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Welcome back St Marys Tigers

Fire & Emergency Services Official Opening.

On Friday the new Fire and Emergency Services facility was officially opened by the Hon Jim Cox MP. Around 100 invited guests attended this very successful function.

Rodney Read the Tas Fire Service former District Officer approached Michael Aulich in the late 1990s, saying "we are looking for a block of land in the main street of St Marys to build a new fire station on". I looked at Rodney at the time and said that is great, we would love a new station but unfortunately they don't make land anymore and the only vacant blocks in the main street are not for sale and not suitable for a fire station, Rodney just looked at me and said you will find something.

Well low and behold here we are now, on the site of the old shop owned by the infamous Stan Graham. For those that did not know Stan he was an icon of the area providing the community much entertainment with his method of displaying items for sale from here, old furniture would quite often cover the footpath and be spread halfway out into the street. Stan also owned and rented out a considerable number of houses in Cornwall and St Marys, these provided the Local Fire brigade with regular structural fire fighting practice throughout the year, and then unfortunately after Stan's passing the shop also met with a similar demise, ironically creating a vacant block in the main street to later become the site of the new Fire and Emergency Services facilities. Rodney Read could start and fulfil his promise of building a new station.

Unfortunately Rodney did not see his vision completed, passing away not long after the Tas Fire Service purchased the block of land.

In more recent times there has been considerable planning and negotiations occurring between the various parties and the combined emergency services facility that you see today is the result.

This co-location has proved quite successful to date, providing all services with much needed improved facilities and training facilities, which ultimately means the community is better protected, and served in times of need.

Tasmanian Ambulance Service:

The St Marys Ambulance service was established in the early 1970s through the efforts of the local community and the support of the Red Cross. Originally the service was based at the local hospital where community funds were raised and used for a shed that could house the local ambulance. Red Cross volunteers were supported by nursing staff at the hospital. Tasmanian Ambulance Service (TAS) took over the function of operating the service back in 2000. TAS currently responds to around 300 calls per year out of St Marys, 100 of those being emergency incidents.

State Emergency Service:

The State Emergency Service (SES) officially started in 1988 as the Portland Unit and when the Portland and Fingal municipalities amalgamated in 1993 the Unit became known as the Break O'Day Unit. This unit has traditionally operated out of St Helens and continues to do so but SES saw the need to provide an improved response to communities in the Fingal Valley area and decided to establish a sub-unit located at St Marys. This centre and the one at St Helens go to make up the Break O'Day Unit.

Tasmanian Fire Service:

The Brigade was originally formed as the St Marys Rural Fire Brigade back in the early 60s with a handful of members operating out of Mr Jack Bullock's house, using Gerald Aulich's private car to transport equipment. The State fire commission was established in 1979 and over the ensuing years new fire equipment and trucks were gradually introduced through volunteer and community efforts, with assistance from TFS. In 1987 the original Fire Station was constructed and the brigade continued to operate out of those premises until recently.



Gary O'Keefe (Tas Ambulance Service), MP Jim Cox, Andrew Lee (State Emergency Service), Mike Brown (Tasmanian Fire Service), Michael Aulich, St Marys volunteer Fire Brigade Chief.



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A delicious morning tea provided by members was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Photos this page courtesy Peter Troode.

Please note: Deadline for articles to be included in the next Valley Voice is: 5 pm Tuesday June 2, 2009.

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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 General meeting time and place has changed **Please note** that until this years Winter Solstice, general meetings will be held each Thursday morning at 9am at eEscape Cafe. Come have a cuppa in a warm and comfortable place and join the fun.

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

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

St Marys Playgroup meets each Thursday at 10.30am at the kindergarten. All preschool aged kids welcome to bring a carer/parent/granny/pa for a play and morning tea. Very chilled relaxed group of all ages - we love new members. **Contact Terese: Ph: 6372 5745**

WOMBAT WALK LANDSCAPING GROUP meet every Wednesday 9am to 12 Noon (weather permitting) at St Marys Musical Playground area to plant and maintain the rivulet park and flower bank - anyone interested in joining us - please come along and meet our group. **Contact - Robina 6372 2022.**

Break O'Day Wine & Food Appreciation Society meets once a month on the last Sunday.

Ph: Jan 6376 1661 or Leanne Ph: 6372 5291.

The Scamander and Beaumaris Community Development Association meets at 7 pm at the Scamander Sports Complex every third Wednesday of the month. New members are most welcome.

St. Patricks Head & Esk Valley Historical Society meets on the third Sunday of every month, except December, at St. Marys Online Access Centre at 2.30 pm. Meetings are informal and fun and new members are needed. Please contact **Barry Aulich** on **6372 5752** or **Jim Haas** on **6372 2127.**

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

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

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

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NEWS FROM GONE RUSTIC

Ethnic Shawls & Hand-built Pottery - *Gillian Riches* from Launceston has collected *shawls from around the world*, which are on show at Gone Rustic until 29th May, along with a selection of her *hand-built pottery*. A lovely and interesting display.

Hooked Rugs exhibition – a travelling display through Tas. Regional Arts is on show at Gone Rustic until 29th May. Rich textures and colours – a feast for the eyes! Don't miss it. If you would like the opportunity to do a *workshop with a visiting rug hooking teacher*, please *leave your name and phone number* and we'll see what we can do!

Coming Up – local *quilter and weaver Lana Laessig* will be the guest exhibitor from 9th – 26th June. Lana is originally from the US, and has been creating for many years. Her exhibition will be *launched at 12 noon on Monday 9th June* (cost: \$5 for light lunch and refreshments). All welcome!

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

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

Quilting Bee – once a month, as part of Rustic Ragamuffins. An opportunity to help to make quilts for those in need. *Next one 27th May*. Please bring your *sewing supplies*.

Gone Rustic Studio & Gallery, 37 Main Street, St. Marys 7215 Phone – 03 6372 2724 or 0417027424 (Rita) or 0417648845 (Ian)

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OPEN INVITATION TO ALL RESIDENTS.

An open invitation from the
**Tas Fire Service, Tas Ambulance Service
and the SES,**

is extended to all members of the public
for a viewing of the new

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Services facilities**

on Saturday 23rd May, 2009

between 10:00am and 14:00hours.

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Classifieds

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James Hardie weatherboards. Primeline— Newport. 4,200 x 170 x 9mm. Quantity: 35. Near new. \$12 each. **Ph: 6372 2764.**

1995 Volvo 440 GL. 7 months rego. \$2,800.

Ph: 6375 1540.

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St Marys Tigers

A LITTLE BIT OF FOOTY HERITAGE: Jim Haas

“George Oliver”

It was a fine Saturday in late March 1930, when a young sixteen year old farmer's son from Gray turned up at the St Marys football ground and asked for a game. Not much notice was taken of the lad at first; St Marys had plenty of good experienced players. They had won the Premiership the year before and, if you took notice of the supporters, they won the year before that, too. In 1928, Fingal had claimed the siren blew with ten minutes to go when St Marys kicked a goal to put them in front. A protest was lodged and the game was subsequently replayed the next week, with Fingal coming out winners by 5 points.

Despite the quantity and quality of players, the lad from Gray was given a go. It only took half a quarter, however, for everyone to realise that this skinny, five foot eight boy they called George, had as much football talent as anyone who had come before him.

George Oliver is 94 years old now, and the only person still alive who played in that 1930 Premiership side. The memories of his first year with St Marys and the Premiership win against arch rival Fingal by 20 points, are as vivid as ever. “I wasn't old enough to drink, but I was drunk until at least Wednesday,” he says with a cheeky grin.

George went on to be a vital part of the St Marys team for the next twenty years; playing in four winning Premiership sides: 1930, 1939, 1946 and 1947. He finally hung up his boots in 1950 at the age of 37.

The best coach George reckons he had was a builder by the name of Pudner Lawrence, who came to the area to build an extension to the school. The Friday night before St Marys was to play Fingal for the 1930 Grand Final, Pudner called a team meeting. He admitted that Fingal had too much talent for St Marys and the only way to win was to start a fight.

By the end of the meeting the game plan was finalised, with Pudner volunteering to punch Fingal's star player in the first quarter. Sure enough he was a man of his word, before the first quarter was over not one, but two, Fingal players were laying on the turf and an all-in brawl erupted. In minutes the oval was a disaster area as supporters flowed onto the ground to join the players in what was to become a melee to be talked about for years to come. Order was finally restored and St Marys went on to win by 20 points.

Towards the end of the 1930s the Rovers folded and after St Marys beat Fingal in the 1939 Grand Final by 15 points, the Fingal District Football Association went into recess, due to World War Two.

The competition recommenced in 1945 with St Marys and Fingal again playing off for the Grand Final. This time Fingal took home the cup with a heart stopping 2 point win.

George has fond memories of the next two years when St Marys won back to back Premierships, defeating Avoca on both occasions. In the 1946 Final, George flew over the pack to take a spectacular mark, but as he did someone grabbed his shorts and tore them clean off. Did this deter George? No, he took off with the ball and entertained the crowd with a fine display of goal kicking, bare ass and crown jewels.

In those days, the half-time break meant a nip of rum and half an orange. One day someone put training oil in a rum bottle and a star player of the day raced into the sheds and grabbed the first bottle he saw. Needless to say the coach had no hope of extracting his star from the outhouse for the rest of the game.

