23 members attending. As usual we all enjoyed a lovely lunch with a great variety of dishes on offer. The day turned out to be glorious with sun glasses needed, which was a nice change.

Margaret & Jon's gardens have certainly taken shape now. The Pittosporum hedge has grown offering a great privacy screen. The front garden bank is looking good and filling up. Since our last visit a Truffle tree and a Gogi berry have been added to the garden.

The Dam was full and all the gardens mulched. The grounds were still very wet after all the rain, so not everyone walked around the garden.

Thank you Margaret and Jon for your hospitality, you have a great place for entertaining.

For our September meeting, about 20 local residents gathered at John and Delores Coulson's property at 73 Nelson Drive for what proved to be a most enjoyable day.

The weather was perfect, the food was good, the wine was very drinkable and the company was excellent.

A highlight of the day was a talk by gardening guru and Examiner columnist Les Hodge and he proved to be an excellent guest presenter.

Obviously his knowledge of all things gardening was without question and

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there were many questions asked from how to deal with moss in lawns to pruning bushes and everything in between.

I was particularly interested to hear how he actually got involved in all aspects of horticulture and it was fascinating to learn that from an early career in baking he took on a couple of short term gardening jobs which led to a 26 year career at the Launceston City Council.

After lunch we all went for a walk in the native gardens and the expansive lawn area.

Excellent day had by all.

Future 2011 meetings
October :

Anna & Jonathan

Waterhouse

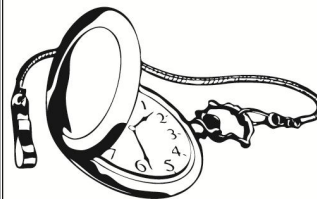
November: Wendy &
Peter Doyle.

December: Maureen &
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Osteoporosis

by **Dr. Don**

Advertorial

It's not a bad idea to measure your height each year.

Yes ,we do all start to shrink. Some of this is due to posture, but as we age a condition called osteoporosis or thinning of the bones leads not only to loss of height, but also increased risk of fractures (broken bones) with minimal trauma .

Whilst this condition has in the past been emphasised for post menopausal women (basically those women who have stopped having periods either for age or surgical reasons) it also affects men particularly after the age of 60 .

What can you do about it, throughout your life ?

You need to ensure adequate calcium in the diet, plenty of exposure to sunlight (vitamin D) and suitable weight bearing exercise to ensure muscle and bone strength.

It's not a bad idea to periodically have your blood levels of vitamin D checked as there are supplements that can be used to boost your vitamin D level.

If you are over 70, have had a minimal trauma fracture, or have chronic health issues, you are entitled under Medicare to have a bone densitometry (a type of x-ray which measures your bone density). If this is significantly lower than the norm for your age group, there are a variety of medications that can slow the progress of the degeneration of your bones.



Jeremy Ball – Independent candidate for alderman and deputy mayor.

I believe in hard work and standing up for the community. In the last 12 months I've initiated a public review of Launceston rates system; launched a campaign to restore Duck Reach Power Station, fought to get a Tip Shop back and operating, campaigned for more water through the Gorge, got support for a scientific approach to improving the health of the Tamar River, helped secure an annual arts festival and held Ben Lomond Water to account through public forums on price rises.

If you're looking for an independent, hardworking, full time alderman and deputy mayor then I will not let you down.

Authorised by T.Duncan, 46 Hill St., Launceston

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Dr Don Hempton
The Windermere GP
Is available for consults,
Strictly by appointment
Ring 6328 1560



Local Woodwork Artisan

John Tobin of Windermere Road is a passionate self-taught artisan who specialises in a mixture of 3D carving and inlay wood work.

Originally from Melbourne, he was once a Commonwealth Public Servant, but he gained little job satisfaction working in an office. As a hobby, he enjoyed making furniture for his young son, and was soon getting requests from friends to make creative kids' furniture and was approached to provide work for a gallery.

These days, although he has to work for sale in the Design Centre in Launceston, he prefers to sell to buyers from his home gallery. He is currently working on a commissioned work for a NSW buyer which will take him about 6 weeks to complete.

Each piece he does is unique, allowing the grain of the wood to partly dictate its place in the scene— as clouds or water or feathers of the many birds he loves to portray. His pieces all share the signature of his past Irish family coat of arms, showing 3 stinging nettle leaves. He usually carves any door handles in the shape of a Thylacine.

John came to Windermere in 1983 and has now spent 28 years in this fulltime job creating his masterpieces.

He participated in the very first Tasmanian Craft Fair, and has exhibited on the mainland and in Japan.

You can see his work at his home-based gallery and workshop at "Tigarra" 183 Windermere Road.



Your local residing agent...

