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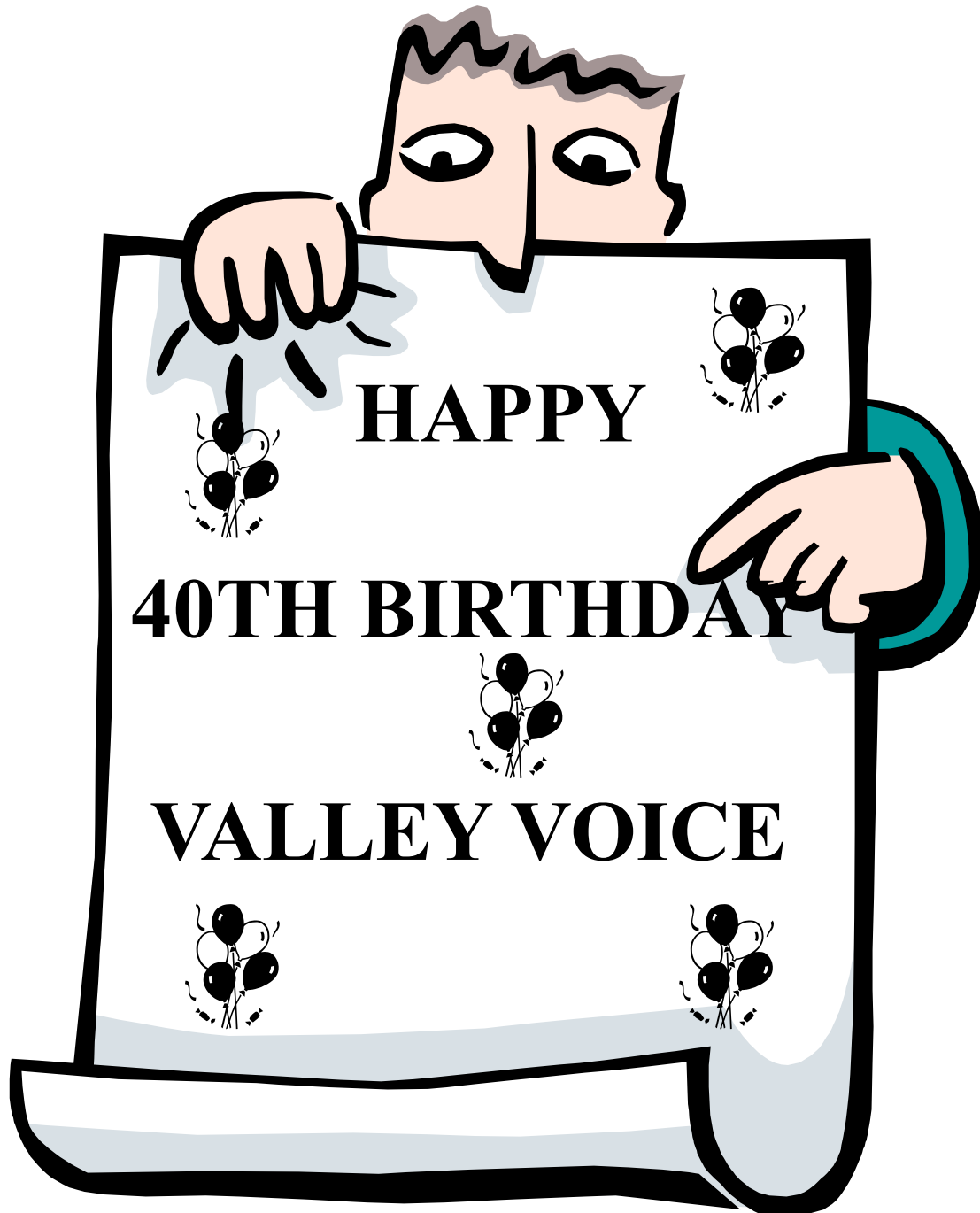


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Community news

St Marys Hospital Auxiliary meets the first Monday of every month at 2pm at the **St Marys Community Health Centre**.

The Break O'Day Woodcraft Guild Inc. meets the last Saturday of the month at 4pm at the goods shed behind the St Marys Railway Station.

Grassy Bottom Regional Arts are holding General meetings on the first Tuesday of every month at 2 Story St, St Marys at 6pm. Come along to share your creative ideas and help Grassy Bottom maintain an artistic culture in our community.

The **Tasmanian Lymphoedema Centre Inc.**, holds meetings every 3rd Monday of the month at 10 am at the St Marys Community Health Centre.

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Don't forget to visit the Model Train Exhibition in the Community Hall from 1 -14 June.

