

The Valley & East Coast Voice

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Stand up and be counted.

The Community Achievement Awards Gala presentation dinner was held at the Hotel Grand Chancellor in Hobart, sponsored by Southern Cross Television and SEA FM Hobart on Saturday 29th November.

Months earlier, the town of St Marys as a whole, with 30+ volunteer groups contributing to the wellbeing, diversity and lifestyle of the people, was entered in the Community of the Year Award. Out of 25 entries across Tasmania, we were one of four finalists in this category (sponsored by Kleenheat Gas) - Leg-erwood Hall and Reserves Committee, Brighton Alive of Gagebrook, Royal Hobart Hospital Volunteer Service and the Community of St Marys.



L/r: Dianne Troode, Esther Rubenach, Wendy Aulich, Cheryl Oates, Hannah Rubenach.

both resources and expertise, to ensure it is sustainable. Well done!

It was very good to see so many politicians, Mayors, Councillors and council staff attending, to help celebrate their groups' successes. It is so important, particularly during economic downturns to see that we are all in together.

The TLC Inc. always feels very pleased to see the support of our polities, councillors and council staff, it makes for a stronger community. So much can be achieved with friendship, fun laughter, cohesiveness and a positive spirit.

Congratulations must also go to the Rossarden and Friends Kids

Christmas Club, commenced in the 1930s. Well done.

The Valley was well represented in a number of categories.

We'll try again next year. Congratulations St Marys—at our place the rewards take many forms. The simplest things can give true simple pleasures.

Jan Sparkes.



L/r: Cheryl Oates, Dianne Troode, Peter Troode, Grant Faulkner, Hannah Rubenach, Wendy Aulich, Jan Sparkes.

Eight of us went to Hobart to the dinner, with very special support from the Community bus expertly driven by Esther Rubenach, with lots of banter and laughter.

We enjoyed lunch in Oatlands, then on to the Old Wool Store Apartment Hotel, where we had, due to the generosity of Kelly Luck, Sales and Marketing Manager of the Hotel, an apartment to relax, rest and freshen up. Thanks Kelly, for supporting us once again!

Then, all in our glad rags, we went to enjoy the evening. We had fun, met a number of old and new friends, enjoyed the meal and felt good about our achievements.

Brighton Alive won the category—congratulations to all— a remarkable success story of 35 community events in 2 years. Locals had banded together, with Brighton Council allocating 2 staff members to assist in



Esther and Hannah Rubenach, who both received Certificates of Appreciation.



L/r: Dianne, Cheryl, Hannah and Wendy.

Photos this page courtesy Peter Troode.

Please note: Deadline for articles to be included in the next Valley Voice is: **5 pm Tuesday December 16, 2008.**
New email address: judith.spilbury@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 4pm 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 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, except December, at St. Marys Online Access Centre at 2.30 pm. Meetings are informal and fun and new members are needed. Please contact **Barry Aulich** on **6372 5752** or **Jim Haas** on **6372 2127.**

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

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

St. Helens Al-Anon Family Group
Meeting: St. Pauls Anglican Church Hall - every Sunday 2pm
Contacts: Ann or John 03 6376 3270 or Rose 03 6376 3335.

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).

NEWS FROM GONE RUSTIC:

YES, CHRISTMAS IS ALMOST HERE! To celebrate, there will be a *Christmas card workshop* with *Louisa Rhodes* at 10 a.m. on *Saturday 6th December*, followed at 12 noon by a ***Chicken and Champagne Lunch..*** Total cost is only \$12, including materials for the workshop. Book soon!

QUILTING BEE – an opportunity to get together once a month and *make quilts for those less fortunate*, locally and further afield. Every 4th Wednesday starting again on 25th February 2009 at *Rustic Ragamuffins* stitching group, from 7-9 pm. Cost: \$5, also please bring fabrics (if donating) and sewing supplies.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING – some great choices in cards and gift items, starting from \$1.50. Buy a unique, locally made gift for a loved one, and support local business!

CLASSES FOR 2009 – want to learn or develop skills in creating with fibre and textile, make quilts, or suggest ideas? Let Rita know so she can organise a class to suit you!

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.

APPRECIATION

A BIG THANK YOU TO MEMBERS OF THE WOODWORK GUILD FROM JACQUI BIANCHI.

MY TWO WOODEN OUTDOOR CHAIRS LOOK EXCELLENT ON MY FRONT VERANDAH. TO MAKE AND DONATE THEM TO RAFFLE WAS A REWARDING EFFORT ON YOUR PART.

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Classifieds

FOR SALE

Young ducks for sale. \$10.
Ph: Kevin 0488 384 344.

Dbl bed mattress. Health rest posture profile 'wool edition'. Cost \$699—sell \$400. As new.

Modern design steel slat base dbl bed. Cost \$399—sell \$250. As new. Single bed ensemble with white decorative steel bed head. \$80.

S/H 800 x 600 aluminium privacy window. Wind out, fly screen. Smooth cream in colour. \$50.

Mckenzie collapsible craypot. New cond. Bargain. \$50. Ph: Karen Polden **6372 2438 / 0439 333 398.**

Sony Trinitron 54cm TV. Black, with remote. \$40.

Galvanised boat/box trailer rims. As new, with tyres. 14inch Ford pattern. \$160. **Ph: 6372 2813.**

Stinger Pee Wee 50 (Yamaha) 06 model. As new condition. \$650.

Honda XR 350 83 model. Good condition. \$1800.ono. **Ph: 0438 637 220.**

VL Berlina Commodore 1986 model. Blue. Ac, Ps. Very good tyres As is. \$1400. Need to sell. **Ph: 0458 390 341 / 0400 171 681.**

Dr Feelgood foot spa. Brand new. \$30. **Sega Mega Drive 11.** x 2 consoles, 1 game x 2 controllers. (1 brand new still in box) Lot: \$30.

Jackets, jumper & coats. Size 10 – 14 All surf brands. VGC. Between \$15 - \$35. Need 2 sell. **Ph: Tameika: 0458 390 341.**

Drum Kit – Boston 11 piece Good for kids/beginner. \$175.

Tradesman Toolbox – Large (1800 x 600 x 450 mm) \$200.

Doors – Old Baltic Pine (1925 x 810. & 1950 x 760) \$25 ea.

Timber Planer \$100. (old & heavy, 6ft bed, no motor)

Door – Internal (c/w handle, 1960 x 760) \$20.

Pedestal Hand Basin – old, Cream \$50.

