



Smoke Signals

Dilston Windermere Swan Bay Newsletter

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Wooden Boats of Windermere

In February of this year the fourth Wooden Boat Rally was held on the Tamar River at the Seaport Marina in Launceston. The rally attracted 91 boats from around Tasmania ranging from the 13 entries in the alternative propulsion event to a number of vessels up to 50 feet. The rally was conducted over the weekend with a considerable number of people viewing the craft on display.



Three craft from Windermere made the trip into The Seaport to participate.

John Wood of Windermere has been several years in the making of "The Yorkshireman" and is justifiably proud of this superb looking craft. The boat is a double ender of 4.3 metres constructed from water-proof ply sealed with fibre glass.

John describes the design as an amalgam between a river tug boat and a 1st world war closed waters naval vessel. The double ended design was chosen as it creates no wake and has less drag in the water. It is powered by a 4hp Lister diesel engine and features a hydraulically driven outboard leg which is concealed in the hull. The boat draws 30 cm and allows John to launch the boat successfully from a cradle at his

waterfront home in Windermere Road within 1 hour of high water. This of course limits the time he can spend on the water but nevertheless, John gains a great deal of pleasure from having achieved his dream of building a boat.

Geoff Wynne purchased his 7 metre batten seam Huon Pine river boat from past Windermere resident, Carl Soreman.

The boat, dated between 1910-20 had suffered from a sinking after washing ashore in a strong wind and needed a great deal of attention.

Geoff has lovingly restored the boat and named it "Ripple". It is now powered by a 20hp Yanmar diesel and is most suitable for the Tamar tides, drawing 60cm of water. With his river frontage home, Geoff is able to navigate stretches of river within 2 hours of the high tide,

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Garden Club News by Jackie Ralph

Our March luncheon was at the home of Lalla Smethurst, on a beautiful Autumn day, sunny but not too hot or windy. As usual we had a lovely lunch with plenty of conversations going on. Lalla had three friends there, two were originally from New Zealand and one from England, all now living in Tassie and loving it.

There were some interesting stories told on our walk around the garden, in the front garden is an apricot tree which Lalla's grandson planted as a pip when she moved in. It has not had fruit yet but is doing very well. Along the front of the house are some attractive white naked ladies, (the flowering kind) and in the middle of

the lawn is a crab apple tree.

Around the back garden is an orange twist Lilli Pilli which has white flowers on it and the fruit makes very nice jam.

A very large brunsvigera, which is a South African plant and is related to the naked lady, was looking extremely majestic, apparently the bulbs cost an arm and a leg to buy.

There are several pistostriums dotted around the place, which Lalla has grown from seed.

Orange and yellow Chinese lanterns have come from Woodlawn in Swan Bay.

In the vegie section, Lalla has cucumbers, tomatoes, tree onions to name a few, several raspberry canes and a nectarine tree which had a large crop on this year.

The weeping willow has grown considerably since I last saw it about two years ago, and now has a garden seat under it, which makes it a relaxing spot to sit on a hot day.

Thank you Lalla for a lovely afternoon.

Forthcoming Meetings:

April: Friday 16th

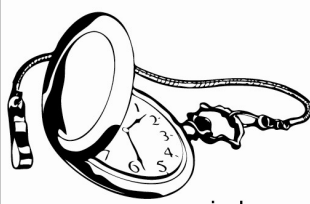
Lou & John Bailey

May: Friday 14th ?

See February meeting notes on Page 7

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FIRE BRIGADE NEWS by Rob Montague

The 2009 Victorian Bush Fire Royal Commission Interim Report stated that people need a range of options to increase their safety in the event of bush fire.

One such option is Neighbourhood Safer Place (NSP), a location where people facing an immediate threat to their personal safety or property, either an open area or a building can gather and seek shelter from a bush fire. The Dilston Fire Brigade has identified locations within its area and just outside its boundary and submitted details to Tasmania Fire Service where it will undergo an assessment process before being classified as safe locations. The community will be informed of all decisions forthcoming.

Brigade members have been kept busy over the last couple of months responding out of area and locally with several fast moving fires ranging from escaped burn offs to lightning strikes igniting trees. Fire permits still apply and

can be obtained through one of our permit officers.

