



ERIC AND NOELINE SANDBLOM



Noeline Sandblom receiving the painting
by award-winning artist Paul Becker

The last issue of Smoke Signals featured the farewell and thank you event for Tony Walker, previous and long-time editor of our community newsletter. Handing over the role to our new volunteer editor Peter, provides a good opportunity to give more recent residents to the area some background, both to the newsletter and to inaugural editor, Eric Sandblom, whose idea it was to start it in the first place.

Eric and his wife Noeline lived in Windermere well over thirty years ago. They built a house and established a lovely garden – that reportedly included a cow that Noeline could occasionally be spotted chasing around the paddock. Even when they left the area they continued to maintain close links with friends they'd made here, and they always remained on the mailing list to receive Smoke Signals so they could keep in touch.

Although Eric died in 2010, and Noeline more recently in November 2022, in accordance with their wishes, our community has now been gifted with a painting by Launceston-born and award-winning artist Paul Becker. It was presented to them when they moved interstate during the mid-1990s, but they wanted it to be returned, to benefit the community where they'd enjoyed so many happy years hosting book club and garden club meetings, and where they'd made several life-long friends.

It's probably no surprise to learn the genesis of Smoke Signals was to support our volunteer fire brigade. Following the 1967 bushfires, long-time resident Mike Adams was among those who responded to a government initiative to see volunteer fire brigades established in Tasmania's rural areas not easily serviced by professional brigades. Mike was soon appointed Captain of the fledgling Dilston Volunteer Fire Brigade, and he set about creating the well-run and resourced Brigade that we are fortunate to have now. That it was so well resourced was in large part due to the many community fundraising events that were held to purchase much of the specialist equipment that Mike felt was needed, such as pumps, hoses, gloves, and breathing apparatus.

But it was Eric Sandblom who suggested creating a newsletter to promote and support the Brigade. His health precluded him from being a firefighter, so a newsletter was his way of contributing, and his computer skills - at a time when PCs were still relatively uncommon - were significant in reporting and supporting the Brigade's activities. He called the newsletter Smoke Signals, and the first four-page folded A5 copy landed in Dilston, Windermere and Swan Bay letterboxes in December 1990, just in time for Christmas.

Mike recalls those early days:

"As fundraising continued, community support grew. Ladies' luncheons started, poetry evenings in Dilston Hall were held. We had Trivial Pursuit, Music Halls, pea straw sales, art displays and garage sales, a billy cart race, auctions, and a fancy dress ball. Fund raising became a regular feature of the Brigade's activities and its financial matters were reported regularly in Smoke Signals," he said.

ERIC AND NOELINE SANDBLOM Continued

By the fifth or sixth issue Eric was including reports about the activities of garden club, St Matthias Church, and the local scouts, brownies and CWA groups in the newsletter, as well as some 'mini advertisements' that promoted the skills and services of local tradespeople and businesses. These helped offset Smoke Signals' printing expenses – all of which Eric and Noeline undertook to pay for. Back then there were far fewer properties in the area than there are today but even so the cost of producing, printing and collating the newsletter wouldn't have been insignificant.

Those early issues helped inform new and existing residents about the various opportunities on offer and included contact details for the local playgroup, walking group, book group, sewing circle and garden club – several of which both Eric and Noeline had either helped establish, or were part of. Far from being a relatively isolated semi-rural region, *Dilswanawind*, as we were collectively dubbed, became the vibrant and close-knit community we are today thanks in large part to the Sandbloms - and our Smoke Signals community newsletter.

Little wonder then, that when Eric and Noeline moved to the big island in 1996, the community wanted to recognise their generosity and commitment with the gift of a painting depicting a Launceston street scene to remind them of their years in Tasmania.

But how best to honour those wishes? After canvassing the thoughts of some in the community who remember the Sandbloms, a decision was made to sell the painting at auction, and use the money towards purchasing a cardiac defibrillator able to be accessed by any member of the community who may need it. Since these items are priced at well over \$1000 current Smoke Signals editor, Peter Mulholland, has undertaken to apply for a community grant on our behalf for the same purpose. So depending on the success of both sale and grant application, we may end up with two defibrillators.

