



# Smoke Signals

## Your Free Community Newsletter

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We at Smoke Signals would like to offer our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Nancy Donnelly. In the Hillwood news section of this issue please take time to read the In Memoriam for Nancy, a valued member of the community and long-time contributor to Smoke Signals.

### A WELCOME IDEA

Recently, Smoke Signals received a letter to the Editor from local Ian Farquhar, suggesting an idea that would be of value to new members of the community, but also has merit for those who have been here a while:

"Dear Sir,

Welcome Wagon is a concept which, some decades past, emerged concurrently in Canada and the USA. Originally conceived as a purely commercial exercise, it started with promotional contacts and listed details for recently arrived citizens in a district, but has evolved into a volunteer community service whereby in a few communities, folks moving into a district are greeted by a neighbour who is equipped with service, commercial and social contacts and some garden or domestic goodies to meet and greet.

Whilst "Smoke Signals" already fills part of this role it seems to me that we have a potential to build on that and create a formal, though not too structured system, to equip residents to adopt a role as 'Welcome Wagoners'. Should we have some interest in this concept a first step might be a local resource list so that should a newcomer express a particular interest or needs, links may be established.

Some readers may be near my vintage and remember the 'once upon a time' custom of 'tin kettle' parties. These surprise events had the capacity to lead to valued friendships, but by today's values may be deemed too intrusive. A local version of Welcome Wagon may well enrich this community."

We at Smoke Signals agree that this suggestion by Ian would certainly assist new residents and be of great benefit to the community. If you feel this is something you would like to get involved in and assist in helping with, Ian is happy for you to contact him at [ian.farquhar@gmail.com](mailto:ian.farquhar@gmail.com) for more information.



Local Scrabble group meets every Thursday at the Men's Shed in Dilston

To kick things off, Smoke Signals would like to publish in each edition, information about local groups and upcoming events. To do this we need your assistance, and if you are involved in any community groups, or know of any events that are taking place in coming months, please let us know by contacting [smokesignals@bigpond.com](mailto:smokesignals@bigpond.com) Some information already appears in the Hillwood News section, so any additional information from the Windermere/Dilston/Swan Bay areas would be greatly appreciated.



TGIF – Locals get together for a social occasion and a bite to eat at the Signal Station Tavern on first Friday of each month.

# Letter to the Editor

I recently complained to Australia Post online about the inconvenience to Dilston/Windermere residents of being required to go many km out of our way to collect some mail items.

A guy rang to discuss this with me, and his initial suggestion was that we lodge a community protest. My argument was this should not be necessary, and the Newnham PO was an obvious choice for us.

Later he did come back with the news that I could sign an "Authority to Leave Form" so my signature would not be required. He was vague about the reasons Mt Direction was chosen over Newnham Post Office.

Anyway, the other day a return mail envelope accompanied the "Authority to Leave Form" so this is now on its way to hopefully solve my problem.

I guess we could all get together and agitate for Dilston/Windermere residents have mail collectable at Newnham rather than Mt Direction and I'll organize that (email me at [john.coulson6@bigpond.com](mailto:john.coulson6@bigpond.com)) if enough of you are interested. The alternative is to sign the "Authority to Leave Form", something which suits retirees like myself but might not be preferred by those away working.

John Coulson

## Editors note

Since John wrote this letter, he has had a reply from Australia Post. They have assisted him in setting up an Authority to Leave, however this is still conditional on items being able to fit inside a safe receptacle at the property boundary.

The local mail route is certainly a busy one and stretches from the Northern side of the Rocherlea turnoff, to East Arm Road. Each day, as well as the numerous letters that require delivery, some 50 to over 100 parcels are carried.

The staff at Mount Direction are always friendly, even in the busiest of times, and they must cope with managing parcel pickup, answering enquiries, and running the service station. If you do have a parcel to pick up, please remember you will need ID, and it is probably best done from 2pm onward for same day deliveries.

John remains happy for people to contact him, as per his details above, in regard using the Newnham Post Office as an alternative to Mount Direction.

## Whats Happening in the George Town Library



### Mondays – Weekly

#### Crochet

9.30-11.00

Come and learn or bring your own project – everyone is welcome in the fun supportive group.

