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COMMUNITY HARVEST CELEBRATION MARCH 16 – 23



The week long East Tamar harvest celebration will kick off on Saturday, March 16 with a huge Easter Market at the Dilston Hall from 9am to 2pm. Residents are asked to donate books, plants, fresh produce, toys and a wide range of other white elephant items, with proceeds going to Windermere Church Forever Inc., for the longterm preservation of our treasured St Matthias' Church and graveyard. There will also be many beautifully handcrafted items from the Men's Shed on sale. Come along for a chance to find a bargain and support a great cause. To book a stall ring George and Jenny Chandler on 0419544266

The Easter Market will also launch Our Scarecrow Story, sponsored by the Garden Club. Reviving an old harvest celebration activity along the Tamar Valley, residents are invited to make a scarecrow of their own design and imagination to display in their front

garden or paddock, visible from the road. Its aim is to attract people to explore their own community to see the scarecrows, and hopefully attract visitors too. Photos of scarecrows will be posted on Facebook, as well as in the next edition of Smoke Signals.

The activity moves to Windermere the following weekend with a Harvest Celebration Fun Picnic and Swap Day, on Saturday, March 23, from 10am to 3pm in the grounds of St Matthias' Church. This event is hosted by the Garden Club and sponsored by St Matthias' Church, and residents are encouraged to bring their own picnic lunch, and to bring items they'd like to swap — homegrown fruit, vegetables, home-made jams and chutneys, sauces, cordials, home-made cakes, biscuits, etc.

There is a bee-friendly emphasis to the day, with bee-friendly plants to swap, local beekeeper Malcolm Giles in attendance, and displays by Claret Ash Nursery, and tastings of Wanderers Mead with Dilston brewer Stephen Wilkins.





There will be Artsplay family activity, a local history display, volunteers with a fire truck from the Dilston and Hillwood Fire Brigades and a guessing competition with gold coin entry.

Just remember to bring your own basket or carry bag and old fashioned cash, as there won't be any eftpos.

Organisers of the week-long

Organisers of the week-long celebrations want to revive and revitalise the strong sense of community that has been shared by all in our East Tamar region.

The aim is that old friends will re-unite, new friendships will be formed, and newcomers to the area will develop an appreciation of what is so special about living here in this part of the Tamar Valley and engage with all that is on offer...local produce, local artisans, local artists, and our unique and historic church site.

W.C.F Inc., East Tamar Men's Shed Craft and Car Boot Sale

HUGE EASTER MARKET

Saturday 16th March 2024 9am-2pm

Windermere Church Forever Incorporated is a registered, community group formed in 2018 to raise funds for the long term preservation of St Matthais' Church should the church be offered for sale again.

CONTRIBUTIONS ARE NOW BEING SOUGHT TO STOCK OUR STALLS AT THE EASTER MARKET

Do you have any good quality products to donate?

Collection and storage can be arranged,

Car Parts tools Toys Household Items books Small Furniture Bulbs & plants White Elephants

Cakes, Cut flowers on the day

Any Items in Good condition gratefully accepted

SPECIAL RAFFLES DRAWN ON THE DAY

Garden Stall Raffle
First prize
A Zen Garden created by
Lillie of Green Harmony



Devonshire Teas
With a hand made Tea
Cosy as a raffle Prize



For more information, drop off or collection contact:
George Chandler 0419 544 266 Helen Jelbert 0488 415 889 Rob Montague 0455 173 618
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ST MATTHIAS' CHURCH

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SAT 23 MARCH | 10AM - 3PM

Hosted by Dilston, Windermere Swan Bay GARDEN CLUB





FROM THE EDITOR

Sadly the time has come for us to move on from our beautiful home on the river to something smaller and more manageable in Launceston. This means of course that when the sale goes through and we leave the district, Smoke Signals will be looking for a new Editor. This involves writing a front page story every second month and making editorial decisions in conjunction with our very experienced editorial and production team. We would love to hear from anyone with good writing skills who might be prepared to take on this position and I would be happy to work with them for the next few editions until they're comfortable with the role. It does not take up a lot of time and is a valuable contribution to the East Tamar community.

If you're interested, contact me on tony.walker@y7mail.com or 6328 1555.

HELP WANTED

Seeking a person able to do weeding for an established garden plus occasional small handyman jobs casual 4 hours per week, not public holidays or weekends. Must like animals. Please phone 0448980698 during daytime 10am-4pm.

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GARDEN CLUB NEWS

The Garden Club year ended with a wonderful get together at the property of David and Cheryl Willard in Swan Bay.

A sumptuous buffet was served in David's "cave" (former shearing shed) where we sat at decorated tables under Christmas lights and streamers.