Ridge Capping (Zinc, new, 6 x 6m lengths) \$140.

Cottage Window (opening type, 850 x 1220) \$25.

Ph: Michael 6372 2222.

Gas BBQ. \$35. **Antique wardrobes x 2** price neg. **Tallboy chest of drawers.** \$35. **Lovely cast iron table + 2 chairs.** \$120. (outdoor) **Guitar hard case.** \$45. **Black wood**

FOR SALE

Rover Mulcher. \$60. **Weathered paling fence.** \$5 a panel. **2 large heavy duty steel lockable boxes @ \$65 and \$75.** **Ph: 6372 2337.**

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Ph 0439 101 230.

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

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

1 x Shellcare walkalong activity car. \$25. ono. **1 x Winnie the Pooh ride-along.** \$30. ono.

1 x AB swing. \$25. ono.

1 x rowing machine. \$20. ono.

1 x safety rail by Safety 1st. (to stop toddler from falling out of bed) \$40.

Ph: 6372 2145.

Hot water cylinder - for fuel stove, with electric element, as new, cost \$1300, sell \$750. **Call Leissa on 6372 2686 or 0408 208 658.**

Timber box trailer. Suit farm or re-reg. **Ph: 0407 348 339.**

1 Angus bull, good pedigree, very quiet. \$850. **1 Angus cow with 5 mth old calf.** \$490. **Ph: 6372 2848.**

Ladies size 12 RJay Motorbike jacket with detachable thermo lining. Charcoal grey. Very good condition. Price: \$170. **Contact: 6372 2162.**

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GIVE AWAY

4 kittens. 1 pure black, 2 light grey, 1 brown tabby colour. All fluffy and cute!!! Give away to good homes.

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Young budgies. \$5 each.

Ph: Gail & Rodger 6372 5380.

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

Fire wood. 1, 2, & 3 tonne loads.

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Ph: 0407 944 158.

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Pfaff sewing machine. 5 stitches. Needs slight repairs. \$125. ono.

Ring Adeline: 6372 5041.

WANTED

Someone with industrial sewing machine to put leather sleeves on woollen bomber jacket.
Ph: 6372 2878.

Wanted to Buy

1000L tank in steel cage
Ph: Gibson 0450 396 928.

Wanted

Old Lego for spacially challenged student. 0412 803 027

LOST

Set of glasses between Irishtown Road turnoff and St Marys town centre on Thursday 20th November. Small reward offered.

Ph: 6372 2333

A LITTLE BIT OF HERITAGE: Jim Haas

“William Talbot”

William Talbot was born at Malahide Castle in County Fingal, near Dublin, Ireland in 1784. Although the castle had been the Talbot family home since the 12th Century, at the age of 36, William decided to leave and embark on a journey half way around the world.

He arrived in Van Diemens Land in November 1820, but in no time headed for Sydney where he proved his assets of just over six thousand pounds to Governor Lachlan Macquarie. As a result, the Governor issued William with a Location Order for the maximum land grant of 2,000 acres. As well, he was assigned six convicts as personal servants.

Accompanied by his convict servants, William soon boarded the 90 ton brigantine *Prince Leopold* and headed back to Van Diemens Land where he presented his Location Order to Lieutenant-Governor William Sorell.

By 1821, however, most of the good land around Hobart Town and Launceston had been taken up, forcing settlers to move further afield. It was about this time that George Meredith, who was from Welsh aristocratic stock with good assets, had returned from Swan Port - the area we now know as Swansea - and made a claim on what he reported as good flat land suitable for grazing and cropping. As a result, Lieutenant-Governor Sorell issued William with his Occupation Order at Swan Port on the 6th July 1821.

In no time, with his servants, a couple of hired hands and a thousand ewes, accompanied by twenty pure bred merino rams, William took up residence on his land grant. It was a mile inland from Great Oyster Bay and just north of the Meredith River.

For the next few months it was all go for William and his crew. They cleared a couple of acres of land, ploughed and planted it with crops, as well as build a study hut. The hut would have been about four rooms with two stone chimneys. The walls would have been timber framed and packed thick with turf and mud. The roof would have been made of thatched rushes and sags, but it would have been more than adequate to shelter William until a more substantial home could be built.

But alas, just as everything was going to plan, George Meredith turned up and found William encroaching on what, he believed, was his land grant. Apparently, despite some 60,000 acres of available land in the Swan Port area, Lieutenant-Governor Sorell had given both men the same grant.

A bitter dispute followed with neither man willing to give an inch. Letters and deputations went to Lieutenant-Governor Sorell. More letters were sent to the Home Secretary in London, as well as Governor Thomas Brisbane, who was now the Governor of New South Wales. But month after month, year after year, the dispute lingered on.

It was Lieutenant-Governor George Arthur, after taking over Van Diemens land in 1824, who finally ended the conflict. In August 1824, after examining the evidence and calling the two men together, ruled in favour of George Meredith, but only if he paid William Talbot one thousand pounds for the improvements he had made to the land. In compensation, the Lieutenant-Governor offered William another grant of his choice, with an additional one thousand acres and extra convict labour.

Both men accepted the offer and William, now with an extra thousand pounds in his pocket, plus a Location Order of three thousand acres, headed off in search of another more suitable place to settle.

It was a couple of years later, after meeting up with John Helder Wedge, who had surveyed the area along the South

Esk and Break O'Day Rivers in 1825, before William came across a spot at the junction of the two rivers and made his claim.

William was rapt; he had found a perfect place to establish his new “Malahide”.

It was a place superior in almost every way to the old “Malahide” he had been forced to leave at Swan Port.

The land was much more fertile and there was an abundance of clean, fresh water.

But best of all, there was no George Meredith.



Malahide Castle in County Fingal, Ireland, was the home of the Talbot family from 1185 to 1975 when it was purchased by the Irish Government and is now administered by them as a tourist attraction.

Letters to the Editor

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The need to protect our water catchments from toxic chemicals which may adversely impact on the ecosystem and human health is paramount.

Use of the Pesticide Impact Rating Index (PIRI) desktop modelling tool alone will not do this, as PIRI explicitly excludes risk to human health, concentrating on environmental risks. Even so, it admits that the toxic effects to key aquatic species is not known. This is in spite of increasing scientific evidence showing harm from previously used and currently regulated pesticides, such as DDT, alpha-cypermethrin, diazinon, simazine, MCPA, 2,4-D and Roundup. Aerial spraying is the most worrisome type of pesticide application and must be restricted to exceptional situations. Forestry Tasmania itself has stated in a public report: "All instances of detections (of pesticides) are associated with aerial operations. There has been no reason determined as to why this occurs." As the taxpayer is footing the bill, and is also a water user, the taxpayer should be aware of the risks taken in using this tool in the risk management of human activities in water catchments.

