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Dilston Windermere Swan Bay Newsletter

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Dilston By Pass Update

Your committee thought it useful to update the community about the 'state of play' regarding the By Pass, noting that 'Dilston' includes Windermere and Swan Bay.

Our traffic counts show that the majority of local weekday traffic goes southbound to Launceston. This was especially noted in the hours between 7 and 9 am, when in one 30 minute period 200 light vehicles travelled over Barnards Creek bridge southwards.

The D.I.E.R. maintain that a modified Tee junction ('seagull') would be adequate for the next 20 years to blend local traffic with the By Pass traffic. (Please remember that By Pass truck traffic will continue to grow as Bell Bay expands to be the major Tasmanian port, let alone any possible Pulp Mill construction and operation.)

Your committee's opinion is that; after scrutiny of available traffic data it concludes that such a junction is inherently unsafe even before low altitude morning sunlight and winter fog and ice conditions are factored. Our view is strongly shared by our current school bus provider Rex

Sainty and also Kevin Poole himself a seasoned local school bus driver. The thought of exposing your children to this junction is not something for which they want to take responsibility. Tee junctions, and other junctions where multiple lanes of fast moving traffic have to be crossed at the same grade, feature in many of Tasmania's fatal road accidents.

Having considered options, including roundabouts, your committee thinks that a plan proposed by Dilston's Ron Goodes, a retired road engineer, is appropriate. Roundabouts are not welcomed by D.I.E.R., the Heavy Vehicle Drivers Association or the R.A.C.T.

In the 'Goodes Scheme', instead of demolishing the present Barnards Creek bridge as planned by D.I.E.R., retain it and build a new link road from the present bridge to the western end of the Rocherlea overpass. The By Pass itself would travel over a new bridge slightly to the east of and alongside the present one and blend with the Northern Outlet short of the Northern Suburbs turn off. The proposed new link road has been welcomed by the Archer family, owners of the Landfall property, pro-

vided that it reduces to a minimum the intrusion within their land and that access roads to their property and the houses nearby are maintained. Local traffic could cross the Rocherlea overpass, going via 'factory road' to the northern suburbs or use the present slip road (below Aurora) to join the By Pass/Northern Outlet traffic.

The Northern junction, carrying far less traffic, although on a 6.4% downward slope, will have a Tee junction, although an overpass would be a better (but too costly) solution. It is possible that right turns from the local joiner road across the By Pass traffic flow to travel south would for safety reasons be banned. D.I.E.R. have suggested electronic signs warning of entering traffic, ice etc.

The Launceston City Council is to hold a public meeting on February 16th where concerned residents will be allowed 2 minutes each to state their case. Thereafter the Council will decide whether to accept D.I.E.R.'s 'seagull' tee junction or an alternative.

Should any resident need

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more information please contact your committee members: George and Jennie Chandler, John Wood, Ron Goodes, Bev Goldfarb, Tony Walker and Mike Adams.

Public Meeting on this issue: Tuesday February 10th at The Dilston Hall 7:30pm

Garden Club News by Ros Ryan & Anna Waterhouse

For our Christmas get together we enjoyed a beautiful cold buffet lunch with lots of good cheer at Ros & Noel Ryan's home. The day was sunny & warm bringing most of our regulars and some visitors to the occasion.

Their garden is inspirational with well-clipped hedges, sweeping lawns and overlooking our precious river at Swan Bay, with lots of colour surrounding the house. No one was brave enough to enter the pool, but it looked very inviting none the less. We thank you Ros & Noel and wish our members a very happy and safe 2009. We look forward to meeting some more new faces this year.

The 9th of January was a glorious day for our get together at the home of Lalla Smethurst in Trevallyn. Lalla has a well organised tier garden with a good variety of shrubs and well established trees. A large Bask et Willow provides shade making it a most relaxing part of the garden.

For those who ventured out the back gate onto the Council Reserve experienced great views of the Tamar River and surrounds.

Lalla demonstrated a long handled weeder that extracts all those broad leaved weeds that are sprouting up in all our grassy areas. A great device seen on New Inventors, it is available at hardware stores.

