# The Valley & East Coast Voice

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### CONGRATULATIONS ST MARYS!

St Marys (and surrounding areas) was nominated for the Community of the Year Awards and it is exciting to announce – **We have reached the finals** along with 3 other communities/projects from around Tasmania! The winner of the Community of the Year will be announced at a Gala Awards Presentation Dinner in Hobart on 29<sup>th</sup> November as part of the Community Achievement Awards.

The awards recognise individuals, groups, businesses,



let Hannah Rubenach (6372 2348 or 0417 528 088) or Jan Sparkes (6372 2433) know by 1<sup>st</sup> November.

Cost for the dinner is \$85 per person (or \$765 for a table of 10). We are considering organising a bus and hope to book at least a full table. It would be wonderful to have a large representation from community groups and individuals, as this is a great honour for our community to be recognised.



events, projects and towns that contribute substantially to the Tasmanian Community. St Marys was nominated for the great community spirit and the amazing number of community volunteers, organisations and groups that together contribute to the wellbeing and vibrancy of this unique town.

Anyone interested in attending the awards dinner, please



A huge thank you to Peter Troode for supplying photos to be used for the evening's presentation and to Jan Sparkes for being the contact person and helping to get things organised.

Also, thank you to the organisations/groups who provided details for the nomination.



Photos this page courtesy Peter Troode.

Story: Hannah Rubenach.

<u>Please note</u>: Deadline for articles to be included in the next Valley Voice is: 5 pm <u>Tuesday November 4</u>, <u>2008</u>. <u>New email address</u>: judith.spilsbury@bigpond.com

# **Community news**

St Marvs Hospital Auxiliary meets the first Monday of every month at 2pm at the St Marys Community Health Centre. PLEASE NOTE: The next Hospital Auxiliary meeting will be held at 2pm 10th November, this is due to the 3rd being a public holiday. Kevin, Sec.

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 every month at 5pm at the St Marys Hotel. 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.

Marys Ladies Midweek 9.30am each wed. Need new players - of any standardbeginners welcome-childminding included - lovely safe place to bring toddlers while you play. Ring Annette-6372 2224.

St Marvs Playgroup meets each Friday 10ish at the kindergarten. All preschool aged kids welcome to bring a carer/parent/granny/pa for a play and morning tea. Very chilled relaxed group of all ages - we love new members.

**Contact Jane 6372 5060.** 

WOMBAT WALK 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 Fire Station Scamander every third Wednesday of the month. New members are most welcome.

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

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

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.

Swap n Go gas cylinders available from Gone Rustic, 37 Main Street, St. Marys. Phone 6372 2724 (BH), 0417 027 424 (Rita) or 0417 648 845 (Ian).

FABRIC PAINTING WORKSHOP - there is now enough interest to go ahead! Cindy Watkins from Deep Peace Studio, Deloraine, will help us to explore a great range of fabric painting ideas using Genesis Creations fabric paints. When: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> October. Cost: \$40 each if we have 6 people, \$35 each if we have 8. Deposit of \$10 required with booking. For materials list and enrolment form, please contact Rita soon!

OUILTING BEE – an opportunity to get together once a month and make quilts for those less fortunate, locally and further afield. Trade table of fabrics at every session, so bring your spare cash (funds are for purchase of wadding). Next session: Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October (and every 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday) at *Rustic Ragamuffins* stitching group, from 7-9 pm. Cost: \$5, plus spending money for fabric; also please bring fabrics (if donating) and sewing

INVITATION TO LOCAL STITCHERS - Would you like to participate in two themed displays? In **November**, I plan to exhibit guilts and other stitched items with a SPRING theme, including (hopefully) the birdhouse quilts made in the class I taught in St.Helens. anything that is stitched and which fits into the theme will be considered.

Another themed display is planned for December. Any stitched item which incorporates a Christmas theme will be considered, to make a colourful and cheerful display for the festive season.

For an exhibitor's form drop in to Gone Rustic soon - I look forward to giving you these opportunities to "strut your stuff"!

# **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Spring Display

Delivery of items: Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> October

Official launch: Saturday, 1st November (12 noon)

Closing date: Friday, 28th November

Collection of items: Monday, 30th November (also deliv-

ery date for next display – see below)

**Christmas Display** 

Delivery of items: Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> November Official launch: Saturday, 6th December (12 noon) Collection of items: Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December

If you are would like more details about any of the above items, please contact Rita Summers on 6372 2724 (BH) or 0417027424 (AH), or drop in to Gone Rustic, The Old Garage, 37 Main Street, St. Marys.

# <u>AG</u>M

ST MARYS DISTRICT HOSPITAL SUPPORT ASSOCIATION INC. WILL BE HOLDING THEIR AGM ON THURSDAY OCTOBER 30 AT 7.PM IN THE DAY ROOM AT THE ST MARYS COMMUNITY CENTRE. ALL WELCOME. LEN MILES.

Looking for your dream home/shed/garage/stables, etc. at very affordable prices? Want a free catalogue and no-obligation quote? Then call in to Gone Rustic, 37 Main Street, St. Marys. To phone, call 03 6372 2724 (BH), 0417 027 424 (Rita) or 0417648 845 (Ian).

# **Classifieds**

# FOR SALE

'93 Mitsubishi Magna V6 wagon. Runs well, 6 mths rego. Fair condition, just serviced. 312.000 kms.\$1,800. firm. Ph: Nadia on 6372 2556.

Commodore parts for sale. Suit 1980 thru 1985. 1x 4speed top load Aussie gear box. Recon. \$300. Complete rebuilt diff. \$400.

Ph: 6377 1158.

Cutlery set plus unit stand. 24 pieces. \$10. 'Face mug'. \$1.50. White ceramic soup tureen. \$15.

Cup&saucer, German design. \$3.00.

**Brooch**, bow design, \$5, each. Glass canisters, \$1, each.

Doily, yellow crochet trim. \$2 for 2. Electric grill. \$10.

'Quilted Heart', framed. \$5.'Shaker Maker' power mixing cup. \$3.

2 sets of serving dishes on wooden base. \$10. each.

Glass coffee cups with blue plastic handles. .50c each.

Large casserole dish, peach stoneware. \$10. Ph: 6374 2285.

Bookcase - colonial style, 7' x 4', solid timber, great condition, cost \$500, sell \$250.

Hot water cylinder - for fuel stove, with electric element, as new, cost \$1300, sell \$750

Call Leissa on 6372 2686 or 0408 208 658.

Pair of single mattresses and bases, reasonable condition, plus bedding for both beds, also one single electric blanket. \$75 for the lot.

roval blue single chenille bedspreads at \$5 each.

Phone 6372 2412.

Round steel formwork to build a concrete tank. 5 mtrs across x 1,200 H. 11.000 litres approx. \$500.ono.Ph: 6372 2848.

1 x Steelcraft jogger style pram. Excellent condition. Approx 3 years old. \$170. ono.

1 x jogger style fold-up stroller. Folds into a back pack. \$20. ono.

1 x Fisher price bouncing zebra. \$50. ono. 1 x Shellcare walkalong activity car. \$25. ono. 1 x Winnie the Pooh ridealong. \$30. ono.

Ph: 6372 2145.

Tractor slashing available. Ph: 0407 944 158.

# **FOR SALE**

1996 KLF Kawasaki 4 wheeler ATV. 2 wheel drive. New rear tyres. \$1,500.

Ph: 6374 2209.

**Need For Speed - Pro Street"** 

PS2 Street Racing Game rated G. Worth \$89, Will sell for \$70. Only played once, Game released in 2007. Call or Text Bryn after hours.

0448 787 150.

