



# Smoke Signals



The Smokesignals Team wishes you a Christmas that is special and the hope that Peace on Earth is a goal worth working for.

## THE OFFICIAL WORD FROM NBNC<sub>o</sub>: A National jigsaw puzzle with many missing pieces.

## Issue 200

### Meetings to actively plan the connections that will be available in the Windermere/Dilston area are still occurring.

As recently as the 26<sup>th</sup> of November, in a follow up email to Get Connected, Russell Kelly, Corporate affairs manager for NBNC<sub>o</sub> Tasmania, reported that he had nothing new to report.

Those of you who listened to the ABC Radio National Background Briefing programme on Sunday Extra, which aired on November 1<sup>st</sup>, will hardly be surprised. Commentators were highly critical of the now proposed Multi-Technology Mix; one comment being that: "AT & T in the States are going from Fibre to the Node to fibre to the premises (FTTP)."

According to Bill Morrow, CEO of NBNC<sub>o</sub> Australia, the multi-technology mix means less FTTP (20 per cent of the country), combined with other alternatives including, fibre-to-the-node (38 per cent), hybrid fibre coaxial cables (34 per cent), fixed wireless (5 per cent) and satellite services (3 per cent).

The Programme also claimed that the NBN is often rolled out to the wrong places, disadvantaging businesses. Bill Morrow acknowledges that there is "no commercial rationale for the NBN."

Part of the Government's multi-technology mix roll-out involves using

Telstra's copper network, which their annual report revealed is of an "unknown quality".

It will need to be maintained, and in some cases upgraded, to be serviceable.

In an interview with HACK in August, according to Bill Morrow there's a "2000 page complex agreement" between NBN Co and Telstra that gives them the right to ditch anything that's dodgy.

"As far as the copper network goes, we've made a pledge that if that copper is not in a suitable condition to offer the kind of speeds that we're promising then we're just going to forgo the copper and we're going to build right over the top of that with an alternative technology."

### Continued Cost Blowouts and Delays

As an example of how fluid the situation is, ZDNet reported on 27<sup>th</sup> November that: Earlier this week, NBN faced criticism over a leaked draft document revealing that Optus' hybrid fibre-coaxial (HFC) network is "not fully fit for purpose", with 470,000 premises in the footprint needing to be overbuilt by either Telstra HFC or fibre services.

The leaked document states that the necessary work of overbuilding Optus' HFC network with FttN, FttB, or fibre to the distribution point (FttDP) will lead to a peak funding increase of between AU\$150 million and AU\$375 million, with NBN to miss its FY17 ready-for-service target by 300,000 premises, and its FY18 target by 333,000.

With situations such as this on the mainland, it is hardly surprising that we

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## Windermere

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## *Smoke Signals* – celebrating the 200<sup>th</sup> issue

by Anne Layton-Bennett

Recent arrivals to the neighbourhood may be surprised to learn that *Smoke Signals* has been arriving in our letterboxes for 25 years. The first four-page, folded A5 copy arrived in December 1990, just in time for Christmas. Our imaginatively-named community newsletter was the brainchild of former resident Eric Sandblom. It was his contribution to support the local volunteer fire brigade since physical disability prevented him taking a more active firefighting role. While the focus of those early issues was primarily to highlight the importance of the fire brigade to our community, and encourage more enthusiastic support for the many fundraising activities designed to ensure our brigade was well-manned, equipped, and maintained, it didn't take long for *Smoke Signals* to broaden its appeal. By the fifth or sixth issue reports about the activities of Garden Club, St Matthias Church, and the local scouts, brownies and CWA groups were also being featured, as well as some 'mini advertisements' that promoted the skills and services of local trades people and businesses – which helped offset the newsletter's

printing expenses.

Some background to our fire brigade:  
*..... Like so many of Tasmania's rural brigades, the one at Dilston was established by the Tasmanian Fire Service (TFS) in 1968, after bush fires the previous year caused such damage in Hobart and its outlying districts. Within a few years the Dilston brigade was being recognised as unique among the state's 229 other brigades. Local resident **Mike Adams** can largely be credited for earning Dilston this singular reputation. He was Brigade Chief between 1977-1994, and during this time he instigated some radically different ideas. His first initiative was to actively encourage women to train as firefighters.*

*Mike Adams believed it was equally as important for women to know how to fight fires as it was for men.*

*He reasoned fires were likely to start at any time of the day, so it was essential women knew how to fight them should one break out when their menfolk were at work - usually twenty-plus kilometres away in either Launceston or George Town.*

This logic wasn't readily adopted by other brigades, and Dilston remains one of very few to include women in its crew.

