

## IN APPRECIATION OF TONY

On Saturday November 9 an afternoon tea and get together was held in appreciation of Tony Walker's hard work and devotion as the previous Editor of Smoke Signals.

Tony's time at Smoke Signals commenced in 2003, however he had to step aside in 2008 due to ill health. His dedication to the role shone through, when in 2019 he once again picked up the baton. The 250th issue of Smoke Signals in April of this year was the final issue with Tony Walker at the helm as Editor.

A group that included past and present contributors, those who deliver the editions of Smoke Signals, advertisers, and committee members all got together at Dilston Hall to express thanks to Tony for his past work and dedication to the publication.

Being the eloquent wordsmith and keen historian he is, all those present enjoyed the stories Tony shared on the day. Personally, I was most interested in his time with the cinema industry and his knowledge of some of the old theatres dotted around Launceston.

Above all, what stood out and what kept Tony's devotion to Smoke Signals at the forefront all these years, was the positive community spirit around our local area. His job as Editor was made easier, not only by the other members of the committee (who Tony stated do most of the hard work), but above all, by the community members who are always willing to share good news stories in an endeavour to build on the great relationships in the area.



Tony Walker & George Chandler



### THANK YOU

Sue and I would like to say a sincere thank you to the many people who attended our "farewell to the Editor" function recently and to the many more who have wished us well as we move on to the next phase of our life together. A big thank you too, to the Smoke Signals team who made my task as Editor so easy. I'm sure that Peter will have the same support. We have nothing but good memories of the 25 years spent in this wonderful East Tamar community. In an uncertain world, maintaining the strength of local communities is vital and I hope that Smoke Signals contributed to that, and will continue to under Peter's capable leadership.

Tony and Sue Walker, Dilston

# Letter to the Editor

## Smoke signals letters to Editor

Smoke Signals is a community newsletter that aims to present positive and apolitical information about activities, events, people and places within the local area. This may include suggestions as to how we may enhance the area. The publication invites letters to the Editor that adhere to this principle. Letter writers need to include name and street address (only your name and suburb will be printed) and letters must be under 150 words in length. All letters will be considered by the editorial team and may present in edited form when published.

One recent letter to the Editor is from Jon Dodla from Swan Bay and expresses some issues he has noted since moving to the area. Jon raises three main points around:

1. Road safety, especially regarding speeding and 'hooning'
2. Roadside stalls, and
3. Unreasonable noise

Jon's letter is too long to publish here, but regarding his points:

1. Most people do the right thing in our local area, but please pass the message on about care on the roads. Now the weather has improved there are more people out walking, as well as cyclists and children. Anecdotally there are stories of near misses, so please be careful.
2. Roadside stalls appear in the area from time to time. Please be sure you check with council to make sure it is ok to put a stall up, if there is enough space for cars to stop, and ask the neighbours if they mind. If you stop at a roadside stall, be careful to pull off the road so as not to obstruct traffic.
3. The end of year is often a time for celebration, partying, and music. Please remember to check with neighbours if you plan big celebrations. Often you will see people put notices in neighbouring letterboxes advising of an event, sometimes even offering an invite!

All in all, we live in a harmonious community, and it is a great place to live. If you do notice any activities that may be of issue, remember there are correct channels to go through.

## Save the Date

### COMMUNITY HARVEST FESTIVAL AND PICNIC DAY ST MATTHIAS' CHURCH GROUNDS.



Sat. March 15th 2025 11am-3pm.  
Picnic/BBQ Lunch and family fun.

Stalls for Produce, Plants, Cakes, Preserves, Coffee and a  
Silent Auction, fundraising for the work of the church.

Family fun with old-fashioned games, making Corn Dollies, music, and the ever-popular scarecrows! So resurrect your 2024 scarecrow, or start anew, to line our local roads with crowd-attracting scarecrows! A great school holiday activity.

