

The Valley & East Coast Voice

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Former local resident now Mayor of Cairns Regional Council

Many residents will be interested to hear of the success of Val Schier in becoming elected Mayor of the newly amalgamated Cairns Regional Council in Tropical North Queensland.

On Thursday 3 April, Val, (pictured right) was sworn in to be the mayor of a council that serves a population of 150,000. Val, the daughter of Gilbert and Jean Schier of Falmouth did all of her schooling at the then St Marys Area School before going on to Launceston Matriculation College and winning a scholarship to the University of Tasmania in 1968.

"My victory has generated a huge amount of media interest," said Val. "I am the first woman mayor in the history of Cairns and I beat the existing mayor who had been in power for 8 years and was backed by large developers who really wanted him to win." People were surprised that a community-based candidate could beat such a strong incumbent."



Val, doorknocking.

As well as being feted by media across Australia, Val is also the main subject of a documentary, *About Women*, which will be shown on SBS later this year. She was filmed in Falmouth for a day before Christmas by a small crew of director, cameraman and sound recordist, when she was helping to pack up the family home after Jean Schier's death in November 2007.

The crew went back to Cairns to film Val for three days in early February whilst she was campaigning, doorknocking, addressing meetings and fundraising.

On election day on 15th March they again filmed Val campaigning in torrential monsoonal rain before claiming victory as mayor.

Val says that there are huge challenges ahead for her in her new job. "This is one of the fastest growing areas in Queensland and we have to make sure that we strike the right balance between development and protecting the environment, in particular the world heritage listed reef and rainforest." It's similar to the growth pressures on coastal communities in Tasmania except on a much larger scale."

Val said that she has always been rejuvenated and restored by annual visits to Falmouth over the decades. And she was inspired by her mother's courage in dealing with the cancer which ended her life.

"It was Schier determination that kept mum going and kept me going," she said."

I look forward to catching up with old friends in Tasmania when next I come "home" to Falmouth.

Congratulations Val, country people can succeed too.

Well done.



Happy Val on election day



An ecstatic Val on election night.

**Please note: Deadline for articles to be included in the next Valley Voice is: 5 pm Tuesday, April 22, 2008.
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 7pm. 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.

St. Patricks Head & Esk Valley Historical Society meets on the third Sunday of every month at St. Marys History & Gifts (the old railway station) at 2.30 pm. Meetings are informal and fun and new members are needed. Please contact **Barry Aulich** on **6372 5752** or **Jim Haas** on **6372 2127.**

The Falmouth Community centre would like to advise members and the community that the new contact for bookings of club facilities is Ben Morgan. Ben can be contacted on **03 6372 5604.**

St Marys Soccer Club - Training **Wednesdays** after school **till 4:20pm**, on the school oval. **Saturday games** 11am St Marys on 24th May and 26th July and 10am at St Helens on 28th June and 30th August. Polly Buchhorn 6372 5360.

stmaryssoccerclub@yahoo.com.au

All ages welcome.

Swap n Go gas cylinders now available from Gone Rustic, 37 Main Street, St Marys or call 0409 289 997 for opening hours.

NEWS FROM GONE RUSTIC:

BIRDHOUSE SAMPLER QUILT – an original design by Rita Summers; suitable for beginners or more experienced quilters. Join this class to make a quilt from “go to whoa”, in your choice of colours and layouts. Starts Tuesday 15th April (1-3 pm; total of 8 weekly sessions). Cost: \$90 plus materials; minimum deposit of \$20 with booking. *Bookings are essential; maximum of 6 enrolments only.*

PLAYTIME! FABRIC MADE FROM THROWAWAYS - use threads, snippets, yarns and scraps to make rich textural fabric. Session held on Saturday, 3rd May (9 -12). Bookings essential; please call in for a materials list. Cost: \$10 plus materials. [Water soluble stabiliser available for \$3.50 per pkt; some threads etc. will also be available for use on the day.]

CURRENT EXHIBITIONS – beautiful quilts made by Lundy Vosper; also H2O Challenge quilts from across Tasmania and interstate. Be inspired by the work of talented textile artists! Dates: 2nd – 30th April.

THREAD PAINTING & EMBROIDERY - next session from 1-3 on 16th April (and every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month). Bring a current project or a new one to start. Meet with like-minded stitchers to mutually improve your skills, gain ideas and keep the motivation going. Cost: \$5 per session; includes tea and coffee.

If you are interested in any of the above items, please contact Rita Summers on 6372 2724 (Tues-Fri, 11-4) or 0409 289 997, or drop in to Gone Rustic, 37 Main Street, St. Marys

SPECIAL EVENT – Rita has completed her studies at TAFE in Visual Arts and Contemporary Craft, and will graduate at the Hotel Grand Chancellor on Thursday 17th April ...

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Classifieds

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Mitsubishi Magna S/wagon. '90 auto. Good tyres, power steering. Rego 6/08. Runs well. \$950. Ph: 0427 603 488.

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SUCCESS AGAIN FOR THE T.S.O.

THANKS to one of St Mary's more
musical amongst us. 🎵 B

Sheds, stables, garages, affordable homes and more – for appointments or a free quote, talk to Rita and Ian Summers @ Gone Rustic, 37 Main St., St. Marys (Tues-Fri, 11-4) Phone – 03 6372 2724 or 0409289997.

A LITTLE BIT OF HERITAGE: Jim Haas “Clifton Lodge”

In 1820 explorer Henry Rice came up the east coast of Van Diemens Land to Falmouth, scrub bashed his way through the foothills of St Patricks Head and discovered the eastern end of the Fingal Valley. The area we now know as the Break O’ Day Plains.

He followed the Break O’Day and South Esk Rivers until he reached the Tamar River and Launceston, where he reported to the Colonial Government what wonderful fertile land with an ample supply of water he had found.

Although it was not reported in his journal, one wonders if he came across James Gilligan who, it appears, had already settled on a grant he named “Clifton Lodge”. The grant, which was a few miles east of the St Pauls River, consisted of 1600 acres overlooking the South Esk River and what we now know as Ormley Flats.

