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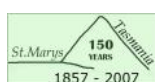
If its planes, trains and automobiles that take your fancy then you are well catered for in the month of June. Rob "the train man" had a bumper crop of visitors to his train layout and he said that it compared well with the Ross exhibition.



The Early Ford Car Club, along with local car owners made a static display on Faulkner's Green. There were about 70 cars on show, enough to stir the blood of any car nut. SMACD would like to thank all the owners for their efforts and generosity in allowing this event to take place.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Grant Faulkner, Ian Summers, Bill Targett, Jim, Rod Bond and Dan Rice for their tireless efforts which contributed to the success of this event.

The History of Transport in St Marys will end on June 24, 2007 with another display of cars on the Green, and the Airing of the Quilts in the Lions park, along the river near the bridge.



**Please note:** Deadline for articles to be included in the next Valley Voice is: 5 pm **Tuesday, July 3, 2007.**  
**New email address:** [judith.spilsbury@bigpond.com](mailto:judith.spilsbury@bigpond.com)

## Community news

### St Marys Hospital Auxiliary

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

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

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

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

St Marys Yoga Room, Wednesdays 5.30pm—7pm. 7 Storey Street. Inquiries to teacher Jack Foreman. 6372 2034. All welcome to come and try. \$10 per class.

*The souvenir edition  
of the  
Valley Voice  
will be ready for sale next week.  
Those who have pre-paid will be  
posted their copy  
as soon as possible.  
Look out for a copy at all normal  
points of sale  
in St Marys, Fingal,  
Scamander and St Helens.*

### REUNION FLINDERS ISLAND CONNECTION

All persons who have a connection to **Flinders Island and the Furneaux Group**, are invited to a reunion at the St Helens Football Club in Tully Street, St Helens, on August 4, 2007, commencing at **1.30pm until LATE**.

All those wishing to attend please contact one of the following:

Les (Steptoe) Treloar 6376 1204  
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Margaret Osborne (Bumford) 6376 1772  
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desk next to you.

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**1st prize:** Load of wood.

**Winner:** Annette French.

**2nd prize:** Carton of beer.

**Winner:** Rosemary c/o Darcy.

**3rd prize:** \$30 fuel voucher.

**Winner:** Stephen Bantick.

We would like to thank everybody who  
supported us, and also thank our  
sponsors for giving us a great start.

Thanks to Jack, Damon and Trevor for  
the wood, St Marys Sports Centre for the  
donation of the beer and Chris Davern  
for the fuel voucher.

Remember, we are always on the  
lookout for any ladies looking to learn  
to play bowls, or any who have  
played bowls in the past and  
would like to return.

Please contact either:

**N. Leedham. Ph: 63722383**

**J. Viney. Ph: 6372 2608**

### FINGAL VALLEY HISTORY GROUP

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

The history room at the railway has generated a lot of interest.

A number of photos and museum items have been donated since our opening.  
If you are interested in our local history and would like to be part of a team in  
compiling and caretaking of this wonderful information, please join us on:

**SUNDAY, JUNE 24, 2007  
AT 2.30PM**

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

Darlene Wright.

**Ph: 63722 007**

**A LITTLE BIT OF HERITAGE: by Jim Haas**  
**“Electric Eric”**

In a recent conversation with Michael Polley MHA, our discussion led to politicians, past and present, who at one time lived in the Fingal Valley.

Michael himself went to school at Mathinna; David Llewellyn is an old Cornwall boy and Stephen Salter, a past Liberal MHA, along with Andrew Lohrey, a Labor MHA from 1972 to 1986, were both St Marys boys. Bill McNeil, Minister for Health in the Labour Government of the 1960s, owned the St. Marys Hotel at that time and Terry Aulich another well known Labor MHA from the 1980s had strong family ties with the Aulich's of St Marys. The one who stands out, however, is Eric Reece; nick named “Electric Eric” because of his passion for hydro-industrialisation in Tasmania.