#### Digital Device Sessions

10.00am -12.00

A different theme each week to help assist you with all things digital

Including

Pay ID

Update your eSafety

Making and editing videos

Exploring Military history

More information can be found on our Eventbrite page

#### Youth Gaming

During school terms only

3.30pm -4.30pm

Gaming fun each week with PS4, Virtual reality, Oculus, Nintendo and much more. Ages 10+

### Wednesdays – Weekly

#### Adult Spelling and Maths

11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Have fun in a small group playing spelling and numeracy games to improve literacy skills.

#### Rock and Rhyme

10.30-11.00

Rock and Rhyme is a fun, free 30-minute lap-sit session for parents, carers and their children. It includes lots of fun songs, action rhymes and stories. Younger children love singing, action rhymes and simple stories. For ages 0-5

#### Special Events

Adult Learners Week - Canvas and Cookies

Thursday 5 September 11:00-1:00

Come along to paint a canvas design while enjoying delicious cookies. No previous experience required.

Bookings via our Eventbrite page.

The QR code will take you straight to the Eventbrite page to book, or contact the library on 6702 6090



**VISIT  
OF  
OUR CORRESPONDENT  
TO THE  
'DEVIL'S DEN'  
GOLD DIGGINGS.**

The discovery of gold in Victoria in 1851 set off national gold fever, and, while many young Tasmanian men left for the Victorian gold fields, there was considerable interest in prospecting within Tasmania. This was encouraged by the Government of the day, which offered a substantial reward for the discovery of a "payable gold field".

In March, 1863, the Examiner reported that Mr John Barrett had struck gold at Devil's Den, seven miles from Mount Direction. By May, two Victorian prospectors were working the field and applied to the Launceston Gold Committee for some assistance in the form of equipment and labour. The Committee agreed "to supply ten men with the required appliances, and also to ration ten additional men for a short period, for the purpose of testing the locality, which is said to be a promising one."

In July the Examiner reported that "three or four parties started for the Devil's Den diggings yesterday and we believe others are preparing to follow". At its peak there were 60 men on the diggings and hopes were high.

Writing to the Examiner a prospector returning from Devil's Den, William Cartledge, concluded "I believe we may rejoice in a real paying alluvial gold field in Tasmania."

The Examiner sent their own correspondent who wrote that in his first bucket was "as beautiful a sample of course gold that the anxious digger could ever ask to see" and concluded "that we were surrounded by a diggings of the most valuable description, which would yield untold wealth."

Charles Gould, Esq., Government Geologist, was appointed Gold Commissioner at the Den Diggings, with a party of police under his command to maintain order.

Mr R L Stuart offered to "take out to the diggings any interested parties, leaving from the Brisbane Hotel at 10am".

Sadly, in the long run the largest nugget found was just one and three quarter ounces, which, in comparison to the three million ounces turned out in a year in Victoria, was hardly going to put Tasmania on the gold rush map and, despite a brief revival in 1869, the East Tamar gold rush came to nothing.



# GARDEN CLUB NEWS

## GLEBE GARDENS – JUNE



Glebe Gardens was initially constructed in 2009 - five hectares of beautiful and varied garden spaces, designed and constructed by Master Landscaper, Patrick Graham. Glebe Gardens pays respect to a number

of different landscaping styles. Vast green lawns and expansive stands of silver birches, pines and willows are all connected by pathways. Turtle Island is an interesting feature as is the man-made water channel created from the overflow of the North Esk River. Lunch was enjoyed at the Glebe Café.



## MIDWINTER CELEBRATION AT THE CLARENDON ARMS, EVANDALE – JULY



As has become our annual tradition, Garden Club members emerged, briefly, from winter hibernation for a winter-warming lunch at the Clarendon Arms in Evandale. The country style decor of this beautiful old English style restaurant, suited the atmosphere of our Midwinter celebration very well, and we all enjoyed the delicious offerings selected from their winter lunch menu, and served by attentive and welcoming staff. The fire roared away and kept our group warm and feeling festive all afternoon, with some members even wearing their versions of yuletide decorations!



**Dilston, Windermere, Swan Bay Garden Club's** next gatherings will be in **August – Daffodils, Jonquils, Camellias and More..... in Swan Bay, and September – Katy McIvor's garden in Gravelly Beach.** If you would like to participate in Garden Club activities, please contact me or send an email to the address below. New members are very welcome.

