

COMMUNITY CONCERN AT WINDERMERE

A number of residents have expressed concern about developments at the Windermere Cafe since the property changed hands. We publish here a letter from a reader regarding the recent removal of a noticeboard on the corner which was used both for the Cafe and for community information. The new owners of the property have responded but would provide nothing for publication.



Dear Editor

Some unfortunate Community news;

The Community blackboard on the side of the road near the corner of Windermere Road and John Lees Drive has been removed, apparently by the new landlords of the Windermere Cafe.

Unfortunate; because they are now residents of the community and may not have known of the significance of our Community Notice Board before taking it upon themselves to remove it.

The community notice/blackboard was gifted to the Community over 7 years ago, for the cafe use of displaying The Open Hours or cafe specials such as Seafood, Mothers, Father's Day sittings, TGIF nights etc. It has been continually used for community notifications, especially Alerts to watch out for thieves in the area, often around Christmas time, Lost Animals, Fire warnings, Happy birthdays/anniversaries to some special people, everyone is special in our community. Events like Harvest Festival at St Matthias Church, Markets held at Dilston Hall. The cafe is the hub of our community as is Hillwood cafe, notices are shared on these notice boards for our wider communities.

The notice board is a vital link to the community and visitors, tourists when stopping by from the highway to the cafe. Not everyone in our community is on Facebook, this is the reason I chose to write to the editor of Smoke Signals. Those that are on Facebook can see how upset the Community is over the Notice board being removed. In taking this action the owners are harming the cafe's business, because hours cannot be displayed, the removal also makes it look like the cafe has been permanently closed.

To our Smoke Signal readers, please support our Windermere cafe in keeping it open. Open from Thursday to Sunday, 9am - 3pm come along and join the Scrabble Group on a Thursday, stay for a roast lunch. The Sunday roast often includes Yorkshire puddings, very popular so best to book. Of course there is a good range of home style meals to choose from, cakes and deserts. Fleur can cater for your special occasions too, even a high tea or early evening group celebrations.

June Burnet, Windermere.

Letters To The Editor

Because of limited space, letters should not be more than 300 words, and may be edited where necessary.

Dear Editor,

"Further to continued email correspondence, I was invited to meet with Mr Michael Stretton, CEO, Launceston City Council. I attended a meeting on Wednesday 13th July together with Anne Layton-Bennett and Berrice Miller, both of Swan Bay.

Mr Stretton updated us on the recommendations to Council as discussed at the Council meeting on 5th May.

Amendments to signs at Swan Bay have been undertaken and we should see other signs erected by September. There appears to be some confusion between the road signs residents deem necessary, and those Council see fit, and we stressed that it was important that Roads Manager Nick Browne consults with residents first.

Unfortunately, Mr Browne was unable to attend the meeting, and his perspective would have been useful.

We also asked to see the plans for proposed road work at the Windermere Café/shop intersection, and that the 100km/hr speed limit in the cafe area needs to be discussed and reviewed should a bus stop be installed opposite the shop.

We stressed the need for roadside maintenance, and that it's unacceptable to wait another six months for verges to be slashed. In some areas weeds are already out of control. We reiterated the need for the verges to be properly graded.

Apparently consultation has started in some areas about speed limits, (Sanwae Drive) but we asked that consultation opportunities be extended to all residents in the area as those along Los Angeles Road already are, and will continue to be, further impacted by any speed limit decisions.

We were told Tasmania Police has been informed about drivers not adhering to speed limits and hoon behaviour and that we should have seen some Police presence in the area. None of us were aware of being advised about this. Please let me know if you do notice any Police patrols in the area.

As a complete aside, I broached the subject of a Barbeque being installed at Dilston Hall by the Council for use by our community. The subject was raised in conversation recently with Amy Luttrell from our local Playgroup. Mr Stretton is following this up with the Assets Manager to see if it is a possibility as the hall remains a Council asset.

I will keep you updated on any progress but please feel free to contact me if you wish to raise any road safety matters in our area.