Well known surveyor-explorer John Helder Wedge reported staying at “Clifton Lodge” when he surveyed the Avoca – St Pauls area in 1825. The most significant journal entry, however, was from Roderick O’Conner and Peter Murdock who visited “Clifton Lodge” in 1827 whilst working for the Land Commissioner. They reported James Gilligan had been there for a little over seven years, which meant he should have been there when Rice passed through in 1820. It would also appear from these records that Gilligan was the first permanent European resident of the Fingal Valley.

James Gilligan was born in Ireland in 1768. He arrived in Van Diemens Land on the 6th May 1814, and after obtaining his land grant took up residency somewhere around 1819. For the next twenty years he worked tirelessly establishing a sheep and cattle property, rearing a family and building a humble dwelling, the ruins of which are still visible today.

But by 1840 Gilligan was getting old and put his property up for sale. It appears he had an overwhelming desire to return to Ireland where he could confess his sins much better than he could in what he called “this unchristian place”. Also he wanted the traditional Irish wake when he died and he believed that more of his friends and family would attend back in his homeland.

In 1843, however, whilst District Constable William Ward was a dinner guest at “Clifton Lodge” Riley Jeffs and John Conway, two bushrangers who had been terrorizing the district for months, raided the homestead. Constable Ward tried desperately to defend his friends and their property but in the scuffle was shot dead by one of the “misguided” men.

The Lieutenant-Governor immediately put up a reward of one hundred sovereigns plus a free pardon with a free passage home for information leading to the apprehension of Jeffs and Conway. The murderers were captured soon after, but only after their gun powder became wet during a storm. They were both hanged together in Launceston.

At the trial Gilligan told how greatly shocked he was over the events of that fateful night and his health was deteriorating as a result. He died on the 13th February 1847 at the age of 79 without selling “Clifton Lodge” or returning to Ireland. He was buried near his home and his headstone still marks his grave today.

Gilligan’s wife, Mary Ann, remained at “Clifton Lodge” for a few years. Indeed, the census of 1848 indicates the residence was of brick and wood with twelve inhabitants. The land was eventually taken over by Mary Ann Cox, who purchased “Ormley” in 1850. Mrs Cox was a well know Van Diemens land coach operator, who had taken over the business after her husband died in 1837.

“Clifton Lodge” soon acquired the reputation of being haunted by the ghost of William Ward and this story was strengthened when the driver of the coach to Fingal claimed to have met the “ghostly policeman” on the road one moonlight night. By 1860 “Clifton Lodge” was abandoned and has remained that way ever since.

Or has it? Does the ghost of William Ward still linger there amongst the rubble? Perhaps he has been joined by James Gilligan who was so traumatized by the policeman’s death and tormented by the fact he was unable to return to his homeland to die.

All bunkum you say. Then go and spend a night camped amid the ruins.

A special thanks to John Mallinson for his research on this story.



The grave of James Gilligan of Clifton Lodge"

Photo: John Mallinson

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am somewhat disillusioned by the comments made in the last edition of the valley voice by the writer of doing the rounds. The Mayors Communications are for Councillors to inform them as to the movements of the Mayor for the previous month. It is not compulsory for the Mayors communications to be placed in the agenda.

There are many meetings that I attend during the month that are important to the Council some of these are confidential to the extent of major planning matters that are only in the early stages of development and people do not want their business plans in the public arena at an early stage. It would be very foolish to only publish in the agenda the items that could be discussed in open Council then the report would be useless. But if Councillor Johns has a problem with this then it might be the time to leave my communications out of the agenda.

It is not ideal for Councillors to ask a question regarding items in the communication list to be told that I can't answer that question in a public meeting. Recently some of the questions that have been asked have developed into a debate.

My meetings are not secret but sometimes have a high degree of confidentiality. If Councillors are interested in any items in the list it is not a hard problem to ring, fax, or email as most Councillors have the ability to use which ever method they like. Just as matter of interest Council will supply a fax and provide email connections at Council cost and supply a computer to any Councillor that requires any of these communication links.

I am led to believe that the drain through the proposed new fire station was crushed not just blocked. If it had only been blocked then it should have been cleared years ago. I do not know where the quotes came from but I am concerned if things are over quoted as it makes budgeting very difficult.

At the time of writing of Councillor Johns article in the valley voice the skate park was far from being put to rest it has not been finalized at this time, how long it will take I do not know.

While Councillor Clement's comment re the skate park at Scamander are true he failed to mention that in August 2007 Council granted permission for the skate park to be built further to the south on the foreshore. In November 2007 Councillor Clement moved a rescission motion to have the skate park moved north on the block Council rejected this rescission, so the skate park was still to be built on the southern end of the foreshore. The March Council meeting saw a change and the Council voted to move the skate park north again. This delaying move over eight months or more by the skate park has caused a great deal of concern to all Councillors and to the Surf club as the surf clubs ability to secure grant funding is slowly being eroded. Council officers have asked the skate park to move 10 metres further north after mediation took place between all parties concerned so as the surf club could build farther away from the drain. This matter will be referred to the April meeting of Council as the skate park committee is still not happy with the development at the present time.

I am also concerned that the mediation that took place is common knowledge and the juristic ion of the mediator is being questioned by people, here again confidentiality is being ignored and being used to obtain an end.

Robert Legge,
Mayor.

Dear Editor,

In the past week I have spotted two cats - one thin grey and one half grown black kitten - very close to the house. Should my husband see them he will shoot them.

It is distressing to know that these animals, who are only looking out for their own survival, have been neglected and dumped by ignorant, thoughtless owners who appear totally oblivious to the consequences of their cowardly act.

The feral cat problem is growing. I believe in the Mt William National Park it is rife. The affect on native birds and small marsupials is at present far more devastating than the fox threat. I suppose there are those who couldn't give a toss for wildlife, but let them consider the economic cost when a flock of sheep is affected by toxoplasmosis caused by cat droppings which results in lambs being born with a cyst on the brain making then incapable of feeding.

This latter happened to us a few years ago. We lost up to eighty percent of the lambs that year. If anyone doubts this connection check with the laboratory at Mt Pleasant where we took lamb carcasses for testing.