Eric rose to great heights in Tasmanian politics and during his time as Premier from 1958 to 1969, then again from 1972 to 1975, made huge inroads in the industrial development of Tasmania. Arguably he was the most well known, talked about and the greatest Premier this State has ever seen. But all through his time in power and indeed until his death in October 1999, Eric never forgot his humble working class upbringing and the hardships of the 1930's Great Depression when finding employment was like searching for a needle in a haystack.

Eric Elliot Reece was born at Mathinna on the 6<sup>th</sup> July 1909. He was the first of three sons to Annabel and George Reece. At the age of six he went to Mathinna school, which at that time was run by a headmaster with one assistant. In 1917 the Reece family moved to Storys Creek where they lived in a small shack framed with round spars, clad with split palings and roofed with wooden shingles. Storys Creek was a new and primitive tin mining settlement in those days, with almost no facilities, in fact the school was housed in the community hall, but that wasn't built until 1918, leaving the Reece boys with a year without education.

Their time in the new school was short lived, but was soon back from the West Coast and at Invermay State School where Eric participated playing drums in the fife band. He was also five grades in three years.

In 1923 it was back to Magnet on the West working at the mine. His first job was sorting ore followed his family back to Mathinna where he mine.

This move too was short lived, the Golden Gate just over a year later in 1929 the city was Launceston was caught up in a state of economic

Life was hard for the Reece family and Eric and diversion tunnel. This project was located at Coast. The weather conditions there were atrocious and with only tents to live and sleep in, life was almost unbearable.

By 1934 Eric secured casual work at the Mt Lyell copper mine at Queenstown and joined the Australian Workers Union (AWU). In 1935 he became the West Coast organiser and joined the Australian Labor Party in 1936. He was a hard worker and soon gained popularity both within the union movement and the Labor Party.

By 1946 he had built up a strong following and was elected to the State Parliament in the seat of Darwin (now Braddon) and immediately was made Minister of Mines in the Robert Cosgrove Labor Government. Eric's tenacity, hard work and positive attitude built him a creditable reputation second to none, and when Cosgrove retired in 1958, Eric was the obvious choice to take over as Premier. Tasmania continued to thrive under his leadership with more hydro dams and more industry attracted by the offer of cheaper power. With this came more jobs for Tasmanian workers.

The 1969 election, however, saw Labor and the Liberals, under the leadership of Angus Bethune, end up with 17 seats each, with independent Kevin Lyons supporting the Liberals allowing them to form Government. In 1972, with the damming of Lake Pedder for another Hydro scheme a major election issue, Eric's Labor party was returned with 21 seats which amounted to 55% of the total vote. Eric himself polled a record 35.4 % of the votes in Braddon.

For 28 years Eric Reece sat on the front bench of the Tasmanian Parliament, all the while striving for his State and ensuring there were plenty of work opportunities for his people.

On the 28<sup>th</sup> October 1999 he was honoured with a State funeral in Hobart where a leading journalist made the comment: “Eric Reece, along with David Boon and Ricky Ponting, are the most talked about men in Tasmania.”



however, the family moved to Queenstown in 1918, living in Launceston. There the boys were enrolled in such sports as football and cricket, as well as extremely talented academically and moved through

Coast where Eric left school and joined his father on a conveyor belt. But by the end of 1924 Eric and his father found work at the Golden Gate gold

closed in 1927 and it was back to Launceston where devastated by floods. To add to the floods, in 1930 depression.

his father were forced to take a job building a Whyte River, an isolated region back on the West

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## Farewell Jan.

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This is her story.

When I first began in the bank, we were known as Trust Bank, our premises was on the Main Street, our computer was a 'big black machine' and we had to stand on a box to operate it, and Tanya Wright was my Supervisor.

All accounts had pass books, there were no debit cards. Credit cards weren't even thought of. A loan was approved by shaking the Bank Manager's hand, and the bank's opening hours were 9am—5pm. The bank also serviced 3 agencies—Fingal, St Helens and Bicheno.

