

The Valley & East Coast Voice



Celebrating St Marys Sesquicentennial Year



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Model Train comes to town.

As part of the Sesquicentenary Year, SMACD has invited Rob and Marilyn Mathews and their son Frank, to exhibit their model train in St Marys.

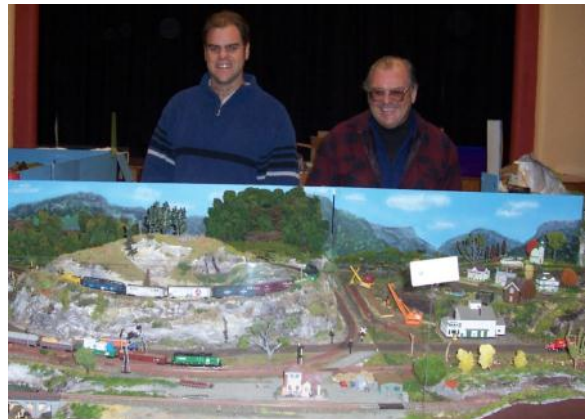
What a lot of work has gone into making and setting up this display in the Community Hall. Rob started this as a hobby around 30 years ago, and it has steadily grown, with a lot of the model



engines and buildings being made by Rob and Marilyn, and to her credit, all of the scenery and figurines have been

made by Marilyn. What a hobby to have. I did pose the question to Frank of whether his dad had time to take him to a footy match, and his answer was "No, but it didn't matter, because I was just as interested in trains as he was."

The landscaping is made from plastic over flywire, then coloured or dyed. Fibreglass resin is used as well to create the illusion of water. You should let your children go along and view this display.



Rob Mathews, right, and his son Frank in front of the model train display.



Or take them yourself. It is worth seeing.

Rob and Frank have set up signs with questions asking you to look for certain figures, and it takes some time to find them all. Thank you Rob, Marilyn and Frank for bringing something different to our small town.

\$3 per adult, children free, or if a child is going unaccompanied it will cost a gold coin.

Finishes Friday 15th June.

Please note: Deadline for articles to be included in the next Valley Voice is: 5 pm Tuesday, June 19, 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.

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Ph: 6372 2005

Snug as a Bug Snuggle Rug Project

– since the collapse of the former communist regime in what was the Soviet Union, the many orphanages there have suffered badly due to lack of proper infrastructure and funds. Orphans from babies to 15 years, who have no parents or have been abandoned, often suffer from poor self-esteem, lack of hope, loneliness and rejection. Can one person make a difference? Yes – by making a small quilt which a lonely child can keep as a sign that someone really cares. For details, drop in to Gone Rustic Quilt Studio & Gallery, 37 Main Street, St. Marys (phone 6372 2724 Tues-Fri, 11-4, or mobile 0409 289 997).

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FINGAL VALLEY HISTORY GROUP

A meeting will be held at the St Marys Railway Station for the possible formation of a history group.

The history room at the railway has generated a lot of interest. A number of photos and museum items have been donated since our opening.

If you are interested in our local history and would like to be part of a team in compiling and caretaking of this wonderful information, please join us on:

SUNDAY, JUNE 24, 2007

AT 2.30PM

I would like to thank everyone for their support and encouragement in this project.

Darlene Wright.

Ph: 63722 007

Airing the Quilts in St. Marys

- next to St.Marys Rivulet (between the bridge and the library) on Sunday 24th June, with the quilts hanging up just like the washing in the old days – on lines, held up with wooden clothes props.

Come and enjoy the creativity of quilters from the Break O'Day district and beyond!

If you're a quilter, why not display the quilts you've made, in company with other quilters?

For entry forms, contact Rita Summers @ Gone Rustic Quilt Studio & Gallery, 37 Main Street, St. Marys, Tas. 7215 (phone 6372 2724 Tues-Fri, 11-4, or 0409 289 997)

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A THANK YOU AND AN APOLOGY

We would like to thank all the people who recently gave so generously to the 2007 Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal.

At the same time we would like to apologise to those people who we were not able to visit.

After 2 separate ads in this paper, we had no response to our call for volunteer helpers in this year's appeal.

So of course it is very difficult to cover all of St Marys, Scamander, Beaumaris, St Helens, Cornwall, Fingal and Mathinna with just four people!

If anyone would still like to donate to the work of the Salvation Army, then please contact Mrs. Melanie Norton on 63-722099.



A LITTLE BIT OF HERITAGE: by Jim Haas
“Avro Avian”

In 1928 Jack Bullock was hardly out of napkins, but today he remembers what is believed to be the first airplane landing near St Marys, as vividly as if it were yesterday.

