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INFORMATION REGARDING THE SCAMANDER SKATE PARK.

The Scamander Skate Park has been sited on lot 17 and 18 Dune Street below the car park because it is the safest and most appropriate site for a Skate Park in Scamander.

Individuals do not decide where a Skate Park should be sited, risk assessments and safety are the deciding factors.

- The risk assessments performed by the Scamander Skate Park Interest Group (S.S.P.I.G.) in May 2004 show that the recreational foreshore below the car park is the safest and the most appropriate site.
- Mayor Robert Legge commissioned a report in July 2007 on possible Scamander Skate Park locations. The report looked at two possible sites, Scamander foreshore off the car park near Mouth Café and Scamander foreshore between the two bridges. The preferred location was identified as the Scamander foreshore off the car park near the Mouth Café.

Key reasons for this site are :

1. No need for younger children to cross the highway to access facilities especially public toilets, café and public phone.
2. Is located within a well developed public recreational space allowing families to recreate together.
3. Less potential for causing visual impact, better site conditions for the Skate Park for example orientation facing north/south and wind protection.

- The Skate Park needs to be visual from other recreational facilities as skating is an unsupervised solo activity.
- The Skate Park is set into the bank to avoid being a visual obstruction from the car park, businesses, nearby residents and other recreational users.

The Scamander Skate Park is designed for BMX bikes, in-line skates, scooters and skate boards and is designed for children as young as 5, and varying skill levels from beginners to advanced. It is a requirement for safety that the size of the skate park does not go below 30 metres.

The Sport and Recreation Skate Facility Guide Vic 2001 is the manual the S.S.P.I.G. have referenced when siting and designing their Skate Park.

Damian Ross. President S.S.P.I.G.

MAYPOLE DAY.

Once again the Maypole Day was held in sunshine, wind and rainy conditions. (If you don't like the weather in St Marys, come back in half an hour!) The crowd was entertained by large puppets, belly dancers, balloon making, circus juggling, musical acts, the renowned Maypole dancing, plenty of food, and much more. Congratulations to Grassy Bottom Regional Arts for organising an entertaining day.



Please note: Deadline for articles to be included in the next Valley Voice is: 5 pm Tuesday, November 20, 2007.
New email address: judith.spilsbury@bigpond.com

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.

St Marys Ladies Midweek Tennis 9.30am each wed. Need new players - of any standard-beginners welcome-childminding included - lovely safe place to bring toddlers while you play. **Ring Annette- 6372 2224**

St Marys Playgroup meets each Friday 10ish at the kindergarten. All preschool aged kids welcome to bring a carer/parent/granny/pa for a play and morning tea. Very chilled relaxed group of all ages - we love new members. **Contact Jane 6372 5060**

WOMBAT WALK WEEDERS meet every Wednesday 9am to 12 Noon (weather permitting) at St Marys Musical Playground area to plant and maintain the rivulet park and flower bank - anyone interested in joining us - please come along and meet our group.

Contact - Robina 6372 2022.

Break O'Day Wine & Food Appreciation Society meets once a month on the last Sunday.

Ph: Jan 6376 1661 or Leanne Ph: 6372 5291.

The Scamander and Beaumaris Community Development Association meets at 7 pm at the Fire Station Scamander every third Wednesday of the month. New members are most welcome.

TO MY ST MARYS FRIENDS 'THANK YOU'

I WAS DEEPLY TOUCHED BY THE
KIND FAREWELL MESSAGES
BESTOWED UPON ME AFTER LEAVING
OUR WONDERFUL TOWN.

UNFORTUNATELY TIME DOES NOT
STAND STILL AND IT WAS TIME
FOR ME TO MOVE ON.

DEEP DOWN, ST MARYS WILL ALWAYS
BE MY HOME & I SHALL MISS YOU ALL.

CONGRATULATIONS REON,
AND DO A GOOD JOB AS A
COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE.

PAULINE BERWICK.

Galaxy Exhibition—exhibition open from 8th—30th November 2007 (Tues –Fri, 11-4). For more info, contact Rita Summers at Gone Rustic, 37 Main Street, St Marys. (Tues –Fri, 11-4); phone 6372 2724 or 0409 289 997.

More Small Christmas Gifts— last time we made 2 lovely small gifts: this is your chance to create something unique for that special person in your life! When? Sat., 3rd Nov, 9-12noon: (Break O'Day Sew n Sews) Cost? \$10 (includes materials). For bookings, contact Rita Summers at Gone Rustic, 37 Main Street, St Marys (Tues –Fri 11—4) phone 6372 2724 or 0409 289 997.

Correction: In the last issue we printed a story about the new cricket nets at the Recreation Ground. Please let it be known that the framework and nets were provided by the Break O'Day Council from their Sports and Recreation Fund.

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELL DONE TO ALL THOSE WHO RECENTLY RAN IN THE BURNIE TEN.

PAUL WALLACE, LAUREN BENNETT,
ROS SMITH, DEIDRE PANTON.

WE HEAR YOU ALL DID VERY WELL.
MAYBE NEXT YEAR WE WILL BE ABLE TO SAY
'THE MORE THE MERRIER'

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES IN THE RECENTLY HELD BREAK O'DAY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

THUMBS UP! AND CONGRATULATIONS TO ISOBEL WITTON

ON YOUR BRILLIANT IDEA TO BEAUTIFY
OUR LOVELY TOWNSHIP.
YOUR POTS OF FLOWERS ARE
VERY MUCH APPRECIATED BY ALL.

WOMBAT WALK WEEDERS

The Wombat Walk Weeders would like to invite the residents of St Marys and district to come along and view the work that has been progressing at " Wombat Walk" and the St Marys Rivulet park area on

**Saturday 1st December
between 10am and 3 pm.**

We will have a history of the walk display and will also demonstrate the water monitoring that is done on the St Marys Rivulet every week as well as the frog identification that is also carried out on a regular basis.

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A LITTLE BIT OF HERITAGE: Jim Haas

“The Harley Davison Story”

The distinctive roar and sight of the shiny well maintained Harley Davison motor bikes passing through our valley these days is a regular occurrence. But one can only wonder if William Harley and friend Arthur Davison, back in 1901, when they began work in a back shed at the Harley's Milwaukee home to design a small engine that would assist in peddling a push bike, could have imagined the legend they were creating.

