



NEWSLETTER



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The Grindelwald Residents Group (GRG) has been recently reestablished to try to ensure and guarantee the ongoing ambience of our community. It was noticed that many Council decisions were being made to the detriment of the neighbourhood and much of the public spaces within our area were being neglected. It is hoped that, with the support of the whole Grindelwald community, the GRG can thrive and make a difference.

THE GRG IS WORKING FOR THE WHOLE COMMUNITY

This is the Grindelwald Residents Group's first electronic newsletter to help keep our Grindelwald Community informed of initiatives and activities that are happening in our neighbourhood. Please let your neighbours know what is happening in our community because they might not know that the Residents Group exists or they might not have wanted to give their email address out or, indeed they might not have a computer.

Some pictures from the Public Meeting of Grindelwald Residents at the Aspect Tamar Resort in August 2010



THE WEST TAMAR IS A BEAUTIFUL PART OF TASMANIA AND GRINDELWALD IS THE JEWEL



Sundowner-Happy Hour

One of the very first things to do is to remind everyone of the Sundowner that will take place at the Rotunda around Lake Louise on Friday 26th November between

6:00PM and 7:00PM.

This will be a very informal gathering to allow everyone to get to know their neighbours.

Some of the Councillors from the West Tamar Council will also be attending the Sundowner as well as members from the local Rotary Club - a terrific opportunity to discover what the future holds for the West Tamar in general.



BRING ALONG A
SOFT DRINK AND
PERHAPS A FEW
NIBBLIES TO SHARE

GENERAL NEWS AND INFORMATION

LAKE LOUISE PATHWAY

One of the initiatives of the Grindelwald Residents Group was to have the walking track around Lake Louise upgraded.

There are many areas of this walking track that are simply unusable at certain times of the year because heavy flooding causes sections to be underwater, boggy and slippery. With this in mind we arranged a meeting with one of the West Tamar Councillors, Mr John Watson, and the West Tamar Council's supervisor of Parks and Recreation, Mr Jamie Smith. This meeting took place at the lake itself.

After walking around the entire lake it was accepted that some urgent work was required in order to bring the walking track back up to a safe standard. Mr Smith has recently been in touch with the GRG and advised that the problem areas around the lake will be attended to almost immediately but in order to have the total resurfacing of the track completed will need a "capital" injection of monies.

Mr Smith forwarded an email regarding this and other issues and the following is an extract from that email for your information:

"Walkway around lake - I have instructed one of our employees who has had prior experience on a 2 tonne excavator to renew some culverts under the paths and cut some drains to divert the water to these culverts. We will use plastic pipe which will be adequate for the volume of water. The sections of track that have been damaged by water will have a layer of 2 inches of gravel laid and compacted to make a safer walkway in these damaged areas. We will need to wait for a few more weeks for things to dry out so we do not make a mess. This is a bit of band aid treatment for now and I will pursue capital funding for next year for further upgrades."

**So, as you can see,
action is taking place.**



GATEWAY TO CHAPEL LANE

Up until very recently there had always been a gate at the entrance to Chapel Lane. This was a left-over from the days when the lake and surrounds belonged to and was maintained by the Tamar Valley Resort. When the West Tamar Council took over certain areas when the resort passed out of Vos hands they maintained the gate could remain provided that it would never be locked. In Council owner-ship the area around Lake Louise was the responsibility of the Council because it was now public space and the public should not be denied access.

Unfortunately the gate became locked a few months ago and because the Council needed to access the area for maintenance, the workmen had no

option but to take the gate away

The Grindelwald Residents Group met with a Councillor and the Parks and Recreation supervisor from the West Tamar Council and explained that the gate should be returned in order to present a barrier for 'hoons' and the like that frequent the area at night. It was agreed that the gate should not be locked and a volunteer roster (amongst the immediate neighbours) was suggested to operate the gate.

This was agreed to and I am happy to report that the gate is now back in place with much stronger, steel gate posts. Local residents will be donating their time to paint the gate and beautify the area generally.



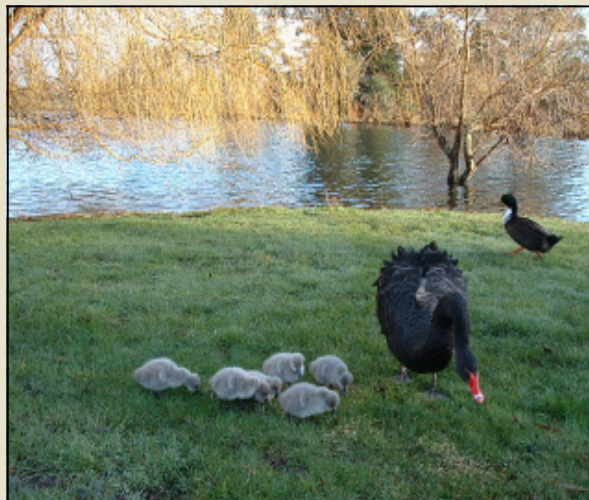
Enviro-talk

All of us lake-side residents could help do our bit for the environment by using bio-degradable washing powder to minimise harmful chemicals seeping into Lake Louise.

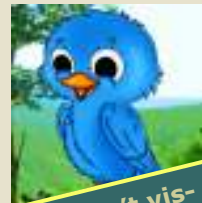
Spring has brought lots of babies such as baby ducklings, native chicks and cygnets to the lakeside. There are folks, often visitors, with dogs who may not see or take notice of the signage (3 or 4 altogether) to keep dogs on leash. Let's point out the importance of this to them to protect this tranquil and beautiful environment.

DOG-TALK

The West Tamar Council have provided plenty of plastic bags so that dog walkers can collect and dispose of their 'dogs doings'



Swan and cygnets at Lake Louise



If you haven't visited the Lake Louise recreation area recently, why don't you take the opportunity during Spring?



Grindelwald Telephone Directory

Original residents of Grindelwald may still have the old local Grindelwald telephone directory. An updated 2010 version "Grindelwald Old Swiss Village Telephone Directory 2010" is now available and has been compiled by Irene Meindl and Sally Lahra. This is a fundraising project for the Grindelwald Residents' Group and full proceeds will go towards costs such as postage stamps, envelopes etc.

This little booklet contains full listings of owners/residents of the original Swiss Village streets of Alpine Crescent, Eiger Court, Mountain View Crescent, Pine Tree Avenue, St. Albans Court and the old part of Waldhorn Drive including Leisure Gardens and the Village shops. The cost is \$3.00. Copies will be available at the Sun-downer/Happy Hour in November or by phoning Sally on 6330 2798."

WHAT WE CAN DO AS INDIVIDUALS

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Development Applications

The West Tamar Council places 'development applications' and the like in the Saturday and Wednesday editions of the Examiner newspaper. If you see an application for the Grindelwald area that you feel is unsuitable you might like to lodge an objection with the Council. Or you might want to alert the Grindelwald Residents Group to your concerns. Either way the West Tamar Council should be kept informed of what is and what is not acceptable development here in our neighbourhood. You might also like to bring to the attention of the GRG any area of concern that you think we might be able to provide some assistance. Feel free to email or telephone and your concerns will be discussed at the next committee meeting.