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MANGANA FIELD DAY

St Patricks Head & Esk Valley Historical Society Inc. held a field day to the history rich town of Mangana on Sunday the 15th March.

Twenty or so adults and children met at the beautifully constructed Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in

the Main Street of Mangana and after a tour of the 97 year old church by Society President, Barry Aulich, we all moved to Warren and Debbie Speers' block around the corner for a BBQ lunch.

Over lunch, Warren gave us a detailed talk on the history of Mangana where gold was found by convict shepherd, Keeling Richardson, in 1852. To back up Warren's talk, Debbie produced a folder full of old Mangana family photos dating back to the 1800s when the town had three hotels.

After lunch we all headed into "gold country", where we found a likely looking creek and Peter Rubenach guided the group in the art of gold panning.

The day finished with Warren guiding us to several old tunnels and shafts, most of which were driven before the turn of the twentieth century and are still in fair condition.

Did we find any gold you may ask? The answer is: Yes we did. But before you go racing off to Mangana with your shovel and pan, it will most likely take you a whole year to make enough for a cup of coffee.

For more on the history of the Fingal Valley visit our website <u>www.fingalvalleyhistory.com</u>, call into the St Marys Online Access Centre, or see our display at the Cranks and Tinkerers Motor Museum in Main Street, St Marys.



Warren Speers, Marcia Hughes and Val Spencer look on as Peter Rubenach searches for that elusive speck of gold.



Members and friends of the St Patricks Head & Esk Valley Historical Society pan for gold in a creek at Mangana during their field trip.

<u>Please note</u>: Deadline for articles to be included in the next Valley Voice is: 5 pm <u>Tuesday March 24, 2009</u>. 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.

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A LITTLE BIT OF HERITAGE: Jim Haas

"The last chatelaine of Malahide Castle" 1915 - 2009

A few issues ago I wrote about William Talbot, who left the comfort of his family home at Malahide Castle in County Fingal, Ireland in 1820 and eventually ended up with a land grant at the junctions of the South Esk and Break O'Day Rivers in Van Diemens Land.

With the recent passing away of Rose Talbot, I thought it appropriate to write a little more about the Talbot family and their contribution to the development of the Fingal Valley.

William Talbot was given his grant in 1824 and in 1827 named it "Malahide" after his home near Dublin and the town which sprung up around his property he named Fingal after his Homeland County.

Although William married he never had children and after his death in 1845 his now thriving sheep, cattle and crop property was left to his nephew Samuel.

In the early 1900s, Lord Milo Talbot took over the Malahide dynasty and although widely travelled as a collector of plants for his botanic gardens, he had not visited Tasmania until he heard of a local landowner who was offering to buy his property. But when Milo arrived at his Tasmanian "Malahide" he refused the offer and instead of selling, invested in the properly by first restoring the old homestead, and with no expense spared. From then onwards he spent most of the British winters at Fingal.

Milo was the last Lord de Malahide and died unmarried in 1973 and all his inheritance went to his sister Rose, who also never married.

Rose Talbot was the last member of her family to live at Malahide Castle, which had been the family home since 1185. After her brother's death she was besieged with death duties and was forced to surrender the property and sell the contents in 1976. Desmond Guinness of the Irish Georgian Society said: "Every item was a priceless gem."

Rose fought a gallant battle to keep it all as a family residence, but she received no help from the Irish Government who, at the time, saw it as Protestant ascendancy. Later Governments recognised the error and they now give encouragement to owners of grand houses to stay in their home and have even tried to reassemble family treasurers that have been dispersed throughout the world; too late, however, for the Talbot's unique collection of Irish, Georgian furniture

By now Rose was a spinster in her sixties, but bravely, she packed the little she had left and moved half way around the world to make a new life at another Malahide, in the town of Fingal, Tasmania.

Rose was a somewhat shy lady, but she soon established herself as a prodigious networker in Australia by travelling the vast continent and getting to know its most influential movers and shakers. She also kept in touch with her friends in the northern hemisphere by letter and a grand tour of the British Isles every summer.

Rose was a generous lady and gave to many charities, but her love of horticulture is what captured her interest the most. Soon after arriving in Tasmania, she completed the commissioning of a series of books started by her brother before his death. They were: The Endemic Flora of Tasmania, written by Dr Winifred Curtis and illustrated by Margaret Stone. Among her English horticultural friends to travel to Fingal were Lady Salisbury of Hatfield and Lady O'Neill, wife of the former Prime Minister of Northern Ireland. Anne O'Neill had known Rose since their youthful encounters at debutante balls and joked that what they had in common was being wallflowers together. Their knowledge of rare plants, however, was prolific.

Rose's last years were spent quietly at her "Malahide" in Tasmania. She passed away peacefully on the 14 February 2009 at the age of 93, and was laid to rest at a humble ceremony in the Fingal Anglican Cemetery. One could never measure the enormous contribution she and the Talbot family have made to the Fingal Valley since William's arrival in 1827.

We can only hope the new heir, Rose's cousin, British Naval Officer Richard Talbot, will continue running "Malahide" in the traditions of its pioneer, and like his predecessors, fall in love with the unique beauty of this part of the world and make the grand old mansion his home.



Malahide'homestead in 1899.



Rose Talbot at her Malahide", Fingal.

Letters to the Editor

Editor of the Valley Voice,

Thank you for allowing me to have MY say in previous editions.

I would also like to thank David Clements and Reon Johns for their efforts to persuade the president of the St Helens-St Marys RSL to allow the residents of St Marys, the choice to attend an 11o'clock RSL Service in St Marys, or to attend the unveiling of plaques of those that have served from the Break O'Day area in St Helens on ANZAC Day.

I was attempting to persuade council that sometimes informing the community of its intended action (before the event) is a good thing! And to ensure RSL services continue in St Marys.

At this time I give myself a 4 out of 10 for both, but only the future will tell.

It has been re-enforced to me that: who needs to watch soap operas, they have nothing on real life if you push the right (or should that be wrong) buttons.

It has been quite an eye opening experience. David Watkins.

Dear Editor,

I have not contributed to the Valley Voice before, I am however a regular reader.

My letter is to publicly congratulate my wife Iris, for her marvellous achievement in completing her Bachelor of Nursing degree, through the University of Tasmania.

Throughout particularly the last 12 months it has taken its toll upon us and we have felt the effects of hardship. The course, normally taking three years to complete, due to the fact that Iris had a serious car accident in her first year extended that period to four years.

Whilst there is absolutely no criticism towards the University of Tasmania, it is a fine institution.

There are many issues in deciding to upgrade skills. As a mature age student, you have lots of life experience, and in Iris' case, many years of nursing. This can be seen as threatening to some younger students.

There were other issues which made the course more of a challenge for Iris particularly as she comes from a NESB. Probably though the most difficult was issues surrounding the costs incurred particularly that of transport and accommodation. Rental accommodation is required, as training placements occur all across the state. There is little recognition of the difficulties faced by students from rural locations.

Iris had part of her training right here in St Marys and I know she would like to thank all those who gave her their support.

