



# Smoke Signals

East Tamar Newsletter

**We're on the web**

<http://www.winderdoon.com/community/smokesignals.htm>

## We've Had Enough Thank you!

August and September have been the wettest at Dilston/Windermere for many years. Windermere had 253.7 mm in August according to the records of Pat Hollier, who keeps the records of rainfall for the district. There were a further 110mm in September and just a top-up of 59.8 to October 1-3rd.

In viewing the records from 1929 some interesting statistics appear. The median yearly rainfall is 810mm. The lowest rainfall recorded in a year was 487.7 mm in 1972, and the highest was 1262.9mm in 1956.

The years of 2009- 2011 were above average rainfall and this year is shaping up to meet the median, however long term forecasts are inconclusive.

Statistically, a median is the middle number point, however it gives no indication as to the likely rainfall in any given year.

Apart from the annoyance of not being able to get on the mower when we wanted to, the rain has been highly beneficial to the district. You can look forward to exceptional spring growth as the weather warms up.

There are downsides however, and the rain may well affect the fruit set of your orchard.

The timing of the rain will affect the pollination of plants and in some years it is beneficial and others, not so.

For vineyards, the rainfall has been very timely. Pruning has finished and the new season brings a great moisture level and full dams to drip feed over the summer. The likelihood of major frost is all but over, and unless we get significant rainfall in the warmer weather it could be a great year for wine.



Those who leave on rural blocks as we do need to make sure we drain run off effectively so it does not cause long term consequences such as wash-aways and flooding due to accumulated debris. You will have seen the consequences of that by now, so make sure you plan to make alterations for the next time that we get this kind of event. There is nothing surer than the fact that it will happen again, so let's learn to live with it.

### **Our community would not be so rich without the Windermere Corner Café.**

Kerry and Marie are keen to let you know, that despite not being the wine tasting centre for Native Point Wines any longer .....

TGIF is still happening of a Friday evening and they are licenced to sell alcohol in a variety of styles from many sources.

Several producers will be featured over the coming months.

Alcohol may be sold bought from the Café to take home as long as it is from a Tasmanian owned and produced source.

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## Gardening

### Dilston Windermere Swan Bay Garden Club.

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The Christmas meeting will be at Lou Finney and John Bailey's home in Dilston. Please ring the host for advise on catering if you wish to attend. Ros Ryan ..President: 63 281 566

### Vegie Planting Calendar for Northern Tasmania.

#### October Week 3

#### Summer carrots; (*Scarlett Nantes*)

Mix the seed in an empty soft drink bottle with coarse sand and sprinkle evenly into drills made with the handle of a rake. Cover over by using your thumb and pointer finger either side of the drill.

The moisture brought to the

surface by compacting the row with the rake will be sufficient to germinate the carrots if the weather is not too dry. If it is dry cover the bed with a piece of hessian. Inspect from day seven to 10 and remove when you see the first signs of germination break from the soil.

#### Silver beet & Beetroot

Sow the seed 5 cm apart and thin out to 30 cm with the healthiest plants.

**Spring onions** . Seed or seedlings will grow well as the weather warms.

**Red Odourless onions:** will grow well from transplanted seedlings now, to harvest as you need them from January.

**Lettuce:** Plants successive plantings of seed or seedlings 2 weeks apart.

**Spinach:** Make sure you choose a **summer** spinach, as incorrect variety will run to seed in the hot weather.

*Perpetual* is a variety that is reliable in Tasmania over Summer.

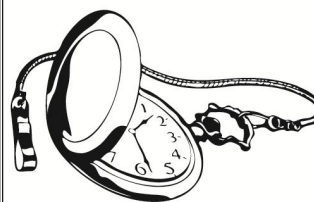
#### Tomatoes

Unless you are prepared to cloche small plants leave tomatoes until the first weekend in November. You will get better growth and a better crop with less disease .

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## Christmas Edition

Smokesignals is keen to celebrate local achievement and local businesses. If you have a business locally, a craft, or a special feature you wish to feature in this publication, please get in touch with us. Display advertising is limited, as we have regular demand for this. Our current advertising rates do not pay for the costs of publication. We are indebted to the support of the Sponsor below for the continued viability of this publication. If you have something special you wish to introduce, please contact the Editor by mid November.



*Smokesignals* acknowledges the continued contribution and support of

**Brian Wightman, MHA**  
in the printing of this newsletter.

## Experienced Country Agent...

Hello all East Tamar Residents,

As you have probably heard, the real estate market has been slow for quite some time, but the GOOD NEWS is, things are picking up.