Over the years I have worked for Trust bank, Tasmania Bank, Colonial Bank and then Commonwealth bank. (without changing my job, as these were all one and the same)

I had many lovely colleagues over the years, with one special person who stood with me for over 13 years – Heather Dabner. I especially want to acknowledge her support and friendship over many years of changes in the banking industry.

Most importantly, I would like to thank you, the people of the Fingal Valley, St Marys and the East Coast areas, who have made my time in the bank fulfilling, enjoyable and very memorable.

I have a last special thank you— to Ross and Tracey, for the best cappuccinos ever, which were delivered every morning through rain, hail, frost, wind or heat.

Thank you everyone.

Jan.

(Jan is finishing at the end of June.

Call in to say goodbye, as they are also leaving the area.)



*Farewell Jan. Best wishes for a happy retirement.*

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**Addresses** – Any addresses of family, friends, ex-residents or anyone you think might like to attend the reunion – drop off your list to the Post Office and we will make sure they get an invitation;

**Ideas/Suggestions** – got an idea for something we should include? What about an idea for a lasting monument? Let us know – drop off a note or chat to Harry or Kerry at the Post Office.

### **What Else?**

Get out those old tried and tested cake and scone recipes and prepare for the **Great St Marys Bake Off** to be held on this weekend. Also dust off the dancing shoes and practice your old moves so you can dance the night away at the **Great St Marys Dinner Dance** to be held at the Community Hall on Saturday night, 1 December. Look out for notices about dancing lessons.

Finally any volunteer and community groups should give some thought to participating in some way (catering, stalls or whatever) as a means of fundraising or raising your profile within the local community – the Lions Club does not propose charging for participation, but rather looks forward to getting help in feeding and entertaining the big crowd of people expected in the town over the weekend.

If we work together we can make this weekend the biggest event in St Marys for 150 years.



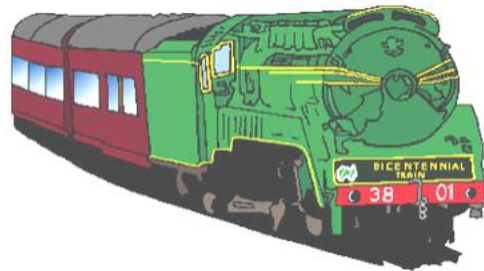
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## **HISTORY OF TRANSPORT IN ST MARYS Starts Next Friday!!!!!!**

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All for a small admission fee and children must be accompanied by an adult.

**THEN** on the 10 June the History of Transport in St Marys opens with a car show in Main Street.

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

**So be part of the Sesquicentenary celebrations!!!!**

# TRAVEL BACK IN TIME WITH US!

**We are**

Airing the Quilts

in St. Marys on

**Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2007**

**An idyllic green and tree-lined riverside setting next to St. Marys Rivulet (between the bridge and the library) is the venue, with the quilts hanging up just like the washing in the old days – on lines, held up with wooden clothes props.**

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## The say. by Cagerattler

Just this week I was talking to a painting contractor working on a job at my place of employment, and he mentioned to me that a couple of weeks prior to the pass work being done, both he and his partner decided to walk through the St Marys Pass ravine.

Both of them were just amazed by the walk, which took about 2 hours (slowly) to complete one way. The views were incredible, so he related, and he was surprised that more people had not thought of doing this. He went on to say that he was similarly surprised that such natural scenic walks in our area were not well known, and used for visitors and local alike.

Remember we touched on this subject once before some time back as a way of encouraging an eco-friendly avenue for our municipality? There are many walks (unguided as we speak) that we know of, that vary in difficulty, here around us, but of course you need to confront liability, insurance and other factors of access to consider using them on a tourist route. That's a given, as sad as it may be, I suspect.

Then you need an entrepreneurial style person or group to run such walks, so as to be able to publish them in various ways. The contractor also commented to me that the St Marys Pass ravine walk was very similar to well known ones in the Blue Mountain area of NSW.