In conclusion I know things were tough for you my dear, there were times you wanted to give up. Carlos and I never doubted your abilities we love you and say well done!

Barry. Via email. Name supplied)

ADVERTISE YOUR UNWANTED ITEMS FOR SALE. CLASSIFIEDS ARE FREE. A MATTER OF VERBAL VIOLENCE cont'd.

Referring to Wendy's support for my letter in the Valley Voice, Thursday 26th February, 2009.

It is somewhat reassuring in that my letter was at least read by one person and comment made, I appreciate that, however, I am doubtful if Wendy and I are on the same page.

May I just make a quote here, "I know you believe you understand what you think I said, but I am not sure you realise that what you heard, is not what I meant." End quote.

It is devastating to have someone destroy one's self worth/esteem each and every time there happens to be a discussion in progress and because your views don't agree with that of the Chairperson, and maybe understanding on the issue in discussion had not come about, in fact it is my understanding that the Chairperson should at this stage have no input whatsoever. There is certainly no excuse for verbal violence of any kind, how does this resolve our differences and make progress? Especially within a Community Committee Meeting.

We are all unique individuals and that is what makes a community and we are all entitled to our views, so long as we do not destroy the others person's self worth.

For anyone to understand both sides of the story, one would have had to attend the committee for the St Marys Township Makeover on the evening of 12th February, 2009, and it is my opinion that it is a shame that more residents do not attend. May I point out here that Mr R. Legge, Mayor, was not in the Chair at the meeting being referred to.

The Law and Procedure at Meetings, by Percy Ernest Joske, QC., M.A.,LL.M., (page 29) of the aforementioned publication, and I quote: "The Chairperson has no power to direct what is to be done, to deny discussion on what is to be done, to refuse motions thereon or to disregard or overrule the opinion of members." End quote.

This is the Law, and the meeting of the 12th February, the Law was most certainly broken and the Chairperson was 'out of order', there is a great deal more, and where the Chairperson makes an improper call to order, this is also an abuse of authority, (page 34). I rest my case.

WITHOUT PREJUDICE

Patricia O'Donnell.

Editor Valley Voice

Reon and I would like to say a big thank you to Rodney Bushing and his crew. Chris Dillon, Ben Morgan, Andrew Haas, Phillip Child and Steve Jones for the excellent job they did with our extension.

There were no hidden agendas with cost and we were always keep up to date with any problems. Problems that were identified were talked through with both of us and Rodney always had an innovative solution.

And finally a thank you to **Michael Neighbour** whose meticulous preparation led to a perfect finish with the painting.

All of the above come highly recommended.

Wendy and Reon,

St Marys.

Letters to the Editor

Letter to Editor

I read with interest the article in the previous Valley Voice relating to the public meeting regarding the St Helens – St Marys RSL.

It states 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".

I am yet to talk to one member from the St Mary's sub branch who knew of this proposal let alone given the option of voting for the removal of the Cenotaph wall. (Name supplied) via email.

Dear Editor.

In response to Beverly's idea about a **Commercial Kitchen** for community use- hooray! As a community we lack any viable community space.

In these troubled times, a strong local economy is more important than ever and as it is seemingly no longer possible even to have a cake stall without the cakes having been baked in a commercial kitchen. This idea is a step in the right direction. Community groups catering for events would find this very useful indeed.

We still need recreational space for young people and a place for the Arts in St. Marys- if a building could be made available as non-commercial social space for community use, maybe all of these areas could be addressed? Whatever you care to call it, it would be a valuable addition to the infrastructure of the township with ongoing benefits for people of all ages and descriptions.

"A community does not live by curbing alone..." anon.

Eo Greensticks.

Letter to Editor

Like many in the community I was just as confused about the St Marys Main Street Makeover Committee meeting on Monday March 23rd 2009.

One committee person relayed that the meeting had been cancelled by council. I thought the committee was a group of citizens that were a separate entity. Therefore, I decided to attend and I read with interest the first page of the minutes which instantly answered my query.

8.4.02.69:

Moved Clr David Clement/Seconded Clr Reon Johns

Council recognises the St Marys Mainstreet Makeover Committee formed at a public meeting at St Marys on the 8th January 2008 as the body responsible for the development and recommendation to Council of the project to be implemented under the St Marys Mainstreet project agreement with the State Government.

For: Clr D Clement, Clr R Johns, Clr R Harper **Against:** Clr JMcGiveron, Clr J LeFevre, Clr H Holder, Clr JWarren, Clr R Legge

Motion Lost

Wendy Brennan St Marys Letter to the Editor

I would like to thank Charles Trollope for his article of 'Valley Voice', March 12.

Parts of it surprised me. His statement, "Councils are part of the crown, unlike state and federal governments", made me wonder which planet he is on.

Section 1 of our Constitution states:

The Legislative power of the Commonwealth shall be vested in a Federal Parliament, which shall consist of the Queen, a Senate and a House of Representatives, which is here-on called 'The Parliament' or 'The Parliament of the Commonwealth'.

Section V deals with States. Section VI with new states. It recognises States.

To quote from Australia's Commonwealth Parliament – 1901 –1988 Ten Perspectives, by G.S.Reid and Martyn Forrest: "Section 1 is, undoubtedly, the foundation provision of Australia's political arrangements. Not only does it specify the tripartite composition of 'The Parliament' but it also vests the whole trinity—Queen, Senate and House of Representatives—with the legislative power of the commonwealth."

Mr Trollope is keen to highlight the work of Justice Issac Issacs.

In the case of the 'Amalgamated Society of Engineers V. Adelaide Steamship Co. Ltd', (1922) Commonwealth Law Reports, Justice Issacs stated: "The theory that ministers execute the Royal Will, accommodates itself to the fact that the Royal Will is to do what <u>Parliament</u> desires."

In paragraph 7 of Mr Trollope's article, he mentions a book by Quick and Garran.

In Australia in 1901, members of the new commonwealth parliament also had available to guide them the important joint work of Sir John Quick (Professor, Bendigo) and Sir Robert Randolph Garran. (later Solicitor General)

The volume was called "The annotated Constitution of the Australian Commonwealth." It was not the act itself. The act of the constitution recognises the states, and I for one, would like to deal with state issues at state level. There is a state ombudsman to deal with grievances between individuals and government departments.

When we pay our rate monies to our council we are acknowledging their right to enforce council laws and by-laws.

Our parliamentary history is indeed interesting, but we should be aware that women did not have the right to vote until 1902.

Our aboriginal population wasn't even counted as part of our population and given citizen rights until the referendum of May, 1967.

Under federal drug laws a warrant may not be required to enter your premises or search your car.

Tasmanians have a lot more say and freedoms in this day and age since the first colonial order was put into print by Lieutenant-Governor David Collins, on the banks of the Derwent, February 20, 1804. (Historical records of Australia, Vol. V. page 233.)

Forget the Rife Machine Charles, stick to the electric fence!

Jeanette Peryman.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Re: The new toilet and shower block at the Rec ground. Yesterday I was so pleased to inspect the new facility, and it's great for St Marys to welcome new travelers in this way.