Portable oil 15 bar heater, very safe with children. Good working order. \$50. Kids tennis racquet. Pro Kennex with cover. Good order. \$10. Baby pet rats, all colours. \$10 each. Electric Organ Yamaha Electone. Model B-5BR. Twin keyboards and peddles. Rhythm and head phones. Good order. \$150. Ph: 6372 2357.

Minolta camera, as new, 3 years old.\$50.

Sonv Playstation. Includes memory cards, 2 controls, 6 games. \$50.Ph: 0427 607 991.

Transark easy welder. 140 amps. Rods, mask hammer \$200.

Phillips 340 Fridge/Freezer.

Top order\$200. Ph: 6372 2251.

ky. \$200 the lot.

Camping gear. Gas light, gas bottle (9kg) 3 person dome tent 3 x 3 screen tent, 2 burner iron gas rings, 1 burner gas stove, single air mattress, 40lt es-

Artists easel. \$50.Ph: 6372 2922 or 0408 836 080.

Two dog carrier crates for small dogs. \$15.each. Electric chainsaw \$25. Beer fridge \$10. Concrete mixer \$80. Ph: 6372 2890.

1 steel rabbit or guinea pig cage. Never used. Paid \$50 -sell \$40.

Ph: 6374 2281.

1986 Holden Berlina Commodore.

Air con. Power steering, 3 mths rego. Very good tyres. \$1,600. ono.

Ph: 0458 390 341.

1997 Honda XR 200R ex cond. \$2,200.

Yamaha PeeWee 80. Good Cond.\$850.

Shift brand motorbike pants size 34 + top. Black, grey and white. Ex cond. \$100.

Elu wood lathe. Multi speed, 3ft bed. \$250. Ph: 6374 2155. or 0409 742 155.

# **FOR SALE**

2 x Jason recliners, cream velvet. \$400. **Rvobi Vac Blower.** \$175.

Dressing table, 2 drawers, with mirror.\$40. Exercise walker. \$25.

Lamp. \$10. Ceramic base, black.

Lamp \$20. Hand printed with Christmas design. Framed print \$10. Features English garden.

Electric barbecue grill, \$10. Ph: 6374 2285.

Wall cabinet: Height 69", overall width 87" Depth 18". With drop down drinks cabinet and smoked glass sliding doors on display cabinet.\$200. Cost \$900. (picture in supermarket window)

**Doors.** 4x 81" x 16". Pine complete with knobs and hinges. \$20.

Tool cabinet red/dk grey rigid plastic with cupboard, shelves and drawer, plus interchangeable hooks for hanging tools. (Cost \$120) \$50.

Table lamp. Beige base with beige & brown trim shade. Needs minor repair. \$5.Ph: 6372 2130.

"Moo-Poo". Finely screened. Any amounts. See Norm. Ph: 6372 2380.

Wetsuit. Billabong size 8 yellow/ black in colour. Contact: Karen Polden Ph: 6372 2438 or 0439 333 398.

Arlec jigsaw. \$30.

Powerbuilt Torque wrench. \$30.

Professional tile and grout set.

400mm cut. \$80.

Professionally restored cast iron claw foot bath. Interior cream, exterior maroon. \$1200.

Ph: 0404 725 430.

Young budgies. \$5 each. Ph: Gail & Rodger 6372 5380.

Fire wood, 1, 2,& 3 tonne loads. Ph: 0407 944 158.

### WANTED

Console in reasonable condition, to suit X.E. manual Ford Falcon, 84 model. Reasonable price.

Ph: Pete 6372 2398

White broom cupboard, **FREE** small ironing board. Ph: 6372 2059. WANTED Riding boots or similar - any size, any condition.

Ph: 63722059.

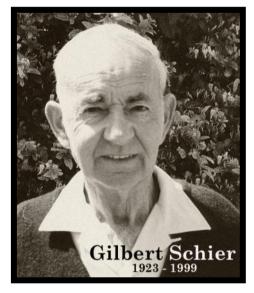
**WANTED** Two single iron beds or bed frames, old style Ph: 63722059.

# A LITTLE BIT OF HERITAGE: Jim Haas "Gilbert Two"

The following is another extract from the memories of Gilbert Schier. Here he is talking about his school days when he lived on Elephant Farm at Gray.

To get to school, I walked out to the top of Gray Hill, then old McHarg would take us down to St Marys. He had an old car, an old Berlia, I think, it never had any side curtains and wasn't real hot in the winter time though, with the fogs and frost and things. In the summer time he took us down in an old ute, an old Fiat 501. I suppose it went about 24 or 25 miles an hour. She never had a door on the driver's side, anyway, you had to get in from the other side and the handbrake was hanging over the side where the door was supposed to be.

How many of us would there have been? Oh God, I don't know, it was a fairly big car, there was a lot of room between the back seat and the front seat so he put two kerosene boxes behind the front seat and we'd all pile in. Me and what's his name Nailer was two, Lorna Lehner was three, Dulcie was four - Dulcie wasn't there very long - and then there was Rick Morris, cause he was a load on his own. He was 14 stone when he was 14. Errol Aulich, Stella Jones, Lennie Jones, Fogarty Lehner, couple of Gilmores, that's about it. But that was more than enough anyway.



There had been a school out at Gray before; there were bigger families, I suppose, in the early days. Speers's had a big family and Pringles too, they lived down the road. Lehners, there were about 18 or 19 of them. I think Holly - we was talking to her yesterday - had about 14 brothers and sisters, and I think they reared 15. Holly was one of the younger ones; there was only one younger than Holly.

I didn't start school till I was about eight. Then some of them left and I ended up doing a bit of correspondence, but they couldn't teach me much at school anyway. I was a real dunce at school. I could do anything else but schoolwork. I wasn't interested and they used to cane us like blazes in them days. Geez, I used to get the cane from Old Jackson. Cause I wasn't the only one either.

They caned you for doing nothing really, for every mistake you made you copped it, two, three or four cuts. Laurie Morrison and Nicholas went up to the toilet one day, turned around and Jackson just brought Laurie out onto the porch there and started giving him the cane and I counted 11 cuts. I don't know what he'd done but it must have been something drastic. He was a hard man, that Jackson, no doubt about him. He was there for all of my schooling days. A fella by the name of Barker was there before; they reckon he wasn't too bad though. This Jackson was a returned man; he was bad tempered, returned from the First World War. He was a very hard man; he'd drill you and you'd have to march round like soldiers out in the yard, he was really hard on drill.

The school wasn't where it is now - there was an old farm over there. It was over where the big hall is in St Marys, that was the old school until about 1948, I think, that's when they built the one over where it is now, the Area school.

I never got to grade seven, if I had of done I would have still been going. If you went to grade seven you got your merit and it was advertised, like you were recognized.

Thanks again to John and the Schier family for sharing their Father's wonderful memories and supplying his photo.



# **BOBCAT HIRE**

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Building approx 140sqm.
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Ross Quinn. Phone 0400 593 344
6372 2113 or leave message.

# **Letters to the Editor**

Is it just me? or has anyone else noticed a "colourful" trend happening in St. Mary's Streets lately.

PURPLE Possum, Gone RUSTIC. Secondhand ROSE, STRAWBERRY Jelly, and our new Chemist Signs in BLACK, GOLD AND WHITE. What a colourful town we live in! Could be an interesting trend to follow, COLOURS. Look at the trend Sheffield started, to draw in tourists, Wonderful Art on buildings all over town. Just a thought.

"FaerieMist" (via email, name supplied)

Letter to the Editor

My compliments to the "anarchist" who planted the tulip bulbs around the Community Hall in St Marys, the blaze of colour is fabulous and I would hazard a guess that there was not one committee involved!

