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St Marys Mainstreet Makeover

David Clement- Chairman St Marys Mainstreet Makeover Committee

I apologise for not having provided any further public information regarding the Makeover since the community meeting in October. My fault. Now that visible works are underway, I hope this report will bring everyone up-to-date, answer any questions and indicate what is to happen next.

There are 4 programmes of works happening in St Marys at present, at the Recreation Ground, between Frank and Cameron Street, along Main Street, and in Memorial Park. These are variously funded through Council's Capital Works Budget, Works Department maintenance budget, and a Mainstreet Makeover Grant of \$150,000 from the State Government.

The shower and toilet facilities at the recreation ground should be completed within a week or two, and is funded from the Capital Works budget at a cost of about \$145,000. It provides 11 toilets and 3 showers, with disabled facilities, and is intended primarily as a tourist attraction! Together with camping facilities, power access and black water disposal it is intended as a facility to attract mobile home and campervan tourists to use St Marys as a short term stay base, for exploring the surrounding area.

The works currently under way between Frank and Cameron Street on the north side of Main Street are a mixture of capital works budget items and the Mainstreet Makeover Project. The capital works budget item is \$54,000 for a new footpath between Frank and Cameron Street and the development of a car park in the Memorial Hall grounds. The footpath will be a red concrete path 160m long and 1.8m wide, with the same stencil paving pattern as used on the other paths in Main Street, outside the pub and fire station for example. It will create a wide and continuous boulevard for locals and visitors to stroll along the main street under a canopy of trees, viewing the sesquicentenary bricks and the cenotaph, and generally watching the world go by, replacing the narrow hotch potch of gravel, bitumen, and pavers which is the current path. Weather allowing, this should be finished by the time the next Voice comes out. The footpath ends with an outstand at each end, providing an improved swept path for vehicles into and out of Frank and Cameron Streets, an improved line of sight of traffic along Main Street, and safer pedestrian crossing at the corners.



Main Street makeover in progress.



A work in progress. Toilet & shower block at the St Marys Recreation Ground.

The footpath works ties in with the development of the car park and part of the Mainstreet makeover. Providing for car parking is an essential part of planning for the long term development of St Marys. So, as a first step, a car park is being developed beside the Memorial Hall, allowing for daily parking for owners and employees of the surrounding businesses and for overflow parking if the parking in Main Street is fully used at any time. There will be more than 20 spaces provided -if the average time parked by casual users and shoppers was (say) 30 mins, this will provide additional parking for 320 cars over an 8 hour day.

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**Please note: Deadline for articles to be included in the next Valley Voice is: 5 pm Tuesday March 24, 2009.
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 2pm at the goods shed behind the St Marys Railway Station.

Grassy Bottom Regional Arts are holding General meetings on the first Friday of each month at 5pm in the supper room of the Community Hall. 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 Thursday at 10.30am 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 Terese: Ph: 6372 5745**

WOMBAT WALK LANDSCAPING GROUP 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 Scamander Sports Complex 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, except December, at St. Marys Online Access Centre 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.**

Suncoast Singers meet every Friday at 10am in the Catholic Hall - Cecilia Street St Helens. New singers always welcome....If you can yawn - you can sing. Phone Mary-Anne Wadsworth 6376 2969.

St. Helens Al-Anon Family Group Meeting: St. Pauls Anglican Church Hall - every Sunday 2pm Contacts: **Ann, John 6376 3270 or Rose 6376 3335.**

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NEWS FROM GONE RUSTIC

Scrapbooking and Card Party – by popular demand, Louisa Rhodes from *Creative Memories* will be coming to Gone Rustic. This is a great opportunity to *play with tools and techniques* to *create unique cards, photo pages, albums and more.* Your host, Barbara McAllister, invites you to attend on Saturday, 21st March at 8.45 – 11.45 am. Cost: FREE. RSVP please by 20th March.

Trees - an exciting *travelling exhibition* of works by members of *Stitching and Beyond* (Tas.) is currently on display at Gone Rustic. Members were challenged to create an 8 inch x 30 inch (maximum) piece on this subject, and used a variety of techniques and media. Make the time to come and see these amazing textile art works! *Trees* is on display until 3rd April.

Exhibition of Plant-dyed silk and paper by Beth Verschoyle - this talented St. Helens fibre artist invites you to view her work – it is truly a feast for the eyes! On show (and for sale) are *naturally dyed silk scarves, framed paper collages and hand bound journals.* There is also some *pottery* which Beth made early in her artistic journey. On display until 16th March.

Free quilt block patterns – available to anyone who drops in to Gone Rustic ... just ask!

Rustic Ragamuffins – every *Wednesday, 7-9.* Bring your *current stitching project* and enjoy chat, friendship and laughs! \$5 per night – includes *tea, coffee and home-made cake.*

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IF YOU WERE A LEAVER OR KNOW WHERE SOME OF
THOSE PEOPLE ARE....
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A LITTLE BIT OF HERITAGE: Jim Haas **“Jane of Falmouth”**

Can you imagine today, floating a 35 ton wooden schooner across Henderson’s Lagoon at Falmouth and out through the barway into the open sea? Impossible you say? Well, William Steel did it in 1834. Little did he know, however, it would be the beginning of the end for the enterprising East Coast pioneer.

In 1829 John Henderson and William Steel were given land grants at Falmouth, or as it was known then, St Patricks Head District. William Steel took up residence in a small villa built by Dr Alexander Thompson of “Logie” (“Harefield”) in the Break O’Day Plains, who had used the villa as a holiday residence.

By 1834, William had built himself a schooner on the banks of Devil’s Creek, not far from his villa. After being rigged by Charles Manly, it was eased into the waters of the creek, loaded with corn and potatoes from William’s farm and floated out to sea.

William was rapt with his “Jane of Falmouth” and immediately headed off to Hobart to deliver his produce and pick up his first load of cargo and passengers, which he hoped, would be the beginning of a lucrative coastal trading business.

Parts for a corn mill for William were loaded, together with a millwright, Mr Dunn, who was going to assemble it. There were also goods for William Talbot of “Malahide”, Frederick von Stieglitz of Killymoon and Magnus McLeod of Georges Bay, as well as a Mr Rankin. Dr Alexander Thompson, the man who had built William’s villa, was also there with a load of building necessities and some advice for the ship’s Captain to take care.

Along with the cargo, William, Captain Bill Green, three crewmen, the millwright and a Captain Margrave, late of the East Indian Service, who was going to the Georges River area to collect plants and seeds for the Botanic Gardens in Calcutta, the “Jane” set off from Hobart on her maiden commercial voyage.

It appears, however, that the further north they sailed the rougher the sea became and by the time the vessel reached Falmouth the Captain deemed it too dangerous to anchor and unload the cargo into small boats to be taken ashore. But William was anxious to get his cargo to its destinations and ordered the Captain to continue up the coast and negotiate the barway into Georges Bay.