The toilet is the first port of call for us oldies, and the many Winnabago wanderers will be very happy to make an offering.

Well done St Marys.

Jeff Weston.

To the Valley Voice,

Questions to the Mayor,

The St Marys Main Street Makeover committee meeting, called by you, the mayor, that was held last Monday the 23rd March at 7pm, only to be called off by you on the day, Monday the 23rd March, which I may add, still went ahead.

My question to you is: Did you call this meeting off because of the conversation that took place on Wednesday night 18th March between you and me?

You guaranteed and assured me that parallel parking will not go ahead. Plus you guaranteed and set the record straight that what was going around about this meeting had no truth.

Can you also assure and guarantee the residents, that you will not call another meeting at a later date, to do with what our concerns are based on?

People are already saying that this is why you called the meeting off so suddenly. Can you and will you set the record straight?

Kim Watkins.

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To the Editor,

The removal of the wall from around St Marys Cenotaph distresses me, and especially as the removal was sudden, and I believe unannounced to the public.

I do not know the legality of the removal, but I am concerned about the morality.

I believe a Cenotaph not only honours our heroes, but is a symbol of democracy, and therefore the Cenotaph and the immediate surroundings is an honoured, reverent and special place.

I have always felt that a town's Cenotaph is public property. Am I wrong with this assumption?

My father and my other family members fought for democracy—democracy so I and my children and following generations could freely voice their personal ideas, ideals and beliefs without fear of retribution or suppression, so I am voicing my democratic right today—I believe it was morally wrong to interfere with the St Marys Cenotaph without informing and consulting the public.

Personally, I found the Cenotaph as it was, a unique, special and reverent place. What will the 'new look' be like? Who has seen the plans and why were the 'new look' plans not on display for public comment prior to commencement of work at the cenotaph?

For the record, I have a very real interest as my family members fought in both world wars. My uncle died in France during World War 1. He died in my father's arms. Another uncle was killed in New Guinea in World War 11. My father was critically wounded in France in World War 1, and spent 9 months in England recovering. Other family members have been involved in other conflicts.

Beverley Rubenach (nee Mitchell)



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Hobart-born and raised virtuoso mandolin player, Luke Plumb, and percussionist, James MacKintosh, have taken time from their busy

international touring schedule with acclaimed 6 piece Scottish fusionists, **Shooglenifty**, to focus on the roots of traditional music from the British Isles.

For Luke, this is a celebration of the acoustic potential of the mandolin as a solo instrument, while for James it is an opportunity to explore the intricate rhythms of the pipe and fiddle music he grew up with. They will be playing music from their new self-titled release.



This show is almost sold out.

Very LIMITED tickets are available through the St Marys Post Office.

BREAK O'DAY COUNCIL RECEIVES \$2,265,506 IN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ROAD FUNDING

Dick Adams, Federal member for Lyons, recently announced that the Break O'Day Council would receive \$2,265,506 over 5 years from the Rudd Government through the *Roads to Recovery* Program.

"This Federal funding will not only help to maintain and upgrade our local roads, it will also support local jobs and businesses during the current global recession.

"Local roads are very important in regional communities, whether it's travelling to town or work, this funding from the Rudd Government in partnership with local councils will help to deliver safer roads for everyone," Mr Adams said.

Last year, the Rudd Labor Government extended the program for a further year, and boosted its total funding to \$1.75 billion – an extra \$250 million when compared with the previous government's allocation.

These funding allocations are based on the recommendations of State Local Government grants commissions.

"This funding is untied, with councils able to spend their allocations on the local priorities identified by local communities.

"I urge communities contact their councils and help identify areas of local need for this funding," Dick Adams said.

HOBART VISIT BY HMAS ANZAC ALLOWS LOCAL RESIDENTS TO VISIT THEIR SON.

After a month of intensive naval exercises off the East Coast of Australia, HMAS ANZAC, normally based in Perth, visited Hobart for a weekend's rest and recreation. This was good news for Harry and Kerry Veldums whose son Jake is a Combat Systems Operator on ANZAC.

"It was fabulous to see Jake again but it was also a wonderful opportunity to see where Jake works and also to meet his friends and workmates on the ship, an opportunity that was difficult for us while ANZAC was in Perth." said Harry.

"Jake gave us a very informative personal tour of ANZAC which normally accommodates between 150 and 180 crew. While well equipped it's very compact, especially the sleeping quarters but the crew cope well and there is a tremendous feeling of camaraderie on board.

"Kerry, Alex and I really appreciated the chance to spend a couple of quality days with Jake and had some great meals, though catching up with his friends at the various watering holes around the Hobart waterfront was pretty full-on – the notion of sailors partying hard is not a myth" said a very circumspect Harry.



Harry and Kerry Veldums on board HMAS ANZAC, with their son Jake.



TWO ST MARYS SPORTS TEAMS HAVE GRAND FINALS WIN.

St Marys Lady Bowlers Grand Final win.

Congratulations to the St Marys Ladies bowls team who WON the East Coast Pennant preliminary final against Swansea on Saturday and Winning The Pennant GRAND FINAL on Sunday against St Helens. They are an awesome team!

Team members include: Janice Viney, Nicky Leedham, Barb Davern, Nan Stuart, Liz Baldwin, Nikki Viney, Glenys Turner, Mary Viney, Tamatha Mahoney.

Also congratulations to the Men's Team for reaching the grand final and putting in a great effort, only missing out by one point after having to play an extra end to get a score

From the proud to be, current bowls president: Jim Turner.

Proud of team mates.

Firstly I personally would like to congratulate the St.Marys Ladies Lawn bowls pennant team for winning this year's East Coast Final.

2007/08 was our very first year and we finished runners up. 2008/09 was our second and we finally beat St.Helens in the grand final.

We were last on the ladder and had to play off in the preliminary final on Saturday the 21st. March against Swansea, we beat Swansea and then went on to play St.Helens the following day.

Nicky Leedham skipped one team with Janice Viney, Barb Davern, and Nan Stuart and Liz Baldwin skipped the other team with Kirsten Viney, Glenys Turner and Nikki Viney. Tamatha Mahoney was our emergency for the day and thanks go to Tamatha Mahoney and Mary Viney for playing with us throughout the season.

Both teams bowled extremely well on the day having some fantastic shots on both rinks. We were very determined to win. Nicky Leedham's rink finished first winning 20-16 and had finished while we still had several ends yet to play, they waited with great anticipation for the result of our game, we finished with a draw 16-16, giving St.Marys the total of 4 points up overall and winning the match.

Well done girls !!!! Liz Baldwin.

Photo: Back row left to right: Nicky Leedham, Nikki Viney, Kirsten Viney, Nan Stuart and Janice Viney.

Front row left to right: Tamatha Mahoney (emergency) Barb Davern, Glenys Turner and Liz Baldwin.

(Absent: Mary Viney.)



St Marys Senior Cricketers win Grand Final.

On Sunday 15 March 2009 the St Marys Seniors Cricket Club played off in the Grand Final against Scamander at Scamander Sports Complex.

