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CHRISTMAS IN THE AIR

The Annual Christmas Market at the Dilston Hall was an outstanding success, raising more than \$3000 for Windermere Church Forever. The organisers would like to thank all the stallholders, donors, Men's Shed and the many volunteers for their efforts, and the East Tamar community for its support.













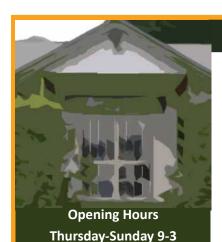








With the recent high winds, trees across roads have become a frequent hazard. The best number to call for quick action is the State **Emergency Services** line - 132 500.



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CHURCH NEWS St Matthias' Anglican Church

Christmas is upon us, so the Nativity at the church gates will be erected on Dec 4th. Take your children/grandchildren down for a photo with Mary and Joseph , and take the opportunity to re-tell the story of the first Christmas morning. Then come as a family or by yourself to the ever-popular Carols Service to be held Sat. Dec. 24th starting at 7pm. Bring a folding chair and a good warm coat ready for an outdoors service, and a mask just in case the weather dictates that we hold it indoors. Though usually a bit cool, the outdoor service, followed by refreshments is a wonderful way to start Christmas in the right spirit, and as a community in the beautiful river setting. A collection will be taken during the service for the work of the church.





Holy Trinity parish entered a "walking nativity float" in the Launceston Christmas Parade on Dec 3rd, bringing together people from all our 4 centres to tell the Christmas story. A wonderful exercise in community engagement.

The Christmas Day service will be held at Holy Trinity in town (NOT at StM) at 9am.

During January and February, Rev Dane will be away on long-service leave, so our 9am services will be conducted by Rev Ken Box or Rev. Bob McKay, both of whom feel very much at home at Windermere.

Thanks to Rob M and Rob S who do the regular lawn-mowing, and all who helped at the Working Bee on Nov 5th giving the church and surrounds a special extra touch of annual care, ready for the All Saints Night on Nov. 6th. It was a lovely opportunity to remember past family and friends by lighting a candle, and to reflect on life and our faith.





2023 will mark 180 years since the creation of our church and the first service. We will try for a small-scale Autumn Harvest festival, and then a special commemorative service later in the year, so watch FaceBook and the noticeboard for further details.

A few in our church community have asked us to keep their sick family members in our thoughts and prayers: Jack and Mel Rosevear, Rob Sharman, Edie Williams, and Bruce Williams. Please never under-estimate the power of prayer.

For our services we still ask everyone to wear a mask inside the church, due to limited ventilation, and in respect of vulnerable parishioners. Now the weather is warming up, we can leave the door open to improve the ventilation.

You can follow any updates on Facebook: stmatthiaswindermere or contact Marg Hosford 0409317806 for further details. Rev. John Tongue 0488473973, Rector Dane Courtney 63310041

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

OCTOBER - "THE OLD AND THE NEW"

Garden club members enjoyed two contrasting gardens (the old and the new) on the same day – both in Westbury.

THE NEW GARDEN "HOLMEFIELD"

– a formal garden centred on a small lake. Peter, the architect and owner of the garden has only lived there for eight years, in which time, amazing progress has been made. The 3.42-acre property was originally the garden of the house next door, until it was subdivided. Peter, who does ALL the work himself, has planted lots of box hedges and created some stonework walls, as well as creating some beautiful and original garden features. The garden has matured well in those eight years, and Peter has begun work on building a Georgian-style house.

Top: Gate to the apple orchard flanked by mature hornbeam hedges.

Right: View to the lake past one of Peter's bespoke-built garden "sheds".









Above : The House Below: Lake Left: Old oak



THE OLD GARDEN – "CULZEAN" (pronounced Cul-lane)

Is indeed, very old – dating back to the 1840s. The 13-hectare property includes a 3-hectare mature woodland garden with many, many old trees including a sequoia (redwood) which was planted in 1878! The woodlands spread around a large lake, which looks outstanding in summer when hundreds of water lilies bloom. Garden Club members were all overwhelmed by the beauty of this garden, and the misty rain served only to enhance its beauty.