A reminder to change your smoke alarm batteries at the end of Daylight Savings time and to prepare your home for the winter fire season .

Happy Easter to all.



Rob Montague
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AUTUMN Health Checks..... Dr. Don

The onset of the cooler nights certainly makes sleeping a little easier. It is also a reminder to all of us that as we leave summer we should have our skin checked for any new lesions before we cover our selves up for the cooler months

Autumn is also a time to get ready for the coughs and colds of winter, the 2010 flu vaccine is gradually becoming available and for those of us who have it each year should make the appropriate arrangement,. The

new vaccine will also provide immunity against the swine flu (a word of caution here, if you have had the vaccination for the swine flu you need to allow at least six weeks before having your annual flu shot).

Remember also that most of the coughs and colds we have are not the flu, and treatment with bed rest, simple analgesia and copious fluids usually does the trick. If symptoms persist or if there is associated vomiting then medical advice should be obtained.

Wear appropriate clothing for the season, eat a balanced diet and keep active. These simple concepts should not only stop the winter blues but keep you healthy.

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Dr Don Hempton

The Windermere GP

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Nature Notes ...sourced from http://museumvictoria.com.au/wasps/inground_control.asp

The European wasp *Vespula germanica* is native to Europe, North Africa and temperate Asia. Australian records show that the European wasp first reached Tasmania in 1959, where it soon became well established.

Unfortunately, the European wasp is here to stay in Australia and eradication of this pest is no longer an option. Despite early reports labelling it as a 'Killer Wasp', no human deaths have been recorded in Australia. However, we must learn to live with this nuisance or pest and take precautions when eating and playing outside.

European wasps usually forage for food within 50 to 250 metres of their nest, although in some instances

they have been recorded flying several kilometres for food. If you have a large number of European wasps interrupting your outdoors activities, then you can probably assume you have a nest nearby.

- Any concealed site may be used.
- Holes dug in the ground.
- Around the base of trees or along hedges.
- Along retaining walls.
- In rockeries.
- In rubbish heaps or under dis-used rubbish (eg. old dogboxes or pieces of furniture).

In an uncovered compost heap or grass clippings.

The most effective means to control a European wasp problem is to destroy

their nest. While you may feel good killing the wasps you see, you are really wasting your time. The queen European wasp is probably laying eggs faster than you can kill the wasps around your barbeque.

You can either call in a pest company or do it yourself. If you decided to destroy the nest yourself, remember to take precautions as European wasps will aggressively defend their nest. Use a torch covered in red cellophane to see what you are doing near the site.

Treat the nest at night when activity is low. A puffer pack of carbaryl is a great exterminator together with a rag soaked in distillate stuffed in the entrance hole.

Genuine buyers looking...

1. Older couple from Victoria, cash buyers are looking to purchase a block of land to build a home with good water views of the Tamar River. Up to 1 acre, have up to \$250k to spend on the land, or an old cottage in need of restoration in similar position up to \$380k within 40 minutes of the CBD.
2. Local couple currently renting, (cash buyers), looking to purchase a very well presented home on the waterfront of the Tamar. Will look at quality homes up to \$800K.
3. Single guy from W.A. looking for a modern or fully renovated home on acreage in the country. Needs to be very well presented and have a good water supply. 10 - 50 acres. Up to \$600k.
4. Local couple looking for a country home in the North-East Tamar Valley on 1 - 2 acres. Must have good sheds. Up to \$320k. Cash buyers.
5. Multiple buyers recently missed out on bush block. Looking between 50 - 100 acres of bush up to \$150k.

Your local residing agent

Sharon Fahey 0409 188 249

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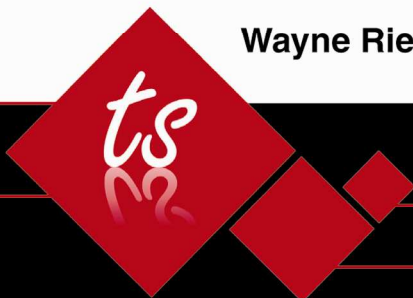
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Garden Notesfrom The Cool Climate Classroom <http://www.winderdoon.com>

Autumn Plantings

Broccoli is easy to grow and great to eat. After providing a full head at about 8 weeks after seedlings are transplanted, Broccoli will provide side shoots until you get sick of snipping these regularly to prevent it flowering. It is such a persistent vegetable. Feed regularly with Yates Dynamic Lifter to provide strong growth after transplanting .