The plane circled the town several times, with its engine roaring with a sound foreign to the people of the Break O’Day Plains. Finally, when everyone including the children from the school, had ventured outdoors to investigate the strange roaring from the skies, they saw the unidentified object land in a paddock behind the homestead at “Cullenswood”.

All of a sudden it was a mad rush; almost all the townspeople followed by the children from the school, took off across the fields of Londavra and through the Break O’Day River to the paddock where the large, roaring bird had landed.

But poor Jack was disappointed, he was too small to keep up with his older brother Keith and the bigger kids who rushed past the teachers in their excitement to get a closer look at this new fangled flying machine, and to his disgust was held back at the school.

We can only imagine the excitement of the people of St.Marys on this significant day in our heritage, and thankfully in our Sesquicentennial year as part of the History of Transport being held during June, this day and the aircraft that paid our town a visit will be recognised.

Local identity Ian Summers, who can build, fix or restore anything from a safety pin to a jumbo jet has built a quarter size replica of the Avro Avian aircraft that, not only has a place in our heritage, but has a heritage of its own as long as your arm.

Avro Avian aircrafts were built in Britain, and first released on the market after World War One. They had twin open air cockpits, double wings and a wooden frame covered with thin light-weight metal. The wing span was 8.5 metres, length 7.4 metres, height 2.6 metres and overall gross weight was 726 kilograms. The earlier models, like the one that came to St Marys, had a single 85 horse power Cirrus II motor with a maximum speed of 160 kilometers an hour and cruising speed of 137.

The Avros were initially designed as a sporting aircraft. They were easy to fly and were used extensively in Europe and America in the 1920s as a recreation and pilot training machine. They were also used to set a number of aviation records and were owned by a number of pioneers in the field, including Sir Charles Kingsford-Smith.

The most noted of the Avro records, however, were set in 1928, the same year as the St Marys visit. In February, Australian Bert Hinkler flew an Avro Avian solo from England to Australia in a record time of 15 days. Later in the year Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly an aircraft solo across a Continent. She flew an Avro from East to West of America and back again.

From my research, it appears most likely the Avro which came to St. Marys in 1928 was quite special. I believe it was the first one shipped to Australia. It arrived in Adelaide towards the end of 1927 and was flown all over Australia by Royal Flying Corps pilot, Captain F.C.R. Jacques, who demonstrated the machine for the Avro Company.

This aircraft was kept in Australia and maintained in good working order. It was purchased in the 1990s by Lang Kidby, at which time it was the oldest registered flying aircraft in Australia. In 1999 Kilby duplicated Hinkler’s 11,000 mile flight of seven decades earlier, from England to Australia.



In 2001, however, after 74 years in Australia, the Avro was acquired by Greg Herrick, who shipped it to the United States and re-created the historic Amelia Earhart flight across America.

Now thanks to Ian’s 200 hours of making 712 parts and skillfully fitting them together he has created a replica that will, not only remind us of a significant day in the history of St. Marys, but give us an insight into a tiny aircraft that played such an important roll in the development of World aviation.

Left: Amelia Earhart stands beside her record breaking Avro Avian in 1928.



Ian Summers stands proudly over his quarter size replica of the first aircraft to land near St Marys in 1928.

Successful book launch of 'Blood of a Distant Island'

Writer Patsy Crawford, pictured right, who recently read from her new book, *Blood of a Distant Island* in St Marys, has incorporated several aspects of her family association with the district in the work.

Patsy's connection to St Marys is on her maternal side, her mother having been a Mitchell and her grandmother from the King family.

As such, her connection lies with both the Irish and the German settlers who came to the Fingal Valley in the mid to late 19th century.

Her new work consists of 11 stories gleaned from throughout Tasmania, with two concentrated on the St Marys area. German Town, the first story in the collection, and Irish Town, the final story have obvious connections and in part tiny observations and remembrances of stories told by her grandmother, Dolly Mitchell, when she was a child.

Patsy lived in the town for several years before moving to Deloraine, where she finds it easier to move between the east and west coasts and to the major Tasmanian libraries to carry out archival work. She is currently researching her next book.

Congratulations Patsy, for an interesting and informative book. Well done.

Patsy's book, *Blood of a Distant Island*, is available for sale at e.ScApe Café Gallery for \$24.95.



Donation of computer to History room.

Owing to a good response from the community from the sale of our heritage book and local identity calendar, plus a Sesquicentennial grant from Michael Polley MHA, St Marys Association for Community Development Inc. is in a position to help in worthwhile projects within the St Marys community.