Offers to assist in planning, or requests for personal individual stalls @ \$10 each, contact 0409317806.

Windermere IS community. Let's celebrate it.



# GARDEN CLUB NEWS

## OCTOBER



A fine spring day saw Garden Club members take a tour of Wendy's Garden in Dilston (see left). The original owners had used it for a market garden – growing vegetables and flowers. Wendy has made many changes to the garden since she arrived in November 2018, and even more changes since Garden Club last visited in April 2023. Her efforts have been rewarded by revealing the spectacular view over the Tamar.



Afternoon tea on the deck was enjoyed by our members in the Windermere garden of Kerri and Greg – “Windsong” – where views (over the garden labyrinth) to the Tamar are also a feature (see right).



Also in October, the Scamander Garden Club visited two of our local gardens – Wendy's garden in Dilston and Patricia and Mike's garden in Swan Bay. We thank Wendy and Patricia and Mike for opening their gardens for this group. (See the frog pond in Mike and Patricia's garden at left).

## NOVEMBER



The Swan Bay garden of Ken and Fran was our venue for lunch in November. Ken and Fran have developed quite an amazing garden in a short period of time (only four years), and there are many delightful areas to explore, including a secret garden, a picnic area, a “Wolf Paddock”, and several themed groves.



**Dilston, Windermere, Swan Bay Garden Club's** next gatherings will be held in December – our Christmas Party at “The Elms” in Swan Bay, and January - to Bridestowe Lavender Farm.

New members are very welcome. If you would like to join Garden Club, please contact me or send an email to:

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

**Kerri – 0407 447 344**



When planting to attract birds, it's crucial to include a variety of vegetation layers and species. Different birds have distinct needs: fairy-wrens forage on the ground, brown thornbills inhabit mid-level shrubs, and parrots prefer trees. Dense vegetation is essential for many species, providing food, water, shelter, and breeding sites.

**Planting Strategies:****Variety**

Provide diverse vegetation to cater to various bird species. Fairy-wrens forage on lawns but need dense shrubs or branch piles for predator shelter and nest-building materials. By providing variety you can satisfy every bird's needs.

**Large Trees**

These act as urban stepping stones, offering rest stops in urban environments. Even non-native trees can be valuable. While a large eucalypt may not be appropriate in a small garden, there are small ones that attract pardalotes and honeyeaters. Other smaller trees, such as wattles, banksias and she-oaks provide excellent habitat and food.

**Native Plants**

Favour local or non-invasive Australian natives. While exotic plants offer shelter and nectar, they often attract only versatile species like New Holland honeyeaters. Native plants support more specialised birds by hosting more native insects, increasing availability of bird food.

**Balanced Planting**

Avoid overusing "bird-attracting" plants like callistemons and hybrid grevilleas. While they will attract wattlebirds, noisy miners and New Holland honeyeaters, these species will aggressively defend their patch. A seven-gram thornbill doesn't stand much chance against a 200-gram wattlebird or a mob of noisy miners. Ironically, too many nectar-abundant plants can leave small birds completely excluded.

Using fewer of the showy species mixed with shelter-providing shrubs and other kinds of insect-attracting flowers will produce a greater variety of birds in your yard. Smaller flowers, like common heath (*Epacris impressa*) and winter-flowering common correa (*Correa reflexa*) will attract smaller eastern spinebills, while wattles, tea trees, prickly box (*Bursaria spinosa*), daisy bushes and bushpeas are a safe bet for enticing insects.

**Dead Branches**

If safe, retain some dead branches. Eagles, blackfaced cuckoo-shrikes and dusky woodswallows use these to study their surrounds before they hunt. Robins also need a perch from which they can pounce on small invertebrates below – another good reason to keep woody debris lying around instead of 'tidying up', although don't compromise fire safety strategies.

**Fruit and Seeds**

Fruit-eating birds, such as silvereyes, will appreciate plants like native currants (*Coprosma quadrifida*) as well as any fruit in your orchard.

