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Kellie takes the Bag on the Gold Coast

St Marys hairdresser, Kellie Duggan, pictured right, who only took up playing golf in March last year, has gone from strength to strength with her game and has since lowered her handicap from 45 to 28. She qualified for the State Final in the Fisher Paykel Classic and came 6th. She also played in the Elvie White side in October at Ulverstone where she teamed up with Lois Dakin and won the teams' event which was a 3 day stroke competition with Stableford points over the last 2 days.

During the Northern Golf Championships Foursomes at Mowbray on Sunday 29th March, Kellie and Nona Sonners (from Elderslie) were successful in winning the 27 and 18 hole nett, with Deidre Panton and Tammy Hall winning gross.

Then on the 9th, 10th and 11th April, Kellie went on to play in the "I Seek Golf Classic" on the Gold Coast where she played at Palm Meadows and Sanctuary Cove.

The format was a Stableford for 3 days with only two scores counting overall, so at the end of each day players had to decide whether to keep that score or wipe it.

On day 1 at Palm Meadows, Kellie came in with 36 points and won the day's competition. Day 2 was at Sanctuary Cove and again she won the day's competition with 39 points. Kellie decided to keep both days' scores with her overall total being 75 points. On day 3, which was also at Sanctuary Cove, Kellie won best back nine holes (18 points) and also won the longest drive.

On the last night she was awarded overall winner of the event with her 75 points and was presented with a new golf bag. Following her great success and experience, Kellie is hoping to return again next year.

Congratulations Kellie!

Footnote Success on the Gold Coast meant that Kellie had to pay an excess luggage charge for her flight home, due to her newly acquired golf bag trophy.....a cost that she was happy to pay.

Photo & story: Peter & Dianne Troode.



Local girl chooses Police Department.

After travelling and working in many countries around the world, local resident Peta Thomas, has decided on a career in the Police Force.

On being accepted, Peta commenced her training at the Police Academy at Rokeby on Monday 19th May, where she will remain for 8 months.

St Marys Police Station staff, her friends, and indeed the local community, would like to congratulate Peta on her acceptance into the Tasmanian Police Service.

We wish her well with this endeavour for her new chosen career path.

**Just for the record,
the two girls featured on this page
are sisters.**

Photo: Charlie Hersey.



**Watch out for the Cars on the Green
on June 1st and also the
Winter Solstice on June 21st.
Things are always happening
here in St Marys.**

Please note: Deadline for articles to be included in the next Valley Voice is: 5 pm Tuesday, June 3, 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.**

Anyone interested in forming a Bridge Club in St Marys—

NEWS FROM GONE RUSTIC:

PLAYTIME! FLORAL FANTASY - Trap "silk" flowers and leaves under sheer fabric in a contemporary, no-stress version of shadow appliqué. Session held on Saturday, 7th June (9-12). Bookings essential; please call in for a materials list. Cost: \$10 plus materials. **ADVANCE NOTICE:** class for July will be **CHEATIN' BATIK**.

GUEST EXHIBITORS – view beautiful quilts and other items made by Elsie Jaensch, who specialises in machine embroidery; there's also still time to see the striking H20 Challenge quilts from across Tasmania and interstate. Be inspired by the work of talented textile artists! Dates: 7th – 30th May. Guest exhibitor for June will be Sharyn Rosskelly.

THREAD PAINTING & EMBROIDERY - next session from 1-3pm on 21st May (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.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP– this falls due on July 1st. Cost is still only \$15, which includes bi-monthly newsletters, free pattern and recipe, and 10% off fees for classes. Ask Rita for a form soon!

Please note - Gone Rustic will be closed from 2nd to 6th June

If you are interested in any of the above items, please contact Rita Summers on 6372 2724 (Mon-Fri, 9-5) or 0417 027 424, or drop in to Gone Rustic, 37 Main Street, St. Marys.

EXCITING NEWS ! Photos of some of the *Regener8* exhibits made by community members (and displayed at *Gone Rustic*) have been put onto CD in preparation for a conference to be held in Limerick, Ireland, later this month, as well as some of the photos digitally displayed at e.ScApe. A proposal to showcase the *Regener8* project as part of a session on how communities deal with the aftermath of natural disasters has been accepted, and as a result, Dr. Rosa McMananey, who played a large part in the final editing of the book, will present a paper on the project. She will also take some copies of the *Regener8* book with her, and it is hoped that one of the other *Regener8* committee members will be able to accompany her ...

NOTICE

ST MARYS BAKERY WISHES TO ADVISE THE SHOP WILL BE CLOSED FROM FRIDAY 30TH MAY AT 5PM, UNTIL THE 16TH JUNE, 7.30AM. FRESH BREAD WILL BE AVAILABLE AT VALUE PLUS SUPERMARKET ON MON-WED-FRI, AND ON SUNDAY AT THE ST MARYS NEWSAGENCY AND THE COACH HOUSE TAKE AWAY.

OUR USUAL SCAMANDER OUTLETS WILL ALSO HAVE FRESH BREAD THE SAME DAYS.

SORRY FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE.

GREG AND EVELYN.

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Ph: 6372 2762.

Stainless steel glove, left or right hand, large, suit butcher, fishing, cray-fishing. Excellent cond. \$50.

Subaru forester roof racks to suit '03 onwards. Excellent cond. \$150.

Vacuum cleaner "shop vac" wet/dry new cond. Suit garages, sheds etc. \$80. Ph: 6372 2813.

Stihl 039 Farmboss. \$600

CIG Transark easy welder 140 amp. \$200.

Phillips 340 Fridge. \$250.

Kelvinator 500 Freezer. \$250.

Inbuilt oil heater (free)

Ph: 6372 2251.

Block-out curtains. \$40 pr. with tracks. Ph: 6372 2881.

Bathtub - \$35, kitchen sink s/s, single bowl, double drainer - \$25, electric stove - \$40.

Ph: 0408 208 658.

Old style lounge suite. \$80.

George Foreman grill (Lge) \$45.

George Foreman grill (Sml) \$30.

Speed Grill. \$30.

Ronson combination slicer. \$40.

Bookend bed with mattress. \$50.

Ph: 6372 2434.

89 Ford EA sedan, 5 speed manual, air con, sports dash, new radiator, good tyres, h/d tow bar, reg till July, suspect blown h/gasket, \$550.ono. includes 2nd car for spares.

Ph: 0400 593 344.

Brand new rowing machine. Purchase price \$140, sell \$70. ono.

1993 Hyundai Sonata left & right weather shields. \$30 pair.

Genuine Ford EL or similar model car mats. Tan colour. \$60.

8 foot (244cm x 66cm) Easy -Set swimming pool with pump, filter, cover etc. Ex con. \$50.

Contact: Gillian or Roger on 6374 2112. or 0407 494 181.

Timber four-shaft table loom.

(\$350 ono). Ph: 6372 2724 or 0409 289 997.

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

Ph: 0427 603 488.

FOR SALE

Single base bed with white decorative iron and brass bed head. Excellent condition. \$120. ono.

Ph: Karen Polden 6372 2438 or 0439 333 398.

2stoves in working order. \$75 both

Large microwave. \$50.

Toaster oven. \$20.

Kitchen sink & wash trough. \$25 both.

Ph: 6372 2608.

Coromal camper trailer 1998. Off road with independent suspension. 6 berth. With 2 way fridge. Tool box and annexe included. \$12,000. ono. Call Jim: 6372 2273/0419 967536.

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FORD METEOR. 4 cyl. Has some panel damage. Goes well. Suitable for "kids learn to drive" project, or parts.

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'90 Mitsubishi Magna Auto s/wagon.

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Ph: 0427 603 488.

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Look at anything under \$1000.

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Wanted

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Contact Paul 6372 5532

Wanted

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Ph: 0427 603 488

PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO THE CLOSURE OF HEALTH & BEAUTY, ARTICLES MAY NOW BE LEFT AT THE ST MARYS PHARMACY, OR POSTED OR EMAILED AS USUAL.

Sheds, stables, garages, affordable homes and more - for appointments, a catalogue, 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 0409 289 997.

WINTER MARKETS

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A LITTLE BIT OF HERITAGE: Jim Haas "Bill's Note"

After gold was discovered at Mathinna in the 1850s a township sprang up, which for a time towards the end of the Nineteenth Century, became the third largest town in Tasmania, after Hobart and Launceston. The Golden Gate gold mine, the town's principal mine, employed some 300 men per shift and was the second largest gold producer in Tasmania following Beaconsfield.