At that time very little was known about the Georges Bay barway. No one really knew how much water covered the sand at low tide, or where the sand bars actually were. There had only been one recording of a ship entering Georges Bay prior to the “Jane’s” attempt. That was the “Tamar”, captained by William Moriarty, which had entered Georges Bay earlier in 1834 to pick up Lieutenant-Governor George Arthur and his party led by John Helder Wedge, but they had recorded very little about the barway itself.

Everything was wrong, on the 5th September 1834, when the schooner began its entry into Georges Bay. The tide was low and boring out of the bay, made even worse by a strong westerly wind, which in no time blew the ship onto the sand bar.

The “Jane” was stuck fast and in the height of the moment all but one crewman climbed into a dinghy and headed for shore. But the little boat was no match for the waves breaking on the bar and it was soon swamped, throwing all on board into the raging sea.

Captain Green and his two crewmen headed directly back to the “Jane”, but William, Captain Margrave and Mr Dunn made the grave mistake of trying to make it to shore. They had no hope; in no time the strong, ebb tide swept them out to sea to a watery grave that would consume them forever.

Captain Green and his crew worked tirelessly for two days to free the vessel, but finally they realised it was hopeless. They built a raft from timbers on board and made it to shore.

Despite efforts on calmer days, very little was salvaged from the hapless vessel, and after persistent pounding by the force of the waves, the “Jane of Falmouth” eventually joined her Master at the bottom of the sea.

William Steel only spent a few short years in Van Diemens Land, but his impact on pioneering the East Coast was significant and should never be forgotten.

Special thanks to Tim McManus and his book “Thanks to Providence” for research on this story.

Letters to the Editor

I have decided to enlarge on my letter in the Valley Voice of two issues ago to further inform readers of their rights over the land that they own. It would appear that these landowners are being subjected to 'bully boy' tactics by people who either don't know the laws of the land, or, are so full of their own importance that they think that they can ride roughshod over the people that they are supposed to serve and who also pay their wages.

Lets take a look at the structure of councils, their duties and their responsibilities as servants of the people.

Councils were formed in 1842 through "letters patent" as a "Perpetual Succession Of Authority" to administer the use of land in accordance with the rules of "**FEE SIMPLE**" or to give it its full title "**FEE SIMPLE ABSOLUTE**", the definition of which given in 1893 by Quick & Garran in the law dictionary and quoted in the High Court of Australia in a decision in the case of *The Commonwealth v New South Wales*, Justice Issacs stated:

*"In the language of the English law, the word **fee** signifies an estate of inheritance as distinguished from a lesser fee"* He goes on to say, *"It is the most extensive in quantum, the most absolute in respect of the rights which it confers of all of the estates known to the law. It confers, and since the beginning of legal history, it always has conferred the lawful right to exercise over, upon and in respect to the land every act of ownership, which can enter the imagination, and for all practical purposes of ownership, it differs from the absolute dominion of a chattel in nothing except the physical indestructibility of its subject. Besides these rights of ownership, a **fee simple**, at the present day confers an **ABSOLUTE RIGHT** over all of its contacts, these being **SOIL, AIR, WATER and VEGETATION**."*

With none of the parts being able to work in isolation, should water, for example, be removed, and water, being a co-existing composite without which fee simple cannot operate, then fee simple will have ceased to exist as well as the right of councils to collect rates and therefore councils will cease to exist also! Always keep in mind that Councils are part of the Crown, unlike State and Federal governments and therefore **DUTY BOUND** to uphold the rights of the people. To separate water from the group would be a gross violation, tantamount to **TREASON!**

If anybody should dare to enter your property to make mischief or to destroy anything, you have the right to **KEEP THEM OUT!!!** Should they have a warrant, it must have your name, your property description, (not just a postal address) and clear evidence of what they are actually looking for.

If there is authority in exercising the warrant to destroy property, it can only be signed by a judge. If signed by a JP or a magistrate, then you can ask them to leave, as the warrant is defective. Another way of preventing anyone from entering your property is to put up a sign which states your property description and says: To Individuals or entities entering this property without permission of the landholder for any reason without my express permission will result in immediate prosecution of the individual under common law and the invasion of the Privacy Act of 1971. This prosecution will occur whether or not you have been issued with a search warrant granting implied consent to enter this property. →

Take note you have no authority to enter this property without my prior expressed permission and I rely on the Australian High Court common law authorities *George v Locket*, *Plenty v Dillon*, and *Halliday v Nevill* as case law. Print a copy and sign it in front of a JP and have a JP sign it.

In the book by Quick & Garran reference was made to the Australian Constitution concerning our constitutional rights and the details of the meetings held between 1886 and 1900 when the constitution was being developed. It clearly states: *"If the Australian Constitution does not give the Australian Government the right to make laws, and the State Government to make laws, then it remains dormant and invested in us"*.

That means we have the right to carry on that activity however we want to. In the case of *Plenty v Dillon* (1991) 171 CLR 635 F.C. 91/004. it was quoted that *"By the laws of England, every invasion of **private property**, be it ever so minute, is a **trespass** No man can set foot upon my ground without my licence, but he is liable to an action, though the damage be nothing"*.

Another quote in the case of *Plenty v Dillon* was when Lord Denning M R said in *Southam v Smout* (1964) *"The poorest man may in his cottage bid defiance to all the forces of the Crown. It may be frail, the storm may enter, the rain may enter, but the King of England dare not enter, all his force dares not cross the threshold of the ruined tenement so be it, unless he has justification by law"*.

Charles Trollope, St Marys.

I wholeheartedly agree with Patricia O'Donnell. I have always addressed elected members of council and staff with civility. However, when I attended the last streetscape meeting and asked a pertinent question about lack of community consultation regarding demolishing of the cenotaph wall to a **prominent council member**, I was made to feel that my democratic right to voice an opinion had been violated.

Instead of an answer I was met with an emotional barrage of humiliation and harassment and I was referred to as *"and you!!"*

I have been informed that this behaviour is common from this particular person. Therefore, I think that if this is our elected representative for the Break O'Day its time for a changing of the guard. I would hate to think another constitute, by asking a question, could be subjected to this degradation which is still disturbing me.

Without Prejudice

Wendy Brennan, St Marys.

Whilst we were home visiting relatives at Christmas, we also visited the cemetery, and it was most upsetting to see the overgrown and unkempt site. We have since heard that it has been tidied which must make a difference. However, wouldn't it be nice if the cemetery had some lovely ornamental pines or such planted around it. It seems to us it needs some serious landscaping to improve its appearance.

We have visited many cemeteries over the years, and have both enjoyed using the seats provided in amongst the shrubbery. St Marys General Cemetery could be made to look cared for too, without too much expense.

Chris & Bonny, Western Australia. (via email)

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor of the Valley Voice

As the wall around the cenotaph has been removed, it has now lost all its significance.

Instead of a site that deserves reverence, it now just looks like a big stick in a paddock.

(Name supplied)

Editor of the Valley Voice,

The council's ability to answer questions without answering questions would be something a Federal politician would be proud of.

I have however been approached by Mr Graeme Cameron (Vice President St Helens RSL/ Works Manager, Break O'Day Council) to show me what is happening to the Cenotaph and to possibly help with the ANZAC Day Services.