George says he is honoured to have played footy with players in the class of: Stan Salter, Ted Guard, Bill Mitchell, Harry Shepherd, Stan and Kelly Birrell, Doug Nolan, Roy Cocker, Ron Lohrey, Peter Davern, the Bolton Brothers and Brindle Bradbury to name a few. But he reckons the best would have been Ivan (Johnson) Bean. Johnson went to Longford for a few years, during which time he made the Tasmanian State Team. But then George himself must have been okay, he went to Hobart to join a Tasmanian squad to go to Western Australia, but came down with the flu the day they were due to fly out and couldn't make it.

George's story is one of hundreds that make up the history of the St Marys Football Club. These are stories of young men who become local heroes by building a character full of sportsmanship

and courage that carried on in every facet of their lives.

In any town football is a significant part of the community history. Let us all get behind the current committee so that footy history in our community can continue and not just be a bunch of images stuck on a wall.



St Marys Tigers

THE YEARS THE TIGERS ROARED THE LOUDEST: Jim Haas

According to the Tasmanian Sporting Almanac of 2001, St Marys played its first competitive game of Australian Rules football way back in 1884. Although records are sparse back then, it appears games were played against Fingal and Avoca with the team winning the most games for the year being the ultimate winners. Mathinna also had three teams back in those days, but they, too, must have played each other because there is no record of a Mathinna team joining the Fingal Association until around 1920.

The first record of a Grand Final being played was in 1891 when it was won by Avoca. St Marys, however, didn't win a Premiership until **1924**. The Rovers (Cornwall and Mt Nicholas) won their first and only Premiership the next year and St Marys took the cup back in **1926**.

1929 and **1930** were great years for the Tigers, winning their first back to back Premierships. But it was the 1930 Premiership that many old hands rate as the Grand Final of the Century. Not only did St Marys win by 20 points after starting underdogs, but started the biggest melee ever seen.

The 1930s saw hard times in the Fingal Valley as the Great Depression began to bite and the Fingal District Football Association was forced into recess in 1934-35.

Footy was back in 1936 when the Rovers and Avoca played a draw and when the Rovers refused to replay the game, Avoca was awarded the Premiership.

1939 saw St Marys take the field again against Fingal with a win to St Marys by 15 points. This was the last game before another recess due to World War Two.

Again in **1946** and **'47**, St Marys won back to back Premierships, but 1948 was to be the beginning of a long drought for the Tigers. Although St Marys played off in 10 Grand Finals in the next 25 years, 8 of which were against Fingal, it wasn't until **1972**, under non-playing coach, Dale Wright, that the drought was finally broken.

The drought was short lived; however, it took another 11 years until **1983** when St Marys recruited City South star, Wayne Chugg, as coach and along with a couple of quality imported players to help the locals, the prestigious flag once again flew in the clubhouse.

Lynden Dakin, the son of John Dakin, who played in the 1972 Premiership side, took on the coaching role 7 years later and once again St Marys was able to repeat their efforts of 1929-30 and 1946-47 by winning back to back premierships in **1990-91**. St Marys played off in the final FDFFA premiership in 1972, but was defeated by St Helens.

St Marys Reserves had a little more luck than their senior partners. With their 30 odd years of participation in the Fingal District Football Association they won 11 Premierships: **1966 – 1967 – 1968 – 1970 – 1971 – 1972 – 1982 – 1984 – 1987 – 1990 - 1992**.

Thirds, or under sixteens, were not quite so lucky they won only 3: **1969 – 1973 – 1986**.

St Marys FDFFA best and fairest winners (Athol "Curly" Ellis Memorial Trophy):

Bob Bye 1970 – Brendan Manion 1977 – Stephen Cooke 1981 – Andrew Viney 1989 - Lynden Dakin 1991



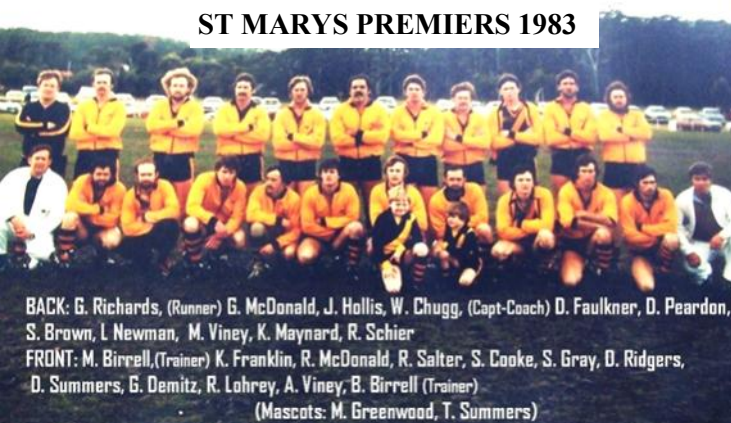
1953

B l/r : John Dakin Tom Newman Doug Nolan John Archer
Jimmy Johns Geoff King Geoff Apted Leon Williams
Mid: Stuart Bradbury
F l/r: Des Jarvis Peter Davern Ron Lohrey Peter Gavaghan
John Ibbott Don Smith (Capt) Bert Cooper Maurice Nailor
Forefront: Albert Brown



St Marys 1948

BACK: J.Hollis, T. Newman, S. Bradbury, I. Bean, T. Squires, K. Spilsbury
MIDDLE: K. Birrell, P. Davern, M. Aulish, A. Brown, R. Lohrey, D. Bolton
FRONT: R. Cocker, S. Birrell, G. Oliver, G. Bolton, P. Williams, A. Davern
(Mascot Greg Birrell)



ST MARYS PREMIERS 1983

BACK: G. Richards, (Runner) G. McDonald, J. Hollis, W. Chugg, (Capt-Coach) D. Faulkner, D. Peardon,
S. Brown, L. Newman, M. Viney, K. Maynard, R. Schier
FRONT: M. Birrell, (Trainer) K. Franklin, R. McDonald, R. Salter, S. Cooke, S. Gray, D. Ridgers,
D. Summers, G. Demitz, R. Lohrey, A. Viney, B. Birrell (Trainer)
(Mascots: M. Greenwood, T. Summers)



1980

B l/r: Dale Drinkwater Glenn McDonald Brendan Manion Ken Maynard
Robert Schier Des Faulkner Jnr
Mid l/r: Gary Streets Andrew Viney Garry Richards Jamie Lowe Robert
Wilson Les Newman Ricky Lohrey Les Lavelle
F l/r: Michael Cooke Stephen Cooke Stephen Spilsbury Rod (Pud) Howe
(Capt-Coach) Derek Summers Dale Ridgers Phillip Midson
Mascots: l/r Rodney Bushing Drew Berwick Damien Lavelle



St Marys Tigers

FOOTBALL SNIPPETS

According to the Fingal District Football Association records, St Marys forfeited the 1937 Grand Final to Avoca. It seems odd to not play in the most important game of the season. Can anyone tell us why?

St Marys Football Club had a 25 year drought of Premierships from 1947 to 1972. One coach was heard quoting a saying made famous by American Grid Iron coach Murray Weymouth : **“If lessons are learnt from defeat; our team is getting a great education.”**

Fingal District Football Association meeting, held on the 2nd September 1929.

At this meeting E. Rees of St Marys was found guilty of kicking A. J. Margison of the Cornwall-Mr Nicholas Rovers. Mr Rees was stood down for one week. The St Marys delegates, W. Mitchell and G. Bolton, immediately resigned and left the room.

Mr L. Dawson of St Marys was also stood down for one match for disputing the umpire on several occasions.

Extract From Weekly Courier, October 16th 1929

Members of the St Marys Football Club were guests of the Scottsdale Football Association last weekend when they journeyed to the Northeast town to play an Association team. The game was played in good spirits and eventually ended in a draw.

The St Marys team left in two cars on Friday evening and went as far as Derby where the local people had arranged a dance. The party left Derby at 11.00 am on Saturday and soon arrived at Scottsdale, where they were met and welcomed by club officials. The game was even all day and at the final siren the scores were: 10 goals 12 behinds a piece.

St Marys players left Scottsdale at 11.00 am on Sunday and travelled via Launceston, arriving in St Marys on Sunday evening.

Extract from Weekly Courier: August 31st 1922

On Saturday a football match was played between the Cornwall-Mt Nicholas Rovers and a combined team from St Marys and Fingal. It was a charity game and a collection amounting to eight pounds five shilling was donated to the blind, deaf and dumb of Tasmania.

The game was strenuous, but exciting and ended in favour of the Rovers. Scores: Rovers, 8 goals 3 behinds to St Marys-Fingal 3 goals 5 behinds.

St Marys Football Club 1929

Mr T. Baxter and Mr L. W. Wright were made life members of the St Marys Football Club and Mr V. (Pudner) Lawrence was secured to coach St Marys. Mr Lawrence was to be paid five pounds for his services.



Back L/r: Sean Aulich, Les Lavelle, E. Maher, Brett Maney, Des Faulkner Jnr, Anthony Singline, Vance Donald, Mark Ridgers, Nigel Britton, Andrew Wright, Scott Bean, T. Miller, Brian Birrell, Ian Faulkner.