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St Marys Community Garden

There will be a working bee on
Saturday 26th May
10.30-12pm

Where: St Marys District High
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(regular working bee last Saturday
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any interested people attending
will be made very welcome-
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A LITTLE BIT OF HERITAGE: by Jim Haas
“Skamandros”

It was a regular weekend occurrence for me growing up in the 1950's, to be woken up by my father at 4.00 am to go fishing in the Scamander River. “We have to be on the river at daylight,” he would say. “The bream bite better first thing in the morning.”

By the time we loaded up the old 1934 Chevy it would be a good hour before we reached our favourite, spot and it always ended up being a long day, which almost ruined me as a bream fisherman. But I found out later that bream do bite later in the day.

Scamander River has been a wonderful recreational venue for the people of the Break O'Day Plains, and indeed many Tasmanians for well over one hundred years. Land marks like: Hardman's, Green Island, Johnny Manse's Point, Mud Flats, Wiggins's Corner, Price's Strait, The Wattles, Right and Left Arms, Trout Road, Hospital Point, Goat Island, The School and Hot Springs are all favorite spots where you can catch that prize feed of bream.

Over the years thousands upon thousands of fish from Scamander River have been the treat at many a dinner table, with most experts claiming Scamander bream to be the firmest and best tasting of all Tasmanian rivers or bays.

But what else do we know about this wonderful area where our ancestors were able to ride their push-bikes to for a days fishing. The tourist books all tell us that the town of Scamander is a pleasant holiday resort on Tasmania's beautiful East Coast. It is located 184 kilometers east of Launceston, 18 kilometers south of St Helens and 19 kilometers north of St Marys. Its main attractions are long white unspoiled beaches, deep blue seas and a river, bearing the same name as the town, that winds inland through picturesque hills and bushland. The river is noted for its abundance of fish, in particular, the black bream.

The heritage of Scamander and the River could go back 30,000 odd years, going on the Aboriginal middens found in the area. These have revealed primitive stone tools, the shells of mussel, abalone, rock whelk, warrener, plus seal and kangaroo bones.

The first European recording of the area, however, was in 1825 when the surveyor John Helder Wedge explored the east coast of Van Diemens Land. He named the river Borthwick and the area around the mouth, of which he said had potential for a future settlement, Yarmouth after an English port. Somehow the name Scamander, which comes from the Greek mythology river God Skamandros, was introduced and eventually both the town and the river adopted that name.

As the East coast grew in the mid nineteenth Century, the river became a huge problem for our early settlers to negotiate, which led to Richard Terry building a flimsy bridge in 1865. It was said, however, the bridge was built using pylons no bigger than the average telegraph pole and soon after construction collapsed from the weight of a mob of cattle.

It was immediately replaced with an iron bark and blue gum bridge which lasted until a heavy flood in 1889 washed the lot clean out to sea. After this another iron bark bridge was built by Grubb [Brothers](#) at a cost of 4,500 pounds and stood the test for 22 years. But another mighty flood in 1911 washed numerous trees down the river, most of which were caught by the bridge and it was unable to stand the strain, and it too suffered the same fate as the previous two.

After the collapse of the Grubb built bridge several more were constructed all of which suffered similar fates. The last wooden bridge became a victim to the famous 1929 floods and until 1936 when a new more solid concrete and steel structure was completed, travellers and their vehicles were transported across the river with a punt.

The 1936 built bridge has stood the test and even though a new more modern construction has been built in the last decade, the old bridge still stands as a reminder of the town heritage. But how long the old lady will continue to span the river, or what her eventual outcome will be is, anyone's guess.

Scamander Beach, Blue Seas and Pelican Sands, the three major accommodation establishments in the town, are a far cry from the first hotel built on the eastern side of the river by Frank and John Walker in 1896.

But from that humble beginning an ideal holiday destination has developed, as well as nice quiet sea-side town to live in, and despite the development you can still catch a good feed of bream in the River.



Cars, along with their drivers and passengers, cross Scamander River in the punt used in the early 1930s. The remains of the bridge washed away in the 1929 floods is in the background.

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So we decided on an old fashioned morning tea with pretty tablecloths, flowers, music and lots and lots of delicious morsels to eat, at a price you couldn't believe!

With its fine reputation for putting on a special spread, the committee set to organising a fun day. A busy time was ahead of us, organizing, shopping, cleaning the hall, sewing tutus, black swans, rehearsing the specially choreographed 'Swan Lake', baking cakes, setting tables, arranging flowers. What a wide range of expertise we have on our committee!

We had hoped 60 or so people would attend the morning tea. What a surprise to see crowds coming through the doors, and more than 120 people came. Wonderful to see so many, and others ordering food from across the road. What a pleasure to have put together such a feast, such a delightful setting, such fun, especially for you, our guests.