Make sure you don't have any environmental weeds with berries in your garden, such as holly, elder, arum lily or hawthorn, as birds may eat the berries and spread them into local bushland. Native grasses provide seeds for firetails and some parrots such as eastern rosellas, green rosellas, as well as fine foliage for many species to use in their nests, or to nest in.



The joy of seeing and listening to birds at home is surely one of the best reasons to have a garden at all. By choosing local native plants wherever practical planting for a range of species, you can foster birds in your backyard and help populations in your local area.

Dusky woodswallows visit Tasmania for the Summer months.



## BEES IN THE GARDEN



Rural gardens are great for bees

It's no secret that bees are attracted to gardens filled with flowers, but a recently published UK study has found that bees can also benefit greatly from gardens in farming communities where agricultural crops certainly provide bees with plenty of pollen and nectar – but it may be a case of feast or famine. Bees were found to do far better when farmland areas also included rural gardens as these help provide a continuous and more reliable supply of nectar, complementing the variable supply from crops.

The research was conducted over several years across UK gardens and farmlands and was combined with citizen science data on bee activity. Although gardens were found to supply approximately 15 per cent of overall nectar for the bees in the study areas, there were seasonal periods where crops provided very little so gardens were picking up the slack. A crucial time was during late summer, after harvesting was largely complete.

It's likely this UK research is equally relevant for our part of the world and that gardening enthusiasts can help our bees by ensuring there are plenty of flowers for them to visit for as much of the year as possible.

"The small but continuous supply of nectar on farmland, resulted in a more continuous supply of food. This can fill crucial hunger gaps experienced by farmland bumblebees, supporting and enhancing their populations. In Britain 90 per cent of farmland is within one kilometre of a garden and therefore positive actions by gardeners could have widespread spillover benefits for pollinators across the country."

The open access paper was published during October in the journal 'Proceedings of the Royal Society B: Biological Sciences' and is available at <https://royalsocietypublishing.org/doi/10.1098/rspb.2024.1523>

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\*\*Roadside Stall is council approved, eggs are biosecurity stamped and the homestead kitchen is registered with the local council.

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@HIRAYAHOMESTEAD



**A Very  
Happy Christmas to  
All  
from the  
Smoke Signals Team**



## CHURCH NEWS      St Matthias' Anglican Church

**Church News. St Matthias' Anglican Church 431 Windermere Rd (part of Holy Trinity Parish)**  
**Services held 2nd and 4th Sundays monthly. Other weeks at Holy Trinity CBD centre (cnr George and Cameron).**

The joyous celebration of Christmas is fast approaching, and Mary and Joseph have already arrived at the church gates, so take the kids down for a photo! Our first special event is a grand display of Christmas Nativity sets at Holy Trinity Church in town open daily 9am-12 noon from Dec 9th til Christmas Day. Why not drop in for a quiet moment from your hurried shopping, and reflect on the true Christmas story? It is sure to be appreciated by all: young and old. Over 40 different sets to view. Free entry. Giveaways for the children.

Then Christmas Eve will bring the annual Community Carols Service at 7pm, in the grounds of the church (see photo 2023 below). So bring a folding chair, warm clothing, your best singing voice and your heart open to the joy and hope of Christmas. (This will be held indoors if weather is too inclement) Enjoy catching up with your fellow community friends afterwards over Champagne, juice and nibbles, then Communion will be offered to all interested at 8:30pm. During the carols, a collection will be taken to support the ministry of the church.



Thanks to the 16 community members and parishioners pictured below who helped at the annual Working Bee on Nov 9th: you made a great impact on the grounds and interior of our historic treasure. Well done!



The Service of Remembering on All Saints Day (Nov 2nd) was a beautifully peaceful, reflective and moving experience. This is sure to become an annual feature of great significance.