I suppose education is pointless when aimed at morons who care for neither wildlife nor economic costs. So what is the answer? Banning signs that offer kittens free to good homes? Stopping pet shops from selling kittens (and puppies)? Making de-sexing and registration of cats compulsory with fines for those who don't comply?

A more severe control, and one that may eventually become necessary if all else fails, would be to release a deadly cat virus for which caring cat owners could obtain a vaccination. For avid cat lovers this solution would be abhorrent. But think of the small black kitten I saw, too timid to catch, that was dumped this week. It will either be shot or slowly starve to death. Or if it is successful it will turn feral, preying on mice at first then birds and finally, as it grows larger and more cunning, on small native animals. In a few generations its descendents will resemble more wild cat than domestic - efficient and voracious killers hunting in packs and wiping out large numbers of wildlife.

If someone wants a cat or kitten they can always go to the RSPCA or buy one from a registered cat breeder. Making it more difficult to acquire a pet this way often results in a higher commitment which might help to ensure the buyer will be a more responsible owner. As it is now they are too easy to acquire in a moment of weakness without thinking of the time and money required to properly care for an animal.

Then there are also those who dump cats believing, in their ignorance or naivety, they will get a good life on a farm - hoping the owners will take on board the responsibility.

They can think again. We won't!

Julia Weston,
Seaview Farm.

Letters to the Editor

The Editor
Valley Voice
Dear Sir

I write concerning the bus crash that occurred at the St Marys Pass on Saturday evening the 29th of March 2008, in which a number of people were injured and required medical treatment.

Firstly, I would like to clarify that whilst 1 player with the St Helens Football Club was a passenger, the bus was privately owned and had no connection with the club.

No player or official of the St Helens Football Club was driving the bus or faces any charges relating to the accident. Unfortunately the football club has received considerable unfounded criticism due to rumour circulating in the community concerning the circumstances of the accident.

Secondly, I would like to thank all the medical personnel who assisted our player, and other persons on board the bus, following the accident. To the ambulance officers and volunteer ambulance officers as well as staff at the St Marys District Hospital, we pass on our sincere thanks to you all. Our club knows only too well the value of volunteers within a community and your services are invaluable.

I hope that this letter has cleared up any misconceptions concerning the accident that may have tarnished the good name that the committee, players and members of the St Helens Football Club have worked so hard to achieve.

Michael Richards
President
St Helens Football Club

Wendy Bantick
06/04/2008

Over the past couple of years our lives have been fraught with what seemed like my never ending health issues, then Laurence's accident happened, and we hit a different spiral of events.

Throughout all this time I have been so grateful that I live here in St Marys, surrounded by so many genuinely nice people.

I will be forever grateful to you all for your kind words to us, messages to Laurence, phone calls, food, comfort, words of encouragement, advice and understanding.

Thank you to all staff and students for your wonderful support of Mollie.

Thank you to Dr Ottoson, the front end crew, nurses, just everyone for your care, kindness, tissues.... for your support of Hayley and Craig, not just as co-worker but as friends too.

Thank you all for all the hugs that I still get, for the shoulders that I still really do cry on. Thank you all for being there for all of us.

Wendy, Bung and Mollie.

Play and learn sessions for under-5s their parents and carers



Bicheno Memorial Hall 10.00-12.00 Wednesday, April 2, 16, 30
Binalong Bay Playground 10.00-12.00 Thursday, April 17
Falmouth Community Hall 10.00-12.00 Tuesday, April 15
Fingal School 1.30-3.00 Thursday, April 10
Pyengana Hall 10.00-12.00 Friday, April 4
Scamander Beach Playground 10.00-12.00 Tuesday, April 8
St Helens Kindergarten 9.00-10.30 Monday, April 14, 28
St Marys Kindergarten 1.30-3.00 Wednesday, April 9, 23

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Peter and Marjorie would like to
thank their family and friends for
making their 50th Anniversary
a day to remember.
Thank you so much for the lovely
gifts, and to those who sent cards.

THANK YOU

I would like to express my thanks to the
ambulance staff, and the nurses at St
Marys and Launceston hospitals.

They were all wonderful and a credit to
their profession.

Being sick is not a great experience to go
through, but they certainly made it a lot
easier.

Also a big thank you to my wife Fran,
for all the running around she did and
all the TLC. Thanks love.

Peter Williams.

ANZAC DAY SERVICES 25TH APRIL 2008



ST MARYS

6.00am and 11.00am
at the St Marys Cenotaph,
Main Street St Marys.

Any person wishing to lay a wreath
or for further information please contact:
Alan James on 6376 2550 or 6372 2282
or mobile 0419 606 850

ST HELENS

Dawn Service 5.45am

Form up at Hilly's IGA Supermarket.
March to St Helens Cenotaph
for 6.00am service

Breakfast at the
St Helens RSL and Citizens Club
(small charge applies)

Main Service 10.45am

Form up at Hilly's IGA Supermarket.
March to St Helens Cenotaph for
11.00am service

Any person wishing to lay a wreath or
for further information please contact
Chris Munday on 6373 6132.

There will be a dawn service
at **Mathinna**
and 11.00am service at **Fingal**.

LEST WE FORGET

Free public meeting

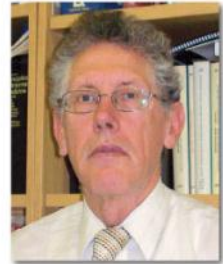
Troubled waters:



**does atrazine
cause cancer?**

In response to public uncertainty, the
Cancer Council Tasmania has invited
independent cancer researcher and cluster
investigator Professor Bernard Stewart to
Tasmania to talk about the use of atrazine, a
herbicide used in forestry and agriculture.

Atrazine can cause cancer in animals - what
about humans? Prof Stewart will tell the
public what is known about atrazine and
will listen to community concerns.



Professor Bernard Stewart is an expert on chemicals that
cause cancer. He has studied them in Australia and overseas
and has made them his main concern.

Tidal Waters 1 Quail Street, St Helens
Monday, April 14 at 12:30 am

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St Marys Police report



At about 10.30pm on Good Friday the 21st of March 2008, someone has thrown an empty "Cruiser" bottle through a house window on Gray Road, St Marys.

This type of behaviour is not on, and any one found with an opened or unsealed container of alcohol can expect an 'on the spot' \$100 fine. If anyone has information on this please contact us at the Police Station.