For two years the 21 year old friends worked on the engine and finally in 1903 built a modest 116cc model designed to fit in a regular pedal bicycle frame. Upon completion, however, the boys found their power-cycle unable to conquer the unassuming hills around Milwaukee without pedal assistance. Consequently, their first attempt at a motor cycle was written off and looked at only as a valuable learning experience.

Work immediately began on a new improved machine and the boys engaged the help of Ole Evinrude, the outboard motor pioneer. Between them they built a stronger frame and a new, bigger 24.74 cubic inch 405cc engine. The new machine was completed by the 8th September 1904 and entered in a Milwaukee motorcycle race, giving the general public their first view of a Harley Davison motorcycle.

By 1905 Walter Davison, Arthur's brother, had joined the team in the 3 by 5 metre backyard shed and by the end of the year the demand for the machine was increasing by the month. But the facilities in the shed only allowed them to produce around a dozen bikes that year.

In 1906 Harley and the Davisons built their first factory in Chestnut Street, Milwaukee. Although the street name was later changed to Juneau Avenue, the headquarters of the Harley Davison Motor Company still remains on the original factory site today.

1907 saw the incorporation of the company and production was lifted to 150 bikes per year. Also in February that year a prototype model was displayed in the Chicago Automobile Show. This model had the first 45 degree V-twin engine displacing 52.68 cubic inches (880cc) and producing about 7 horse power (5 kw). It had twice the hill climbing power of the earlier single cylinder models and could reach speeds of up to 60 mph (97 km/h).

It was around this time that police departments around the United States began buying the Harley Davison motor bike and production went from 450 in 1908 to 1,149 in 1909.

The success of the company led to some 150 other companies trying to imitate what the Milwaukee boys were doing but only a handful lasted any more than a few years. No one could match the now famous Harley Davison, and from their modest beginnings in the backyard the company was becoming huge. By 1914 a new 5 storey factory had been built and before long, with its many additions, it took up two blocks along Juneau Avenue and production had swelled to over 16,000.

During World War One, Harley Davison provided 20,000 machines to the military forces and by 1920 was the largest motorcycle manufacturer in the world, with machines being sold by dealers in 67 countries.

From there the company continued to grow from strength to strength and with their motorcycle being the first to average 100 mph (160 km/h) in a race in the 1920s, plus the introduction of the “Teardrop” fuel tank, along with a front brake and a new improved 74 cubic inch (1.2 litre) engine, not even the Great Depression of the 1930s was going to stop this company from continued growth.

Today the dream of many a young lad, and indeed a few oldies, is to own a “Harley” and be part of the legend where you can “Live to ride”.



Left:
1907 Harley.



Right:
Harley
Sportstar

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Another fantastic excursion for JAM (Jesus And Me)

On Saturday, the 3rd November, and for the third year in a row, a large group of JAM children, friends, Leaders and parents, travelled to Launceston to see Colin Buchanan in concert at the Door of Hope Church.

And once again, the day was a tremendous success.

There was a great deal of singing, laughter and enjoyment, and on the way home, the bus stopped at the Avoca playground, so that everyone could enjoy an exercise break and afternoon tea!



Over many years JAM has been continually Blessed by Colin's wonderful gifts of songwriting and performing.

What a special treat it is, to be able to see him, not only on stage, but for two and a half hours after the concert, as he sits so patiently and meets all the children, while signing books, posters and anything else presented to him for an autograph.

Planning is already underway for next year's concert!



Could the person who signed her letter to Cagerattler as 'Annie S' please get in contact by phoning 6372 2155.

The Tasmanian Lymphoedema Centre Inc



Gold Coast Holiday Raffle



Tickets \$2 and available at St Marys Post Office or any TLC Member.

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LONG LAY-BY 'TIL CHRISTMAS

Letter to the editor;

I would like to thank all the people who had enough faith in me to give me their time and their vote. Also a big thanks to Jim Haas, Greg Cruse, Dan Rice, and all those who let me put up my signs. And last but not least Wendy, who supported me through the last six months of campaigning.

Congratulations to the other candidates who were elected and to those who had the nerve to try and were not successful. I also appreciated the offers of help and guidance from the Mayor, Robert Legge, John McGiveron, David Clement and Brian Inches.

This is my first time as an elected official in local government, but I promise to do my best for the people in the Valley. I intend to set up a meeting place both in St Marys and Fingal to enable me to keep up to date with these communities. Again thank you.

Reon Johns

Letters to the editor

Sir,

In the August 30 edition of the always superb Valley Voice there was a column by Cagerattler that made reference to the dismal employment outlook for the younger generation and their consequent forced migration away from the Valley. The column ended with a question mark preceded by the words, "What do you think?" I have been closely scanning the subsequent issues of the treasure to see what ideas would come up. Not a one! So I thought I might give it a go. (Bob Hersey take note: I have been unable to locate a C. Rattler in the phone book.)

As I write the all too frequent wind is howling through the power lines in front of my house. The young people referred to by Cagerattler are in the top notch St Marys School getting an education that will open doors for them all around the world, but those doors will remain shut in their home town.

Agriculture has been ground down by globalisation and the bean counters have decided that farmers should compete with the subsidised US and EEC, and every peasant farmer on the planet. The new buzzword is Food Miles, and these two words say a lot. To sit in the bush at lunchtime and eat a tasteless orange that has come from California, while Riverina farmers let the good ones drop to the ground and rot, is a clear signal that something is out of wack. We need a growers market in our area and we need to support it.

The coal industry is experiencing a revival due to high oil prices, and the Chinese market, but with its carbon footprint being writ large in our atmosphere, it is unlikely that they can go on doing what they do in the long run.

Tourism seems to offer some hope, but as oil prices go through the \$100 mark in the next year or so, the big Jumbos and 380s will be parked on the green bit at the side, and Dietmar and Helga will be staying home to mow the carbon sink, bang another piling into the virtual fence, and work out how to heat the joint when the Ruskies cut the gas off. They will have to give a lot of thought to the dollar/environment cost of the drive to the airport, let alone being transported to the edge of the world on vast quantities of kerosene that is being injected straight into the atmosphere as greenhouse gas.