When we drive into the town today, however, we find only a shadow of its former glory, but for someone with a passion for history there is plenty to whet your appetite.

You can stand at the cenotaph in the centre of town and paint a picture of a bustling town full of hotels, stores, poolrooms and houses with front verandas reaching almost to the street. You can see women in long dresses and fancy bonnets arm in arm with men in smart suits and top hats. Children are dressed to the nines, with the boys in short trousers and long socks. You can smell the horses as they pull their carts or carry their riders to their destinations. The sounds of congregations belting out hymns to the tune of two old organs echo across the valley, then up into the Ben Lomond Range and Mt Saddleback, as the churches up on the hill hold their Sunday services.

Just on the edge of town at the old well kept cemetery you can find names like Reece and Polley displayed on the old worn headstones, reminding you that many a person of prominence had roots in the old town.

Yes, there are still enough artefacts and old buildings left to take you back in time. Then if you visit the old Post Office for a coffee and chat with Doug and Christine, or go a little further down the road to the Golden Gate Gallery, you will come away with a wealth of knowledge. Not only of the history of Mathinna, but priceless stories of those who were part of the rise and fall of their town and those who have fought for its survival.

One of those people was a man named Bill. His surname is a mystery, but we can only assume by the below note written to Richard (Dick) McKercher, a shop owner in Mathinna around 1900, that Bill was a hardworking family man and a good Aussie bloke. He was also able to write a letter and shopping list all in one.



The Golden Gate Gold Mine at Mathinna in its hey days of the 1890s.

"Dick - Please send goods at wons, want em for Kismis. 6lbs raisints. Them butes you sent aint the rite butes, they is 9, I take 7, you must think I got fete like black fellers canoos. Bag flour, 9lbs sugar, 6lbs rice. I had a bad fire today, burned nearly all me grass and fritened the doos out of the cows. Old womans been sick ever since. Pound baking powder, packit corn flour. The cows have gorn off there milk and sore tits and wont feed. 10lbs of gud bacon, no dried horse like last time with hide an inch thick. 1lb sugar lollies for the kids. It gave particler el to the hares and rabbits and burnt rite out. 6 tins of jam. Tell the butcher to send 10lbs rostin mete and the bil I will settil when I come down. All is well barin the missus and the cows orf there milk and too kids with messuls. Opin you are the same as it leeves me at present. Merry kismis. Box anterbilyus pills, packet spice, tin peper. Send coil barb wire, grindstone, 6 pare bute laces, strong ones. 11lbs cheese, good cheese this time, the last cheese krawled orf the table. Send botil korf cure for old rone cow whats delekate. Jim fell orf the cart last week and burst his trousis. Tin corn befe, 4 bars sope, 4 pares soks all for big fete. That bukit you sent me leeks like el. Wishing you a happy New Year and Kismis."

Bill

**Thanks to the Mathinna Golden Gate Gallery
for the copy of Bill's note.**

Tim Morris MHA
Tasmanian Greens Member for Lyons



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welcome.*

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A TRIO OF THANKS.

THE WOMBAT WALK WEEDERS wish to thank the Break O'Day Council and their workmen/women for the installation of the new set of table and forms erected in the Old Musical Playground area.

This is an addition which will be much used by the community and visitors to the area. We also thank the Council for committing \$500 in the last Budget as a small grant for the purchase of a new brush cutter. This will certainly make the job much easier for our Volunteers, also a big thanks for their on-going involvement and commitment to Wombat Walk with additional jobs on the ground.

We wish to thank Forestry for supplying the new planks of wood for replacing the old signage at the entrance by the town bridge as well as for their on going co-operation whenever we have requested their help and assistance, such as plants for National Tree Planting Day and also for the two large stumps for the design and creation of a Wombat sculpture.

Wombat Walk Weeders also wish to thank the Woodcraft Guild for their participation in the renewal of the sign already mentioned above.

NATIONAL TREE PLANTING DAY.

Wombat Walk Weeders will again host National Tree Planting Day this year, to be held on 27th July, 2008, starting at 10.00a.m at Wombat Walk.

Bring a hat, water to drink, and sun screen, and wear appropriate foot wear. Come along, bring the children and have a great day.

POSITIONS VACANT

**ST MARYS VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SERVICE
URGENTLY NEED
VOLUNTEERS**

Coordinator: Ian Bradbury, 6372 2209
Assistant coordinator: Sally Spilsbury, 6372 2294

ST MARYS HISTORY & GIFTS

WINTER TRADING HOURS.
MON - SAT: 10 - 4PM
SUNDAY: CLOSED



St Marys History & Gifts owners and staff are taking a well deserved break for one month.

As from May 12th, the premises will be closed, reopening Monday June 16th.

**Sorry for any inconvenience.
Darlene (Ph: 6372 2007)**

**Looking for a present
for someone who has
everything?**

Why not buy them a gift card!

St Marys Post Office now has a supply of gift cards from a large variety of shops and businesses such as **Angus & Robertson, Sanity Music, Dymocks, Mitre 10, Supercheap Auto, Sportsgirl, Sussan, Just Jeans, Portmans, Rebel Sport etc.**

You simply purchase the gift card for a pre-determined value, we activate the card and then the person you give it to can go to that business and buy what they like up to the value of the card – no having to take gifts back or exchange them.

It's simple, quick and takes all the hassle out of finding that perfect present.

Save yourself time, petrol money, shoe leather and all that anxiety - pop into the Post Office and check out the gift card stand –

it's as easy as that!

Letters to the Editor

Letter to the Editor,

In response to Charles Trollope's Letter to the Editor Thurs May 8th, regarding his amazing personal story of how he cured his Prostate Cancer with a "Rife Machine." It takes guts to choose an alternate therapy when being confronted with a life threatening disease like cancer.

It takes almost as much guts to tell your story to a skeptical public. This is especially true if this form of therapy bucks the normal cancer treatments such as chemotherapy and radiation.

In not knowing what this Rife machine was, my curiosity got the better of me, so I Googled it on the net. www.rife.org. This site gives a fascinating account of the life, research and case studies of Dr Royal Rife. Very simply put the Rife Machine is based on electronic frequencies used to destroy cancer cells. I also found a book on Amazon.com called "The Cancer Cure that Worked" 50 years of Suppression.

It's an in-depth study of Dr. Rife and his machine. The customer reviews for the book are overwhelmingly passionate and in some cases very convincing. As I looked a bit further into the subject. I found another gentleman who recently created a similar machine based on radio waves. He is a retired radio technician named John Kanzius.

John has been getting the attention of some very prominent people in the media and medical world. He just appeared on "60 Minutes" in the USA on April 12, 2008. Kanzius has been fighting leukaemia for the last 6 years using traditional methods. He said, it was not the difficulty of the treatment on him, but on children, that moved him to try to invent a cancer treatment without side effects like those caused by using chemo and radiation therapy.

In any case, I have known cancer survivors that have used different methods of treatment to win their battles with cancer. The one thread that seems to tie them all together is an overwhelming will to live and an exuberance for what life has to offer.

Charles beat cancer using an alternative form of therapy. In this case a "Rife Machine." I give credit to Charles for going with his instincts.

This is something many of us would choose to ignore, based on the advice of the so-called experts.

So, good on you Charles may you live to be 100+. Thanks for sharing your story!

Michelle Ball, St Marys.

Letter to the Editor,

After reading our own Valley Voice over the last few months, I am rather disappointed with the apparent bickering and ill feeling amongst our elected councillors and others.

I thought they were elected for the good of the community in general. There seems to be too many schemes proposed before the important one is finally completed.

Over many weeks, a committee, led very efficiently by Peter Troode, decided to erect new toilets at our own recreation ground.

This was presented to council and approved. Very little has been done on this project to date, so I would ask all our councillors to do their utmost to get this task on the move, and finished.

I do know that the Mayor is very much in favour of this so please get behind him for the benefit of our great little town, and the general public, and tourists.

This ground could be made into a very pleasant place for tourists to stay for a day, or however long they wish to.

This project has been discussed for too many years, so it is time all our talking and efforts came to fruition.

We now need action, not talk.

Eric Bean.

Letter to the Editor of the Valley Voice.

The sounds of the bugler have not yet faded from ANZAC DAY when the so called leader of this community has decided to gag our elected members of council.

Many brave men and women fought to preserve the concept of freedom of speech, many died and many suffered the horrors of war.