There was a nasty bus crash at St Marys last Saturday week in the afternoon. The people were very lucky not to be more seriously injured. The driver will be facing charges. Unfortunately, it appears that alcohol may have been a factor.

We have noticed some circle work at the Cornwall turn-off. If police catch a driver doing this kind of thing, we can impound the car, regardless of who owns it, arrest the driver and the driver will face court and lose their licence for a long time. Any information is greatly appreciated.

We have received some complaints recently about trail bike riders on some of the roads between St Marys and Scamander. Any rider must have the right licence and the bike must be registered. All road rules must be obeyed.

Remember, St Marys Police Station is an agency for Service Tasmania. You can do a lot of your registrations, firearms and drivers licence enquiries at the Station.

Now that autumn has arrived, we hope the next few months will be quiet. Please give your vehicles the once over for road worthiness, especially lights, brakes and tyres.

Tony Roughan
Sergeant 2274

St Marys Police phone number	6372 1010
Non urgent number	131444
Emergencies/life threatening	000

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TREES : You know, those big things that seem to pop up all over the place. Got bark and leaves or bristles. Some even come with flowers or blooms. They are great.

Some years ago an idea was floated to set up our area as the Town of Trees, which met with much general agreement if memory serves. Perhaps it's time to rediscover the general arboretum concept for not just St Marys but the whole municipality.

All over the place we see commercial tree plantations which is fine. There is a need for such enterprise that's for sure, but on the subject here I refer to that wonderful idea from previous times that envisaged all sorts of varieties of trees whose origins are not necessarily in this country. I'm no tree expert that's for sure but I'd be pretty confident that our temperate climate would allow many European and North American types to flourish at selected venues around St Marys and other local communities.

If only we could make a start conceptually and try to find the original documents from those heady days when first mooted. Is there many still around who recall the Town of Trees idea. Is it too late for such a thing to be included as part of the Main Street redevelopment if a few different trees were deemed appropriate?

St Marys definitely still requires something that sets it apart and makes it a place where every traveller wants to pull up for a look. This may well be it. Okay it will be several years before initial trees begin to stand out but it would be an investment for future generations who will call this place home.

It's perhaps our legacy to make a start. I've no doubt we are graced with sufficient expertise already but our council, community groups and even sporting bodies will need to at least co-ordinate their planning on such matters. I'd like to think that this could be a reality and that in another 15 to 20 years we will have made a big inroad into our arbor future.

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OUT OF THE WOODWORK

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The Woodcraft Guild now has a post and rail fence erected which keeps in character with the site. Thankyou, to Les Thompson, Michael Scott and Reon who helped with its construction. Members would like to also acknowledge Darlene Wright from the History Room who kindly donated and planted some Australian natives.

Final construction of the fence will be completed as a demonstration at the **Early Hunting & Bush Survival Skills weekend on the 19th April.**

The Grassy Bottom Regional Arts have indicated that they will be running a market at this event. For more details ring Lesley Hill.

The Guild has been liaising with Hayley Gilbert from the St Marys Day Care Centre to run a further FRRR course at their venue. Monies have come from the original FRRR grant, due to the fact that most tutors refused to take any previous payment. Thank you to those people for giving freely of their time and allowing us to assist this worthwhile group.

The Guild will be selling sausages under the 'TARDIS' across from the hotel on the **17th April when Targa Tasmania** comes through St Marys. Please help us help our community by purchasing a sausage sandwich. As with the markets on Saturdays all money raised whether by selling wares or sandwiches goes back to the Guild.

Congratulations to Men's Shed Australia for winning the Australian Telecommunications Users Group (ATUG) award. Men's Shed Australia was highly commended for Health, at the recent 24th ATUG Excellence Awards at the Gala Dinner attended by over 350 people from industry and end user organisations.

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 & Saturday from 10:00 till 4:00. Other times by arrangement.



Pictured are two styles of boxes made by Guild members. The larger can be utilised for a jewellery box and the smaller is a replica of the old fashioned pencil box with a sliding lid.

All items displayed each week are available for sale.

Break O'Day Stitchers Easter Quilting Exhibition.

Break O'Day Stitchers had another very successful Easter Quilting Exhibition.

There were more entries, more door sales and a greater uptake of tickets for the raffle. Our raffle quilt, with which we raise funds for The Flying Doctor Service, St Helens Community Car and St Marys Lymphoedema Centre made \$3,537.80.

We would like to thank everybody for their support and help in setting up and dismantling the exhibition. Our gratitude is extended to the local businesses and Council who all make the exhibition possible.

Leanne Groves from Longford won the much sought after raffled quilt.
Dawn Abbott from Western Australia won second prize, and Bonnie Jackson won third prize.

Prize winners

CWA State Judge Ann Ridgway chose the entrants below as winners in each category:

1. Challenge - Fishes and Shells by the Sea ---
Elsie Jaensch
2. Patchwork & Quilting: Hand Pieced & Quilted -
Sharyn RossKelly
3. Patchwork & Quilting: Machine Pieced & Quilted ---
Annie Maney
4. Patchwork & Quilting: Mixed Technique ---
Elaine Howell
5. Embroidery, Candlewicking, Crewel,
Stumpwork, Ribbon Embroidery....
Lundy Vosper
6. Cross Stitch & Canvas Work, Long Stitch,
Needlepoint, Tapestry ---
Leanne Niven
7. Dolls & Teddy Bears ---
Allene Spencer
8. Knitting, Crochet, Tatting, Bobbin Lace ---
Rita Kennedy
9. Weaving & Basketry ---
Deb Parson
10. Miscellaneous ---
Rita Summers
11. Novice ---
Patsy Kitto

Viewers Choice

Visitors were asked to make their own choice while viewing the display, the results were:

1. Elaine Howell) tied
- Elsie Jaensch)
3. Jenny Mead
4. Sharyn RossKelly
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The finals of the club championships have recently been completed. The finals saw some great tennis and congratulations to all the competitors.