If somehow we could have invested the \$150,000 the State Government promised St Marys last year for the Main St project, at a conservative interest rate of 5%, we would now have an extra \$7,500. That is an awful lot of tulip bulbs or seedling punnets of petunias. If you walk down both sides of Main St there are nooks and crannies all over the place where you could plant bulbs or flowers. The impact on the main street would almost be instantaneous and in the case of bulbs they are a resource that could be used year after year.

I know it is inevitable that committees are necessary to decide major issues such as main street "makeovers" but it is also inevitable that these committees so often end up getting bogged down in detail and human nature being what it is, personalities can so easily start to cloud the real issues at hand.

I imagine there are small towns all around Australia that have a filing cabinet somewhere, stuffed with colourful plans of "main street visions" that have not progressed beyond numerous committee and town meetings.

I gather St Marys has its own plans of a similar project undertaken 10 or so years ago (and I'll bet they cost more than a trailer full of bulbs) that ended up going nowhere.

I'm not levelling any criticism here, nor am I denigrating the efforts of committee members; it's more a comment about committees in general and how often they make a simple issue complicated, turn a small project into a grandiose one or set out to solve problems that never really existed or at least were not of any great concern. Wasn't it a committee that set out to design a horse and came up with a camel!

I like flowers and I think most people do -a simple and quick way to brighten up a room, a house, a garden and a main street. Why is it that human beings consistently and almost religiously break the two great golden rules - keep it simple and don't fix what ain't broke.

Harry Veldums,

St Marys.

# HAPPY ME

The cast & crew of Happy Me would like to thank the people of St Marys for coming to the show. They toured all over the state and voted St Marys as "Best Audience", and the acoustics were fantastic.

Dear Editor,

Further to my letter in the last Valley Voice, I am pleased to say that after rather lengthy discussions with the property owners of the proposed timber reserve/plantation, that I have been assured the plantation will not occur within 500 meters of my parents' boundary, and as such, runoff from chemical spraying will not pollute my dam.

However, there have been no guarantees that chemicals from this plantation will not enter my parents' property through other methods, such as wind.

Additionally, I stand by the main point of my previous letter – that is to express my concern about the lack of opportunity for those who do not own property, but feel they may be adversely affected by timber plantations, to be able to submit legal objections.

Regards,

Hannah Rubenach.

The Editor Valley and East Coast Voice 20 October 2008

Further to your "Word from the Editor' (Voice 9 October), I fully support the right of an Editor at any time to state "No further correspondence will be published on this matter", when it is apparent that an issue has been fully explored or readers have lost interest in the matter.

However, that is a different matter to a censorship of material submitted to the Voice as a result of outside interference, over and beyond editorial decisions relating to defamation, illegality and the like.

The "Editorial on the front page of "the Valley Voice" Vol 1 No 21 1969, stated the intended purpose of the Voice as an independent and fearless vehicle for public comment and debate and the editorial policy on the publication of Letters to the Editor. In part, it states 'a councillor should be prepared to suffer some criticism from the public....his answer to this criticism can either be by personal contact or, because of the existence of this paper, publicly by its pages.. for anyone genuinely interested in defence against criticism, these pages are open to them, even if the defence is personal and ill phrased. When criticism is called for then there will be criticism

The recipient may label this attitude mud-slinging, but eventually the decision will be made by the readers of this paper ...when these readers decide not to buy it, then and only then , will it cease to exist".

In these days of political correctness, "independent and fearless comment' is defined as communication, accountability and transparency, but either way it represents a freedom of speech which is being progressively muzzled and gagged in this municipality.

David Clement,

Councillor.

# MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON

ST MARYS COMMUNITY HALL

**TUESDAY NOVEMBER 4, 2008.** 

FOR BOOKINGS, SEE ADVERTISEMENT IN THIS ISSUE.

# Letter to the Editor

The Editor Valley Voice,

Jeanette Perryman (Voice 9 Oct) fails to consider the hydrological setting of St Marys. There are areas where the financial interests of landowners, timber companies and tax funded investors cannot justify the adverse impacts of plantations on the local community, and around St Marys is one of those areas, and the key issue is water.

St Marys town water supply is a groundwater supply. Annual rainfall is declining. Our rainfall pattern is characterised by infrequent high intensity events, with a high loss to runoff west to the South Esk. Plantations are a major land use change, suddenly replacing cleared land with intensive plantations of water hungry eucalypts repeatedly grown and harvested over a short harvest cycle. Each plantation adds to the cumulative demand on groundwater reserves. This is not a good combination within our local catchment.

Ms Perryman asserts that trees rely on natural rainfall and do not need to be irrigated, ignoring the connectivity of surface water and groundwater. Why do streams keep flowing when there is no rain? They are indeed supplied by rainfall, the past rainfall that is left over after evaporation and transpiration, stored as groundwater, rainfall which may have fallen months, years or even decades previously, and which has been banked for times of reduced rainfall to maintain an environmental flow in streams, described as 'gaining streams' because they gain their water supply from the groundwater.

The combination of reduced rainfall to recharge groundwater and a sudden increased demand on existing reserves by a massive land use change from cleared land to plantations will reduce groundwater levels below that needed to maintain stream flows, a scenario on the East Coast reported in this weeks Tasmanian Country (Oct 17, pg 5), confirmed by the Forest Practices Tribunal in its determination that the plantation on Irishtown Road will for long periods or permanently dry up Margison's Creek, and confirmed by the South Australian Government (2007) which equates the use of groundwater by plantations with the irrigation of crops from stream flow (Deep Creek Inquiry Hansard Report 27/3/07), and now requires applications to establish new plantations to provide an estimate of tree water use for assessment against groundwater reserves

There is no comparison between the minimum water use equilibrium of the mixed age and mixed species established forest around St Marys and the demand for water by newly planted monocultures of E nitens, trees selected to maximize their take up of water over 14 years before harvesting and replanting, a cycle which relies upon plundering the ever reducing groundwater reserves of the catchment to maximize wood growth.

Any grounds that I might have for the depression that Ms Perryman alleges are reinforced by her response.

David Clement. St Marys 7215 63 722-647

## The Say Cageratter

From next July our water and sewerage control changes substantially. It becomes the direct responsibility of a group that will be setting up infrastructure statewide for this purpose. No longer do we deal with local councils face to face in this regard. How do we feel about all this? No doubt there will be some benefits but that immediate facility through council to fix a water problem as it arises by ringing council is also a good thing.

Unless I've missed it all has there yet been an information campaign to outline all these changes to us, the ratepayers and indeed taxpayers.?

If there hasn't perhaps it might be a good idea to start filling us in on the changes and more to the point in regard to the financial and water charges aspects of all of this.

Now more than ever our water and sewerage services delivery are very important and whatever happens let us hope we are not left out as planning ,delivery and costing is being considered as part of the new era. We have voting rights too, all you politicians out there. Don't forget that.

I've been known to complain about certain aspects of local government at times but in this regard the constant delivery of water and sewerage upgrades over the years has been , I believe well managed and implemented by our local council.

The jury will be out for me about the new arrangements until it's been up and running for a while. I only hope it is a change for the better for ALL of us and not a change for changes sake. Let's hear from one of our erstwhile pollies or state officials on this important matter particularly in regard to general improvements we can eagerly await.

What do you think?

# Town of the Whirly Gigs.

I would like to say a big WELL DONE to Les and Estelle Thompson for their wonderful job they have, and are doing in making the wind 'whirly gigs' around town.