16 members enjoyed a tasty lunch and good conversation. Thank you Lalla for your hospitality. A special thank you to Sally. Your help was very much appreciated.

Dates and venues for upcoming months:

Feb 13
BYO Picnic at Hollybank Reserve (Cricket ground) near Lilydale. Everyone is welcome. See you 12-12:30pm.

March 13 Wendy & Dennis Butler. 1 Cooper Cres, Riverside

April 3 Ros & Noel Ryan. 21 Swan Drive

Please come along and join our happy group.

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Meeting at the Frank Niewhoff Scout Hall, Archer St. next to the Rocherlea Football Ground. On Thursdays at 6:30pm

Contact: Group Leader Dave Robertson 63267937
Mobile 0419519450
Scout Leader-Faye Whiting 63391631 0147714489

DILSTON WAR MEMORIAL HALL

CAR BOOT SALE

FEBRUARY 14

Positions available inside the Hall and in the car park

Cost \$5.00 per car or trestle

9am - 2pm

Morning tea and sausage sizzle

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FIRE BRIGADE NEWS by Rob Montague

When Do I Need a Fire Permit?

You need a fire permit for the burning of vegetation at all times during a declared Fire Permit Period regardless of the weather conditions. If the area you are burning exceeds 2 hectares you will be required to complete a [Burning Plan](#) and have that plan approved by a Permit Officer after which it will become a primary condition of a Fire Permit. To assist in completing a Burning Plan, refer to the [Guidelines for](#)

[Burning Vegetation](#) document. You do not need a permit for barbecues, campfires or incinerators provided you comply with the conditions associated with their use including [Environmental Regulations](#) and/or [Local Government](#) By-laws. To get a permit you simply have to contact your local Fire Permit Officer (Rob Montague). Permits are free.

More information - <http://www.fire.tas.gov.au>

Farewell Max & Lyndel– Windermere Corner Store

A breakfast for Windermere /Swan Bay residents to farewell Lyndel & Max Rawlings from the Windermere Corner Store was held on December 14th. In the 2 years the Rawlings have operated the business, the community has benefited greatly from Lyndel's creativity and Max's hard work. There is always a smiling face at the store to greet you, and

Under New Management

support for community functions has been fabulous.

Lyndel's theme nights have been a real hit. We are led to believe that Kerry Schapel and Maree Wakeling intend to continue these special dinners, so look forward to more of these gourmet delights, as well as the friendliness that Kerry and her staff are sure to provide when you visit the store,



Windermere residents farewell Lyndel & Max Rawlings

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Nature Notes by Jon Hosford Beware of unwelcome visitors

January and February is Ragwort flowering time. Ragwort is a toxic herb from the daisy family that produces distinctive, ragged leaves. It commonly grows to 60 cm but may reach 1.8 m high.



Easily seen at this time of the year with its yellow daisy like flowers it can be pulled out by the roots and trashed. Help to eliminate this noxious invader by pulling it .

The Eastern Long-necked Turtle (*Chelodina longicollis*) is found in eastern Australia from just south of Rockhampton in Queensland to Victoria. It is not native to Tasmania. It is a carnivorous species that in the wild mostly eats aquatic insect larvae, small invertebrates, tadpoles, frogs and occasionally fish.

Recent local reports indicate that a few specimens have been sighted locally. These are most probably illegal pet escapees or released by residents whose children have outgrown the desire to have a turtle.

DIPW is keen to stop the spread of this species. It is illegal to keep turtles in Tasmania and if you do see one crossing a road or when you are out walking, you should report it to DIPW

Call 1300 368 550



If you would like to join the Fun Bus to and from Festivale

On Friday 13 February

Departing West Windermere (the Toorak end) at 6.00pm

pick up at your gate soon after,

Depart City Park at 11:05pm,

Please add your name to the list at the shop

or phone Tom Dart 63 281 342 by Tuesday Feb 10

Australia Day Celebrations

In keeping with local tradition, the annual Windermere Tennis Tournament and Bake Off was held in the grounds of Kerry & Ross Schapel on Australia Day. About 24 residents of the district accepted the invitation to play off in a 1st to 3 game tournament with pairs of players drawn on the day.