I saw action in the Pacific Theatre and lost more than a few good mates in protecting this great land and its people and the principle of every person's right to be heard. Including the current Mayor, who has chosen to use this right to deny each voter fair and equal representation?

Only to have this basic freedom taken away by simple minded Philistines. If there is an ounce of common sense and decency with those who blindly voted for this immoral motion, then it should be repealed at the next meeting.

Peter Kennedy

St Helens Point Road

St Helens.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I thought I'd tell you what's going on at the Club this month. The Chairman, he's had this idea that only two of us should speak at meetings, one at a time, but only two of us, or one of us twice. Well there's 9 of us on the Committee, so that's a bit of a bugger, specially for me, 'cos I like to move motions at meetings, but the chair reckons I've got verbal diarrhoea, and the members would be 2 days listening to it all, and the secretary would be there all hours typing it up, if he doesn't shut me up, and he says most of my stuff is bullsh*t anyway.

Well that's a bit rough, 'cos it's not the number of times I move motions, it's the size of them that's the worry with the committee. That's why they've passed so many of my motions, mostly unanimously, so they don't have to read all them submissions I put in and listen to me banging on about improving the place.

One of them just wants to get it all finished and go home anyway. The rest of them, except the bloke who seconds my motions, he's a bonza guy, and the new fellow, they just want to get to the important stuff, like the "Chair's Diary", and move motions for the Manager, so they don't move motions themselves.

The Chair says it's the emergency issues is the real stuff of motions, not like most of mine which can be sorted out on the telephone, or in the bog, secret men's business with no snail trail, and we can talk about footy tipping while we're about it.

Anyway, I'm looking forward to the auctions, 'cos that's what I reckon we might have to do, highest bidder gets to move a motion. It would raise money too, probably to pay for the committee lunches. We could move motions in turns, or draw lots, but what if you didn't have a motion to move one month—I suppose you could swap your turn with another bloke that hadn't moved one for a bit. Sort of motion trading, just like those carbon credits. Maybe we could do it alphabetically, or even toss for it.

First come, First served is not any good, 'cos there are some sharp characters on the committee and they'd be there at 8.30, just to get theirs in first, and then try to flog them, like the touts at the MCG.

So, I suppose we'll have to leave it to the Chair and the Manager to choose what we talk about—well they're the only ones who know what's going on anyway, and what's really important. All our stuff is just big noting, balcony waving the Chair calls it.

Anyway I'll miss the chat across the table, but we're going to have a video at the next meeting about how to run a club, "Yes Minister" it's called, we should learn something from that.

Cheers, Davo.

(Name and Address supplied.)

I would like to congratulate the Valley Voice for publishing my letter.

The Valley Voice is a great avenue for the democratic expression of free speech and they are to be commended in not giving in to the Mayor's demands that a contributor's anonymity be revealed.

I'd also like to commend them for publishing the Mayors vitriolic reply, not often do we see a senior member of the community losing it so publicly.

In fact it is good that the community has been so publicly made aware of the mayor's rancorous confrontational style.

Is this how we wish our Mayor to behave?

It is no wonder that people are reluctant to publish their names when this is the sort of response they will get.

I wish to know if the council in general condones the way the mayor so vehemently denigrates someone expressing an opinion or bringing outrageous council decisions to the public's attention.

This acutely embarrassing behaviour by the Mayor is totally contrary to the Council's Code of Conduct and as such he is in contempt of the rules that govern the behaviour of councillors.

His public outburst contravenes many sections of the council's code of conduct, such as:

1.1. Bullying by Councillors Policy – which, among other things, states that bullying by Councillors of other Councillors, Council employees or members of the public will not be tolerated by Break O'Day Council.

2.1.4. perform their duties impartially and in the best interest of the community, uninfluenced by fear or favour.

2.1.15. avoid any form of conduct that would bring the Council, its Councillors or staff into disrepute.

2.1.6. provide an example that, if followed by all, would result in a more equitable, safer, more compassionate and more just society.

2.2.1. conduct themselves in a way that generates community trust and confidence in them as individuals and enhances the role and image of the Council and local government generally.

2.2.7. accept and provide constructive criticism.

2.2.10. (part of) refrain from any form of conduct in the performance of their official or professional duties which may cause any reasonable person unwarranted offence or embarrassment.

How can the Mayor be required to sit in judgment of councillor's behaviour if he is incapable of meeting these very standards himself.

I believe to avoid further embarrassment to the council and the community there is only one option open to the mayor and that is to **RESIGN**.

On reflection about my previous letter, I was possibly a little over the top, but I will stand by my view that:

I HAVE A SERIOUS CONCERN AS TO THE EROSION OF DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES BEING FORCED ON US BY THE MAYOR AND SENIOR COUNCIL MANAGEMENT.

To prove my point the mayor is now actively trying to gag councillors and stifle any dissent against his policies.

Come on mayor do yourself and the community a favour, **RESIGN** immediately.

Again,

Rightfully Concerned,

Scamander.

Letters to the Editor

Dear editor,

I am a volunteer Ambulance Officer for the Tasmanian Ambulance Service and have been for almost 8 years.

All of our volunteers have been at this job for about the same amount of time.

We dedicate our own time to do this and at this present time we have only around six active members trying to cover a 7 day a week, 24 hrs a day, and we do it all year round.

We do it for our wonderful community, from this side of the bridge at Scamander to the back of Mathinna, to Seymour, and almost to Avoca.

Yes it is a very large piece of area to cover, but if we are called, you can be assured that we will be there as soon as we can with one of our great Paramedics, to get you to the best medical facility.

We are not asking for acknowledgement of all we do, because we know how the community feels about us already.

I am not writing this letter to get acknowledgement, but to ask you to please think about joining this great service, because believe me, we need more help with you becoming a volunteer.

Tasmanian Ambulance Service and the St Marys Volunteer Unit understand that time may be an issue with people to volunteer, such as having family commitments and working commitments, so all of those issues come first, and you only dedicate your time on call when it is convenient for you.

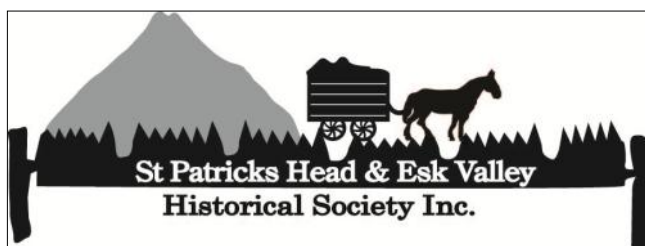
The job is about getting satisfaction in knowing that you have helped somebody within our community.

90% of our work is transferring patients from one facility to another. All we need is good responsible drivers who will be willing to learn a bit of first aid along the way. Eventually, when a driver becomes confident, they could advance to the next level at their own time.

If you would like to come to a training night, our next one is Wednesday the 28th of May, at 7pm at the Day Centre Room of the Community Health Centre.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter, and I hope we will get a response from this wonderful community.

Thanks again,
Alana Campain.



Dear Editor,

I was shocked and disgusted to read in the Valley Voice getting cancer is one of the best things to happen to me.

My mother died in 1996 from cancer, so I have some insight into the pain and suffering that my mother went through, which also affected the whole family, and friends, and still does today.

After reading this article and then doing my own research, it is my opinion that Quackery is the only way to describe this machine. Make up your own mind by visiting Rife.com and read the article, Cheating Death Australians battle with Rife machine.

Another web site worth visiting is Quackwatch.com, as this will give you a better understanding of this machine.

If I have a medical problem, I go to the doctor for treatment, not EBay.

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Sincerely,
Stuart Falconer,
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**LABOR MAKES A BUSH TELEGRAPH OF BROADBAND
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SUMMIT ON BROADBAND DELAY

Senator Guy Barnett will hold a summit on broadband in Launceston on Wednesday, June 11 this year to help overcome a blunder depriving Tasmanians of fast and affordable broadband services.

"Tasmania's broadband speed capacity is up to 20 times slower than mainland states. However, a State Labor Government blunder has stymied solutions to this problem for four years," Senator Barnett said.

"The construction and installation of the Basslink energy bridge across Bass Strait included a fibre optic cable. However, that cable has remained dormant for the past five years because Labor has failed to reach agreement with the owners of the cable.

"The cable has been rolled out across Bass Strait. It has been useable since 2004 but until there is an agreement the owners won't open it up for commercial use.

"This impasse is an absolute disgrace. Fast broadband is not just about *YouTube* and video games. It is about providing health services to remote and regional areas, such as specialist consultations via video link.

