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St Marys Main Street Makeover Community Meeting

To be held Wednesday 8 October, 7.30pm, St Marys Memorial Hall

Residents of the St Marys district are invited to a public meeting **next Wednesday week**, to consider plans for the development of the St Marys streetscape, developed by the Makeover Committee. The purpose of the meeting is to obtain community reaction to the plans, and to allow responses and comments to be taken into account by the committee before submission of the plans to the Break O'Day Council at its meeting on 13 October

The original concept plans were discussed at public meetings in late 2007, and a committee of 12 local residents formed at the meeting in January 2008 to develop a final plan. The committee has established and worked through all the options presented at the earlier meetings, and brought before it since.

Discussions have been held with the Council Works Department and with the Department of Infrastructure and Energy.. Residents and businesses fronting the streets included in the project, attended the last meeting of the committee to express their views, and the proposed road alignments were road tested by a big local heavy vehicle (and driver)! As observed by Bob Oates (Voice 14 September), there has been "endless meetings in the street with much arm waving and heated discussions"!

The 'Main Street', for the purpose of the project, has been defined as from 'The Flat' bridge from the east to the end of the kerb and guttering to the west towards Fingal, and Story Street from the pub corner to the intersection with Groom Street.

A major issue has been the need to ensure adequate and safe parking in the town for the future, as this is fundamental to the amenity of residents and the enhancement of the visitor experience, the two main criterion for the grant of \$150,000 from the State Government.

As part of the overall plan, two proposals will be submitted to the meeting, one on the basis of retaining angler parking, but with extra safety space for reversing, and the other based on parallel parking and a wider footpath between the TAR-DIS and the Cameron Street footpath.

This is your town. Your judgment of the plan and your input is critical. The committee has worked hard to develop a plan that will achieve as much as possible with the available money over the next 6 months, as the first stage of a longer term plan for enhancing the sense of place that is particularly St Marys with the theme of "Share Our Town".

See you there, 7.30 start, next Wednesday week, at the Hall.



Please note: Deadline for articles to be included in the next Valley Voice is: 5 pm Tuesday October 7, 2008.
New email address: judith.spilsbury@bigpond.com

Community news

St Marys Hospital Auxiliary meets the first Monday of every month at 2pm at the **St Marys Community Health Centre**.

The Break O'Day Woodcraft Guild Inc. meets the last Saturday of the month at 2pm at the goods shed behind the St Marys Railway Station.

Grassy Bottom Regional Arts are holding General meetings on the first Friday of every month at 5pm at the St Marys Hotel. Come along to share your creative ideas and help Grassy Bottom maintain an artistic culture in our community.

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

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

Break O'Day Wine & Food Appreciation Society meets once a month on the last Sunday. **Ph: Jan 6376 1661 or Leanne Ph: 6372 5291.**

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

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

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

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

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NEWS FROM GONE RUSTIC:

ONLINE SHOPPING – original designs and handmade items from Gone Rustic are now available online – to have a look, just go to <http://gonerustic.etsy.com> .

ONLINE SLIDESHOWS – if you missed seeing work by past guest exhibitors, you can now view them as online slideshows! Currently showing online are displays by local residents Barbara Mellor and Maureen Cardwell Fisher. Photo albums of other previous exhibitions are also available for viewing.

Just visit <http://www.myspace.com/gonerustic> .

TRAVELLING EXHIBITION FROM NSW – “Going to Pieces” – this exciting and inspiring group of quilts from the *Quilters Guild of NSW Inc.* is on display at Gone Rustic until *10th October*. Many thanks to *Tasmanian Regional Arts* for organising and transporting the suitcase exhibition.