Combinations saw a diversity of skills, together with a level of competition that would rival none on the planet.

In the shade of the garden overlooking the asphalt tennis court there was much celebrating and tasting of local cuisine.

The theme for this year's Bake Off was a chocolate ripple cake and the 4 entries were of high class

Indeed, Karen Davey won the coveted trophy with her "Festive Fruit Log" followed closely by Tracey Brook's "Tennis Ball". Not to be outdone on the court either, Karen Davey and Chris Parr won the tennis from Chris Brooks and Yvonne Fello.

Many thanks to Kerry, Ross and Liam and to all who attended a super celebration of Australia Day.



Tim and Judy Hodgman chat with Trixie and John Gillard over lunch.

Bottom Left : Judge Brendan Groves congratulates Karen Davey on her winning chocolate Bake Off entry.

Right:: Tom Dart presents Chris Parr and Karen Davey with the annual trophy



Community Events

February

- Sunday 8th** **Holy Communion St Matthias Windermere 2pm**
- Tuesday 10th** **Public Meeting on East Tamar Highway Bypass– Dilston Hall 7:30pm**
- Friday 13th** **Garden Club luncheon– 12 Noon .See Report P 2 for details**
Festivale– Bus transport to and from Dilston/Windermere. Phone Tom Dart 63 281 342 by Tuesday Feb 10
- Saturday 14th** **Car Boot Sale at The Dilston Memorial Hall See Ad P2 for details.**
- Monday 16th** **Launceston City Council Public Meeting. Dilston By pass.**
- Sunday 22nd** **Holy Communion St Matthias Windermere 2pm**

March

- Friday 13th** **Garden Club luncheon-12 Noon –1 Cooper Cres,Riverside**

Grape Pickers Wanted

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SCRAPBOOKING

The Relay for Life fundraiser held on 31st January at the Dilston Hall was very successful.

The day was organised by Pat Hollier and her daughter Leanne, for local craft enthusiasts, following a successful day held last year.

About 15 participants enjoyed the day, despite the heat, scrapbooking and making cards . Pat's wonderful cooking was appreciated for morning tea and lunch.

It was a very social occasion, with lots of chatter and laughter from the ladies who attended. The 'make and take' workshops, which were present by Stampin' up, Kazzaz and Karen's Scrappin' Kupboard allowed those who attended to take home project samples. The raffle was won by Maree Wakeling from the Windermere Corner Store. A total of \$490 was raised for the Triple J team.

Busy scapbookers at work in the Dilston Hall



Church News

ST MATTHIAS WINDERMERE



HOLY TRINITY & LAUNCESTON



Raise The Roof Luncheon

Beautiful weather, great food and a full house of generous people were the elements that made our summer luncheon on January 18th such a success.

Catering was done by Church families featuring roast lamb, turkey, ham, fresh vegetables and side salads. A huge range of decadent desserts was on offer .

A silent auction of donated goods and services was well supported and the day raised a total of \$ 1 160 for the Roof Fund.

We are most grateful to our major auction item sponsors, Alfred Gude of Tamar River Cruises ,Kerry Schapel of Windermere Corner Store and Ian Farquhar.

Holy Trinity and St Matthias Windermere is thankful for the strong support shown by residents throughout our Roof Appeal. Our goal of roof replacement has been achieved and almost fully financed. Work on the restoration of the bell tower will commence shortly.

Top: Wendy & Leo Duncan, Clint Paul and Maureen Ward enjoy the sun and river views at the luncheon.

\Right: Tim Hodgman, Harold Pickup, Jon Hosford , Genene Archer and Tom Dart.

More photos on our website:
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Services for February March

Holy Trinity, Launceston

Sunday Feb 8th

15 Harvest Festival 10.30 am

22- 8:30am 10:30am

25 Ash Wednesday service 10:30am

March 1 -8:30am 10:30am

St Matthias, Windermere

Holy Communion 2pm

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