Front L/r: Neville Peake, Shane Gavaghan, Andrew Singline, Paul Rawnsley, Ricky Lohrey, Stuart Rawnsley, Graeme Peet, Alan Lynch, (Capt/coach) Murray Bennett, Michael Williams, Leigh Spilsbury.

Mascots: Adam Williams, Nigel Birrell.



St. Marys Tigers Football Club Inc.

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Local fiery Gerald Aulich receives Award.

The Governor Peter Underwood Invested recipients of the Australia Day Honours and awards with insignia and presented Commendation of brave conduct, at an official function held at Government house on the afternoon of Friday the 15th May, 2009.

Gerald Aulich was invested the ASFM by Governor Underwood in the presence of family, friends and dignitaries.

The AFSM is awarded to members of the fire service for distinguished service.

Gerald was a founding member of the St Marys Rural Fire Brigade (later to become known as the St Marys Volunteer Fire Brigade) and has maintained active membership since.

He achieved the wider leadership role of Group Officer in 2005 when he was elected to the role by the brigade chiefs of the Golden Gate Group.

Gerald's leadership and guidance during the 2006/2007 fires and his involvement with the recovery process in the community since was one of the many contributions throughout his volunteer career that has been recognised with his investiture.

JAM's "GREAT BIG DAY"

What a day we had on Sunday! We would like to say a huge THANKYOU to all the parents and friends and relatives who came and supported us, with gifts of your time, food and offerings toward the work of JAM. Thanks also to Roger Norton for cooking 200 sausages, 4 kilos of onions, organising and supervising the jumping castle and ongoing support of this ministry.

As usual, we are so proud of your children – they absolutely bless us with their loving and responsive hearts.

The Moonah Salvation Army Band and Songsters certainly gave us a big taste of their musical talents and we are so grateful to them for traveling so far.... for no other reason than to build us up and encourage us.

St Marys Fellowship is certainly growing, and with other Salvation Army Corps on the Island prepared to visit and support us in our work here, we can only continue to feel a part of the whole. *Photos: courtesy Felicity Spilsbury.*



Gerald Aulich centre in uniform, pictured along with his family from left, Michael, his wife Wendy, Teresa, Sue and Chris, at Government House last Friday where he received his award.

Photo courtesy Michael Aulich.



Letters to the Editor

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I am writing due to my grave concerns regarding the health of our community in all of the regions of the Break O'Day municipality.

I have witnessed the recent terrible Forestry Tasmania burnoffs that have occurred in the week of the 5th May 2009 from my property which overlooks the coast line from Falmouth through to Flinders Island. I have not been able to see past Beaumaris due to the smoke haze emulating from FT's burnoffs. (see photo right)

My concerns are also about the chemical and respiratory fallout affects from these burnoffs and the health of our aged and frail and also the healthy population of residents who live within the BOD region.

I urge all concerned community members to express their concerns to their local political members explaining their complaints regarding issues that effect themselves and family members.

There are several issues such as the FT burnoffs and general Forestry issues, the use of pesticides including triazines and 1080 use by plantation companies and properties.

The community have to speak up and have a voice and bring these issues forward especially now, the local and state elections are only months away.

It has been noted and documented that the BOD region has a high rate of ill-health and cancer.

We have to ask our local Break O'Day Council what is their position regarding these very important issues and what are they prepared to do to ensure that we all live in an environment that is safe and protects the community from exposure to environmental toxins for all of our community to live in.

How can we promote the region as the premium tourist destination and also the perfect place to retire, when it is affected by such negative and very concerning health issues that we all face on a daily basis.

I know that we have the immediate issue of regeneration burnoffs, however we should have additional concerns regarding the ongoing triazine (Atrazine) effects, such as endocrine and immune system disruption.

There are many issues here with the use of endocrine disruptors (Atrazine), not just our precious water, there are issues of over spray when private companies spray near waterways and near properties that grow our vegetables and produce.

Add to that the use of 1080 that has an onflow effect from "controlling" the vermin i.e wallabies, possums and wombats who graze on farming properties, is there a connection with the problems with the Tasmanian Devil with the long term use of these insidious chemicals?

The community has to question..."is it worth letting the use of these chemicals for the gain of a handful of companies and their profit margins, to the detriment of our community?" No its not, our communities health is more important than anything else, so lets speak out and have a voice in the upcoming elections.

Peter Power Greens Candidate Preselection (Break O'Day)

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The Australian Government must adopt the EU principles in their approach to pesticide regulation. The debate on pesticides is as relevant today as it was in the 1970's when DDT was originally banned.

DDT has yet again been banned as the adverse human effects cannot be compensated for in economic terms.

The alarm bells for many of the pesticides currently regulated for use have been ringing loudly for many years – adverse changes in immune systems, endocrine systems, cell signalling, epigenesis; the list is extensive.

The Australian Government is choosing to ignore the well found reasons that the EU have for taking a precautionary approach to pesticides, with the removal of the most toxic pesticides and removing aerial spraying.

The chemical companies that sell pesticides have an inordinate influence on political and economic decisions at all levels of government.

Compounding this, especially in Tasmania, the forestry and agriculture industries dominate political and economic decisions which markedly affect population health. This is wrong. Repetition by lobby groups (including APVMA), of a message does not make it correct.

If the current situation continues with the pesticide lobby influencing government health decisions, the ultimate economic cost will be unable to be met and decisions will have to be made regarding rationing health services.

In The Australian, (25/11/2006) Nick Minchin, the then Federal Finance Minister warned of spiralling health costs if the link between toxins in the environment and cancer and chronic illness was ignored. He said a link between toxins and cancer and chronic illnesses was "common sense" and its impact on the health budget "keeps you awake at night".

The core values of public health include social and criminal justice.

Dr Alison Bleaney OBE Sec- BODCRG

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Letters to the Editor

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Letter to the editor.

I find it hard to believe that the intent of such an important issue as the investigation of a merger between Break O'Day and Glamorgan Spring Bay can be so blatantly misinterpreted by Clr Johns in the last issue of the Valley Voice and the Coastal Column. If Councillor Johns is going to make statements in these papers in future I hope he stops misrepresenting the facts.

The motion that was passed is as follows.

Moved Clr Legge seconded Clr Clement

“The Break O'Day Council requests the Minister for Local Government to instruct the Local Government Board to investigate the consequences of a voluntary merger between the Break O'Day and Glamorgan Spring Bay Councils in their entirety as soon as possible.

The investigation should provide Council with a clear understanding of the social, economic, environmental impacts and benefits of the proposal, and give broad considerations to maintaining local representation if a voluntary merger was to be undertaken. This process must include extensive community consultation and Council reserves the right to withdraw its voluntary consent to the merger if it subsequently determines following the investigation that it is not in the best interest of the community.”

This motion was carried unanimously.

The motion still stands in its original state, it has not been changed in any form what so ever, how can Clr Johns say we are going where no one has looked, we asked the board to look at the big picture. After Clr Johns voted in favour of the investigation I find it hard to follow his logic in his comments.

After the board has held public consultations throughout both Municipalities and a due diligence exercise into the financial structures and handed down their findings then Clr Johns can reject or accept the findings.

Council is not heading blindly in any sense at all, the motion is very clear and how Clr Johns can publicly misinterpret facts is beyond belief.

The Glamorgan Spring Bay Council at its full Council meeting voted 6/3 to proceed along the similar lines as the Break O'Day Council.

Clr Robert Legge, Mayor

Mt Elephant Pancake Barn raffle winner

The winner of the Mother's Day raffle for a \$50.00 gift voucher for the Mount Elephant Pancake Barn is **J. Kelly, of St.Mary's.**

A big thank you to all the mothers & their families who came out for lunch on Mothers Day.

Louise

To the kind folk at the Valley Voice

Just a short note to thank you for your kind and generous support in making so much of this edition available to promote the “rebirth” of the St Marys Football Club.

It must have been a sad day indeed when the footy club folded, particularly considering the club had celebrated its centenary year only a few years earlier. I recall while gathering all the various memorabilia for the Reunion Weekend being amazed at the incredible history associated with the St Marys Football Club and all the names of players, coaches and committee members that are so integral to the history of this town.

Anyway the St Marys Football Club (now, for legal reasons, to be known as The St Marys Tigers Football Club) is back and we have hit the ground running. We have a new committee comprising both experience and youth but most importantly with great enthusiasm.

Our objective for 2009 is to establish a sound structure and financial base with a view to having a Senior and Under 16 team “on the paddock” for 2010. In order to achieve this though, we need to start virtually from scratch.

Our first major event will be an official launch of the club on Saturday the 6th of June in the St Marys Community Hall. Details of this event are contained in other areas of this issue but I would like to stress to all your readers that this event will be critical to the future of our footy club.

I have received a great deal of positive feedback about the rebirth of our footy club but we have to translate this to physical support. If we can't get a good crowd at the launch then it will cast a bit of a dark cloud over the future of the club.

I can only plead, therefore, that everyone keen to see the mighty tigers take to the field again, to please try and make it to the launch – even if only to stay long enough to buy a couple of raffle tickets or to sign up for a special foundation membership for 2009 (\$20).

It should be a great night, a great community night. Ah – I can smell the liniment already.

Harry Veldums,

Club President .

SOLSTICE NEEDS YOU!