To start this off, a \$500 grant has been given to the Break O'Day Woodcraft Guild to help in the expenses towards the construction of a Sesquicentennial seat. With the support of the Woodcraft Guild and students from the school, it will be carved by John Mc Coll from an old gum tree that stood for, what appeared forever, at the entrance to Gray Mares Tail at the top of St Marys Pass.

The tree was damaged in last December's fires and had to be felled. But thankfully local contractor, Craig Cox, saw the value in the old tree and delivered its main barrel to the Woodcraft Guild who came up with the idea of a seat, which will add another significant symbol to our 150th year.

As well, SMACD has pledged financial support, along with printing and online support, to Grassy Bottom Regional Arts for their Winter Solstice and the Lions Club towards the cost of running the Birthday weekend planned for the 1st & 2nd of December.

To add to this, through the Online Centre, a computer has been donated to the history room at the St Marys Railway Station. This computer will be used to store photos and literature relating to the history of the Fingal Valley and will be available for public viewing by appointment, once the loading of the programs has been completed.

SMACD is also looking at a number of future projects, including a Sesquicentennial bike race and literacy competition run in conjunction with St Marys District High School.

Thank you for continuing to support your community groups so that they can support you.



Darlene Wright works to load photos onto the computer, donated by SMACD, at the St Marys Railway Station History Room.

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Even though St Marys has a rich history, the reunion weekend will bring together people who will get great pleasure from looking at and talking about things that are contemporary to them.

Therefore we are looking for photos from the early 1920's onwards. In particular we are after any photos of sporting teams, activities, presentations etc. etc. We are also after any wedding photos, particularly those that show a group of people that lived in or were connected with St Marys. The sort of photos that bring back memories of friends, family and good times.

We are also very interested in photos of the houses, shops etc. in St Marys, whether they are still here or long gone. It would be a great talking point if we could create a "photo wall" of all the houses (past and present) in St Marys.

The photos don't need to be artistic masterpieces – the best photos are ones that bring back memories, so start rifling through your albums and sifting through the old shoe boxes and drop as many photos as you like to the Post Office – we will copy them and return the originals.

Also we would like to start sending out advance invitations – if you know anyone who used to live in St Marys, has family here or any other connection with St Marys or might just like to visit for the reunion, write their names and addresses on a piece of paper and drop it into the Post Office – we will make sure they get an invitation and information updates.

Finally dust off the old cake and scone recipes and start practising for the "Great St Marys Bake Off" to be held in conjunction with the reunion weekend. For once and all we will be able to settle the great mystery of who is the best cake baker in the valley.

Any practice efforts can be left for sampling at the Post Office.
(particularly passionfruit sponges or cream slices) though bribing of judges will not be condoned!

Let's all get involved and make it the best reunion for 150 years.

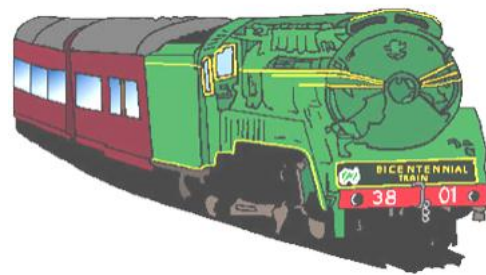


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The Hall will be chock a block full of cars etc from yesteryear.

So be part of the Sesquicentenary celebrations!!!!

Letter to the editor.

My wife and I attended the “press opportunity” which the Premier attended and graced us with a prepared statement, that out Mayor mentioned a few issues ago. (It is interesting that he did not mention the protesters, one being a local councilor, or inquire how many thousands of dollars per hour did it cost us the tax-payer to run a helicopter and have a pilot on standby, on the Sunday in which the Premier arrived and departed on).

During the informal luncheon, we were introduced to the State Transport Minister. We asked how often St Marys Pass was checked for rocks etc. and that were the chances of the pass being widened or a more satisfactory route to the coast being built in the future.

The reply was.... “council members check the pass DAILY, with an engineer from Hobart assessing it MONTHLY for hazards. The pass has falling rock signs, which removes responsibility from government and you should have car insurance to cover any damage caused by falling rocks etc.”.

We put forward a few suggestions, one being a new road. When the Minister stopped laughing, he replied, “THE AREA IS UNSTABLE SANDSTONE, AND IT IS UNSAFE AND NOT JUSTIFIABLE. WE DO NOT HAVE THE MONEY AND IT WILL NEVER HAPPEN.”

So my question is what is the current road built on?

I have heard on the grape vine that the pass has aboriginal heritage interest, and while resealing and road maintenance is tolerated, widening or re-routing the pass would not be tolerated. Will it take a fatality before something is done?

David and Kim Watkins.