Broccoli is available all year in the food garden. I don't grow it all year as there are so many other vegetables that provide a more interesting diet at different times of the year. I usually transplant seedlings in mid March and the Broccoli grows to maturity in late Autumn and through the winter. The cooler the weather, the more reliable is this vegetable in holding its head. Allow about 7-8 weeks for it to mature. e.g. Transplant seedlings March 25th - harvest Broccoli late May- late July.



Leeks

Leeks belong to the allium family. This family is particularly suited to Tasmania's cool climate as long as you obey a few simple rules about when to plant them and when to feed them.

Leeks are fabulous to have in the garden when onions are not available. I usually sow Leek seedlings into a well worked fertilised bed with about 400gms of

Dynamic Lifter per square metre . This way you will have edible size leeks by June. I prefer to harvest my leeks when they are about 2.5 cm thick. They are tender and very tasty at this stage. Steamed lightly, they are delicious.

Plant leeks at 12 cm spacings in seedling trenches about 3 cm deep. Be careful not to bury the seedlings deeper than the first set of leaves or they will gather soil in the leaf nodules and be difficult to clean when harvested. You can hill up the soil slightly if you wish as the leeks grow, to ensure you have an adequate white section below the ground.



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Friends Of St. Matthias

Do you have an association with St Matthias Windermere Anglican Church?

Maybe you were married there or baptized at the historic church in the centre of our community. If you would like to keep in touch with news of the Church community,

become a friend of St Matthias by returning an expression of interest below to : Friends of St. Matthias c/- Mr. J Hosford 454 Windermere Rod., Windermere 7252

\$45.00 will entitle you to a nail cross constructed from the original nails and timber from the roof of the church.

I wish to become a Friend of St. Matthias. I attach my cheque for \$45 as a donation to the Church and detail my contact below.

I understand I shall receive a regular newsletter by email, or a posted newsletter for an annual contribution of an extra \$15.

Name.....

Postal Address.....

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On The Grape Vine...*Local Gossip you may not have caught up with*

Festivalé Success for Native Point Wines

Local viticulturalists and wine producers, Tim and Sheena High were



awarded the Best New Stall at Festivalé at this year.

Releasing their new wines in 2010 they have achieved a Silver medal for their Riesling at the Sydney wine show and the Tasmanian Wine show

along with a silver medal for their 2005 Pinot Noir at The Tasmanian Wine Show.

Congratulations on a fabulous start!

New Rector for St. Matthias

Parishioners of St. Matthias have welcomed the appointment of Rev. Warwick Cuthbertson to the position of Rector of Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Launceston. As an outreach of the parish's mission, Warwick is available to serve the needs of the Dilston/Windermere /Swan Bay community through St. Matthias .

Warwick and his wife, Nerrilee come from Burnie where Warwick led the Anglican Parish between 2001-2009. He is a Reserve Naval Chaplain.

Warwick looks forward to working with the community and can be contacted as follows:

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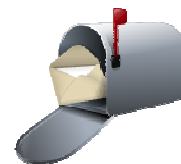
Mobile:0408356067

Letter Box Antics

Keep an eye on your letter box. It may change colour if it's anything like the one in Windermere Road that mysteriously changed from pink to mature bunches of Lambrusco grapes overnight.

The owner was quite pleased but is wondering who is behind the colour change.

Would the elves responsible please make themselves known.



The Wooden Boats of Windermere....Continued from Page 1

or by using the Windermere pontoon, afford a great deal of flexibility in his time on the river.

Neil McLelland has restored a 1912 river boat "Tipple" (Geoff & Neil are neighbours) to pristine condition over many months of sanding and painting along with fitting the 2 hp petrol Pilot engine. His son, Andrew managed to purchase this craft only under the assurance that he would be a worthy owner of this clinker King Billy pine 3.5 m vessel.

This assurance has been honoured, and Neil has spent many hours sanding, corking and painting to make this little boat feel at home on the river again.