Save the Date: March 15th 2025. Community Harvest Festival and Parish Picnic Day with stalls, family games, BBQ, scarecrows, and lots of community fun. Contact Marg on 0409317806 to offer your help, or items for the Silent Auction.

**Wishing you all a peaceful, joyous and blessed Christmas. Rev Lee Shirvill (0468489068) See us on Facebook !**

### *Finding Hope at the Heart of Christmas*

From MON DEC 9	Nativity Display - Holy Trinity, Launceston CBD, 9am to 12noon daily
SAT DEC 14	Nine Lessons & Carols* - Holy Trinity, Launceston CBD, 5:00pm
TUES DEC 24	Family Christmas Gathering* - Holy Trinity, Launceston CBD, 4:00pm
TUES DEC 24	Outdoor Community Carols* - St Matthias' Windermere, 7:00pm
TUES DEC 24	Carols & Communion - Holy Trinity, Launceston CBD, 11:00pm
WED DEC 25	Carols & Communion - St Andrew's, Evandale, 9:00am
WED DEC 25	Carols & Communion - Holy Trinity, Launceston CBD, 9:30am

Refreshments are available at the conclusion of gatherings marked with an \*

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## SCRABBLE

Our group of “SCRABBLERS” first met at the Windermere Café in 2017. The group was started by Leila and Janis when Merran was the café proprietor. Our group met each Tuesday at 10.00 am for about two hours of Scrabble playing interspersed with coffee, cake and chat in a non-serious environment.

When Janis and Leila left Tasmania to return to the mainland in early 2018, they asked me to take over the coordination of the group, which I was happy to do, and I have been the Scrabble Coordinator since then. Merran left in 2018, and Fleur was the new proprietor. Fleur was very happy with the arrangement for us to continue meeting and we enjoyed her excellent coffee and cake (and sometimes lunches).

When COVID restrictions were imposed, our members stayed at home, but we kept in touch regularly by email and phone. Once restrictions lifted, we returned to Scrabble in the Café, and occasionally to each other’s homes as an additional gathering.

At the beginning of 2023, we became aware that changes were afoot, and that we might need to start seeking a new venue. I had a preliminary chat in February with a Men’s Shed member who indicated that the Men’s Shed would be pleased to provide us with a “home” should it be required.

In late March 2023, the Windermere Café closed permanently, and negotiations began in earnest with the Men’s Shed. Agreement was quickly reached. The outcome was that we have been using the very comfortable kitchen and dining space for our weekly gatherings for 21 months now, and we thank the Men’s Shed for their generosity in agreeing to share their space with us. Our group is now nearly eight years old! Some of us have even ventured into the world of Mah Jong!

If you would like to become a “Scrabbler” in a friendly and non-competitive environment, please feel free to pop in any Thursday morning at the East Tamar Men’s Shed in Dilston (behind the Dilston Memorial Hall) from 10.00 am. New members are very welcome. If you would like to know more in advance, please contact me, Kerri, on 0407 447 344. (Here are some of the original Scrabblers in 2018 hamming it up for Christmas!)





Tasmania Fire Service

## Dilston and Hillwood Fire Brigades



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

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

### BRIGADE RECRUITMENT 2025

From sausages and sandwiches to Churches and charities, volunteering in Tasmania encompasses community members from all walks of life, all with that admiral common goal to do something for others, for no gain for themselves.

An area of volunteering sometimes not fully understood, is that of the volunteering commitment to the Tasmanian community in the provision of emergency services. Be it Volunteer Ambulance Officers, State Emergency Services (SES) members, and Tasmania Fire Service first responders.

These volunteering cohorts provide an essential service across Tasmania, often engaging with people in their most adverse times of need.

The members of Dilston and Hillwood Fire Brigades are no different, giving up their own time to help not only the community members of Dilston, Windermere, Swan Bay, and Hillwood, but also to the wider Tasmanian community, and indeed at times, travelling 'overseas to Australia'!