Even neighbouring Hillwood has only recently admitted women to its ranks, while other brigades steadfastly continue to restrict women from participation in firefighting skills. A second Mike Adams' initiative concerned fire fighting equipment. .... It didn't take long for Mike Adams to become frustrated with the limited – and frequently unreliable – TFS equipment. In an unprecedented move, which went against TFS principles, he and his wife Patricia, set about a major fund-raising drive to purchase a new fire truck for the Dilston brigade. It says something for their collective powers of persuasion that over a period of almost 20 years, more than \$30,000 was raised by a community of approximately 1500 people. And it was money given in the knowledge that the vehicles purchased could never be wholly owned by the community which had bought them. With grudging approval from the TFS, and with some financial assistance from them, between 1985-1992 Mike Adams successively bought a 1974-model International truck, and two Toyotas, all of which were re-built, fitted out for service, and painted by Dilston fire brigade members.

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*Legally however, these vehicles all belong to the TFS, and therefore may be removed by them at any time to service another brigade. That they allow Dilston to keep more vehicles than any other Tasmanian rural brigade, is perhaps best expressed in the words of Brigade Chief, Rob Montague:*

*"The TFS has kept [the Toyota] with us because we fund-raised, and it would upset a lot of people if it was taken away. We had the initiative to get up and get [a vehicle] ourselves, whereas other brigades didn't."*

*That eight of the fifteen-strong Dilston fire brigade membership is trained in the use of breathing apparatus is also largely due to Mike Adams.*

*As the number of homes in the area grew, he recognised the need for a local fire brigade that was trained to attend structural fires as well as bush fires.*

*While a BA class-trained brigade isn't unusual among Tasmania's rural brigades, neither is it common, and in the Dalrymple group of ten rural brigades to which Dilston belongs, they are one of only four which are able to assist in fighting structural fires. . . . \**

For the six years Eric edited *Smoke Signals*, he and his wife Noelene undertook to cover all the printing costs. Volunteers from the brigade and community helped with collating and delivering. It was a significant and generous commitment so when the Sandbloms moved interstate in 1996, the newsletter looked likely to fold.

Enter Gary Woodfall who stepped in

and took over – no mean commitment for someone who was still working.

By this time *Smoke Signals* had become a monthly newsletter and included details and doings of a number of other groups that had formed in the growing communities of Dilston, Windermere and Swan Bay. Residents were spoilt for choice with opportunities to get to know their neighbours through regular meetings of Garden Club, Book Discussion Group, and the East Tamar Amblers, while for mothers with young children there was the weekly Playgroup at Dilston Community Hall.

Occasional articles about the history of the area, and profiles of some of its residents, both past and present, were also included under Gary's tenure, but the newsletter's main focus continued to be the Fire Brigade.

Rising costs, and a dwindling volunteer pool to assist with collating and distribution saw the frequency of *Smoke Signals* reduced to six issues a year during his time at the editorial helm, and it also changed to the A4-format we are familiar with now.

By the end of 2003 Gary was ready to call it a day, but with *Smoke Signals* now firmly established as an

important communication outlet, we are fortunate that Tony Walker answered the call. He ensured production continued during a particularly volatile period politically, one that included the proposed pulp mill and Dilston Bypass developments - both highly controversial issues that were of significant concern to our community.

Politics aside, under Tony's editorship readers could anticipate reading medical snippets from a local GP, and learning more about wildlife native to the area, but escalating costs prompted Tony's decision to approach then Bass state MP Jim Cox to seek assistance with printing. Perhaps our community's politically active reputation, as well as a recognition *Smoke Signals* is such an important communication tool, resulted in successive Bass MPs being more than willing to continue this in-kind support. Certainly their generosity is acknowledged and appreciated.

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Jon Hosford assumed the editor's role with the February 2008 issue and thanks to so many technological advances he has been able to oversee the introduction of colour graphics, and the inclusion of photographs

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## 200th edition continued

to illustrate descriptions of community events at the Windermere Corner Café, but the political aspect has also remained with the ongoing uncertainty about the NBN rollout in our district.