The say by Cagerattler

A week or so ago I noticed a small mention in one of the newspapers in regard to our hospital (sorry, Health Centre) as part of the health reforms now being looked at by the current administration.

This mention referred to St Marys as still being reviewed.

What does that actually mean?

Another reference in a release referred to east coast upgrades as being improved, and that includes, I understand, a large injection of funds to upgrade St Helens Hospital.

There has been local community concerns that our services at the health centre may change again. Since then I have heard nothing more about this subject.

If there are to be eventual changes to our services, let's hope that it is to be for further upgrades for us as well.

After the monumental fight in 1997/98, to lose, then regain a full 7 day, 24 hour service, it is imperative that this not be lost again, but be enhanced, particularly in light of all the magnificent structural and other work that has taken place.

This is an unique community, but like all small communities with older residents, plus mining, forestry and other dangerous industries, we need around the clock facilities such as we have now. It gives great comfort, knowing it's there.

I suppose when the situation is reviewed fully, further information on any changes will be forthcoming. Let us anticipate that it will be good news. Too many people have fought too long for any other result.

If the healthcare officials fully consult with our community, they surely will consider us worthy of at least retaining what we already have.

What do you think?



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OUT OF THE WOODWORK by Reon Johns. President 6372 2094

The Guild is currently constructing a large noticeboard for Fingal Neighbourhood House. It is big enough to have two glass doors on each side. A new member, Michael has shown us how to do mortise and tenon joints on the doors.

Michael made it seem so easy and the finished doors look great, a real credit to Michael's woodworking ability. Now these skill sets have been shared with other members. Ian Summers has finished the Avro Avian and has decided not to cover the plane with fabric, but let the construction techniques show for all to admire.

The next round of Council Small grants is coming up in July and the Guild is hoping to be successful this time as we would like to buy some much needed equipment, so keep your fingers crossed.

A reminder to all members that your membership fees are due by the 30 June 2007, and the AGM will in at 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.

THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO NOMINATE FOR THE OLDEST VEHICLE

As part of the upcoming Sesquicentenary celebrations we are looking for the oldest vehicle in St Marys and the oldest vehicle that is still registered.

Please contact Ian Summers, Grant Faulkner, Bill Targett or Reon Johns.



St. Marys Association for Community Development
23b Main Street St. Marys Tasmania 7215
Ph 0363722094



We are holding a display of "the way things were transported in yesteryear" in June 2007, and we need photos and other memorabilia for our display. Your photos will be copied and returned to you immediately. Only the copies will be displayed.

We will be putting up the display soon and if you have anything that you would like to show please do so **ASAP**.

If you can be of any help with taking a trip down memory lane please contact Reon on **6372 2094**.

We hope to make this event a success and with your help I am sure it will be.

Classifieds in the Valley Voice are free of charge. If your articles are not sold after the first entry, we will repeat the ad in the next issue.

Please inform us if your items are sold.

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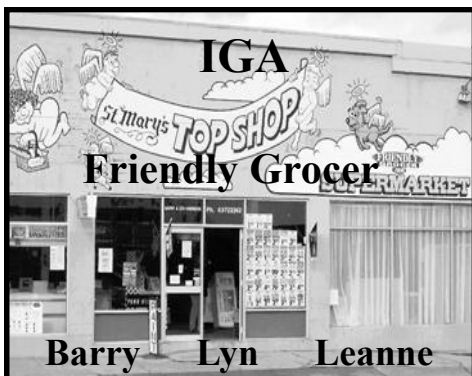
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Green's Senate candidate visit

Greens Senate candidate — and Iraq war whistleblower — Andrew Wilkie, pictured right, will be out and about introducing himself on the East Coast during the next week. He will be doorknocking and handing out information leaflets in St Helens on Friday June 8, Scamander and St Marys on the 9th, Bicheno on the 10th, Swansea on the 11th, Triabunna on the 12th and Orford on the 13th.

Andrew is the former army lieutenant colonel and senior intelligence analyst who resigned from the Office of National Assessments (ONA) in March 2003 over the Iraq war. He disputed the Government's case for war and forewarned of failure should the invasion go ahead. Andrew was the only serving intelligence official in Australia, the United Kingdom or the United States to resign publicly before the invasion.

He represented the Greens at the 2004 federal election when he stood against Prime Minister John Howard in his Sydney electorate. He forced the Prime Minister to preferences and the seat of Bennelong is now marginal.

Andrew has since realised his dream of moving to Tasmania and now lives in Hobart with his wife and young daughter. He retains a strong interest in foreign and security policy and feels passionately about Tasmania's priceless natural environment.