In addition to responding to around 150 calls per year, the brigades support a range of community events such as Symmons Plains Motorsport,

Agfest, and the annual Christmas lolly runs.

However, like so many other volunteer groups that service community in all manner of ways, the uptake of people willing and able to volunteer has been on a noticeable decline.

Our Volunteer run Fire Brigades are not the stations, the grounds, the trucks and the gear, it is the people. Without the people, Dilston and Hillwood brigades, and other brigades and groups would cease to exist. This is clearly not in the best interests of the community.

It is worth noting that neither Dilston nor Hillwood brigades member number are precarious, however there is still a need to bolster the firefighter numbers at both brigade, and to that end the brigades would like to encourage members of the community who think that they might be able to assist, to contact one of the officers in the brigade section of smoke signals to make a time to drop into the station and "find out what we are all about!"

### PERMITS

...are in now at time of writing, and with the new digital permit request system in place via [my.service.tas.gov.au](https://my.service.tas.gov.au).

Thankyou to community members for their patience

during the transition to the new system, and for continuing to register those burn offs that are under 1 cubic meter.

Remember, brigade members are available to answer all your questions, and there is plenty of information on the fire service website [fire.tas.gov.au](https://fire.tas.gov.au).

### SANTA LOLLY RUN 2024

Santa will be making his way around Dilston Windermere and Swan Bay again this year per the flyer over the page.

The Santa Tracker will indeed be live again, with a link to be provided closer to the day.

The link will be advertised on the brigade and community socials and we very much look forward to seeing you all out there!

To all in the community,  
Dilston and Hillwood brigades  
wish for everyone a welcomed  
end of year break, and a safe  
and enjoyable Christmas—New  
Year period.