The problems encountered with loopholes in rules and regulations and the difficulty in implementing preventative measures seem indeed at times insurmountable due to the approach taken by the regulators (Federal and State) and their obvious difficulty in dealing with complex 'real life' situations. There is an urgent need for State regulatory control of "poisonous chemicals" (pesticides) which covers both the application and movement off-site of pesticides to properly protect human and environmental health.

It is no longer acceptable to allow the application of poisonous chemicals (pesticides) and to then turn one's back on the consequences after the point of application.

Dr Alison Bleaney,
Sec BOD Catchment Risk Group,
4 Bayview Ave, Binalong Bay, Tas 7216 :0417 302 549.

To the Valley Voice:

Get a bl...y life,

You are going to have to get out more and see the sights, instead of sitting around stewing about the parking in St Marys.

It's over.. it's finished.. voted for.

Focus that mind of yours on something that all the people want, not just what you want.

If you want facts... 100% of travellers from the main land, and here in Tassie have said: and I quote: "That if the parking is changed in St Marys, they will all by-pass this town. They have seen too many small towns stuffed by changes like this." They continued to say, " they will all sign a petition if I need one".

So if you want to be known as the guy who took St Marys off the map, you go for it.

Sorry if I sound rude, but the people of St Marys are sick of all of this.

(Name supplied)

**20 DAYS UNTIL
SANTA ARRIVES,
CHILDREN.**



Reply to "A question of safety and sense of place"

As a local person and a business owner, I have tried very hard to see all points of view in this matter.

I now find myself wanting to put my thoughts down and speak my mind.

Peter Troode and Patti O'Donnell, (in a previous issue of The Valley Voice) have made some valid points in their letters to the editor. I believe, however, there are many ways besides changing parking conditions to ensure the safety of drivers and pedestrians.

But, let's consider if parking was changed. Where would people park? Should parking spots be taken away from shop fronts, and a car park placed behind Main Street? I think this causes problems for the very people you are talking about. Easy access for those of us with poor mobility, who are frail and aged etc., (which we have a large number of) have not been taken into consideration.

Also, as a struggling business owner who relies on passing visitors for my livelihood, I am concerned with taking away convenience for visitors who might just keep driving if parking is unavailable or not easily found. This is not something I take lightly, nor do I want to be considered someone who only thinks of their own profit, but this is how my family keeps a roof over their head.

I also understand what Harry Veldums wrote when he suggested a better way to use the money allocated. Why *can't* the money be used to beautify the town RIGHT NOW?

Maybe at a later time we could address the issues of major renovations that wouldn't even be attainable any way with the funds allocated for now.

I can see there is a great vision for the future and I applaud the efforts of everyone who wishes to improve Main Street.

But, let's learn to walk before we can run. Eh?

Kim Chappell,
Main Street Clothing.

Dear Editor,

I wish to express my hearty thanks to all the Grassy Bottom Regional Arts volunteers for their excellent effort in organising and running the recent Spring Fair in St Marys.

It was wonderful to experience our community getting together and celebrating Spring.

So thank you for making that possible.

Alizon McColl.

What an absolute delight to drive around the front of the memorial hall in St Marys. The colour of the flowers stands out and proves that there are countless ways which you can enhance the aesthetics of a town. Full credit to those involved, please keep up the good effort.

Mayor Robert Legge.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Answering David Clements, Nov 20th

Interesting that you are really only interested in Plantations in the wrong place.

There is a simple solution to this worry.

I challenge you to put your **money** where your mouth is or should I say **lips**, and buy the land that is concerning you, then you will have total control of the situation.

If you find yourself a bit short of the amount you may be able to **juxtapose** with Julia and have a joint venture.

Until you learn a bit about trees instead of quoting scientific jargon all the time, have a great Christmas.

Barry Aulich.

Email >> aulich@bigpond.com

Dear Editor,

Regarding the recent letter we at SMACD sent to Minister Garrett and the rejoinder from "Concerned Resident".

The letter was not meant to reflect any particular political point of view, but rather a concern for what is happening around the district.

The "Concerned Resident" may be aware that both power generators and coal mining entities are now searching throughout the country for land to convert to tree plantations, which can be used in carbon offset schemes.

As these plantations are seen to be encroaching on viable agricultural lands and closing in on human habitation, we felt that as part of this community and having an interest in its wellbeing, we should raise our concerns at the Federal level rather than local government, given its compromised nature.

If these queries to Minister Garrett are seen by "Concerned Resident" to be beyond what you consider to be our remit, then I do apologise for any upset caused to "Concerned Resident", and would encourage him/her to write to Minister Garrett setting out their views regarding the above.

He/she could also join us on the 12th December for our 10th Anniversary, where we are given to understand some Federal politicians will be in attendance.

Yours,

Neil Capill. SMACD.

Response to Ms Weston (V.V. Nov 20th)

I thank Ms Weston for her contribution to the Valley Voice of November 20th.

Having read your comments, I have come to the conclusion that you have not read mine (Valley Voice Nov 6th) with full comprehension.

Contrary to your supposed idea, I did not set out to preach a lesson, but to inform the wider reader audience as to why the St Marys water supply is not under threat from one and only one species of tree.

If you Ms Weston have some "new science" in relation to the water cycle, then please let everyone know.

I, for one, will be able to tell my close friend and family member, Marion, and her husband John. Marion is a geologist, John is a botanist. They both teach at the University of Western Australia, and would be very keen to learn.

You have in the opening paragraphs of your article, dismissed me as some sort of un-educated hick. Sorry to disappoint you.

So as you are still reading this, I can inform you that dating trees and timber artifacts by counting the growth rings is called dendrochronology and, is used by scientists to determine past climate change and sequence.

It is so unfortunate that your tourist establishment relies so heavily on the backdrop view of the state forest and neighbouring properties.

Somehow, I doubt if anyone is telling you what to do with your property, and that would be your business.

If your hospitality product is as good as the locals think, then it won't matter what happens outside your front gate.

Should you not like me because I am informed, and have my own views, then just join the queue. Please don't push in.

Mrs Jeanette Peryman.

PS. I like cats.