There will be some new jobs in Forestry, Hydro, and so called service industries, but nowhere near enough to reverse the trend of the departing young people.

There is, however, a set of circumstances existing in Tasmania at the present time that could, in my opinion, see a reversal of the trend.

Basslink. This competition policy driven cable is turning out to be somewhat of a disaster for Tasmania, due to climate change and the subsequent drought. The spin doctors are hard at work setting us all up for a 20% rise very soon and then maybe five or ten percent a year for the foreseeable future. Paul Lennon appeared nervously on my TV the other night to say that he was going to subsidise electricity for pensioners. This before the due date is finalised, and he was careful to say subsidise with nary a mention of a full offset. Yes we are all going to pay.

The other disturbing aspect of Basslink is that every time you flick a switch in Tasmania you are making a direct connection to the great coal fired CO₂ factories on the mainland. No more clean green zero carbon footprint for us. Because of the drought we are now contributing to the problem and not to the solution as we should be. The electrons in Basslink are all heading south and instead of selling clean green power to those nasty mainland polluters,

at a vast profit, we are apparently sending Hydro broke paying for the dirty filthy electricity to keep the lights on in our state.

The answer is of course to increase the generating capacity in Tasmania, and as far as the Franklin below Gordon is unlikely to be dug up just yet, that leaves wind energy.

We have a home grown company in Roaring 40s that would appear to be kicking it to bits around the world, with leading edge technology that is being accepted as "the" solution. The policy in Tasmania seems to be to site the wind farm as far away from any vestige of population as possible. Woolnorth and Mussleroe are about as far out of town as you can get in this state. I suspect the stated reason for this will be wind availability, but you can't help thinking that it is because of the **NOT IN MY BACKYARD** hassles that these projects seem to come with.

What would happen in a community that actively sought and genuinely welcomed a wind generation unit into its environment? What if that community was located at the end of an east/west valley that would concentrate and direct the available wind, and as a bonus already had a high tension line and corridor along its entire southern side connected to the rest of the state and the dreaded Basslink?

My guess is that in the present economic and political circumstances that community would be knocked down in the rush to get it up and running.

Let's not fanny about. We need to build a road just like the link road and about just as long, but straight over The Elephant. There are probably a couple of old blokes in a nursing home somewhere, that given enough medication, will remember how it was done. Along the road will stand the great wind turbines. When they hit the high spot a visitor centre with a renewable energy theme will be built, and it will drop the jaw of the most jaded tourist. The view from up there must be stunning, though none but the foolhardy will ever know. When that is finished the bulldozers will be turned loose on Legges Tor and Mt Nicholas, and where the ridge roads go, the turbines will follow.

Now John Howard has a bit of a gripe about wind energy. He is not right about much, but he just might have us on this one. Wind energy cannot provide base load electricity when the wind doesn't blow. 100% correctamundo.

Tasmania is likely to contradict him on this one. We have a massive Hydro Electric system that is suffering from lack of water due to drought, and the requirement to constantly use the system to provide baseload. Now when the wind blows (given a large enough wind system) the plugs can be put in the dams and what water is available can be conserved. When the wind stops the plugs are removed and our trusty hydro system takes up the baseload duty. The more wind capacity, the more to be left in the dams. The dams have not stopped producing, they are just overworked in the drought circumstance.

With the wind farm coming online, the Hydrogen Pilot Plant and Research facility can be constructed. Now everyone knows that hydrogen is a dangerous gas, it blows up. This of course is a prerequisite for a fuel to power engines of all types; it helps the process if the fuel blows up. As it turns out, Hydrogen has less bang per unit volume than petrol or propane gas that we store, handle and transport every day. Hydrogen has one property that makes it worthwhile and that is that when it blows up, the only by-product is water vapour, and God knows we could do with a bit more of that around here.

Letter to the editor

Hydrogen can be readily produced from seawater (unlikely to be in short supply) and electricity.

There are hydrogen powered buses and hydrogen fuel cell cars running right now in most of the cities in the developed world. Demo jobs, so politicians can point as they glide past and say they are on the problem. Most of these vehicles are running hydrogen produced from coal fired power stations, so are basically pointless in greenhouse gas terms. Hydrogen produced in Tasmania by, say, the St Marys Wind Farm and Hydrogen Centre however, would be showing the way from the carbon age to the hydrogen age. The one big drawback with hydrogen is that the Arabs, Oil Companies and Shareholders will find it hard to gouge every man, woman and child on the planet, as they currently do.

Maybe a joint venture with BP in the St Marys Research Centre will fix that. What about a hydrogen fired power station down near Four Mile Creek, about four or five metres about sea level (better make it 20 metres to be on the safe side) that will provide baseload when the wind stops blowing. The technology for most of this is done and dusted. It's not rocket science, it is far more important than that.

About 80% of all greenhouse gas comes from petroleum (43%) and coal (36%). We have pumped and dug it up from below the earth's crust, put it through the fireplace, steam engine, power station, and the Chevrolet, and put it all into our atmosphere as greenhouse gas. The planet has bubbled along for the past 4000,000 years or so with a CO₂ level of between 100 and 280 parts per million. The next breath you take has a level of 380 ppm and if you take one in ten year's time it is projected to be 480ppm. Anyone who thinks we can get away with this without serious consequences is crackers. We have had the tap on the shoulder with the record droughts in Australia and elsewhere. Easy to dismiss as droughts come and go in this country, but this one just seems to keep coming. The price rise in electricity is another gentle reminder that we are running up a big debt in the atmosphere. The fiddler is warming up just out of earshot of most of us. He is about to hit the high notes that we will all hear loud and clear.

The time of the enviro warrior has come and gone. He won a few battles in 1968 then sat on the verandah patting himself on the back while the real war went on unnoticed all around him. We got the message and have been paying for it ever since. The armies of environmental consultants, officers etc. etc. that we all pay for and suffer daily, will be irrelevant in the hydrogen age. We are all destined to be enviro warriors. The new age wants engineers, computer boffins, electronics whizzes and people who have a will to clean up the mess we have left them. Typical St Marys schoolkids. The new groupies will be throwing themselves at the guy who perfected the hydrogen turbine for tractors, so that we can all continue to eat. The new improved Tom Cruise will be around the corner at Mum's place one Sunday stirring the gravy. He will be waiting for you to come home from the beach so he can gaze doe-eyed across the lamb roast into the eyes of a girl who engineered the hydrogen back into the jet engine. The supermodels of the hydrogen age will be wearing lab coats and the sight of the six coloured pens in the breast pocket will send men mad with desire. This is all going to be very, very sexy. Go down to the supermarket on a Saturday morning. When you come to the checkout you will see some of the St Marys kids, and be well pleased with their courteous service.