Email: [DilWinSBGardenClub@gmail.com](mailto:DilWinSBGardenClub@gmail.com)

Telephone: Kerri on 0407 447 344

## BEES IN THE GARDEN



### ROBBER BEES! BEE CRIME WATCH!

Who would ever have thought that sisterly bees can, and do, turn into rabid invaders, storming more fortunate hives that have plenty of honey. And they don't pussyfoot around either. During a nectar shortage these bees are desperate. When they rob a hive, the invaders kill the resident bees and may even kill the queen. They rip open wax cells to get at the honey inside. It's surprising the amount of honey they can remove in a very short time.

Robbing bees are louder than normal bees. In the fracas you'll see bees rolling around in pairs or groups on the landing board or in the air. You'll see bees that have lost their hair in fights, and of course lots of dead bodies both outside and inside the hive.

This frenzy, and the smell of spilled honey around the hive, attracts even more aggressive invaders like wasps and hornets. In a worst-case scenario, a beekeeper can lose their entire hive.

Imagine how difficult a situation like this might be for our local beekeepers. Their best defence is to keep their bees strong and healthy, and to be on the lookout during hot spells with prolonged periods without rain that can cause a 'nectar gap' between spring blooms and autumn flowers. This can result in low honey stores over winter, and that's when bees traditionally hibernate.

#### How we can help

We can help by choosing a mix of drought tolerant plants and flowers to grow in our gardens. As we begin heading towards Spring, please think of our local bees that we in our community rely on to pollinate what we grow. Please plant and sow mindfully.

Source: <https://www.ecrotek.com.au/blogs/articles/beekeeping-101-how-to-stop-hive-robbing>



## CHURCH NEWS     St Matthias' Anglican Church

Services held every 2nd and 4th Sundays each month, NOW Commencing at 9:30am. (Note: The heaters are again working VERY effectively, so be assured of a cosy atmosphere in church even if the weather is outside is wintery.)

On Fri. June 22nd, our rector Rev Lee Shirvill conducted an informal meeting with the congregation to discuss plans for the future. As also mentioned on the new parish website, [htl.org.au](http://htl.org.au), he reaffirmed that “the parish of Holy Trinity is committed to the future of this church” and he is there to support the St Matthias worship group solidly into the future, which is very positive news.

### Some points of extra interest over the next 2 months include:



**Aug. 7th** is the anniversary of the date in 2018 when we had raised sufficient funds, along with our supportive community, to pay our commitment towards the redress fund for victims of historic sexual abuse in the church, and thereby saved our church from being sold. Daffodils planted soon after, now flower every year at this time, as a reminder of this wonderful, blessed achievement, and an answer to our prayers. You are all very welcome to wander in to admire these, and enjoy the serenity of the property, at any time.

**Aug, 11** will be the 179th anniversary of the first wedding at St Matthias', the union between 2 West Tamar residents, Sarah Plummer and William Rosevear. This year, Aug 11 falls on a Sunday, with a regular service at StM, so please spread the word to anyone married here, or with relatives who were married here to come along and join us in praise and fellowship, and re-live your special memories afterwards over morning tea.

**Sept. 21st**, International Day for Peace. Watch Facebook for a service of Hymns and Prayers for Peace at Holy Trinity.

**September 29th** is the fifth Sunday, and so a combined Parish service will be held at Holy Trinity in town, with tea/coffee served after, followed by the Annual General Meeting of the Parish and a light luncheon shared together to finish. Nominations for Parish Council close on Aug. 25th.

A Bible Study group including people from all 4 Parish Centres has been meeting by Zoom on Wednesday evenings, studying an overview of the Bible with excellent videos on the various books in the Bible. This particular course is now finished but access to these videos for any other interested church members may be arranged if you contact Rev Lee direct. They are very interesting and informative.

In previous years, we have organised a collection of warm clothing and non-perishable food over winter. As we no longer have the café as an extra drop-off point, we won't be doing that this year, but we do encourage you to donate what you can to Anglicare, Vinnies, City Mission etc as the need in the wider community is increasing.

Going forward, the service on the 2nd Sunday each month will be led by Rev Lee Shirvill and the service on the 4th Sunday will be led by Rev Ken Box and Rev Bob McKay on alternate months.