Carolyn Gutteridge, Windermere (m) 0438298516

Dear Editor

The following is the letter I wrote concerning the road safety issues in our area, and that was printed recently in The Examiner. Publication coincided with the meeting Carolyn Gutteridge, Berrice Miller and myself had with Council's general manager, Michael Stretton, to further discuss road safety concerns, and the recommendations prepared by Council that followed Carolyn's presentation at a Council meeting, on our community's behalf. It has been encouraging to see at least some of the points raised with Mr Stretton have now been addressed. Possibly this was a result of persistence on the part of members of our community, and the reports logged on an app that Cllr Harris made, and which he strongly urged us all to download and use.

The 'Snap Send Solve' app is available for anyone to report issues such as potholes, fallen branches, weeds, damaged or defaced road signs etc. Once logged the report cannot be ignored – and so far as examples of potholes Cllr Harris 'snapped and sent' along sections of Los Angeles Road – that's certainly been the case. I'm aware Carolyn has also written a short report following the meeting with Mr Stretton, but if we want to ensure the roads in our area are safe for all those using them, drivers and pedestrians alike, then please consider adding your voice to those urging Council to act. With so many more people living here, and larger and heavier vehicles using them, our roads can not longer be considered either safe or fit for purpose.

"Local councillors frequently receive a bad rap for often seeming to do very little, so this is a shout out to Launceston Councillors Alan Harris and Tim Walker for taking the time to meet with several Swan Bay and Windermere residents recently. They were responding to a detailed presentation compiled by some in the community, which became a Council meeting agenda item, and wanted to hear more about concerns involving the area's increasing and potentially serious road safety issues. Some of these featured in an Examiner article in May. Cllrs Harris and Walker wanted to witness the problems for themselves. As a direct result there has finally been action on the installation of a streetlight at a new and potentially dangerous intersection, and some much needed, and overdue, repairs have been carried out filling in potholes along certain sections. Many thanks to both for ensuring these issues were finally fixed. It's unlikely I'm alone in looking forward to learning the Council will now be addressing the other concerns raised in our community's presentation."

Anne Layton-Bennett
July 2022



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BIRDS OF THE TAMAR By Jon Hosford

Morepork *Ninox leucopsis*

The Morepork (*Ninox leucopsis*), also called the Tasmanian spotted owl, is a small brown owl found throughout Tasmania. Its name is derived from its two-tone call. The bird has many common names including mopoke and boobook—most of these are onomatopoeic as they emulate the bird's distinctive two-pitched call. The Morepork is a nocturnal hunter and is often heard calling on still nights or in the early hours of the morning, retiring at dawn to roost in secluded spots in the foliage of trees. The morepork feeds on insects and small invertebrates, by pouncing on them from the cover of the trees.

On a wet night, moreporks can be lured to pounce on mice crossing a road in the lights of a car. They often come to grief this way. They have dark brown plumage with prominent pale spots, and golden-yellow eye.



Tasmanian Morepork photo : gobirding.com.au

Morepork is now considered a different species to the Southern Boobook of mainland Australia, having yellow eyes as distinct from the Southern Boobook which has green eye colouring. Naturally, the water separating mainland Australia and Tasmania over a long period of time has allowed the two species to develop behaviourally different patterns so that they would be unlikely to interbreed.

Young moreporks do not attain adult plumage properly until their third or fourth year.

The tips of juvenile's feathers are white and fluffy, remnants of the nestlings' down. These are worn away over time, persisting longest on the head. The feathers of the head, neck, and underparts are fluffier overall. Their plumage is a darker and more greyish brown overall than that of adults.

The Morepork is widespread in Tasmania and on King Island and other islands of Bass Strait.

It occurs in most habitats with trees, in Tasmania predominantly eucalypt forests and in areas that have mature trees with hollows.

Moreporks hunt a variety of animals – mainly large invertebrates including beetles, moths and caterpillars, spiders, grasshoppers, They also take almost any suitably sized prey, particularly small birds, rats, and mice. They can find suitable food in pine forests as well as native forest.

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Although many members of the Mens Shed are away in warmer climates, the ones who remain have been busy on a number of smaller projects including the sign which now adorns the entrance to the driveway.

Acknowledgement must go to the skills of Vic Cochrane and John Moody for the design and installation.