The passion shown by Windermere boatmen is typical of the interest that is reflected in other parts of the river. In Dilston there are several river boats that have been restored and Smokesignals would invite their owners to share their story at some time.

From a time past when the river was the "highway" to Launceston, these boats are coming back and giving a focus for many of our residents in their time of less intense career interest. For further contact:

Adam Park 0419307557, email: parkview-farm@bigpond.com.au

Bruce Jessup 0418135662, email: bej9@bigpond.net.au



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Bookings for tables of 4 For more info Ring Patricia 63281384

RAFFLE,, LUCKY DOOR PRIZE , RULES EXPLAINED ON THE NIGHT

WARNING! BAD JOKES

The butcher backed into the meat grinder and got a little behind in his work.

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A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.

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A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blown apart.

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Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.

Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.

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Atheism is a non-prophet organization.

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A small boy swallowed some coins and was taken to a hospital. When his grandmother telephoned to ask how he was, a nurse said, 'No change yet.'

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The short fortune-teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.

A backward poet writes inverse.

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In democracy it's your vote that counts. In feudalism it's your count that votes.

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A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.

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No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.

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GARDEN NOTES FOR FEBRUARY... ROS RYAN

We had a beautiful day for our February get together. Eighteen members enjoyed good conversation, a glass of wine and a very tasty lunch with hosts Wendy & Dennis Butler at their Riverside home.

More rock walls and new gardens have been built since our last visit as they extend their garden further down the hill.

A large fig tree with a good crop

nearly ready to harvest was a feature. Several new trees have been planted. Two lovely rose gardens with many still in bloom added a great touch of colour and perfume.

Dennis has a very productive veggie garden; his tomatoes were



"..his tomatoes were delicious"

delicious.

Thank you Wendy and Dennis , we had a lovely day.

Ros Ryan.

ST MATTHIAS WINDERMERE



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ST MATTHIAS

Sunday 28 March

PALM SUNDAY 2:00 pm

Friday 2 April

GOOD FRIDAY

9:30 am Liturgy

Sunday 4 April

EASTER DAY

9:30 am Eucharist



HOLY TRINITY

Thursday 1 April

MAUNDY THURSDAY

7.30 pm Institution of the Lord's
Supper and the washing of feet

Friday 2 April

GOOD FRIDAY

10:30 am Stations of the Cross and
Good Friday Liturgy

Saturday 3 April

EASTER EVE

7:30 pm Service of New Light

Sunday 4 April

EASTER DAY

8:30 am Eucharist with hymns

10:30 am Solemn Sung Eucharist

EASTER

The following letter was forwarded to Patricia Kirchner of Swan Bay from a friend in Kent, England.

A CHURCH VISIT

On holiday abroad it can sometimes be difficult to get to church. Hotel catering for Brits may persuade visiting clergy to hold a Sunday service in the smaller games room. Alternatively, in European countries, the local church, Roman Catholic or Greek Orthodox, will welcome an odd Englishwoman to their mass.

When it came to visiting Tasmania I had no idea what to expect until Aishia drove me to St Matthias, Windermere for a communion service. The building could be the oldest church in Australia, a small square church with a small square tower, a picture-book church made even more lovely by the masses of white bluebells growing all around among the trees.

They told us the founder had to build a church because his wife would not come out from England until there was a proper place for her to worship. His grave stone stands in a corner on the west side of the churchyard where there are memorials of every age since the 1860s. The east side has only tall grass and bluebells. Transported convicts and people of no importance are buried there, unrecorded but bathed in sunshine, with a clear view down a steep slope to the wide river Tamar.

Although it was two in the afternoon, people greeted each other with "Good Morning" out of habit. There was a happy informality about the place; the two couples already seated turned round and smiled at us; halfway up the aisle the vicar exclaimed "I forgot to light the candles", then produced a box of matches and lit them—no worries.

This could be an example of what 'the Anglican Communion' can mean. There I was on the other side of the world immediately at home with friends, joined in our familiar form of worship, part of one another. Aishia, who didn't have a religious upbringing, came away happy, if a little surprised, at how much she had enjoyed the whole afternoon.

Nancy Dickens

Patricia, thank you for sharing this lovely letter with us. Sue Speed.

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