.../DilstonFireBrigade  
.../TasmaniaFireService

#### 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

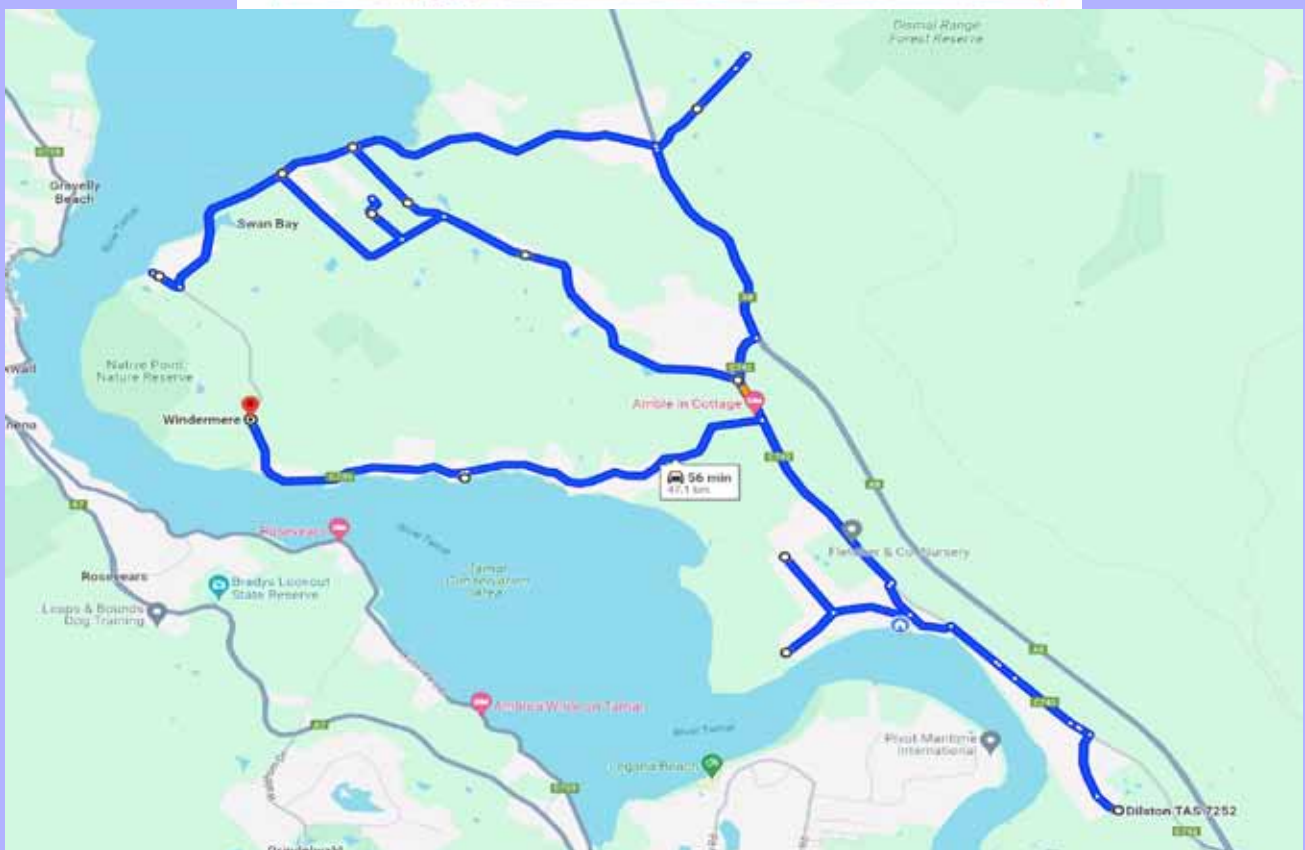




## DILSTON FIRE BRIGADE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LOLLY RUN

**SUNDAY 22nd December, 2024 from 1pm**

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





Another year has gone by and it has been a productive one in the Shed. Our new mezzanine floor for storage has been completed with the final touches being made to storage racks for timber. Members have been doing repair for themselves and people who bring things in to be fixed. 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 for their owners.

Contact can be made via email: [secretary@etms.org.au](mailto:secretary@etms.org.au) or call at the Shed Monday, Wednesday or Saturday 8.30 to 1.30pm.

New members are always welcome. If you don't feel you have the skills, there are experienced members who are happy to teach welding, metal work or woodwork.  
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Ric finishing his Christmas decoration for a customer.



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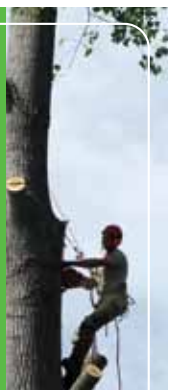
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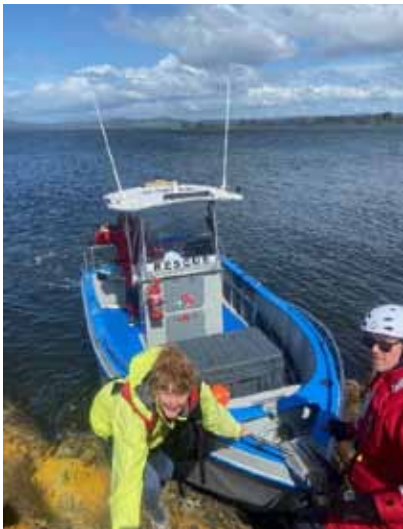
## HILLWOOD NEWS

**HAPPY NEWS:** A beautiful day was had for the wedding of Alex Tyeson and Luke Donnelly. Married at Hinton Bay, Hillwood, Alex and Luke became the latest in a long line of Mr & Mrs Donnelly's, witnessed by a large no. of family and friends, with a backdrop of magnificent old trees and the Tamar River.

A big welcome to Harper Jean Johnston Born 15th November. A baby girl for Jorja Redman and Jude Johnston. First granddaughter for Angie & Steve.

Lily Airey has had her artwork chosen to be included in the Artrage Exhibition touring the state. Coming soon to QVMAG. Free Entry. Lily has also been chosen to umpire at the state basketball to be held in Albury- Wodonga. Go Lily!!