"The Elms" is a fairly new garden with some older elements making it really interesting. Mounded beds, which have been created using purchased top soil mixed with soil which had been excavated when landscaping, were abundant with a variety of flowering plants and native shrubs. The beds have been carefully designed so as to define the boundaries of three distinct gardens – each having a different theme.



The Hedged Garden – where brightly coloured hydrangeas and deep purple heuchera presented a cheerful welcome. Our focus was then drawn through the archways to the formal **English Garden** with its lavenders and

beautiful roses where a seat provided an unobstructed view of the fountain and the colourful array of yet more flowers in bloom. The **African Waterhole** is surrounded by native grasses and olive trees, and a selection of kangaroo paw plants.



A row of decorative pear

trees along the front fence and a grove of Chinese elm trees at the side of the house are remnants from some of the previous custodians of this

garden, but the line of iceberg roses running the full length of the house is a new addition created by Cheryl. As this garden matures, it will be both spectacular and intriguing. It is an extraordinary achievement, created within a 12 month period! We look forward to seeing it again as it develops further.





Our next gathering will be in February – to Villarett Gardens in Kimberley. If you would like to be a part of Garden Club, please contact me. New members are very welcome.

Email: DilWinSBGardenClub@gmail.com Telephone: 0407 447 344

CHURCH NEWS St Matthias' Anglican Church



We are so excited to welcome our new Rector, Rev Lee Shirvill to our Holy Trinity Parish, along with his wife Rachel and 3 youngest children, Elijah(Eli) and Benjamin (13) and Molly (17). Rev Lee was ordained in the Diocese of Grafton NSW in 2005, but has spent the last 9 years in the Diocese of Salisbury England. With older children, grandchildren and parents living in northern NSW and southern Qld, they have decided to return to Australia, and we are very much looking forward to his first service at St Matthias' church 9am on Sunday March 10th. Even if you can't make it at 9, please join us in a big welcoming morning tea at 10am. His Commissioning Service will be held at Holy Trinity Church 7pm Wed. Feb 28th, and our music group will accompany one of the hymns! Please come along to show your support and welcome Lee and his family. A new chapter of Holy Trinity Parish and St Matthias' Church is about to begin!

Our Christmas celebrations started with a joyous Family Christmas Festival at Holy Trinity Church on Sat. Dec 9th. The 6 of us involved from St Matthias' enjoyed interacting with the visitors and we were thrilled to have 2 of our St M parishioners (Lizzie and Sharon) featured on the front page of The Examiner next day with a wonderful story explaining the "reason for the season" and reflecting on the true meaning of Christmas (quite a statement from the press!). The annual Carols Service on Christmas Eve was blessed with good weather and it was a wonderful opportunity for our community to celebrate Christmas together and socialise afterwards on the riverbank.







The sacred season of Easter is fast approaching. A service will be held at 2:30pm on Tuesday Feb 13th at our parish centre Holy Trinity church in Cameron St Launceston, to celebrate Shrove (Pancake) Tuesday, with pancakes for all afterwards. Lent commences the next day with Ash Wednesday service at 7pm Holy Trinity, with 40 days leading up to Good Friday on March 29. There will be an Easter Sunday service at St Matthias', March 31st 9am, for celebrating the resurrection of Christ and his triumph over death.





The local Garden Club is planning a Harvest Celebration Community Picnic in the church grounds on Sat. March 23rd, along with produce swapping and information about bees, and a Scarecrow competition! Come along and join in the fun (and see our scarecrow...well, the Bible says a lot about gardening/farming/vines and branches!!)

Facebook: stmatthiaswindermere or Ph. 0488473973 Rev John Tongue St Matthias Church: Services are held 9am. every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month.



EAST TAMAR MENS SHED NEWS

The Shed has had a busy month with members preparing item for sale at the Easter Market. We have also had a donation of 2 old farm bikes which has piqued the interest of a few members who are now busy with the nuts and bolts of old motor cycles. This is a new direction for some members utilizing different skills and knowledge.

The shed is always open to new and different projects and activities and would welcome suggestions.

We are open 3 days a week - Monday, Wednesday and Saturday 9am-2pm









Some Items For The Market













A New Project



ETMS is assisted by equipment grants from the Tasmanian Government.



The Mens Shed will be making scarecrow frames for the Harvest Celebrations. They will be available from the shed for \$5 each.

Buy one and let your imagination run wild





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 ... YES, BUT...!

Despite the early season indications in October 2023 with short but intense fires on the east coast and Flinders Island, both brigades have been unusually quiet during a normally busy period.

None the less, the few incidents we have attended have given their own measure of challenge, with a higher the average number of vehicle fires, most of which are vehicles that been dumped and set alight, oft in locations of inconvenience on the highway.

In one case this also led to a vegetation fire that had the potential to jump away if not for the quick response by both Dilston and Hillwood brigades.

Training has recommenced for both brigades with a number of newer members coming on board. More on this below.