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CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual Christmas Party & Parade will be held on Christmas Eve December 24th, 2008.

This is a party for the whole family.

3pm: Children's Party with free prizes for 6 different age groups (to be held on Faulkner's Green)

3pm to 6.45pm: Free Jumping Castle for the children.

3.30pm: Santa arrives with sweets and balloons.

4pm - 5pm / 5.30 - 6.30pm: "Gypsy Rose" Live Music.

5pm: Christmas Parade starts IN Newman Street, decorated bikes to join the parade at the library, down Main Street, past Post Office, around the square, finishing at the hotel corner, where parade will disperse.

Please register your intention to have a float at the PO

6.30pm: Lions Christmas Stocking drawn.

Help make Christmas Eve in St Marys another great event. Get your family and friends together, build a float for the parade, join in and have fun.

1st, 2nd, 3rd prizes for the Christmas Parade floats and prizes for decorated bikes.

**BBQ available on
from 4pm.**



Faulkner's Green

Letters to the Editor

Mr Clement,

Your blunderbuss is only good for firing corks!

When you encounter any comment that you find even slightly objectionable, you turn the whole thing around with such effervescence! Bubble, bubble, bubble, or is it, gurgle, gurgle, gurgle, as your arguments hold no water and your words become a mini-rapid as they quickly go down the drain.

You have obviously misread my previous articles of V. Voice, Oct. 9 and Nov. 6.

Do you need new glasses?

Unfortunately, I now have to bore the wider reader audience with repetition.

1) V. Voice Oct 9, I stated: *"I am not an advocate for those who would like to see vast plantations. I would also like to see a continuation of sheep and cattle production. In fact names like 'Cullenswood', 'Londavra', and 'Harefield' are of historic importance and should continue, maybe as labels on designer clothes. 'Fingal Valley' has a nice sound to it, don't you think? A re-direction in our thinking is probably what will sustain us. So get positive."*

How could the abovementioned comments only be in regard to say, value-adding to agricultural products. Why can't we have new successful industry in the town. What about "South Sister", skimpy underwear range for women, or better still, "sausage king sizzling sausage" daks for men. There are already some local successes, with scope for more.

You may note that I wasn't talking about hemp production either. Why? Because it does require too much water for growth, and after careful harvest, which is done in two stages, the plants are soaked for up to three weeks. The putrefaction process ensures the separation of fibres from the stem. A labour intensive process of growing and harvesting hemp was carried out in England for centuries. Fibres for clothing being one usage.

According to Stephen's "Book of the Farm" published in 1844, it took approx. 320 acres to make enough rope from hemp, to outfit a man-o-war sailing ship. 560lbs to the acre was considered a good crop.

2) V. Voice Nov. 6 I stated: *"Before white settlement, this valley was covered from end to end with native forest. My only concern with eucalypt plantations is bushfire, and you have previously stated that this is not a major concern. All native species of flora have evolved to rely on natural rainfall. Man's activities have out-paced this ongoing evolutionary process in many cases."*

If you read the connecting paragraphs just re-stated to you (in context) you will realise that there is a question as to whether the original forests of this valley may have adopted other adaptations, if we, white man, had never settled and cleared the land. Who knows.

I have also suggested that eucalyptus nitens is a hybrid cultivar, and it is mankind which has interfered with the gene base to gain a plant suitable for the existing soil types and existing rainfall pattern, without the need for irrigation.

Yes Mr Clement, I do fail to see your point of view, because I suspect that your so-called arguments are shrouded in some sort of plot of subversion in relation to the Break O'Day council and its planning scheme.

This is highlighted in the whole of paragraph 8 of your article "Death of a Town", V. Voice Sept 25, and your subsequent musings.

I can only suppose that if you have the rather stupid notion that the St Marys town water supply is indeed under threat, then you and your Peter-Pan mates should re-group.

You would all be in a position to launch a class action against the BOD council (that's you) because according to your reckoning, they have failed in their duty of care to provide us all with an adequate water supply.

Put your money where your mouth is.

Maybe this mythical "bogey" has been created simply to draw attention to yourself.

I for one, do not wish to be one of the "Belles of St Clemens".

I thank the editor and other readers for persevering with us both.

Mrs Jeanette Peryman.

It was a blustery, cold and wet night when the Launceston Walking Club Inc. presented "Do you know Tasmania", at JAM Headquarters, St Marys.

As we had seen some of their slide shows in the 1970s, we decided to go along to do some "armchair" bushwalking, to areas we knew we would never be able to visit.

We weren't disappointed. It was an excellent presentation showing some of the magnificent and spectacular areas of our island. Definitely worth venturing out on such a night.

Thank you to those who organised it.

Ruth and Adrian Spencer.

Has anyone taken a good look around this pretty little village of St Marys in the last couple of weeks since all the lovely rain?

What a picture it is with all the spring flowers, shrubs and the lovely expanses of green mown nature strips.

Thanks to the council workers for the spring tidy up. You are doing a great job. Also the Wombat Walk Landscaping Group and all the locals who are busy tidying up their own yards in preparation for Christmas.

St Marys is as pretty as a postcard, and it is a pleasure to live here.

Hope all the businesses do well with their Christmas sales as well. There are some great bargains to be had if you take the time to go and visit all the businesses in town. Shop locally, I say.

Happy Camper. (Name supplied)

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How to Spend Rudd's \$269,000 in Break O'Day

Following the meeting of the first Australian Council of Local Government in Canberra, local Councils were allocated funds under the Commonwealth's community infrastructure package to stimulate economic activity. Break O'Day was allocated \$269,000 based on a formula of population and needs criteria. This is a one-off grant to be spent on community infrastructure projects, such as heritage sites, main streets, community centres, playgrounds, playgroup or youth centres, footbridges, theatre/music/arts spaces, parks and gardens, walking tracks and cycle paths, etc.

The funds can be spent on new constructions, major refurbishments or renovations, and can be used for construction or fit out, preparatory work such as engineering studies, surveys and site investigations and project management costs. Funding is not available for ongoing running and maintenance costs, or for road infrastructure.

Council must provide details of projects to Canberra by 31 January 2009, to be spent by 30 September 2009. The BOD Council needs to establish a list of projects to be submitted for the programme. If there was one project per settlement throughout the municipality, the average project would be \$9275, so on that basis funds would not run to constructing the Taj Mahal. However, so far there has been no discussion or decisions made on the local selection criteria, so that more might be available for any particular project.