**SAD NEWS:** Due to declining numbers, the Hillwood Ladies Group held their final gathering on Wednesday 27th November. Having run for over 35 years, it was last ladies standing with Muriel, Ann, Glenda, Beth and Gayle making their final meeting with a luncheon at Beauty Point. The Hillwood History Room has a couple of wonderful albums of photos of the group taken over the years. To make an appointment phone Julie on 0408 275 539



Kay Bailey (Tamar NRM) arriving at the island.



Ian peers around a large Boneseed bush



Kaye, Andy and Zach keen to get started.

### BONESEED WEED BLITZ – EGG ISLAND

It was a pleasant, unexpected surprise, to receive approval from Natural Resource Management, to be able to go onto Egg Island and clear the island of Boneseed. Thanks to Marine Sea Rescue crew for providing transport to a few eager volunteers to the island. A marvellous effort to clear the island of Boneseed in a few hours!



### HILLWOOD FOOTBALL CLUB

Mark Donnelly was this year's NTFA recipient of the Clarrie Boon Memorial Award for Outstanding Service to NTFA football. Previous Hillwood Football club recipients of this award include Jeff Donnelly, Kaye McLean, Bob McLean and Jack Hurst. Well deserved Mark!





The Hillwood Football Club celebrated their achievements with a dinner at the Riverside Golf Club on Friday 4th October. Thank you to all of the sponsors and supporters for the year continuing to make these 3 teams play what they love.

#### Reserves men

- Sam Bannister and Matthew Bennett
- Best and fairest
- Aidan Collin's - Runner up
- Ethan Perry - Best backman
- Louie Davie - Most improved
- Kaleb Williams - Coaches award
- Best utility - Jack Beaty
- Leading goal kicker - Andrew Whitmore

#### Senior women

- Sian Beeton - best and fairest
- Jessica Murphy - Runner up
- Marlie Lukic - Best Backman
- Charlie Giddins - Most consistent
- Georgia Rowley - Most consistent
- Narine Maurangi- Leading goal kicker
- Siofra Clarke - Best utility
- Sophie Hawkins - Coaches award
- Halle Pearce - Best in finals

#### Senior men

- Isaac Thompson - Best and fairest
- Hamish Leedham - Runner up
- Best backman - Nash Digney
- Alex Blackaby - best clubman
- Most pressure acts - Angus Jeffries
- Best in finals - Jacob Boyd
- Archie Wilkinson - Leading goal kicker
- Jake Laskey- Most consistent
- Zac Camplin - Most improved
- Hillwood best clubman awards
- Matthew Mason
- John Wallis



Thankyou SharkPark fans for season 2024, see you next year

President : Max Pearce, Secretary: Jayne Donnelly, & Treasurer: Nadia Hyde with Sponsor Nick Duigan, at the clubs end of year dinner and awards night. It takes a lot of people to run a successful football club like the Sharks and you definitely don't need to play football to get involved in your community. There is a role for everyone. New members always welcome.



*Rescuing Dogs Who Rescue  
Veterans & First Responders*

\$420.65 was donated to the PTSD Dogs, the charity chosen to be the recipient of the funds raised at this years Anzac Day Dawn Service Breakfast.

A small QLD based organisation but with a big plan to expand Australia wide in the future. They have just launched a new online training program to send their training program out Australia wide which is exciting so hopefully they will have some Handlers in Tasmania in the not-too-distant future.

#### HILLWOOD MEDITATION CENTRE

**MEDITATION:** Sundays, Tuesdays & Mega Thursdays 10:30-11:45am, \$10 (\$5 concession). Please note the longer meditation, less discussion on Thursdays. There will be no meeting on Boxing Day but meetings will run as usual on New Years Eve and Australia Day. Beginners are always welcome. There is time for tips prior to meditation and discussion briefly afterwards. No need to book ahead.