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Runner Up: Daniel Cooke

Men's Doubles Winners: Harry Ebsworth
and Drew Adam

Runner Up: Jason Mitchell and Anthony Woods

Junior Boys: Winner: Bryn Norton
Runner Up: Kodie Donald

Junior Girls: Winner: Kirsty Panoff
Runner Up: Selena Panoff

The club will be holding its *annual end of season dinner and presentation* at the St Marys Hotel – *Friday April 18th* – 6.30 for 7pm please.

The **next committee meeting** will be held at the **club rooms on Thursday 26th April at 7pm**. We have not held a quorum meeting since the AGM, so all members who can make it would be most welcome.

Jack Foreman
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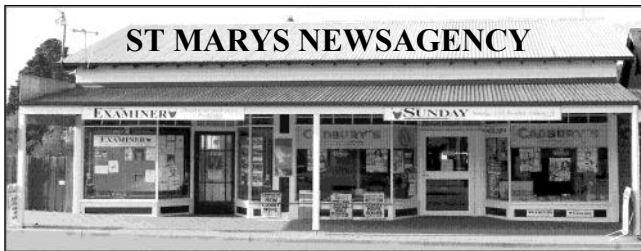
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- Closing dates for 2008 Rounds: 25th of April and 19th of September.- See: www.landcareaustralia.com.au for application information or call 1800 151 105 or email:

Other Grants & Project Assistance

- For more information on any of the above or for details of other funding opportunities contact the Community Landcare Coordinator in your NRM region: Cradle Coast: 64 31 6285; North: 63 33 7777; or South: 62 26 2668.

Australian Post Junior Landcare Grant

- Grants up to \$550 available to assist schools and youth groups throughout Australia applying for funds in the biodiversity category. Projects that directly meet biodiversity needs (eg improving habitat by planting native vegetation, removing weeds or installing nest boxes). Funds for propagation or purchase of native plants local to the area also available.

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See also <http://nrm.gov.au/funding/a-z.html> and <http://www.environment.gov.au/programs/index.html>.

- A very useful link for an overview of Australian Government and associated grants is at

<http://www.landcareonline.com/page.asp?pid=88>

. Another useful webpage for wider community grants is ‘grantsLINK’ which is at <http://www.grantslink.gov.au/>. The Tasmanian Government’s FarmPoint at <http://www.farmpoint.tas.gov.au/farmpoint.nsf> may also provide useful funding and associated links.

- The Tasmanian Government Office in Canberra issues funding alerts through

<http://www.dpac.tas.gov.au/divisions/tgo/funding.html>

- The Australian Green Grants Guide 2007 is a one stop guide to over 250 Australian environmental and heritage grants with 50 new grants added since last year. It provides specific information about each grant and has indexes which make it quick and easy for applicants to see which grants they are eligible for.

See: http://www.molinostewart.com.au/Green_Grants_Guide.htm

- Landcare Australia has established a Junior Landcare web site at <http://juniorlandcare.com/> which is useful for information about school based grants and young people interested in Landcare.

- There are currently National Landcare Programme and other funding sources sub-regional processes operating in areas such as Bruny Island, Greater Rubicon Catchment, Break O’Day Council, Tamar Region, Derwent Catchment, Elliot/Wynyard/Yolla areas, Pet and Guide Rivers and the Tasman Catchment. Contact your regional Landcare Coordinator for more information.

- A variety of other regional, sub-regional and local scale NLP, NAP and NHT funding and other on ground resources and support are available (eg. through Landcare / NRM Groups, Coastcare, Waterwatch, Green Corps, Conservation Volunteers Australia, Work for the Dole, Mersey NRM, Greening Australia, industry groups and local government) that may be able to assist you.

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Fingal 9.30am

3rd Week: MASS

St Helens Vigil 6.00pm
St Marys 9.00am
Swansea 11.30am
Campbell Town 5.00pm
Bicheno Liturgy 9.00am

Week 4 LITURGY

St Helens Vigil 6.00pm
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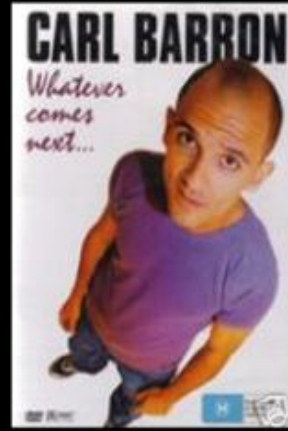
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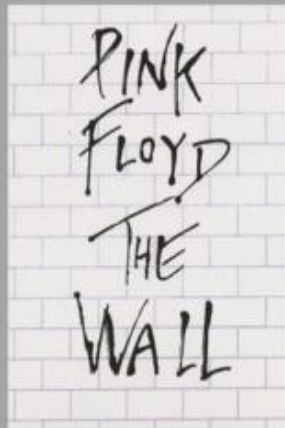
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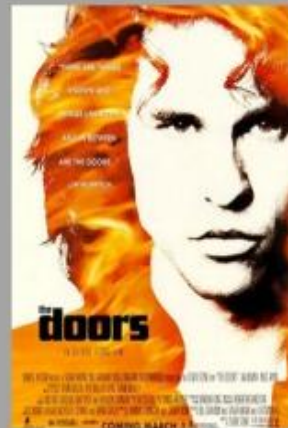
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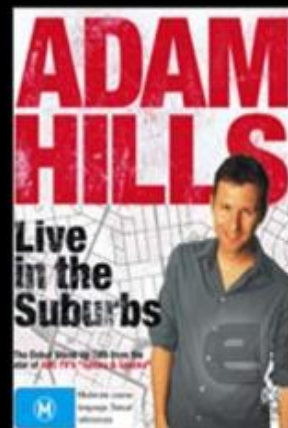
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ENJOY A MEAL OR DRINK WHILE YOU WATCH...

Arts Rave

With 2008 roaring along, there is rather a lot to report but I shall try to make it brief! Grassy Bottom hosted Tasdance's current show, 'One for Sorrow, One for Joy' at the Town Hall.

And if you came along, I reckon you will have been enthralled, as the dancing was extraordinary- unfortunately we did not get the audience numbers we were hoping for and failed utterly to raise any funds for this year's Winter Solstice, but we have another show coming up on **Thursday May 1 at 8pm**-don't miss **Joel Salom's 'Gadgets'**-a world class show right here at St. Marys Town Hall!