I am a proud owner of a Kelpie Dog created by the pair, which stands in my front yard in Newman Street. It is also very pleasing to see so many local businesses supporting them.

There are many towns around Tasmania that have something iconic to make them unique i.e. 'murals, decorated rubbish bins, large penguins etc.

Why don't we become the town of the Whirly Gig?

Hayley Gilbert Newman Street, St Marys.

# POSTIE RUN. BOYS.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MARK SPILSBURY, JOSH RICE AND YOUNG WARDY, WHO TOOK PART IN THE POSTIE RUN AND RAISED MONEY FOR MS SUFFERERS.

GUYS, WE ARE PROUD OF YOU, AS YOU ALL SHOULD BE PROUD, FOR GIVING UP YOUR TIME AND TAKING PART IN THIS WORTHWHILE CAUSE.

WELL DONE GUYS. YOU HAVE DONE ST MARYS PROUD.

### DOING THE ROUNDS

Cllr Reon Johns.

Like to raise an issue? Feel free to contact me on mobile 0429 722 091.

Council voted unanimously to a motion raised by me to write to the Prime Minister about the Postal Service in the Beaumaris area. It seems that the Minister in Charge of Aust Post feels that the area favours not to have a home delivery service and that a "no response" to a survey is a no vote. I hope that this situation can be resolved, and commonsense prevails.

The St Marys makeover has moved one step closer with a presentation and motion by Cllr Clement. All Councillors were impressed by the work that was done. I would like to thank all the members of the committee who gave up their time to help achieve this blueprint for the future. A special thanks to Peter Troode for the wonderful work he did in adapting the concepts of David Kyle and transferring the committee's ideas onto paper.

The Rural Living Zone amendment has been approved and will be included as part of the Sub- Regional Framework for our area. The matter of conducting a feasibility study into using the surplus water from the sewerage pond at St Marys for use at the St Marys Recreational Ground and Sporting Complex was asked. The reply was basically that "there were problems associated with using this water at the complex because the houses were too close. (INITIAL STUDIES)."

The Barway situation is, at the time of writing, that MAST have handed the approvals to Parks and Wildlife and there appears that there is no funding available for emergency dredging. This is not the understanding of Council and an update has been requested from MAST.

The new toilet project at St Marys Recreation Ground should be completed by March 2009, if all goes according to plan. I would like to see this facility up and running, so let's hope for the best.

Council past the following requests for sponsorship:-

- St Helens Regatta and wood chopping
- St Helens Carols by Candlelight- Aust Army Band (Tasmania)
- TSO Concert at St Helens

Grassy Bottom Regional Arts- St Marys Spring Fair.

Cllr Legge was elected to replace Cllr Clement on the NRM committee, I was elected to represent Council on the Starfm committee and Marg Osborne was elected to the BODHRA committee.

PLEASE NOTE that the Council Offices will be closed from 12 noon on Wednesday 24 December 2008 till Monday 5 January 2009. Councillors have asked that a well designed answering service be installed to enable callers to get information and phone numbers.

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

I can be contacted on mobile 042922091 or Fax 63722098

Councillor Reon Johns.

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

# **THANKYOU**

A huge bouquet is due to all those involved in the planning, preparation and presentation of the three course dinner event which took place last Saturday night at the St Marys Town Hall.

This function was held as a way of expressing appreciation to the supporting families of the local "Firies" who so valiantly fought the 2006 East Coast Fires.

For the guests entering the hall, it seemed that there was no co-incidence between the blooming, flame coloured red and yellow tulips outside, and the equally bright red and yellow helium filled balloons which festooned the beautifully laid out tables!

Much thought and effort had obviously gone into all aspects of the night - the fantastic menu, catered for by Bruce and Julie from the St Marys Hotel, the music and the at times unforgettable, beautiful, poignant, certainly horrifying and terror-filled moments captured on film, as so many photos continued to flash across the screen and remind everyone of the challenging hours, days and weeks which led out of December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

THANK YOU again, to all those who worked so tirelessly to honour the family members who nervously waited and watched, while their fire fighter was away from home protecting someone else's peace of mind and property.

## THUMBS UP

TO DAVID GILLIES AND THE COUNCIL WORKERS FOR MOWING THE LAWNS AT THE SPORTS GROUND, IN PREPARATION FOR THIS YEAR'S CRICKET SEASON.

**MUCH APPRECIATED!** 



Join in the Parade!

# **Spring Fair Pirates and Fairies** Com-

November 8

# petition

Calling All Kids (and Kids at Heart!)

> Come and Join in the Fun

Come in Costume to the **Spring Fair** 





### **BITS AND PIECES**

What has happened to most of our wonderful sports that were so much a part of Valley life only a few short years ago?

Where has the competitive spirit gone that saw the Community Halls come alive each week as the towns tried to belt each other with a badminton shuttle?

The Badminton era was a great time in our heritage. Like most sports it brought communities together and built friendships that lasted a lifetime.

The photo on the right is of, arguably, the best badminton team the Valley saw.



Whilst some of the faces are not with us anymore and the rest have changed a little, the memories this photo brings back of a time long gone are priceless.

For more on our fascinating history call in and see the display at the St Marys Railway Station, or phone: Darlene 63722007, Barry 63725752, or Jim 6372 2127.

# CHANGE OF VENUE

The Art Exhibition to be held in conjunction with the Spring Fair, was to be held at e.ScApe Cafe, but will now be held in the St Marys Community Hall.

# This is due to e.ScApe Cafe's exciting upcoming exhibition.

We wish them well in this wonderful new venture.

You may still drop off art at Strawberry Jelly, no later than November 1st.







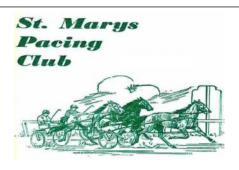
To: ALL ONLINE CENTRE USERS & VOLUNTEERS PAST & PRESENT



St Marys Online Access Centre is 10 years old and we are having a party on 12th December at the Centre commencing at 11.30pm.

**YOU ARE INVITED!!!** 





The Annual General Meeting
of the
St Marys Pacing Club Inc.,
will be held in the Committee Room
at the Recreation Ground
on Friday the 24th November
(TOMORROW) at 7pm.
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are very welcome to attend.
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Eric Bean,
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# ST. MARYS CHILD CARE CENTRE

# Expression of interest **After School Care** at St Marys District High School

St Marys Child Care Centre, supported by the Northern Children's Network (NCN) are hoping to establish an After School Care program at St Marys District High School in 2009. It is anticipated that the fees for this program would be approximately \$10 - \$15 for a session (with the length of each session to be decided), with families eligible to apply for child care benefits and rebates, further reducing the cost. This is dependent on numbers enrolled, federal and state government approval and is subject to change prior to the program ing.

Expression of interest forms will be sent home in conjunction with uniform and booklists for 2009, and are also available from St Marvs Child Care Centre. I would urge anyone considering using this service to complete and return their form. It will be the final opportunity for us to gauge community interest in this program, and is the basis upon which the decision to commence will be made.

### What is After School Care?

An After School Care program provides care for children aged 5-12yrs in a safe and interesting environment. They offer an opportunity for children to be cared for when other family members are not available for a variety of reasons such as work commitments, undertake study and training, have to travel to Hobart/Launceston for doctor and dental appointments or shopping. Care is available also to families needing respite. Permanent and casual bookings are usually available. NCN currently supports successful ASC programs in Launceston and other regional areas.

## What will children do at After School Care?

In St Marys we are working closely with the school to develop a program that supports children's learning while providing fun and challenging activities. We have requested that the school hall be used as the care area, with the surrounding courtyard the main outside play area. Children will be able to have afternoon tea, complete homework, play with friends, and undertake a range of structured activities such as art, craft, board games, drama and PE. Children and families will be widely consulted as to the type of activities on offer.