What you are looking at is a lifetime of postcards from, say, Oslo. One a week at the start, while homesickness takes hold, then one a month. Then one at Christmas and on your birthday, then one when the grandchild is born. If you are lucky, she will come home for your funeral. Maybe. They probably say they can't wait to leave town but the strings that bind to home and family are formidable. At the moment they don't have a choice. They really have to go.

The well paid, full time jobs from a wind farm will cascade for generations to come. Not jobs selling insurance and penny pinching under pressure. Jobs with a clear goal and an outcome that will be talked about in a thousand years. Take a drive out to Cornwall to the Coalminers Wall. All the names are there. The hard work toward a common goal has burnt its image into this valley for evermore. The descendants of the men who sacrificed everything for a future for their families, have inherited an earth with big problems. We need to open up a portal so the same blood can begin to mine.

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder. Perhaps a village nestled at the end of the Fingal Valley would be better off with our current view to the hills. From my point of view, great rows of wind turbines turning in the breeze would be about as beautiful as this planet is likely to get. It's like my lifetime companion Bob Dylan (wouldn't know me from a bar of soap) said all those year's ago:

The answer my friend is blowing in the wind,

The answer is blowing in the wind.

As for me, well if the Voice publishes this I am leaving town till it blows over. Two days I reckon. If "Irate" of Dalmaine Rd, or "Angry" of South Sister, feels the urge to write to the Voice to tell me what an idiot I am, they should consider the fact that when they turn on the computer they are creating greenhouse gas at a power station at Cessnock in the Hunter Valley. So don't do it!

I am however, prepared to enter into correspondence with all those living in caves and wearing roadkill. They are not the problem.

Bob Oates.

Valley Voice has made the decision to print this letter in its entirety, but in future could all subscribers please keep words of letters to be published to 500 or less.

To the Editor

In the August 30 edition of the Valley and East Coast Voice Mr Reon Johns raised some questions concerning the make-up and contact details for the recently re-formed Break O'Day Safer Community Committee.

I can advise that the committee is made up of representatives from various organisations within our community including Healthy House, St Helens & Districts Chamber of Commerce, Education Department, Tasmanian Fire Service, Youth Health and the St Marys Hospital.

As the Acting Inspector at St Helens Police I currently chair the committee. Any enquiries or concerns relating to the Safer Community Committee can be directed to myself at the St Helens Police Station.



Acting Inspector Jason Elmer
St Helens Police Station
Ph. 6376 1122 Ext. 4352
email: jason.elmer@police.tas.gov.au

Chairperson
Break O'Day Safer Community Committee

Letter to the Editor

In reply to Mr. Capill 25th October 2007 Valley Voice I will try and satisfy the writer regarding several issues.

I could not agree more with your comments regarding responsibility, Councillors do have to be sure that they are acting on behalf of the community at all times, whilst also working as a team. At no time should a Councillor use the system for ones own benefit.

I can fully understand why present Councillors did not know about this so called agreement. The reason they did not know was there was not an agreement of any kind associated with this matter of cloud seeding. I find this type of information very misleading for the public. The last paragraph of my letter to the Hydro asked for consultation before any action was contemplated.

The ironic thing regarding the letter is that you had a pretty good idea what was in it. If you saw a copy of the letter then you did not interpret it very well, or if your informant or informants verbally told you about the letter you where not told the whole contents of the letter.

It must also be appreciated that there are many people who are reliant on water in this Municipality, people who rely on rain water tanks and all aspects of agriculture. We had at the time of writing to the Hydro been through one of the driest periods on record so to sit back and not respond to the Hydro at all would not have been acting responsibly. For your information no Councillor contacted me after the distribution of the letter through the information papers. It is also to be noted that the Hydro contacted me first.

My correspondence is circulated to Councillors for their information, and is not for distribution into the public arena. If I found this to be happening then I would have to seriously consider having the practice stopped. Letters are written for many reasons some are answers to requests from ratepayers, I don't believe their private business should be open to the public, these letters are circulated to Councillors and should be treated as confidential information.

Your last paragraph regarding an administrator in the Break O'Day Council is absolutely wrong. The Break O'Day Council was formed in 1993 following the amalgamation of Fingal Council and Portland Council. An administrator was placed in the Portland Council many many years ago and has nothing to do with the present Council. There is no Councillor at the present time that was associated with Portland Council. To satisfy your own concerns I was a Councillor on the Fingal Council not the Portland Council. Here again your informant is way out and apparently just using you to fire the bullets.

I find this sort of information deliberately misleading and mischievous to say the least, it is nothing more than idle gossip.

With the 150th year celebrations for St Marys fast approaching it may be opportune to stop point scoring and all of us start promoting this wonderful town we all live in. We should all realise that we live in the best part of the world and behave accordingly.

If people wish to run a personal anti campaign against me then do so by all means, but please get your facts right first.

Robert Legge.

OUT OF THE WOODWORK

Reon Johns. President 63722094

The first day of our FRRR course went very well. All those who attended seemed to have a good time. We went over the basics of wood work and got to know each other.

We went to Launceston on the 25 October to visit the 1842 Fine Furniture show room, a woodwork machine supplier and a hardware store. All students were impressed and inspired to the extent that they purchased some wood work equipment and were planning future projects.

The Guild has a new member from Fingal, Tess, (pictured below) who travels to and fro on the bus. Tess enjoyed her first day and is working on converting some louvered doors into window shutters.

The Lymphoedema Centre has asked the Guild to construct a 3 seat bench. This project is a welcome diversion from our regular on goings and we hope to have it finished before the Sesquicentenary celebrations.

The members would like to wish Maisie Finney a happy birthday and many happy returns.