Thank you also to both communities for your continued practice of obtaining permits where needed, and registering burns where under 1 cubic metre.

RECRUITMENT 2023

Both brigades are looking to further bolster our numbers in 2024 to replace members who have hung up the boots, or move on to other pastures. If



you feel you might have some time to give to an essential service to the Tasmania community, then please touch base via one of the contacts below. Keep an eye out on the community socials for upcoming opportunities!



It is important that our children, regardless of their age, have a good understanding of what an emergency is and how to react to it.

Learning fire safety while having fun!

TFS Kids is a website created by the Tasmania Fire Service specifically for Tasmanian children.

The website is designed to provide free fire safety information and educational resources that school-aged children can use in a friendly and engaging online environment.

The online activity interface invites children to:

- Play
- Watch
- Learn
- Explore.

Children can learn with informative activities on how to react in case of a fire related emergency and how they can help keep themselves, their family and friends safe.

The TFS Kids website includes a variety of dynamic activities and 360° videos designed to captivate kids attention and to show them how the Tasmania Fire Service operates.

For more information visit:

tfskids.com.au





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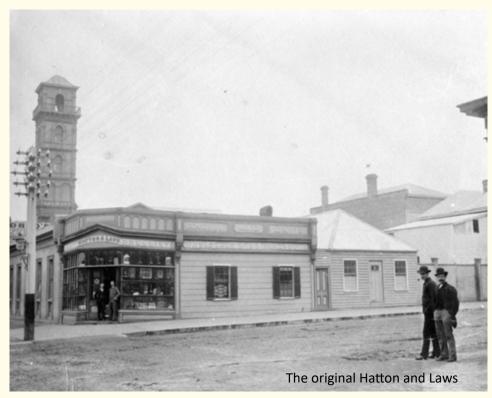
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OUR HISTORY

EARLY PHARMACIES IN LAUNCESTON



Pharmacies have existed in Launceston since 1829, but in those days were known as "chemists and druggists" or "apothecary shops"

Some doctors opened apothecary shops to provide medication for their patients, but the first chemist and druggist to trade in Launceston was Thomas Carlyle, who arrived from England in 1829 and set up shop in Brisbane Street.

In 1844 J G Towers opened a chemist and druggist store on the corner of Charles and Brisbane Streets. This was taken over by Douglas Hatton in 1854 and was to become Hatton and Laws, for many years the oldest continually

Chemist shops would often display natural curiosities, such as this pig exhibited at Hatton and Laws:

A WONDERFUL PIG-or rather a doubly wonderful pig, is now exhibited at the shop of Messrs. Hatton and Laws, chemists, Charles-street. It is formed of two perfect bodies with legs and tails complete, but only one head, the bodies being joined at the forequarters.

In the days before a pharmaceutical industry, patent medicines were extensively advertised and sold, often making effusive claims of efficacy.

Professor Holloway's Pills – All diseases are cured by this wonderful medicine which cleanses the stomach and bowels, clears the blood, gives tone and energy to the nerves and muscles, invigorates the system and gives strength to bone and sinew. Many who were on the verge of the grave have been restored to health and strength after every other means failed.

I'll take two thank you.

Tooth ache? Not a problem – Tooth ache could be "cured in a instant by R P Dix, Chemist and Druggist, Wellington Street – sold in bottles at 2s. 6d. or 5s. each."

Leeches were always in demand and chemists would advertise for "Leeches! Leeches! Wanted 20,000 leeches in any quantity...."

By 1866 there were 24 chemists and druggists in Tasmania with six having shops in Launceston.

A chemist and druggist of those days did not confine himself to medicinal herbs and patent medicines - some of the things you might buy included opium, morphine, arsenic, chloroform, leeches, gunpowder, snuff, alcohol, wine, Havanah cigars, pickles and spices.



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THE HILLWOOD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

(Provided by President, Robyn Wheeler)

The Hillwood Progress Association would like to thank all those who attended the Hillwood Community Christmas Event 2023.

The Makers Market had around 20 stalls packed with quality products.

There was a great variety of stalls with many people able to stock up on Christmas Cakes, puddings, jams, chutney and a great variety of other gift ideas.

Fundraising from the Makers Market this year will go to the Hillwood Fire Brigade.

The History Room was open with another great display, with many people getting involved in the whose been living in my house project.









Reminder that the Royal Flying Doctors are funding Mental Health Support Workers in our area.

Adult Mental Health Support Worker:

Kate Gray can be contacted on 0448 854 479 kate.gray@rfdstas.org.au. For anyone under 18: Joseph McLennan 0447 388 755 joseph.mclennan@rfdstas.org.au.

You can self-refer, or you can organise a referral from a health professional. This is a free service to those living in rural and remote Australia. Remember it's okay to be not okay.