I suggested that a meeting be held in St Marys, of interested people, members and non members of the RSL. I hope that a notification of such details will appear in this edition, or will in the following issue.

I am not trying to run anything, I know there is much interest in what has happened to the surrounds of the Cenotaph, in some cases more that mine, maybe being an ex-service member I can just shout louder than most.

If the meeting goes ahead I am sure there will be many questions that people will want to ask (including myself).

Can I suggest that those attending write down their questions about the Cenotaph and the RSL matters and they be presented to the RSL representative to reduce the risk of the meeting degrading into a shouting match (I have not passed this suggestion on as yet).

Hopefully that way we will all get an answer to our questions even if it may not be on the night.

David Watkins.

The Say Cagerattler

A couple of Fridays ago I was talking briefly to a person who has fairly recently returned to St Marys to live again. He was in the process of investigating the chances of re-establishing the St Marys Tigers footy club.

He basically said it was hard to imagine this town, rich in football tradition, to be without a side for too long. I think its around five years now since the club went into recess.

That night a meeting was held and quite a bit of interest was shown even to the point of them being able to form an initial committee which is the first major hurdle to climb. One of the reasons the Tigers had a spell before was that so many of the administration then, for a lot of very understandable reasons, couldn't continue and it is simply impossible to go on without a committee.

Even small country clubs have major fundraising requirements just to meet registration and statutory costs. Then you have a variety of weekly ancillary costs; transport, coaching accreditations, kiosk costs, power charges and a myriad of other things pertaining to a modern sports club. A strong, well organised committee is crucial.

I have no doubt that the group will leave no stone unturned in attempting to get the hub of activity on crisp clear and even wet overcast winter Saturdays back on the exploits of the Tigers again.

It is envisaged to apply to join the Oatlands Association which requires a senior side and an U16 team. This is a great opportunity for the long term aspirations of the re-invigorated club in that there would be the chance for the local footy mad kids to go into the game from the hugely successful Auskick comp and then later to senior level whilst still staying relatively close to home.

It would also allow the club the chance to fully nurture a talent base over a number of years. Sounds good doesn't it. Guess what ? We still find a few knockers in the community, but like I pointed out to one person the other day the new football proponents deserve a great deal of credit and the utmost support for this endeavour not discouragement from a certain minority.

This community has an AMAZING capability to fight against the odds when people say it can't be done as we all know. Some thought a hospital could be returned. IT WAS. Many figured there was never a chance of a pharmacy . NOW THERE IS. Others thought the business community was dying . IT IS'NT. Far from it in fact. A NEET Centre won't last. IT DOES. An On-line Centre is a waste of time. IT'S CERTAINLY NOT. The School is battling to retain numbers. IT'S CONTINUING TO EXPAND FACILITIES AND NUMBERS. There are lots more examples of the spirit here.

A grave mistake non St Maryans make is to doubt us, because when we make up our mind to do something it takes a major catastrophe to stop it. Best of wishes to all involved in the burgeoning footy club and an overwhelming number wish you total success in the future.

I'd like to thank one of our local councilors for his time the other day in filling me in on some important matters about Local Government operations. Over about an hour we discussed numerous topics that I was interested in this regard after I'd queried a couple of issues.

His obvious knowledge in the subject matter was a positive thing for me and I'd encourage ALL councillors to be very conversant with us, the ratepayers who they are supposed to represent. We like to be heard and once again to that particular councillor thanks for your honest and clear descriptions about things that go on and I wish you the best of luck with a proposal you currently have in the pipeline. I would support it. Grass roots local government is obvious here.

What do you think ?

EDITOR'S NOTE

A few year's ago the previous editor published a page of businesses and emergency facilities in our area. I have been approached by a dedicated reader to do this again.

If you would like to have your name, phone number and business details advertised on this page (no charge), please contact me at the Valley Voice. If there is enough interest, we will publish this service to the public once again. It would be added to issues when space permitted.

Phone: 6372 2155

Post: PO Box 68, St Marys TAS 7215.

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Footnote:

There has been considerable interest in this proposal, so it looks like it will go ahead. It will take some time to collate all the information, so if you would like to be included please let me know as soon as possible.

St Marys Main Street Makeover continued...

The entrances to the car park are being levelled to eliminate the “bottoming” of a car that happens at the moment -this is being achieved by raising the road level . This ties in with the replacement of the degraded kerbing along the road, between Frank and Cameron Streets. In turn this allows for the construction (already done) of a refuge path behind the kerbing . This path allows cars to park closer to the kerb, because passenger doors can open fully without hitting the grassed bank, and passengers can step out onto a path. The parking area will be designated by a red street print surface.

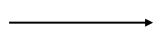
As cars will be able to park closer to the kerb on the north side of Main Street, the centre line of the road will be moved north across the road towards the hall, so providing a wider corridor for angle parked cars to reverse out on the south side.

Works currently underway in the Memorial Park, the cenotaph precinct, are not part of the current programme of Mainstreet Makeover projects, but are a Council responsibility working in conjunction with the RSL. The Mainstreet Makeover Committee did recently make a recommendation regarding the paving blocks to be considered for laying as the surround for the cenotaph. The work currently being carried out addresses disability access requirements and RSL requirements for war memorials, and will be completed for this year’s ANZAC Day Service.

The Makeover projects will be (1) an enlarged footpath opposite the Library, (2) an outstand on the pub corner and an outstand on the Tardis corner opposite, (3) improvements to the footpath outside the supermarket, and (4) the introduction of three thresholds or gateways to the town near the Flat, at the intersection of Groom and Storey Streets, and between the railway station and Clive Street. The theme of the thresholds will be “Share Our Town” to welcome traffic, encourage through traffic to slow down, and to encourage visitors to stop and share our town.

The first full Makeover project on the schedule is the widening of the path opposite the Library, to provide a safer and easier crossing for pedestrians, especially mothers with strollers, younger children, and older people. This is a high use area of town, the “Paris” end of town, adjacent to the library, the park, the bridge, toilets, the library car park, the bakery and deli, and a wider expanded path will narrow the road crossing and provide a higher pedestrian visibility to motorists. I will provide details of the other projects in due course. DIER will be carrying out a programme of new street line markings along Main Street and Storey Street.

The members of the St Marys MainStreet Makeover Committee met between February and October of last year to develop a Ten Year Reference Plan for the development of the central main streets of St Marys. The above works and projects represent the first steps to implement that plan, which is what it says, “A Reference Plan’, capable of review, modification, amendment and expansion at a future date. At the moment, the first works are underway, there is a programme for the next months, and it is happening- “I’ll believe it when I see it,” is not a valid comment.



CALL FOR RECOGNITION FOR VOLUNTEERS

Senator Cory Bernardi, Liberal Senator for South Australia, and Coalition Spokesman for the Voluntary Sector, has acknowledged the remarkable contribution made by the volunteers in the Victorian bushfires and the floods in Queensland.