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

NOVEMBER – "AN EVANDALE GARDEN"

Former residents of Windermere, Carolyn and Wayne, moved to Evandale in 2021, and have readily and keenly adapted to their new smaller garden in Evandale. Carolyn had previously opened her garden in Windermere for the final year of the Australian Open Gardens Scheme, and is also responsible for arranging and coordinating the planting of the young trees opposite the Windermere café to create an appealing streetscape at the start of Windermere Road. The trees are doing very well.

Their new garden is a delight - with views to open farmland where cattle and sheep graze just beyond their back fence. They have created some magical spaces and it was wonderful to all be having lunch together in such a beautiful place.

Top: A view to the fields beyond from the terrace. Middle: Beautiful border. Bottom: Whimsical corner







GARDEN CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

Is our final event for 2022 - and what a year it has been! There has been so much variety in gardens and so many lovely people to share the love we all have for visiting beautiful gardens - with many opportunities to learn new things. Thank you all!

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

GO WITH THE FLOW! HONEY ON TAP FROM THIS AUSTRALIAN INVENTION

It's called the Flow Hive because the honey flows from it directly into your jar.



This Australian invention is a game-changer, and I only wish I'd known about it before now

Ten years in development by beekeeping father and son duo Stuart and Cedar Anderson, the Flow Hive simplifies the honey-collection process making it so much easier for the beekeeper, and so much kinder to the bees.



Quoting directly from their website:

"The Flow system is a whole new way of extracting honey from Langstroth-style European honeybee hives.

The world-first Flow Frames have revolutionised the honey-extraction process. We've built an artificial foundation from BPA- and BPS-free food grade plastic, manufactured right here in Australia, on which the bees build their comb.

Plastic foundation in beehives is nothing new, but in a Flow Frame, the cells are almost complete. The bees fill the honey



cells and cap them off. When you insert the Flow Key and split the honey cells, gravity does the rest of the work, and the honey simply flows into the trough, through the tube and into your jar.

"You'll know when the honey is ready thanks to the Flow Frames' unique clear end-frame view and side observation window which let you see inside without taking off the lid and disturbing the bees."

"We've designed it so no bees get harmed when the mechanism is activated, with little gaps they can hang out in while the honey flows out."

"Of course, you'll still need to look after your bees, as the brood box stays the same and when it comes to taking care of bees, there's much to learn."

The endorsement of their concept by a worldwide community of people interested in bees and their welfare is clear. When they were starting out, Stuart and Cedar's crowd-funding campaign raised a staggering \$12m. Their dedication has paid off, with Flow Hive customers now in 130 countries. As they say — "Flow is about more than harvesting honey in a gentle way — we're about creating community, educating on the importance of bees, and empowering beekeepers"

What is wonderful, is that many of their customers have their Flow Hive in an urban backyard or even a balcony. Commitment to looking after the bees and learning how is the main requirement. So why not you.

Check out their demo video here https://youtu.be/254bl6kjyOl

Their website: https://www.honeyflow.com.au



HERE'S WHERE THE MEN'S SHED COMES INTO THE STORY:

Local bee expert, Bob Stow, was requested by a neighbourhood resident to assemble a Flow Hive kit as a Men's Shed project. Newly varnished and resplendent, it has been offered for sale at the Christmas Market at Dilston Hall, with a portion of the proceeds to support the Men's Shed. If it doesn't attract a buyer then, it will be available for offers over \$800. (A wonderful Christmas gift idea for the right bee enthusiast.)

Offers over \$800 for this brand new Flow Hive, newly assembled and finished by Bob Stow at the Men's Shed.





EAST TAMAR MENS SHED NEWS



The Mens Shed has been a hive of activity over the last couple of months with multiple requests for various small jobs from the community, further work for the low Head Community Garden, and some large projects which will occupy members well into next year.

We have been successful in an application for a grant from the Department of Communities to build further storage space for our wood and partly finished projects as well as a lifting device to save our backs. The community libraries located at the Dilston Hall have been a success with a steady turn over of books occurring. It is important to stress, however, that the principle behind the library is that it is a book exchange, for swapping books, not dumping bags of old and unwanted books such as encyclopedias at the site. That's what recycle bins are for!