A small team was also involved in building and erecting the swing set - which was a request from a lady in Grindelwald. Sadly she had purchased one from a hardware store which had blown away in the first big wind.

The Shed Members would like to give a big thank you to Joe from **Fire Systems Tasmania** for servicing, updating and checking our fire hydrants as a donation to the Shed.

The East Tamar Mens Shed is always keen for new challenges, and can design and build items from metal or wood or repair or recycle items if they have a significance to the owners.

Contact can be made via email: secretary@etms.org.au or call at the Shed Monday, Wednesday or Saturday 8.30 to 2.00pm. New members always welcome.



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OUR HISTORY

WINDERMERE – WHAT NEARLY WAS..... by Tony Walker

We know Windermere today as a sleepy village and one of the prettiest spots on the Tamar, but it has had two narrow escapes from disaster over the last 100 years.

As early as 1903, with exports to England increasing, there was seen to be a need for a deepwater port on the Tamar that would provide a direct shipping link between Launceston and England.

The tidal nature of the estuary made it difficult for large steamers to access Kings Wharf, but safe navigation was feasible from the heads to Windermere, with a minimum depth of 24 feet all the way, even at low tide.

It was suggested that the Port of Windermere be created to service Launceston and to ship out fruit, timber coal and other produce of the north.

It would require a rail link to the north east line at Invermay and it was estimated that a 10 mile rail link and wharf could be constructed for less than £30,000.

It was argued that a rail link would be easier and cheaper on the East Tamar than the West, where Rosevears had been suggested as an alternative port site.

In 1910, the Launceston Harbour League was formed to advance the scheme and the following year the Marine Board approached the Government to finance the rail link.

The project seems to have lapsed until the 1920s when a private consortium, the Industries and Products Corporation of Tasmania, was formed to promote the Port of Windermere.

They proposed to build a privately owned wharf at Windermere as an interstate terminal.

At first the Marine Board smiled on the project and the wharf was approved in 1927. The piles were delivered to the site, but that's as far as it ever got, with the Marine Board apparently having second thoughts, concerned about the potential loss of revenue to a private operator.

There was also considerable public resistance to moving the main port site from Launceston. The deadlock was never resolved and some wit changed the company's sign at the wharf site from Windermere to Wondermore.

Windermere was to have an even more narrow escape just after the Second World War, when the Commonwealth Government decided that Australia needed its own aluminium smelter and it should be built in Tasmania.

A number of sites were considered, with the options eventually narrowed down to Bell Bay or Windermere.

In February, 1948, the Premier, Mr Brooker, announced that a site in Windermere had been chosen and construction would be starting soon.

To be continued in our next issue.



The piles for the Windermere Wharf. Photo supplied by the Rev. Ken Box, whose great uncle Bob cut and carted the logs by bullock train



Over the winter months, our numbers usually drop a bit with some parishioners travelling, but the others still very much enjoy meeting and worshipping together. The travellers often report of wonderful experiences at services in other areas. Jon and I have personally just participated in a multi-cultural service at the Childers Festival, in Queensland, including over 15 nationalities, all brothers and sisters in the family of the church. A wonderful feeling of inclusion.

Seen on this Welcome to Country sign in Queensland:
 "God, the Creator Spirit, is with us". How inspiring to be reminded that our faith connects us with so many throughout time and space.

The recent Diocesan Council meeting affirmed two motions by our Anglican Aboriginal Reconciliation Working Group which firstly endorsed the Uluru Statement from the Heart, and secondly urged parishioners to visit the Palawa Anglican Resource page on the Anglican Church website: <https://anglicantas.org.au/palawa-anglican-resources/> and study some of these excellent resources as part of the Truth Telling process towards reconciliation.

Thanks to everyone in our wider community for the wonderful response we had to our "Winter Clothing and food Collection". Many boxes of donations were given to several Launceston organisations for distribution to the needy. Special thanks to Vanessa for coordinating this, and to Fleur at the café for being a drop-off point for donations.

The "Introducing God" series has now finished, but another may be held later in the year, perhaps in Evandale. The Dilston Hall was a good venue, and our thanks go to Lizzie for heating and preparing the hall in advance, and her usual great coffees.