“Many of these volunteers have gone above and beyond the call of duty to offer their support, and I would encourage the Government to look at a bi-partisan way to formally recognise their efforts,” Senator Bernardi said.

“Our nation is currently experiencing two natural disasters of national significance, and Australians have opened their arms to help victims, their families and the communities that have been affected by these tragic events.

“The contributions made by a range of volunteers, including CFA, SES, Red Cross and a range of other community organisations and individuals, have been extraordinary.

“These volunteers often leave their families, their homes and their jobs to spend their time helping others. Many have risked their lives in the process. They deserve our support and gratitude.

“It is also important to acknowledge the encouragement that volunteers receive from their own families, friends and employers. Without their strength and support, many volunteers would be unable to dedicate so much of their time to helping others.

“Australia has a proud history of volunteering. Every year, millions of Australians offer their time and talents in order to help build a better community. In times of national disaster especially, Australians are ready to put their lives on hold to serve others.

“Often this national service comes at a significant personal and professional cost to the volunteer. In light of this, the Coalition calls on the Rudd Government to recognise our volunteers’ contributions in a manner that acknowledges the sacrifices that many of the volunteers involved in these national emergencies have already made.”

Have you heard about the two St Marys ‘blonde’ residents who couldn’t get out of the Launceston airport recently? Seems as though, after 45 minutes of trying, a kind man (who must have had a huge laugh afterwards) finally came along and told them they were trying to use a printed receipt instead of the franked card!

I would like publicly to thank the members of the Committee for their time, vision, imagination and knowledge and love of this town which has allowed this plan to come into being. It is only a platform for a comprehensive wish list of projects to enhancing our streetscapes, but it sets out an achievable framework within which that wish list can be carried out, so that our town is a living, growing place, but always maintaining the unique “sense of place” of St Marys.



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Having a community “Eat a Treat Centre” where locals can make and sell produce? (I’ve tasted some of my neighbour’s gourmet food—peach ice cream, gluten free cakes and ‘the best ever’ raspberry jam and zucchini pickles) What other local delights are waiting out there?

How about:

Making our area renowned for the revival of the “lost arts”, eg. Bottled fruit, home made lollies? (My grandmother’s recipe for butterscotch would take some beating!)

How about:

The Break O’Day Council purchasing a building with a commercial kitchen and space for selling produce, then leasing it to the community for a very small fee?

How about:

The Break O’Day Council applying for Kevin Rudd’s stimulus package grants to make such a venture possible?

How about:

The Council considering buying either the Old Railway Station or the e.ScApe Café? (either would be ideal for an ‘Eat a Treat Centre)

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- I already have people keen to make and sell zucchini pickles, jams, relish, sauces, lollies, decorated cakes, gluten-free foods etc.
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From Peter Troode.



*Sharnie Bosworth and her cousin
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*Some of the spectators at the
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Public meeting.

**A meeting will be held at the St Marys Memorial Hall
this Sunday at 2.30 pm.**

The meeting will be chaired by the St Helens-St Marys RSL Sub Branch President Chris Munday, and attended by Mayor Legge and other interested councillors.

Items to be discussed will be the future of the RSL Memorial services in St Marys and any other relevant matter any person may wish to bring up.

At the meeting the attendees will be told that the St Helens-St Marys RSL Sub Branch recently unanimously resolved to give Mayor Legge and the Break O'Day council its 100% support for the decision to take away the wall around the St Marys cenotaph and the reasons for that support.

The whole project of work to improve the Cenotaph area was run by the Sub Branch by an appropriate member of council and the Sub Branch feels strongly that the finished project will have the blessing of the greater majority of St Marys residents.

Also to be discussed is the possibility of a dawn service at St Marys attended by the St Helens Navy cadets and Mr. Bruce Haley has offered to play the last post and rouse.

It will be suggested that as plaques honoring all those who served in conflicts from and including WW2 will be unveiled at the 11am service in St Helens, and as a lot of people living in St Marys will have their own names and names of close relatives on those plaques, many may wish to attend the St Helens 11am service.

Depending upon interest in this idea, the RSL Sub Branch may offer to pay for a coach to deliver people to and from St Marys for this special event.

After the 11am service in St Helens, the excellent Royal Australian Navy Band will play jazz music in the St Helens memorial Hall and refreshments will be served along with a BBQ.

This meeting is a chance for St Marys residents to show their interest in RSL matters.

Mr. Munday points out that the meeting will NOT be about individuals pushing a personal political barrow and that as chairperson on the day, he will immediately squash any attempt to do so.

Mr. Munday looks forward to a positive meeting where any problems with past St Marys RSL Sub Branch exec' can be laid to rest so that we can all get on with the job of making St Marys Remembrance Services as good as they should be.

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 - b. Machine Pieced – Machine Quilted
 - c. Mixed Techniques
 - d. Art Quilt
 - e. Two Person Quilt
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4. Cross Stitch and Canvas work: Long Stitch, Needlepoint, Tapestry
5. Dolls and Teddy bears
6. Knitting, Crochet, Tatting, Lacework
7. Basketry and Weaving
8. Junior Section:
 - a. Ages 10 and under
 - b. 11 – 16 years
9. Novice (first attempt at anything)
10. Miscellaneous
11. Bags
12. Exhibition Only



NOTICE OF COMMUNITY MEETING



PURPOSE: To discuss the future of RSL activities in St Marys including ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day services.

Meeting chaired by St Helens-St Marys RSL Sub Branch President Chris Munday

VENUE: St Marys Memorial Hall - Main Street St Marys

WHEN: Sunday 15th March

TIME: 2.30pm

ALL interested people are invited to attend.

Please contact Chris Munday on 6373 6132 for further details.

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Clean Up Australia Day and Container Refunds



Ms O'Byrne

The Minister for the Environment, Parks, Heritage and the Arts, Michelle O'Byrne, today applauded the efforts of those involved with Clean up Australia Day.

She said that the activities were sure to uncover many hundreds of beverage and other containers.

"All of us would like to see less litter and better recovery of valuable recyclable materials," Ms O'Byrne said.

"To this end, the Tasmanian Government has employed an environmental consulting firm to study the feasibility of introducing a container deposit system in Tasmania.

"The consultancy will examine container deposit systems in Australia and overseas, and assess options for a Tasmanian system," Ms O'Byrne said.

"South Australia has successfully operated a drink container deposit system for many years, and we want to gather the best possible information to help us understand what kind of system might be best for Tasmania."

"This study will also allow the State to more fully contribute to a national study into container recovery options which is currently underway.

"Tasmanians want a clean and healthy environment. The State Government will continue to explore ways to address the problems of littering in our streets and roadways, and increasing the resource recovery rates for packaging materials and beverage containers."

Following an open tender process, Hyder Consulting Pty. Ltd. was selected to conduct the study. The findings are expected to be released in the middle of 2009, subject to any commercial-in-confidence issues.

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Training the Key for Employers



Heather Butler

The State Government's commitment to addressing skills shortages has been reinforced by a national report which has found employers are recognising the importance of training for their workers.

Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier Heather Butler said employers were focusing on training to improve the quality of their workforces according to the report on the demand for training.