Since 2008 *Smoke Signals* has also covered Hillwood, and it has undoubtedly become the essential 'go to' place for news about our vibrant communities, but information and updates in respect of the Fire Brigade, continue to be central to each issue.

So as we head into what is reportedly going to be another severe fire season, ensure you always keep the latest issue of *Smoke Signals* to hand.

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*\* Extract from 'Fire!' by Anne Layton-Bennett, a paper written for, and presented at, the November 2001 meeting of Tatlers women's writing goup.*

*\*\* Since MPs have undertaken to cover printing expenses, advertising revenue has been donated to various charities, eg: East Tamar Men's Shed & St Matthias Columbarium Wall .*

**Thank you Anne for this most comprehensive summary of both the history of Smokesignals and our local fire brigade. Please congratulate Anne for responding to my request when you see her next. I hold pretty much a full set of Smokesignals editions . The last 7 years can be accessed online at [www.winderdoon.com/community/smokesignals.htm](http://www.winderdoon.com/community/smokesignals.htm) ...Ed.**

## NBN Jigsaw continued

have not yet received confirmation as to when we will be connected to the NBN.

Either way, it would appear that many of us in Dilston and Windermere whose dwellings are far from the road, could face the prospect of an expensive connection.

The final word, from Russell Kelly re Windermere/Dilston:

"I can report that the meetings referred to below that are occurring to actively plan the connections that will be available in the Windemere/Dilston area are still occurring. As such, there is not additional information that I can report to you at present and the situation remains as per below.

I am optimistic that in the New Year we will be in a better position to provide more information."

## Garden Notes...Ros Ryan

It was a great day at the Hosford's on Nov 13th when we held our 1st luncheon after such a long break.

Next year's calendar is filling up so it should be a good year.

It was good to see the Trade table full of fresh veggies and fruit, with a good supply of Tomato plants for sale.

Jon & Margaret's garden looked lovely as always. They are great hosts; always ready to jump in and fill a gap in our calendar.

All garden lovers are very welcome to join our social little club. Please feel free to come along to our Christmas lunch at a cost of \$5 per person, together with a salad or sweet for the table. A call to Ros on 63281566 to put your name down would be much appreciated.

Lunch this year is at John & Lou's, 178 John Lees Drive, Dilston. on Dec 11th. No meeting for January or February yet.

March Helen & Dennis Pratt 219 Windermere Rd  
April. Heritage Park, picnic

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There will be a New Years Eve Community Gathering at The Windermere Corner Cafe between 7pm and the New Year.

\$20 per person

Catering will include a meal choice of Salmon parcel, Chicken parcel, Hamburgers and salads.

Pre booking for meals at WCC

BYO Chair

Music provided.



\$20  
per  
Person

## Council News \_ Lisa Brady

LCC Public Liaison Officer

### Windermere Reserve

Earlier this year we invited comment from Windermere Road residents on the facilities in the Windermere Reserve. As the same time, we advised that due to safety reasons, the jetty had been closed to the public.

We received 15 emails and many phone calls and we thank those who responded. Several people do not agree with our reasons for removing the jetty but most commented that it was in serious need of major repair. We received considerable response to our invitation to comment on the Reserve with many suggestions for upgrades and updates and we sincerely thank you for these comments.

We have engaged JMG Engineers and Planners to develop a plan for the improvement of the boat ramp launching facility and assist with our application for joint funding with MAST. Future works subject to funding may include:

- improving erosion control on both sides of the ramp to reduce rocks covering the ramp and extend the life of the rock walls, this may include a small extension of the rock wall on the jetty side
- regrading the ramp to the Australian Standard so larger boats can be launched and retrieved easily without submerging the vehicle or winching the boat on
- installing a floating finger pontoon on the old jetty side of the ramp to tie the boat to while launching and retrieving (as installed at other boat ramps by MAST)

These works are costly and funding will be needed from MAST's Recreational Boating Fund, and this funding will need to be matched by the City of Launceston. This may mean that the works will need to be staged or wait for funding.