Rev. Lee Shirvill 0468 489 068    Subscribe to our weekly Parish email newsletter, via a message to [rector@htl.org.au](mailto:rector@htl.org.au), or Join our Facebook page [stmatthiaswindermere](https://www.facebook.com/stmatthiaswindermere) for any important updates.

Despite the dismal weather we continue to have a healthy turn up of members at the Shed. With the mezzanine floor now completed, and signed off by the building surveyor, and Launceston City Council, storage racks for timber are now being constructed. The Shed is lucky to have had a large donation of Tasmanian native timber, so the storage will be soon full. The wood is available for projects for members or to build items of furniture or any specialty woodwork for members of the surrounding community. Contact us at [secretary@etms.org.au](mailto:secretary@etms.org.au) or call in Monday, Wednesday or Saturday mornings if you need something built or repaired. We also have members who are expert welders if anyone needs a steel construction or anything repaired. We will give you a very competitive quote.



The completed mezzanine floor



The Shed was recently approached by Belinda Mathieson from the East Tamar Primary School to assist in their Additional Needs Program. They needed an oversized Jenga set and several large cubes to make dice. We were happy to complete the project and donate it to the school.

George Murray (President) Bob Stow (Treasurer) with Belinda and Archie Mathieson and with the completed project.

The members of the Men's Shed come from diverse backgrounds and have a variety of skills which they are happy to share with any new members who are interested in woodwork or metalwork. We are always on the lookout for new members so if you would like to broaden your horizons and are over 18 get in touch.



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Tasmanian Government

**BUSHFIRE-READY CHALLENGE**

*Take it on.  
Be Prepared.*

### Welcome to the Tasmania Fire Service Bushfire-Ready Challenge

The Tasmania Fire Service Bushfire-Ready Challenge is an immersive bushfire preparedness experience available to all Tasmanians. Take part in this Challenge at your own pace to ensure you can get to know your bushfire risk, create a bushfire plan, prepare your property and much, much more!



COMPLETE YOUR  
BUSHFIRE PLAN



PREPARE YOUR  
PROPERTY



KEEP YOUR  
FAMILY SAFE



**REGISTER NOW!**



The TFS Bushfire ready challenge is one we would like to put to the communities of Dilston, Windermere, Swan Bay and Hillwood as a fun and immersive way to increase awareness and preparedness for all Tasmanians living in fire prone areas. The challenge kicks off in spring, and you can register your interest via the QR code above!



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#### Dilston Fire Brigade Contacts

Raoul Stow	0417 351 423
Paul Blakie	0417 592 424
Ben Jones	0417 877 001
Ken Nolan	0448 320 996

#### Hillwood Fire Brigade Contacts

Elaine Burns	0417 540 665
Sharon Clarke	0417 600 571
Leon Hodges	0409 169 288
Andy Kendall	0427 818 282

## CAN WE ACCESS YOUR PROPERTY?!



## Home Fire Safety FACT SHEET



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### 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.



- 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.

### Electrical If it's electric, be safe and check it.

Electrical items in the home can include the power supply, fixed appliances, portable appliances, power boards and extension leads.

- Replace damaged plugs and leads.
- Use power boards with overload protection.
- Never handle electrical equipment with wet hands.
- Switch off and unplug appliances when not in use.
- Don't use faulty electrical equipment until it has been repaired.
- Don't place extension leads under carpets or furniture.



- Install an earth leakage circuit breaker.
- Check electrical wiring and switches regularly, especially in older homes. Anything more than a visual check must be done by a licensed electrician.



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## Eurasian Coot

I have been writing this column for 16 years now, and not once have I mentioned one of the most common birds of the Tamar Valley; the Eurasian Coot. I was reminded of this by scanning my record of past articles and now, living beside a lake, I see and admire these birds every day.

The Australian Coot is an unmistakably plain slate grey waterhen, darker on the head with a pure white bill and bill shield. It has silver legs and flattened toes which assist its swimming. It differs from other similar waterbirds in that it habitually dives when foraging for water grasses.

It is often found in large groups in freshwater or on the margins of freshwater lakes; occasionally marginally saline. It breeds in spring and Summer but any time when conditions are favourable.