The St Marys Cricket Club is proud to announce they won the grand final- batting first with 8/145 after 20 over's and Scamander achieved 9/116 after 20 over's. We believe this is the first win for the St Marys Seniors Cricket Club in a cricket grand final for 30 years! What an achievement boys, congratulations!

The team consisted of: Craig Freiboth (Captain), Keith Gillies, Roger Salter, Joel Salter, Bryn Norton, Brodie Rickman, Gary Cooper, Kodie Donald, Corey Bosworth, TimCrawford and Reece Maher. Everyone in the team contributed to this worthy win.

The Scamander team have proved to be a very competitive team this season as have all the teams in the roster; St Helens FC, St Helens Young Guns, Scamander and St Marys. We hope this cricket association will continue to flourish in the coming years in our area.

On behalf of all the members of the St Marys Cricket Club a thank you message goes out to our local council workers for your continuing support this year in up keeping the St Marys Cricket ground. Also to the local businesses who have contributed drinks and food items etc to the club during this years season.

Many thanks also to all the players this year- hope to see you next year!

Craig Freiboth

CONGRATULATIONS TO BOTH THE ST MARYS CRICKETERS AND THE ST MARYS LADY BOWLERS ON YOUR AMAZING WINS.

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DOING THE ROUNDS

Cllr Reon Johns.

Like to raise an issue? Feel free to contact me on mobile 0429 722 091 or Fax 6372 2098

At the council meeting on 10 March 2009, a ratepayer sort a remission of a water bill of over \$1000, because a tree on their property had grown around the water pipe leading into the home. This remission was declined as the problem was on the ratepayer's property. There is a lesson in this. If you are a shack owner or are leaving your home for some time then **TURN OFF** your water at the meter. This action could save you money.

A petition from Scamander residents for a footpath was received and this will be considered at the upcoming Budget deliberations.

The Council supported a motion to remit all Council rates and charges (excluding fire levy) to those ratepayers holding Crown leases/licenses for boatsheds under certain conditions. If you have any questions on the decision please contact the relevant Council Officer.

Cllr Legge submitted a motion to reaffirm the Council's decision to appose aerial spraying, because of the inherent health hazards. This motion was lost with only Cllrs Clement, Harper and Johns in support.

Cllr Harper's motion on WIFI Broadband was carried unanimously and this is to invite Expressions of Interest from suitable telecommunications carriers to provide a public WiFi service.

Cllr Clements motion to form a St Helens Town Council was lost only Cllrs Clement, Harper and Johns in support.

Cllr Clement asked two questions on notice

- 1. When will the General Managers position be advertised?
- 2. What progress has been in providing solar lighting along St Helens Foreshore footpath?

Cllr Clement asked one question without notice

1. About the unsuccessful amalgamation with Glenmorgan spring Bay.

Cllr Johns asked one question without notice

- 1. If the Mayor has stopped the demolition of the old club rooms at Mathinna?
- 2. What is the Council policy on replying to correspondence?

Council supported a concept of naming the Cenotaph and area surrounding the Cenotaph in St Marys "Memorial Park" and dedicating the Park as a memorial to the 2752 Tasmanians who died as a result of service in World War 1.

Other matters considered where:-

*Support to upgrade the St Helens Aerodrome

A draft amendment to the planning scheme-Amendment 1-2009, section 34 and table 19.1

DO YOU KNOW?

That members of the public can send in questions and have the answers printed in the Council Agenda. Council must receive you questions no later then 7 days prior to a Council Meeting.

Please note that I have changed my visits to the LAST Thursday of each month.

I will be in Fingal. At 08:30am to 9:30am at the Neighbourhood House, Mathinna from 10:00am to 11:00am at the Post Office. St Marys, 11:30am to 12:30pm at the Bakery. Then on to St Helens Neighbourhood House from 2:00pm till 3:00pm. Mouth Café Scamander from 3:30pm to 4:00pm.

I can be contacted on mobile 0429722 091

I would like to invite any other Councillor to share this article with me and help keep the Break O'Day informed.

The Say Cagerattler

The cenotaph debate rages on amongst us as we speak, and with ANZAC Day fast approaching it would be good to know the final outcomes of the reconstruction. The grey tiling around the monument has caused much comment, generally adverse to my ears as it happens, as has the open grassed area now the former brickwork is no longer there.

I personally think it currently looks bare and uninviting but will reserve my final opinion until all the work is completed and expect that further construction something akin to the former brickwork will one day eventuate or at least something that defines the Cenotaph in the respect it commands. Otherwise what was the point of changing it all. Will someone (in the know) please respond soon?

A year or two back I made comment in this column about a new position advertised by our local council, that being Information Officer. The reply to my apparently 'uneducated' query at the time was certainly comprehensive which in turn then received wide comment itself. My question was considered by the respondent as being somewhat sarcastic which I made clear in the next issue as not the intention .It was a genuine question on such a job.

At the risk of again falling into this category, (which is again absolutely not my desire) I ask about another position from our Council so advertised in last weekend's Saturday Examiner. The position title was that of Environmental Services Coordinator. All I want to know is if this is a current position or is it a brand new job that has been deemed required for our area.

The second part of my query is what does this person do in respect of a job description. That's it. Is it current? AND, what does the job entail. Hopefully a suitably qualified Council person can answer this for me in the Valley Voice soon.

Finally, while still dealing with Local Government issues I would like to find out the usual protocols in regard to Council dealing with correspondence from ratepayers. Is there a register kept by local government of ALL letters incoming to them, and are letters of acknowledgment forwarded back to the writer, even if the matters raised in those letters are unable to be handled expediently.? Would someone be able to respond on this matter and maybe offer advice on the best practice by us to have satisfactory outcomes here. That would be greatly appreciated I'm sure.

What do you think?



Lions Club of St Marys Inc.

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VICTORIAN BUSHFIRE APPEAL

The St Marys Lions Club has now closed the Victorian Bushfire Appeal following a tremendous response from the people of St Marys and surrounds.

A total of \$9854.75 has been sent to the Lions Club in Victoria which is co-ordinating the Bushfire Emergency Relief Fund. We have been advised that monies donated have been used for immediate assistance to affected families such as food, health and general supplies.

Of the above amount \$2500 was contributed by the St Marys Lions Club but the balance of funds raised will meet the State Governments commitment of matching contributions "dollar for dollar".

Accordingly, the total value of contributions from the people of St Marys and surrounds will equate to over \$17,000 – a truly remarkable effort.

While not necessary to mention amounts, significant donations were received through fund raising efforts from the Fingal Primary School (an outstanding effort), St Marys District High School, Sister Lorraine and the St Marys Catholic Parish (ably supported by the St Marys Hospital Auxiliary and the Lymphoedema Centre), The Scamander Beach Social Club Inc., and the Spring of the Vineyard Church.

There were also some very significant personal donations made but the St Marys Lions Club wishes, on behalf of the beneficiaries of these funds, to sincerely thank everyone who contributed to this worthwhile cause.

Understorey Network News

The Understorey Network is a group of individuals from all walks of life around Tasmania, who believe that the understorey is important. We promote the protection of existing native vegetation, and the use of local native understorey in revegetation. We are an independent and not-for-profit community organisation. We are always looking for new members to join the recently formed North East Understorey Network Branch.