A regular boat user and local resident Rob Brunning, is working with us on the design of the boat ramp launching facility. Its always good to have a local perspective and we thank Rob for his help. If you would like to comment on what our plans to date, you are more than welcome and can email

[Lisa.Brady@launceston.tas.gov.au](mailto:Lisa.Brady@launceston.tas.gov.au)

### Cataract Gorge & Trevallyn Nature Recreation Area

Although the consultation for this project is completed, you can read the Green Paper Survey results and the White Paper at [www.yourvoicemyourlaunceston.com.au](http://www.yourvoicemyourlaunceston.com.au)

Draft Bushfire Management Strategy

A big thanks to everyone who had their say on this draft strategy. We did not receive a huge response and we seem to have included all the relevant information in the draft strategy. We are currently collating all comments and preparing a report for the Council. We will let you know in a later edition of this Newsletter the summary of the consultation and the outcome of the presentation to the Council. The results will be uploaded to [www.yourvoicemyourlaunceston.com.au](http://www.yourvoicemyourlaunceston.com.au)

### Pedestrians along Windermere Road

Some time ago we wrote to property owners along Windermere Road with an invitation to tell us which, in their opinion, were the sections of Windermere Road causing the highest risk to pedestrian safety, and the reasons they chose those

sections. People responded by email, letter and by returning the survey. We thank you all and apologise for our delay in responding to you. We listed 4 reasons that you might consider an issue: bends in the road - large overhanging bushes - hidden driveways - driver behaviour.

Driver behaviour and speed have been identified by many of you as a big problem. You would all know the speed limit along Windermere Road but just to remind you: within the built up area (to No. 500), the speed limit is 50kph. From there to the East Tamar Highway, the speed limit is 70kph. The other reasons we listed have all been ticked by some of you, and others have been included. Some of these are:

- finish sealing the entire length of Windermere Road
- all sections need addressing, with increased traffic flows due to development
- we consider this to be a duty of care priority for the Council;
- paint a white line along sections of the road, refresh dotted lines, include street lights
- don't want a footpath, prefer another bridge across the Tamar, install speed humps.
- Many of you have asked for verge clean-ups.
- Some asked 'who pays? We don't want a rate increase.'
- Some said that 'users need to be alert and not wear a Walkman',
- 'we don't believe we need to become urbanised, that's why we chose to live in a rural area'.

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# Tasmania Fire Service

## Dilston Fire Brigade



### 200...and counting!

A very big birthday this issue for Smoke Signals itself as it reaches the milestone of 200 editions, a figure that was inconceivable all those years ago. As there is a history of SS elsewhere in this edition, we will just say that we are very pleased that this integral community newsletter is continuing on in the manner that it is, reaching a broad audience and allowing many community groups the chance to publicise their activities. Long may it continue!

#### New Appliance

Since the last issue of Smoke Signals the brigade has been extremely busy with the commissioning of and training on our brand new Heavy Tanker. Some of you will remember that it was only in 2012 that we received a brand new tanker in November of that year so we were very lucky to receive yet another new one. Our just departed heavy tanker has found a new home at Westbury Fire Brigade and we know that they will keep it in as top notch condition as we did. The new tanker employs some ground breaking technology, one of which is the Compressed Air Foam System, or CAFS for short. To best appreciate how this system works head over to our Facebook page for multiple pictures and videos. We are still very much in training mode with this truck, and are incorporating our neighbouring fire brigades to familiarise them with its capability. It has seen anger



however, notably at Lefroy assisting George Town, Bell Bay and Pipers River brigades on a vegetation fire. We can report that the system worked very well and the results were extremely satisfying.

#### ETMS

We attended the grand opening of the East Tamar Men's Shed and we have to say how pleased we are with how the old fire station behind the Dilston hall has worked out for them.

#### Fire Danger Ratings and whether to stay or leave...

Following on from last issue where we spoke of the different alert levels, we wanted to add that the Tasmania Fire Service recommends that you should not plan to defend your home when the Fire Danger Rating exceeds 50 (severe) in your area unless you have created a defensible space and ember-proofed your home.

Unless your home has a defensible space and has been designed and built specifically to withstand a bushfire, you should not plan to defend it if the Fire Danger Rating exceeds 75 (extreme). **Tasmania Fire Service recommends that you should not plan to defend any home when the Fire Danger Rating**

**exceeds 100 (catastrophic) in your area, regardless of any preparations you have made. If a fire starts on these days, you should leave for a safe place well before the fire threatens your home.** This information is pertinent to both block residential properties and those that are more isolated. As always this information is easily accessible via the TFS website... [www.fire.tas.gov.au](http://www.fire.tas.gov.au)

#### Community raised funds...

Funds raised in the last 12 month's are still allocated to be used on a fire information sign for the community. The options for this signage are still currently being investigated by the brigade as some unforeseen supplier issues have been encountered. We hope to provide the community with further updates as we can..