Andrew is again standing for election as a member of the Greens because he believes in the party's principles of peace and non-violence, social justice, participatory democracy and ecological sustainability. He is the number two candidate on the Greens Senate ticket behind Senator Bob Brown, and encourages you to **vote 1 Greens** above the line on the Senate ballot paper.

More information about Andrew Wilkie can be found on his website at www.andrewwilkie.org and he can be contacted at andrew.wilkie@tas.greens.org.au.



Police Report

We have recently had a number of complaints of trail bikes being ridden around the streets. Motorbikes must be registered and the rider must be licensed for it to be legal. Substantial fines apply to these offences. Once on private property no road rules apply, so either push your bike or use a trailer.

I have been told that damage has been done to 'Wombat Walk' near the St Marys Library. Plastic protectors for small trees and the poles holding them in place have been removed and used to make a cubby house. A lot of work goes in to this, so please leave them alone.

If you buy or sell a registered vehicle privately that both the buyer and seller notify the Transport Department. This can be done through Service Tasmania or St Marys Station.

I am aware of a recent trespass matter in St Marys. It was a case of friends visiting but the owner was not home, so the visitors let themselves in, and had a meal. No charges were laid but these trespassers could have been arrested.

In a sort of related matter, I am also aware that a couple of young local lads broke into a car and stole a purse with money in it. Luckily for the thieves, the owner did not wish to make a formal complaint, but I know who they are. It is worth noting that the money was stolen from inside an unlocked car parked in St Marys. Please lock your car, or at least do not leave valuables inside your car.

Obviously, winter has well and truly hit us. Please use your headlights a bit earlier at night. Also a good time to check out all the lights on your vehicle, as well as brakes and tyres. Please drive to the conditions, especially the fog we get here.

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GREENS SUPPORT JOINT AUTHORITIES TAKING ON WATER AND SEWERAGE

Councils Must Work Together....or Else...

The Tasmanian Greens today announced that it is their preferred option that the existing three joint bulk water authorities, Hobart Water, Esk Water and Cradle Coast Water, take on full responsibility for the operation of all sewerage and water schemes throughout the state on a regional basis with the injection of some extra funding from the State government to assist in the transition stage.

Greens Shadow Water Spokesperson Tim Morris MHA, said that if the State government were to take over all the water and sewerage assets, such as has been flagged with a statewide Water and Sewerage Government Business Enterprise (GBE) being established, it would render many councils unviable and many will be forced to amalgamate just to survive.

Mr Morris today released the Greens', *Discussion Paper: Water and Sewerage Infrastructure and Services – Three Joint Water Authorities Option*, which will be distributed to all local councils for their feedback.

Mr Morris also said that the Greens' believe that something must be done to address the crisis in the state's water and sewerage infrastructure, that the do-nothing option does not exist, but they do not believe that the statewide GBE as flagged as the government's preferred option, is a workable solution.

"The Greens agree that there is a crisis of mammoth proportions with the state's substandard water and sewerage infrastructure and that to do nothing and to stick our heads in the quagmire is not an option at all, but we do not believe that rolling everything into one statewide GBE is necessarily the best solution," Mr Morris said.

"Instead the Greens are proposing that the existing three joint water authorities, Hobart Water, Esk Water and Cradle Coast Water, take on full responsibility for the operation of all sewerage and water schemes throughout the state on a regional basis, with the injection of transitional funding from the State government."

"The State government would be responsible for setting the standard expected for water and sewerage services, and the regional authorities, and the councils involved would be responsible for implementing those standards consistently across the state."

"This will help smaller councils provide the high quality service that currently they cannot afford to deliver, and which the larger ones are able to do to some degree."

"The do-nothing option will see the current unsatisfactory situation continue because many councils do not have the ability to raise the capital required to bring both the water and sewerage schemes up to an acceptable standard."

"There is a lot of investment needed to bring our water and sewerage infrastructure up to standard and the best way of achieving that is to boost the existing bulk water businesses, Hobart Water, Esk Water and Cradle Coast Water, as they already have a lot of the expertise needed and an appropriate ownership structure."

"If Councils want to avoid a State Government takeover then they would do well to accept that collectively they are unable to provide services at the required standard and become proactive and support their regional water authority, or they will lose all their water and sewerage assets and in many cases their viability."

"The Greens would prefer to see the councils still have a role in the provision of water and sewerage infrastructure and given that the existing structure is no longer satisfactory, then passing full responsibility to the regional joint authorities will provide strong businesses with sufficient expertise and capacity to bring our services up to scratch."