Locals should keep an eye on the sprouting daffodils in the church gardens. These bloom annually at the same time as we finally raised the money for our Redress commitment in August 2018, and so saved our church from sale....a reminder of a prayer answered.



Our Parish Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday 28 August at Holy Trinity, following the 10.30am service (starting at approximately 11.45am). The Electoral Roll will close on Sunday 14 August and nominations for elected positions will close on Sunday 21 August.

Our new cupboards at the back of the church are functioning well, and have been well received. They are almost finished, with the plumbing to go in early August, a pull-out shelf to be added for registers, and a microwave and small fridge to be installed. Then it will be all completed. We are proud to offer this as our generation's addition to the heritage of the church. This area is now so much more organised, compact and visually appealing. Any interested locals are welcome to drop in after church to check them out.



Regular Eucharist services are held at 9am on the 2nd and 4th Sundays each month. Please bring a mask. Also, weekly services are held at Holy Trinity in town, at 8:30 (including Sunday School/Kids Church) and 10:30am which is live-streamed. Audio recordings of sermons are available on our church website htl.org.au
 Follow weekly updates on Facebook [stmatthiaswindermere](https://www.facebook.com/stmatthiaswindermere), or join our email network (contact 0409317806 to be included.) Rev. John Tongue 0488473973

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

MIDWINTER CELEBRATION

What a wonderful way to celebrate the turning of the seasonal year in the long cold days of winter! The Midwinter Celebration at the Windermere Café and Gift Shop was a fabulous day of Christmassy food (thank you Fleur, Tina and Lyn), and wintry cheer in the company of like-minded garden lovers. Everyone entered the spirit of the celebration and some of us were even adorned in splendid Yuletide decorations and accessories. What a fabulous afternoon! Thank you to all of you!



GARDEN CLUB EVENTS FOR THE REST OF 2022:

AUGUST: Daffodils, Jonquils and More! in Swan Bay

SEPTEMBER: Arnold's Country Garden in Lilydale

OCTOBER: The Old and the New – Two Contrasting Gardens in Westbury

NOVEMBER: An Evandale Garden

DECEMBER: Garden Club Christmas Party

If you would like to participate in Garden Club activities, please contact me.
New members are very welcome.

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BEES IN THE GARDEN



BEES ARE LIKE THE CANARY IN THE COAL MINE - THEY ARE THE INDICATORS OF THE HEALTH OF THIS PLANET.

Tasmania needs to be especially vigilant, now that Varroa Mite has been found in various sites around NSW.

Bees are so important for us. Besides pollination, honeybee products – honey, pollen, royal jelly, propolis and venom – can actually help us all stay healthy and strong. All of these products support the immune system.

These products can be gathered by small scale beekeepers and ethically-minded, large scale producers, without further adding to the pressure on honeybees. How can we play our part?

1) Plant flowers, shrubs and trees, that help feed the bees pollen (their protein) and nectar (their carbohydrate). There are numerous bee favourites. Some of the easy ones to grow include lavender, rosemary, salvias, banksia, bottle brush and tea tree. And, please be considerate.

2) DO NOT use toxic chemicals in your garden!
There are non-toxic options.

3) Buy raw honey from your local beekeeper.

4) Buy organic produce where possible.



5) Leave water in your garden (with pebbles or sticks so bees don't drown) – bees can drink up to a litre of water per hive per day.

6) Remember to remain calm around bees – they can sense your fear (by reading your pheromones). Swatting and shooing bees away can aggravate them causing them to think you're a threat.

(An excerpt from <https://www.honeytasmania.com/blog>

The best thing is to send love to the bees.





Dilston and Hillwood Fire Brigades

Tasmania Fire Service



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

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

Brigade News

Both Hillwood and Dilston Brigades have recently completed their annual winter competencies in Breathing Apparatus, including consolidation of new member's skill recently acquired.

These are essentially to safe operation and wearing of this critical equipment as it provides our members with the best possible protection.

Recent investment by the Tasmania Fire Service in new generation PPC (as seen over) recognises the importance placed on firefighters to ensure they stay safe.