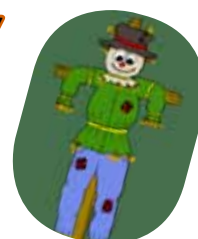
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COMMUNITY HARVEST FESTIVAL AND PICNIC DAY ST MATTHIAS' CHURCH GROUNDS.

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 facepainting, Dilston Firetruck, 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!

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

Contact 0409317806.

Windermere IS community. Let's celebrate it.

For extra info, see Church News Page

NEW

SMOKE SIGNALS INFORMATION INITIATIVE

Smoke Signals intends to run an extra special edition in May this year which will include a range of information about community groups, local services, places to eat and other points of interest. As well as normal distribution, we intend to leave issues at libraries, councils, and Real Estate agents to hand out to new homeowners/renters in the area.

To help us make this happen, local groups, businesses and regular advertisers are invited to submit information and/or ads about your activities in the area. Articles and advertisements will be free of charge in this special edition.

So please get on board and help make this happen by sending your submissions to smokesignals@bigpond.com

20TH WINDERMERE TENNIS TOURNAMENT



30 plus people attended the 20th Windermere Tennis Tournament on Australia Day, 2025, at Schapel Stadium. An enjoyable day with perfect weather again, was had by all, watching the tennis players in action. There was probably more competitiveness in the Sticky Date Pudding Cook off, with the judges taking a while to pick the winning entry (and get over the sugar rush) from the tasting of each entry. The Cook off was won by Cynthia. This is now back to back for Cynthia as she also won the Anzac Biscuit cook off last year.



The Tennis was won by Tom and Martha. This is Martha's first win. Tom has now gone back to back to back. Congratulations to all and thankyou for the attendance to a great day. Ross Schapel, Windermere



KEEP THE DATE FREE

Magical Winter Solstice Market

Dilston Memorial Hall John Lees Drive Dilston

"Windermere Church Forever Inc"

Raffles, White Elephant stall, books, plants, toys, lucky dips, crafts, cakes, preserves and more

As well as hearty soups and delicious slices

Carboot and craft spaces will be available

More information in the next Smoke Signals



SATURDAY 21ST JUNE

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

DECEMBER

Our Christmas party was enjoyed, once again, in the shearing shed at “The Elms”, in Swan Bay, home of Cheryl and David. The garden had grown considerably since the previous Christmas and was taking on a very well-established look, particularly since it is only a couple of years old! The namesake for the property is the grove of well-established elm trees which provide a very welcome cool respite from the heat. Thank you to Cheryl and David for hosting our gathering.



JANUARY



Bridestowe Lavender Farm in Nabowla was the venue for our January gathering. A small group of enthusiastic members visited the Lavender Farm at its peak-flowering period, and enjoyed a picnic lunch under the old oak tree. The sweeping vistas of the lavender bushes in full bloom were enchanting. The lavender will be



harvested to process into oil and other products which are sold at the Lavender farm. An additional project in recent years has been the cultivation of the kunzea – a plant which is endemic to north-eastern Tasmania. Its oil is processed at Bridestowe, and is known to relieve skin irritations, muscle fatigue and cramps and arthritic discomfort.

Dilston, Windermere, Swan Bay Garden Club's next gathering will be held in Swan Bay with a St Valentine's Day theme! New members are very welcome. If you would like to join Garden Club, please contact me or send an email to:

DilWinSBGardenClub@gmail.com

Kerri: 0407 447 344

No Free Feeds Please



Common bronzewing

Most of us have chosen to live where we live as we treasure a rural environment. We live in an area that, until a few years ago, was considered rural. With increasing development by the year we are rapidly becoming a main suburb of Launceston.

We are fortunate to have a larger area than most to garden, and with which to appreciate our birds.

Last edition I wrote about creating an encouraging environment for birds.

A garden that provides natural food for birds such as one with native grasses to provide seed, mulch to encourage insects and small-flowering locally native shrubs to feed honeyeaters is much better for our whole bird community than one that feeds only a few potentially problem birds. Whether you feed birds or not, please create great spaces for them which include habitat and water.

Part of the enjoyment of living in a regional area with garden space is creating a habitat for our native animals in the backyard.

But while birdbaths and frog ponds provide a useful service for native species, a bird feeder full of seed does not.