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[www.facebook.com/TasmaniaFireService](http://www.facebook.com/TasmaniaFireService)

#### Brigade Contacts

Paul Blakie	0417 592 424
Neville Jolly	0417 540 230
Jason Hingston	0439 771 156
Raoul Stow	0417 351 423

*All the members at the Dilston Fire Brigade would like to wish everyone in the community the very best for the festive season, and ask that we all stay safe as we move on into 2016!! Thankyou to you all for your support throughout the year and a big thankyou to our new members, helping us to continue our service to the community.*

*As always a very big thankyou to Kerry and her team at the Windermere Café for their ongoing support and the fantastic lunches served after each Sunday Training session*

*Finally thankyou to the Editor of Smoke Signals for continuing to make available the space in each edition so that the brigade can keep you all informed of our activities. Merry Christmas everyone and prosperous New Year!*



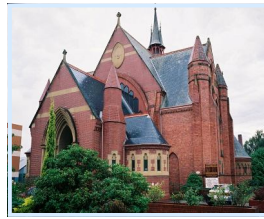
**DILSTON FIRE BRIGADE ANNUAL  
CHRISTMAS LOLLY RUN**

**Sunday 20th December, 4.00pm**

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



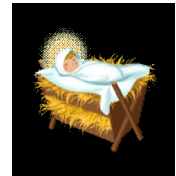
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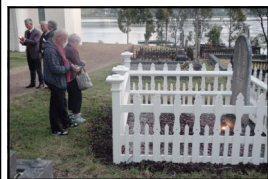


- ◆ ◆ Get into the Christmas Spirit with nibbles afterwards (Shortbread, Fruit Cake, who knows?)

**ALL SAINTS DAY SERVICE (Sunday 25 October)**

The very first All Saints Day Service we held at St Matthias—it rained. Second Service, cold and windy; Third Service, blowing a gale! The Service this year, rain was forecast but it went around us. *AND IT WAS PERFECT AND THE CHURCH WAS PACKED TO THE RAFTERS!!*

There were many descendents and many friends and family who lit a memorial candle from the Easter candle in the church and proceeded to the graveyard and placed the candles on the graves or Columbarium Wall as a sign of remembrance and thanksgiving for their lives.



Driving past the Church this morning we spotted these guys hanging around again. There must be something special happening as they came at the same time last year.

You'd better bring the kids along to check them out. They could be spreading goodwill which hopefully is a highly contagious condition.



**ST MATTHIAS' SERVICES**

- Sunday 13 December
- 10:30 am Eucharist Service
- Thursday 24 December 7:00 pm
- CHRISTMAS EVE CAROL SERVICE**
- CHRISTMAS DAY**
- EUCCHARIST AT HOLY TRINITY 9:00 am**
- Sunday 27 December
- 10:30 am Eucharist Service
- Sunday 10 January
- 10:30 am Eucharist Service
- Sunday 24 January
- 10:30 am Eucharist Service



# Community Centre News



Since 2010 ETMS has been “the shed without a shed”, but on Saturday November 28<sup>th</sup> this came to an abrupt end when the Tasmanian Minister for Health, Michael Ferguson MLA, cut the official ribbon to open THE SHED to members and the public.

The journey to this day has involved many people, all contributing in their own way and working together to make this happen. A complete refit of the main body of the shed was undertaken this year after official access was granted, and members spent the winter using raised finances to construct housing for machinery and storage facilities for tools and the inevitable accumulation of wood and materials for light construction.

A large meeting area and kitchen enable activities at ETMS to be diversified to include electronics and model making, whilst in the workshop, bird nesting boxes, bee-hives and children’s early learning project blocks are being constructed to order. A large planning bench in exchange for shelving was the first metal work project undertaken. Naturally other projects will evolve and bring new members over time so that ETMS can become a viable and sustainable operation.

The journey to this point has been most rewarding and the 15 + members who have been involved have given and gained a strong bond with each other and an assurance that they now have a home away from home to remain active.

The official opening saw perfect weather and a gathering of over 50 people representing TMSA members and community groups. At present

ETMS is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays, but it won’t be too long before these times are expanded as involvement grows.