Fun Fact : our structural Jacket and Pants have a flashover rating of 1200 degrees, meaning that the material can sustain exposure to that level of heat for a short period of time. Lets all agree however that we plan never to be in that place!!!!

Recruitment opportunities still exist in both brigades so don't hesitate to contact us for more information.

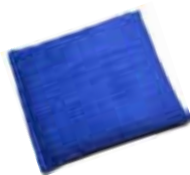
Heat Packs

We have placed a small flyer over leaf to bring attention to

the use of heat packs (sometimes known as heat wrights) during these colder months.

Incorrect heating of these packs has led to them catching fire, and in an unfortunate small number of cases, the results have been fatal.

Please follow the manufacturer instructions, and never leave these packs unattended in the microwave whilst heating them up.



Road Safety

Recent serious accidents on Tasmanian Roads that have unfortunately had fatal outcomes, has prompted us to reach out to our respective communities, asking you all to please take extra care on our roads at this time of the year.

Our Tasmania Police colleagues in Crash Investigation Services report that in 97% of accidents resulting in a fatality, the causative factors were down to human elements, NOT the condition of the road.

The message is drive within the posted limits, and more importantly, drive to the conditions.

We would just like to add that this includes driving past our appliances when we are showing our red and blue lights.

From 1 August 2022, there will be two major changes to the 40kph rule introduced in 2019:

The first change is that this road rule will also apply when you see yellow lights in front of you. Motorists will also be required to safely slow down to 40km/h when passing a stationary or slow-moving roadside assistance vehicle with flashing yellow lights.

The second change is to make sure everyone can comply safely on high-speed roads (over 80km/h). On roads over 80km/h, you must slow down to pass a stationary or slow-moving emergency service or roadside assistance vehicle with flashing lights (red, blue, magenta or yellow) or a siren unless it is not safe to do so. If it is unsafe to slow to 40km/h, drivers must slow down as safely as they can.

Take care when slowing and avoid braking suddenly.



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Dilston Fire Brigade Contacts

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Home Fire Safety FACT SHEET



Heat packs

Wheat filled heat packs can help with pain, but they also have the potential to cause burns and catch fire. Ensure the wheat pack you purchase comes with instructions and follow them carefully.



Tasmania Fire Service Firefighters have responded to numerous house fires that have occurred due to wheat bags overheating in microwave ovens or wheat bags being used to warm bedding materials.

What you need to know

- Ensure the wheat bag you purchase comes with instructions and follow them carefully, especially when heating. Ensure the timer on the microwave oven is correctly set when heating your wheat bag. Accidentally setting 30 minutes instead of 3 minutes is easy to do and has caused fatal fires.
- Only use wheat bags for body aches and pains. Wheat bags can ignite, and are not designed for warming beds.
- Regularly check your wheat bag for signs of wear and tear or scorching. With age the wheat dries out and can catch fire.
- If your wheat bag begins to smoulder or catches fire ring Triple Zero immediately.



Wheat filled heat packs (wheat bags or wheat packed) can help pain, but they also have the potential to cause burns and fire if improperly used. Do not apply directly to the skin - use a cover or a towel.

- Fragrant oils added to the wheat bag may increase the fire risk.

Remember

- Don't overheat a wheat bag by placing in the microwave longer than specified by the manufacturer.
- Don't leave the wheat bag unsupervised in the microwave.
- Don't let anyone, particularly children or the elderly sleep with a wheat bag.

- Don't use the wheat bag to warm your bed up, as it may spontaneously ignite.
- Don't reheat the wheat bag before it has properly cooled.

! A wheat bag should be cooled down on a non-combustible surface before storing.

SAD NEWS:

FITCH, Beverley died on 26th May 2022. Bev grew up in Hillwood. She was a member of the Johnston family. Older residents would remember her brother Wilfred. Bev's husband Max (deceased) played football for Hillwood Football Club.

Unfortunately, Bev was unable to attend the recent Re-union of Hillwood's pupils who attended the former Hillwood School which closed in 1953.

Bev was the loving mother of Shane and Roseanne, mother-in-law of Anne and grandmother of James and Caitlin. Our sympathy goes out to Bev's loving family.