Ms Butler said the National Centre for Vocational Education and Research's report released recently, examined the demand for training around Australia concentrating on factors that affected individual and employer demand.

"The State Government is firmly committed to addressing skills shortages and providing training in areas of demand," Ms Butler said.

"Through Skills Tasmania the Government is already testing innovative ways to build workforce capability now and into the future.

"The engagement of industry is critical to addressing skills shortages and the Skills Tasmania Board is ensuring there is strong industry involvement in decision making and planning for the future.

"The Tasmanian Skills Strategy guides \$100 million of investment annually in skills and helps us plan and respond to the training needs of industry.

"It shows that employers are seeking training for their employees because it leads to higher skill levels and therefore greater productivity," Ms Butler said.

"The paper found that while the cost of an apprenticeship to employers is substantial, they recognise the need to acquire skilled labour," Ms Butler said.

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Changes Planned To Rules For 'Going Fishing'



David Llewellyn

Tasmanians love going fishing in the sea and are having a big say in changes to the management of the scalefish fishery planned to come into effect later this year.

University of Tasmania surveys reveal that one in three Tasmanians wets a line in marine waters each year, making it one of the State's most popular activities.

A major review of Tasmania's Scalefish Fishery Management Plan has been underway since August last year. The Plan covers both recreational and commercial scalefish fishing.

Primary Industries and Water Minister, David Llewellyn, said that more than 400 submissions have been received and considered by his department, together with advice from the Recreational Fisheries Advisory Committee and the Scalefish Fishery Advisory Committee.

"DPIW is now finalising draft changes to the management plan. These will be presented at a series of Statewide meetings commencing in mid-March and the public now has a new opportunity to comment on the specific changes being recommended," Mr Llewellyn said.

These include:

- Further restricting commercial scalefishing at the popular holiday areas of Port Sorell and Ansons Bay to favour recreational fishing opportunities;
- Banning or introducing a licence for set lines (i.e. longlines and droplines where the fisher sets the line and leaves it unattended);
- Restricting the soak times of gill nets to reduce bycatch;
- Changing size and bag limits for calamari, inshore crab, blueeye trevalla, bastard trumpeter, snapper and yellowtail king fish; and,
- A significant suite of measures to manage striped trumpeter.

The Department of Primary Industries and Water has significant concerns about striped trumpeter stocks.

"The last detected major spawning event for striped trumpeter was more than a decade ago. The risk is that this fishery is riding on the back of a recruitment peak," Mr Llewellyn said.

The changes recommended to address concern with striped trumpeter include halving the recreational personal possession limit to 4 fish, increasing the minimum size limit from 450mm to 500mm, introducing a recreation boat limit of 15 fish, cutting the commercial trip limit from 250kg to 200kg and maintaining a seasonal closure around September and October to protect the optimum spawning period of that species.

Some of the proposals canvassed as potential issues during the first round of public consultation will be progressed through education rather than rule change.

"Matters like wildlife interaction, additional no-netting areas, new shark refuge areas and resource sharing between recreational and commercial fishers need a strategic focus," Mr Llewellyn said.

"That will require further investigation and consultation. I am heartened by the high level of interest and support received during the first consultation period for maintaining the fishery in good shape and for rules which ensure that this happens."

Copies of an information paper outlining the proposed management changes and a schedule of public meetings are available from DPIW at www.fishing.tas.gov.au or by request from 1300 368 550. The comment period runs until the end of April.

Empowering local communities and increasing access to services

Premier David Bartlett recently took a major step towards ensuring all Tasmanians have equal access to vital services, training and employment opportunities.

In his State of the State address, the Premier said addressing transport needs was the key to Tasmania becoming more socially inclusive.

“With that goal firmly in mind I am proud to announce the establishment of the Tasmanian Community Transport Trust.

“Through this trust, every Tasmanian community will be able to apply for a vehicle by establishing their ongoing capacity to support its management and use in the community. The Trust will improve transport services for remote communities, including a trial of the use of wheelchair accessible taxis in remote areas.

“Reliable and available community transport will support mums and dads who can’t get to the shops, elderly people stuck in their homes, and remote students who need transport to reach the educational opportunities available in our larger centres.”

Mr Bartlett said the Tasmanian Community Transport Trust was only one component of his vision to ensure that all Tasmanians can connect to Government services, where they need them, in their communities.

“We need to imbue Government services as a part of community life. This Government will ensure services are where they are needed most.”

Already the Government has committed \$14.9 million to build five Learning Information Network Centres (LINC’s) around Tasmania and \$90 million to build up to 30 Child and Family Centres.

“I can now announce Sorell and Georgetown as the locations for the remaining two LINC’s centres. These are in addition to the centres already planned for Scottsdale, Bridgewater and Queenstown,” Mr Bartlett said.

LINC’s bring together a number of government and community organisations under one-roof, with a particular focus on continuing education.

“The educational opportunities provided by the LINC centres will be complemented by the services to be provided at our Child and Family Centres, the first eight of which will be built this year.

“I am pleased to announce that the first seven centres will be located at Clarendon Vale, Ravenswood, Chigwell, George Town, East Devonport, Beaconsfield, and Queenstown.

“The Tasmanian Aboriginal Community has asked repeatedly for a dedicated centre at Risdon Cove to support the needs of Aboriginal children, and I can now announce that the 8th Child and Family Centre will be built at Risdon Cove to provide that support.

“I anticipate being able to make a further announcement with the Deputy Prime Minister in the very near future about two further locations for Federally funded Child and Family Centres.”

The Premier also had good news for community organisations who provide a helping hand to the most disadvantaged.

“The Government will commit \$1 million to the Emergency Relief Fund in 2009/10, to make sure that service organisations have the resources they need to support all Tasmanians, through the challenging times ahead.”

Approximately 750 community organisations, operating 1300 outlets receive funding, including Anglicare, the Salvation Army, the Hobart City Mission, St Vincent de Paul, and Colony 47.

“I want to make sure that the Tasmanian Government is doing everything it can to support existing networks in helping Tasmanians through the Global Financial Crisis,” Mr Bartlett said.



Graeme Sturges

Rail Investment Helping the Economy

The Minister for Infrastructure, Graeme Sturges, recently said millions of dollars being invested by the State Government to upgrade Tasmania’s rail infrastructure was also helping the local economy.

Mr Sturges said the State Government had spent \$6.26 million on rail maintenance activities to date.

“These works are underpinning employment in regional Tasmania during a time of global economic uncertainty.

“This investment is ensuring that contractors’ order books stay full and they can provide valuable employment to Tasmanians.”

Mr Sturges said in addition to the State Government’s ongoing investment, \$20.77 million of Australian Government funds has been spent on capital works projects.

“The capital works program will be undertaken over a seven-year period. This will restore the track to its previous standard when it reliably carried greater volumes of traffic.

“The initial focus of the capital works program is the safety and reliability of the track infrastructure.

“A \$30 million project, which started in January, involves the replacement of 20 kilometres of rail and 140,000 sleepers.