"It is about providing a fast and affordable service for small business and the best quality education for students in outlying areas.

"I am holding a meeting on June 11 of stakeholders in Launceston to develop a strategy to have this problem fixed – we cannot afford to wait another four years," Senator Barnett said.

"The Rudd Government has not helped by cancelling the \$1 billion OPEL Network contract which would have provided a second broadband link to Tasmania by July next year, leading to cheaper and faster services through competition," he said.

Senator Barnett raised the issue in the Senate last week. Those wishing to attend the June 11 summit can contact Senator Barnett's office on 6334 1755, or fax/post their interest to Senator Guy Barnett, C/- 33 George Street, Launceston 7250.

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DOING THE ROUNDS

Clr Reon Johns 0429 722 091

I would be surprised if there is anyone who has not heard about the Mayor's motion at the May Council Meeting. If you are in the dark then here are the nuts and bolts.

The Mayor moved that "Councillors can only have two "Notices of Motion" per Council Meeting, and two questions on notice per Councillor and two questions without notice per Councillor". This was passed 5 votes to 3. I was one of the three.

On my travels I have picked up the reaction of residents, both in the Valley and on the Coast and it's not one of support for the Mayor's motion, many feel it denies them representation and freedom of speech.

There is also a move in Council to review the small grants program. The difficulty of assessing the Reports and documents relating to the agenda for public perusal was raised, as there is only one copy on display at the Office, 4 days prior to a Council Meeting (2 days of which are Saturday and Sunday) as they are not on the Council website. Residences in remote areas, workers and the elderly could be denied the chance to see these items and remain abreast of the current state of the council affairs.

On a happier note these Motions were passed:

- * a basketball hoop for Cornwall was passed subject to a risk assessment,
- * the water/stormwater drainage at Mathinna will be looked into, and options for its improvement,
- * we now have a realistic objective for the maintenance for footpaths.
- * Council to support the home mail delivery service in the Beaumaris area.

I visit Mathinna and Fingal on the last Thursday of each month. I will be in St Marys, at the Bakery, on the first Thursday of the month from 10:00am till 11:30am. Then on to Scamander, Mouth Café, from 12:30pm till 2:00pm.

I can be contacted on mobile 0429 722 091 or Fax 6372 2098

Councillor Reon Johns. "

I would like to invite any other Councillor to share this article with me and help keep the Break O'Day informed. If you would like to raise an issue feel free to contact me on mobile 0429 722 091.

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A Councillor's view.

In supporting his motion at the Council Meeting of 12 May, "1: That Councillors 'Notice of Motion' be limited to two (2) per meeting" and, " 2: that 'Questions on Notice' and 'Questions Without Notice' be limited to two (2) per Councillor per Council Meeting", Councillor Legge submitted that Council Officers have more duties to undertake than spending unnecessary lengthy amounts of time researching multiple questions and notices".

Unfortunately for his argument, it is a matter of public record that the meeting on 12 May, at which I moved 15 motions, finished at 4.05pm on the same day, the time by which more than 80% of council meetings have finished over the past 30 meetings.

It is noted that the Mayor did not propose any similar restriction to the number of recommendations to be made by officers, each requiring a motion to be moved by a councillor—the words 'rubber stamp' spring to mind. It is also notable that the Mayor's motion to gag councillors, the elected representatives of the community, but to leave the door open for unlimited staff recommendations was supported by the General Manager.

The two parts of the Mayor's motion clearly distinguish, both in words and grammar, between "two questions per councillor per meeting" and "two motions per meeting". Nine councillors will be restricted to two (2) motions between them to advance the interests of residents.

As for the work involved for officers, it is a matter of public record (Agenda May 12, Pg 54-56) that in response to my Question on Notice to the General Manager, Mr Tony Walker, "*Are these changes the result of a policy of yours to progressively reduce public access to information regarding council activities*", the reply took 3 pages.

The audio recording of the meeting will confirm that, in response to my question to the General Manager in an open council meeting, "Did you write the reply?", the answer given by Mr Walker thrice was, "it has my name on it, I take responsibility for the answer". Not really an answer to the question as to who actually prepared the answer. How much work was involved for a council officer in this answer?

"Rightfully Concerned", of Scamander, referred to by the Mayor (VV 8 May) as a "gutless wonder", was entitled to ask (VV24April), "is Democracy dead in the Break O'Day?"

A gag on councillors to restrict their motions to two per meeting hardly encourages the representation of the interests of residents by the elected members, or of the determination of policy and strategy for the future direction of the municipality.

It could be characterised as tyrannical duncery, and a denial of freedom of speech. If corruption was defined as 'a perversion of the integrity of process', the effect of this motion will be to corrupt the democratic process of the Break O'Day Council.

Councillor David Clement.

FROM CORNWALL TO THE SISTER

On Saturday the 17th May fifteen members of the Launceston Walking Club joined four locals to walk from Cornwall Heritage Wall Park to the top of South Sister.

We left the Park at 10.00 am and followed the old Bank-Top to Screens Tramway as far as the old Managers house. We took a detour from there through a rainforest to the old Snake Gully air shaft which is now damned for the Cornwall water supply. Here water bottles were filled with comments coming thick and fast from the Launcestonians about the natural, sweet, taste of the water as it runs out from beneath the mountain.

Next it was over to the old Cornwall Bank-Top and a fossick through the winch-house, bathroom and weigh-bridge, all of which were once an integral part of the Cornwall Coal Mine before its closure in 1964.



Walkers begin the steep climb from the old Eastern Tramway to the Derricks Marsh Track.

This was the track used by the old hands from German Town and Dublin Town who sometimes came to Cornwall to get supplies or visit Family.

Once onto the Derricks Marsh Track, the going was much easier, the track was easy to follow and the landscape was almost flat until we reached the South Sister road, where once again we had a climb on our hands.

But after almost four hours of walking the climb to the top of the mountain was the straw that broke the camel's back for some.



Walkers stop to learn about the old Eastern mine shaft on the way to the Sister.



Walkers from the Launceston Walking Club set off from Cornwall to climb to the Sister.

From there it was on to another old tramway which led us to the old Eastern mine sites. Here you can see the remains of several tunnels, one of which was closed by an underground fire in 1955.

It was at this point we left the easy walking of the old tramways and began to climb over a much rougher and steep unmade track to the top of the hill where we eventually met up with the old Derricks Marsh Track.



Locals Di Troode and Cheryl Oates take a break and have a chat to a Launceston walker.

Only the mad, young and strong made it to the top, but alas their efforts were in vain, a fog capped the mountain so thick you could barely see your hand in front of you.

Although missing out on the magnificent views the South Sister has to offer on most days, the walkers were rapt in the day's expedition. Not only did they get to spend a healthy day in the bush with plenty of exercise, but were able to see and learn about a time in our history that was far removed from what we know today.

Story and photos: Jim Haas



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The Say Cagerattler

How do we sit with commercial tree plantations on former primary producing land in this municipality?

Last week I read about in the newspaper, and listened to on radio, as well as watched on television, another part of the state where a long term farmer had finally decided to sell his land for this purpose. This chap had been trying to sell the property as a going concern but hadn't received anything close to a reasonable offer.

Finally he considered the possibility of the land becoming a tree farm on the sale to a new proprietor but this idea met with considerable opposition from the local community. Eventually the Council in question rejected the applications for such purposes despite acknowledging that the farmer only wanted to sell up so he and his wife could enjoy a well earned retirement.

In what circumstances should landowners have the right to sell their property to whoever they choose, and should they be disadvantaged financially for not being permitted to sell for other reasons? That quandary is beyond me that's for sure. This got me thinking about how our own council sees such matters and whether uniform sub dividing, rezoning and such land usage rules apply generally or do individual councils have flexibility on such matters.

Perhaps commonsense in regard to 'for the greater good' apply at local government levels and how much does overwhelming community sentiment play in the decision making process. I understand that the council dealing with the farmer were quite understanding of his predicament but voted to not permit a commercial project outside of the original circumstances the land was used for. It seems the farmer accepted the ruling and we trust that sooner rather than later he will receive a favourable offer so he can indeed retire at last.

Would someone from our Council like to inform us through these pages in a future edition on our own zoning and land usage regulations. It would certainly be a very interesting thing to know on some of these important matters.

What do you think ?



NEW BRIDGE FOR FOUR MILE CREEK.

Congratulation to the workers on the Four Mile Creek bridge. You have done a wonderful job and it looks great, adding more beauty to this quiet little hamlet. The bridge is now open, to foot traffic only.