LYONS, Margaret died on 8th June 2022. Margaret and her late husband Arthur lived in Hillwood for many years. Margaret was known for her interest in restoring old sewing machines and upholstery while Arthur's interest was in old cars. Our sympathy goes out to her family, daughter Elizabeth and sons Ronald, David and Philip.

HILLWOOD FOOTBALL CLUB:

The Seniors and Reserves have had some wins and some losses and it is not clear at this stage if there have been enough wins to make the finals. Although our Ladies are yet to have a win, they are certainly enjoying their games and improving. We all get excited when they kick goals! Win or lose, the supporters are keen and enjoy the games. The Ladies team has made a difference to the Club and we are always happy to see them fill a long table at Thursday night meal times.

Meals have been available on Thursday nights for the community as well as players and supporters. This has been a very popular event and many people have enjoyed the meals and company. Take-Away has also proved popular. Hillwood Sharks Lotto is drawn at 7.30pm on Thursday nights which can be viewed on their Facebook Page during the draw. A \$400 winner every week plus 2x\$50 winners.

After the season, at some time meals will revert to Friday nights. This will be advertised on the Notice Boards as well as Hillwood Sharks Facebook Page and their Web page hillwoodsharks.com.

The Club held a successful Ball recently at which "Knoppy" and "Chief" were the Prom King and Queen.

The Best and fairest will be held on 13th August in the Clubrooms and the end of year Dinner at Riverside Gold Club on 30th September.

CONGRATULATIONS to Hillwood Progress Association's History Group which held a very successful get-together for former pupils of the original Hillwood School and also for organising future entertainment for the community. Also thank you for arranging with George Town Council to include Hillwood in their Healthy George Town Programme. The Association's report follows:

HILLWOOD GARDEN CLUB:

At their meeting in June (at which 12 members were in attendance), Garden Club members received a request from the Anzac Group regarding a Lone Pine that has been donated to them. One kind member has agreed to give it some TLC and to re-pot it. The other request was assistance with advice as to where it might be planted. Google tells us it could grow to 50 metres high and 15 metres wide. This fact makes it unlikely to be suitable for planting near the Memorial at the Hillwood Fire Station so consideration is being given to planting in the vicinity of the Hillwood Hall as it is a War Memorial Hall. The Service on Anzac Day is held at the Fire Station and Breakfast in the Hall.

A new young member was welcomed – she and her partner have bought a house in Hillwood.

Members were provided with the materials and advice on making beeswax wrappers. Each member made a wrapper to take home.

The Garden Club also looks after the gardens at the Hillwood Pontoon Reserve and a working bee was planned soon after the June meeting.

Members meet monthly in the Hillwood Hall at 7.30 p.m. A short meeting is held followed by some activity or discussion followed by a delicious supper. Gold coin donation is the entry fee. Items from their gardens are available for purchase. Voting on flowers brought by members is by a silver coin and a raffle is held for 20c. Winner of the raffle provides the next raffle.

The guest speaker on Monday 15th August will be Jordan from Hillwood Mushrooms.

THE HILLWOOD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

(Provided by President, Robyn Wheeler)

Hillwood Community Libraries.



The Hillwood Community have been fortunate to receive not two but three Community Street Libraries, provided through the George Town Placemaking committee. Arriving as a small flat pack, the first two have been assembled by two generous gentlemen who wish to remain anonymous. How lucky are we! We are hoping by the time of printing this issue of Smoke Signals, two of the Community Libraries will be in situ. One opposite the Hillwood Café and the other at the entrance to the Hall. The third has been delivered to Kat Millar who is going to assemble and this one will be installed at another location, yet to be decided. Thank you in advance to the George Town Council for the installation.



Hillwood Community Murals.

In the last addition of Smoke Signals we wrote about the painting of the Hillwood public toilets opposite Marigold's Café. While the project is currently on hold while we wait for the weather to warm up, we are pleased to announce that funding has been approved for the project to be extended to include the nearby bus shelter. (Opposite the Café, Jetty Road end of Leam Rd).

Members of the community expressed their desire to include the images of sea eagles on the bus shelter. Sea Eagles often frequent the Tamar River and are a sight to be seen, especially while enjoying a coffee at the Café.