Good Neighbours Create Safer Communities



The Hillwood Progress Association Inc. has now become an organisational member of the Neighbourhood Watch. Neighbourhood Watch is Community-based crime prevention program which aims to improve the quality of life within a neighbourhood by minimising preventable crime and promoting closer community ties. One of the best crime prevention measures is having good neighbours and keeping an eye out for each other.

A crime report will be available at our next general meeting to be held on: Tuesday 12th March 7pm at the Hillwood War Memorial Hall. All welcome.

RAGWORT RAID



Thank you to the wonderful volunteers who attended this year's Ragwort Raid, representing Tamar NRM's 25th Ragwort Raid. Unfortunately, it looks like the weather conditions have been just right as there was quite an increase of plants around this year! A full ute load from the Hillwood area was delivered to Pipers River for Tamar NRM to dispose of. While the Ragwort Raid mainly concentrates on roadside and public lands, volunteers also kindly offered to help remove Ragwort from some private property. The trailer load pictured above was only part of the problem on one property! Ragwort is poisonous to certain animals and is of particular concern for those who keep horses and cattle. Residents can do their bit by pulling the full plant and double bagging. Please contact Kirsten Seavers @ Tamar NRM on 0438 265 792 or kirstin.seaver@tamarnrm.com.au for disposal options.



HEALTHY HILLWOOD



Latest information has the Healthy Hillwood Exercise sessions starting in February and running for 18 weeks till June 2024, but official confirmation is yet to be received. Please keep your eyes on the chalkboards and on the Hillwood Progress Association Facebook page.



HILLWOOD WALKWAY.

Long road for a short walkway. They have started!!

The local residents have been lobbying for a foreshore trail for around 2 decades.

Original plans were from the Pontoon Site to the Recreation Ground in a 3-stage proposal. These plans were displayed in the Hillwood shop in 2009. Around 13 years later Council were successful in obtaining a State Government Vulnerable road users grant for a walkway from the Recreation Ground to Egg Island Point reserve.

Thank you to Council for their hard work in finally obtaining the correct permits from Parks and Wildlife.

Jeff Donnelly, possibly the eldest resident in Hillwood, was starting to think he was never going to see the walkway in his life-time! Jeff is pictured here checking out the work that started in January.

History Room

Volunteers enjoyed a visit to Highclare Estate, as guest of the Hurst Family. An interesting and informative visit to view Stage 1 of Hillwood's newest vineyard and learn about their future plans, including a cellar door. You can learn more about the vineyard at www.highclareestate.com.au

Volunteers celebrated the third birthday of the History Room with wine kindly donated by Sarah and Matt.







Notices

Do we have any artists or would be artist who would like to be involved in creating back drops for the Hall for Anzac Day?

Any- one interested in Tennis? We are looking at our Tennis Court and how we can improve this facility.

We hope you have all had a refreshing Christmas break and are looking forward to the New Year. If you would like to be involved in any of the varied activities in the area, please contact HillwoodPA@outlook.com or Ph: Robyn Wheeler 0409 420 877.



HILLWOOD NEWS

HAPPY NEWS:

Dylan Beasley married Devika 15/12/23 in Mangalore in India. Son of Leanne and Derek Beasley of Mt. Direction, and sister of Amelia. Dylan and Devika returned to Tassie on Christmas Day for a small Australian Wedding. Congratulations!

SAD NEWS:

No SAD NEWS to report.

HILLWOOD LADIES GROUP:

recommences on 7th February 2023. Held at the Hillwood Meditation Centre, 362 Hillwood Main Road, Wednesdays from 10.00 am to 12 noon. Meet your neighbours, have a chat, join in craft work, Bingo on the second Wednesday of the month. Occasional outings. Contact Gayle Laverty 0418 590 564.

HILLWOOD FOOTBALL CLUB:

Community meals will recommence on Friday 2nd February and will be available fortnightly until the footy season starts. Meals will then return to Thursday nights.

ZUMBA in HILLWOOD:

Heather Ferguson is planning to hold 2 Classes-Thursdays 6:30pm till 7:30pm & Sundays 10am till 11am at the Hillwood War Memorial Hall starting the first mid-February. Please keep an eye out on the newly created Facebook page

Reminder: If you have any Hillwood news you would like to include, please contact Nancy Donnelly on 63948137

HILLWOOD GARDEN CLUB

In mid-December the Hillwood Garden Club held its annual pre-Christmas dinner. 18 members and spouses enjoyed a lovely evening of food and good company. Recently a smaller group of members met at the Hillwood Pontoon for a group photo near the garden which the Club planted several years ago for the enjoyment of visitors. Photo attached. The Club meets on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7.30 in the Hillwood Memorial Hall. The next meeting will be in February which is traditionally a joint meeting with members of the George Town Historical Society. All welcome.

Sue Overton Secretary 63948127





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