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# DILSTON FIRE BRIGADE

## Tasmania Fire Service

### *A busy period for the brigade...*

*Since the last edition of Smoke Signals, Dilston Fire Brigade has been busy with a variety of training exercises as well as a number of incidents.*

*Just before midnight on the 4th of September, the brigade was paged to assist with a large rubbish and waste fire behind the One Steel recycling plant at Bell Bay. This was a multi brigade effort with units from Dilston, Hillwood, George Town, Bell Bay, Beaconsfield, Rocherlea, Prospect and Pipers Brook attending. At one stage the Heavy Pumper and "Cherry Picker" from Launceston were also called to attend.*

*We arrived just after 12am and were immediately tasked to provide transfer pumping support to George Town's 3.1 tanker unit and Bell Bay Brigade, who were laying water down on the eastern side of the fire. Shortly there after we were re-tasked to relieve George Town's Medium pumper who were attacking the fire from the western side. We had a large excavator periodically breaking up the heaps to allow water to be put onto the hot spots, and for the next 6 hours we continuously pumped water onto the fire via two 64mm hose lines. . The pump layout of our new(ish) heavy tanker allowed us to maintain the supply to these lines , although it must be said that we were running the pump set flat out!! A testament to the*

*build quality of the Tasmania Fire Service fabrication division.*

*Some rough fire ground calculations indicate that in that time frame we pumped about 500,000 litres of water. This type of fire unfortunately does not lend itself well to water conservation as it was imperative to keep the fire from spreading to nearby buildings and exposures, which included the Petroleum storage facility 300m away.*

*At around 8:30am we , along with the George Town 3.1 crew , had reduced the intensity of the fire. A replacement crew for GT 3.1 arrived and we were relieved by a crew from Beaconsfield where we were then supported by crews from Rocherlea.*

#### Brigade Contacts :

Paul Blakie	0417 592 424
Neville Jolly	0417 540 230
Jason Hingston	0407 392 457
Raoul Stow	0417 351 423

*We returned to our station via the Windermere Store where the ever cheerful Kerry cooked up a storm with Bacon and Egg rolls and coffee's all round. Thanks Kerry!!!*

*This incident again proved the cohesive nature in the way that multiple brigades attacked an incident, and we were heartened to hear that we our collective efforts prevented the fire from becoming something a lot larger.*



[www.facebook.com/DilstonFireBrigade](http://www.facebook.com/DilstonFireBrigade)





## More images from the Bell Bay



Dilston 3.1 to the far right pumping into the fire via the 64mm line. The ground monitor (centre shot above) was used as the smoke and fumes, and unsure footing made for an extremely hazardous work space! Check out our facebook page for more images from this incident.

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## Multi brigade exercise @

Dilston Fire Brigade recently joined with Bell Bay and Hillwood Brigades for a Breathing Apparatus (BA) exercise at the Gunns Sawmill, Longreach. All who attended agreed that this was an extremely worthwhile activity that builds on and enhances the collaborative brigade efforts such as was found at the Bell Bay fire described above. It enabled less experienced members to get a feel for the 'real thing' in a safe and controlled environment. A big thankyou to our field works officer Rick Mahnken for giving up his time (again!) to provide solid guidance to all involved.



## Election Day antics....



The day of the Federal Election provided the brigade with the opportunity to hold an open day and welcome potential new members to our station. We were pleased with the interest and it looks like we may have picked up a new addition to our ranks. We still have positions available however and with the impending construction of our new station about to start near the Windermere Store, it is an exciting time to 'get on board'!! Give one of the brigade contacts a call or even pop along to a training evening. We will keep our training days listed on our Facebook page.



# Farewell Don Parks

On June 19<sup>th</sup> 2013, family and friends of the late Donald (Don) Parks of Dilston farewelled a loved Husband and father, adored Poppy, and highly respected businessman.

Born in Leichardt in 1947, Don was raised in Ryde, NSW. At the age of just 14, Don began an apprenticeship in a large local butcher shop. As a young working apprentice, he also began to learn the bass guitar, and later the violin. Later he played the double bass in the highly regarded Ocean City Jazz Band. Don loved music, but it had to "punch along". He particularly enjoyed the Rolling Stones.

Don was exceptional at his trade. So good was his ability to lead staff and manage businesses, he became the General Manager of a large chain of butcher shops in and around Taree, NSW in his twenties. Don and his wife Maureen had successful businesses of their own in Yass, Cootamundra and Goulburn before moving to Tasmania.