In welcoming cockatoos, rosellas or kookaburras to your house for hand or station feeding, you are serving up a diet of junk food and reducing their ability to forage for food. You also encourage introduced species that are here because our urbanised habits provide them a ready source of survival to breed disproportionately.



Enjoying the Bird Bath

When you feed native animals, you're giving them the wildlife equivalent of junk food.

Instead of eating a wide range of natural foods, they depend on processed seeds, bread and other foods that are not part of their natural diet. This can make them very sick.

Animals that expect to be fed by people can become aggressive, harassing people for food when they are hungry.

My position has always been that it is better to create a natural environment to attract them by choosing appropriate food or shelter in a natural way.

The Birds Australia website gives some good advice on when and how, if you feel you must, feed native birds.

“YOU SHOULD AVOID FEEDING BIRDS THE FOLLOWING.

MINCE: This might seem like a treat but it lacks important nutrients that carnivorous birds would normally obtain from their natural diet of insects and the fur and bones of small mammals.

Huge problems can arise if the adult birds raise their young on this diet, as the juvenile birds can suffer from brittle bones due to insufficient calcium. Mince can also stick to the beaks of birds like Kookaburras and Tawny Frogmouths, leading to bacterial infection.

If you feed other meat to birds, add an insectivore supplement to it. (Wombaroo Insectivore mix)

HONEY/WATER MIXES: These do not provide the complex sugars that a bird would get from the nectar of a flower.”
Birds Australia 2025

Links within this article can be accessed within the article our website smokesignalscn.com

CHURCH NEWS St Matthias' Anglican Church

revealing the God colors in you

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For every seed sown,
there is a due season.
When the due season comes,
the pain of the long wait is
overtaken by the joy of

harvest

-Pastor Wale Afelumo



It's time to give thanks for the Harvest and our blessings! Sat. March 15th is the BIG Community Harvest Festival and Whole Parish Picnic (for the whole community and all 4 church centres) at St Matthias Church.

Community scarecrows will dot the district heralding the event. Starts at 11am: the Blessing of the Harvest, then the grounds will come alive for FAMILIES with facepainting, the Dilston Fire Truck, lots of fun games and activities. For SHOPPERS: bursting stalls for Produce and Preserves, Plants and Flowers, Cakes (including Gluten-free ones!), Silent Auction, Coffee, BBQ, Community stalls (\$10 each for your OWN stall), and for EVERYONE: a great time all day and a 2pm concert of fun music. 3pm finish. Contact Margaret (0409317806) for further details, to offer your help, or to register your scarecrow into a random draw for 3 prizes. Scarecrow frames are available at the Men's Shed M/W/ Sat 8:30-12:30 (order through Ken: kenbegone@gmail.com) If there are sufficient scarecrows, we will plan a trail to publicise in the media. Please register yours by Fri. March 7th (text photo and address to 0409317806, as well as posting on local FB page if you can)

Make it a priority to be there, and help strengthen our community spirit, as well as raising funds for the Conservation of the Church



Other news: It was a beautiful evening on Christmas Eve for our Community Christmas Carols Service. Possibly a record crowd, and great participation by the children, made it a truly memorable event. Thanks to Rev Lee, the music group, and all the congregation who provided flowers and refreshments, and who so enthusiastically joined in with the beautiful new song "Emmanuel means God has come.."



But Christmas is only PART of the Christian story. The other half is Easter which is fast approaching. A short service will be held on Tuesday March 4th at our parish centre Holy Trinity CBD in Cameron St Launceston to burn the Palm Crosses for Ash Wednesday and then celebrate Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day), with pancakes for all afterwards. The time of 4pm will allow families to join in as well. The period of Lent commences the next day with Ash Wednesday services at 11am (St James Youngtown) and 7pm at Holy Trinity CBD. Lent then continues for 40 days leading up to Good Friday on April 18th. There will be an Easter Sunday service at St Matthias' April 20th 9:30am to celebrate the resurrection of Christ and his triumph over death. Without the Easter story, we would not know the joy of Forgiveness and Life. Why not embrace Easter too this year?