Shed times are Monday, Wednesday, and Saturdays 8.30am to approx. 2.00pm.

Contact can be made through <u>secretary@etms.org.au</u> or phone 0417530847.









ETMS is assisted by equipment grants from the Tasmanian Government.



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!

FIRE SEASON ... MAYBY?!

As with last fire season, a La Niña

has formed meaning we are going to see above average rainfall. Not such a bad thing perhaps but it will result in an increase in the growth of fuel on top of last year for future fires. We still encourage ongoing registered fuel reduction where needed, and keeping vegetation and growth under control where burning is unable to be done! Remember the 1800 number!..and thankyou to all Hillwood and Dilston/Windermere/Swan bay residents for you ongoing use of the registration system. It has noticeably reduced the number of false callouts! The Fire Permit period has yet to be declared

Remember, a Fire Permit is NOT a Fire Ban!! It is simply process of engagement between residents and the brigades to help manage the amount of burning off over 1 cubic meter that is undertaken at any one time during the normally hotter months. If you are well prepared (hose, cleared area, etc) then there is rarely an issue in obtaining a permit! Use the 1800 number or get in touch with one of the contacts below.

however it is likely to be put in

place in a number of weeks.

BRIGADE NEWS

Hillwood brigade attended the community Christmas event at the recreation ground on November 26th with the heavy tanker on display, and a table with information leaflets.

Santa made an early trip and arrived in the light tanker where he handed out lollies to everyone

A reminder first response AED is housed at the front of the hall



Dilston Brigade has all but completed the rigorous training calendar for the year and we congratulate all members on their commitment and efforts.

The brigade has also had a significant social calendar

including a visit to Scotch
Oakburn College for their community service day. It was great to interact with the younger generation, giving them an insight into volunteering in emergency services.

The annual lolly run will be held



on Sunday December 18. See over for more information

Merry Christmas to all members of both communities. Stay safe this festive season, and thankyou all for your ongoing support of both brigades.





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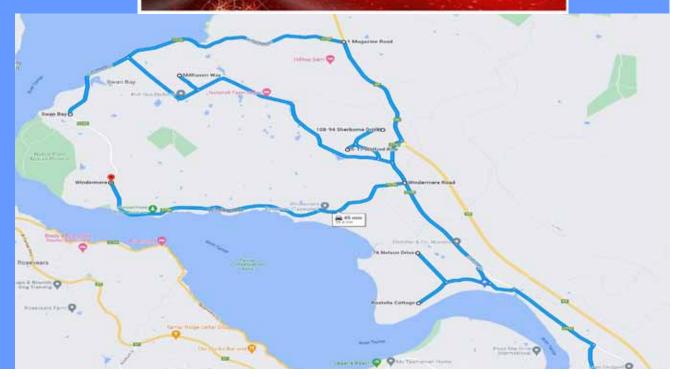
CHRISTMAS LOLLY RUN

SUNDAY 18th December, 2022 from 2.30pm

Travelling from Peddie Drive to Dilston and Rostella, then John Lees Drive to Windermere Road Nth, to Native Point, then Los Angelos Road, Sanwae Drive, Walford Rise, and finally Windermere Road Sth.



Merry Christmas



HILLWOOD NEWS

HAPPY NEWS: : A new grandson for residents Phil and Debbie Sarich. Rupert Henry Will born to Naomi and Simon on 22nd October 2022. A brother for Arthur. Congratulations to you all.

Also a new great-grandson for former residents Lyn and Terry Glover. Oscar Alexander Riddle, a son for Kody and Teagan born on 14th November 2022. A grandson for Karleen Riddle and Steven Riddle.

HILLWOOD GARDEN CLUB: An interesting evening was held at the October meeting where Rose and Phil demonstrated various sharpening methods and assisted with sharpening of garden tools brought along by members. With regard to gardening tools, something we don't think of when purchasing is that they are seldom sharp when sold. Advice from a gardening book is that sharpening your new shovel or hoe provides a tool that is most effective at digging your garden or getting rid of weeds.

The mushroom project returned different results. We are probably using different methods!

Another new young member turned up – welcome Hayley.