A **THUMBS DOWN** to the people who thought it was their right to steal some of the timber allocated for the decking.

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ST MARYS ANZAC DAY ADDRESS 2008.

(The following is an abbreviated version of the ANZAC DAY address given by Councillor David Clement)

This address is dedicated to our children, and to our children's children.

Why are we gathered here together, at this place, on this day? The reasons are varied and complex. ANZAC Day is a unifying force in our nation, its ownership is universal, and it is being re-interpreted by each generation. There are also those who served and are not here, not because of death, but because they never attend an ANZAC Day ceremony—those who say 'I just want to forget it' and in whose families the rule is 'Don't talk to Dad about the War'.

'For if I could alter history, the wars would not have been, no-one should have to face the horrors that I have seen'.

And there are those who fought against us. The recent memorial service for those who lost their lives in 1941 on HMAS Sydney, two of whom came from St Marys, was extended to those who died on the Kormoran in her battle with the Sydney. They were husbands, fathers and sons as well, not any different from our own.

But remembering those who died will always be a focal point of ANZAC Day. Of the men and women from the Break O'Day who have served in the conflicts into which Australia has been drawn, 134 have died, 104 in WW1 and 30 during WW2. Thirty nine (39) who died were from the St Marys district, from St Marys, Mt Nicholas, Cornwall, Falmouth, Chain of Lagoons and Seymour. Some families lost more than one son during those wars—the Todds, of Todds Hall, lost two sons in WW1 as did the Rigbys from Mt Nicholas, while the Davern family lost a son in 1916, another in 1917 and a nephew in 1918. The Butler family lost two sons in WW2.

ANZAC Day naturally has a heavy focus on Gallipoli. Forty three (43) of the Break O'Day men who died in WW1 were ANZAC's, and 10 of them died at Gallipoli, including James Gillies of St Marys and William Stevens of Mangana, who both died on that first ANZAC Day, 25th April 1915.

WW1 is 90 years ago, and we have no ANZAC or WW1 Veterans still with us. However, WW2 ended but 63 years ago, and there may be some of you here today who served in that war, or remember relatives or friends who did. The following is a roll call of those from this district who died during that war—I apologise to any family who lost a relative that is not mentioned.

Lloyd Dudley Bessell. HMAS Perth, 29, Kenneth Herbert Butler, RAAF, 20, Vernon Richard Butler 2/29 Battalion, 24, William Henry Margison 2/40 Battalion, 29, Harold Douglas Gordon Mitchell 2/40 Battalion, 34, Allan Douglas Walker 2/40 Battalion, 28, Gregory Graham Wardlaw, 2/40 Battalion, 25, Laurence Gray Morris, 2/19 Battalion, 22, Henry Spencer, 2/12 Battalion, 21, Charles Patrick Wright (young Sid) HMAS Sydney, 20, died 19 November, 1941, Frederick James Perger (Jimmy) HMAS Sydney, 20, died 19 November, 1941.

There are others involved in war besides those who died; there are the families, friends and communities at home, and there are those who survived to return home—and at times in our history the treatment of those who returned has been a matter of shame, typified by the attitude to shellshock victims in WW1, and more recently the early attitude accorded to Vietnam Vets.

And, there is another group involved in all of Australia's conflicts—the enemy, the other side, the ones demonized by our own propaganda to be hated and loathed. They go by different names in different wars, but they are always the enemy. And we have plenty of them—South Africans in the Boer War, Chinese in the Boxer rebellion, Germans, Austrians, Serbs, Hungarians and Turks in WW1, Germans, Italians and Japanese in WW2, Koreans in the Korean War, Malays in the Malaysian Emergency, Indonesians in the Confrontation, the Vietnamese in the Vietnam War, Iraqis in the First Gulf War, and now we are in Iraq, and Afghanistan, fighting God knows who.

And yet today we play cricket and rugby with the South Africans, our Prime Minister speaks mandarin, and our economy is being fuelled by China, we celebrate Gallipoli with the Turks, the Japanese are our biggest trading partners, we won medals at the Olympic Games in South Korea, we were beaten by Italy in the World Cup in Germany and drive BMWs and Mercedes, everybody shops in Singapore, and Vietnam is a holiday destination. So what was a hundred years of fighting them all about? Now we are fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan, and do we really know why?

No sane person wants to fight a war. And yet wars continue—because of clashes of ideologies, the vested interests of the international armaments industry and military establishments, and, particularly relevant to Australia, the political, military and economic interests of Britain and now America—the reasons for conflict between human beings are legion. But, while wars may be conceived in strategy and perceived national interest, they also need to be assessed against morality. And the protest songs of the sixties, such as "God Is On Our Side" and 'The Universal Soldier', raised some of these moral issues, ***If God is on our side, we'll win the next war, why is it always the old who lead us into war, always the young to die. How many time must the cannon balls fly before they are banned?*** Which we might remember today as the landmines in Cambodia are still blowing the legs off little children.

None of this denies the courage and integrity of the individuals caught up in events beyond their individual control, and prepared to give their life for their family, friends and country, but must we as a nation continue to ask for that potential sacrifice? War is as much about ourselves and our values, as it is about the enemy. We as a nation can make choices. One of the architects of the Vietnam War, Robert McNamara, said in 1995: ***"We fought for what we believed to be good and honest reasons, but we were wrong, terribly wrong. We owe it to future generations to explain why."*** So, is ANZAC Day today about the future learning from the past?

Australia in 2008 is a multi cultural society, of ordinary people from many countries, diverse origins, faiths and cultures. The times are changing in our country, and a 20/20 Vision could be that we can break the mould of the past, and join Switzerland and Sweden as a neutral country, peacemakers but not belligerents, unentangled from the economic and military interests of others, capable of defending ourselves but independent and pursuing our own path to the future without requiring the sacrifice of future generations, of another 135 lives from the Break O'Day in alien deserts and jungles, in oceans and skies over foreign lands, in mountains and cities far from home. And then we would truly have kept faith with those who died, who call from the grave and ask as the price for their death: ***"to you from falling hands we throw the torch, be yours to hold it high. If ye break faith with us who die we shall not sleep, though poppies grow in Flanders Fields"***.

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What a wonderful oasis, would love to live here for this place alone. Lovely people, fabulously delicious and healthy foods. Calming, peaceful atmosphere. **Juanita & Gibson, Perth WA.**

It was worth travelling in 40deg heat across the Nullabor for the date scones and the hot tea. **WA.**

Best health food store ever seen - better than any Sydney store. **Francine & John - Sydney.**

What? No meat? Thanks for letting my meat eating man eat pies in your lovely Purple Possum! I enjoyed the leek and lima bean soup, and the Purple Possum muffin was a great dessert—you have a great place. **G & J Lundau, Mongolia.**

Great to find decaf tea. **Carol, Dawson City, Yukon, Canada.**

Real food, real good....on excellent motorcycling roads too. **Justin Jamberoo. NSW.**

What a lovely shop! So interesting meandering through the shelves and taking in the ambience of this great country town. Delicious food & excellent coffee & excellent prices. We're delighted we found this little gem of a place. We were delighted with the huge array of products! This shop would put most of the larger chain stores to shame!. **Donna & Eddy, Qld.**

A wonderful well stocked shop. Very friendly & helpful service. I wish I had you in my village. **Janet Robson, Port of Ness, Isle of Lewis, Outer Hebrides, Scotland.**

Tasty sweet. Nice restaurant, with good people to meet. I enjoyed it here! Would come back again if I could!, **Sarah, Normandy, France.**

The Purple Possum is quite enchanting. We've enjoyed our lunch/tea so much, Elaine. Best curry pie I've ever tasted! Divine pot of tea and date scones. Thank you. **Wendy & Basil Brisbane, QLD. Ex South Africans.**

This place is the best in Tasmania. Such a "down to earth" welcoming, homely town. Great pub, gallery and café and Seaview Farm is so homely. Hope tourism helps you all, but whatever you do, DON'T CHANGE. **Kate Reddick.**



Volunteer Community Bus Drivers

Break O'Day Council in partnership with Medea Park are calling for volunteer community bus drivers.

This project was identified through the recovery process after the December, 2006 fires and funding has been provided by the State and Federal Governments to train volunteer drivers.

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FRIDAY 23 MAY, '08 6-8 PM

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OUT OF THE WOODWORK

Wendy Brennan Treasurer 6372 2094

The Guild had an unexpected call from Dick Adam's office inquiring if it was fine for Hon. Mr Adams to drop in and say "hi" as he would be in the area.