If you (or your children) would like to be involved, please contact Thelma via email: thelmad@georgetown.tas.gov.au or phone 0437 333 650. (Photo courtesy of Carol and Ivan Cowley.)



History Room comes to fruition.



When Lindsay Millar, Nancy Donnelly and Alf Walters talked about setting up a History Room many years ago, they probably didn't think it would take quite so long to get all the items that they had collected out of their houses and into the History Room. All three of these long-time community minded residents have been involved in several groups and committees over a very long period and people have tended to pass on their memorabilia to them for safe keeping. Not everything that had been collected made the cut, but after many hours of collating and sorting, the last of the boxes of papers, newspaper articles, bank books, and other items significant to Hillwood have been sorted. Located at the Hillwood War Memorial Hall, over 100 hours have been clocked up by volunteers in the History Room in the last three months alone and that's not counting the hours interviewing or sorting in their own homes! There are of course many other items of interest collected since, and we are still collating stories and finding interesting snippets along the way.

We have had some eclectic characters living in our midst and it's the stories about people I love the best.

If you have any old photos of the area, or stories which you think we might like, feel free to come and have a talk to one of our helpful volunteers. Volunteers can usually be found at the History room on a Thursday morning from 10-12am or phone Julie Airey on 0408 275 539 or email HillwoodHistoryRoom@outlook.com

Trivia Night - Save the Date: Saturday 29th October 2022.

After last year's successful event, it was decided to again hold a Trivia Night at the Hillwood War Memorial Hall. Similar to last year, \$100 per table, maximum of 8 people per table. Questions collated by our very own Tom Gunn. If last year is anything to go by it should be a great night of fun and games.

To book a table please email HillwoodPA@outlook.com

HILLWOOD

Notice of the Hillwood Progress Association Annual General Meeting.

DATE: Tuesday 20th September 2022

TIME: 7:00pm

WHERE: Hillwood War Memorial Hall

Membership is open to those who live or and have a proprietary interest in real estate in the Hillwood area. Membership is just \$5. Nominations for all committee positions are now open. Nominations can be accepted in writing to The Public Officer C/- 362 Hillwood Main Road, Hillwood or via email, until 7 days prior to the AGM, but you don't have to be on the committee to get involved, just come and bring along your ideas.

For further information please email HillwoodPA@outlook.com

A lot of work has been done to update our Constitution.

Amendments to the constitution will be presented and voted on at the AGM.

Healthy Hillwood (Part of Healthy George Town)

We are pleased to announce the start of Healthy Hillwood, as part of the Healthy George Town program, with "Healthy Armchairs", commencing on Fridays at 10:30am starting in September for a 3-month period. This is a low impact activity designed for anyone doing little to no physical activity. And will include exercises that can be done in your armchair at home. Anyone interested is encouraged to come and the sessions are free.

Keep an eye out on our Hillwood Progress Association Face Book Page or on the Community Chalk Noticeboards for the start date.



Local Provisions Schedule

A Drop-in Session, run by the George Town Council will have been held on Tuesday 4th August 2022 from 4:00pm – 7:00pm at the Hillwood Hall. If you missed that session, you can find the draft LPS as well as lots of supporting information including how to make a submission at <https://georgetown.tas.gov.au/state-planning-provisions>.

Submissions can be made up until the 1st of September 2022.

Open Space Planning.

George Town Council intends to develop a Hillwood Open Space Plan to provide a framework for open space and infrastructure provision to enhance the local community's liveability and inform future Council budget and advocacy efforts. The plan's development is in response to the Hillwood Structure Plan, which recommended upgrades, new roads, and improvements of pedestrian and cycle pathways linking residents to the foreshore and key facilities, including the recreation ground, pontoon and BBQ shelter.

The Council will hold an information session on:

DATE: Tuesday 16th August

TIME: 1:00pm

WHERE: Hillwood War Memorial Hall

BOOK: <https://open-spaces16Aug.eventbrite.com.au>

DATE: Tuesday 30th August

TIME: 7:00pm

WHERE: Hillwood War Memorial Hall

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