## What standard of care do children receive?

All staff working in the after school program will be required to have a valid safety screening and first aid certificate. It is anticipated that some of the current St Mary Child Care centre staff will work in the new program also. Standards at after school care are the responsibility of the State Child Care Unit who will license and check the service on a regular basis. Services are required to meet the federal government quality standards also, with regular spot checks occurring. Policies and procedures relating to the program will be available for families to view and comment on.

For more information on the proposed After School Care program please contact Tanya

(Centre Director, St Marys Child Care): 6372 2187



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Written and Authorised by Dick Adams, 538 Main Road Perth Tas. 7300



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WEDNESDAY 12 NOVEMBER. 7.30PM
ALL MEETING ARE HELD AT THE HOME OF MRS SHEILA CHUGG,
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PHONE: 6372 5406

# **OUT OF THE WOODWORK**

# **Wendy Brennan**

Thank you to Lorraine Kleeburg for the donation of some woodworking books. To Michelle from Groom Street who kindly donated cherrywood to the Guild. (Sorry Michelle I do not know your surname) and to Michael Scott our woodcraft member.

Michael drove the community bus at short notice to enable some members to attend the worthwhile wood show at Ulverstone.

The Woodcraft Guild would like to take this opportunity to wish **Darlene Wright** and **staff** of the **St Marys History and Gifts** every success with all their future endeavours. Darlene has not only been very supportive of the Guild but a great neighbour who has always been courteous, open and honest. It was this great combined camaraderie and rapport that made the Guild and St Marys History and Gifts work well alongside each other.

The St Marys Day Care Centre and the Guild are raffling two outdoor garden chairs which will be drawn at the Spring Festival on Faulkner's Green. Keep a lookout for ticket sales and we hope to see all the community get behind this worthwhile event. Half of the proceeds from sales of tickets will be donated to the St Marys Day Care Centre

The Guild meets on the last Saturday of the month at the Old Railway Goods Shed at **2.00 pm.** 

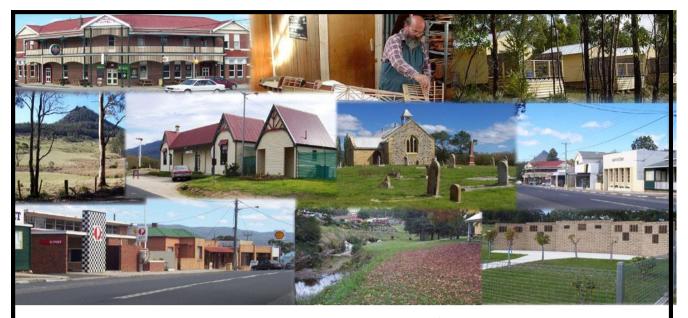
The Guild is open Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Any other times by appointment.

Pictured right is one of our trays that are "Seconds". They are for sale @
\$15.00 each.



The Northern Vets Cycling Club will be conducting The St Marys Business Traders 43 km Handicap cycling race on Sunday October 26th. This event will commence at 11.00am at the top of St Marys Pass and proceed to Fingal where it will turn, finishing at St Marys at approximately 12.30 pm.

The travelling public are requested to be cautious whilst this race is in progress.



# STMARYS SPRING FAIR

# **SATURDAY NOVEMBER 8, 2008**

# **ART COMPETITION**

OPEN ART PRIZE —\$100

SECONDARY — \$50

PRIMARY —\$25

ENTRY FORM FOR
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# FLOWER ARRANGING

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ST MARYS
HISTORY & GIFTS

# **MARKET STALLS**

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ACTIVITIES IN HALL

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Including Health Expo

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# **CAKE COMPETITION**

**SENIOR PRIZE** 

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**JUNIOR PRIZE** 

\$30 TASTING FROM EUREKA FARM

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# The Back To Mangana Reunion is being held over the long weekend of:

Saturday 1st to Monday the 3rd of November 2008

<u>We are seeking stall holders</u> for the Market being held on the Saturday the 1<sup>st</sup> November

A fee of \$10 per stall/ car boot etc., is being donated to the Catholic Church

For bookings or for information please phone
The Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House 63742344

or

Sister Lorraine at St. Marys 63722 252

<u>Market</u> 9am onwards on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November

BBQs

Bus trip to Rossarden & Storeys Ck.

Informal Cricket Match

Music

Fire WorksSpit Roast Saturday evening



Accommodation is also available if booked at any of the following-

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Mayfield Manor B&B Fingal 6374 2285

Glen Esk B&B Finaal 63742195

ON SUNDAY the Let we will be having a bacon and egg breakfast which will be followed at Noon by a Church Service. Lunch will see us with a BBQ followed by another bus trip this time to Cornwall Collectables

Walks will also be conducted over the weekend to an old mine tunnel.

You can also try or luck in learning the art of panning for gold.

But be prepared for Music Music and more music with "GANNA FEST"

# Wombat Walk Landscaping Group St Marys Tasmania

(Formerly Wombat Walk Weeders)

The Wombat Walk Landscaping Group is a small group of St Marys volunteers who have been working since May 2002 to transform an overgrown, weed infested area along the St Marys Rivulet in the centre of the town into a pleasant and attractive park-like area for locals and visitors to enjoy, and at the same time revegetate, stabilise and preserve the riverbanks.

This has been achieved with a lot of hard manual work, which is carried out every Wednesday morning, rain, hail or shine! The group is not only rewarded by the visual and environmental benefits of their work, but also the friendships formed when working together.

Weekly water-watch monitoring is carried out, also a program of seed raising for further planting of local native species. Frog, platypus and fish are now enjoying this rivulet as well as visitors looking for a restful place to wander.

The Wombat Walk Landscaping Group participate in National Tree Planting Day, and have also been recognised on three occasions with Tidy Towns Major Environmental Projects Awards for their ongoing work to restore, revegetate and regenerate the St Marys Rivulet.

Students from the St Marys District High School are invited to join us on planting days and for other days as part of their school activities.

The support and assistance received from the Break O'Day Council is valuable, and enables and encourages the Wombat Walk volunteers to keep working towards their goals, to continue with the planting to stabilise the banks of the rivulet, and at the same time, creating an attractive recreational area within St Marys.









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# ST MARY'S GORSE DEMONSTRATION

Many members of the St Marys Community are already working hard to control gorse on their properties. Council and weed experts receive many enquiries about the best ways to manage gorse, and myths still exist about some methods of control. We invite you to come along and learn about best practice gorse management.