Everyone should have the chance to experience something unique, and for me this was one of those memorable occasions. Living a dream, strutting our stuff, and such wonderful hearty enjoyment and laughter.

Thanks must go to Rita Summers and her lovely singing voice — what a delight!

Thanks also to the resuscitation team who came so quickly to the 'swans' rescue, and of course to our generous donors of time and prizes, and the TLC committee and all of you who came to make it such a great day!

Thank you.
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Presentations at the Online Centre

The Hon Michael Polley MHA, attended an afternoon tea and presented the St Marys On-Line Access Centre volunteers with their certificate of appreciation for all the good work they put into keeping the centre running smoothly. This recognition is well deserved.

A cheque was also presented to the President of S.M.A.C.D., Reon Johns for the sum of two and a half thousand dollars to assist with the celebrations planned for our up coming events for the sesquicentenary.



Michael Polley, MHA, presenting President Reon Johns with a cheque for \$2,500, to help SMACD with expenses towards the Sesquicentenary Celebrations in St Marys.

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Pictured from left: Reon Johns, Jim Haas, Michael Polley, Fe Gillies, Jan Maddern, Paul Byard, John Maddern, Neil Capill.

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The Lions Club of St Marys will be organising the above event as a major feature of our sesquicentenary year. There are still many details left to arrange but we will need plenty of help. “What can I do?” you ask – well here’s a start:

History Displays

The major displays in the Community Centre will be the history of St Marys through the themes of Sport & Weddings but we hope to have history displays of some sort or another in all of the shops/businesses in town. If you have any photos, sporting memorabilia relevant to St Marys, wedding photos etc. etc. can you please drop them off at the Post Office. We will copy photos and return the originals immediately; we only wish to use copies in our displays. Photos should be accompanied by brief details about the photo and names of all people (if known). It doesn’t matter how old the photos are or for that matter how recent – as long as they have a story to tell.

We are also after wedding dresses, though these will not be required until just before the reunion weekend. If we can obtain sufficient dresses (or bridesmaid dresses, wedding suits) we might organise a fashion parade accompanied by a brief history of the wedding itself, family connections, guests etc.

Publicity

We will use numerous avenues to publicise this event but we would like to personally invite anyone who has a connection with St Marys, be it through family or as a past resident or student at St Marys. If you could please make up a list of names and addresses of any persons you think might be interested in the reunion drop them off at the Post Office and we will send out an invitation and details of planned events.

Suggestions

If you have an idea about the reunion weekend let us know – drop into the Post Office for a chat or collar any of the Lions Club members you know. The Lions Club meets every 1st and 3rd Wednesday (generally at St Marys Hotel).

One thing we hope to decide on is a lasting monument to be erected in St Marys to commemorate this great achievement – again any ideas let us know.

Volunteers

We will need plenty of “hands on” help to make this day the success it deserves to be. St Marys has an established reputation as a small town with a big community spirit and our aim is to get **everyone** involved one way or another – even if it is just turning up on the day and having a cup of tea and a chat.

As we progress with our planning we will be asking for volunteers to assist with a variety of tasks – as they say “watch this space”

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The Say by Cagerattler

As has just been reported to us, the St Marys Pass will be closed for at least 12 days, between June 4th and 16th.

I can hear the groans out there now, with the inconvenience this will cause during that period. It has been timed for the school holiday period for obvious reasons. Can you imagine the trouble and time additions it would involve outside of these times for our Scamander, Four Mile Creek, Falmouth kids and the buses?

Unfortunately though, there are people who work in the valley or live in the valley and have to travel to and from the coast for work on a daily basis. This period is going to be painful, with the extra time and distance, as well as watching for hazards on the Upper Scamander road, if used after dark for example. It's a long way along the link road daily.

The work is essential for long term road safety on the pass, and we hope it goes to plan and schedule.

This brings up the subject of perhaps in the long term our Government Roads and Infrastructure Department, might look at upgrading the access road over the top of the pass to at least allow limited use, should the pass come under threat.

It had long been informally talked about by us locals, but has anyone from the Government seriously looked at this road as a viable alternative? I would like to know if it had ever been considered.

A friend of mine suggested that the St Marys Pass, as part of our convict heritage is always at the forefront, necessitating its continual usage.

What if however, a viable back-up route such as the access road over the top, was there with a decent width surface constructed, even as a touring route? At least then, no matter what happens on the Pass, there would be a much better, quicker way to and from the coast.