Then you have St Patricks Head, South Sister, Dalmain, Grey Mare's Tail, Coach Road etc. here. Bare Rock, Fawltly Towers, Tower Hill, Mt Victoria, Evercreech, etc. around Fingal and Mathinna, not to mention all the incredible coastal walks that could be recognised as part of the Valley and Easy Coast experience. Some may call it pie in the sky, but it could be a reality.

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It seems the winter solstice event went off very well again. Perhaps the numbers were down slightly, but this could have been because of the St Marys Pass closure. The show was great and the fireworks were amazing weren't they? Even though it tripped off many local pets for a little while, as these things do. Much kudos to Grassy Bottom Regional Arts and organisers alike, and to the local community groups who have become a part of it all.

This event has become an integral signature day on the local calendar, and allows genuine talent to be showcased.

While on interesting events, it must be mentioned about the model railway displays (now completed) and the current History of Transport Sesquicentenary Exhibition in the Community Hall, and the cars on display on Faulkner's Green Sunday week ago. As quite rightly pointed out, these events get fullest support, because of the amazing input the people have had. The displays are testimony to how people feel about our area. They should all be justifiably proud of the variety of the displays in the Community Hall.

I had a chance to speak at length to both our model railway exhibitors. Our own local person was very happy with the feedback he got. His railway town, based on local buildings was very deserving of praise, and showed the many hours of work required to put it on display.

The other exhibitor had an incredible N-gauge display worth tens of thousands of dollars. He commented that he'd thoroughly enjoyed being here, and quite possibly will come back again. If he does, I urge everyone to have a look if you missed this visit.

The History of Transport is a very worthwhile and substantial display. There are too many exhibits to mention here. All I'll say is try to get there and have a squizz while it's on. You won't be disappointed. The efforts are genuinely of interest to anyone with our history in mind. And don't miss the plane. Look at all the work involved in that. Thank you to everyone who is supporting the Sesquicentenary Celebrations this year.

What do you think?

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

Please inform us if your items are sold.

**Please note:** Letters to be published in the Valley Voice must be signed. Your name need not be published, but we must have a signature. Articles and letters published in the Valley Voice are not necessarily the opinion of the staff and volunteers of this community paper. Ed.

**Dick Adams MP**  
Federal Member for Lyons

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**"Working together for the future of communities in Lyons"**

Written and Authored by D. Adams, 538 Main road, Perth, Tasmania 7300

## SENSELESS VANDALISM

To all the residents of our area and all our valued customers.

We would like to inform everybody of the senseless vandalism at the St Marys Woodyard, which occurred on or about the 1st to 8th of June.

It is reasonable to assume that this destruction was caused by school children on holidays, as many valuable items left exposed by the vandalism were not stolen. However the windows in our log loading machine were smashed and windows in the office also broken, with fire extinguishers discharged and other damage which will be quite expensive to repair.

The most disturbing thing was that these vandals also tried to set fire to equipment on the wood cutting and splitting machine. If this fire had been successful it would have caused possibly fifty to seventy thousand dollars of damage.

While we have been informed that if young children are responsible, it is unlikely that they would end up in a court of law because of their age, I wonder why they continue with this behaviour when they can't be punished, maybe they will move on to light someone's house next time. Let's hope that nobody is home. What model citizens they will make later in life.

If you think you know who is responsible for this senseless behaviour, please contact St Marys Police or someone at Trotters Contracting. All information will be treated with the strictest confidence if required.

Thanking you for any help with this matter.  
Glen, Chris, David, Marcus & Nikki.

Congratulations to Reon Johns, Ian Summers, Grant Faulkner and Bill Targett for organising such a great History of Transport display. I really enjoyed it.  
Irene Smith.