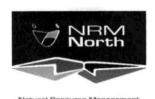
When: Sunday NOVEMBER 9 2008

Where: 1 Irishtown Rd

Time: 10.00 am—11.30 am

- Greg Stewart NRM north's Weeds Coordinator will demonstrate gorse management best practice and answer any questions.
- Hear some locals demonstrate and talk about their own personal experience with gorse control
- Learn more about the St Mary's Gorse Action Group

Enquiries: Alison Hugo NRM Community Support Officer 0488 677 727





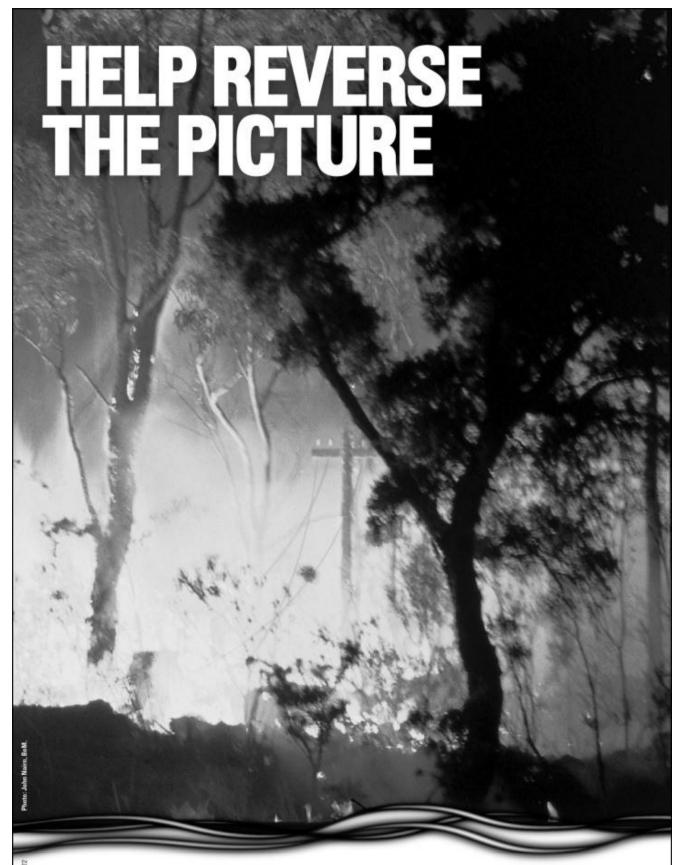


# SPRING FAIR ART COMPETITION 'THE COLOURS OF SPRING'

# **ENTRY FORM**

Artists of all ages are invited to enter the Spring Fair Art
Competition. 'The Colours of Spring' theme is open to any
interpretation, in any medium excluding photographs.
All works are to be delivered to 'Strawberry Jelly'
(24 Main Street St Marys) no later than
November 1st with a completed entry form and applicable fee.
Works are to be made available for up to
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available YOUR CHOICE BEANIE KID OF WIN A STRAWBERRY JEL

# St Marys 1903 David Clement 10th and final instalment

# Entertainment

There is no shortage of entertainment in the town, with each denomination providing Picnic Days for the children of their following, and Balls seeming to take place with an exhausting regularity. In May a Ball was held at the Victoria Hall, the proceeds of which amounted to £6 to go towards a new horse and trap for Father Fleming, whose existing vehicle was in a sad state of repair. Previously, in April, the Deaf, Dumb and Blind Entertainers gave a very successful entertainment in the Hall to a large and appreciative audience.

There had been some dejection early in the year when several residents journeyed to Launceston intending to hear Madame Melba sing. All returned looking downcast and feeling very disappointed at not having hear the gifted songstress. During August a Plain and Fancy Dress Ball was given by the St Marys Brass Band. The attendance was only moderate and no fancy dress was worn. A hand around supper was given at 120'clock, and the dancing broke up at 2.00 am. Mrs Goldsmith and Miss Madden acted as pianists, and Mr Alf Bullock made an excellent MC.

The Brass Band is a great acquisition to the township, and its performances materially enliven local amusements. A large number of people assembled in the Victoria Hall on a Saturday night in October to witness handicap chopping and sawing matches. Meetings are held by the Band of Hope at the Wesley Hall, at which songs, recitations, dialogues and duets are rendered. Socials are held for the children of the State School, given by Miss Blackett, at which friends and relatives of the little ones assemble for an amusing and pleasant evening.

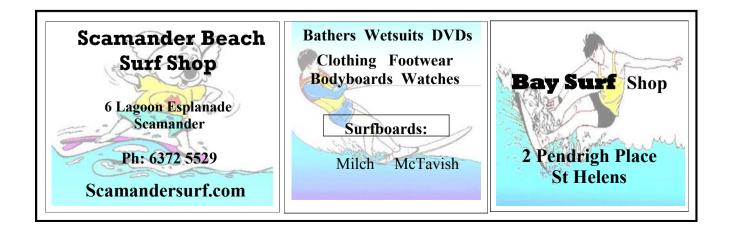
# Weather

As may be expected of a location set among mountains and plains and in close proximity to the coast, the weather of the township may be somewhat of a "curate's egg". The regular reports on the district provided by the 'Country Correspondent' to the "Examiner" indicate that while it may in general be Arcadia, there are times in winter when it is otherwise: "throughout the past week the weather has been miserable, raining every day, accompanied by very heavy fogs". 'The weather has been cold and miserable, rain falling every day. The Farmers are now nursing their cattle through being exposed to such violent storms, and several losses have been reported through the past fortnight." However, all clouds have a silver lining: "The frosts early morning are very severe at present, but, delightful to say, we have very nice sunshine during the days." "The cattle on the winter runs are doing well up to the present", and Arcadia returns: "The District is experiencing lovely Spring weather, grass is abundant, and there is every prospect of a bountiful harvest."

# The Future

The township of St Marys was surveyed in 1857 and lots first sold in that year. Sprent's map of 1858 showed St Marys as "a township not yet settled." It was proclaimed as a town in 1864, and Walch's Almanac of that year described it as follows: "The private road to Harefield is bounded by the township of St Marys, where is seen the Police Office to the right. There are about half a dozen tenements on the township, including the house of Mr Thomas Hardy at the side of the rivulet. Crossing this by a log bridge, the road continues through forest for some miles". In 1871 there were still only 5 houses 'on the town', but following the opening of the coal mines and the railway in 1886 and the property developments by Mr Joseph Ebeneezer Clarke at the same time on "the block' including cottages, a store and a bank building, the town has grown mightily over the past 20 years, with a corresponding increasing the townie population of the area.

The original town boundaries have not been extended since its survey in 1859 and its proclamation in 1863, meaning that those properties on the eastern side of the Rivulet, such as Mr Doyle's butchery, Dawson Bros, the Criterion Hotel and Victoria Hall are not 'on the town'. It is anticipated that the boundaries are to be enlarged next year, recognising the reality of the growth of the town over recent years and the vigour of its present community, and the fact that St Marys has become the capital of the Break O'Day Plains and the surrounding Highlands.



# **MEALS ON WHEELS ROSTER**

| Oct/Nov.       |     | St Marys         | Fingal             |  |
|----------------|-----|------------------|--------------------|--|
| Monday 27th    |     | Audrey Wright    | Debbie Speers (N)  |  |
| Tuesday 28th   |     | Patricia Barr    |                    |  |
| Wednesday 29th |     | Dianne Troode    |                    |  |
| Thursday 30th  |     | Yvonne Salter    |                    |  |
| Friday 31st    |     | Wendy Aulich     | Julie-Ann Claridge |  |
|                |     |                  |                    |  |
| Monday         | 3rd | Fe Gillies       | Carole Woods       |  |
| Tuesday        | 4th | Pam Gillies      |                    |  |
| Wednesday      | 5th | R & B McAllister |                    |  |
| Thursday 6th   |     | Patricia Barr    |                    |  |
| Friday         | 7th | Pat O'Donnell    | Mim Woods          |  |

# **Church Services**

# Catholic Parish of St Marys

Sr. Lorraine Groves

Parish House. Ph: 6372 2252 Mob: 0409 172 741

# 1st Week: MASS

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

# 2nd Week LITURGY

St Helens Vigil 6. 00pm St Marys 9.00am Bicheno 9.00am Fingal 9.30am

### 3rd Week: MASS

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

### **Week 4 LITURGY**

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

# 5th Week MASS

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

# Anglican Parish of Northern Midlands

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

# Anglican Parish of Break O'Day

Ph: 6376 1144

St Helens Every Sunday 8 am and 10.30 am Kanga Sunday School

10.30 am – 12 noon every Sunday for children 5 – 12 yrs St Marys every Sunday 10 am

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Pyengana 4th Sunday, 2pm.