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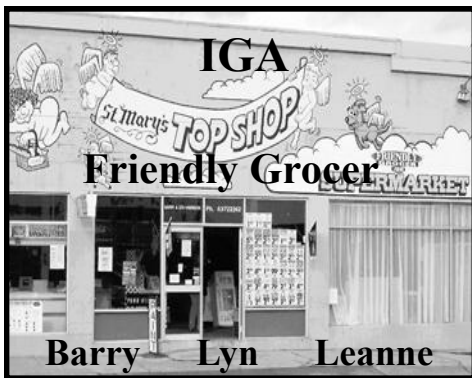


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A tasty lunch was enjoyed by a small group of people after which Patsy did two short readings from her book and happily signed copies.

Sales on the day exceeded expectations.

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Patsy, (standing, centre) at the launch of her new book, "Blood of a Distant Island"

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BREAK O'DAY BLOKES TALK TACKLE

Break O'Day men are about to be treated to a night of tall stories and fun with entertaining duo Nick Duigan and Andrew Hart from Hook Line & Sinkers, Tassie's own fishing show.

It will be a great night, with a free BBQ provided and fantastic giveaways and prizes. Nick and Andrew will be 'Talking Tackle' with Bernard Denner renowned men's health expert. "I will talk about all the risk factors that impact on us as males, especially rural males, plus a few hints to get us through hard times or maybe to improve our sex life and relationships with both our partner and family.

"For single blokes maybe some romantic tips and for all men the value of males and the contribution we can make to others, as long as we look after ourselves," says Bernard Denner from the Centre for Advancement of Men's Health.

"We can't underestimate the value of a simple men's health check, and that you don't have to be sick to access the health system. What have you got to lose?"

The Healthy Community Project has coordinated the event and received funding from Foundation 49 to provide free health screening on the night.

"This screening will identify health risks and assist men to take early preventative action and see a doctor for follow-up if necessary," said Fiona Watts Health Promotion Coordinator.

Male Mortality Rates (ABS 2003) show that men have an average life expectancy that is five years shorter than women. Men are generally not proactive about their health and wellbeing and often die earlier from causes that are preventable, especially from Heart Disease related deaths. Often men do not get to their local doctor for health checks and think they are 'bullet proof' when it comes to their own health.

However heart disease is the biggest killer of men in Australia. Another issue of concern is the number of men, suffering a mental health or severe depressive episode that results in eight men suiciding daily in Australia.

What have you got to lose? Ladies send your bloke and his mates along for the chance to get lucky with the door prize of a romantic 2 night get away or maybe even a more romantic, happier and healthier partner after the night.

Tackle Talk will be held at the Scamander Beach Resort on Wednesday 30th May. Health Screening will be available from 4pm - 7pm with entertainment commencing at 7pm.

Transport will be provided throughout Break O'Day but you must phone **6376 5242** to book. Tickets are on sale for \$5.00 each and can be purchased at various venues around the Municipality. Health Screening will be available around the municipality following the event.

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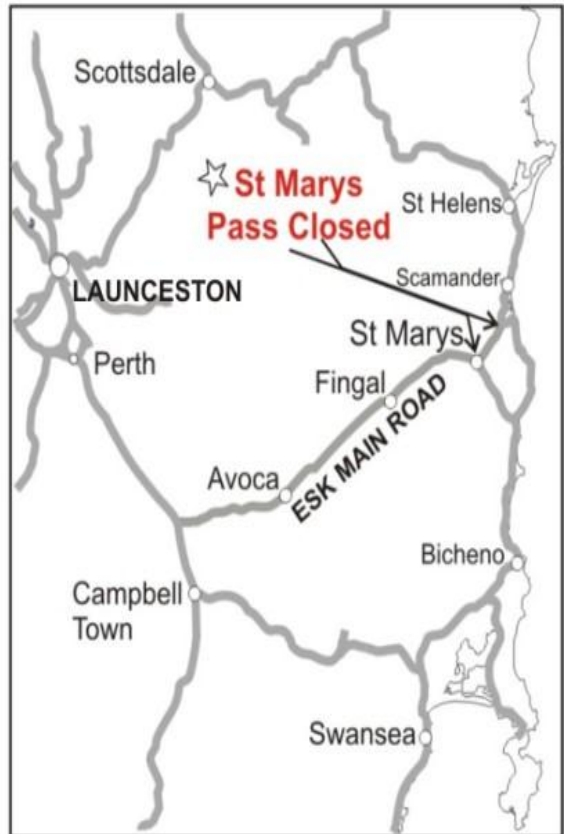
This is to enable the removal of loose rocks on
the embankments close to the road.

The **rocks** have become loose since the bush fires because the soil supporting them is being eroded due to loss of surrounding vegetation. Both community concerns and a risk assessment have identified those rocks requiring removal.