The FRRR courses are mostly for seniors and they will be given first choice. They will take place from 10:00am till 2:00pm every Tuesday. (There will be no Tuesday course on November 5, due to the Melbourne Cup.)

On Wednesday November 6 we will have John McColl demonstrating woodcarving.

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. Other times by arrangement.



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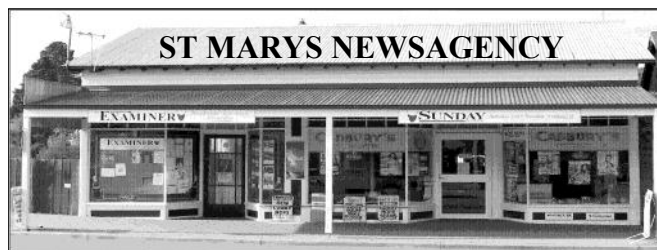
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Remember back a couple of issues when I touched on recording our history similar to the Valley People book? Since then my faith has been renewed even more when I saw the Exhibition of History of our area on display at St Marys District High School and shown by students from St Marys, Fingal, Avoca and Bicheno. This was terrific to see, by someone who finds history really important. The kids involved also seemed to be genuinely interested in each other's work and displays, and the staff from all these schools involved in the project deserve thanking for encouraging the kids to delve into the past like this.

Like my friend at the Valley Voice who writes "A little bit of Heritage" every issue, their work is greatly appreciated. "A little bit of Heritage" is a highlight for me to read each time in our paper. It's great.

Other contributors over the years who have written personal accounts of our heritage and where we came from deserve similar commendation.

Now that the Historical group are really beginning to get going, my fears that much of this history may be lost are allayed, and I am particularly thrilled that our schools are now seizing onto the same thoughts.

I'm not a massive fan of our incumbent federal government, but one thing I do agree with them on is making Australian History a core subject in secondary schools throughout the country.

Another great initiative that happens in our schools and is a massive benefit, is the Australian Business Week project. This year St Marys hosted and ran this amazing project, and to see the incredible work the kids involved put in, not to mention mentors, the teachers and general administrators, was indeed a privilege.

Anyone who thinks our teenagers don't have drive, imagination and motivation to succeed, haven't seen the results of such a project, and I'd urge any student who has the opportunity to do it in the future, to take a chance.

St Marys did particularly well in the awards and prizes, and the judges were suitably impressed by the standard of all the teams, without exception. Congratulations to all involved.

This was followed up by mock interviews, and once again most students fully embraced the concept. This training is crucial for these young adults, to obtain work and allows genuine insight into the job appreciation process.

I know it's been going for a while now but let's hope that through the generosity of local business people who act as the mock employers, that this idea will continue. It can only be for the good of our future adults.

What do you think?

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The wife asks, "Well then, could you fix the fridge door? It won't close right." To which he replied, "Fix the fridge door? Does it look like I have Westinghouse written on my forehead? I don't think so. I've had enough of you, I'm going to the pub!"

"Fine," she says, "then you could at least fix the steps to the front door. They're about to break."

"I'm not a damn carpenter and I don't want to fix the steps," he says. "Do I look like I have Ace Hardware written on my forehead? I don't think so. I've had enough of you, I'm going to the pub!"

So he goes to the pub and drinks for a couple of hours. He then starts to feel guilty about how he treated his wife, so he decides to go home and help out.

As he walks into the house he notices the steps are already fixed. As he enters the house he notices the hall light is working, and as he got a beer, he noticed the fridge door is fixed.

"Honey," he asks, "how'd all this get fixed?"

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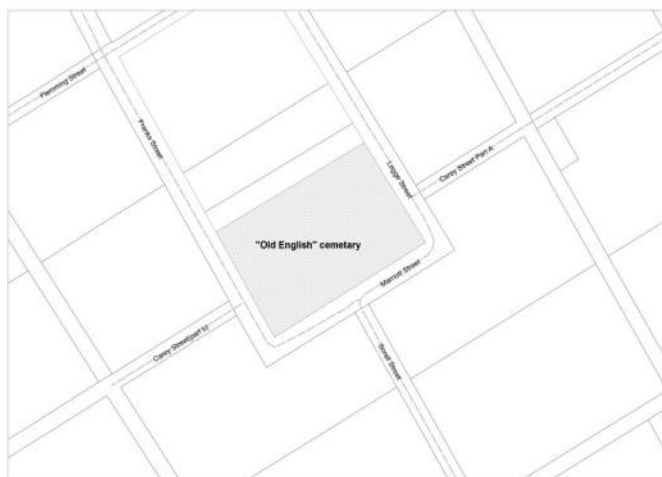
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Copies of the Annual Report will be available on 9 November, 2007 at Council Offices in St Helens and at Holder Bros General Store, Fingal.

Members of the Community are invited to make submissions in writing on any aspect of the Annual Report for discussion at the Annual General Meeting.

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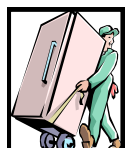
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The Great St Marys Bake-Off

Calling all bakers in the valley – we need your skills. We know that there are many wonderful bakers out there and while this has been devised as a genuine competition (with proper awards that will go down in history) the real objective is to obtain a supply of cakes/scones/slices that the Hospital Auxiliary (the Lions Club nominated charity) can access to sell morning and afternoon teas. The Auxiliary is working hard to purchase a new defibrillator for the Hospital and the Reunion day will provide them with a wonderful source of revenue.

So get baking – the categories are:

Sponge Cake
Chocolate Cake
Loaf Cake
Plate of 6 or more scones
Fruit Cake
Plate of 6 or more date scones
Decorated Birthday Cake
Decorated Fruit/Christmas Cake
Plate of 6 or more slices

Entries should be delivered to the Community Hall by 8.30am on Saturday 1 December – hopefully we can complete judging and announce the winners at 10.00am which will also coincide with the actual opening of the Reunion Weekend.

Volunteers

The Hospital Auxiliary are few in number and will struggle to cope with supplying morning and afternoon tea; they will need all the help they can get. If you could help for an hour or so during the day please let Harry or Kerry at the Post Office know.

Photos

We are still looking for photos of people and events relating to St Marys, particularly wedding photos. Please drop them off at the Post Office and we will copy them and return them.