# Salvation Army Monday JAM 3-5pm every Monday.

except school holidays.

Envoy Melanie Norton Ph: 6372 2099

<u>Sunday Joy</u>

will resume Sept 28.

### **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

 $\begin{array}{ll} Thursday & 10 \ am-3 \ pm \\ Friday & 10 \ am-3 \ pm \\ Saturday & 11 \ am-2 \ pm \end{array}$ 

Ph: 6372 2005

# St Marys District High School B Class 1968 and C Class 1967

A 40 Year Reunion Dinner is to be held at Scamander on Saturday, November 29, 2008, for students, teachers and staff of these classes.

Contact Patsy on:
0428918252 or 63918252

Email: stmarysreunion@gmail.com

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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.

1/4 page \$20. ½ page \$30.
Full page \$50.

1 year posted subscription \$28.

# Spring of the Vineyard Church Pentecostal Christian Church

Church Services
Every Sunday at 10:30 am
At Scamander Fire Station
For all enquiries:
Pastor David Brewster
Ph: 6372 2796

ALL WELCOME

# October / November 2008



| Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday     | Thursday  | Friday   |
|--|--|---------------|---|--|
|  |  |               | 23rd October  ★ School Athletics Carnival                                       | 24th October  ★ School Athletics Carnival      |
| 27th October  ★ State Chess     Championships -     Launceston  ★ Dental Service | 28th October  ★ Dental Service   | 29th October  | 30th October  | 31st October                                   |
| 3rd November Long Weekend NO SCHOOL  | 4th November  ★ Kinder Excursion - St Helens                                   | 5th November  | 6th November  ★ ENE Athletics  Carnival   | 7th November  ★ NEET Final Day                 |
| 10th November  ★ Dental Service  | 11th November  ★ Primary Assembly - 11am in Hall 5PW to lead  ★ Dental Service | 12th November | 13th November  ★ Next School Newsletter due out!  ★ Newstead College enrolments | 14th November  ★ Launceston College enrolments |

# Student Assistance Scheme (STAS)

STAS applicants who were approved for 2008 should be receiving a letter from the Financial Assistance Unit to finalise your 2009 STAS status without the need to fill in a new form.

If you are applying for STAS for the first time or were not approved for 2008, you will need to complete a STAS Application Form and provide documentation giving proof of income.

Applications forms will be available at the school office at the end of October - phone 6372 3900 and will need to be returned to school as soon as possible for the approval process to begin.

If you were approved for 2008 and have not received a letter in the mail please phone the Financial Assistance Unit on 1800 005 636

# Dates for St Marys:

HOOL DENTAL

- Monday 27th October
- Tuesday 28th October
- Monday 10th November
- Tuesday 11th November
- Monday 17th November
- Tuesday 18th November



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

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



Would you like to expand your caring skills?

Do you enjoy working with Older people?

Are you interested in completing a

# Certificate III in Aged Care Work?

TAFE will again be delivering this course in 2009 at the NEET Centre Inc St Marys Campus

Information and selection sessions will be held at the NEET Centre St Marys

5 February 2009

11.00 am - 1.00 pm 5.00 pm - 7.00 pm

For further information please contact Mary Targett on 63 723900

# 2008 Magazine

If you haven't already, now is the time to order your end of year School Magazine for 2008.

\$22.00 each

Place your order at the School Office or phone 6372 3900



# SWIMMING POOL 2008-2009 SEASON ST MARYS DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

# GENERAL INFORMATION

- 1. The pool will be open for family and community use from 24 October, 2008 until late April 2009. When the pool is used for block swimming instruction, part of the pool will be closed for public use.
- Care must be taken by all keyholders and rules must be strictly adhered to.
- 3. Breaking of rules will lead to forfeiture of key and no refund, and disqualification for the next season

# REQUIREMENT OF KEYHOLDER

- OR Current First Aid certificate 1. Current CPR certificate
- 2. Keyholder must be 18 years or over
- Keyholder family is defined as family members residing at same address as keyholder.
- 4. If you feel your family does not meet usual family criteria, please check before using pool
- The gate must be closed on entering the pool to prevent access of unauthorised people

# GENERAL RULES FOR USE OF POOI

- 1. Because no official will be on duty, keyholder must accompany children under 18 and stay with them in the pool enclosure.
  - Children must not be left unattended.
- Only listed family members may use the pool with a keyholder.
- made to cover cost of chemicals and maintenance. Payment in instalments may be arranged with the School Executive Officer. Adjusted fees will be available for part season use. New membership structure introduced last year will be as follows for the 2008-2009 season: A charge of \$169.50 (\$154 fee GST inclusive, \$5.50 resuscitation mask GST inclusive, \$10.00 key deposit) per family will be Children of one keyholder may accompany another keyholder and family at pool to a maximum of 5 children per adult.

# Membership - there will be a three tiered membership:

# Key holder – (Comprehensive)

a key holder may elect to pay for additional persons to join their family, with up to a maximum of five supervised persons. The cost will be \$20 for each additional person 'baged' to the key holder ie. A key holder with two listed family members may pay for up to three additional persons other than immediate family – these persons do not have to be named

# 2. Keyholder (family)

family members listed as residing at the same address as the key holder. This is the existing policy.

# 3. Permit holder

a family may elect to pay the full fee (no key given) with a key holder taking responsibility for your child/ren with maximum of five supervised persons.

- No-one is to touch any equipment relating to the pool. e.g. filter, etc.
- Cars must be parked in normal car park areas.
- If you think you will be the last to use the pool, please put the covers on.
- Dogs are not permitted on school site
- Smoking and alcohol are not permitted under any circumstances on the school property
- 10. Bikes are also not to be brought into the pool area.
- No glass drink bottles or other unsafe items are to be brought into the pool.

# RULES FOR WATER SAFETY

The following are prohibited:

- Running anywhere within the fences surrounding the pool.
- 2 Jumping or diving into the pool in a manner likely to endanger others or self

- Ducking, pushing or interfering with other swimmers
- Entering the pool wearing bandages/band-aids that are not waterproof; or when having an infectious complaint or skin complaint
- Nappies
- Large inflatable pool toys. Only kickboards and floaties may be used.

- Keyholders who agree to the above rules AND guidelines and etiquette overleaf may use the pool from 24 October mid APPLICATION FOR USE
- A list of keyholders will be on display.
- Each key holder will be issued with a key.
- Safety equipment, resuscitation guide and emergency numbers displayed at pool
  - Pool hours 9.30 a.m. sunset weekends & non school days.

3.00 p.m. - sunset school days

\*the pool will be available for use as early as 6.30am, however, it is preferred that while pool maintenance is being undertaken (between 7.30 – 8.30am) the pool be empty of swimmers. On school days all community members using the pool MUST vacate the pool area no later than 8.30am so as to allow staff to conduct classes.

# Swimming Pool Sesson 2008/08

The swimming pool will be open for family use on Friday 24th October until late April 2009.

The fees for pool use are as follows:

\$154.00 Resuscitation Mask Keys

\$ 10.00 (refunded when key returned) \$ 5.50 (optional)

\$ 20.00 (for each extra person added to form not residing at keyholders address - see tiered membership)

+ each extra person

Key deposit

Please note that costs have not increased from 2007/08 season.

As this is an unsupervised pool, EVERY key holder and any 'designated adult' (meeting the Payment by instalments can be arranged with the School Executive Officer.

criteria stated in the rules) supervising swimmers MUST have a current CPR or First Aid

Certificate

that you have your valid CPR/First Aid Certificate with you - keys cannot be issued without a Keys and forms will be available from the office from Thursday, 23rd October. Please ensure valid certificate.