I need to relate an experience with a Coot in recent years. It was the early Summer of 2020. A female Coot was sitting on eggs near our house on a nest of reeds the male had foraged from nearby, when we experienced 100mm of rain over 3 days. The lake rose dramatically and the male Coot worked frantically to forage further vegetation to ensure the nest was not swept away in the rising water.

Returning from a morning walk, I noticed the plight of this family. In a moment of compassion, I decided to assist the pair by plucking remnant reeds from nearby and throwing them in to the water close to where the Coot was foraging. For 15 minutes we worked together to achieve a difference in the height of the nest. The male Coot seized every piece of reed I threw into the rising water and carried it to line the nest for his sitting mate.

The nesting was successful. Two chicks were actively fed by both parents over the Summer months. The chicks are very vocal whilst their parents dive for food. There is never any misunderstanding as to who belongs in a family.

These birds actively prune our waterways and are an integral part of the food web that keeps our waterways healthy.



Frantic collection



Secure again

## HILLWOOD NEWS

As many of you will already know, but for those that don't, Nancy Donnelly, long time contributor to the Smoke Signals, has passed away. I have been asked to write something, but it is hard to describe all she meant to us. She was a scribe to this wonderful publication for many years, but that was only a tiny piece of who she was. I think the reason so many read her section of the Hillwood News was that she was interested in, and loved so many people in this community and she was genuinely proud of all their achievements. She was a friend to many and her commitment to community was huge.

She was a very determined person and stood up for what she believed in and championed the underdog. Her generosity knew no bounds and she would help anyone in any way she could. She always believed the best in everyone. Her advice to us today would be to look for the good in everyone, help out where you can, work to improve your community, stand up for what is right and never fear the odds.

Loved and loving wife of Jeff, mother to 8 children, grandmother to 22 and great grandmother to 17. Long time member of the Hillwood Progress Association, founding member of the Hillwood History Room and Life Member of the Hillwood Football Club.

A Celebration of her life funeral was held at Franklin Grove Centre, Young Town with about 350 people attending. May she now rest in peace.



### HILLWOOD FOOTBALL CLUB:

The Seniors, Reserves and Women's will all make the finals, with the Women's team on top of the ladder.

**Archie Wilkinson** is on top of the NTFA Senior's goal kicking ladder,

**Narine Maurangi** (Naz) is the lead goal kicker for the NTFA Women's and **Andrew Whitmore** just broke a Hillwood record for the Reserves, kicking the most goals (14!) in one game when they played against Deloraine recently.

A fantastic turn up for the past players and coaches day that was recently held at the George Town v Hillwood game at Hillwood. Some great speakers in Freddy McLean, Kevin McLean, John Dudman, Todd Miller & Micky Jordan on their thoughts and memories of an awesome footy club.

**Meals** continue on Thursday Nights until the season ends. Don't forget the community are welcome at any time, but if you want to be in and out before the players, arrive between 5:30pm or 6:00pm to be sure you're served early. Dine in, come and meet other people in the community or take-away with a quick turn around.

### What's on at the Hillwood Road Meditation Skills Centre: 362 Hillwood Road, Hillwood.

**ZUMBA** classes continue in Term 3 at the Meditation Centre on Tuesday and Thursday 6:30pm & Sundays at 8am. \$10 per session. Check out the Hillwood Zumba Facebook page for further details.

**Yoga:** Mondays 5:45pm- 7pm

**Monthly Mental Health:** 3-5pm (Saturdays 24 August, 21 September)

**Soul Searching** 2-4pm, (25 August, 22 September).

**Hillwood Ladies Group:** Wednesday's at 10am till 12pm.

Phone Gaylene Laverty for more information on 0418 590 564.

For update information on programs, follow the Hillwood Road Meditation Skills Centre Facebook page or the Website via [gracejunction.com.au](http://gracejunction.com.au)



## Positions Vacant:

Position descriptions, to name a few:

Data Input, Researching, Interviewing, Compiling booklets, Transcribing, Hosting Open Days.

Volunteer for your area of interest to enable the Hillwood History Room to continue.

Drop into the History Room at the Hillwood War Memorial Hall Thursdays @ 10am or contact Julie on 0408 275 539.

## Wildlife Posters

Driving home recently we came across a wedgetail eagle feeding on roadkill. Luckily, we were travelling relatively slowly, and we were able to stop in time. Eagles do not fly off quickly, so we were able to stop and watch this magnificent bird fly off into a nearby tree.