It would have been desirable that community groups would have been given some notice to allow submissions to be prepared for discussion at a Council Workshop in December and decisions made at the Council Meeting in January. However, at short notice, the General Manager has advised that the matter is listed for decision at Council's meeting next Monday, 8th December.

If any individual or community group wishes to submit a project to be considered for a grant, you will need to provide a brief written outline for the attention of the General Manager by close of business **tomorrow (Friday)** either hand delivered, by fax 63761551, or by email to angela.mattews@bodc.tas.gov.au. Alternatively, I can be contacted by phone after 6pm tonight through until 9.00pm Sunday (6372 2647) and you can provide me with brief details so that I can include them in the discussions on your behalf.

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The St Marys Sesquicentenary celebration which was held last December 2007, was attended by three friends who were members of the St Marys District High School B Class of 1968. A result of that chance meeting was a very successful school reunion last weekend.

How does a good idea become a reality?...well that requires much enthusiasm and commitment from an energised few (which translates to many phone calls, emails, postage and a little coercion to join in the fun).

Over the next few months...well from only July onwards actually, several people were contacted via various means and the result was the attendance of some 34 people at a tour of the St Marys District High School on Saturday Nov. 29th afternoon, followed by afternoon tea in the staff room. Our thanks to the school catering staff, Maureen Bushing and our very hospitable tour guide, Mary Targett.

A dinner was held at the Scamander Beach Resort on Saturday evening which was attended by 58 old staff, students and partners...yes that is right 'old'...we are all over the 50 years mark...OUCH! There were of course a number of people who were unable to attend—we need you to know that we missed you.

What a night—much hilarity during the meal & late into the night by some! Many memories were recalled with slight variances in the telling, and photos transported us back in time. Several people had not met since Nov 29 1968, but it really did seem that the years had not ensued. Many times the comments were uttered, "it only seems like yesterday", "you haven't changed a bit", "what has occupied your interests since we met?", "can I have your email?"

John Schier displayed "Schier" brilliance in his duties as our MC, which included the reading of letters from our colleagues (Janet Hogan(Yates) and Michael Burrows) who were unable to attend. Another John (John Tate) responded on behalf of the teachers of that era. Teachers and school staff present were Frank Martin, Jenifer Miles, Bill & Kerry (Lambert) Tomalin, Mary Targett, Ruth McGiveron & Liz Avery, and Mrs Hudson (Hunt) representing the principal, (the late David Hunt). Heather Lodge and Pauline Berwick attended the afternoon tea.

The male head prefect of 1968 Michael Chapman, recalled his memories of our years at St Marys and made recognition of the fact that indeed St Marys District High School provided us with a sound platform from which to embark on our chosen pathways in life.

A message was delivered from Jenny Barrass (Gillies) who was the female head prefect of 1968. Incidentally Jenny and her family have lived for approximately 30 years in northeast England in a small place named "St Marys"!

On Sunday morning approximately 30 of the group enjoyed breakfast at the Scamander Beach Resort. This venue was great, meals were excellent, the staff were very accommodating and of course the view-WOW!

It did dawn on some however at this point that indeed some few years had passed since we had talked way into the night but then again it was all worth it just to reminisce in good company.



All who attended are full of praise for the efforts of Irene O'Neill (Waller), John Schier, Lee DeBruyn (Beven), Michele Cook (Semmens) Jenny Newton (Hunt), Maureen Luck (Barber) and Colleen Turner (Bean) for taking up the challenge and succeeding on all fronts.

So thank you again to the organisers of the Sesquicentenary celebrations that brought Irene, Jenny and myself together to awaken our dream of catching up with old friends in a familiar environment.

For all readers who are wondering why you would want to be bothered to attend such a reunion I can only say don't wonder, just make it happen.

Pat Burgess (Owens)

The Say Cagerattler

A few weeks ago I read with interest of a call to look again at Council amalgamations. Mmm.. interesting idea I suppose. At the risk of being accused of not knowing what I'm talking about like one other time I wrote about Council matters, this is a point of view on Council changes from one ratepayer. Me, that is when the previous amalgamations were done many years ago most of us viewed our own joining of Fingal, and Portland with a great deal of skepticism. No one really knew what was going to happen.

I expect to this day some of us are still uncertain as to whether we are any better or worse off than before which then asks the inevitable. Would another amalgamation be any benefit at all in a totally rural area?

Personally I think not, but to be fair I'd need to hear the case for and against to be more sure of that opinion. Maybe if a major benefit to us amalgamating is directly for balancing funding for infrastructure gains to the community as a whole, then this may be good. Also by obtaining resources that we currently do not possess then again it might bear consideration.

However, if the main reason to amalgamate is to save money for state bodies, then that surely would not be beneficial at all for any of us. If any further discussion is forthcoming on this subject in the coming months and years we must demand a totally complete and honest explanation from the proponents and perhaps it needs a referendum to truly gauge public sentiment on further amalgamations.

While still on Council changes, I'd like to make a suggestion even if it might sound a little retro to some. How about reverting back to the Ward system again. I am curious why this was discontinued. Put simply to those who don't know much about it, the councillor was elected to represent a part of the municipality which to us constituents meant that we knew exactly who to contact with queries or problems.

Nowadays you just contact council and hopefully you might get a hearing from someone provided circumstances allow. That usually is a council employee from personal experience over the years, I believe.

Sometimes the old ways have merit. Maybe one of our current councillors could comment on this idea in a future edition of the Valley Voice.

Anyway until further moves are in the wind on this subject of amalgamations we can only speculate, but all I wonder is if sometimes it's just better to leave things alone.

What do you think?

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Electricity. Everyone's Problem.

The recent 20% rise in the price of electricity has prompted me to hit the information highway and take a gander at the future of this essential of modern life.

The first thing the generators website tells you is that Australians enjoy the cheapest electricity on the planet. The only place where it is cheaper is South Africa. This fact is, of course, the sound of a warning shot being fired at electricity consumers. The implication is that we should be paying closer to the world average to sustain a healthy generating industry. Your power bill will double if this happens.

The next thing the poor old generators want is a 36% rise in the wholesale price of electricity so they can afford to build new power stations. By the time this 36% filters down through several layers of spivs in suits to your meter box, it will be hang onto your hat time. Within a few years we will be looking back on the last 20% increase with a warm fuzzy feeling. Electricity is about to go the same way fuel went and that will be rapidly out of sight.