“This contract has seen the employment of 67 people in the north of the State by local firm Van Ek Construction.

“It demonstrates how the investment in rail projects is not only improving the State’s rail network, but providing employment and helping the economy.”

Mr Sturges said bridge works had been completed on the Leven River Bridge (\$300,000) and Emu River Bridge (\$120,000).

He said the replacement of the Jordan River Bridge (\$1.5 million) is nearing completion, with the main civil works now concluded.

“A project to upgrade 67 level crossings across the Tasmanian rail network will begin this month at a total cost of \$4.4 million.

“The combined effect of this work will be to improve the efficiency of the Tasmanian rail network so that rail is better able to provide an attractive alternative to road for freight transport.

“We are already seeing significant improvements in the performance of the rail network.

“The capital works projects are having a positive impact on the condition of the rail network, and the State Government is committed to rail and will keep investing in this significant asset,” Mr Sturges said.

Celebrate Tasmania Day



Premier
David Bartlett

Premier David Bartlett has announced the Government would designate a Sunday every November to celebrate what it means to be Tasmanian.

"I have visited every corner of Tasmania as Premier over the last few months, and the abiding sentiment that I hear is that people are pleased that they live in Tasmania.

"Our way of life is something to celebrate and our sense of community pride is something to nurture.

"We saw it with our celebration last year of the arrival of the 500,000th Tasmanian.

"It's a sentiment that I want to see continued through an annual celebration of our State, and especially the people – the volunteers – who give so much of their time to make Tasmania what it is.

"I can now announce that this year we will institute Celebrate Tasmania Day, and dedicate it to volunteerism in our State," Mr Bartlett said.

"We will provide APEX, Rotary and Lions Clubs in Tasmania with a small grant to create events in local streets and parks across our State.

"Community organisations like these contribute their time and energy in an effort to improve the lives of their neighbours and their communities, and they are the natural choice to lead a day on which to celebrate all that we enjoy in Tasmania.

"Whether it's having a neighbourhood BBQ, or a sports day or a potato throwing competition – I want every town and community, every street and every family to have the opportunity to engage in a relaxing day of community connection."

Mr Bartlett said he also wanted to make sure we can encourage the next generation of volunteers to get involved in their local communities and give for the greater good.

"That is why I can also announce we will provide recurrent funding of \$260,000 in the 2009/10 budget to Volunteering Tasmania to coordinate and reinvigorate volunteering across the State."

Rae & Partners

Lawyers Barristers & Solicitors
93 York St Launceston

Visiting :

St Marys Community Health Centre
Alternate Tuesdays : 9 am – 10 am

Ph: 6337 5555
Appointments

ST MARYS MARKETS

Apologies to all,
for not being able
to hold the weekly

St. Marys Summer Markets.

As a lot of people are aware, the market green outside the hall, is unavailable at the moment, because of the extensive Council Works.

I, like a lot of people in St Marys was unaware of Council Plans for the Community Hall Area.

It will be assessed weekly as to the viability of starting the markets up again.

Hopefully soon.

Regards Lesley Hill GBRA



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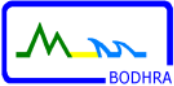
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'PLAY & LEARN'
 Feb/Mar 09 sessions for
 children 0 - 5,
 their parents & carers
 Come and join the fun at
 a session near you soon!

BICHENO Memorial Hall Play-ground	Wednesday March 18	10am-12.00
ST HELENS Foreshore Playground	Tuesday March 17	10am-12.00
SCAMANDER Beach Resort Playground	Tuesday March 24	10am-12.00
FINGAL	Wednesday	10am-12.00

Call Karen on 0400002116 for further information
 and for details of alternative venues in the event
 of inclement weather



ST. MARYS PLAYGROUP
 FOR PRESCHOOL
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 THURSDAYS 10:30-11:30
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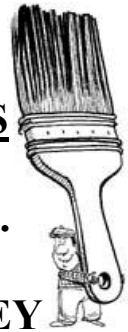
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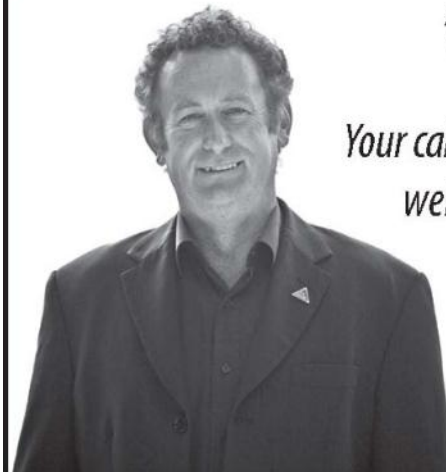
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Authorised by Tim Morris MHA, Parliament House, Hobart 7000.

MEALS ON WHEELS ROSTER

March	St Marys	Fingal
Monday 16th	Debbie Barnes	Leslie Lohrey
Tuesday 17th	Pam Lynch	
Wednesday 18th	Geoff Herrmann	
Thursday 19th	Yvonne Salter	
Friday 20th	Claire Bean	Julie-Ann Claridge
Monday 23rd	Trish Pike	Christine Woods (P)
Tuesday 24th	Patricia Barr	
Wednesday 25th	D & V Rice	
Thursday 26th	Dianne Troode	
Friday 27th	Wendy Aulich	Shirleen Woods

Church Services

Catholic Parish of St Marys

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

1st Sunday: MASS

St Helens Vigil 6.00pm
Bicheno 9.00am
Swansea LWC 9.30am
Fingal 11.30am
Campbell Town 5.00pm

2nd Sunday: LITURGY

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

3rd Sunday: MASS

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

4th Sunday LITURGY

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

5th Week MASS

St Helens Vigil 6.00pm
Bicheno 9.00am
St Marys 11.00am
Swansea LWC 9.30am
Campbell Town 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
10.30 am – 12 noon
every Sunday for children
5 – 12 yrs

St Marys every Sunday 10 am
Pyengana: Kids Church,
2pm - 4th Sunday every month.

Salvation Army TUESDAY JAM

3-5pm every Tuesday.
except school holidays.

Envoy Melanie Norton Ph: 6372 2099

Sunday Joy

6.30pm for 7pm: each Sunday

Break O'Day Uniting Church

The Manse St Helens

Ph: 6376 2405

St Helens **9.00 am**

Fingal **11.15 am**

Seventh Day Adventist

Hodgeman Street Scamander

Sabbath School **10 am**

Divine Service **11 am**

St Marys Online Access Centre Opening Hours:

Monday 10am -3pm

Tuesday 10 am-4pm

Wednesday 10am-4 pm

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Friday 10 am – 3 pm

Saturday 11 am – 2 pm

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Contacts for Valley Voice

PH: Judy: 6372 2155

email: judith.spilsbury@bigpond.com

Accounts: Mary: 6372 2328

Please leave written material at the
St Marys Pharmacy,
Main St, St Marys,
or post: C/- Post Office, St Marys Tas 7215

Advertising: 2008

Classifieds: **25 words or less: free**

Community notices : **free.**

Small ads. Garage sales. Greetings.