"We will be distributing this discussion paper to all local councils for feedback, as we wait to hear from the Lennon government as to how they intend to address this major and expensive problem in a long-term and equitable manner."

"Unlike the government so far, with the release of this discussion paper we are being upfront about our preferred option and why, and we look forward to any feedback from local councils and members of the public," Mr Morris said.

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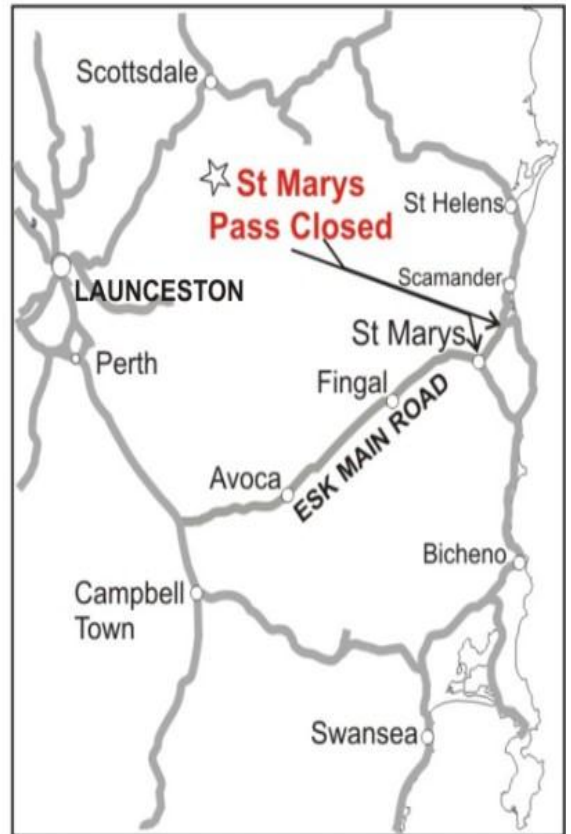
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The **rocks** have become loose since the bush fires because the soil supporting them is being eroded due to loss of surrounding vegetation. Both community concerns and a risk assessment have identified those rocks requiring removal.

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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This book will be produced and released on December 1st to celebrate the sesquicentenary of "Life in St Marys" since settlement.

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.

NEW FM RADIO STATIONS FOR EAST COAST

VISION FM St Helens and VISION FM St Marys, are Christian-based national radio stations, and are now broadcasting live in St Helens and St Marys.

Relayed through 88.0FM, Vision Radio network is an entertaining mix of music and talk that aims to help encourage and equip listeners to make positive changes in their lives.

St Helens is the 14th town in Tasmania to gain access to the station which is non-doctrinal and non-denominational.

St Helens is No. 263 and St Marys No. 276, and the links were sponsored by the Break O'Day Minister's Fraternal.

Volunteer technician Alvin McMann and his wife Kaye, who travel across Australia for United Christian Broadcasters, installed the satellite links on the St Helens Christian Fellowship Church in St Helens and on a private business in Main St, St Marys.

When installing the stations Alvin said, "It will give local residents 24 hour access to a wide range of resources and support that will help many listeners find their feet in the turbulent world around them."

Among the presenters is well known country singer Colin Buchanan.

Mr McMann said the station had changed the spirit in a number of other country towns in Australia.

"In a remote Queensland town, it has been credited with reducing the youth suicide, and in a New South Wales country centre, the youth crime rate diminished significantly after we began broadcasting," he said.

St Helens and St Marys residents can receive copies of a Christian magazine entitled, "The Word for Today" which contains a detailed list of programs broadcast on 88.0FM and other related sources.

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That's the question facing our new Community Recovery Reference Group, which is made up of 9 local people from across the fire affected areas, with the appointed members being:

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| Gerald Aulich | St Marys |
| Bruce Galbraith | Scamander |
| Jim Haas | Cornwall |
| Alice Hewitt | St Helens |
| Bill Manning | Four Mile Creek |
| Karen O'Shea | St Marys |
| Karen Rawnsley | Scamander |
| Hannah Rubenach | St Marys |
| Fiona Watts | St Helens |

The feedback forums in February identified over 100 different ideas for recovery activities, and these were used to develop a Community Recovery Plan, outlining 50 actions that would help our communities rebuild from the fires.

The Reference Group is currently going through that Recovery Plan to identify the best ways to get these actions happening and will shortly be publicising their suggestions for local comment.


In the meantime, please feel free to contact the Disaster Recovery Coordinator, Howard Colvin on Ph: 6376 7900, Mob: 0438 881 736 or email: hcolvin@redcross.org.au with any questions or suggestions regarding the recovery process.

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Before public consultation takes place it would be advantageous to have written submissions from the community on their views and ideas pertaining to this project.