Add to this yet another layer of spivs in suits when carbon trading is introduced, and you will be studying the heat pump on the wall (It was such a good idea just a year ago) with a view to stuffing a burning log into it somewhere.

Special mention must be made of the clapped out old hippies and enviro warriors that thought they may have been at the Franklin blockade in 1982. You have just cost Tasmania and the planet 20 years of 100% carbon free low cost electricity. This didn't mean a whole lot until we hooked up to the national grid via Basslink. Now what you worn out old bong bashers achieved is really coming home to roost.

The Franklin Scheme would have given us an excess of green electricity that would have drought proofed our system and kept costs low. But here is the bit that now kicks.

Basslink is a terrific idea while ever the electricity is going north. Trouble is that it is all going south and poor old Hydro is being sent broke by the robber barons on the mainland. Hydro is out with the begging bowl and assaulting its customers with 20% price rises and it is still going down the gurgler.

If only we had the capacity to send power north.

What price 100% green, zero carbon electricity landing in Victoria in this deregulated electricity market? There would be a river of gold running back to Tasmania. 20% price rise? I don't think so, and Hydro would still be rolling in cash and paying dividends to the Tasmanian taxpayer.

Maybe the future has a politician with half a brain and a backbone who will consider Tasmania and the Planet and ask the question. Just what does, "Locked up for ever in a world heritage area," actually translate into?

There is another solution to this and it is right here in the mighty Fingal Valley.

What we need is a dirty great coal fired power station at say, Mount Nicholas and a transmission line through the bush to the Basslink transformer at Ledgerwood. Then we can play a part in several solutions.

All sides of politics should not be just supporting this, they should all be demanding the coal fired solution and here is why.

Who could forget little Johnny whatsisname prior to the last federal election. Ask any question on global warming or the environment and out came the stock answer: "Clean Coal and Carbon Capture".

Every talking head from the manufacturing and mining groups immediately fell into step and we were spun up adnauseum with the Clean Coal solution.

Kevin Rudd is currently running around with a bag full of money to invest in Clean Coal technology.

Now, we have the coal, we need the electricity and more importantly, we should aspire to regain our former status as the only state to have low carbon electricity. If "Clean Coal" and "Carbon Capture" is possible all Tasmanians should want it here and now.

Coal should not be leaving this valley in trucks and trains if there is a possibility of value adding into electricity for Tasmania and the more economically important export to the mainland. A Clean Coal Power Station would underwrite our coal mines and isolate them from any future commodity price fluctuations.

If this can be done the whole world will be turning off at Conara to get some Fingal Valley Carbon Sense slapped into them and paying for the privilege. A lot of old clapped out hippies should be grateful for the coal solution. They would not have to put their lives at risk down on the Franklin to stop the dams again.

Bob Brown and the dreadlock brigade will be blocking the road at Fingal holding a protest demanding the construction of a coal fired power station. Now I want to be there to see that.

"What do we want?" "Coal Fired!"

"When do we want it?" "NOW!"

BREAK O'DAY STITCHERS EASTER EXHIBITION

Calling all **textile artists** now is the time to start planning on what you would like to enter in our Easter Exhibition. We had so many lovely cross stitch, ribbon embroidery, etc., designs as well as all the different quilts last year, it was quite hard to choose who to put as the number one in Viewers Choice.

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Wendy Brennan, Secretary.

Congratulations to one of our members **Marcus Hall**. Marcus has completed his two year University of Tasmania associate degree in furniture design. Reon and I had the privilege of attending the "Wooden it be fine" furniture exhibition which not only had Marcus's clever Huon pine coffin on display but also his beautiful hand crafted room divide made of Myrtle. The exhibition was a credit to all exhibitors for their innovative designs.

The Guild has had its last meeting for the year, therefore I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our supporters and members a safe and happy Christmas/ New Year.

"And we all hope it's a Christmas without any tears."

Last but not least to Judy and the staff of the Valley Voice a thank you from all our members for your support in making it possible to reach a varied audience of wood enthusiasts, courtesy of the Voice.

Don't forget to look out for the sausage king at the markets. All monies raised are returned to the club.

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

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Photo, right, is of Marcus courtesy of the Examiner.

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The weekend saw approx 450-500 people participating in activities such as the bus tour on Sunday to Storey's Creek, the mini market, children's games and activities, photo displays, screenings of 'Tale of Ruby Rose' and ABC Productions, tin and gold panning displays, & fire works display.

We had the Good Old Boys from George Town performing, Peter Hugland from Hobart entertaining, together with local musicians.

On Sunday, Mass was given by Father Noel Francis. This was a very lovely and emotional time for Father Noel and the Francis family of Mangana.

The raffle was drawn and prizes have been delivered.

1st & 4th prizes went to Mangana residents, with second going to Bicheno and 3rd to Scamander. The proceeds from the weekend have been given to Sister Lorraine at St Marys and will be utilised locally.

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Business of the Year: Cornwall Collectables.

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Business owners on the scheme, or who had finished it, came from as far away as Stanley on the northwest coast and Cornwall on the northeast coast.

After everyone was presented with their Business Certificates, it was announced that Cornwall Collectables was 'Business of the year, 2008', for the North East of Tasmania.

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I have over the last year received many complaints/ criticisms about the maintenance and other front line Council staff and what is expected of them and what they should and shouldn't do.

I have always followed up the concerns and reported back to the person who raised the question. This was welcomed, as the explanation was generally accepted and another issue put to rest. Open and transparent, good stuff.

However, when several residents raised a concern and I asked the question below in the November Council Meeting, a small group of people took issue, why I am yet to understand? It is not good policy to encourage inquiries and provide answers; this openness stops innuendo and unwarranted rumours. **As the only silly question is the one that is not asked.**

Questions raised on behalf of residents

11/08.10.2 Social Functions – Cllr R Johns

a. Considering the increasing amount of workload placed on each staff member and the increasing delay in answering enquiries is it prudent to have senior and support staff attending social functions during Council office opening hours?

b. How many functions are attended during the year and number of staff in attendance?

c. How is this time made up?

Reply: The Mayor has reviewed the question and directed that as it is a staff issue it will not be responded to in a public arena.

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.

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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.

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Bits and Pieces

In Tim McManus's book "Thanks to Providence", we read about the first golf course in the area being built at Falmouth. It was on the hill to the south of the road leading into the township.

One of the main folk involved in the course was John Thorold, who ran the first garage in St Marys where the current Faulkner's garage stands today.