Thanks etc. **\$12.**

¼ page **\$20.** ½ page **\$30.**

Full page **\$50.**

1 year posted subscription **\$30.**

Stallholders Market Inc.

Is a non profit organisation holding markets every Saturday from 8am in St Helens, at the Library car park.

There is a variety of stalls and the fees charged to stall holders is donated to various charities.

For stall booking or any other inquiries, please phone Sylvia on 6376 8390. Or Saturday mornings only: 0447 589 803.

March 2009



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			12th Mar. ✦ St Marys Swimming Carnival gr 3-6. ✦ Ad Adstra begins	13th Mar. ✦ St Marys Swimming Carnival gr 7-10.
16th Mar. ✦ Launching into Learning begins 11am-12.30pm ✦ Parent Child group begins 1.30-3.00pm ✦ Dental Service ✦ Primary Assembly -	17th Mar. ✦ Dental Service	18th Mar. ✦ SRC Camp	19th Mar. ✦ Reading Together begins 9-10am ✦ Playgroup begins 10.30-11.30am ✦ ENE Swimming Carnival ✦ SRC Camp	20th Mar. ✦ SRC Camp
23rd Mar. ✦ NEET Recreation Day ✦ Dental Service	24th Mar. ✦ Dental Service	25th Mar.	26th Mar.	27th Mar.

SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE

When next in St Marys

- Wednesday 11th March
- Monday 16th March
- Tuesday 17th March
- Monday 23rd March
- Tuesday 24th March
- Monday 30th March
- Tuesday 31st March



Please feel free to contact them regarding your child's dental health on the numbers below:

St Marys Dental Unit 6372 2488
 St Helens Dental Unit 6376 5208
 Kelham Street Dental Unit 6336 4100

ST MARYS DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Is seeking nominations for Office Bearers for 2009

The Association is made up of parents, Teachers, school employees, and community members. As a parent or guardian of students at this school you are already a member.

Meetings usually occur twice a term in the school staff room at 7pm on a Wednesday, however, this can be changed to suit. Please consider coming along to find out how you can be involved.

The meetings are informative, relaxed and can actually be fun!

If you are a passionate member of the school community please register your interest at the school office on 6372 3900.

The next Annual General Meeting will be held 25th March, 2009 in the School Staff Room at 7pm.

All Welcome



New electronic speed limit signs for Tasmania's School Zones

Electronic speed limit signs are now operating in nine Tasmanian school zones.

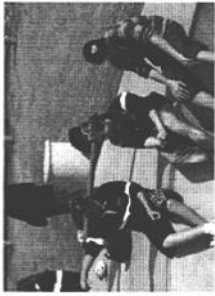
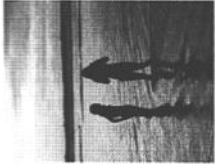
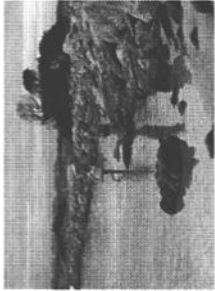
The State Government has installed the signs to improve safety for students crossing the road outside their school.

The aim of the new electronic speed limit signs is to boost the visibility of school zone speed limit signage and to lessen confusion for motorists as to exactly when the speed limit operates.

The signs will operate only at times when children are entering or leaving school and the speed limit is in place. When the school zone is not operating the sign will be blank.

By July 2011 all schools with a 40km/h speed limit zone will be fitted with a set of electronic speed limit signs according to priority.

Grade 7 Beach Trip

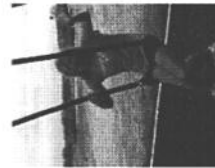


Grade 7 school sleeper

When the bell rang at the end of the day we were invited to the hall for afternoon tea, then we were given an opportunity to swim in the pool and play a game of cricket in the gym. Later we had pizza and a barbeque for tea.

The following day we went to Scamander Beach, where we had the option of fishing, swimming or skating at the skate park. Everyone enjoyed the sleeper and the beach, but we were all tired afterwards.

Written by Caleb Beain and Baden Alexander



Grade 7 Sleeper

On Thursday 18th, Grade 7 students attended a sleeper that had a Pizza night for dinner and movie night. Parents attended dinner and shared Pizza with us and left just before the movie 'Are we done yet?'. After the movie we all left to head for bed which was situated in the hall. On Friday, after showering and breakfast we travelled on a bus to the Scamander beach. When we came back a BBQ lunch had been cooked for us by some senior students. We all had fun!! ☺

By Madeline McGill and Taylah Bushing

ST MARYS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

DOCTORS ROSTER

Dr Condon- 12th March- 26th March 2009

Please call GP Assist for assistance or the Ambulance on 000 for Emergencies during this time.

AFTER HOURS SERVICE CONTACT NUMBERS

PLEASE PHONE GP ASSIST ON 1300 780 011
AMBULANCE 1800 008 008 or
EMERGENCY 000

St Marys Community Health Centre
GP Surgery Hours:

Monday—Friday :50am-12:30pm
12:30pm-1:30pm LUNCH

NO PATHOLOGY SERVICE 12:00-1:30pm
1:30pm-5:00pm

SCRIPTS AND DOCTORS APPOINTMENTS

Please ensure doctors appointments are booked **prior** to your medication/s running out or **in advance** if you are attending this practice regularly.

Scripts can not be requested by patients over the phone and are unable to be done over the weekends ensure you have enough medications in advance.

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE 6372 2111

BEFORE PRESENTING AFTER HOURS.

PLEASE BE PATIENT waiting period can apply.

BREASTSCREEN TASMANIA

MOBILE BUS

Please be aware that the BreastScreen Tasmania Mobile Bus will be in our area from:

11th May- 15th May 2009

If you have had a screening done in the past by BreastScreen Tasmania you will be notified by mail in the coming weeks of their upcoming visit and arrangements can be made to make an appointment at this time.

If you have not attended before and would like an appointment please watch this space for notification of when appointments will be taken. Appointments are not being taken yet.

ANGLICARE FINANCIAL COUNSELLING

Our service is FREE and confidential

Anglicare can provide counselling information, advocacy and support service to individuals and families experiencing financial difficulties. It is also involved in community education and development.

For appointments please phone Anglicare on:
FREECALL 1800 243 232

Due to an increased demand on this service at present our local Counsellor Paul Mallett will not be available on 12th March but will be available for consultations on 9th April 2009. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Please phone the above number to make a booking

WHAT'S ON AT THE CENTRE

- 17th March Anglicare- Malcolm Powell 11:30am-1:00pm
- 17th March Child Health Session with Sue Gofton.
Every Tuesday by appointment. Please phone 0428 136 381
- 18th March Psychologist- Dohatay Teboul appointments via referral from your GP.
- 19th March Day Centre- For details on the group please contact Hayley on 6372 2111.
- 20th March Diabetic Clinic 10:00am- 2:00pm appointments available by referral from your GP
- 24th March Child Health Session with Sue Gofton.
Every Tuesday by appointment. Please phone 0428 136 381
- 24th March Tom Bain, Rae & Partners Lawyers.
At the Community Health Centre Tuesday fortnights. For appointments please phone 6337 5555
- 25th March Day Centre- For details on the group please contact Hayley on 6372 2111

Physiotherapy Classes Currently Available

9:30am Tuesdays Core Stability Classes and
3:30pm Thursdays Core Stability Classes
With David Watkins at the CHC. Gold coin donation.