*Committee members Joe Mennen and Rod Stuart with MHR Andrew Nikolic and Christine.*



In bright sunshine, Michael Ferguson MLA , cuts the ribbon to open The East Tamar Men’s Shed. L to R :Michael Ferguson, Joe Mennen, Jon Hosford, Jeff Wynne.

**Dilston Playgroup** has had an exciting and fun year. Tuesday mornings have been filled with many different activities such as cooking, 'playing shops', special person morning tea, craft and watching the neighbouring spring lambs, as well as the children enjoying each other’s company. Ange and Sarah would like to thank all the families for joining us on our first year as playgroup coordinators, it has been a pleasure getting to know all of you and look forward to many more Tuesday morning fun in 2016. Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Dilston playgroup will have a short break over Christmas/ New Year and will begin back on Tuesday 19th January 2016. Held at the Dilston Memorial Hall, 10am-12pm. Cost is \$2 and a piece of fruit (to share). For any more info contact Ange 0415 137 523.



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## Hillwood News...Nancy Donnelly

A successful car boot sale was held recently at the Hillwood Recreation Ground. The weather was kind, there were plenty of stalls and a continuous stream of people moving through. A special sight was the old-fashioned home-made lemonade stall manned by two happy young boys.



The Hillwood Car Boot Sale Saturday November 14th.

Pleasing to see Council improving the Recreation Ground – Coring and spreading of sand allowing plenty of time to settle down for next football season.

### CONGRATULATIONS:

**To Smoke Signals for their 200<sup>th</sup> edition. Thank you to all those involved. I know people really enjoy reading it.**

To East Tamar Men’s Shed at Dilston which held it’s Opening recently. I believe this means all of the East Tamar which, of course, includes Hillwood.

To Abbie Hansson, a talented “Mary Poppins”. Unfortunately, I didn’t get to see her perform but I know people who did and I believe her performance was “supercalifragilisticexpialidocious”.

To Darcy Layh - belated congrats to Darcy who was chosen in the Tasmanian squad for the NAB AFL Under 16 championships played on the Gold Coast.

To Myra Donnelly and Leah Renton who made the Tasmanian swimming team in the Pacific School Games in Adelaide.

Thank you to those who supported the successful fund-raising BBQ held for Myra at the Hillwood Pontoon. It was most enjoyable and the weather magic.

The Pontoon is a wonderful place for a Community BBQ. Ideal for a fund-raiser or a community get-together. What a pity that someone decided to vandalise the area by ripping out one of the seats which was dynabolted into the concrete.

Good to hear that former long-time resident of Hillwood, Janet Miller plans to catch up with old friends at the Hillwood Coffee Shop.

Hillwood Progress Association next meeting will be on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> at 7.00 p.m. in the Hillwood Hall.

HARRA’s (Hillwood Area Residents and Ratepayers) last meeting for the year will at the local Coffee Shop on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> at 6.00 p.m., food and beverages available.

USUAL UNUSUAL. Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December in the Hillwood Hall at 7.00 p.m. This is always a thoroughly enjoyable evening, an annual event telling the nativity story, involving children and the singing of carols including Australian carols and a bit of light-hearted fun.

If anyone has any news like Sad News (Deaths) Happy News (Births, Weddings) or Congratulations they would like included in our News of Hillwood, please let me know on 63 948140 or [nancydonnelly@bigpond.com](mailto:nancydonnelly@bigpond.com)

### .....Launceston City Council News Continued from Page 5

Some of your reasons can be included in the general operations budget. Others need to be assessed, money found and if the projects approved, scheduled to be carried out over a period of time. For continued information, please email [Li-sa.Brady@launceston.tas.gov.au](mailto:Lisa.Brady@launceston.tas.gov.au)



### A timely reminder!

The Festive Season and summer holiday are rapidly approaching and the City of Launceston would

like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that it is their responsibility to make sure their pets are safe, well behaved and happy over the holiday period. The Council has a lot of information on its website about animals and pets and there is also considerable information in the Dog Control Act 2000. It is always a good idea to know that you are up to date on how to care for your animals. Have a read of this information and if you have any questions or would like to know more, please contact

[Lisa.Brady@launceston.tas.gov.au](mailto:Lisa.Brady@launceston.tas.gov.au)



On behalf of the City of Launceston, we wish you a happy Christmas and a safe and prosperous new year.



We hope the information that we insert in Smokesignals is relevant and of benefit to you. If you have any comment about it, or would like to know more information please send Lisa an email.

Regards, Lisa

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