\$150,000 might sound a lot of money but with envisaged costs of road reconstruction and underground services there will be little funding left at the project's completion.

Written submissions on this matter will be received up until **July 30th, 2007** then public meetings will be called to discuss the proposals.

Written submissions are to be addressed to Mayor Robert Legge, Break O'Day Council, PO Box 21, St Helens, 7216.

For further information please contact Angela Matthews on 6376 7911.



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GOOD OLD DAYS

Grandmother, on a winter's day, milked the cows, and fed them hay.
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Did the washing, mopped the floors, washed the windows,
did some chores.

Cooked a dish of home-dried fruit, pressed her husband's Sunday suit.
Swept the parlour, made the beds, baked a dozen loaves of bread.
Split some firewood, lugged it in, enough to fill the kitchen bin.
Cleaned the lamps and put in oil, stewed some apples she
thought would spoil.

Churned the butter, baked a cake, then exclaimed,
"For mercy's sake the calves have all got out of the pen!"
Then went out and chased them in.

Gathered the eggs and locked the stable, then back to the house
to set the table.

Cooked a supper that was delicious, and afterwards washed all the
dishes.

Fed the cat and sprinkled the clothes, mended a basket full of hose.

Then opened the organ and began to play,
"When you come to the end of a perfect day".

I'm on a Committee!

Oh give me your pity, I'm on a committee
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We confer and concur, we defer and demur,
And reiterate all of our thoughts,
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And consider a load of reports.

We compose and propose, we suppose and oppose,
And the points of procedure are fun
But though various notions are brought up as motions
There's terribly little gets done!

We resolve and absolve, but we never dissolve,
Since it's out of the question for us,
What a shattering pity to end our committee
Where else could we make such a fuss?

(Taken from the Dulverton Chronicle)

MEALS ON WHEELS ROSTER

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2nd Week 9/10th June

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The 3rd and Final Part. by Shannon Rosskelly

Lilly Jackson walked into the small room where James and Officer Jones were sitting. James didn't really recognize her on account of it being a few years since he's seen her! Even then he had only seen her once or twice! He didn't understand how he could have a sister he didn't even know about!

"Hi James." Lilly said. James just stared. He didn't know what to say! "Um....Hi." Replied James. "We have no time for introductions. We gotta move. Fast!"

Officer Jones urged them out the door. "What's going on?" James asked. "We don't have much time because the people who want to kill both you and me are almost here! They know where we are. And they are coming for us!" Lilly said.

"What?" James asked again. He didn't understand what was happening. "They've tracked us down!" Lilly said. Officer Jones shoved them into the police car which would take them to their sanctuary. Well at least until the police catch the terrorists that are almost about to kill them! Officer Jones sped around the corner. But a car swerved around from another corner. It was them! They must have been waiting. Waiting for them to pass. Now the chase was on.

Officer Jones sped around another corner but lost control. The car smashed through a fence and into a wall. The impact wasn't huge and no one was hurt. They all jumped out of the car and ran. James was stunned. He'd never had this happen before in his life and certainly didn't want it to happen again! He ran through trees and bushes and down dark alleys until he couldn't run anymore. "I can't go on any longer," he said to Lilly and Officer Jones, "go on without me."

"Come on. We're almost there." Officer Jones said.

"Please," Lilly pleaded, "We have to keep moving!" But it was too late. Three shady looking men ran into the alley and stopped right in front of them. "We've got you now," a chubby man said, drawing a gun from the inside of his coat. "What you gonna do?" asked another shady, lanky looking one.

James stared him right in the eye. "Run!" He said, and they all did. Officer Jones and Lilly were in front until they had to stop. "What's wrong?" James asked. "Fence," Lilly said in a panicked voice. "Quick," Officer Jones said, "I'll give you a boost." He cupped his hands and Lilly stepped in them with one foot. She jumped over the fence. James was next but he could already see the shadows of the men projected on the alley wall. They were coming! He stepped in Officer Jones's hand and tried to lift himself over. But he slipped and fell.

"Quickly!" Officer Jones said. James tried again. He was halfway over when the men arrived. James jumped over. "HURRY!" Lilly screamed but it was too late. Officer Jones fell to the ground trying to get over. "Run," he shouted, "three blocks from here is a run down old house. It looks like a scabby shack. The windows are boarded but it's a sanctuary. Trust me."

James couldn't move. "I'm not leaving without you!" He shouted. A tear streamed down his cheek. "Come on we don't have time for this." Lilly grabbed him by the arm and pulled at him. James spun around just as a pistol was shot. Officer Jones was dead. James and Lilly ran the next three blocks. James had never been in this part of town before and didn't know where he was going. But on the third block they found the shack, boarded windows and all.