Full closure is necessary as large equipment will be used to reach up the embankments and rocks, rubble and soil will be dragged onto the road ready for removal. The disturbed embankments need to settle during this time to ensure they are secure before re-opening the road.

The **12 day closure** may be extended if unfavourable weather conditions occur. The timing has been chosen to fit in with school holidays and before winter sets in.

Emergency services will implement alternative arrangements during this time.



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It would be lovely if you could put your name to the recipe for acknowledgement, but this is not necessary if you would prefer to remain anonymous.

Recipes can be left at the Post Office with Lion Kerry, or just phone Ruth on 6372 2231 or Charlie on 6372 2648 to arrange collection.

More celebrations at JAM! (Jesus And Me)

Last Sunday, May 20th, saw a great crowd gather at JAM headquarters in Story Street, to celebrate the enrolment of 3 adults and 2 grade 8 girls, as new soldiers in the Salvation Army. Attached to the gate, were 3 bright balloons, in the famous colours of this worldwide organization - red, blue and yellow.

The afternoon event began with the now familiar tolling of the bell, followed by the children of JAM making an enthusiastic entrance into the 100+ year old church, singing and clapping their way to the front. They were all dressed in their "Donut" shirts. ("Life without Jesus, is like a donut; there's a hole in the middle of your heart!")

Each child also wore a large heart-shaped name-plate around the neck, and later in the service, all 20 hearts were removed and hung high on a line, to symbolise that, at least for these young people of the town, their hearts were on fire for Jesus.

While they sang the song called "Hearts on Fire", it became obvious that there was clearly some link between what they were singing, and what was written on their shirts!

The celebrations were due to the excitement about the 5 new soldiers in the Army's ranks! The leader of JAM, Mrs Melanie Norton and 2 of the helpers on the team, Mr Don and Mrs Val Brown, were all enrolled by Major Allan Daddow, the Divisional Commander of the Salvation Army in Tasmania. His wife, Major Lorraine Daddow, read the well-known Bible passage from Ephesians 6, about soldiers for Jesus needing to wear their armour!

The congregation listened to the 2 new Junior Soldiers, Brianna Pike and Emma Squires, as they spoke out their promises, which included both girls publicly committing to not smoking, drinking or taking drugs. The crowd also witnessed the signing of the promises made by each of the 2 girls and the 3 adults. There was much singing, and a thought provoking message from Major Daddow, as he spoke about our human need for love, peace and contentment.

Another significant part of the ceremony, was the presentation to Major Daddow, of a framed picture and citation. This was written and signed by the once General of the Army, Eva Burrows. It was awarded to Amy Scales, who was integral in keeping the Salvation Army in operation in Cornwall, St Marys and beyond, for an amazing 19 years.

Sadly Envoy Scales could not attend on the day, due to her lack of health. She now resides in the Mount Esk Nursing Home in St Leonards, but the memory of her love for her work will never be forgotten, now that the gift of this memorabilia will hang permanently in the church.

The day drew to a close with more singing. Then one of the final acts was when Major Daddow asked both Don Brown and Roger Norton to attach the famous Red Shield to the wall of the church. This is of course a potent symbol of what the Salvation Army has come to mean on a global scale.

Finally the parents, children, relatives and friends enjoyed a sausage sizzle before departing, warmed by the feeling that the Army was back in town.



The Jam Headquarters is now home to the Salvation Army, proudly showing the famous Red Shield on the wall. It's also nice to see the new fence is finished.



Pictured with their new certificates last Sunday are:
l/r: Melanie Norton, Don Brown, at back Major Neville Tyson, Val Brown,
Front: Brianna Pyke, Emma Squires.



Police Report

I am pleased to welcome Constable Michael SPAULDING to St Marys. Constable Spaulding is an experienced police officer and has previously worked at St Helens and knows the area very well. Police numbers in the Fingal Valley are now back up to full strength again.

The St Marys Pass will be closed between Monday the 4th of June and Saturday the 16th of June 2007 for the removal of loose and dangerous rocks on the Pass. Elephant Pass or the back roads are open, however I ask for extra caution to be used by motorists, particularly on the "S" Road, also known as Semmens Road, due to the increased numbers of people using this road.

Due to the already high road toll for 2007, extra police are patrolling the highways conducting speed reduction duties. Please obey the speed limits and drive to the conditions, particularly in the thick fog we sometimes get in the Valley.

Local police have recently been advised of offensive text messages being sent to mobile phones. Police have the ability to trace the origin of these messages and it is a crime. Be warned that this is a serious matter and will not be taken lightly.

With the shorter days upon us now it is important to ensure your vehicle is in road worthy condition. Please check tyres, brakes and especially lights to ensure they all work properly.