We meet quarterly and run field trips and workshops to show people how to identify plants, collect seeds and grow seedlings. Members collect local native seeds and grow them into seedlings for use in revegetation projects. If you are interested in learning more about the Understorey Network and our activities please call Janet Drummond on 6372 2851.

Locally the Understorey Network members grow plants for revegetating Wombat Walk in St Marys and private landowners. You can join as a grower or as a local landowner wishing to have plants grown for you.

Visit to Winifred Curtis Reserve, Scamander by the North East Understorey Network Branch.

In May 2003 the Protected Areas on Private Land Program reserved a property near Scamander on Tasmania's East Coast. Through this covenant 75 hectares of coastal vegetation is now permanently protected by the 'Winifred Curtis Trust'. This land is now a privately owned nature reserve, the first of its type in the Break O'Day Municipality.

On 1st February 2009 the North East Understorey Network Branch met with Paul Fratter a member of the Winifred Curtis Trust and a local horticulturalist with great knowledge of the reserve, and Tim Rudman who is an expert in the field of Managing Phytopthera at the Winifred Curtis Reserve.

The group arrived mid morning and thoroughly enjoyed learning much about the vegetation in the Reserve from Paul Fratter. Paul was most happy to answer questions about the plants that were seen there and had a wonderful depth and breadth of knowledge to share with us all.

Secondly, but in no way any less important, Tim Rudman took us through the Reserve and in particular to a

Phytopthera front to show the group the healthy vegetation, the front moving through and the trail of dead plants left in the wake of the Phytophera disease taking hold. Tim discussed management techniques and spoke of the work being done in many areas in an attempt to learn as much as possible about this disease. He illustrated to us, plants that would survive the Phytophera and plants that could not survive the Phytophera.

In all about one dozen members greatly enjoyed this very educational morning and took away much information of importance with them that will assist in managing their own properties and also in increasing our knowledge about the disease of Phytopthera.

The North East Understorey Network Branch would like to take this chance to again thank both Tim and Paul for a really enjoyable and educational morning.

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St Marys Police report

Easter is fast approaching, myself and the other officers in the valley are looking forward to a peaceful and accident free holiday period. With this in mind I would like to remind all road users' safety issues concerning our roads.

I would ask that drivers observe the sign posted speed limits and any precautionary signs especially in area that road works are being conducted. The imposed speed limits at road works are not only to keep you safe due to the condition of the road surface but also to provide the workers at those sites with a safe working environment. Further, if speed limit signs remain displayed at night they still apply.

It has been all too obvious with the end of daylight saving and the recent cold weather that winter quickly approaches. Drivers are reminded to turn their lights on early towards dusk and also in inclement weather. It is worth noting that with the advent of the Road Rules 1999 it is not just advisable to turn headlights on in inclement weather, it is a requirement of the legislation.

With the Easter break expect to see increased police operations. In particular police will continue to target the main contributing factors in serious injury accidents. Namely drink driving, speeding, failing to wear seat belts and inattentive driving. Inattentive driving includes such things as using mobile phones, failing to indicate and disobeying road signs.

However, the Easter break in the Break O'Day Municipality not only brings an increase of traffic to our roads but also the increase usage of our waters. If you plan on using your vessel over the period please ensure you do so responsibly and with consideration for others. You should also ensure that you are carrying the required minimum safety equipment. Random checks of vessels, including safety equipment carried will be conducted at ramps and at sea.

Tasmania police can also random breath test vessel owner and operators with a 0.05 limit applying on the water just like the road. Additionally, one person on your motor boat must possess a speed boat licence and the boat is required to be registered. Please find below a list of safety equipment for your motor boat.

- All passengers in a vessel under 6m must wear an approved life jacket whilst the boat is under way
- Children under 12 in any vessel must wear an approved life jacket whilst the boat is under way
- Carry an auxiliary method of propulsion (i.e. oars or second motor)
- A fire extinguisher
- A bailing bucket
- Anchor and chain
- Flare kit (not required for smooth waters) consisting of a minimum of 2 x orange smoke flares and 2 x red flares (sheltered waters). You will also need 2 x parachute flares if you are going more than 3 nautical miles to sea.
- A marine radio if you are going more than 3 nautical miles to sea.
- An EPIRB if you are going more than 3 nautical miles to sea

The St. Helens Police Division wishes you an enjoyable and safe Easter Break. Please ensure to use our roads and waterways responsibly and in consideration of others.

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Further Drought Assistance Package

The impacts of the persisting drought in parts of Tasmania are being tackled with an additional suite of measures to assist affected communities.

The Minister for Primary Industries and Water, David Llewellyn, recently announced that the Tasmanian Drought Taskforce has provided advice to Government on extending existing support and the introduction of new assistance measures.

"Even if the global financial crisis places limits on what can be offered, it remains appropriate to expect support for both communities and individual enterprises suffering from the prolonged dry conditions," Mr Llewellyn said.

"The measures announced today focus primarily on helping with the community impact of the drought, and extend assistance through to the end of June.

"Business-related support and continuation of the community and social support packages will be developed as part of the budget process in line with the commitments of the Premier during the State of the State address."



David Llewellyn MP

Drought Package summary:

Small grants program – CWA:

The Country Women's Association will receive an additional \$100,000 to continue its distribution of small grants to households in need. The grants can be used to pay family bills such as power, clothing, school and similar expenses and will be a welcome supplement to Centrelink benefits. Already, \$115,000 has been provided to the CWA for these grants since May 2008.

Community events and forums – TFGA:

The Drought Task Force highlighted the benefit of community-based events, especially those which linked people with service-providers offering support. A number of successful events were held on Flinders Island and in the Midlands over the past year. The Drought Network will work to identify opportunities and areas for the events, and the Tasmanian Farmers and Graziers Association will receive \$100,000 to organise and run them.

Rural Financial Counselling (RFC) and Rural Alive and Well (RAW):

Considerable suffering results from the prolonged impact of the drought on household finances and personal well-being. RAW will receive a further \$50,000 in addition to the \$165,000 already provided, enabling it to extend is mental health work to the East coast. RFC will be supported with a further \$45,000 in recognition that the need for its services is continuing. This is in addition to the \$115,000 already provided.

Flinders Island Water Monitoring:

Flinders Island farmers are heavily dependent on groundwater resources for essential farming needs. There are concerns that these resources have been drawn down because of the drought. DPIW and the Flinders Council will work together on a groundwater assessment of the island. \$80,000 has been allocated for this purpose.

Flinders Freight Equalisation Scheme

The Commonwealth's Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme largely offsets the costs of transport to and from Flinders Island. However, real differences exist between the cost of primary production on Flinders Island and equivalent production costs on mainland Tasmania. \$100,000 will be offered during the first half of calendar year 2009 to assist with the cost of transporting feed to the island, so that this cost is no more than for a similar road distance within mainland Tasmania.

Mr Llewellyn said that the measures just announced are all aimed at community or regional assistance for drought-afflicted areas.