Not only did Mr Adams come in for a cuppa and buy some of our wares, he also brought a gift of Blackwood as a donation. It was encouraging for the Guild to be told that our kind of club is being recognised more around Tasmania for being an asset in looking after the needs of much of the isolated members of rural communities.

Positive reinforcement like this makes us all feel that the initial struggle we had to open and operate has all been worthwhile.

I would like to congratulate the many innovative members of our club who had the tenacity to keep going, although, at times it seemed like we were faced with insurmountable problems and the many members of our community who gave us solace when we felt beaten, to hang in there and beat the fathomless obstructions.

Thank you to the **St Helens-St Marys combined sub-branch of the R.S.L** who kindly donated a cordless drill for our raffle and to **Les Thompson** who manned the BBQ at Saturday's markets so Reon could attend to a council inquiry.

Unfortunately, the train man will not be appearing this May as he had unexpected family news. We wish his mother a speedy and healthy recovery and look forward to his next visit.

The Guild will be sponsoring the **Northern Veterans Cycle Club** who will grace our town on the **5th October 2008** with their athleticism and hopefully for many years to come.

The Guild has made the trophies for the car show on the Green for the **1st June**.

The Guild meets on the last Saturday of the month at the Old Railway Station Goods Shed at 4:00pm.

The Guild is open Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Any other times by appointment.



Members of the Guild with Dick Adams.

*l/r Bob, Scotty, Reon,
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Miss Smith's Duck Poo Lotto

Chocolate Wheel

Handball Competition

Gold Coin Donation Entry

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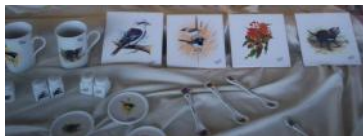
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St Marys Soccer Club

Saturday game with St Helens. 11am.

St Marys V St Helens - Saturday May 24th. Hosted by St Marys Soccer Club, school oval starting 11am. Matches for all ages. We will run a food table to raise funds, and people could help out with a small plate for us to sell, or with the table on the day. All welcome: visitors, old fans and the curious. Weekly training Wednesdays after school, till 4.20pm.

Polly Buchhorn 6372 5360

These are social occasions for getting more serious about our soccer. Several games for juniors will be followed by a seniors match (a chance for able parents to prove to themselves and others to try the round ball out on some spare turf.

Please get your 2008 membership in.

Registration only takes a parent's signature on the form and the fee (\$22) If you registered on the Football registration form last year Polly has a printout of your details, which needs to be signed. New players need a blank form from Polly.

Remember: boots and shin pads.

Players do better in football boots, and wearing shin pads is safer. Several largish pairs of hand-me-down boots have been given to the Club to give away (suit mid-teens) There are kids looking for smaller pairs if anyone has some spare. Tree Mariss 6372 2309

St Helens 10am: 28th June and August 30.



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MEALS ON WHEELS ROSTER

May		St Marys	Fingal
Mon	26th	Fe Gillies	Debra Speers (W)
Tues	27th	Geoff Herrmann	
Wed	28th	D & V Rice	
Thurs	29th		
Fri	30th		Susan Woods
June			
Mon	2nd	Debbie Barnes	Sharon Hall
Tues	3rd	Pam Gillies	
Wed	4th	B & B McAllister	
Thurs	5th	Patricia Barr	
Fri	6th	Pat O'Donnell	Mim Woods

Church Services

Catholic Parish of St Marys

Sr. Lorraine Groves
Parish House. Ph: 6372 2252
Mob: 0409 172 741

1st Week: MASS

St Helens Vigil 6.00pm
Bicheno 9.00am
Fingal 11.30am
Campbell Town 5.00pm

2nd Week LITURGY

St Helens Vigil 6.00pm
St Marys 9.00am
Bicheno 9.00am
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
St Marys 9.00am
Bicheno 9.00am
Fingal 9.30am

5th Week MASS

St Helens Vigil 6.00pm
Bicheno 9.00am
St Marys 11.00am
Ross 5.00pm

Anglican Parish of Northern Midlands

Avoca: 11am 2nd/4th Sundays
Fingal: 3 pm 1st/3rd Sundays
Mathinna: 3pm 2nd/ 4th Sundays
Ross: 11am 1st/3rd Sundays
Campbell Town: 9am every Sun.
(3rd Sunday –Family Service)

Anglican Parish of Break O'Day

Ph: 6376 1144

St Helens Every Sunday
8 am and 10.30 am

Kanga Sunday School

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St Marys 10 am
(No service 5th Sunday)

Pyengana 4th Sunday, 2pm.

Salvation Army Monday JAM

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except school holidays.

Break O'Day Uniting Church

The Manse St Helens
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St Helens 9.00 am
Fingal 11.15 am

Seventh Day Adventist

Hodgeman Street Scamander
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Divine Service 11 am

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Contacts for Valley Voice

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News from the Healthy Community Project

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FITTER SITTERS MEET PLIABILITY

Venue: St. Helens District Hospital Day Care Room

Days: Wednesdays for six weeks

Time: 10am – 11am

With: Jason Parkes St. Helens Health & Fitness Centre

Cost: \$3.00 subsidised by the Healthy Community Project

These classes are fantastic for everyone regardless of your mobility they can be undertaken standing or in a chair. The exercises are fantastic for anyone wishing to increase their range of movement and feel good! To register phone 63775242.

YOUNG MUM'S COFFEE MORNING

Venue: Healthy Community Project

Days: Wednesdays

Time: 10am – 12 noon

For young Mum's under 25 to meet with other young mums and get out and about. For more information phone Cassie or Abbie on 63765242.

'APPY 'OUSE AMBLERS

Days: Every Wednesday, Saturdays fortnightly

Walks every Wednesday morning departing from the Healthy House and 2 Saturdays per month take a bus to different walking locations and have a great day out with a friendly group, walks are easy to easy/medium. Phone 63765242 for more information.

BREAK O'DAY YOUTH COUNCIL

Meeting: 26th May, 23rd June

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Please, if you can spare any they will be much
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The Break O'Day Business & Community Directory is an annual publication and for the first time will be available in the Break O'Day Municipality and Bicheno.

The BEC is now taking registrations for the upcoming Directory.

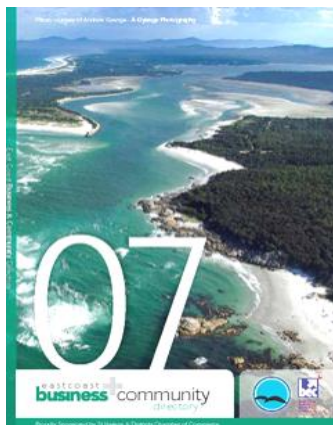
You can advertise your business 365 days a year to a permanent audience of 9000 people.

Break O'Day businesses will be contacted in June and the process of getting the directory ready will begin. We will then put the wheels in motion and in late December we will distribute our Business & Community Directory for 2009.

A free copy is available to all *permanent residents* in these areas. For any other people wishing to purchase a directory, they can do so for the cost of \$4 each. Book and pay for your advertising space between May and July and go into the draw to receive \$100 voucher towards advertising in the Business Enterprise Centre's Business & Community Directory 2009

If anyone is interested in advertising in this coming publication, feel free to contact the BEC on 6376 2044 or

bodbeb@bigpond.net.au for any information and/or costings.



St Marys Pass
Will be CLOSED to all traffic
For at least 14 days

From 7am Monday 2nd June to
5pm Sunday 15th June 2008

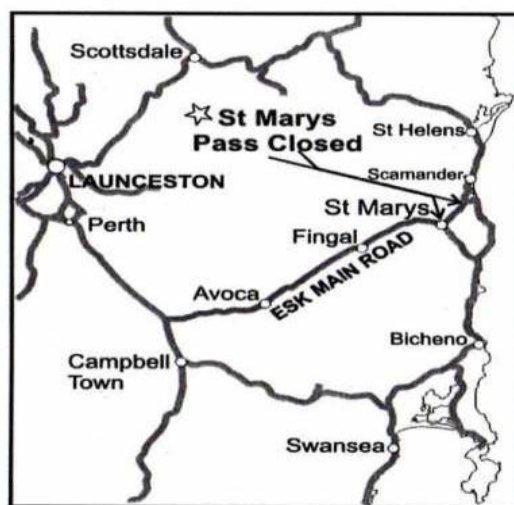
**This is to enable the removal of loose rocks and
allow hazard reduction works.**

Since June 2007 revegetation of the slopes has progressed, however some rocks are still 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 14 day closure may be extended if unfavorable 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 if Required.