Grassy Bottom Regional Arts are holding fortnightly meetings from Tuesday 21st April to plan and discuss this year's 10th Anniversary Winter Solstice.

Plans are already under way for this great community event. But we are hungry for ideas and input. You don't have to have an artistic side.

We need practical people with a strong work ethic who want to see this popular event thrive and grow.

This year will be about what ALL of the community wants to see. So get moving and ask at Happy Belly Deli, Strawberry Jelly or Main Street Clothing.

Meetings at e.ScApe Café from 5pm on the following dates: June 2 & 16.

Grassy Bottom Regional Arts is seeking sponsors to help with the Winter Solstice. Please contact any committee member if you can help!

Letter to the Editor

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Dear Editor,

I apologise to the Break O'Day community for my lack of judgement in supporting a motion moved at a Special Meeting of Council on 2 February 2009 to request the Minister for Local Government to instruct the Local Government Board to investigate the consequences of amalgamation of the Break O'Day and Glamorgan Spring Bay Councils.

I opposed the motion that the meeting be closed to the public, and was concerned that neither the Notice of Meeting nor the Agenda for the meeting advised the purpose of the meeting, nor included notice of any motion other than "Closed Council Item". I also would not support an initial motion mooted to support the concept of an amalgamation of the two councils, of which some councillors appeared to have pre-knowledge, but not all.

However, after advice to Council by the Mayor, I did support, and indeed seconded, the following motion, which has since been made public so that I am not in breach of my obligation to maintain confidentiality on the matter. I repeat the motion here to put this apology in context, and because it is apparent that most residents are neither aware of the decision, nor aware that it is being activated, nor have any understanding of the issues and potential consequences of this decision:

The Break O' Day Council request the Minister for Local Government to instruct the Local Government Board to investigate the consequences of a voluntary merger between the Break O'Day and Glamorgan Spring Bay Councils in their entirety as soon as possible. The investigation should provide Council with a clear understanding of the social, economic and environmental impacts and benefits of the proposal and give broad consideration to maintaining local representation if a voluntary merger was to be undertaken. The process must include extensive community consultation and Council reserves the right to withdraw its voluntary consent to the merger if it subsequently determines following the investigations that it is not in the best interests of the community"

In all the circumstances of that meeting, I believed that this decision indicated an open minded approach to an issue that had come to light, albeit only as a result of a newspaper article leaking information about secret discussions being held on the matter, of which I as a Councillor was totally unaware, and that a request for information, with the condition of **extensive** community consultation, coupled with an escape clause allowing the process to be terminated, was a responsible decision, and I supported the motion. The issue of whether an amalgamation of the two Councils into one Council area stretching from Buckland to Weldborough would benefit residents or not, is not the purpose of this letter- it is that on investigation and questioning I have reached the opinion that the terms of that decision in fact provide **no** safety net for a voluntary withdrawal by your Council from the process it has started, and that the decision of the future identity of our towns and districts and their ability to be closely involved in their own affairs has been handed over to an outside body and subject to the decision of a Minister. Further, it is now revealed that there are behind the scenes discussions being held of which your elected representatives are not aware to **increase even further** the extent of amalgamation to include 7 East Coast Councils, as announced by the Mayor of Sorrell on "Stateline" on Friday 15 May.

I believe my part in the above decision was a mistake, and I need to publicly acknowledge this to allow me to direct my energies to ensuring that the intents of the motion, to be objectively informed, to have extensive community consultation, and to be able to withdraw from the process, are indeed honoured, and to the hilt- and to prevent others from attempting to stifle and rebut those efforts by claiming that I supported the decision in the first place. I did then, I don't now because I believe that there are agenda at work far beyond the Break O'Day and that we are the Judas cow in this matter.

Also, while supporting the concept of being informed on the potential consequences of a merger, my present belief is that on balance such an amalgamation would not be in the interests of the people and communities of the Break O'Day, and that I wish to work to oppose such an amalgamation- in this context any offers of support from readers to this end would be readily accepted.

David Clement,
Councillor.

St Marys Sports Centre news Kackhander

If you are at a loose end and want to enjoy a game of golf, male or female, please leave this Sunday May 24th free for Patron's Day. This is a Four Ball Best Ball Stableford Comp for 10.30 am, sponsored by our Patron Clr. John McGiveron.

Teams can be any configuration provided you have a handicap ie: two blokes, two women or one of each. It is hoped that this will kick off a busy couple of months to come.

Perhaps our most iconic social event of the year is also quite close. This is of course The McDonald's Cup. We know we say it every year but it is an absolute fact. We would be lost without this amazing day and to Glenn (Macca) Leanne, John, Valda, Razz and Bradley in particular, we say thanks in a big way. Even though it's still a little way off on the June long weekend Sunday, they have already done a power of work in making this day a highlight again. If anyone can assist or help by organising a team please do so. Should be great.

Another date to remember is most likely Friday June 26th for this year's Annual General Meeting. We will need a good roll up to ensure that we can set things in place to make sure we continue strongly into the next year. If you'd like to be a part of the club here's your chance to contribute. We will confirm the date for certain in the next few weeks so look out for that.

Anyway until next time, good hitting and rolling.

(As this is a larger than normal edition, Cagerattler has been relocated to the back page for this issue)

Letter to the Editor

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Editor of the Valley Voice.

I would like to especially thank Reon Johns and David Clement for their drive and determination to organise and have the ANZAC Day Services in St Marys. All those involved did a wonderful job, thank you and also thanks to their families for their support.

But most thanks must go to the community for showing you do care and that a wonderful community spirit still exists, contrary to the belief of certain members of the St Helens-St Marys RSL Sub-Branch and Break O'Day Council.

Personally it is nice to be recognised. but it was not the reason for me coming forward in the first place and complaining about the Cenotaph. I felt there was an injustice being done to my comrades, for although there may be many generations between us, the men named on the St Marys Cenotaph are still my comrades.

Before ANZAC Day, Cagerattler stated that "they" were confused re the ceremony going ahead. I have to state so was I, because we were getting wonderful assistance from the RSL sub-branch, and hindrance at the same time in the form of advertising that there would not be an 11am service, and the withdrawal of public liability cover by the RSL.

Being given notice by Council the day before the Services that chairs would only be allowed on a hard surface (the reason the public seating was out on the footpath) not on their newly laid turf, did not reduce the conspiracy feelings I felt.

Sorry to go on, but a change of tack. In response/support of Cagerattler of a book re the Port Arthur massacre not being published.

I was a Volunteer Ambulance Officer at Kingston at that time, our Station Supervisor was the first Paramedic on site (flown in by chopper) and the sight he saw in the Café initially left him unable to act for quite a few moments (he had 20 years service at that time).

He also had the dubious pleasure of bringing the murderer back to Hobart. The Paramedic stated he was "JUST EVIL".

I have not used the murderer's name for the same reason a book should NOT be published: it is just WRONG, and no benefit in any form should go to him.

David Watkins.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank the St Marys Volunteer Fire Brigade for their prompt response, assistance and advice on a recent hazard reduction scrub fire at Curtis Road. We are very lucky to have such professional volunteers in our community.

Ross Quinn.

Corporate Lesson:

A crow was sitting in a tree, doing nothing all day. A rabbit asked him, "Can I also sit like you and do nothing all day long?" The crow answered: "Sure, why not?" So, the rabbit sat on the ground below the crow, and rested. A fox jumped on the rabbit and ate it.

Moral of the story: To be sitting and doing nothing, you must be sitting very high up.

St Marys Police report

I would like to talk today about a Community Youth Project that the local youths, myself, Sgt Singline, St Marys High School and the Break O'Day Council has commenced.

The project is in its infancy; however I have been very impressed with the initial attendance to the first meeting and the work undertaken by the youths that attended already.

We have a strong group of young persons in this community which need to be given the support and help to become our next community leaders.

The proposal is a youth community project for the youths, run by the youths, and assisted by the "grown ups." The idea is to listen to what the young people of our community at St Marys and outlying areas want, and with the experience of the adults aid them in achieving the final outcome. Ideas like under cover skate parks, BMX style dirt tracks, youth club house are just a few ideas coming from the first meeting.

A second meeting is being held at the school on Thursday 21st May at 3pm. Any person interested in helping out with ideas, ways about to achieve things and just old fashion support is welcome. **TODAY**

Again the idea is not to have the adults running the project but have the youths run the project with our support.

On the whole we have a great bunch of kids throughout the community and with a bit of support and guidance in a project like this will only strengthen their community spirit and belief.

On another subject I would like to remind the community with winter now well and truly on us that all road users will need to be aware to **Drive to the road and weather conditions**.

We are all aware of the dangers of wet, foggy and slippery roads, and we don't want any further accidents in the Valley. Using your headlights during times of poor visibility and driving to the road conditions will help preventing unwanted motor vehicle accidents.

Math Teaser

This is a 5th grade math problem.

**It is not a trick question.
This is a real math problem
so don't say that the bus
doesn't have legs.**

Problem:

**There are 7 girls in a bus.
Each girl has 7 backpacks.
In each backpack,
there are 7 big cats.**

**For every big cat, there are 7 little cats.
The bus driver is not in the bus at this time.**

Question:

How many legs are there in the bus?

The answer will be published next issue.

**If you can't wait until then, you can
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will return your email.**

Good luck.