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

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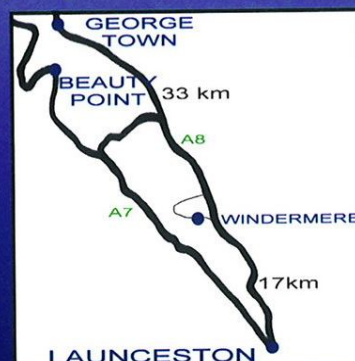


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Bookings

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DILSTON – WINDERMERE – SWAN BAY COMMUNITY DAY

SATURDAY 15TH OCTOBER

Stalls from 9 AM

DILSTON WAR MEMORIAL HALL

This is a Community Day for residents of Dilston, Windermere and Swan Bay to come along have some fun. To meet your neighbours and other locals, have a chat and see what our community has to offer.

The Fire Brigade will have an “open to the community” day where all interested people are invited to call in to the station to meet the local members who serve this community. Bushfire information and recruiting details will be available as well as demonstrations of skills by members of the Brigade. So call in, have a coffee and check out the facilities and equipment.

The Neighbour Hood Watch Trailer will be there with information on how keep your property safe.

FREE JUMPING CASTLE (11:00 am – 1:00pm) will be available for the children **Stalls** with plants, house hold items, jewellery, cakes and much more will be there for you to peruse. More stall holders are required, there is no fee for holding a stall at our open day, so sort out your cupboards, garage and garden and have stall.

Local History a display of photos of past events will be set up in the Hall.

Men's Shed will have a display and are running the BBQ

Snake Bite First Aid (11:00am) Ian Norton will be in attendance to show us the latest in Snake bite treatment.

All welcome to come along and enjoy themselves, maybe bring a picnic while the children enjoy the playground

For further information on this event please contact

Pat 63281348



East Tamar Men's Shed is raising funds to advance its purpose to create a shed on land in the community centre at Dilston. The group has a strong formative membership and is open to others who wish to develop their future as active men in our community.

There is no age limit.

Most of our members are aging men,
as we all are,
supported by women.

Whilst we don't actively encourage female membership we recognise that we need to the support of our partners to sustain our active wellbeing.

We aim to be a strong community group in support of practical needs within our community, and in doing so, to maintain the health of our members through active participation.

We would encourage all community members to support our cause.

An ongoing relationship with this group **will** catch up with you one day.

Provide a future for this group to support an ongoing community need in aging people.

Next Meeting in 2011:

At the Fire Brigade rooms:

November 29th



Are you a Golfer?

Support The Mens' Shed Project

GOLF DAY FUNDRAISER

Where ?

George Town Golf Club

When ?

Sunday 13th November

Event

Mixed 4 Ball Ambrose 9 Holes

Entry Fee

\$15 includes BBQ lunch

Entries Close

Wednesday 9th November

RSVP

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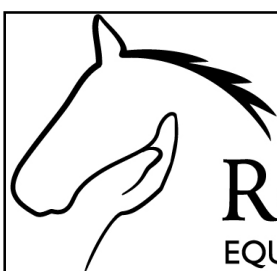


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Sunday 9th October

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Sunday 23rd October

10:30 a m Eucharist Service

Sunday 13 November

10:30 am Eucharist Service

Sunday 27 November

10:30 am Eucharist Service

With tea/coffee, biscuits
and Conversation after each service

Each Sunday:

8:30 am Eucharist Service

10:30 am Sung Eucharist

(1st Sunday) **5:30 pm Choral Evensong**

(2nd Sunday) **5:30 pm—Prayer for Healing**

(3rd Sunday) **5:30 pm—Taize Service**

(4th Sunday) **5:30 pm Prayer at the end of the day**

(5th Sunday) **5:30 pm No Service**

Each Saturday 5:00 pm Families @ 5

For information on Weekly Eucharists

Check out the website :www.holytrinitylaunceston.org.au

Our regular reporter Sue speed is away this month.

Things are still happening at Holy Trinity. Trees have been pruned for long term new life and the Heritage Report has clearly defined ways in which we need to move to maintain the stability of the building and to restore the grounds for the future of the parish.

There is a committed group of people within this community willing to preserve your church as a worship centre and as a support for your spiritual needs.

If you would like our support for your family or for a relative please do not hesitate to call us .

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Email: wjcuth1@bigpond.com

Rev. Ken Box Phone: 6326 4226

East Tamar Tourism Group

Sharing promotion of features within our East Tamar area to promote our area for visitors.

A meeting at Windermere Café on Thurs Sept 29 pursued an invitation for Launceston Tourist promoters to visit our area in the week commencing October 24th.

Any businesses that offer feature opportunities for visitors ie: accommodation, crafts, open gardens/produceare invited to contact

Alison Stott (Native Point Wines) 042 8632 816 to discuss inclusion in the proposed itinerary.

The group will next meet at the Café prior to this week on Thursday October 20th at 5:30pm.

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Jack Ball and his family acknowledge the support they have received from ACL management; in particular Bruce Williams and Chris Brooks.

Jack has been offered support for employment entry with ACL, and as a young person entering the time when decisions need to be made for his future focus, at present he is quite sensibly reserving his options.

Congratulations Jack. You have made your family and this community proud in your achievement.

Bryon, Jack, William and Shirley Ball

Smokesignals invites other families to celebrate family achievement through this publication. *Editor*