Studies show that by reducing speeds by just 20kph during dusk to dawn, the road toll could be reduced by half. The Hillwood Progress Association have purchased 4 Friends of Tasmanian Wildlife posters: an eagle, a wombat, an echidna and a wallaby and its baby, to help remind people of the kinds of wildlife to watch out for in our area.

Remember, if you hit wildlife and it's safe to stop...check pouches and phone Bonorong on 0447 264 625 if you find a little one. Please wear gloves if possible as wildlife may have toxoplasmosis!



Let's slow down and make a difference for wildlife.

## Congratulations to Hillwood Resident - Anne Taylor.

Ann was the recent Winner of the inaugural Kinimathatakinta/ George Town Councils Art Competition.



### Anne Taylor -Stories of Place.

Ann describes her work.

In this work I explore the themes of time and place relating to the area I live. My fascination with history, nurtured during my BA studies, has blossomed into a love for research that informs my art. I am drawn to the stories that resonate with me both from the past and the present.

In the creation of this painting, I employed both visual and material layering as metaphors for the various time frames that intersect in the narrative of narrative of this place. Each layer in my work aims to tell a different story that has contributed to the fabric of this community.

As an artist and a history buff. I find joy in the act of uncovering and weaving these threads together. I hope to invite the viewer to embark on a journey through time, to peel back the layers and uncover the rich history that lies beneath the surface.

## HEALTHY HILLWOOD

"Healthy Hillwood Exercises, are in recess at the time of writing but should be back up and running soon. Previous classes were well attended, and we are looking forward to the start of the next sessions. Please keep an eye on the chalk boards and Facebook pages for future days and times.



## Notice of the Hillwood Progress Association Annual General Meeting.

DATE: Tuesday 10th September 2024

TIME: 7:00pm

WHERE: Hillwood War Memorial Hall

Membership is open to those who live or have a proprietary interest in real estate in the wider Hillwood area. Membership is just \$5. Nominations for all committee positions are now open. Nominations can be submitted in writing to The Public Officer C/- 362 Hillwood Main Road, Hillwood or via email to [HillwoodPA@outlook.com](mailto:HillwoodPA@outlook.com), 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](mailto:HillwoodPA@outlook.com)

## TRIVIA NIGHT SATURDAY OCT 19TH 2024

The HPA will again be holding a Trivia Night at the Hillwood War Memorial Hall. \$100 per table, maximum of 8 people per table. Tables are limited, so get in quick. Questions again collated by our very own Tom Gunn, with George Town Mayor, Greg Kieser again Master of Ceremonies.

A great night of fun and games. Donations to our balloon tree welcome.

To book a table please email [HillwoodPA@outlook.com](mailto:HillwoodPA@outlook.com)

### Expressions of Interest for a

## Makers Market

The HPA will be holding a Christmas Market and Christmas Party at the Hillwood War Memorial Hall, date to be confirmed.

Anyone interested in holding a stall at a Makers Market,  
Please contact Elaine Burns on 0417 540 665

## HILLWOOD GARDEN CLUB

At its June meeting the Club had a fascinating talk from PhD researcher Joanna Lyall on "Eastern Barred Bandicoots". Bandicoot populations appear to have crashed over recent years. Before 2000, they were widely seen throughout the open areas of Tasmania. But changes in land use, rainfall and soil moisture, and the distribution of native vegetation are linked to dramatic declines in bandicoot numbers. In the Midlands, bandicoots are no longer being seen. However, bandicoots are becoming more concentrated in urban and peri-urban areas. While it's too soon to say definitely that revegetation work is enhancing bandicoot survival, Jo's last three years of camera monitoring reveal bandicoot numbers have risen in areas where native vegetation is being restored. She says she's hopeful and is encouraging everyone to make bandicoot-friendly areas with good ground cover, like native grasses, sedges, and rushes.

At its July meeting Cynthea Semmens of 'Marion's Vineyard' in Deviot outlined the family history from Cyprus to the Tamar Valley and the trials and successes of viticulture.

Hillwood Garden Club meets on the third Monday of the month at 7.30 p.m. at the Hillwood Memorial Hall. All welcome.

Sue Overton, Secretary  
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