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3. **WOW** “Women Of Worth” and “Women On Wednesday”
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We would like to thank them for attending the Official Opening of the new Fire and Emergency Services facility last Friday, it was great to see so many of our Juniors turn up.

Keep up the good work!

Pictured in the photo above:

Back: l/r Toby Micek, Patrick Escobar, Jeff Springer, Mike Brown, Michael Aulich, Jonathan McGee, Duncan Gillies, Aaron Webb.

Front: l/r Brody Barnes, Chris Nelson, Cassandra McGiveron, Jessica Nelson, Aleisha McGiveron, Jayden Webb.

Absent: Liam Norton, Toby Wright, Nick Kringle, Cameron Gillies, Daniel Crawford.

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'Youth Violence' topic of Crime Stoppers Youth Challenge 2009.

Crime Stoppers Tasmania today launched the Crime Stoppers Youth Challenge 2009, with a focus on violence against young people.

Housed in The *Working for a Safer Tasmania* exhibit at AGFEST, the Crime Stoppers Youth Challenge launched into its eighth year of this successful educational program.

The Crime Stoppers Youth Challenge Tasmania is a competition for students in Years 5 to 10.

"The program aims to have students research the impact youth violence potentially has on their own community and suggest initiatives to tackle the issues and reduce related crimes," said Brian Aherne, The Chairman of Crime Stoppers Tasmania.

Participants are encouraged to work together in school groups to design practical solutions to assist in prevention and reduction of youth violence.

Why this topic?

In collaboration with Tasmania Police, the board of Crime Stoppers Tasmania and schools, 'Youth Violence' was chosen as a particularly topical and pertinent theme affecting Tasmanian communities.

The increasing trend of violence among young people is of great concern and has the potential to significantly impact upon the lives of offenders, victims and their families.

Violence can be potentially both physical and psychological. It can occur in a range of social settings but also within the confines of the home.

The growth in new technologies has seen an increase in the ways young people communicate. Email, SMS, and a multitude of social networking sites, like YouTube and FaceBook, have provided new opportunities through which bullying and other forms of violence can be directed.

Crime Stoppers Tasmania invites schools to participate in this year's challenge to assist in identifying and addressing many of the issues linked to youth violence and examining the role that Crime Stoppers can play in tackling these issues.

Three entry categories are:

Upper Primary	Years 5/6
Lower Secondary	Years 7/8
Upper Secondary	Years 9/10

The Crime Stoppers Youth Challenge is designed to help young people:

- * understand the context of crime, ethical issues surrounding crime, the motivations of those committing the crime, and the causes of crime;
- * understand the consequences of crime for individuals and the whole community including any personal, legal, economic and social impact;
- * suggest solutions to reduce and prevent crime through research and presentation of their findings to the community;
- * understand the formal processes of solving crime, including the role of Crime Stoppers; involve the community in understanding crime and the role of Crime Stoppers; and make purposeful use of the educational tools and information technology available.

Registration closes 12th June, 2009.

Entries close Friday 25th September, 2008. Judging will take place in October with an awards ceremony to be held late October.

For more information:

Visit the Crime Stoppers Youth Challenge Web site at: www.crimestoppersyouthchallenge.com

or contact:

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BUDGET DELIVERS FOR MINE WORKERS IN LYONS

Mine workers in Northern Tasmania will have safer workplaces after the Rudd Government committed \$3.3 million over four years to implement the National Mine Safety Framework (NMSF).

The Minister for Resources and Energy, Martin Ferguson AM MP, and the Member for Lyons, Dick Adams, say the NMSF will deliver a nationally consistent Occupational Health and Safety regime in the mining industry and achieve safer working environments for Australia's mining workers.

Minister Ferguson said: "I am committed to improving the safety of mine workers throughout Australia.

"A nationally consistent safety regime will save lives and reduce injuries in the mining sector. This is a great outcome for the industry and its workers and their families.

"Consistent regulation will also improve safety training, the efficiency of occupational health and safety monitoring, and our capacity to identify health and safety trends.

"It will also give comfort to worker's seeking employment throughout Australia that safety standards and practices are consistent and high quality.

"Workers and managers need to know that as they move from mine to mine and from state to state, safety issues are being managed consistently and that their previous training counts."

Member for Lyons, Dick Adams, said: "The importance of the mining and resources sector to our local economy cannot be overstated.

"But even more important is the safety of the men and women whose hard work generates this wealth for our local communities.

"This funding commitment will make mine workers' jobs safer."

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ATTORNEY: Now doctor, isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep, he doesn't know about it until the next morning?

WITNESS: Did you actually pass the bar exam?

ATTORNEY: The youngest son, the twenty-one-year-old, how old is he?

WITNESS: Uh, he's twenty-one.

ATTORNEY: Were you present when your picture was taken?

WITNESS: Are you serious?

DOING THE ROUNDS

Cllr Reon Johns.

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

At the recent council meeting a motion to overturn a previous motion to record all "questions without notice and answers" was raised by the Mayor. Under the Mayor's motion this will stop. Which I believe will further limit information on the public record, sought by Councillors on behalf of the residents.

The main thrust of the motion was that it provided no benefit to Council and in a number of incidents it would appear that it was used to denigrate the Mayor and the General Manager, no proof of these allegations were submitted in support of the motion.

The Mayor maintains that these matters can be answered with a phone call to the Mayor or the General Manager. This was passed with Cllrs Harper, Johns and Clement voting against.

A further development was the General Manger recommended that Councillors motions be approved prior to them being presented for discussion and decision. This is to cut down on staff time writing reports on motions that may or may not be passed.

I think that this will impede the process of decisions making as it will now require two months for a motion to be acted on.

Three Councillors raised concerns and voted against the acceptance of the Business and Corporate Services report as they believed that it did not contain enough information on the overall financial position of the municipality and was only a simplified statement of income.

Cllr Clement proposed a new and fairer rating system for dog registration fees. Council voted to accept these revised fees.

Council passed a remission of Building and Planning fees for a fire affected family in Scamander. This is a show of real compassion on behalf of the Councillors.

Other remissions passed were:-

Boat shed in Anson's Bay

The Falmouth Community Centre had its belated tennis court grant application approved.

The name Winifred Drive was assigned to the road leading into the new subdivision at the eastern side of the Tasman Hwy in Scamander.

DO YOU KNOW?

That if you send in a letter to the Council and address it to "Mayor and Councillors" that these letters are circulated to all Councillors.

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

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

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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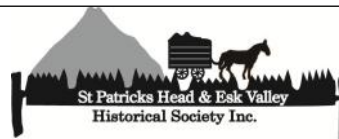
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After leaving school he entered into business pursuits with his father, who purchased the store at St Marys some fifteen years ago. When his father died in 1892, Frederick took over the store and established himself as a fine community man, having an active interest in public matters which included being a councillor for the Fingal Municipal Council, as well as a Justice of the Peace. In 1899 he married Miss Hogarth, daughter of noted Ayrshire cattle breeder, Thomas Hogarth, of "Glenburn" Sulphur Creek.

The general store, which was originally founded by Mr. W. Lade in the 1860s, not only commanded the trade of the immediate neighbourhood, but of the coalmines and the entire surrounding country.

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(The original Lade-Napier general store was on the corner of Groom and Cameron Streets)

For more history on the Fingal Valley visit our website (www.fingalvalleyhistory.com), call into the Cranks and Tinkerers Museum in Main Street, St Marys, or visit us at St Marys Online Access Centre.

Terese Tanner

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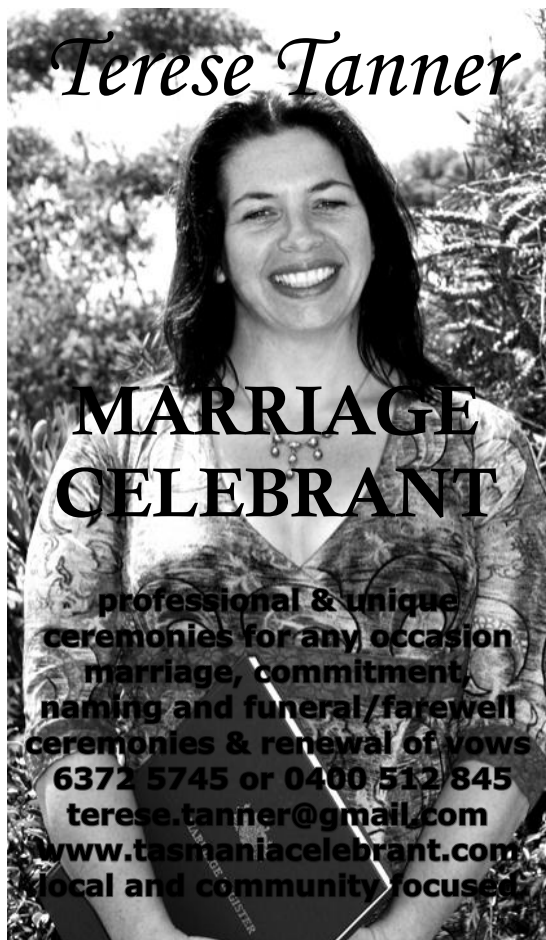
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Wendy Brennan Secretary

The Guild would like to send its heartfelt sympathy to our member Guy Pascole and his wife Chris on the loss of their son, and to the Bradbury family on the passing of Noel. Our thoughts are with all the families at this trying time.