**NOT CHURCH:** Sundays 9:30-10:15am \$5. This weekly session of music, slides and inspiration is going strong with a small band of loyal participants, but we would love some more people to join us. We will meet as usual on Australia Day.

**ZUMBA** with Heather Ferguson: Sundays 8:00am, Tuesdays & Thursdays 6:30pm, \$10. Term 4 will run to 22 December, then resume again on Tuesday 7 January and Term 1 will run until 20 April. No bookings are required for Zumba.

**YOGA** with Ruth Murphy: Mondays 5:45-7:00pm, \$25/20/15. There will be no yoga on 30 December or 6 January. Bookings are essential for yoga.

**NEW SOCIAL GROUP:** Sadly, Ladies group held their last meeting in November, however Stephanie is considering running a new social group on Wednesdays next year for both males and females. Please contact the centre if you are interested.

**SPECIAL EVENT:** SOUND Immersion by Alexander Bloem Saturday 18 January 6:30pm \$35

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

## HPA TRIVIA NIGHT

Thanks to all who attended our very successful Trivia Night, we hope you enjoyed the night. To Tom Gunn for his role as quiz master, Anne Green as adjudicator, and their donation of beautiful bunches of flowers from The Green Flower Farm. Hillwood Whisky for donations of 6 bottles of Hillwood Whisky. Pieter and Jan for their donation of 5 gift vouchers at Marigolds Cafe. Committee members Elaine Burns, Jo Osborne, Sharon Clarke for their donations of Produce, Wine and Trophies. Julie Airey for organising the Balloon Tree prizes and for all those who helped to set up and pack up. It was a close finish but "On Fire" won the night. We made a total of \$1475.00 Well worth the effort.



The Northern Motorcycle Riders Association of Tasmania Awareness Ride .

Around 200 motorcycles, rode into Hillwood from Perth to raise awareness of motorcycling in Tasmania. Magnolia House was the recipient of the \$2000 raised this year. Thanks to the Hillwood Football Club for catering and hosting them once again. Young Arlo, Saxon and Milo were among the crowd who enjoyed a visit from Santa.



The Hillwood Progress Association (HPA) General Meeting was held on Tuesday 12th November, with a main topic of Emergency Preparedness. Review of the recent storm weather event was discussed with Andrew Taylor, representing the Tas Fire Service and SES, giving a comprehensive talk about roles and what we can do in the case of emergency. The recent storm weather events highlighted the need to check on our neighbours and vulnerable people in our community. Also attending were S/Constable, Northern Community Policing Services, Annabel Shegog, George Town Council employees Cheryl Hyde and Rick Dunn, and Councillor Jason Orr, who also provided input.

The HPA have submitted a letter of support to the Council for a grant for a Generator to be used for the Hillwood Community in the event of an emergency.

Bushfire Emergency Plans can also be used for other emergencies. Don't be complacent, if you haven't already done yours yet, don't delay, current plans can be obtained via your local fire brigade or online.

Interested in playing Tennis or Pickleball? A quote has been received on upgrading the Hillwood Tennis Courts. Register your interest with the Hillwood Progress Association at [HillwoodPA@outlook.com](mailto:HillwoodPA@outlook.com) or Ph: 0409 420 877.

The HPA Christmas Makers Market and Family fun Day will have been held on 7th Dec, by the time this edition goes to print, more next issue! NEXT GENERAL MEETING: 11th February 2025

**We wish all in the Community and Safe and Happy Christmas.**

## HILLWOOD GARDEN CLUB

At its last meeting the Hillwood Garden Club learnt how to and made Christmas decorations including wreaths. The winner was (see attachment).

They will be used to decorate the Hall for the Club's 20th anniversary afternoon tea in December.

Sue Overton, Secretary  
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## ROYAL PARK CROQUET CLUB

Park St Launceston



Enjoy mental and physical activity in  
a friendly environment  
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