"Do you really think....." Lilly started but James cut her off. "He said to trust him. And I do. This is it. This is our sanctuary."

The door opened with ease and James and Lilly ran inside. James found the light switch and turned it on. And there standing in front of him were his family. His mother, father, and younger siblings.

"Hello James," his mother said. "Mum?" James whispered. "It's us James," his father said. "Were here."

James ran to him and hugged him. He cried in disbelief. "I can't believe this," James said. "For years I thought you were dead and now....." "Shhhhhh," His mother hushed. "Were here now."

"And Lilly," James's dad said, "You've grown up so much." "Dad?" Lilly said. She hugged him as well and cried in his arms.

"I can't believe all this." James said, "What happened to you?"

"Well," James's mother said, "when we were shipped overseas in hiding it was so painful. We wanted to tell you we were alive but we couldn't. We've been waiting so long for this day. Where's Jack Jones?" "Um....." James started. "He's dead." Lilly said. "They shot him."

Just as she said those words James's mobile rang. "H...Hello?" James asked. "James. This is Officer Bells. We have captured the terrorists and the Officers in the building with you are going to bring you down here so you can see for yourself. Oh, and I'm very sorry about Officer Jones. He was a good guy."

"Thanks." James said. He hung up as the other Officers escorted them to a police car and took them to the station.

It had been a year since James's reunion with his family and he still had so many questions. Questions that may never be answered. But maybe that was for the best. And as he watched his family by the bank of the stream he couldn't help but wonder how much time they had left.

THE END

St Marys Sports Centre news. by Kackhander.

It's going to take a while, but over the past few weeks we have had better weather, and some good aeration work going on that can only be good in the long term.

All we ask is that we have some patience over the next couple of weeks, to let some things happen. The old adage: 1 step back before 2 steps forward applies here.

The main event over the past fortnight has been the Ray Ridgers Memorial Trophy. Thanks especially to Dale 'Roy' Ridgers for kindly sponsoring this top day again.

Unfortunately, like has been the case for recent times, only a small field took part but those who did enjoyed it immensely. Our chronic shortage of golfers in the past few years is something we hope will be on the improve as time goes on, and more normal weather allows the course recovery to continue.

This year's Ray Ridgers Memorial Trophy winner was Barry Harrison with an excellent 64 nett. Well done Barry. The runner-up was Col Payne with 65. The gross trophy was won by John McDonald with 77, from Mark Carrick with 78. Dale Ridgers shot a nice 70, but as the donor declared himself ineligible. Thank again Dale.

This weekend is the incredible McDonald's Cup, 4 person Ambrose event. This has become a huge event over the years, and once again we thank Macca, Leeanne, John, Valda, Bradley, Raz and the family for their efforts in this event.

Expected again is a field of around 100. Macca suggests that only local teams who would like to play Saturday may do so, to shorten Sunday June 10th a bit. Contact the club if this is desired. Otherwise see you on Sunday from 9am onwards.

The Ladies Championships are only a couple of weeks away, and all are hoped to play to make this another special event. Contact the committee for further details.

Just a reminder that the AGM is Friday June 15th, and we hope to see as many members as possible attend. It starts at 7.30pm.

Until next time, good hitting and rolling.

STMARYS SPORTS CENTRE
AGM
FRIDAY JUNE 15TH
AT 7.30PM.
AT THE CENTRE
PLEASE ATTEND



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Mon – Fri 8am – 6pm

Sat 8am 12 noon

From the Deli

This week

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| Champagne ham | \$ 9.99 kg |
| Cocktail saveloys | \$ 6.99 kg |

Next week

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| Rindless shortcut bacon | \$ 12.99 kg |
| 4 x 4 sandwich ham | \$ 7.99 kg |

In-store butchery

This week

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| Chicken wings | \$ 3.99 kg |
| T-bone steak | \$ 15.99kg |
| Silverside | \$ 7.99 kg |

Next week

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| Chicken breast fillet | \$ 12.49kg |
| Porterhouse steak | \$ 15.99 kg |
| Regular beef mince | \$ 7.99 kg |

Late week specials

This week

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| IGA cordial syrup 2lt | \$ 1.99 ea |
| Ridders bacon 750g | \$ 5.99 ea |
| Tarax soft drinks 2lt | \$ 1.29 ea |

Next week

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| Multipack chips 18/20s | \$ 5.99 ea |
| IGA crumpets 6pk | \$ 1.29 ea |
| Prefer toilet tissue 18pk | \$ 3.99 ea |