Thank you to Dave Mallett who drove some of our members to Agfest. While most members' interests were with the machinery and wood, the animals will always hold my fascination.

Who ever said that selling sausages doesn't pay? We are now getting our disabled ramp built from the monies raised by our Sausage King Entrepreneur (Reon) and his trusty helpers. Many thanks to Les Thompson our tongs specialist, Col Mackenzie and Jug.

All of the above have braved the hostile elements at times to contribute to our club's funds and soon we will see the fruits of their labour.

A thank you to Michael Scott for his expertise in helping make the shelf and cabinet for the State Fire and Emergency Building and we all hope Lorraine has a speedy recovery from her recent surgery.

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.

Below is a photo of a trivet made by the Guild.



HUMAN SWINE FLU FACTS

Media release from **Director of Public Health.**

As of this column going to print there are no registered cases of human swine flu in Tasmania, but Tasmanians should not become complacent about ringing the hotline and taking precautions.

The World Health Organisation remains at Pandemic Alert Phase 5 in the global response to swine flu –meaning we need to finalise our organisation, communication and planning measures for a possible pandemic.

The Tasmanian Government has been working hard to achieve this and we reiterate calls to all businesses and organisations across Tasmania to do the same and ensure they are well prepared.

It remains important that recent travellers continue to heed the public health messages which are;

If you have been in Mexico, the United States or Canada recently, or been in contact with someone who has Human Swine Flu AND you develop signs of flu – particularly fever AND cough, sore throat or nasal congestion (blocked or runny nose) – please phone 1800 FLU DOC (1800 358 362) straight away.

At this stage the virus is affecting young to middle age healthy adults most.

In Tasmania, any cases reported will be closely monitored and authorities are liaising with their interstate counterparts to ensure the state is prepared, just in case.

The call centre has been established to provide information to the public (call 1800 FLU DOC or 1800 358 362). Resources to help everyone to reduce the risk of catching the flu are being circulated to health professionals and stakeholders and are available on www.pandemic.tas.gov.au.

This website is being updated regularly, and additional communication resources are being developed.

The Department of Health and Human Services has activated its emergency arrangements to oversee the health response and a state crisis centre has also been placed on stand-by.

Signage giving advice to incoming travellers is in place at airports and ports across the state.

Information is being provided regularly to hospitals, GPs and other health centres, asking staff to be on alert for any possible cases of Human Swine Flu.

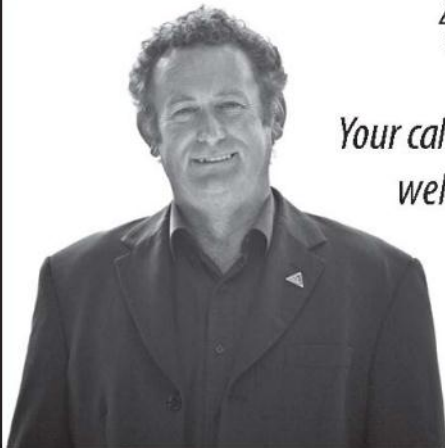
Local councils have been instructed to develop plans for Flu Clinics.

What we want you to do

1. The Director of Public Health has urged anyone advised to remain isolated in their home, to strictly follow that advice. It is extremely important that anyone being investigated follows the instructions given to them by health authorities.
2. Ring 1800 358 362 (1800 FLU DOC) straight away if you have been in affected countries in the last seven days and develop flu symptoms.
3. Learn the symptoms of influenza
Influenza generally comes on suddenly and causes fever, dry cough and fatigue. It can also cause sore throat, muscle aches and pains.
4. Protect yourself from seasonal influenza.
Get vaccinated against seasonal flu. It won't protect you from Human Swine Flu but it will:
 - o minimise confusion between seasonal influenza and Swine Influenza
 - o protect you and anyone you come into contact with from the three worst strains of seasonal influenza
 - o help to reduce the load on our health services.
5. Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and warm water (or alcohol-based rub) before touching your mouth, nose, eyes or anything that goes in your mouth.
6. Cover coughs and sneezes, with a tissue or even your arm if you don't have a tissue available.

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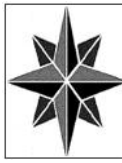
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Water and sewerage concessions

The Treasurer, Michael Aird, announced last week that the draft policy on the new concessions framework for the water and sewerage sector was now publicly available.



Mr Aird said the Government committed to introducing new concessions legislation as part of the water and sewerage reforms to provide guaranteed support to low income customers.

“Under the draft Community Service Obligation (CSO) legislation, the new concession for water and sewerage services will be a minimum of \$130 per eligible customer per household.

“This is higher than the amount of the implied concession received under the existing Pensioner Rate Remissions Scheme and will increase over time under an indexation arrangement.

“The eligibility criteria are the same as for electricity and include the holders of a Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card and those who hold a Department of Veterans’ Affairs Repatriation Gold Card.

“Under these criteria, approximately 73,500 customers will be eligible for the concession.

“This means thousands of new customers will now be eligible for a concession for water and sewerage.

“The concession will be administered by the water and sewerage Corporations, which are also required to develop a hardship policy to assist disadvantaged customers.

“It is appropriate that Councils, who receive a return from their ownership in the water and sewerage assets, fund the concession.

“This is the same model used for State Government funding of electricity concessions through its ownership of the electricity businesses.

“The State Government will continue to support the Pensioner Rate Remissions Scheme in relation to those services that remain with councils.”

Subject to the public consultation and parliamentary approval, the legislation is expected to come into effect on 1 July 2009.

The draft CSO legislation and information sheet is available on the Department of Treasury and Finance website at www.treasury.tas.gov.au.

Further information on Tasmania’s water and sewerage reform can also be found on the Local Government website at www.taswaterandseweragereform.com.au.

Rent holiday for pensioners

The Minister for Human Services, Lin Thorp, has reaffirmed that the State Government would not be seeking to increase the rent of aged pensioners with Housing Tasmania when increases arrived in September.



Ms Thorp said the State Government welcomed the boost to single and couple aged pensions and have made sure the full benefit of the pension increase is protected by implementing a rent holiday for this increase.

“This Government recognises that pensioners have been doing it tough for a very long time and this decision will assist them to live a little easier,” Ms Thorp said.

“I’ve spoken with the Premier about this matter and we are agreed that this is the reasonable thing to do. We’re determined that pensioners will receive the full benefit of the increase when it arrives.

“We’re very aware of the difficulties many pensioners face in attempting to make ends meet and this decision to grant a rent holiday is a contribution to making that task a little easier.

The Rudd Government budget measure will take effect from 20 September 2009, and deliver a boost of up to \$32.49 a week to single pension recipients on the full rate.

Housing Tasmania would normally apply a rent calculation based on increases pensioners receive to their income. This most often occurs when Centrelink passes on a quarterly basis.

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Joanne Wild, the driving force behind the group (the Happy Hookers) who made the hooked rugs, is also a tutor and is offering to do a workshop in St. Marys.

Are you interested? It looks like it could be in September; cost will be about \$30 for a 1-day workshop.

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Technology removing barriers for rural patients

Innovative technology is helping break down the barriers of distance and isolation for patients living in rural and regional Tasmania.

Health Minister Lara Giddings visited Agfest last week to view the display of technology being trialled or investigated by the Department of Health and Human Services in partnership with Telstra.

Ms Giddings said there was no better place to showcase the technology than at Agfest, where thousands of visitors would be interested in learning how their healthcare experience could be made easier.

“The DHHS Telehealth team is looking at a wide range of technologies to connect communities with health professionals located many kilometres away,” Ms Giddings said. “This technology is breaking down the barriers of isolation and distance.

“It is also about reducing the need for people living outside of Tasmania’s main cities to travel for specialist services. “This type of innovation is a perfect example of the future for health care envisaged in Tasmania’s Health Plan,” Ms Giddings said.

Two telehealth technologies were showcased at Agfest – the Mobile Phone Telehealth Solution and the ‘In the home Telecare Solution.

Ms Giddings said that ground-breaking mobile phone technology will be trialled in the Central Highlands and Derwent Valley.

“This involves using mobile phones for video conferencing during home visits by community nurses.

“The nurses visually link up with other members of the client’s health care team - as many as six additional health professionals can be involved in the conference from anywhere around the State.

“All the health professionals can see and speak with each other as if the whole team is actually in the client’s home. This saves both the patient and members of the health care team from unnecessary travel. The home consultation is bolstered by a DHHS vehicle fitted out with additional Next G and WiFi aerials, as well as a Next G router.

“This brings the added benefit of boosting broadband connectivity for Tasmanians living in rural and remote areas.”

Ms Giddings said another exciting development is a unit which can be installed in a client’s home to collect and transmit important health data.

“The information collected ranges from weight, temperature to blood glucose levels and it can be transmitted back to a GP or nurse in another location.

“If vital signs are not what they should be an alert is triggered and health professionals know it is time to make contact with the patient. This technology is exciting because it gives the patient a chance to have more power over the management of their own health,” Ms Giddings said.

Ms Giddings said the recent expansion and upgrade of the Tasmanian Telehealth Outreach Network - from 40 video conference points to 120 - would also boost health services to rural and isolated areas.