Inspector John ARNOLD has transferred to Hobart and the new divisional inspector should arrive at St Helens shortly.

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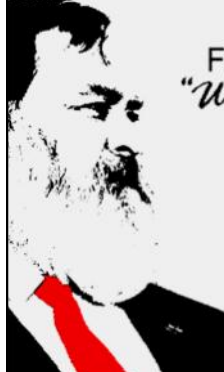
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OUT OF THE WOODWORK by Reon Johns

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The Guild would like to thank all the people who have contacted us and offered their surplus trees. This is most welcome and helps the Guild keep a stock of timber on hand.

We are currently making breadboards, cheese platters and other wooden pieces to sell to the tourists and some members are working overtime on this project. This should help us to purchase a much needed table saw and an additional dust extractor.

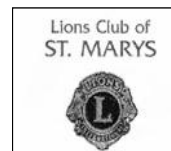
Ian Summers is nearing completion of the Avion Avro plane. I had a sneak preview and it looks great. Well done Ian!! The Guild is holding a meeting with Diabetes Australia on the June 12 at noon at the Railway Goods Shed and anyone who is interested, please come along and talk to the representative.

SMACD has donated \$500-00 to the Guild's Sesquintenary seat project and hopefully we can start on this soon.

A reminder to all members that your membership fees are due by the 30 June 2007 and the AGM will in the August meeting. With a BBQ to follow the AGM only \$10-00 a member.

The Guild meets on the last Saturday of the month in the Goods Shed behind the St Marys Railway Station, at 4pm.

The Woodcraft Guild workshop is open Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 10:00 till 4:00. All other times by arrangement



Fire regeneration funding

The Lions Club of St Marys has available a limited amount of funding that has specifically been provided to assist with plant regeneration following the recent East Coast bushfires.

Accordingly, any resident or community group from the Break O'Day council area is invited to apply for funding to assist with the purchase of plants/trees/shrubs for either private or community based use.

The money allocated (by way of vouchers which can be redeemed at local nurseries) will be based on the number of applications received, with a view to having all monies disbursed and/or allocated by the end of the current financial year.

Individuals need only forward a simple written request, advising of the address of the property where plants will be replaced. Community groups should provide a summary of the location and nature of works proposed.

Applications should reach St Marys Lions Club by **May 31st, 2007**, and can be simply addressed care of St Marys Post Office.

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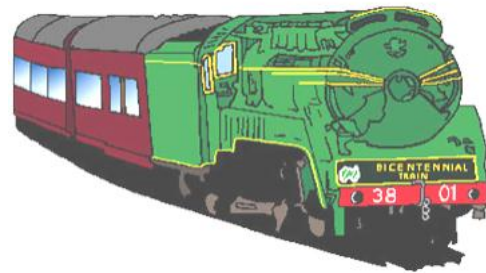


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So be part of the Sesquicentenary celebrations!!!!

Valley Voice has a Tasmanian cousin

When Laurie and Diana De Ville (ex Valley residents and members of the K.V. Voice team) were in Tasmania recently, they were in the town of St Marys when they spied the sign pictured in the photograph on the right.

They also brought back a copy of that local paper, volume 38 No 20 for Thursday March 15, 2007.

We contacted the Editor of The Valley and East Coast Voice, Judy Spilsbury to let her know of the name similarity and asked her for some background and details of their publication. Her letter follows.

Hi Kangaroo Valley,

It is very difficult to know where to start, when I have to talk about my home town of St Marys in Tasmania.



The old

We are a small township about 20 minutes inland from the east coast about 390 metres above sea level, with a population of approx 800.

Initially, this has always been a mining and dairying area and although the mines are still



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here, they are not as big now and the dairying industry has fallen through long ago.

We do have a forestry industry with pine plantations all around us.

That was started many years ago when the mines started to decline.

Like many small towns in Australia, we have struggled to stay alive and although we have not gone ahead like the coastal towns, St Marys



The big day out at the races

is one of the best places to live (I'm not biased). The people are warm and friendly and over the last ten years we have many newcomers from all over Australia now living here. We are celebrating our sesquicentenary (150 years) this year and many functions have been organised.



The new

We have a New Year's Day picnic races, held every year, the only one of the year, and have about 5,000 people from all over the state attend.

Many sports are played here, and although we don't have a football team any more, football was the highlight of the winter months, (Aussie rules).

The Valley Voice as you know has been in continuous publication for 40 years this May, so we are celebrating our birthday very soon. All our helpers including me are all volunteers, and have been associated with the paper for many years, so we are all getting a bit long in the tooth!