Anyone is welcome to attend Garden Club for a fun night on the third Monday of the month at 7.30 p.m. in the Hillwood Hall where you can learn about and discuss gardening. Cost \$2 towards hire of the hall, 20c for a raffle and some items are also available for purchase. Supper is always prolific and delicious — so the advice is to only have a light meal before coming along!

Fourteen members attended the November meeting where new member Linda was welcomed. This meeting was the poetry meeting. Everyone read a poem. They varied from researched or self-written or read from a contribution from a member who was unable to attend.

The final meeting for the year in December will be finger food Christmas meal at the earlier time of 7.00 p.m. when members can bring along family or friends.

The first meeting in February will be the Annual combined one with the George Town and Districts History group with a speaker yet to be arranged.

YOUNG ACHIEVERS:

Congratulations to James Hawes of the Glen.

The following is a quote from an article in the Examiner which advised that Launceston City Soccer Club [announced the re-signing of young midfielder, James Hauses

Having played two full seasons in NPL Tasmania, the 19 year old has won City's rising star award and finished runner-up in this year's Best and Fairest. New coach Daniel Syson said

that Hawes shows enormous potential "and a real football IQ". He added: "James embodies the talent coming up through the club's junior systems."

James Hawes responded: "I am excited to continue to push forward with a talented group of players and coaches."] Go James!

CONGRATULATIONS to HILLWOOD Resident, BRUCE WEBB who was presented with a TWUSUPER Transport Every Day Hero Award, which recognises the industry's quiet achievers. Bruce is the Bell Bay operations manager with SeaRoad. Presented at the 2022 Tasmanian Transport Industry Achievement Awards GALA Dinner and Awards night, Bruce's employer said, "Bottom line for us is – if you need something done, Bruce can do it."

WELL DONE BRUCE!

PLEASE NOTE: If you know of any achievements that you would like to see included in this segment, please contact me on nancydonnelly@bigpond.com or phone me on 0431 613 484 and leave me a message and I will return your call.

INTERESTING NEWS: A lovely lady from Hillwood won a prize on popular game show "Who wants to be a millionaire Hotseat". Gaylene is donating half of her prize to non-profit organisation Care for Africa. She plans to build two wells in the regional communities of Tarime, Tanzania.

HILLWOOD FOOTBALL CLUB:

Friday night meals fortnightly have resumed during the offseason and will continue until the 2023 season opens, with a break for Christmas and New Year of course.

The Football Clubrooms is also the venue for the popular Shark Café which opens Monday and Tuesday from 10.00 a.m. till 4.00 p.m.



THE HILLWOOD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

(Provided by President, Robyn Wheeler)

Boneseed Weed Raid.

A good number of people from Hillwood and surrounds,

turned out for the Boneseed Weed Blitz at Hillwood at the end of September.

Boneseed is a Weed of National Significance (WONS) and is quite a problem in the area.

This year we managed to continue on from the areas that were cleared last year, and expanded the clearing a little further.

Thank you to Kaye Bailey for her expertise in helping us limit the effect of Boneseed in the Tamar. Kay and a dedicated team below, also cleared areas in Swan Bay/Windermere.





The next weed management event will be the Ragwort Raid in conjunction with Tamar NRM and East Tamar Landcare late Jan/early Feb.

Please keep an eve out on the noticeboards for the dates.

The Hillwood Catch it the Catchment Community clean up 22/10/22

The weather held off for the first hour, but we all got a little wet after that!

A great job by the 11 volunteers and 180kgs of very wet rubbish.

This was followed by a Sausage Sizzle, thanks to Tamar NRM.

A follow up Clean-up was scheduled to be held by Sea to Source on Egg Island Point just a week later, but weather was a bit too wild. Also a large amount of rubbish was dumped at the Point, the following week. If you see some-one littering, please report it to the Litter Hotline 1300 135 513.