The Council has granted us Temporary Occupancy for the Artspace and Youth Annexe at 2 Story St., and we will be holding **Puppet Making Workshops and a Disco on Saturday April 12th** in conjunction with the Healthy House for Youth Week- posters are out now!

We are still in the grips of a dilemma over how to secure the building at 2 Story St. as the owner wishes to sell it- we are exploring every possible alternative and need letters of support from the community- if you think that an Artspace and Youth Annexe would be a benefit to St. Marys, PLEASE put it on paper for us! If you like, call in at 2 Story Street and I am happy to type it out, print it and you can sign it on the spot, done- how easy is that?

Anyone interested in attending a Hooked Rug Workshop with Joanne Wild –proposed date 26 April from 10am til 4pm- cost \$60members, \$70 non-members-cost includes lots of rug making wool in all colours, participants will need to supply their own canvas and latch hook which are available at Spotlight - we need 10 people to run the workshop- please register your expression of interest *soon!* check out Joanne's work at hookrug.com or www.lasting-impressions.com.au

Winter Solstice in this Year of the Rat will be held on **Saturday June 21st** which is the actual date of the Winter Solstice. If you are interested in helping to plan the event, we are forming a planning committee now for this spectacular event - watch for Volunteer Sign-up sheets (and donation tins –every little bit counts!) Grassy Bottom would like to thank St. Marys and the Break O'Day for ongoing support of the Arts in Regional Australia, and we are making every effort to find a way to *continue* to bring the Arts to the area. Have a look at our website, www.storystreet.co.au, tell us what you think?

PS: we are still looking for a bag of tent poles that have gone missing- if anyone has found a very heavy bag of tent poles, we really need them!

Contacts: John McColl 63722413 or Eo Greensticks 0438 5771 291
Or call in at 2 Story Street! Art is for Everyone!

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<p>Youth Week 2008 Puppet Making 12th April 2008 All Ages Welcome 2 Storey St St Marys 1pm-4pm Cost - \$2</p> 
<p>Disco Party 12th April 2008 Ages 10 -16 2 Storey St St Marys Admission -\$2 Food and Drink included 6pm-9pm</p> 

Charitable Organisations Grants Program Small Grants – closes 11 April 2008

The 2007/2008 Charitable Organisations Grants Program Small Grants round is now open.

Applications are now invited for the 2007/2008 Charitable Organisations Grants Program.

Eligible organisations are charities or not-for-profit organisations working specifically for the benefit and well-being of the Tasmanian community.

Preference will be given to grant applications that focus on the most disadvantaged in the community.

The Charitable Organisations Grants Program 2007/2008 Small Grants seeks applications for non-recurrent funding in the following categories:

A. Up to \$3,000 for:

Projects or activities that will further the charitable aims and objectives of the organisation. The funds may support the core business of the organisation and be for a specific purpose or equipment.

B. Up to \$10,000 for:

Non-core business projects and activities that will further the charitable aims and objectives of the organisation and that will maximise the well-being of the target population through addressing unmet needs, eliminating barriers and increasing the target population's participation in mainstream community activities.

The application form can be found by following the links on the DHHS website at:

<http://www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/agency/pro/gambling/index.php>

If you have any questions in relation to the Charitable Organisations Grants Program please contact Rebecca on: (03) 6233 2790.

Griffin Park to re-open September 2008

Griffin Park near Mathinna will re-open 30 September 2008, following an extended closure which begins on April 14.

“A tree plantation near the campground will be harvested,” said Peter Bird, Forestry Tasmania’s District Forest Manager. “For safety reason, we are obliged to close the area to the public. Griffin Park, including the campground will be reopened in time for next summer’s travel season.”

“The timing of the closure is designed to coincide with the off-peak season. Having said that, we regret any inconvenience this might cause. Forestry Tasmania does operate several other campgrounds around the state and we hope those looking to camp in state forest will take the opportunity to use one of our other facilities.

“When the campground re-opens, we will provide some interpretation for Griffin Park users so that they will have a better understanding of the life cycle of a tree plantation.

**For further information, please call:
Georgia Webb, Community Liaison Officer,
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Swearing in ceremony

Address by Cr Val Schier, Mayor of Cairns Regional Council

I would like to start by acknowledging the Aboriginal traditional owners of this land. I pay respect to their elders and their cultures and look forward to working in a constructive way with all the Indigenous peoples across our region.

On this historic occasion - the first meeting of the newly amalgamated Cairns Regional Council - I say **thank you** to the people who have placed their faith in the 10 councillors and in me to provide leadership of our region over the next four years.

This is a time of great possibility. It is also, for many, a time of sadness as both the Douglas Shire and the Cairns City Council - each with over a century of history and achievement - cease to exist.

I would like to personally thank Mike Berwick - who is unable to be here today - for his 17 years of commitment and integrity and for his thoughtful stewardship over all those years of the former Douglas Shire, the jewel in the crown of tropical north Queensland.

I also acknowledge the contribution of Kevin Byrne who, as Mayor for two terms, presided over the Cairns City Council in a time of unprecedented growth and development. I wish him well in his future endeavours. I thank also the councillors who served with both Kevin and Mike for their contributions over many years.

Former mayors Tom Pyne and Ron Davis have honoured us with their presence . . . and there is some of the spirit of another former mayor, the late Keith Goodwin, in the room with us today too, I think.

Thank you also to the staff of both Douglas and Cairns City Councils who have done so much behind the scenes to keep the business and services running, particularly during the uncertainties of the amalgamation process.

Today we form a new local government for the Cairns Region and will need to face up to the problems that come with no easy solutions and challenges that will require us to work in innovative and different ways.

I've met parents in Mooroolbool who want their streets to be safer;

- teenagers in the southern suburbs who need more sporting facilities and things to do;
- beachside dwellers concerned about soil erosion and loss of animal habitats;
- hospitality workers in Port Douglas who find rents are too high;
- business people worried about the impact of an unstable world economy;
- engineers who offer advice on flood mitigation and residents in places like Babinda and Wonga who think their communities are going to miss out.

It is the duty of this Council to act on these concerns. And to act in a way that cuts across our political affiliations and diverse personal agendas.