John was apparently a top golfer in his day and by all accounts as keen as mustard on the game. 93 years old George Oliver, also a top golfer in his day, tells us when John walked down to the Post Office each day for his mail, he would take a golf club and chip a ball all the way down and all the way back. There was obviously much less asphalt and concrete about in those days.

For more on the fascinating history of the Fingal Valley, log onto www.fingalvalleyhistory.com, or view our display at the Cranks and Tinkerers Motor Museum in Main St., St Marys, or call into the research room at the St Marys Online Access Centre.

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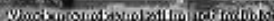


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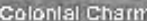
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December		St Marys	Fingal
Monday	8th	Fe Gillies	Kaylene Sutton
Tuesday	9th	Pam Gillies	
Wednesday	10th	Liz Rice	
Thursday	11th	Heather Griffiths	
Friday	12th	Hannah Rubenach	MimWoods
Monday	15th	Debbie Barnes	Debbie Speers (N)
Tuesday	16th	Ruth Aulich	
Wednesday	17th	Anne England	
Thursday	18th	Yvonne Salter	
Friday	19th	Claire Bean	Robyn Miller

Church Services

Catholic Parish of St Marys

Sr. Lorraine Groves

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1st Week: MASS

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

2nd Week LITURGY

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

3rd Week: MASS

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

Week 4 LITURGY

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

5th Week MASS

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

Anglican Parish of Northern Midlands

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

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5 – 12 yrs
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St Helens 9.00 am

Fingal 11.15 am

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Divine Service 11 am

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November 2008



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
★	★	★	4th December	5th December
8th December	9th December	10th December ★ Gr. 10 Leavers Dinner	11th December ★ Reports issued ★ Grade 10 Excursion	12th December ★ Presentation Day 1.00pm
15th December ★ Gr. 10 Camp	16th December ★ Gr. 10 Camp	17th December ★ Gr. 10 Camp	18th December ★ Last day - Students ★ Grade 10 Assembly	19th December ★ Last day - staff

SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE

Dates for St Marys:

- ☞ Monday 8th December
- ☞ Tuesday 9th December



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Learn to Swim Program

The Learn to Swim Programme will commence Monday 26th January until Friday 6th February.
9.00am - 12.30pm

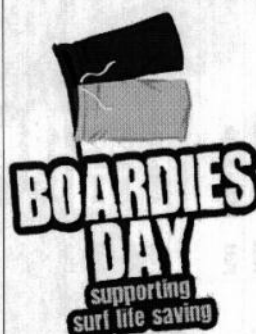
We do realise that 26th January is Australia Day, but the program will still run on this day.

Any inquiries please contact Sandra Cook - 6372 2002

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ST MARYS DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL



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	Champion	Runner-up
Grade 3 Girls	Track Monique Polden	Lily Emmerton
	Field Courtney Middendorp	Ruby Mason
Grade 3 Boys	Track Hayden Squires	Lachlan Bradbury
	Field Hayden Squires	Jayden Bosworth
Grade 4 Girls	Track Jacinta Kringle	Victoria Napier
	Field Victoria Napier	Nakita Nailer
		Jacinta Kringle
Grade 4 Boys	Track Adam Marland	Chris Arratia
	Field Chris Arratia	Nathan Dawson
		Adam Marland
Grade 5 Girls	Track Avalon Chippindale	Ayla Harvey
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Grade 5 Boys	Track Jesse McColl	Jonathan Wolf
	Field Jesse McColl	Yanghan Spilsbury
Grade 6 Girls	Track Bonnie Panoff	Tanicka Davern
	Field Kerby Bradbury	Stephanie Sutcliffe
Grade 6 Boys	Track Patrick Bourke	Christopher Emnis
	Field Patrick Bourke	James Mason

	Champion	Runner-up
Grade 7 Girls	Track Emily Miles	Teila Roney
	Field Emily Miles	Shantelle Arratia
Grade 7 Boys	Track Liam Gough	David Nickson
	Field David Nickson	Jackson Edgar-Thomson
Grade 8 Girls	Track Kara Turner	Indi Douglas
	Field Caitlyn Viney	Emily Quin
		Kara Turner
Grade 8 Boys	Track Ross Kerr	Duncan Gillies
	Field Jacob Spilsbury	Duncan Gillies
Grade 9 Girls	Track Sophie Bourke	Stearnie Bosworth
	Field Sophie Bourke	Elise Wright
Grade 9 Boys	Track Shayne Ward	Elise Wright
	Field Brendan Tildesley	Brendan Tildesley
Grade 10 Girls	Track Fern Menogae	Sam Child
	Field Allie Spilsbury	Jacqui Midson
Grade 10 Boys	Track Cameron Gillies	Jacqui Midson
	Field Patrick Escobar	Brody Rickman
NEET	Track Allister Sheather	Nathan O'Shea
	Field Allister Sheather	Reece Maier

Records

Name	Grade	Event	Old Record	New Record
Sophie Bourke	9	800m	2:48.50	2:41.09
Patrick Bourke	6	1500m	5:54.00	5:41.09
Bonnie Panoff	6	1500m	6:36.00	6:26.41
Emily Miles	7	High Jump	1.39m	1.40m
Shantelle Arratia	7	Shot Put	8.42m	9.33m



ST MARYS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

DOCTORS ROSTER

Please be aware of changes to the doctors roster.

Details on the Doctors Christmas Roster and Reception hours will be available in the next edition of the Valley Voice.

DOCTORS on ROSTER

Dr Condon— 4th Dec— 18th Dec

Dr E. Reeckman— 9th Dec— 11th Dec & 18th Dec.

Dr Sladden— Friday 12th Dec

St Marys Community Health Centre

GP Surgery Hours:

Monday—Friday :50am-12:30pm

12:30pm-1:30pm LUNCH

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1:30pm-5:00pm

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WHAT'S ON AT THE CENTRE

8th Dec **Midlife Health & Menopause** Information Session with Dr Libby Reeckman. 7:30pm start in the Day Room of the Health Centre. Phone 6372 2111 to RSVP.

9th Dec **Child Health Session** with Sue Gofton Every Tuesday by appointment. on: 0428136381

10th Dec **Podiatry**, Perry Daly Lightfoot Podiatry Service. For appointments please phone 6331 9568

10th Dec **Psychologist** Dahotay Teboul, appointments by referral from your GP.

10th Dec **Day Centre Christmas Break-up**

11th Dec **Anglicare Financial Counsellor**— Paul Mallett. For appointments please phone Anglicare on 1800 243 232. Available in the area every 4-6 weeks depending on demand.