I would like to congratulate the organisers of the History of Transport for putting on such a magnificent display of memorabilia and older cars. It brought back many happy memories for me, and I thoroughly enjoyed the day.  
Maisie Finney (Royle)

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## OUT OF THE WOODWORK

by Reon Johns. President: 6372 2094

The Guild members made their annual journey to the Winter Solstice with a swag of snags. We thought that the pass being closed would affect sales, but we moved about the same number as usual. The crowd numbers were a little down and the weather a bit warmer.

The Guild would like to thank Grassy Bottom Regional Arts for all the work that is required to make this event a success. Well done !!!

The Guild's workshop has been closed recently, as some members have been involved in the Transport display. The Committee would like to apologise for any inconvenience. Things should be back to normal soon.

A reminder to all members that your membership fees are due by June 30, 2007 and the AGM will be at the August meeting. With a BBQ to follow the AGM, only \$10.00 per member.

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

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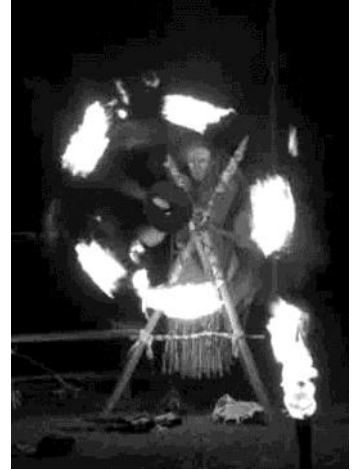
June 19, 2007.

Dancers danced, drummers drummed, singers sang twirlers twirled, and most importantly, at least to some, **PIGS DID FLY!**

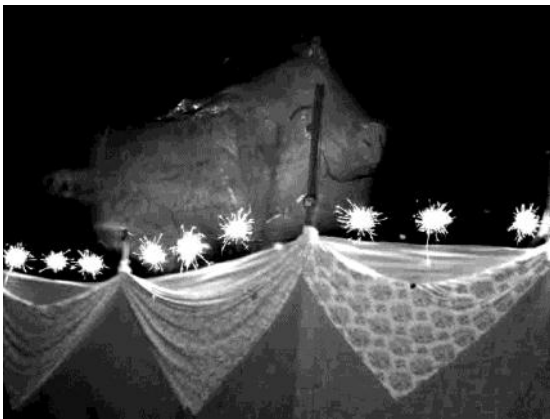
A splendid time, I hope, was had by all, and I must say that we couldn't have asked for a nicer night. Almost balmy compared to some years, not to mention Monday morning!

A huge thank you to all performers and volunteers who made the event possible, and to everyone who gave donations and loans of equipment, as well as everyone who turned up on the night for the show. We hope to see you all again next year.

There is a box full of lost and found items in case you happen to be missing something after the night. Call in at 2 Story Street and have a look.



I hasten to add that the actual Winter Solstice is coming up on Thursday June 21, but we hold our event on the nearest Saturday before the actual day so that more people are able to participate.



Winter Solstice is the "New year" in terms of our planet's cycle—after Thursday, the days will begin to grow a little longer each day until days and nights are of equal length – the Equinox (equal night).

After that, the days continue to grow gradually longer until the Summer Solstice which is the longest day and shortest night.

Traditionally it was thought that time stood still for as instant at the exact moment of the Winter Solstice and some said that animals acquired the power of speech as well.

Whether these are correct or not, it is a time of renewal and new beginnings and has been celebrated since ancient times by peoples in the Northern Hemisphere where it coincides with Christmas and New Year.