Our circulation is 455 copies at the moment, with many posted to various places in Tasmania, to expatriates and on the mainland. (One copy even goes to an oilrig in the Bay of Bengal, to a local who works on a rig!) In December 2006 our area was ravaged by bushfires, with the loss of 24 homes and

businesses at Scamander and Four Mile Creek on the coast and only through a fortunate wind change St Marys was saved.

It was a very frightening time, the whole area was shrouded in smoke for over a week and at one stage we were told to leave our homes if we were not going to stay and fight.

Thank God the wind changed. Our fire-fighters did a marvellous job for almost three weeks as did the other services. These photos are all local scenes or businesses including Scamander, when the fire was raging.

I have been working on a souvenir edition for our birthday, which hopefully will be released in May, as well as our fortnightly edition. (We have 24 a year!)



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1st Week: 2/3 June

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Workshop Schedules are out now with something for everyone, so there should be no reason for anyone to be bored in the holidays. (June 2nd til June 16th)

Come along and get involved, make a lantern, a musical instrument, a mask, or branch out into pyrotechnics, have some fun and be part of the 8th Annual Winter Solstice Celebration in this, the year of the Fire Pig (**When Pigs Might Actually Fly!**)

We have **two** raffles out at the moment in our continual quest to raise funds for the event, so keep your eye out for an opportunity to purchase a ticket or two – ya gotta be in it to win it, as ‘they’ say.

The Friday Market will be held on Friday, June 1st *in front of* St Marys Town Hall this time, as the History of Transport is using the building—we will bring along a couple of fire drums and the teapot to help everyone stay warm—practice up for Winter Solstice and test out the fire guard prototypes we are making for the night.

Which brings me to remind everyone (in case you need reminding?) that as an outdoor event in Tasmania (which we seem to specialise in) it is very important to wear lots of layers, because cold is pain, and if you are not warmly dressed, you won’t enjoy the night nearly as much as if you had that extra pair of socks on. We have pulled up short of offering a prize for the best overcoat, but they are strongly recommended anyway.

We will have our gorgeous collection of beanies (made by an Aboriginal Women’s Collective near Alice Springs) for sale on the night, as well as plenty of hot food, mulled wine and Irish coffee to warm up your insides, and the new and improved fire drums (and patio heaters) for your outsides, plus an amazing variety of spectacular entertainment, with fireworks and all—not to mention the awe inspiring **Flying Pigs!**

We are still looking for volunteers and will be holding a **Volunteers Meeting** on **Saturday June 2nd at 3pm** at the **Recreation Ground**. All helpers are greatly appreciated, and we could not put on this wonderful event without help from the community. So thank you for your support.

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Special report from Kackhander

In addition to my usual lines through Kackhander, for this special 40th birthday edition of this paper, I'd like to thank the Valley and East Coast Voice on behalf of all our members both past and present for the incredible outlet it has provided to us, so we can easily communicate to all members what is happening at the club.

The back page of the Voice has been regularly allocated for a column from the St Marys Sports Centre, which gives us the perfect tool to put around our news to the community. I can assure all that this provision to us by the editor and volunteers is greatly appreciated indeed. On the rare occasion that a column has not appeared, it is certainly conspicuous by its absence. If you get names or facts wrong, it's also very quickly noticed and pointed out, so they must read it I suppose.

By way of the Sports Centre News, it allows us to acknowledge the marvelous bunch who make up our club, for all their voluntary contributions, which has kept our golf and bowls club ticking along, all these years. The Sports Centre is one of the few remaining but very viable recreational outlets in our town, and will go from strength to strength, and the Valley Voice is a big help in this regard.

In recent times, the club has explored a more public service, joint venture and social aspect, and the paper provides a way to express our desires there too.

Over the years we have had people keen to write lines or provide information for the column. For about half the life of this column, dear old Tee-up produced the words as St Marys Golf notes. Ruth Gill was Tee-up, and her clever way of linking the encouraging comments with the scores was legendary. Did anyone notice that almost never were the high end scores quite as bad as in reality? You would give Ruth the actual results, and as she scribbled them down in her well worn jotter pad, she would see a new player's score a little too much for her liking, and on many occasions that nett 76 would appear as nett 72. She would smile at me and say, "Tttttt, oh dear, the pen must have slipped again." That was Ruth. She didn't want anyone discouraged by reading their not so good score in normal club events. In major championships or tournaments though, she always reported the exact score. If it was bad, encouragement always followed.

Ill health, and an eventual move to Scottsdale, finally and sadly saw the end of Ruth's notes, something that was a part of this paper. She passed away some time back, but I am sure Tee-up would be thrilled to see the Valley Voice reach its 40th year.