"However, individual businesses will stand to benefit from three new measures which are being refined as part of the budget development process. This further assistance for individual enterprises will be consistent with commitments in the Premier's State of the State address.

"Producers will have access to loan funds to invest in infrastructure associated with irrigation through reactivation of the provisions of the Farm Water Development Act 1985."

In addition, dollar for dollar funding will be provided through an extension of the Enterprise Growth Program to allow eligible farmers to develop drought recovery programs.

Further support will be offered through loan funds by extending the Tasmanian Industry Support Scheme to allow eligible farmers access to capital for restocking or re-pasturing if they have been denied funds from mainstream financial institutions.

These three individual business assistance measures will be administered through the Department of Economic Development and Tourism.

Mr Llewellyn commented that the measures being developed were consistent with the types of measures that would be available under the new National Drought Policy arrangements being developed by the Primary Industries Ministerial Council.

Mr Llewellyn thanked the Tasmanian Drought Taskforce for its work.

OUT OF THE WOODWORK

Wendy Brennan Secretary

A belated thank you to Jeff Springer who not only supports the Guild but has donated a few lengths of Blackwood and pine to the club.

A big thank you to Gary King who offered space for the Woodcraft Guild at the Launceston Sustainable and Building Expo exhibition. And to Kelly Farrell and Tess Etherton who also sold our wares along with their own wood products. It was very much appreciated.

Our plans have been submitted for our extension, all fingers are crossed. Guild members will actually be doing the construction to limit any costs to the community.

The building of a bathroom cupboard and microwave oven shelf for the Emergency Services Building is progressing on schedule a thank you to Michael Scott whose expertise was a great help. Members hope when in place it will be of benefit to the crew.

We all wish **Pete Williams** a speedy recovery with his recent operation.

Finally the Guild would like to send its heartfelt sympathy to Evelyn and family from the bakery on the loss of her mother.

Pictured is a clock made of different Tasmanian woods by the Woodcraft Guild and is for sale at Strawberry Jelly for \$25.95

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Ideas Festival Board Members Wanted

Premier David Bartlett has called for expressions of interest for membership of the Ideas Festival Board from the business and broader community.

"The Tasmanian Ideas Festival will be held in mid-2010. It will be a sister-festival for Ten Days on the Island, with both to be held biennially in alternate years," he said.

"The Festival of Ideas will involve workshops, debates, forums, and other innovative ways of getting local Tasmanians immersed in a world of ideas, passionate debate and informed crystal-ball gazing.

"I want adventurous minds of the 21st Century to come to Tasmania but I also want to engage the great minds we have right here in this State.

"The Festival will operate on the same successful model as Ten Days on the Island, with an independent board, to be chaired by Professor Jonathon West from the Australian Innovation Research Centre." the Premier said.

The Board for the Ideas Festival will comprise a Chair and several voluntary members to oversee the successful development and delivery of the Festival.

Advertisements seeking Expressions of Interest for board members appeared in Tasmania's three newspapers and the Weekend Australian, on Saturday 14 March 2009.

Successful applicants will take up their role in late April 2009.

For more information contact Lisa Taylor, Tasmania Brand Project, on (03) 6233 5843.

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Water Licence Changes

The Department of Primary Industries and Water has started issuing the first 40-year water licences under changes designed to provide licensees, and their financial backers, with increased certainty and security.

David Llewellyn, the Minister for Primary Industries and Water, has announced that, in addition, most water licences will now be automatically renewed when they expire.

"The changes demonstrate the Government's willingness to respond to water users' needs for clearly-defined, certain and secure water access entitlements to underpin investment in Tasmania's water industry," Mr Llewellyn said.

"Up until recently, most water licences have generally been issued for 10 years, with the requirement that the licence holder apply for a renewal at the end of the tenure period. The 10-year term was needed to bed down the Water Management Act after it commenced in 2000.

"These arrangements appeared to have satisfied the needs of Tasmanian farmers quite well.

"You only have to drive around rural areas to see that irrigators have demonstrated a willingness to invest strongly in water-dependent development with new dams and centre pivot irrigation systems going onto farms all over the State."

Notwithstanding this visible evidence of investor and financier confidence, Mr Llewellyn said that the Government had become aware that there was a level of misunderstanding by some parties about the longer-term security of Tasmanian water access entitlements.

"Whilst I am pleased to say that the National Water Commission has formally confirmed that Tasmania's statutory water licensing and allocation system fully meets the requirements of the National Water Initiative, the Government is not prepared to rest on its laurels, so long as there are any concerns that could impact on the ability of farm businesses to obtain finance under favourable conditions.

"Now that the legislative process is settled, the tenure period for new licences will generally be 40 years, in order to better meet the security needs of commercial water users and their financiers.

"The Department is also currently developing a process to extend the tenure of existing licences, commencing with those due for renewal from the beginning of 2010."

Mr Llewellyn said that automatic licence renewal would cut out an unnecessary administrative task for licence holders. "Parliament recently amended the Water Management Act so that water licences will now be renewed automatically, as long as licensees have paid all their fees, complied with their licence conditions, and have not been disqualified from holding a licence.

"The Department expects that the vast majority of licensees will meet these conditions, and they will receive their licence renewal automatically."

Mr Llewellyn said that a number of licensees currently have outstanding fees and in these cases the Department will send invoices, which if paid immediately, will ensure that their licences are renewed.

All licence holders are being written to about the changes, as are the major financial institutions and the Australian Banking Association.

"It is important for licensees to note that the 40-year licence tenure period still provides the ability to suspend or cancel licences during this period if they fail to meet their obligations for compliance with licence conditions and the payment of annual licence fees."



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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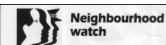
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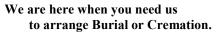
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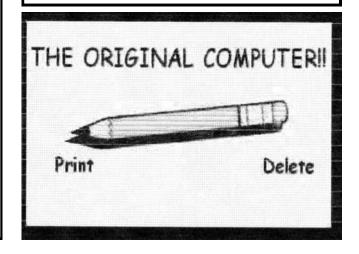
114 Cecilia St St Helens

Chapel:

46 Tully Street St Helens



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ANZAC DAY

The traditional Dawn and 11:00am ANZAC Day services will be conducted at the St Marys Cenotaph on ANZAC Day.

A gunfire breakfast will follow the dawn service. It will be free to RSL members and their partners, on presentation of their current membership.

A small charge of \$5 for non members will help cover the cost of the gunfire breakfast.

All ex-servicemen and women, residents, children, are welcome to pay their respects and lay a wreath.

For further details please feel free to contact Reon or Wendy on 6372 2094 or mob 0429 722 091.

Strawberry Jelly goes to town

On Saturday 14th March & Sunday 15th March, Kelly & Tessa attended the 2009 SUSTAINABLE BUILDING & LIFESTYLE EXPO, thanks to the kind and generous offer from Gary King of woodenitbenice. (Maker of the beautiful bi-fold doors made from recycled Tasmanian Oak)

The two day event was huge, and the response to our locally made wooden items, and hemp and bamboo clothing and products was amazing.

Tourism in St Marys should boom now as Tessa and I sung its praises to everyone.