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Campbell Town 5.00pm

#### 2nd Week

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Campbell Town 5.00pm

#### 3rd Week: MASS

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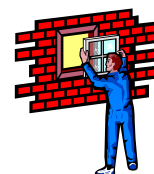
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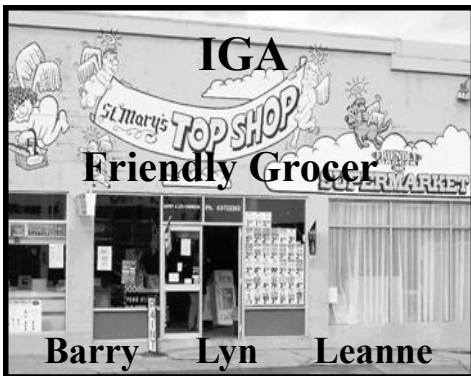
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The Tasmanian Greens today were scathing of the continued lack of detail from the Lennon government on their announced ambulance charge, and remain concerned that the introduction of across-the-board, distance-based charges will undermine the government’s new Health Plan.

Greens Opposition Leader and Shadow Health spokesperson, Peg Putt MHA, is concerned that low-income earners and people from isolated areas will be reluctant to call an ambulance because of the potential future debt they will incur.

“It is poor planning to base the new Health Plan on substantially upgraded patient transport and then to impose an ambulance charge on everybody that will frighten many Tasmanians off and thus undermine the plan,” Ms Putt said.

“It is unacceptable that the Premier is still unable to say what the ambulance charge is likely to cost, and whether it will be flat rate or distance-based.”

“Obviously the government decided they wanted to haul in the cash for ambulances, but haven’t a clue how their scheme will actually work.”

“How are residents of isolated communities like Rosebery meant to accept cuts to their local hospital facilities when they are likely to pay higher ambulance charges than many Tasmanians because of their distance to facilities?”

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<b>Pyengana</b> Community Hall	<b>Fridays—</b> June 29 <sup>th</sup> , July 27 <sup>th</sup> August 31 <sup>st</sup>	10.00am to 12.00 noon

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**St Marys Sports Centre news. by Kackhander.**

Just because the numbers were down a little from recent years, due largely to the pass closure (etc) didn't diminish how popular the McDonald's Cup was again. Nearly 70 people took part in this iconic event that helps the club a lot over the winter months. Almost \$1000 was raised toward a number of projects the club wishes to do this year.

To Macca, Leeanne, John, Valda, Bradley, Raz and family, thank you again for supporting the club in this way. We had visitors from Hobart, Launceston, NW coast and of course locally. A special thanks was made to Malahide in particular who are very good supporters of this terrific event. Once again the food was tremendous and most teams had success during the day. To all those who helped out, thank you from the club.

The other notable event since the last issue was the Annual General Meeting on June 15th. Once again, due to the pass closure, it wasn't practical for a number of our coastal members to make it, but around 20 still came along to this constructive meeting. All the reports from golf and bowls were positive, particularly in the financial sense, which showed the club to be trading very well.

In the President's report, Mr Bob Hersey highlighted the strong volunteer base the club has, and how this in no small part has contributed toward the strong fiscal position.

One concern though, was the dwindling numbers of participants in golf, and that the club during 2007/08 must address this situation as well as important issues in relation to ownership and maintenance.

The new committee is: Bob Hersey, (President) Chris Davern, (Treasurer) Rod McGiveron (Secretary) and General Committee in alphabetical order: Mark Carrick, Brent Leedham, Glenn McDonald, and Jamie Viney, all who have done some great work already.

Patron is Cr John McGiveron and Auditor Peter Andrews, as voted.

Subs, except for family membership are to remain the same, thanks to the financial position we are in.

This weekend's golf event, June 23rd, is the Harold and Tom Newman Memorial Trophy. (18 hole stroke) Hope to see a few there for that if possible.

**Very important:** Our Winter Indoor Bowls teams event hopes to start in a few weeks.

What we need is teams of 3 (minimum) 6 (maximum) to organise themselves and call Janice Viney, Rod McGiveron or a committee person to register by around the 10th of July, so we can get a 6 team comp going on Saturday afternoon/evening during late July to about mid September or so.

It **will** be heaps of fun, guaranteed, so start organising your crew of 3 to 6 players.

By the way— Any new members are very welcome to come along, or old members who have lapsed, to talk to us about being involved with the club. You'll be made very welcome.

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