The Anglican Church of Australia is running a HOPE 25 campaign nationwide starting at Easter. Stay tuned!
St Matthias' Church: Services held 9:30am every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. Rev Lee Shirvill 0468489068

We had 2 projects last year which were quite unusual, their completion has demonstrated the versatility and skill of the Shed members. We were fortunate to have been donated 2 Kawasaki farm bikes in very poor condition early last year. Jeff Wynne has been working steadily for many Saturday mornings, with some help from Udo Westerneng, using one of the bikes for spare parts. The result is a fully functioning farm bike ready for sale.



The second interesting project was a commission to build 6 white cubes which are to be used as plinths for an art group to display their pottery for an exhibition in February. Ryan Woolard did an excellent job making perfectly symmetrical cubes which have delighted the art group.



With the forthcoming Community Harvest Festival on March 15 and reappearance of the ever-popular scarecrows, the Mens Shed can also make up scarecrow frames for you to decorate. The cost is \$5 per frame.

Order through Ken: kenbegone@gmail.com



The East Tamar Mens Shed is open Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday from 8.30 to 1.30. New members are welcome.



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!

Nothing, Nothing...

...and then all of a sudden we have an increase in the number of fires in the Tasmanian landscape.

As this edition is being put together we are seeing significant fire activity in the south of the state at Margate, and on the West Coast, with multiple fires starting as a result of dry lightening strikes.

Both Dilston and Hillwood Brigades have been kept on our toes with a number of incidents including a spate of vehicle fires on the East Tamar Highway. Most (not all) as a result of the vehicles being abandoned after use that was not intended for by their owners.

We have also been assisting with fire incidents to the north and south, with troublesome fires albeit small, at Bell Bay and the northern suburbs of Launceston.

As the hot weather drew out we entered a heat wave period with dramatically increased fire danger which has led to a suspension of fire permits. We thank the communities for working with us on this as both brigades have also supplied crews to pre deployed strike teams in the northern

midlands...just in case!

It is worth noting that unlike the past, TFS brigades travel well outside our local communities to assist other Tasmanian Communities in need. Have truck...will travel so we say!! Have no fear however, during these time we have alternative arrangements in place to ensure coverage is maintained locally.

With 2025 well underway now, both brigades are back into their fortnightly training sessions, with a new focus on a number of new members! We look forward to them progressing in their development to become valued additions to our volunteer family!

Christmas 2024

A big shout out to all those families that came out at the end of 2024 to see Santa make his way around the streets, delivering sweetened good will to all the kids, big and small.

We particularly appreciate the good will shown towards our members...the good will being heartily consumed during the end of year BBQ...!

Community Vigilance

Whilst we often push the message of vigilance when it comes to reporting fires, on this occasion Dilston Brigade are saddened to ask the community to be on the look out for persons who might be attending our 2nd home to permanently borrow items from the station grounds...as has already happened.

But on a more positive note...

...both brigades have been recipient of Infrastructure and Investment funding from the government to aid in capital improvements to the stations, where these improvements may not have been able to be made through local or brigade funds.

So keep an eye out for a few more changes in the near future we home. Better yet, stop in when you see us there and strike up a chat. Who knows, you might walk away with a member application form!!

...and on that note, there will be recruitment, awareness and engagement opportunities and other local community events where we would love to chat to you about every thing from home fire safety, the big red trucks, and cat and dogs in trees!

Stay safe everyone!



.../DilstonFireBrigade
.../TasmaniaFireService

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Leon Hodges	0409 169 288
Andy Kendall	0427 818 282



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ANY SPARK CAN START A FIRE.

IN AN EMERGENCY CALL 000



DILSTON - "LAUNCESTON'S PLAYGROUND"



The Friends Arms

It seems strange to us now that Dilston, a commuter suburb just 10 minutes from Launceston by super highway, was once a popular destination for day trippers, keen to escape the bustling metropolis of Launceston. Visitors came by road and by river, landing at the jetty below the Tamar Hotel.

In 1866, Mr. W.J. Harris, licensee of the York Hotel, was offering **"Afternoon Excursion TO DILSTON AND BACK, FARE, only 3s."**

Mr. W. J Harris, YORK HOTEL, WILL, on and after the 16th instant, run a conveyance to the above place every Sunday afternoon, leaving the York Hotel at two o'clock sharp, and the Tamar Hotel at six p.m., employing a very handsome break carrying eight inside and two outside passengers."