The high quality work done by the Woodcraft Guild was very impressive and now admired in several people's houses in Launceston, as are works done by local residents John McDonald and Michael Brown. Also Adam's tobacco pouches made from wax waterproof canvas sold well too.

The response to the hemp & bamboo clothing and products was truly amazing, with people not being able to find them anywhere else, even in Launceston.

Every second person was asking if Strawberry Jelly was a shop in town, we said YES—the best <u>town</u> on the East Coast—ST MARYS.

Kelly.

EDITOR'S NOTE (Repeat)

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. Email: judith.spilsbury@bigpond.com

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.



Federal Member for Lyons

Please contact one of my offices if I can be of any assistance

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Celebrate Life Stages a fairytale of a woman's life

a fairytale of a woman's life with guest speakers

Ella Dixon and Susan Fahey

Ella is the Regional Manager of Women Tasmania, based in Launceston. Women Tasmania provides women with information and resources, and a voice in State Government. It promotes gender equity and the full participation of women in all aspects of life. Ella's work includes working with women in rural and isolated communities, assisting women's groups and individuals to be able to respond to community concerns and undertake projects, contributing to policy development on issues such as leadership, women and work, financial issues affecting women, education and family.

Susan Fahey, Managing from Women's Legal Service. In her position at the Women's Legal Service Susan oversees the provision of legal advice and referral to women throughout the state of Tasmania. The Women's Legal Service also presents a variety of community legal education workshops as well as producing a number of publications and information resources. The Women's Legal Service also undertakes lobbying and law reform activities in areas of importance to women in this State.

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GOOD FRIDAY

ST HELENS - STATIONS 10.30AM FINGAL — STATIONS 10.30AM ST HELENS— CEREMONY 3.00PM ST MARYS — LITURGY 3.00PM

HOLY SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL

ST HELENS 6.00PM

EASTER SUNDAY

ST MARYS 7.30AM **BICHENO** 9.00AM **SWANSEA** 11.00AM CAMPBELL TOWN 5.00PM

RECONCILLIATION

GOOD FRIDAY

ST HELENS 10.00AM 2.30PM ST MARYS

ENQUIRIES:

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MEALS ON WHEELS ROSTER

April		St Marys —	Fingal
Monday (March) 3	30th	Audrey Wright	Deborah Speers (W)
Tuesday "	31st	Geoff Herrmann	
Wednesday	1st	Pat O'Donnell	
Thursday	2nd	Kaye Nailer	
Friday	3rd	Geoff Herrmann	
Monday	6th	R & B McAllister	Carole Woods
Tuesday	7th	Ruth Aulich	
Wednesday	8th	Liz Rice	
Thursday	9th	Heather Griffiths	
Friday 1	0th	Hannah Rubenach	

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 TownLWC 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

StHelens Vigil 6.00pm
Bicheno 9.00am
St Marys 11.00am
Swansea LWC 9.30am
Campbell Town 5.00pm
SEE NOTICE PREVIOUS PAGE
FOR EASTER SERVICES

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 vrs

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

→ MEALS ON WHEELS DRIVERS URGENTLY NEEDED IN ST MARYS AREA.

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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

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Stallholders Market Inc.

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There is a variety of stalls and the fee 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.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		25th Mar. © School Association AGM and General Meeting 7pm	26th Mar.	27th Mar. © Inter-high Swimming Carnival @ Riverside Pool.
30th Mar. © ENE Combine Swimming Carnival @ Scottsdale © Surfing Competition @ Clifton Beach	31st Mar.	Ist Apr. Primary Socials Summative reports to go out.	2nd Apr. Secondary Social School Newsletter due out.	3rd Apr.
6th Apr. © Student Leader Camp	7th Apr. © Student Leader Camp © Parent/Teacher Interviews	8th Apr. Student Leader Camp Parent/Teacher interviews	9th Apr.	10th Apr. GOOD FRIDAY



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When next in St Marys

- Monday 30th March
- Tuesday 31st March
- Monday 6th April
- Tuesday 7th April
- Monday 20th April
- Tuesday 21st April



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 Department of Health and Human Services ORAL HEALTH SERVICES

GPO Box 125, Hobart. TAS 7001 Australia Ph: (03) 6233 3185 Fax: (03) 6233 4021 Web www.dhhs.tas.gov.au



Contact: Karen Wormersley Phone: 6336 4424

Karen.wormersley@dhhs.tas.gov.au

Just a reminder the St Marys Dental Clinic is your

School's local public dental clinic

The telephone number is 6372 2488.

Appointments and free checkups are available

for all children (0-17 inclusive).

This clinic is open every Monday and Tuesday each week.

We look forward to seeing you.



Top 17. Literacy and Numeracy awards



Zoe Greenfield - Top 1% and Top of School



Joel Bennet - Top 1%



Hannah Thomas - Top 1%

Joel Bennett, Zoe Greenfield, Annalyse Brooks (formally of Scottsdale High School - top 1%) and Hannah Thomas



The Literacy and Numeracy
Awards were held in Launceston
at Summerdale Primary School
on Tuesday 17th February for
students who achieved the top
1% or top of school in the
Statewide Literacy and
Numeracy monitoring tests in
2008.





This year the St Marys District High School Student Leader Team consists of nine grade 10s.



Elise Wright President



Bronti Cooke Secretary



Jemma Davern Co-Treasurer



Charlotte Gray Vice Chair



Sophie Bourke Publicity Officer



Kaitlyn Quinn Co-Publicity



Eliza Payne Co-Secretary



Dan Male Treasurer



Joel Bennett

And recently seven grade 6 student leaders were elected:



From back: Jonathan Wolf, Vaughan Spilsbury, Ebony Bennett, Caitlyn McGee, Finn Buchhorn, Pollie Rawnsley and Jesse McColl (absent on day of photo)

We have been working together organising events, our recent Victorian Bushfire appeal fundraiser was a success. Together students managed to raise \$484.10 which the staff almost matched (\$320). The St Marys Lions Club has organised for this amount to be matched through Government sponsorship.

We would like to thank the community very much for all their support.

Up and coming events to be held this term will be Primary Socials on the 1st of April and a Secondary Social on the 2nd of April.

Our Secondary Social will be combined with St Helens District High School students and will be themed "PINK". All money raised through entry fees will go towards helping raise money for Cancer research.

Also, on the 9th of April we will be cleaning up surrounding areas in support of 'Clean-up Australia Day'.

Student Leaders.



ST MARYS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

DOCTORS ROSTER

Dr Condon- 26th March- 9th April 2009 Dr Reeckman- 1st April and 2nd April 2009

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

Easter Doctor's/ Reception Roster: PUBLIC HOLIDAY'S

Good Friday 10th April Easter Monday 13th April Easter Tuesday 14th April

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.

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

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.

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1st April Day Centre For details on the group please

contact Hayley on 6372 2111

6th April Hospital Auxiliary Meeting 1:30pm in the

Day Room

7th April Child Health Session with Sue Gofton.