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24th March 2009

9am-11:30am

Please phone 6372 2111

AA CONFIDENTIAL SUPPORT SERVICE

Meetings:

Wednesday nights St Helens Anglican Church 8:00pm
and

Friday nights St Marys Anglican Church 8:00pm

For further details phone 6372 5026

UPDATE OF PATIENT INFORMATION

- Have any of your details changed?

- Have you moved, changed your phone number, got a new Medicare card, Health Care Card or DVA Card?

Please ensure your personal details are currently valid.

Please update your details with our reception staff on your next visit to the Health Centre.

This makes your visit faster and if required contacting you easier and possible.



Veterans and Veterans Families Counselling Service
A service founded by Vietnam veterans



Stress & Anxiety Management Program

An 8 week program to learn skills in how to recognise the warning signals and manage stress and anxiety more effectively. Learn in a friendly and relaxed forum with others.



Facilitated by: Dr Jacqui Triffitt

Venue: St Helens Neighbourhood House

Dates: Friday 20th March to Friday 15th May 2009

Times: 2:00 to 4:00pm

To register for this program please call the Hobart VVCS
On: free call 1800 011 046

Available to veterans, partners, sons & daughters

This is a treatment program and eligible participants may be able to claim travel expenses. For more information, please contact The Department of Veteran's Affairs on 133 254.





Fingal Primary School News

Launching into Learning

Every Thursday afternoon 1.30—3.00 p.m. Fingal Primary School runs its Launching into Learning Program, for children aged between 0 – 4 years of age.



Montanna Reece



Lachlan Woods



William Burt



Kayden Rigby



Ava Howorka



Justin Reece



Isobelle Gee



Kindergarten Children for 2009

We have 7 new students in Kinder this year. They look great in their school uniforms.

Mackenzie Woods, Justin Reece, Isobelle Gee, Jade Lowe, Lauren Templar Kunta and Haydon Barnes.
Absent Luke Viney.

Calendar of Events - March

16th	17th Speech Therapist here	18th	19th Launching into Learning 1.30-3.00 p.m. ENE Swimming Carnival	20th
23rd	24th	25th	26th Launching into Learning 1.30-3.00 p.m. Assembly 2.15 p.m. Student Leaders to lead	27th

St Marys Sports Centre News Kackhander

It was a great way to finish the home and away season with a 99 shot win against Bicheno in the East Coast Bowls Association with all rinks winning but.....we still missed out on a double chance which means the upcoming Finals series at Swansea is cut-throat.

Any loss and we're finished so we really have to be on our game if a third consecutive Pennant is to be won. It won't be easy but the side is chock full of confidence and experience and should acquit itself well. Our first semi final opponent is Scamander whilst host club, Swansea, take on ladder leader St Helens in the double chance final.

Our girls must await the outcome of the St Helens v Swansea game to see who they play in the Preliminary final but they are more than capable of beating them having already done so this year. Let's hope for our first Ladies Premiership in many, many years.

Still on bowls and congratulations to Chris Davern in the Men's singles and Nicky Leedham in the women's singles for winning those East Coast Titles. A special mention also to Barb and Liz Davern who made the semi finals and just shows the tremendous depth of talent our ladies have now. Well done all.

To club events, and we really need as many championship games as possible to be played soon so that scheduled annual maintenance on the green can go ahead and it fits in with end of season functions. We will publish details of all of these arrangements in the next column.

Golf events for Saturdays commence again soon so keep an eye out for our syllabus etc., with hopefully reasonable numbers competing. Again we hope to start advertising dates in the next issue or two of the Valley Voice.

A special thank you goes to our friends at GAZZMANS St Helens for their amazing help with the new clubhouse vinyl flooring and to Rog and Trev and Co for laying it. Really looks fantastic. Thanks again Garry and the crew at Gazzmans for your ongoing support of our club

Anyway until next time, good hitting and rolling.

ST MARYS TENNIS CLUB

Break O'Day Aviva Hot Shots Challenge

St Helens Tennis Club

Saturday 14 March 9.15am - 11am

Ages 5—9 yrs -

Mini Tennis format and fun games

Cost \$5 for Hot Shot members in T-shirt.

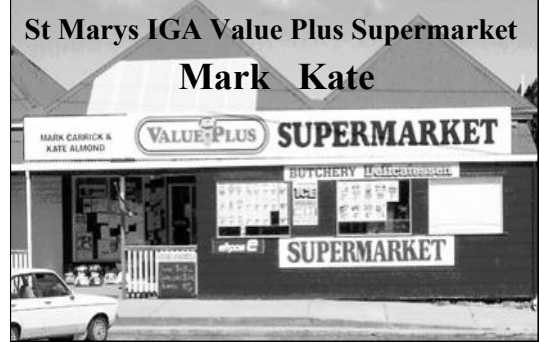
Non members \$15 inc T-shirt and players pack.

Play for a trophy in front of Tennis Tasmania's

tennis scout **Alex Jago.**

Enquiries phone Tennis Australia coach

Harry Ebsworth 0409 036 245



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

This week's specials.

From the butchery.

Microwave chicken	\$ 5.99kg
Porterhouse steak	\$15.99kg
Regular mince	\$ 7.99kg
Chicken kiev (tray)	\$ 7.55
BBQ meat packs	\$ 8.99kg

Instore specials

Sorbent toilet tissue 18pk	\$ 9.99
Arnotts shapes/Savoy/ Clix160-250g	\$ 1.99
Ardmona canned fruit 825g	\$ 2.49
Cottees jam 380-500g	\$ 2.49
Jarrah coffee range 180-250g	\$ 4.99

Late week specials

Golden Circle soft drink 1.5lt	.89c
Radiant conc. Laundry powder 650g	\$ 1.65
Golden Circle long life juice 2lt	\$ 2.49
Cripps master loaf bread 680-700g	\$ 2.99

Next week's specials.

From the butchery

Free range thigh fillets	\$12.99kg
Rump steak	\$10.99 kg
IGA silverside	\$ 6.99kg
BBQ blade steak	\$ 7.99kg
Chicken keiv (tray)	\$ 7.55

Instore specials

Golden Circle cordial syrup 2lt	\$ 3.49
Palmolive dishwash liquid 500ml	\$ 1.99
Kleenex facial tissues 170-180g	\$ 1.99
Country Cup soup, standard 44-58g	3 for \$5
Kraft vegemite 220g	\$ 4.15

Late week specials

Sunshine white-raw sugar 2kg	\$ 1.99
Juicy Isle long life juice 2lt	\$ 2.49
Devondale tasty cheese 1kg	\$ 7.99
Wondersoft toilet tissue 6pk	\$ 2.49