15th Dec **Diabetic Clinic** for appointments see your GP for a referral.

16th Dec **Child Health Session** with Sue Gofton Every Tuesday by appointment. on: 0428136381

17th Dec **Day Centre**— final day for 2008

17th Dec **Women's Day** with Helens Jennings and the Healthy Community House. Come and be pampered! For more information please phone Helen on 6372 2111 or Fiona on 6376 5242

19th Dec **Diabetic Clinic** for appointments see your GP for a referral.

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:

Monday 15th December 2008

PARKING AT THE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

Please be aware that there are designated parking areas at the Health Centre for staff and patients.

Patients parking is available at the front and rear of the Health Centre and behind the Ambulance Shed.

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The Jean Hailes Foundation
for women's health

MIDLIFE HEALTH & MENOPAUSE

Presenter: Dr Libby Reeckman

When: Monday 8th December 2008

Where: Community Health Centre— Day Room

Time: 7:30pm start

Cost: *FREE*

Tea and light supper provided

Session outline:

- Jean Hailes Foundation for Women's Health
- Australian Women Today
- Physical Activity
- Nutrition
- Emotional Health
- Menopause
- Bone Health
- Health Screening

RSVP: By Thursday 4th December 2008 for catering purposes on 6372 2111.

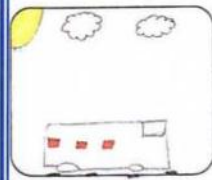
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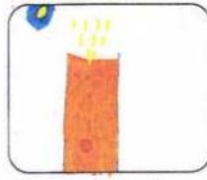
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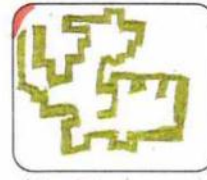
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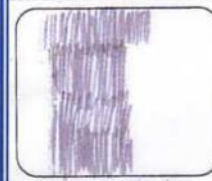
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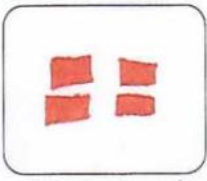
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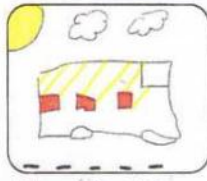
We had lunch at the castle



We went to the woods



We had a flag provided



On the way home



Brady Woods



Jorgia Woods, Breeana Francis and Tayla Stingle at the bowling.



Brady Woods, Alex Johns and Bridgette Burns dressing up at Kids' Paradise.

Sydney Rushton and Thomas Gee on the Jumping Castle at Kids' Paradise.

Calendar of Events - December

1st Learn to Swim Grade 2/3/4/5/6	2nd Learn to Swim Grade 2/3/4/5/6 Grade 6 Orientation Day at St Marys and Parent Information Session	3rd Learn to Swim Grade 2/3/4/5/6	4th Learn to Swim Grade 2/3/4/5/6 Kinder Transition 9.00-12.00p.m.	5th Learn to Swim Grade 2/3/4/5/6 Principals Forum Launceston
8th Learn to Swim Grade 2/3/4/5/6	9th Presentation Day 1.30 p.m.	10th Learn to Swim Grade 2/3/4/5/6	11th Learn to Swim Grade 2/3/4/5/6 Small Newsletter End of Year Summary Reports to go home	12th Learn to Swim Grade 2/3/4/5/6

Sports Centre News Kackhander

Thankfully the rain has come at last and helped out in greening things up and filling those water tanks around the place, but for the local bowlers and golfers on the weekends it has curtailed activity big time.

We can't recall the last time two consecutive rounds of pennant bowls have been called off due to the inclement weather but that's what has just happened. No results whatsoever I'm afraid. Similarly the same thing for Saturday golf too.

Over the coming weeks prior to Christmas St Marys plays host to both St Helens teams in what may well shape ladder positions later in the season. This is for both men and women so please try to keep up the practice in the near future. Also the various draws have been done for club championship events across the board so please also try to get your games in by the allotted times so that they progress smoothly.

Similarly over the next few weeks the traditional golf events hope to go ahead, so if you wish to enjoy the constantly improving course then here is your chance.

On behalf of the whole club we wish to extend to Nicky, Brent and Jordy and their family our sincerest thoughts on your loss recently. Very sad but we know all your friends at the club share your pain with you.

Anyway until next time, good hitting and rolling.



Dick Adams MP

Federal Member for Lyons

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Mon – Fri 8am – 6pm

Sat 8am 12 noon

In-store butchery

This week

F/R thigh fillets	\$12.99kg
T-bone steak	\$13.99kg
Gerello roast	\$ 7.99kg
Nichols chicken Hawaiian rolls	\$10.99kg
Round steak	\$ 7.99kg

In-store specials

Spree laundry powder 1kg	\$ 1.99
333s sweet mustard pickles 520g	\$ 1.99
Palmolive natural soap 4pk	\$ 1.99
Fountain tom/BBQ sauce 600ml	\$ 1.79
CSR white/raw sugar 1kg	\$ 1.49

Late week specials

Kleenex toilet tissue bonus 6pk	\$ 3.29
Sanitarium weetbix bonus 1,2kg	\$ 3.99
Palmolive dishwashing liquid 500ml	\$ 1.99
Radiant laundry powder 650g	\$ 1.49

In-store butchery

Next week

Chicken kebabs 375g	\$ 5.29 pk
Porterhouse steak	\$13.99kg
Regular mince	\$ 7.99kg
Short loin chops	\$13.99kg
Topside roast	\$ 8.99kg

In store specials

Tarax soft drink 2lt	\$ 1.39
Just Juice long life 2lt	\$ 2.79
Snappy Tom canned cat food 400g	.99c
ETA 5 Star margarine 500g	\$ 1.49
Kelloggs rice bubbles 300g	\$ 2.49

Late week specials

Spree laundry powder 2kg	\$ 3.99
Cottees cordial syrup 2lt	\$ 2.99
Arnotts shapes biscuits 160/200g	\$ 1.99
Kleenex toilet tissue bonus 12pk	\$ 5.99

Christmas Hams

Butchers raw ham	\$9.99kg
Banjo ham	\$9.99kg
Butchers C.O.B. ham	\$10.99kg
Lethborgs C.O.B. ham	\$11.99kg
B/R nugget ham	\$12.99kg

PLEASE NOTE

Nichols turkeys are in short supply.

**Please place orders early
to avoid disappointment.**

Thank you.