Every Tuesday by appointment. Please phone

0428 136 381

8th April Day Centre- For details on the group please

contact Hayley on 6372 2111

9th April Anglicare Paul Mallett Financial Counsellor

10th April Good Friday

13th April Easter Monday-Public Holiday

14th April Easter Tuesday-Public Holiday

PODIATRY SERVICES 2009

Bookings for Podiatry Services can be made by phoning:

Lightfoot Podiatry Services Launceston
Phone 6331 9568 for appointments.

Next Podiatry Session– Wednesday 29th April

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.

FLU VACCINES

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

If you are aged 65+ your flu vaccine is FREE

Please phone the Community Health Centre on 6372 2111 and make an appointment.

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

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

AUSTRALIAN HEARING 131797

Visit St Helens 3-4 days once a month for appointments. To make appointments or check your eligibility phone the above number. Please note that service vouchers can take 6 weeks so please phone in advance.

LUBE-TUBE COMPETITION

The Youth Health Team at headspace Northern Tasmania (formerly known as 'The Corner') is setting a challenge to the Young People in the North (12-24 years) to design a resource that can be used to educate and inform young people of the importance of using water based lubricant with condoms. It is proposed that this resource will be distributed widely around the state.

BECOME A CREATIVE GENIUS!!!

Will your creation become an iconic piece of work that will help to inform young Tasmanians?

It could be a: postcard, poster, or even a video clip

Whatever you think might help inform and educate young people!

Prizes are gift vouchers to the value of:

1st Prize \$250.00

2nd Prize \$100.00

3rd Prize \$50.00

Guidelines for your Project and Conditions of Entry
Forms are available from the reception area of the
St Marys Community Health Centre. Please read
this information before taking an information pack as
supplies are limited. Thank you.

Phone 6336 4480 for further details
Or visit www.headspace.org.au



Fingal Primary School News

Swimming Carnival at St Marys

Grade 3 to 6 students from Fingal Primary School travelled to St Marys to join in their annual Swimming Carnival. Well done to all those children who participated in the Carnival. Fun was had by all. A big thank you to Miss Bramich, Miss Colman and Miss Preston for organising our Carnival.









Kurtis Tuck

Kimberly Burns

Thomas Gee

Chloe Oates and Carley Baldwin



Bridgette Burns, Daniel Bishop and Joel Cox





Alex Johns



Sam Herbert





Rebecca Brown

Calendar of Events - March/April

30th	31st ENE Swimming Carnival Scottsdale	1st	2nd Launching into Learning 1.30-3.00 p.m.	3rd
6th	7th	8th	9th Launching into Learning 1.30-3.00 p.m. Assembly Grade 5/6 to Lead 2.15 p.m.	10th Good Friday

St Marys Sports Centre Inc news. Kackhander

How close can you go, and magic result, all in the one breath. First of all the magic bit. Our Ladies Bowls team have won the ECBA Premiership after only two seasons back in the comp. To say they were stoked was an understatement. It was great to see, especially as they had to beat a really successful and experienced St Helens side to achieve this. Another incredible thing is that they had to do it from the lowest qualifying position. It is a great highlight and the St Marys Team will be a force to be reckoned with for many years to come. FANTASTIC GIRLS.

In the Men's Pennant, OH SO CLOSE, for the sake of a single shot somewhere during the day would you believe. That measly little shot cost us the third consecutive premiership we were chasing.

On the Saturday we comfortably won against Swansea which was a little unexpected given the most recent result at St Marys a few weeks ago. That Preliminary Final win gave us plenty of confidence. A special thanks to Swansea, who despite being rivals are an absolute pleasure to play. They truly play the game in great spirit and we love meeting them on the green and afterwards. A great club to share the game with.

We played St Helens who were deservedly overwhelming favourites in the Final, after topping the ladder comfortably. For most of the game we were close and with a combination of top bowling, good and bad luck and whatever else you want to chuck in there, from both teams we came out with a tie after 100 ends which necessitated an extra end on each rink. At the conclusion of this, St Helens emerged the winners this year avenging defeats by us over them in 2007 and 2008.

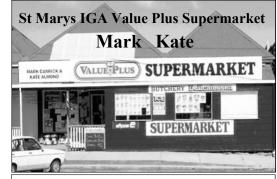
We congratulate them on a hard fought win as deserving premiers this year. As disappointed as we were we must recognise that due to several unavoidable reasons we certainly weren't at full strength which was a problem all year yet we all but won the pennant again. A massive thank you goes to ALL our players who got us there and sacrificed many a Saturday to help us out week after week . You ALL should feel very proud. Thank you also to our intrepid greenkeepers, Jack and Damon, our selectors, fundraisers and volunteers, both men and women. This is a fabulous club and with such strong performances again it augers well for next season.

Still on bowls and with all but the men's pairs to complete in the next week or two our attention turns to the scheduled maintenance of the green fairly soon so if you can help out it would be great to lend a hand. Watch this space as they say. Another big thanks must go to our Bowls President Jim Turner for a job very well done in his first year in the role. He never let us down and did his job with great humour. Likewise to our secretary Nikki Viney. She was a bit toey to start with taking on the job but she never missed a beat all season. Great iob Nikk.

Now briefly to golf and with bowls winding down it will mean a resumption to regular Saturday comps again with a bit of luck. Thanks to our incredible TUESDAY CREW and some much needed recent rain the course is looking a picture and needs golfers using it on weekends like the ladies do on Wednesdays. Keep an eye out for several upcoming events.

Finally we have a date for our Club Golf and Bowls Presentation Dinner. It is RSVP for April 18th and will be a great night no doubt. Trophy winners Golf (2008) and Bowls 2008/09 will be presented that night. Don't miss a top evening. Thanks to all involved so far More details next issue.

Anyway until next time, good hitting and rolling.



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

This week's specials.

From the butchery.

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BBQ blade steak	\$ 7.99kg
1st grade beef mince	\$ 8.99kg
Nichols chicken scroll	\$11.99kg
T-bone steak	\$14.99kg
Lamb loin chops	\$13.99kg
Instore specials	_
Kleenex toilet tissue 12pk	\$6.99
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Tetley all rounder/ tea cup bags 100s	\$3.99
Fine Fare plain biscuits 200g	.99
Late week specials	
Schweppes/ Pepsi soft drink 2lt	\$1.59
Nestle Milo 750g	\$7.99
Bundaberg white sugar 2kg	\$2.49
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Next week's specials.	
From 4h a hartah am	

From the butchery

Free range breast fillets	\$14.99kg
Porterhouse steak	\$14.99kg
Lamb leg steaks/ roasts	\$ 9.99kg
Nichols 6 legged chicken	\$ 4.99kg
Gerello roasts	\$ 8.55kg
Instore specials	

Edgell sliced beetroot 425g

Edgell sliced beetroot 425g	\$1.39
Juicy Isle long life juice 2lt	\$2.79
Riva granulated coffee 100g	\$3.99
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Late week specials

\$1.49

Macleans Protect toothpaste 90g

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ATTORNEY: What was the first thing your husband said to you that morning? WITNESS: He said, "Where am I, Cathy?" ATTORNEY: And why did that upset you? WITNESS: My name is Susan!