Whilst reading through some old copies of the Valley Voice last year, loaned to me by the editor, I enjoyed recalling some of the names that used to be a part of the Sports Centre in those earlier years. Many of these people are still about, and we hope to invite them back in August, to be part of our Sesquicentenary event, so again the historical benefit of this paper has helped recall some of our former members.

To all our friends at the Valley and East Coast Voice we, at the club, want to sincerely thank everyone involved with this iconic paper for your incredible assistance, help and dedication in allowing us through Tee-up, Tee-up's Mate and now Kackhander, to make great use of the pages all this time.

All of you at the Voice, past and present, can surely be truly proud of what has been, still is, and will be, into the future with this paper.

Sports Clubs like ours bear witness to the importance of being able to get our news out, and we hope to be a part of the next 40 years of this fantastic and special part of the community. Happy Birthday, Valley Voice.

Until next time, good hitting and rolling.

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StMarys Sports Centre news. by Kackhander

Thanks to all who attended or helped out with the East Coast Bowls Dinner on May 12th. It truly was a very enjoyable night, and as usual our catering crew did a marvelous job. The meal was genuinely excellent, and to all who lent a hand, a very special thank you.

As host club all year, your efforts have been the envy of all the other clubs, and will set the bar higher for the next few years.

Another highlight of the night was St Marys finally accepting the 2006/07 East Coast Pennant Trophy and Medallions. The Trophy will hang with pride, at the club. Also receiving Championship Badges this year were Jack Viney & Brent Leedham in the Pairs and Paul & Peter Davern with Rod McGiveron in the Triples for 2006/07.

We also had a visit from the Past President of the NTWBA as our guest, who presented Scamander Ladies with their pennant.

Whilst still on bowls: It's official! St Marys will definitely have a ladies team again in 2007/08. That's truly great news. We will be thrilled to name some of those bowlers in the next issue or two of the Valley Voice. Going on their meetings, fundraising ideas and so on, they will be a strong, vibrant team next year.

To raise set-up money, they are running good raffles, and a great innovation is to re-visit 2000, for a new indoor bowls comp. They will be held on Saturday afternoon at the club, with about 6 teams competing in singles, pairs and triples. It will be a Round Robin roster over about 5 weeks, then a finals series, culminating in a Grand Final. Teams need to be an absolute minimum of 3, and a maximum of 6 players. Registration details will be in the next issue, but going on 2000, it will be a heap of fun. No experience necessary, and you don't even have to be a full member to play.

If interested, contact Janice Viney, Rod McGiveron, or the club.

To golf now and thanks to everyone who helped out with the aeration of the greens last weekend. Unfortunately the wet weather conspired to make it impossible to top dress all but one green, but this task will be completed in the next few days. It has already made a big difference.

Possible working bee on May 26th.

A huge thanks to Karen and Blairy (Leigh) Spilsbury and Roger and Alana Donald, for again hosting the popular Reverse Course Challenge. It was a fun filled day for sure, followed up with a very nice casserole meal. To top it off, a new course record was set with a 9 under par 61, by Chris Davern, Paul Spilsbury, Jacob Spilsbury and oh yes, Blairy Spilsbury.

Blairy reckons they could not have set a new course record without him! Everyone else said they set a new course record in spite of him! Well done to them and the other trophy winners. These days are a great help to the club.

Please note that next weekend a slight change has been made. The Lefties V Righties Day is now on Sunday, 27th May at 11am, instead of Saturday because of the working bee. All welcome, especially lefties who want to finally win that elusive trophy.

Saturday June 2nd is the Ray Ridgers Memorial Trophy. Another great event.

Best wishes to Bob Hersey's mum in W.A. Hope she is on the mend.

Anyway, until next time, good hitting and rolling.



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SAUSAGES THAT IS!

Sausages for little hands... twist and turn and one becomes two.

Kids love little sausages. Make longer beef sausages more manageable by twisting and turning the sausage in the middle to make two smaller ones. Snip in the middle with scissors, then grill, barbeque or pan-fry.

STICKY GLAZE FOR SAUSAGES

Preheat oven to moderate 180°C.

Combine ¼ cup each of honey and mild seeded mustard in a large bowl, add 750g - 1kg thin beef sausages and mix well to coat sausages with the glaze.

Place sausages on a baking paper lined oven tray (tip in any glaze) cook for 15 minutes until sausages are golden and cooked through.

Butcher's tip for cooking sausages

- DON'T pierce sausages before or during cooking. If you prick good quality sausages you let all the moisture and the flavour out.

For more easy ideas, pick up a copy of the Autumn issue of ENTICE, from the butchery.

In-store butchery

This week

Porterhouse steak	\$ 15.99 kg
Topside roast	\$ 7.99 kg

Next week

Rump steak	\$ 9.99kg
1st grade beef mince	\$ 8.99kg