If you would like any further information please call

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Department Infrastructure, Energy and Resources
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Email dennis.beveridge@dier.tas.gov.au



ST MARYS TENNIS CLUB

The St Marys Tennis Club is looking for players who would be interested in competing in a Friday night roster over the winter months.

There will be some changes in the format to previous night rosters, and we are expecting mild conditions on every Friday evening!!!!

Anyone who is interested in playing, can you let me know please?

The last date to register for the Friday evening roster is May 24th. If you wish to play please email-

stmarystenniscubtas@gmail.com

or phone me on (Ph: 6372 2034)

Jack Foreman [club captain]

NEWS FLASH !!!!!!!

The Cranks and Tinkerers regret that due to circumstances beyond their control the Train Man has had to cancel his visit for this year.

However, the 1ST June is a date to keep in mind as there will be a car display on the Green. If you can remember last year's event then you can now relive it again and catch up with old friends.

BE THERE OR BE SQUARE



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			22nd May • ENE Cross Country	23rd May
26th May • Dental Service	27th May • School Photos • School Social • Dental Service	28th May	29th May • ENE Team Training	30th May
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS				
16th June	17th June • Dental Service	18th June	19th June	20th June
23rd June • Dental Service	24th June • Dental Service	25th June	26th June • NEXT NEWSLETTER	27th June

SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE

- ☺ Monday 26th May
- ☺ Tuesday 27th May
- ☺ Tuesday 17th June
- ☺ Monday 23rd June
- ☺ Tuesday 24th June



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'Get your hair off!' Day



This year the *Student Leaders* aim to support charities that directly impact on the lives of our community, so, after a request from one of our school community members, during the month of May we will be raising money for the *Leukaemia Foundation*.

All funds and proceeds will be donated to the *Leukaemia Foundation*.

If we raise:

\$200 – Student Leaders will DYE their hair

\$400 – Mr Shephard will WAX his legs

\$600 – Miss Gillard will shave her HAIR off



So please send along some spare change with your child and give to this wonderful cause!

Come along to our school hall at 12pm on Wednesday 28th May to see the hair come off!

Pool Key Holder Reminder

The swimming pool was closed on **30th April, 2008**. Could all keyholders, who have not returned keys, please ensure that your key is returned to the school office before **Friday 30th May 2008**.

Late return of keys may result in forfeiture of your deposit.

We hope that you enjoyed your use of the pool and look forward to next season.



School Photos
Tuesday 27th May

All photo envelopes with payment to be returned to the school office no later than Monday 26th May.

AGFEST



We went to Agfest on the 1st of May, we left the school at 9:00am and arrived about 10:45am.

When we arrived we put our name tags on and got into groups. I was in a group with Taylah and her mum, Cassie, Kerby, Bonnie and her mum and my mum and me. Also Mrs Morgan.

The only thing I bought was lunch, snacks and socks, the rest were freebies. I also bought lollies (how could I forget). We watched how to make candy and it wasn't and tasted nice.

It started off a nice day in weather but later it started drizzling. But it was a nice day for us!

I lost my mobile phone but I found it again. Someone gave it to the lost property, it's nice to know that there are still honest people out there.

We all went up and had a look at all 5 craft shops. In one of them there was a fashion show on, the people in it were pretty.

When everybody left I stayed a little longer with Taylah and her mum and my mum. After we went shopping in town. That was our trip to Agfest.

By Tamiela Dwyer



By Cassie McGee

On Thursday the 1st of May some of the grade six students went to Agfest. We left at 9:00am and got there about 10:45am. We got into groups, I was with Bonnie, Tamiela, Taylah, Kerby, Liz, June, Alison, Mrs Morgan and me.

At first we went to have a look at the cows. Then we just walked around then we saw people in suits as police and a house. We all got a picture with them. After that we watched people make lollies, it was really cool.

Then we went to Amara. We got a bag of free stuff. It was cool! As well we got a free beanie there too, HOT!

Then we walked around we tasted honey and some of us bought some things. Then Tamiela got a blister so we went into a sock shop and we all got socks, it was funny!

After we bought our socks we went to look for cheese for Mr Shepleard as he asked for some. Mrs Morgan found it—we all said YUCK!

Then when we were walking back to the bus it started to rain.

We got together with all the other people and just talked. Tamiela lost her phone so Liz, Taylah and Alison went looking for it while Bonnie, June, Kerby, Mrs Morgan and I went back on the bus to go back to St Marys.

We all had fun



Last week I went to Agfest with the school. Mum came as well. We were with Josh, his mum and dad and Cody.

On the way there we watched the Simpsons Movie and I sat with Josh.

Agfest is a lot bigger than the one we had where Luse to live.

There were a lot of shops there. I bought some honeycomb and part of a deer's antler.

We got heaps of freebies and I bought a big show bag that had heaps of stuff in it.

We also saw a Hummer that was black.

Then it started to rain. I had to wear my poncho.

When we left I sat next to Cody on the bus.

The best thing about Agfest was when we saw to Hummer.

By Cody Redshaw



The grade sixes at St Marys District High School went to Agfest on the first of May. At nine o'clock we hopped on the bus, grabbed a seat and tried to relax ready for a long trip.

I hopped in a seat next to Shana, pulled out my MP3 player and listened to some music.

I got a tap on my shoulder, it was Shana, she wanted to use my MP3 player. I handed it to her and showed her how to use it. I also let Chloe and Bonnie use it on the bus trip there.

When we were about half way there Mrs MacGregor got out a DVD, which was the Simpsons Movie, I enjoyed that.

When we got off the bus I chose to go with Mr Hunt. We started walking, I dawdled off a couple of times. I had chips for lunch which was very delicious.

The Fest was kinda boring for me, but altogether I had a great day.

By Jessica Ogilvy



On Thursday the first of May we went to Agfest with the school. At 9:00am we got on the bus, we left school and was on our way. We had a long trip down but we got there after a while. On the way we watched the Simpsons Movie and pretty much all of us watched that but we didn't get to watch it all.

When we got there we got off the bus and we got name tags saying St Marys District High School and our names.

In my group I had Cassie, Tamiela, Bonnie, Kerby and myself, and the adults with us were Mrs Morgan, Liz (Tamiela's mum), June (Bonnie's mum) and Alison (my mum).

We then set off around Agfest. My group went to a lolly shop first and we watched lollies getting made. I think that was really cool! We saw lots of cool stuff and we got lots of freebies.

We had a great day and had lots of fun.

By Taylah Bushing

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Karen O'Shea (DON) is taking leave. Jenny Mason Cox will be covering her position at the St Marys Community Health Centre from 1st June—15th June 2008.

IMMUNISATION DAY

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THURSDAY 19TH JUNE

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Flu vaccines are currently available from the St Marys Community Health Centre.

If you are aged 65+ your flu vaccine is **FREE**

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

A doctors appointment is required to have your flu vaccine given.

WHAT'S ON AT THE CENTRE

26th May **Yoga**, Jacqui for bookings phone 6376 1696 Ambulance Training Room 11am-12noon \$5 session. Easy beginners Yoga. Some chair based exercises.

27th May **C.H.A.T Group** 1pm in the Day Room at the Health Centre. Phone Hayley on 63722111 for more details.

27th May **Child Health Session—OPEN SESSION** with Sue Gofton 9am-12noon. If you would like to make an appointment with Sue she can be contacted on: 0428136381

2nd June **Yoga**, Jacqui for bookings phone 6376 1696 Ambulance Training Room 11am-12noon \$5 session. Easy beginners Yoga. Some chair based exercises.

2nd May **Auxiliary Meeting** 2pm in the Day Room.

3rd May **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.

3rd May **Tom Bain, Rae & Partners Lawyers**. At the Community Health Centre Tuesday fortnights. For appointments please phone 6337 5555.

5th May **St Giles**, Michelle Downs.

CHILD HEALTH SERVICES IN BREAK O'DAY

Sue Gofton is our local Child Health Nurse in the Break O'Day Municipality
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
A message can be left on message bank and Sue will get in contact with you.

YOGA— Easy beginners Yoga and some chair based exercises

Monday's: 11am-12 noon

\$5.00 a session

Downstairs in the Ambulance Training Room at the Health Centre.

Phone Jackie 6376 1696 for more details.