Supper Dance

There will be an old-fashioned Supper Dance in the Community Hall commencing at 7.00pm on Saturday 1 December. There will be a live old-time dance band so dust off your dancing shoes and make sure you are there. The Cornwall Community association will be running the bar on the night and a full range of refreshments will be available. Bring along a plate for supper.

Community Breakfast

We want to try and get **THE WHOLE TOWN** to the Community Breakfast on Sunday 2 December. There will be a variety of entertainment and plenty of food so keep your eyes and ears open for more details. Please make your plans to be there and share in this historic event.

**Its going to be a great weekend with plenty of people coming to St Marys
– get involved, get interested and participate – let's show the whole of
Tasmania how strong a community we are!**

Nipping bushfires in the bud

Tree cutting near Aurora's powerlines is now underway in fire danger areas across Tasmania. This work will be undertaken by Aurora and its authorised Contractors. This ongoing maintenance program by Aurora aims to:

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Vegetation Officer North East – (03) 6324 7617

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Tues	13th	Pam Lynch	Susan Woods
Wed	14th	B & B McAllister	Alana Johns
Thurs	15th	Pam Gillies	Lynda Bean
Fri	16th	Jeff Herrmann	Robyn Miller
Mon	19th	Trish Pike	Kaylene Sutton
Tues	20th	Dawn Lodge	Debbie Speers (N)
Wed	21st	Ruth McGiveron	Christine Woods (P)
Thurs	22nd	Heather Griffiths	Maureen Hall
Fri	23rd	Claire Bean	Mim Woods

Church Services

Catholic Parish of St Marys

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1st Week:

St Helens	Vigil	6.00pm
Bicheno		9.00am
St Marys		9.00am
Fingal		9.30am
Swansea		9.30am
Campbell Town		5.00pm

2nd Week

St Helens	Vigil	5.00pm
St Marys		9.00am
Bicheno		9.00am
Fingal		9.30am
Swansea		9.30am
Campbell Town		5.00pm

3rd Week: MASS

St Helens	Vigil	5.00pm
St Marys		9.00am
Bicheno	LITURGY	9.00am
Swansea		11.30am
Campbell Town		5.00pm

Week 4

Liturgy of the Word

St Helens	Vigil	5.00pm
St Marys		9.00am
Bicheno		9.00am
Fingal		9.30am
Swansea		9.30am
Campbell Town		5.00pm

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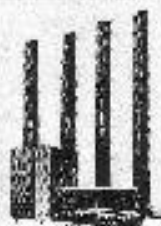
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ST MARYS PLAYGROUP NEWS

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PLAYGROUP ST MARYS FACES EXTINCTION

unless we can find at least 3 people willing to take over the committee.

"What do I have to do on the committee" you ask??

"Very little" is the easy answer.

- * You need to be a signatory for the cheque account (the fun part when ordering new toys and supplies) – two signatures are needed for each cheque.
- * And once a year we send in our bank statements to Playgroup Tasmania who do all the financial stuff for us.
- * Once a year the membership forms get handed out – you collect those and send off to Playgroup Tasmania
- * The keys and cash box are kept in the school office- so if Reading Together is not on (and the kindergarten room not open) you need to collect the keys and open up.
- * Making sure the floor is swept, curtains closed, toys away, bathroom tidy- as we do every week anyway.
- * Other duties include relaxing with your kids and having fun.
- * Playgroup Tas will help with any queries and will even come down and visit if you need help – Debbie I think was the North East adviser.

There is so much more you can do if you wish- organise excursions- theme the play sessions- organise information sessions with St Johns, Police, Fire, Neighbourhood Watch, etc, or exchange visits with other Playgroups, Pyengana, St Helens etc. Or just turn up and see how the play turns out! The kids manage very well with no organised activities- just their imaginations and a sunny morning on the slide is enough. The best advice Playgroup Tas gave last year was – "just turn up and don't worry!"

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Keep the Money In St Marys

A Local First campaign has been organised for St Marys local business.

The economic initiative and program is designed to help consumers recognize that supporting locally owned independent businesses keeps up to 3 times more money recirculating in our town which helps in a big way to maintain the uniqueness of our region and creates and maintains jobs here.

Local First: choose local businesses draws public attention to the benefits of shopping at locally owned businesses rather than heading to Launceston, Hobart or other places.

The initiative will provide an easy way to identify the businesses involved through a public awareness campaign utilizing store window decals and in-store displays with a distinctive logo.

The objectives of the campaign are to:

- * Re-circulate more dollars in our community to promote a strong local economy
- * Support and strengthen locally owned, independent businesses and create and maintain local jobs
- * Preserve and enhance our unique town
- * Get consumers to commit to spending more dollars with our participating locally owned businesses

To find out more contact Kim on 63 722 211

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On November 11th at the St Helens Port on Georges Bay, the 50th Anniversary of the Blessing of the Fleet will be conducted by the Combined Churches of Break O'Day.

It is understood from the records that this is the only Blessing of the Fleet service in Australia which has been held continuously without missing a year.

The fishing fraternity, along with the Sea Scouts, Girl Guides, Navy Cadets from TS Argonaut, Water police, and interested members of the public, will attend a service to be held at 2pm, outside the Sea Rescue headquarters.

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WE MUST RESCUE TASSIE DEVIL – MR HOWARD LAUGHS AT LITTLE BEAST'S PLIGHT

Senior Tasmanian MP, Dick Adams, Member for Lyons, has asked Federal Labor to consider a Tasmanian devil rescue plan to protect the little beast – facing annihilation from a rare facial tumour disease.

This was after Prime Minister John Howard laughed (October 30) on Hobart and national radio at the plight of the Tasmanian devil dying from “Devil Facial Tumour Disease”.

“If we lose the Tassie Devil, it will be a tragedy ... this is not a laughing matter,” Mr Adams said. “A ferocious and infectious facial tumour disease is sweeping through the Tasmanian devil population, leaving death and destruction in its wake.”

In February 2006, the Tasmanian devil was put on the threatened species list. <http://www.dpiw.tas.gov.au/inter.nsf/WebPages/LBUN-5QF86G?open>

“On October 17, Federal Labor has pledged a cane toad kill plan, but we need a plan to rescue the Tassie Devil ... I’m talking about a small scientific plan to keep them from becoming extinct,” Mr Adams said.