For more information - 6372 3900

# ST MARYS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

# DOCTORS ROSTER

Please be aware of changes to the doctors roster.

# DOCTORS on ROSTER Dr Ali- 23/10/08-6/11/08 &

Dr E. Reeckman- 27/10/08-30/10/08

Women's Health Clinic-Friday 31st Oct 08

St Marys Community Health Centre GP Surgery Hours:

Monday—Friday 8:50am-12:30pm 12:30pm-1:30pm LUNCH NO PATHOLOGY SERVICE 12:00-1:30pm 1:30pm-5:00pm

There is no regular Saturday GP Clinic

# 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.

## AFTER HOURS SERVICE

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

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE 6372 2111
BEFORE PRESENTING AFTER HOURS.
PLEASE BE PATIENT waiting period can apply.

### THANK YOU

To the Nursing Staff at the Community Health Centre for your extra help and commitment covering the nursing shifts over the last few weeks. It is greatly appreciated by us all.

- Karen O'Shea DON.

### **PODIATRY SERVICES 2008**

Bookings for Podiatry Services can be made by phoning:

Lightfoot Podiatry Services Launceston
Phone 6331 9568 for appointments.

Next Podiatry Session– Wednesday 29th Oct





Welcome to Dr Ali's wife Carmen who has recently come to join him here in St Marys. We hope that you both enjoy your time here whilst in St Marys.

# WHAT'S ON AT THE CENTRE

28th Oct Child Health Session with Sue Gofton

Every Tuesday by appointment.

on: 0428136381

29th Oct Psychologist Dahotay Teboul,

appointments by referral from your GP.

29th Oct Podiatry, Perry Daly Lightfoot Podiatry

Service. For appointments please

phone 6331 9568

29th Oct Day Centre 9:30am- 3:00pm Day

Room at the Health Centre for further details phone Hayley on 6372 2111

3rd Nov Hospital Auxiliary Meeting 2:00pm in

the Day Room.

4th Nov Child Health Session with Sue Gofton

Every Tuesday by appointment.

on: 0428136381

5th Nov Day Centre 9:30am- 3:00pm Day

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# WORLD OSTEOPOROSIS DAY OCT OBER 2008

Bones on the Move-Strengthen Your Bones

Please phone Arthritis Tasmania on 1800 242 141 if you would like any further information on osteoporosis.

- Free booklets on exercise and fracture prevention can be mailed out to members of the general public who are concerned about bone health.

# DIABETIC CLINIC ST MARYS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

Regular consults available at the St Marys Community Health Centre. If you require an appointment please see your GP for a referral and GP North will contact you with an appointment time.

> - Next session at St Marys is: FRIDAY 14th NOVEMBER 2008

Remember that happiness is a way of travel, not a destination.- Roy Goodman

When you can not get a compliment in any other way pay yourself one. – Mark Twain



# WANT TO LEARN HOW

to assist young people experiencing mental health problems?

# A Youth Mental Health First Aid Course is now available

Youth Mental Health First Aid is a 14-hour course which teaches first aid skills for mental health crisis situations and the early stages of mental health problems

Where:

St Mary's High School

When:

Thursday 30th and Friday 31st October

Cost:

FREE!!!

Contact:

Abbie Ford

Phone:

6376 5242

Email:

abbie.ford@healthyhouse.org.au

RSVP: 27th October 2008

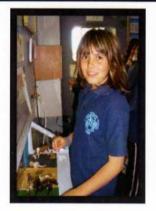


# Fingal Primary School News



# RSPCA Van

On Monday the 13th October Prep to Grade 6 students from Fingal Primary School travelled to Avoca to visit the RSPCA Van organised by the Avoca Primary School. We went in three groups and while one group visited the van the other two groups visited with the Avoca school children.



Jorgia Woods



Joel Cox and Bradley
Mc Gill



Zoe Simpson





Louise Webb



Miss Bennett and Breeana Francis

Bradley Mc Gill

# Calendar of Events - October

| 20th<br>School Association<br>Meeting 6.30 p.m.   | 21st<br>Athletics Carnival at<br>Avoca 9.30 a.m. | 22nd Assembly 2.15 p.m. Grade 4/5/6 to Lead Seed Propagation With Alison Hugo | 23rd<br>Launching into<br>Learning 1.30 –<br>3.00 p.m.<br>Hobart Show     | 24th   |
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| 27th<br>Biz Nichols visits for<br>garden planting | 28th   | 29th<br>Seed Propagation<br>With Alison Hugo                                  | 30th<br>Launching into<br>Learning 1.30 –<br>3.00 p.m.<br>Big News Letter | 31st Canteen national Bandana Day Samaritans Purse Boxes Due School Psychologist—Jane Stewart visits |

# St Marys Sports Centre Inc. news Kackhander

It's all good. Well nearly all good. First to bowls and after a slight hiccup on the opening pennant match at Scamander where the reigning premier side St Marys lost on three rinks by 13 shots to a very committed home team, the side bounced back emphatically last weekend to defeat an excellent, strong Swansea team by 18 shots. A fantastic effort considering we were still missing bowlers who were unavailable. John Vincent has been a great asset already to the team, winning both games with John McDonald, Kodie Donald and our newest member Tom Brady. Welcome Tom, it's great to have you with us.

On two counts our ladies are incredible. The first one is that thanks to them we have been able to field full teams in the opening two weeks. Thanks Kirsten Viney, Janice Viney and Tamatha Mahoney. The second thing was that in their opening game against Swansea, they registered a very impressive 8 shot win on both rinks. Great effort girls. A very special thanks also goes to Nan Stuart who has rejoined the club and will be a great benefit to the ladies. Her wealth of experience and knowledge on the game will be a real boon for the team. Thanks Nan, and welcome back.

Now a request and an invitation to anyone out there who might like to try bowls. WE NEED YOU. Any male or female from 9 to 99 who would like to try the game, please just contact the club. We are very keen to get you started whether you've played before or not. Thursday nights at 5pm onwards is a good way to go also. Come on. Just give us a try. You won't regret it.

A golf comp with a reasonable field well into October! Yes that's what happened last Saturday at the club thanks to a great band of dedicated members who had a go. Thanks to all of you. It was marvelous to see. These blokes are keen to continue playing in summer and there are still a few yet who couldn't play last week who will in the future. It truly is a wonderful and important milestone in the club's survival. The course is rapidly improving thanks to the volunteers incredible efforts and for a change, summer should see fulltime golf with any luck.

On the November Long weekend the Awesome Foursome invite ALL members, potential members and visitors to a fantastic social golf day held every year. SO MUCH FUN, I promise. Only prerequisites are a team of four and a desire to have a good time. See you there. Upcoming also is a social bowls day at the club so watch out for that about the same time.

Finally a reminder from our Treasurer Barry Harrison. So that we can tidy up all our financial responsibilities to the various golf and bowls bodies could all members either pay their sub's soon or at least notify us that you intend to do so. This is vital so that we send correct monies away.

Anyway until next time, good hitting and rolling.

# 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.

ST MARYS BOWLS CLUB
SOCIAL DAY
SUNDAY 26TH OCTOBER
12.30PM
BBQ AFTER GAME \$5.
EVERYONE WELCOME.
HOPE TO
SEE YOU THERE.



Dynamo/Cold Power laundry powd.1kg \$ 3.99

\$ 1.99

\$4.99

Smiths potato chips 175g

Peters ChocWedge bonus 12pk