“The Telehealth links are located in the major public hospitals, rural hospitals and community health centres around Tasmania,” Ms Giddings said.

Other examples of how DHHS staff are using these technologies to eliminate geographical challenges associated with service delivery include;

• **Specialist advice:** Health professionals in rural and remote communities can now use the Telehealth Network to consult with specialist and emergency staff located in major hospitals when faced with health situations that require additional expertise. Remote visual assessments of clients can be made to ensure all possible expertise is engaged in the treatment.

• **Professional development:** Health service professionals located in rural and remote areas now have the opportunity to continue their professional development using the Network, keeping up to date with the latest treatment practices. While developed specifically to increase access to a wider range of health services for Tasmanians living in rural and remote parts, the Telehealth Network is also available for use by not-for-profit organisations as a community service.



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Friday	29th	Hannah Rubenach	
Monday	1st	Geoff Herrmann	Carole Woods
Tuesday	2nd	Pam Gillies	
Wednesday	3rd	Pat O'Donnell	
Thursday	4th	Kaye Nailer	
Friday	5th	Claire Bean	

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5th Week MASS

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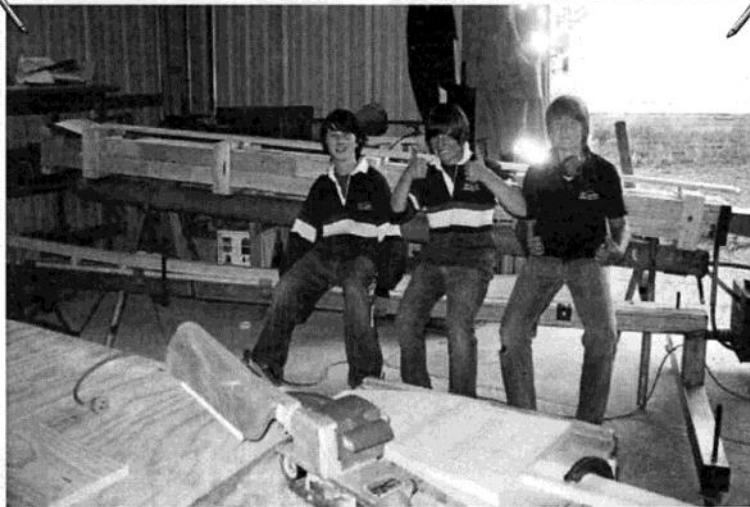
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Boat Building

- ✦ The boatbuilding crew: Tyson, Sam, Brody, Brendan, Kirsty, Jye and Kai have made good progress this term, as can be seen in the workshop.
- ✦ Before actually starting to build the boat, the students have been making a steam box to bend the boat planking in. (as seen in the photos).
- ✦ The steamer is now finished. The students are at present shaping the keel, transom and snub, these will be assembled very soon.
- ✦ Most of the preparation work is now complete and the next photos will show the boat being assembled.

DEREK GRIFFITHS



May 2009

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			21st May ☉ Country Gold Selections ☉ State Parents and Friends meeting Rm 41, 7pm ☉ Drama Comp. - St Marys ☉ Community Meeting 3.15pm - re skatepark - in School Library	22nd May ☉
25th May ☉ Dental Service	26th May ☉ Dental Service ☉ Health Expo Gr 7-10 @ St MaryDHS in Gym	27th May ☉ Football/Netball - Launceston	28th May ☉ Country Gold final Selections	29th May ☉ V8 Supercars ☉ TERM 1 FINISHES ☉ FREE DRESS day + BBQ
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15th June ☉ Dental Service ☉ TERM 2 COMMENCES	16th June ☉ Dental Service ☉ Brain Bee Comp - Hobart	17th June	18th June	19th June

9/10 Outdoor Ed

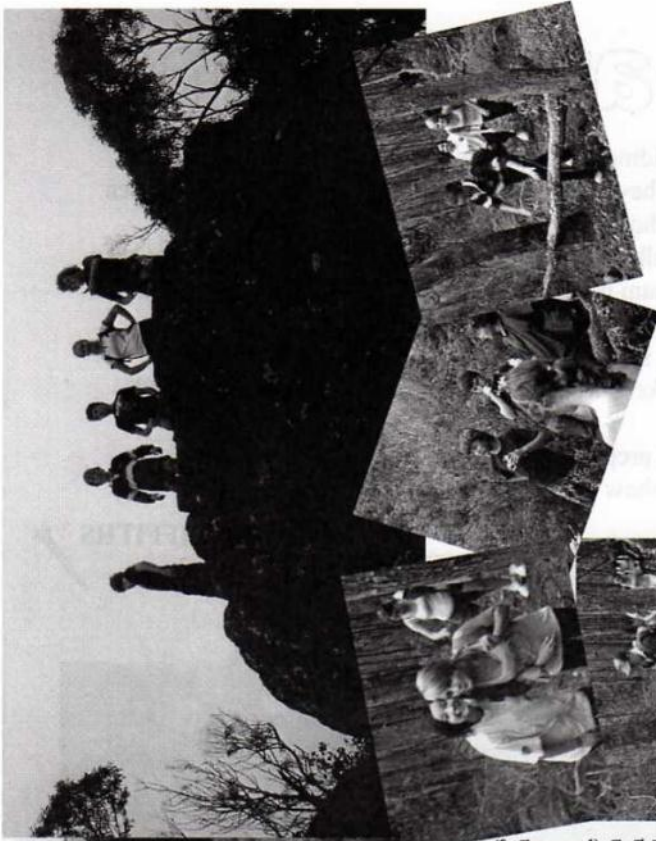


So far this year 9/10 Outdoor Education students have been involved in a number of adventure pursuits including a mountain bike ride from Dora Point to Skeleton Bay, a bushwalk to St Patricks head and a recreational boat license course.

Mountain bike riding went smoothly with all students managing to negotiate the track and enjoy the view. We set off from the Dora Point car park and headed out along the dirt road to a narrow single trail down hill section of track which involved some skilful creek bed crossings and close calls with Christin riding very closely to a large tree. The track was undulating and had some challenging sections, the students gave the new school mountain bikes a thorough work out.



The St Patricks head bushwalk turned out to be an eventful day after Bronte had an allergic reaction to some stinging nettle found along the track. We set out along the track at around 11.30 and after about an hour of walking and re grouping the leaders of the group reached the saddle near the summit of St Patricks Head. It was a beautiful clear day and views from St Helens to Coles Bay were enjoyed. As the last few walkers reached the saddle, a call over the hand held UHF radio signalled a medical emergency lower down the track. Some Phenergan saved the day and Bronte was able to walk down the track a little shaken and tired. It was a little unlucky that we didn't make it to the top of the track but it was a positive experience to talk to the students about how to manage a potential emergency situation and it also highlights the importance of filling out medical forms for excursions, after a quick check of the form it was clear what the problem could be and phone numbers were easily accessed.



The other major event that outdoor ed students have experienced is the recreational boat license course. Peter Hopkins of Marine and Safety Tasmania came to St Marys to run a full day theory course with the students. The next step was the on water practical component of the course which was held at Scamander River. Peter brought the large MAST boat along and the students took turns driving the boat learning about steering, throttle, forward and reverse, launching and retrieving and the parts of a boat. Some drivers took to the activity like a duck to water particularly Selina who had the boat planning along at full throttle! The students then had to sit an exam and the majority of the students passed the test and will be receiving their boat licence soon. Well done to all participants and I look forward to more outdoor activities in the coming months.

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ST MARYS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

DOCTORS ROSTER

Dr Reeckman- 20th-21st May
Dr J Conway- 21st May- 12th June

AFTER HOURS SERVICE CONTACT NUMBERS

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

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE 6372 2111

BEFORE PRESENTING AFTER HOURS.

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

RECEPTION CLOSED

THURSDAY 21ST MAY 12:15—1:15

Staff Meeting

WASH YOUR HANDS it is the best disease prevention for catching and spreading the flu virus.

On behalf of the staff and the wider community we wish Hayley, Craig and Jimmy all the best for the arrival of their new baby.

FLU VACCINES

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

If you are aged 65+ your flu vaccine is FREE

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

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

ROAD WORKS AT THE HEALTH CENTRE

Commencement of driveways reconstruction at the St Marys Community Health Centre started on Tuesday 10th May 2009.

Please be aware that the front entrance to the Centre from Gardiners Creek Road will not be accessible during this time. Entry will be via Hugh Street.

Parking will be available at the rear of the Centre and on the grassed area behind the old Ambulance Shed. Please be careful during this time and abide by the speed limits set within the grounds.

IMPORTANT PUBLIC NOTICE

PLEASE abide by the SPEED LIMITS and ENTRY and EXIT SIGNS set in and around the Community Health Centre. Some access ways are ONE WAY ONLY.