Don could see the potential in the properties he bought and in many ways, he was a visionary and pioneer. On their farm at Bookham he noticed that the lay of the land, with its natural creeks and waterways, were unique and could provide a source of unpolluted and independent water supply for Aquaculture. Don, with Maureen's support, carved a trout farm out of the hills where people fished, shared picnics and enjoyed the beautiful gardens.

Despite the hardship that drought and bushfires caused during their time at Bookham, Don still found time to give to the local community through the Lions Club, Rotary Club and through his Athletics. Don himself was a gifted athlete as a young man. His love of Athletics saw him develop the Yass Amateur Athletics Club and he was the volunteer coach for the duration of his time at Yass. He could see the talent in people, when others could not. As just one example, he spotted a young girl who had come for a run with her friend who was training. He spoke to Angela's parents about letting her join the club and he coached her to the junior Olympics in Athens. He himself competed successfully at the World

Veteran Championships when he was in his late 30's.

Twenty years after Maureen and Don holidayed in Tasmania, they fulfilled their dream of moving here. Although the intention was to retire, after only a few short months, Don's entrepreneurial spirit kicked in again and he and Maureen opened the first of what would become seven successful butcher shops around Tasmania. In Tasmania alone, they have employed more than 200 staff and trained 10% of the State's apprentice Butchers.

Don continually sought to create a better future for himself and his family. He walked the road less travelled. He inspired others to do the same; follow their dreams and live with passion. He was happy to create opportunities for others and to support them.

All who knew Don would agree, you wouldn't find a better man. He was hard working, kind, honest and loyal. He valued his family greatly and had a fantastic sense of humour. Don was an inspiration and will be sorely missed by all who were fortunate to have known him.



Photo & Obituary supplied by family.

## The 1907 Alice/Togo Disaster

Buck and Joan Emberg

The glorious Easter weekend was nearly over. Seldom had the cruising weather been better. The ship *Alice*, owned by the Salisbury Foundry in Launceston, was sailing up the Tamar. The river was in a virtual calm. It would appear, Mr. McDonald, skipper of the *Alice*, was lulled into complacency by the perfect setting. The family laughed and joked and the children played games below deck. The lights of Launceston glimmered ahead.

Meanwhile, the steamer *Togo* left port at 8:30 p.m., fully loaded, for George Town. Those on the *Alice* and *Togo* were enjoying a warm, balmy late summer evening. The *Togo* cruised rapidly at perhaps thirteen knots. The ship may have been speeding.

Apparently, McDonald, owner and helmsman, became confused with the conflicting lights of the rapidly approaching *Togo* and the city. A warning was shouted by a young man on board. Turning hard to starboard the *Alice* crossed directly in front of the much larger 90 ton *Togo*.

The scream of the warning siren and yells from the passengers were to no avail. She struck amidships off the port bow and the now severed *Alice* began to sink immediately. The bow pointed into the air and in sixty seconds, she slipped into the black Tamar River.

Arthur Pepper, thrown into the water, swam over to the severed stern. He untied the dinghy; it took perhaps three minutes. As he turned to row the dinghy to aid his friends the *Alice* was gone. A few muffled shouts were heard. Six were hauled from the Tamar. One hat was seen floating; a coughing, spluttering person was attached.

Those who were drowned were: Mr. and Mrs. McDonald, sons Willis and Anthony and Nancy Macdonald, Mrs. Frank McDonald, a sister May Pillgrim, Mrs. Campbell and the engineer J. Primsell. Six were saved.

Some days later in the graveyard at Fingal, Tasmania, a service was held and a gravestone erected.

The stone reads:

In Loving Memory of

MAUD LOUISE

Wife of Frank McDonald

and of

MABEL EVELYN

Aged 28 years

Daughters of

Thomas L. And Sarah A. Pillgrim

Both drowned in the Togo-Alice' Disaster

Launceston, Easter Monday

1<sup>st</sup> April 1907

*In death they are not divided*

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(It is estimated that over 1500 ships have ended their days in Tasmanian tidal waters.)







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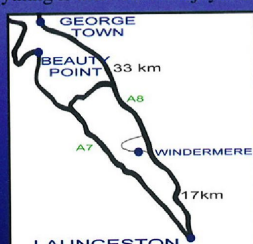


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## Birds of The Tamar..... European Goldfinch

The European Goldfinch was introduced to Australia in the 1860's and has successfully spread to farmland areas of Victoria, NSW and Tasmania.