Mr Adams lashed out at the Prime Minister for laughing in a national radio interview about the plight of the Tasmanian devil (*Sarcophilus harrisii*).

When Mr Howard was asked on radio (Oct 30) by respected journalist and presenter Charles Woolley – on HEART FM – to consider funding research to help combat the facial cancer, the exchange went as follows:

CHARLES WOOLLEY: Prime Minister, before you go, there is a subject near to my heart and the heart of this program and many people who listen to it. And that is the plight of the Tasmanian devil which is, I don't know if you know, suffering from an appalling and fiercely infectious facial tumour disease. This is an almost science fiction disease in that it's a cancer which can be spread from one animal to another. There is a need amongst the scientists researching and working on this, they tell me, for \$10 million a year for the next five years to save the Tasmanian devil from going extinct in the wild. This could happen very rapidly.

JOHN HOWARD: I know your interest in the Tasmanian devil. I know your interest in that whole issue. And let me take your suggestion on board .. [LAUGHS].. I.. [LAUGHS AGAIN]... I don't think I can do more than!

“I find it hard to believe that people like the PM find it difficult to love our little devil,” Mr Lyons said.

“Tasmanian Labor will make representations to Federal Labor to provide funding to help save our beloved Tassie icon.”

GEOFF PAGE LOBBYING FOR SHARE OF FEDERAL WATER FUNDING

'FEDERAL ASSURANCE ON NATIONAL WATER PLAN'

Geoff Page says he has written to the Prime Minister John Howard, Environment Minister Malcolm Turnbull and the Tasmanian Water Taskforce to ensure the Lyons electorate received a fair share of funding under the National Water Plan.

Mr Page, on Tuesday, said he was delighted with confirmation by Federal Agriculture Minister Peter McGauran at Evandale, that Tasmania was entitled to a share of funding from the \$10 billion plan.

Mr McGauran and Mr Page lunched at Evandale with the TFGA President Roger Swain, Tasmanian racing officials, and Senators Richard Colbeck and Guy Barnett.

“This is potentially great news for Tassie farmers in Lyons. It means there is \$1.5 billion out of that fund available for water funding across Australia and some of it can be accessed by Tasmania,” Mr Page said.

“I have been in the livestock transport business most of my life and I’ve grown up with the heartache faced by farmers in times of drought. When you’ve spent enough time picking up dead sheep and cattle, from a paddock with nothing on it, you know all about the need for water infrastructure,” he said.

Mr Page also paid tribute to the work of the Tasmanian Federal Liberal Water Taskforce headed by Parliamentary Secretary for Finance Richard Colbeck, and including Tasmanian Liberal MHRs Mark Baker and Michael Ferguson and Senators Guy Barnett and Stephen Parry.

“The taskforce has established the ground work for funding, and according to Minister McGauran the way is now open for specific applications. As the Federal Liberal candidate for Lyons my job is to ensure those applications are both submitted and considered,” he said.

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A man and his ever nagging wife went on vacation to Jerusalem. While they were there the wife passed away. The undertaker told the husband, “You can have her shipped home for \$5000, or you can bury her here in the Holy Land for \$150.”

The man thought about it and told him he would just have her shipped home. The undertaker asked, “Why would you spend \$5000 to ship your wife home when it would be wonderful to be buried here, and you would only spend \$150?”

The man replied. “Long ago a man died here, was buried here, and three days later he rose from the dead. I just can’t take that chance.”

Thank you to the contributor of this item.

SIMAZINE IN TASMANIAN RIVERS

Perpetrators Must Be Prosecuted If Breach Found

The Tasmanian Greens has described as “serious and unacceptable” the current situation where chemical pollution of Tasmanian waterways can still occur whether or not operators abide by the Forest Practices Code or the Aerial Spraying Code, and have called for the laws to be strengthened and practices to be tightened to ensure that compliance can be ensured and enforced.

Greens Shadow Water spokesperson Tim Morris MHA said that the laws must be strengthened with chemical trespass provisions to ensure that any agricultural chemical contamination of waterways is actionable, and that in the meantime it should be a matter of course that the Minister prosecutes any polluters who are found to have breached the current regulations.

Mr Morris raised the specific example of the Lake Leake water catchment area where the contentious herbicide Simazine has been recorded continuously in the Macquarie River for the last three months, where he called upon the Minister for Primary Industries and Water, David Llewellyn, to ensure that if forestry operators in the area are found to have breached the *Forest Practices Code* or other laws, that they will be prosecuted.

“It is an appalling situation when forestry operators are allowed to continue to use dangerous chemicals, such as Simazine, and regularly contaminate Tasmanian rivers, as was the case of the coupe near Lake Leake that apparently has caused the whole of the Macquarie River to be contaminated, affecting the drinking water of all the towns reliant upon the river from Campbell Town to Launceston, and while the Greens welcome the Minister’s statement that he will ensure prosecution of forestry operators if a breach is identified, it’s about time that he got serious and accept some responsibility in this area that has for too long been left to self-regulation, which equals no regulation,” Mr Morris said.

“It goes without saying that operators who are responsible for the chemical pollution of our waterways as a result of breaching the relevant regulations should be prosecuted, so all the Minister told the Parliament is that he intends to do what he should be doing in this situation.”

“However, the Minister has yet to address the other critical issue, which is the continual appearance of chemicals, such as simazine, in rivers despite breaches of the regulations apparently not being the cause.”

“If forestry or agricultural operators can still pollute our rivers despite abiding by the rules then obviously those rules are woefully inadequate and must be tightened as a matter of urgency.”

“This is the real challenge facing Minister Llewellyn.”

“Again and again we are reminded of the urgent need for Chemical Trespass legislation, which the Greens have tried to get through Parliament on several occasions but which both Liberal and Labor have voted to defeat.”

“Whereas other State environmental protection statutes place the onus upon those affected by pollution to establish the degree to which they have been affected and prove that it exceeds ‘permissible’ levels, the Greens’ *Chemical Trespass Bill* clearly stipulates unequivocally that the detectable presence of any agricultural chemicals in unauthorised areas is an offence, no matter the amount; and would further ensure that if chemicals were sprayed in an upper catchment and were subsequently detected in drinking water, an offence would have been committed.”