St Mary's CHAT Group

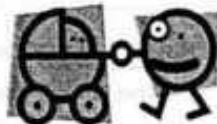


Child Health Association - Tasmania

Invite you to

St Mary's CHAT
Tuesday Fortnights
From 1pm
at
Community Health Centre Day Room
Gardiners Creek Rd
(Every second Tuesday from 15/4/08)

- Join us in meeting other parents, play time for the children & a cuppa.
- Guest speakers on topics of interest to the group
- There are no child care hassles as baby (and your other children) come too.
- Best of all, it is **free**
(after annual subs of \$10/year)
- Tea & Coffee provided
- BYO children's snacks
- Contact Hayley -6372 2111



C.H.A.T. is a not-for-profit community group run by parents for parents.

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday 27th May @ 1:00pm

Fingal Primary School News



Calendar of Events - May/June

19th	20th	21st Assembly K/P/1/2 to lead	22nd ENE Cross Country at Mathinna Launching into Learning 1.30-3.00	23rd Auskick for Gr. 2-6 students 11.00-12.30 p.m. School Association Fireworks Night
26th School Association Meeting 6.30	27th Argyle School Photos	28th	29th Small Newsletter Launching into Learning 1.30-3.00 ENE Sports Afternoon 1.30-3.00	30th Auskick for Gr. 2-6 students 11.00-12.30 p.m. END—Term 1
2nd Holidays	3rd Holidays	4th Holidays	5th Holidays	6th Holidays

School Cross Country Results

Kinder:

Boys

- 1st Connah Tuck
2nd Toby Flemming Gibb

Prep:

- 1st Jude Davies
2nd Joseph Gee
3rd

Grade 1.

- 1st Kallam Brittain
2nd Zayne Flemming

Grade 2.

- 1st Leo Davies
2nd Lloyd Bosworth
3rd Nathan Applebee
4th Aiden Flemming

Grade 3.

- 1st Kurtis Tuck (9.52)
2nd Sam Herbert
3rd Daniel Newto
4th Aaron Rush
5th Jordan Flemming

Girls

- 1st Catherine Bean
2nd Bronwyn Barnes
3rd Shyanne Wheldon

- 1st Clare Bishop
2nd Nakea Brown
3rd Rebecca Brown
4th Kimberly Burns
5th Alicia Lowe
6th Alisha Warren
7th Chelsea Lohrey

- 1st Sharnee Casserly(11.53)
2nd Carley Baldwin
3rd Chloe Oates

Grade 4.

Boys

- 1st Daniel Bishop (9.38)
2nd Dylan Brown
2nd Joel Cox
4th Harvey Flynn
5th Mark Death
6th Wayne Warren

Grade 5.

- 1st Thomas Gee (9.45)
2nd Bradley Mc Gill
3rd Alex Johns

Grade 6.

- 1st Ben Bishop (11.10)
2nd Jye Baldwin
3rd Caleb Bean
4th Brady Woods

Girls

- 1st Grace Gee (10.58)
2nd Lisa Freeman
3rd Demi Brown
4th Jorgia Woods
5th Bridgette Burns

- 1st Ashleigh Templar (12.05)
2nd Zoe Simpson
3rd Breeana Francis
4th Elizabeth Bosworth

- 1st Madelaine Mc Gill(11.38)
2nd Louise Webb
3rd Tayla Stingle
4th Claire Oates
5th Amber Saddington

Catherine Bean, Bronwyn Barnes, Shyanne Wheldon



Connah Tuck



Joseph Gee and Jude Davies



Kallam Brittain

Sports Centre News Kackhander

First to golf and a special thanks to Blairy, Karen, Roger and Alana for once again providing us with the extremely popular Reverse Course Challenge last Sunday. Over 30 took part and all had a ball. The tucker was also a highlight as was the company. On top of all that about \$300 was raised toward course improvements. Winners were the Viney clan for the nett and Hersey's Heroes for the gross as well as other nearest pin awards. A great day all round. Col Payne is currently in rare form and his handicap is dropping quicker than the winter temperatures. Our Saturday fields have also been solid of late. Well done all.

In the next few weeks we have some wonderful days coming up. This Saturday, May 24th is the lefties versus righties event with the lefties attempting to go back to back. The next week is the Ray Ridgers Memorial Trophy kindly sponsored by Dale Ridgers and family. Let's see a great field for that. On the June long weekend it's the McDonald's Cup. This is a massive event and is a hugely popular day that is looked forward to for months. Thank you so much to the McDonald Family. Entries for this 4 person ambrose are now being taken.

Great news from the girls. The combined StMarys-Malahide team have won the East Coast Pennant. Fantastic effort indeed. In the Cons-Pearce Shield they went close but missed out this time, but May Cook recorded a fine win. In club golf Lesley Kellaway has broken into A grade and joins Bobby Harwood and Carole Gunson in this regard. Also breaking recently is Beth Haas.

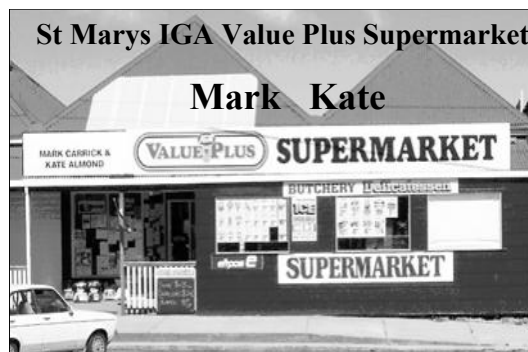
Just remember ladies you are very welcome to join the Saturday Comps if you wish. Love to see you there.

To bowls and a big thanks to all who turned up and gave a hand with Andrew Baird for the top dressing of the green on May 10th. He was suitably impressed by the effort and the hospitality. Last Friday night the ladies held a meeting and it's great to report that although there was little change to the committee a few new faces as selectors were happy to have a go which means there's genuine interest in the future. They'd also love to hear from any new players during winter. If you wish that to happen just give Nikki Viney a ring sometime on 6372 2552.

PUB RULES eight ball is creating huge interest as is "**CARRICK'S FOOTY TIPPING**". The leader board is tight in both things. In late June we hope to run an Indoor Bowls Knockout Pairs Comp on a Sunday afternoon so if you are interested get your teams organised soon.

The club A.G.M. is set down for Friday June 20th and any one interested in standing for a committee position can collect a nomination form from the club now.

Anyway until next time good hitting and rolling.



38 Main Street St Marys
Phone/Fax 6372 2240 - Butcher Ph: 6372 2274
Mon – Fri 8am – 6pm
Sat 8am 12 noon

In-store butchery **This week**

Rump steak	\$10.99kg
Silverside	\$ 6.99kg
Fresh Whole free range chicken	\$ 6.79kg
Nichols Wingettes Tandoori	\$ 5.75kg

Instore specials

Campbells red/white soup 410-430g	\$ 1.49
Robour/Billy/Tyneer Tips tea bags 100s	\$ 3.49
Kellogs muesli bars 187g	2 for \$4
Aeroplane Jelly crystals 4pk	2 for \$6

Late week

Duo laundry powder 1kg	2 for \$5
Imperial Leather soap 4pk	2 for \$5
Morning Fresh dishwash liquid 450ml	2 for \$6
Arnotts family assorted biscuits 500g	2 for \$6

In-store butchery **Next week**

Fresh Turkey leg roast	\$ 7.99kg
T-bone steak	\$16.99kg
Regular mince	\$ 7.99kg
Ham steaks	\$ 7.99kg

Instore specials

Spree laundry powder 1kg	\$ 1.99kg
Sorbent facial tissues 180s	\$ 1.99kg
Dick Smith bush fd b'fast cereal 500g	\$ 4.99kg
Devondale longlife milk 2lt	\$ 2.99

Late week

Papa Guiseppi twin pk pizza	\$ 4.99
Sorbent toilet tissue 8pk	\$ 4.75
Kit-e-Kat canned cat food 410g	.75c
Contin'l Pasta & Sauces 130g/rice 180g	\$2.19

MENTAL HEALTH INFORMATION SESSION

VAL WILLIAMS OF ADVOCACY TASMANIA IS OFFERING AN INFORMATION SESSION TO STAFF and other INTERESTED COMMUNITY MEMBERS RELATING TO CHANGES IN MENTAL HEALTH.

WHERE: ST MARYS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE -DAY ROOM.

WHEN: JUNE 3RD, 2008

TIME: 2PM—3PM

COME AND HAVE YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED REGARDING MENTAL HEALTH.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT **HELEN JENNINGS ON: 6372 2111.**

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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 to 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.

Thank you.