It has a red face, with a black crown and shoulders. The sides of the head are white. The upper parts and flanks are brown, the abdomen and rump are white. The black wings have conspicuous yellow bars and a white trailing edge in flight. The tail is black, tipped with white. Fe-

males are similar to males but have a less red face. Juveniles have a brown head and streaked body plumage.

The Goldfinch particularly enjoys the seeds of scotch thistles. It also eats insects in summer time.

The goldfinch builds a cup shape nest in low bushes and particularly in vineyards, although it is not known to be an eater of grapes.

The eggs( usually 3 or 4 ) are incubated by the female who seldom leaves the nest. She is fed by the male and she then feeds the young. About 15 days after hatching, the well-feathered young climb from the nest and make their first flight. They remain dependant on their parents for another 3 -4 weeks.





## What a day at Woolmers Estate!

### Festival of Roses - Plus Wolseley Centenary Celebration.

Sunday, November 17 is a big day at Woolmers Estate. This year's Festival of Roses promises to be bigger and better than ever.

Experience the day long program of music, competitions, buskers, crafts and more. You'll be enticed by the aromas of fine food, freshly baked bread and coffee, and sizzling sausages. Wander amongst the stalls featuring all sorts of produce including wine and cider, garden products, books and crafts. There'll be lots of fun activities for the kids too. Enjoy a picnic under the trees. Wander through the Rose Garden, vibrant with over five thousand roses in bloom.

#### 100th Birthday Celebration!

Vintage car enthusiasts will love the sight of the 1913 Wolseley, which belongs to Woolmers Estate, sweeping up the driveway as it heads a procession of other veteran and vintage cars driven by members of the Veteran Car Club of Australia. There will be a special 100th birthday celebration with a performance by the Children's Choir.

The Woolmers 1913 Wolseley will be on display at the National Auto Museum, at Cimitiere Street, Launceston two weeks prior to the Festival of Roses event.

**Festival of Roses Sunday November 17 from 9am-4pm**

**Admission: \$5 per adult. Children under 16 free**

**National Rose Garden, Woolmers Estate, Woolmers Lane, Longford.**

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#### Have you heard of Movember?

Chances are you have .

If you haven't, visit <http://au.movember.com>

Movember is the movement that is putting men's health issues research into the calendar.

Men grow moustaches to advertise they are aligned with the message.

Health is important.

The East Tamar Men's Shed is joining the push to bring the message of Men's health to the foreground by supporting Movember this year.

If one of your neighbours approaches you with a request for support in the name of Movember you will need to check that:

- They are clean shaven on at least the upper lip on October 31st
- They present you a card of authority from ETMS or some other group registered with Movember

We will be holding a function of commitment on the evening of October 31st. Details to check the credentials of all authorised participants and issuing certificates of challenge.

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The AGM of The Men's Shed is scheduled for Thursday November 28th. Direct notice will be issued to members.

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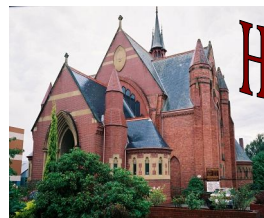
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**SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER**

**2:00 PM Celebration Service at St Matthias**

The Rev Ken Box

Champagne and Nibbles After !!!

*Peter and Ann researched the history of St Matthias in 2011 and prepared a Conservation Management Plan. They found and coordinated a huge amount of information regarding St Matthias. We now have recommended Conservation and Preservation Works (prioritised) for St Matthias..*

***We ask, FOR CATERING PURPOSES, that if you are planning to attend either day that you contact us  
BEFORE WEDNESDAY 30 OCTOBER***

Sue Speed (03 6328 1209 email: speedjbandsue@bigpond.com) OR

Jon and Margaret Hosford (03 6328 1163 email: jhosford@bigpond.net.au) .

**We hope that you are able to Celebrate with us!**

We have cleared the riverbank and you can now see the Heritage Pathway along the river bank which was travelled by previous Parishioners living on the East Tamar to attend Church. And what a fine view of the Rosevears Pub across the river!

***ST MATTHIAS' SERVICES***

Sunday 13 October

10:30 am Eucharist Service

Sunday 27 October

10:30 am Eucharist Service

Saturday 2 and Sunday 3 November

**SEE ABOVE**

Sunday 17 November

10:30 am Eucharist Service

**HOLY TRINITY SERVICES**

Each Sunday:

**8:30 am Eucharist Service**

**10:30 am Sung Eucharist**

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

(2nd Sunday) **5:30 pm—Growing in Faith Together**

(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**

*For information on Weekly Eucharists*

*Check out the website*

*holyltrinitylaunceston.org*