WHAT'S ON AT THE CENTRE

- 19th May **Child Health Session** with Sue Gofton. Every Tuesday by appointment. Please phone 0428 136 381
- 19th May **Diabetes** Public Education 1-3 pm Day Centre Room
- 19th May **Jobfind**— downstairs at the Community Health Centre
- 20th May **Day Centre**— For details on the group please contact Ann Jetson on 6372 2111
- 20th May **Funeral Plan Information Session** with Tamara from Harris Funeral Services, St Helens. FREE Session all welcome to attend. 11am in the Day Room. Further details please phone Hayley on 6372 2111
- 20th May **Psychologist** Dohotay Teboul— appointments by referral from your GP.
- 20th May **MOW Meeting** 2pm-3:30pm downstairs at Community Health Centre
- 20th May **Day Centre**— For details on the group please contact Ann Jetson on 6372 2111
- 22nd May **Diabetes** For appointments please see you GP for a referral.
- 22nd May **Dr Reeckman** R.F.D.S. Pap Smear appointments made through reception
- 26th May **Jobfind**— downstairs at the Community Health Centre
- 26th May **Diabetes** Public Education 1-3 pm Day Centre Room
- 26th May **Child Health Session** with Sue Gofton. Every Tuesday by appointment. Please phone 0428 136 381
- 27th May **Psychologist** Dohotay Teboul— appointments by referral from your GP.
- 1st June **Relationships Australia** Lyn Marie phone 1300 364 277
- 1st June **Day Centre Auxiliary Meeting** 1:30pm—3:30pm
- 2nd June **Jobfind**— downstairs at the Community Health Centre
- 2nd June **Tom Bain— Rae & Partners Lawyers.** For appointment please phone 6337 5555. Available Tuesday fortnights at the St Marys Community Health Centre
- 5th June **G.P. NORTH**
Diabetes For appointments please see you GP for a referral.
Dietician- Appointments by referral from your G.P
Exercise Physiologist by referral from your G.P
Dr Sladden
 9am—5pm
- 17th June **PODIATRY SERVICES 2009**
 Bookings Podiatry Services can be made by phoning: **Lightfoot Podiatry Services Launceston**
 Phone 6331 9568 for appointments.

Drivers Wanted

Meals on Wheels require drivers in the St Marys area. If you have a short time to spare at lunchtime.

Please contact

Shirleen on 6374 2267

Sue on 6374 2193 or

Mim 6374 2209

Fingal Primary School News

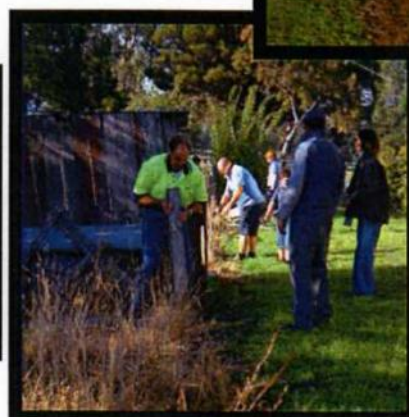
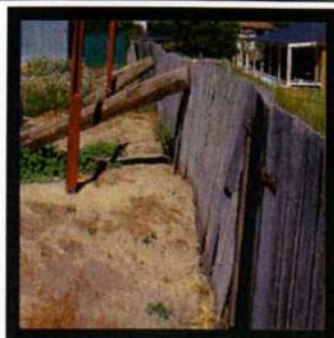


Our New Fence

On Friday afternoon 1st May we had some wonderful helpers come along to pull down the back school fence. Thank you to Greg Bean, Janine Mc Gill, Darren Tuck, Murray Webb, Catriona Nicholls, Richard Flemming and Miss Smith and her class. They did a wonderful job and then we had Dicky Gregson erect our new fence. How wonderful it looks now.



Before



After



Walking to School

On Friday 15th May it was Walk Safely to School Day. Miss Smith, Miss Bennett and Mrs Rankin met the children down at the Fingal Bus stop and bus children and children from around Fingal walked to school. Many other children also walked from their homes to school. This is part of our commitment to the Move Well Eat Well Program.



Calendar of Events - May

18th Student Survey	19th	20th ENE Cross Country Mathinna	21st Launching into Learning 1.30—3.00 p.m. Newsletter Country Gold Pre selection Trials	22nd School Association Fire Works Night
25th	26th	27th Flexible Programs 1.30—3.00 p.m.	28th Launching into Learning 1.30—3.00 p.m. Country Gold Pre selection Trials	29th Last Day Term 1 Campbell Town Show

The Say Cagerattler

Is anyone getting concerned about the impending changes to water and sewerage provisions in the next couple of months? What worries me is there hasn't really been a lot of detailed information as yet passed on to us, the ones who will be directly affected by it all. By now I imagined that a public awareness campaign would have been prominent in the media to begin telling us what the story is. Unless I have missed something, this doesn't yet seem to be the case.

One thing is pretty well assured though. It will be more expensive in the initial years to begin recouping various costs in the changes. I'd like to think that in five years we will be saying how much better off we are than now but to coin a phrase "A lot of water will pass under the bridge" before this may be the case.

I'd just like to know what we are in for particularly financially and what improvements are to be provided to us as time goes by. Let's fervently hope that we do indeed get a better water and sewerage service and not just finish up paying more for what we already have. Let's make this change genuinely worthwhile and informative soon.

Some really good recent news comes from the school on several fronts. Only a week or two back the St Marys District High School was officially recognised as the Most Improved District High in the state and, as it happens, by a substantial margin. This is great news and is backed up by the true pride that is fostered in wide and varied academic, performing, and sporting achievements recently.

I'll give you some examples. Since returning home, the Arts On Tour crew have been widely recognised for their exceptional efforts whilst traveling in the South, as we touched on before. Since then though, the school senior science students took part in the Australian Brain Bee Challenge in Neuroscience. Some truly wonderful news is that 7 kids took on the demanding exam and all 7 progressed to the next round, by achieving results twice the National benchmark. This is a fantastic, almost unheard of achievement from a school competing for the first time in this prestigious competition.

They were also up against 9000 other students and have two teams competing in the State Final in Hobart on June 18 in the Teams Event, while all 7 are up for individual honours as well. There are major prizes for both school and individuals including a place in the National Final in Sydney and even an international trip too. Given some of our kids scores were in the top 10 in round one they have optimistic hopes for good results here. Their teachers and advisers are a big part of all this and it all topped off an amazing couple of weeks academically.

On the sporting front there have also been some high achievers with a couple of the current students achieving selection in representative football teams along with some quite recently left students doing the same. These players should be genuinely proud of this at such young ages and no doubt all of us are.

In the next few months there are some incredible opportunities for the kids to show their skills and added to this is the major improvements in the wind for infrastructure on the education front. Like never before the local students of all ages have a lot to get excited about.

What do you think?

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SOCCER NEWS

St Marys Soccer Club

will host its first game of the season this Saturday (23 May)

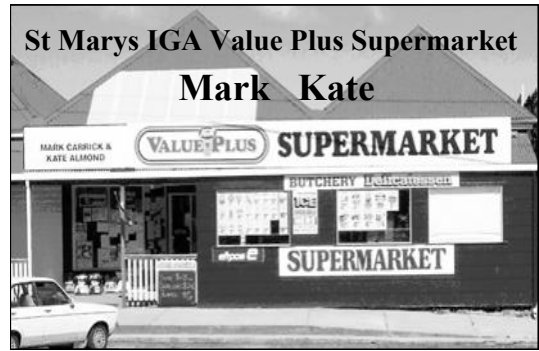
Junior games start at 11 am.

We will be having a bbq and food stall,
so please bring some pocket money
and some cake etc for the food stall.

Any player who has not yet registered
can you please do so on Saturday.

Junior practice is on Wednesdays after school for grades 5 and above
and younger players after school on Thursdays.

Soccer players are also welcome at adult soccer 3 pm on Sundays.



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

This week's specials.

From the butchery.

Mince	\$ 8.99kg
Beef stir fry strips	\$ 8.99kg

From the Deli

Blue Ribbon short cut bacon	\$13.99kg
Café ham	\$12.99kg

Instore specials

Kleenex toilet tissue 8pk	\$4.99
Miracle margarine 500g	\$1.49
Bundaberg raw/white sugar 1kg	\$1.39
Kraft Vegemite 220g	\$3.75
Jiffy firelighters 24s	\$3.99

Late week specials

Black & Gold sliced bread 680g	\$1.99
Spree laundry powder 500g	\$1.99

Next week's specials.

From the butchery

Rump steak	\$10.99kg
Free range chicken breast fillets	\$14.99kg

From the Deli

4x4 sandwich ham	\$ 8.99kg
Ridders rindless bacon	\$11.99kg

Instore specials

Arnotts choc.TimTam/mint slice/royals	\$2.49
Schweppes Pepsi max/L-ade/Sunkist 2lt	\$1.79
Lucky Dog dry food 3kg	\$7.99
Nanda pasta range 500g	\$1.49

Late week specials

Kelloggs cornflakes 525g	\$2.49
Coca cola range 2lt	\$2.49

ST MARYS TENNIS CLUB

Anyone who is interested
in playing in a

Friday evening doubles roster

again this year,

would you please notify

Jack Foreman 6372 2034.

Math Teaser

Are you smarter than a Fifth Grader?

This is a 5th grade math problem.

If you can open the spreadsheet, you'll see it's a very small list of people who have gotten the correct number.

This is not a trick question.
This is a real math problem
so don't say that the bus doesn't have legs.

There are 7 girls in a bus.
Each girl has 7 backpacks.
In each backpack,
there are 7 big cats.
For every big cat, there are 7 little cats.

The bus driver is not in the bus at this time.

Question:

How many legs are there in the bus?