The Tamar Hotel, originally the Friend's Arms and founded in 1836, was the focal point for Dilston visitors. In 1857 it was taken over by Mr. James Long, who advertised

"THE TAMAR HOTEL (late Coulson's) On the banks of the East Tamar.

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The steamers call daily to land and take up passengers."

By 1866, the Tamar Family Hotel, was in the hands of Mr. Feltham Bold Watson who had previously had the Queen's Arms Hotel in Longford. He was advertising:

"The Tamar Family Hotel is now open for the accommodation of travellers, replete with every comfort.

Invalids requiring change of air, and to be near their medical adviser, will find this hotel, from its picturesque situation and salubrity of climate, not to be surpassed in the island.

Pleasure parties provided for at the shortest notice. Every assistance rendered to sportsmen.

The hotel is nine miles from town; road first-rate to the door.

Charges moderate, combined with civility and good attendance.

Good Stabling. HORSES KEPT FOR HIRE."

Watson was instrumental in initiating the East Tamar Regatta at Dilston, which brought large crowds to "Launceston's favourite picnic spot".

The hotel traded until 1891 and the building had various uses before the recent refurbishment by Nick and Fiona Jones.



Nick Jones with the restored stonework of the Friends Arms

HILLWOOD NEWS

HAPPY NEWS: : A new social group will commence at the Hillwood Meditation Centre, “Peaceful do and chew.” on the first and third Wednesdays of each month 10:30am to 12:30pm starting on February 19th .

Bring craft, puzzles, colouring in, snack and/or lunch. Tea/coffee provided. Cost \$5. All welcome.

SAD NEWS: Relatives and friends were invited to a celebration of the life of Susan Overton, held in her garden in Jetty Road, in December. Sue loved her garden, was the secretary of the Garden Club, member of the Hillwood History Room and had been involved in the Hillwood Progress association for many years. She volunteered at the Migrant centre and Sue's daughter in law gave a very interesting overview of Sue's diverse and amazing life. The service was followed by a lovely afternoon tea held at Marigold's café. Our sincere condolences to Derek and family. Another highly valued member of the community gone too soon.

HILLWOOD FOOTBALL CLUB

With the football pre-session starting up again for 2025, meals at the Club Rooms will commence on Thursday 6th February from 5:30pm after a well-deserved break for all the volunteers. Come along and meet other members of the community while enjoying a meal or drink. Alternatively, you can get take away and eat at your leisure. The season launch is to be held on Sunday, 30th March at the Mowbray Golf Club at 12pm, with Peter Gutwein the new President of the NTFA Board, and Hillwood's Thomas Gunn as Secretary.

With the restructure of NTFA, Hillwood are now playing in Division 1. They will be playing against Bracknell, Bridgenorth, George Town, Lilydale, Old Launcestonians, Old Scotch, Rocherlea, and St. Pats, with their first game being played at Bracknell, on 5/4/25. The mens' first home game will be held the following week on 12/4/25 against St. Pats.

In the Division 1 Womens' roster, Hillwood will be playing against Bridgenorth, Evandale, George Town, Meander Valley, Old Launcestonians, Old Scotch and St. Pats, with their first game being played at Evandale on 12/4/25. The womens' first home game will be on 26/4/25 against St. Pats at Hillwood. They will be playing 6 out of 8 home games this session which is a great improvement on last year. Congratulations to Halle Pearce on being appointed Senior Women's Coach for 2025, with support from retired players, Darryl Griffiths and Bruce Donnelly. Jake Pearce and Luke Reardon return as Senior Mens Coach and Reserves Mens Coach respectively and all look forward to a strong, competitive year. We wish them all the best for the coming season.

HILLWOOD MEDITATION CENTRE

MEDITATION: Sundays, Tuesdays & Mega Thursdays 10:30-11:45am, \$10 (\$5 concession).

NOT CHURCH: Sundays 9:30-10:15am \$5.

ZUMBA with Heather Ferguson: Sundays 8:00am, Tuesdays & Thursdays 6:30pm, \$10. 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. Bookings are essential for yoga.