Many people today feel disempowered by the political process.

Can I say to those people who did not vote for those being sworn in here today - we remain respectful of your opinions'.

It is inherent upon us, as a part of a true and healthy democracy, to govern for all - and to do so in an open, transparent, accountable, and thoroughly professional way.

That means local government that gets potholes fixed; the noisy dog next door dealt with; the drains unblocked.

It also means we need to be actively involved with the major issues such as climate change and population growth, ensuring that developments and housing take into account the unique nature of our environment, its tropical heritage and lifestyle. We must remain vigilant in our care of the world heritage reef and the magnificent rainforests on our doorstep.

Of course to do this effectively we will need to **collaborate** and work very closely with the two other levels of government - state and federal.

That is why it is particularly heartening to see Warren, Desley, Jason, Steve, Jan and Jim here with us today, demonstrating an absolutely clear message that they want to work closely with this new regional council.

Election campaigns inevitably bring out issues that divide us as well as those that unite us.

In the aftermath of this campaign there have suggestions that this Council will be anti-business.

Let me assure everyone that this Council looks forward to working closely with the business sector – I have already held productive meetings with key groups - as we will also work with non-government organisations and community groups.

Some of you know that I come from a small hamlet in rural Tasmania. A community that helped form my strong value base and my lifelong desire to work with and serve the public.

My parents were good, hard-working people. My mother - who became terminally ill with cancer and died at the end of last year - endowed me with her high energy and the Schier determination to keep going in my goal to be mayor.

My father implanted in me a love of the land, integrity, a huge measure of common sense and thankfully . . . a sense of humour.

These qualities - and my diverse life and work experiences - add to the mix of personalities, skills and passions that my 10 councillor colleagues bring to the table.

Among them of course is Kirsten Lesina – a person I am very much looking forward to working with.

At 21, Kirsten is making history as the youngest person ever to be elected to council in Cairns. She will be in the position to remind the rest of us daily that the decisions we make will also be for the young people of the region, our grandchildren and our shared future.

My hope is that we will have robust, energetic discussions - that we will build on the positives - on the things that have gone right - at the same time acknowledging and planning around those areas where we might have done better.

Importantly, we will continue to listen to the diverse views of locals and experts - among them the 12 people from Tropical North Queensland who are heading to Canberra for the 2020 summit.

There has been pain associated with the amalgamation process. However last Thursday at the Summit of Mayors in Brisbane, Premier Anna Bligh talked about a new era in local government in Queensland and how **partnerships** will take us forward.

I met with Tom Gilmore from the Tablelands Council, Bill Shannon from Cassowary Coast, Peter Scott from Cooktown and Percy Neal from Yarrabah. All of them are seeking to work in new ways with the Cairns Regional Council to grow our regional economy, to look after our environment and to care for all the people in our diverse communities, particularly the vulnerable.

We will be called upon during the course of the next four years to provide continuity and stability.

And also to be adaptable and creative as we plan to address the changes that are happening on an international, national and local level.

This Council will need to be alert and responsive to people's fears as well as their hopes. And there is hope in this room today; you can feel it. We will endeavour to maintain this feeling as we engage with all the communities from Bloomfield to Bramston Beach.

I am honoured to be here today as your mayor. I will do my utmost to serve the community over the next four years, to provide strong leadership, to work hard, to be approachable.

And, above all, with my fellow councillors, ensure the future well-being and prosperity of this most wonderful part of the world.

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 Public Holiday- ANZAC DAY 25th April 2008

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St Marys Community Health Centre

GP Surgery Hours:

8:50am-12:30pm

12:30pm-1:30pm LUNCH

Please do not phone during lunchtime as appointments
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 1:30pm-5:00pm

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Please ensure doctors appointments are booked **prior** to
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Flu vaccines are currently available from the
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If you are aged 65+ your flu vaccine is **FREE**
 Please phone the Community Health Centre on
 6372 2111 and place your flu vaccine order.

If you are under 65 years of age please make an
 appointment to see you GP and get a prescription
 for your flu vaccine.

PHYSIOTHERAPY SERVICES IN BREAK O'DAY COMMUNITY NOTICE

The Community Physiotherapist Margaret Van Der
 Mere will be changing her days to Tuesdays and
 Wednesdays, beginning on the 01st April 2008. Times
 will remain 9am-5pm both days.

St Marys Community Health Centre will have the
 only Physiotherapist in the Break O'Day Council
 area so waiting times are expected to increase.

A written referral from a health professional (or GP,
 Community Nurse etc.) is required to gain an
 appointment with Margaret, so clients can be given
 correct priority.

WHAT'S ON AT THE CENTRE

- 10th April **Diabetic & Dietician Clinic** with Pat A'Bell
 and Jackie. For appointments please
 phone 6372 2111
- 15th April **C.H.A.T Group** 1pm in the Day Room of the
 Health Centre. Phone Hayley on 63722111 for
 more details.
- 15th April **Child Health Session**
APPOINTMENT SESSIONS with Sue Gofton-
 morning appointments preferred. If you would
 like to make an appointment with Sue she can
 be contacted on: 0428136381
- 18th April **Diabetic Clinic** with Pat A'Bell. For
 appointment please phone 6372 2111
- 21st April **T.L.C. (Tasmanian Lymphoedema Centre)**
General Meeting 10am in the Day Room of
 the Health Centre.
- 22nd April **Child Health Session—OPEN SESSION**
 with Sue Gofton 9am-12noon. If you would
 like to make an appointment with Sue she
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- 22nd April **Tom Bain, Rae & Partners Lawyers**
 At the Community Health Centre Tuesday
 fortnights. For appointments please
 phone 6337 5555.
- 24th March **Psychologist**, Wendy Holder
 10am-12noon
- 25th April **ANZAC DAY**— Public Holiday
- 29th April **C.H.A.T Group** 1pm in the Day Room of
 the Health Centre. Phone Hayley on 6372
 2111 for more details.
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- 30th April **Podiatry**— Perry Daly Lightfoot Podiatry
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CHILD HEALTH SERVICES IN BREAK O'DAY

Mrs Sue Gofton has taken on the role on Child Health
 Nurse in the Break O'Day Municipality replacing
 Lorraine McGee. Sue's work hours are as follow:

Tuesday's- St Marys Child Health: Appointments
 Tuesday's (2nd & 4th Tues)- St Marys Open Clinic
 Wednesday's- School Health
 Thursday's- St Helens Child Health (9-12) open clinic
 Friday's- St Helens Child Health

Please phone Sue on 6376 1944 for appointments
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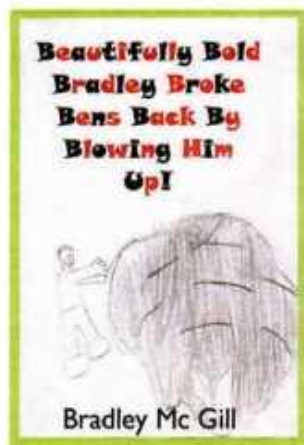
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Fingal Primary School News



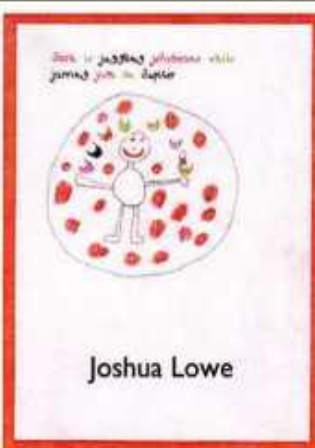
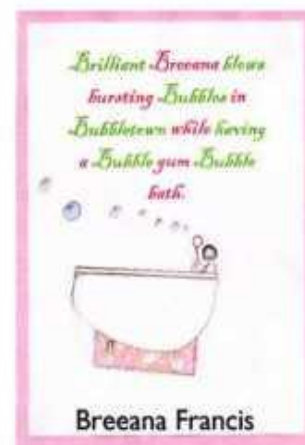
Calendar of Events - April/May

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7th SmartBots Robotics program begins with some Grade 5/6 students	8th	9th April Assembly—2.15pm in the Stone Building. Grade 4/5/6 to lead	10th	11th
14th	15th	16th	17th Big Newsletter Targa Stage 2	18th Guidance Officer visit to the school
21st School Association Meeting 6.30 p.m. Staffroom	22nd	23rd	24th	25th ANZAC Day
28th Moderation Day No School for Students	29th	30th Assembly— 2.15pm in the Stone Building Grade 2/3/4 to lead. Round 1 Immunisations	1st Small Newsletter	2nd



Alliterations By Grade 4/5/6

We read the book "Animalia" by Graeme Base. After reading, we noticed some patterns throughout the book. One of these was that each page contained alliteration. Alliteration is the repetition of beginning sounds in a phrase. We wrote our own alliterations using the first letter of our names.



Sports Centre News Kackhander

At time of writing it seems that St Marys, as the 2007/08 premier Men's Bowls champions will again be denied the opportunity to try for a State title, given what we have been told recently.

We strongly believe this is a really unfair situation and something that can't be allowed to continue. Like any other club and group we pay our affiliations and should then be permitted to go as far as the team's abilities permit us to. Under the current arrangement we are being denied that chance.

The next step is to ascertain from the local ECBA members how they feel, as it directly affects all of us. Every East Coast club is in the same dilemma until a solution is found within the constitution. Rest assured that until this very unsatisfactory situation is resolved we will leave no stone unturned, that's for sure. Final confirmation from the senior bodies has yet to be received so we will see if anything comes from recent enquiries on this matter.

Don't forget that the **Club Dinner** is set down for **THIS SATURDAY 12th April** and will be a joint bowls and golf night with part of the evening presenting trophies to our successful champion golfers in 2007, as well as the men's and women's bowls champs from the current summer. If you are a trophy recipient could you please try to arrange someone to collect your prize if you can't attend. That would be terrific. Thanks to Macca for organising the invitations amongst other things. See you there.

Now to golf and it is really good to see that men's golf on Saturday's is again up and running with a good but small attendance. Congratulations to Col Payne in winning the stroke event with 63 nett first up and last week to Mark Carrick taking out the stableford comp with 40 points. He was very closely followed by Bob Hersey and Kodie Donald with 39 points each.

A very rare occurrence happened as part of that comp too.

KODIE SCORED A HOLE IN ONE.

Congratulations Kodie from all of us, and we'll get your name on the board and the ball mounted for you. Terrific news.

This Saturday is a Flag event and coming soon the Ruth and Geoff Gill Memorial Trophy date should be confirmed. Hopefully all the major days will soon be locked in and then we will publish these in the Valley Voice. Another point we wish to stress is that we want to make Saturday comps available to both men and women if they desire. Come along . You'll be very welcome.

On women's golf the match committee wish it to be known that the club singles championships are coming up very soon on April 16,17,23 and 24th of the month, so if this is you please try to support this event.

Very important news: During winter the club is attempting two social evening events through the auspices of Eight Ball and Indoor Bowls. Eight Ball **PUB RULES** will be conducted on Friday nights commencing quite soon, and 16 players are required to form the initial teams. The concept is that you play every other Friday night during the roster with the main aspect as fun. A final night do will also be held and is a terrific idea. If you are interested please contact the club soon. First in best dressed.

Similarly, a mid week Indoor bowls teams roster is being compiled which proved very popular some years ago. We need about 6 teams comprising 3 to 5 names to take part in singles, pairs and triples in the round. We hope to start late in May. Further details later.

Anyway until next time, good hitting and rolling.



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From the Deli

Lethborgs middle bacon	\$ 10.99kg
Lethborgs sausages	\$ 3.99kg

In-store specials

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Late week

Nescafe Blend 43 coffee 150g	\$ 6.99ea
Nestle Milo 750g	\$ 7.99ea
Uncle Toby's Vita Brits 1kg	\$ 3.99 ea
Country Cup noodle soup 44-70g	\$.99ea

Next week

Dynamo/Cold Power laund. powd 2kg	\$ 4.99 ea
Arnotts Tim Tams 175/200g	\$ 2.49ea
Nestle Milo 450g	\$ 4.99ea

Late week

Papa Guiseppi pizzinis 575g	\$ 1.99 ea
Baby Love disposable nappies 20/24	\$ 9.99ea
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