“The Lennon Labor Government needs to get serious about chemical trespass,” Mr Morris said

Tim Morris MHA Greens Shadow Water spokesperson

LABOR’S SECRET PLAN TO AXE LIVE EXPORTS

Geoff Page, on Tuesday this week, challenged the Labor Party to rule out closure of the live animal export trade if they won the election.

“The live export industry is a hedge for farmers against price and demand fluctuations in the domestic processing market, especially in the face of drought pressures, but the Labor Party has said they will ignore this and cave-in to extreme animal welfare groups,” Lyons Federal Liberal candidate Geoff Page said.

“You can’t just obliterate an industry because of some extremist political pressure - but knowing that Dick Adams and Senator Kerry O’Brien are from the Labor Left, I am not surprised at their disregard for farmers,” he said.

“This is a glimpse of a Rudd Labor Government. As Peter Garrett said of their policies, they will “just change it all” if they win government.

“If the Greens win the balance of power in the Senate then Australia would be governed by the infamous triumvirate – Kevin Rudd, Peter Garrett and Bob Brown. Imagine that!” he said.

Mr Page said that if Australia pulled out of the live animal export trade then countries with appalling records on live animal shipments would fill the void, without all the safety guidelines Australia has put in place.

“A Rudd Labor government would be a government of minority interest groups, such as unions with only 15% membership of the private sector workforce; the Greens with only 13% of the popular vote at best; and extreme groups such as animal rights activists,” Mr Page said.

Author and lecturer Leo Buscaglia once talked about a contest he was asked to judge.

The purpose of the contest was to find the most caring child.

The winner was a four year old child whose next door neighbour was an elderly gentleman who had recently lost his wife.

Upon seeing the man cry, the little boy went into the old gentleman's yard, climbed onto his lap, and just sat there.

When his Mother asked what he had said to the neighbour, the little boy said,

"Nothing, I just helped him cry."

Final lot of sayings by children aged 4 to 8 when asked ,
“What does love mean?”

"Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your French fries without making them give you any of theirs."
Chrissy - age 6.

"Love is when you kiss all the time. Then when you get tired of kissing, you still want to be together and you talk more. My Mommy and Daddy are like that. They look gross when they kiss."
Emily - age 8.

"Love is when you tell a guy you like his shirt, then he wears it everyday."
Noelle - age 7 .

"You really shouldn't say 'I love you' unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget."
Jessica - age 8.

"If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate."
Nikka - age 6.

ST MARYS SPORTS CENTRE NEWS. KACKHANDER

First to golf, and a major thank you to the Awesome Foursome, Trevor Viney, Roger Donald, Mark Carrick and Glenn McDonald, for putting on an incredible fun day again this year. Also another big thank you to St Marys Hotel and Beachfront Bicheno, for providing some terrific sponsorship.

About 40 very enthusiastic golfers took part, very enthusiastic well into the evening too, I must add, but EVERYONE enjoyed the day immensely.

To the Awesome Foursome, well done for this event every year on this November long weekend. I won't mention the trophy winners (too many to get through) but just about everyone did well. Can't wait for the next Awesome Foursome!

Another part of this day was Macca's Melbourne Cup Sweep Draw, and celebration afterwards. Glenn has put an enormous amount of work into organising this during the past year, and his efforts were rewarded with full sweep numbers and a very enjoyable draw. Thanks Macca for your work on this great new event.

Another special mention to 'Barney' Trainor, who added a special touch with his 'Cupfield Rundown', for the punters and sweep personnel. His insightful, funny comments on each horse was a highlight. Also to Jim and Tam, who have been collecting the dosh all year for this event. Good luck, and we hope you won something this week.

Still on the Melbourne Cup, and we hope that the Lymphoedema Melbourne Cup Luncheon at the Club went off well again. This was written prior to the event, but knowing what the organising committee are like, it would be a huge success again we are certain. By all accounts it was fully booked, and with several events run on the day, it would be the place to be. Thank you to all involved. Next issue we will have some lines as to what took place.

Has everyone noticed the vast improvement to the course at the moment? It's looking great. This is in no small measure due to the efforts of Bob, Trevor, Jim, Col, Damon, Jack and anyone who I've forgotten, who has helped out with the day to day jobs, and also hooking and watering and the like.

The new fairway mower is also incredible, and is a genuinely great acquisition by the club. Thank you to all of you.

The Ladies Championships finally commence this week, after a couple of postponements, so we wish all the girls the best of luck in whatever grade they play in. The results next issue. To those taking part in the Barclay Shield, good effort also.

Finally on golf. The Malahide Annual Tournament is coming up on the 16/17/18th of November. If you can possibly enter the tournament either for singles or foursomes, please do so, because it is one of the best tournaments around, and like most clubs, numbers are not as big as in years gone by.

If you play you won't be disappointed and the course is in tremendous condition, especially the greens. Let's make a real effort if we can. There will be no golf at all at St Marys that weekend.

A couple of reminders: On Saturday November 24th, Macca and crew have organised the Tote Day event again, in conjunction with our friends at St Marys Hotel. Last year this event was a massive success, so please try to be heavily involved in it. More details next issue.

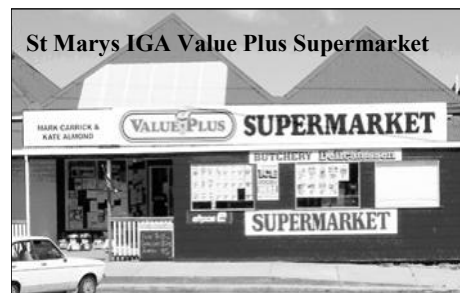
On December 1st, in conjunction with the Sesquicentenary, the club is running a special 'Back to the Club Reunion Day', inviting all former members to join us for this special weekend for the town. We also would love any support you can give this event to make it a big success. Again, more details next issue.

To bowls, and the draws for some of the club events have been done with excellent fields to take part in singles, mixed pairs and so on. Please try to get your games played on time so that we get through the events without too much hassle. That would be great.

Pennant this week is at home to St Helens Red, for both men and women. Let's see a good attendance for practice again. It's been incredible so far.

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