Veterans Retreat

This year a donation was made to the "Veterans Retreat" from the Anzac Day Breakfast donations, and a cheque was presented to previous Hillwood Resident Oliver Breeze at our August meeting. The four-bedroom Retreat was constructed by veterans, volunteers and professional tradespersons, funded primarily by a State Government Grant and was officially opened on the 17th of February 2022. Located at Dago Point, Lake Sorrell, Veteran's families and current and former serving ADF personnel are eligible to book the Retreat. For further details Phone: (03) 6326 3571 or email: malann@bigpond.com







TRIVIA NIGHT



Our Trivia night was again a great success. Thank you to Signal Station Tavern, Tim and Ellie Wheeler from Landfall Farm Fresh, Hillwood Whisky, Marigold's Café, Shark Café, Hillwood Footy Club, The Green Flower Farm, Hillwood Fresh Food Co., Lindsay Millar, Nancy Donnelly, Julie Airey, Sharon Clarke, Elaine Clarke and the Hillwood Fire Brigade, for donating prizes for our Balloon Tree. Thank you also to our MC George Town Mayor Greg Kieser, our Quiz Master, Tom Gunn, Adjudicator Anne Green.

For Jo Osborne for her amazing artwork and all those members who helped set up and decorate the hall in Halloween theme, you made this another enjoyable event.







Winning Team "On Fire" were very happy with their result.

L-R: David Nixon, Madam "O" (Jo Osborne), Neville and Sharon Jolly, Ann and Maurie Taylor, Andy Kendall and Ian Wheeler, with Quiz Master, Tom Gunn in the background. Hillwood Fire Brigade Chief Elaine Burns, whose team won last year, did manage to win a Free trip in a Fire Truck off the Balloon Tree which we all found very amusing.



Hillwood History Room

Located in the Hillwood War Memorial Hall Hillwood Jetty Road P: 362 Hillwood Main Rd, Hillwood, Tas 7252 HillwoodHistoryRoom@outlook.com

From the History Room: A BRUSH WITH ROYALTY

A recent article in The Examiner (3 October 2022) highlighted the donation from the Princess Melikoff Trust Fund to rescue stranded whales on the West Coast. Princess Melikoff was formerly known as Pauline Curran, sister of prominent orchardist A B Curran (deceased 1948) of Leam, Hillwood. Princess Melikoff died in London in 1988. The bulk of her English estate was left to conservation group Greenpeace. Her Australian will established the Princess Melikoff Trust Fund. The two beneficiaries are St Ann's Homes for the Aged and the Tasmanian Government wildlife protection services.

Positions Vacant

The Hillwood History Room is run by local volunteers, under the auspices of the Hillwood Progress Association Inc. If you would like to become a volunteer, please email HillwoodHistoryRoom@outlook.com or ring Julie 0408 275 539 for details. Donations

If you would like to have any item, document or photograph considered for donation to the History Room, please contact as per abovementioned email or mobile.

Access to the collection can be made by appointment or advertised times.

Murals on the Move.

Well the painting has well and truly begun. Thank you to all the helpers!

John, Ruby, Thomas, Greg, Sharon and Elaine preparing to start.





Julie and Emma Airey start with a dash of red.

Leon and Elaine hard at it.





Healthy Hillwood

(Part of Healthy George Town)

Healthy Armchairs. **Exercises** were held in the Hillwood Hall from September, to November on Fridays from 10:30am to 11:30am. Designed to be adapted to suit your own capabilities, participants could do the exercises, a chair or on a mat, with stretchy bands or without, with weights or without, as demonstrated by Kylie and Damon Sherriff of Sherriff's Health and Fitness. The George Town Council are planning new sessions sometime in the new uear. Keep an eye on the Community Notice Boards for dates and times.

Nearly finished!



Art Party

A small no. of the HPA members or their partners, recently got together to try an art party and were very pleased with their final results.

Run by Lis of Art Party, the Pots, Paint, first glass of wine and detailed instructions were all included in the cost.

If you want to try your hand at Art, check out her Art Party Face Book page or contact Lis on 0411 340 046

Hillwood Community Christmas BBQ.

This years Hillwood Community Christmas Event will have been held by the time of printing. The Hillwood Progress Association History Room, A Makers Market in the Hillwood Hall, the Football Club, the Hillwood Fire Brigade, and the Northern Motorcycle Riders of Tasmania, combined together to bring you a wonderful Christmas Event held on 26th November 2022.



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