PEACEFUL DO AND CHEW: New social group 1st and 3rd Wednesdays 10:30am - 12:30pm \$5 starting 19th February.

For further information follow the Hillwood Road Meditation Skills Centre Facebook page or the Website via gracejunction.com.au

Ragwort Raid

A great outcome from this year's Ragwort Raid with only one bag of the weed found in Hillwood.

Thanks to all the volunteers who've contributed over the years to reach this terrific outcome.

Due to the weather conditions, Ragwort may continue to flower, so do remember to check your property and pull any plants prior to seeding, double bag and put in the general rubbish bin.



Rain did not dampen the Christmas Spirit at our:
Christmas Makers Market and Family Fun Day.

From cello players, local musicians and highland dancers to in full swing.

A face painter, a children's entertainer making balloon animals, a BBQ, Fire bridge and SES, and of course, SANTA, all helped to make a family friendly event.



Thank you to all those who stepped up to help out and make this a fun day for all.

HILLWOOD GARDEN CLUB

The Hillwood Garden Club recently celebrated its combined Christmas gathering and 20th anniversary, marking two decades of bringing together local gardening enthusiasts and community members. The milestone celebration was a testament to the enduring spirit of friendship and shared passion for gardening that has characterised the Club since its inception.

It is with deep sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Sue Overton, one of the Club's founding members and most recently its dedicated secretary. Sue, who called Hillwood home for over forty years, was a cherished member of our community. Her beautiful garden was her sanctuary and brought joy not only to her but to all who visited. Sue's love of jazz music and gardening reflected her creative spirit, and she will be greatly missed by her husband Derek and all who knew her.

Looking ahead, the Club's first meeting of 2025 will be held on **Monday, February 17th at 7:30 PM** at the Hillwood Memorial Hall. **This special gathering will be held jointly with the George Town and District Historical Society, featuring Chairman Des Wooton's presentation on local boat builder Thomas Wiseman and his operations at Mt Direction Creek near Hillwood.**

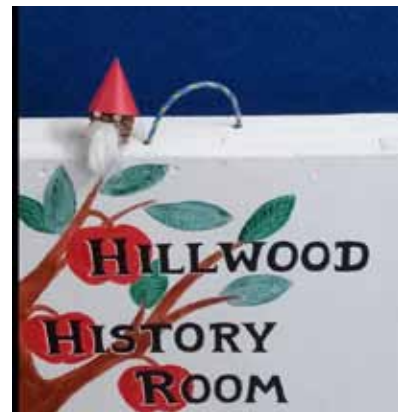
The Hillwood Garden Club welcomes new members of all gardening experience level. Whether you're an experienced gardener or simply enjoy the company of others who share an interest in gardens and community, we'd love to have you join us.



Hillwood History Room.



This photo shows remnants of the wood ketch "Proserpine" that was run aground in Spring Bay during WWI due to a shortage of crew members.



Did you follow the adventures of Elvie over the Christmas Period? For more History of Hillwood visit the Hillwood History Room at the Hillwood War Memorial Hall. Phone Julie Airey on 0408 275 539 to arrange a suitable time or come to one of our open days as advertised on the chalkboards or on our Hillwood Progress Association Facebook page.



Steps to the Stage
What a pleasant surprise to find a new set of steps have been erected at the Hillwood War Memorial Hall. A long time coming, they will provide a much safer access to the stage. You can see the old steps in the background. What an improvement!

Free music event at the Hillwood Hall



SUNDAY, 16 FEBRUARY 2025
HILLWOOD MEMORIAL HALL
WHEN WATER MEETS
STRAY LUXURY

Time 1pm – 4pm This event is unticketed and free to the public. See the George Town Council website for more details on this event, and other similar events being held in the George Town Municipality.

The Hillwood Progress Association (HPA)

Our next General Meeting is to be held on Tuesday 11th February 2025 Topics of Conversation: Upgrade of the Tennis Court and other budget submissions to Council. Neighbourhood Watch Crime rates and crime prevention initiatives. Anzac Day, and Tamar NRM Catch it in the Catchment, and Clean up Australia Day (2nd March)

For further information follow the Hillwood Progress Association Facebook Page or via email: HillwoodPA@outlook.com or phone Robyn on 0409 420 877.

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