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

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

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

For an *exhibitor's form* drop in to Gone Rustic soon – I look forward to giving you these opportunities to “strut your stuff”!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Spring Display

Delivery of items: Monday, 26th October

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

Closing date: Friday, 28th November

Collection of items: Monday, 30th November (also delivery date for next display – see below)

Christmas Display

Delivery of items: Monday, 30th November

Official launch: Saturday, 6th December (12 noon)

Collection of items: Monday, 22nd December

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

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Classifieds

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

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Scanner –Canon D1250U2. \$75. (\$150 new) Ph: 6372 2844
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A LITTLE BIT OF HERITAGE: Jim Haas **“Our Council”**

Was the amalgamation of the Fingal and Portland Councils a good thing or a bad thing? This is a question many ratepayers in the Fingal Valley often ponder. But did you know that the original Fingal Municipal Council formed in 1863 did, in fact, include Georges Bay? (St Helens)

The first election, held on the 27th February of that year, saw twelve candidates stand, six of whom were elected. They were: Francis Groom of Harefield, Thomas Ransom of Killymoon, James Grant Junior of Tullochgoram, Robert Clark of Malahide, Charles Parker of Benham and Robert Stuart of Fingal. Stuart, who was the Assistant Police Magistrate for the district at the time, was elected Warden.

The start of Government decentralization in Tasmania began during the term of Lieutenant Governor George Arthur, (1824 to 1836) when police districts were set up under the control of magistrates. At that time the Fingal Valley came under the jurisdiction of Campbell Town. In 1837 a sub-district was created and an Assistant Police Commissioner stationed at Avoca. The administration was moved to Fingal in 1842 and housed in the Probation Station.

The next move by the Government was the creation of Road Trusts in the 1840s which led to the Rural Municipalities Act authorising the formation of municipal councils in 1858. To form a local council each district had to come up with a petition signed by at least 50 land owners, whose qualifications were based on the value of the property they owned. Although a few districts moved rather quickly to form their council, there was quite a bit of opposition to the concept in the Fingal Valley. The first petition taken up in 1861 was rejected, and it took another year of lobbying by the pro council group before a second petition was able to convince the Government that the people of the Fingal Valley were ready for their own council.

Nineteen municipalities were formed between 1860 and 1866, one of which was the Rural Municipality of Fingal, with its boundaries based on the old police district of Fingal, which reached from west of Avoca through to St Helens on the coast. All councils subsequently elected took on the responsibilities of police services, water supplies, public roads, registration of dogs, impounding stray animals and licensing of butchers etc.

The Probation Station at Fingal was the initial home of the new council until Launceston architect, Henry Conway, was employed in 1878 to draw up plans for a Town Hall at Fingal. But it wasn't until October 1882 that the foundation stone was laid by the then Warden, J. H. Grueber.

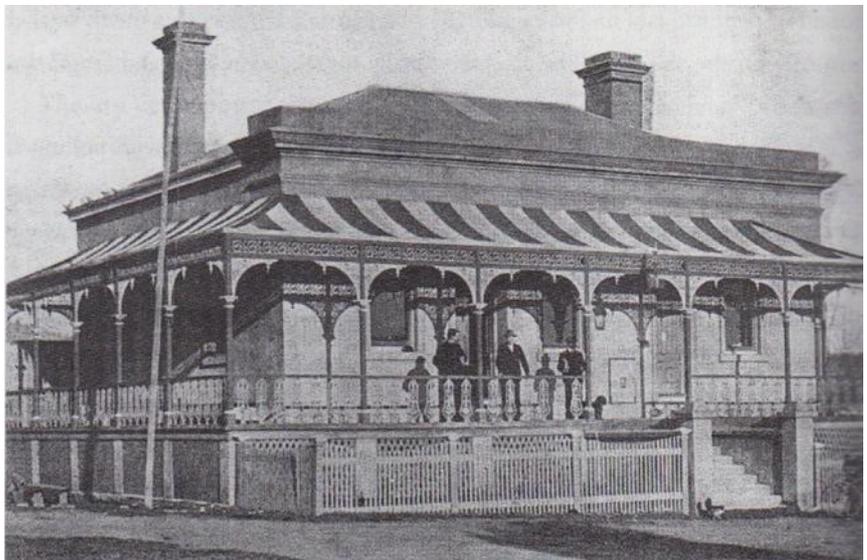
The new Town Hall was said to be a fine building and served the Municipality well until it was destroyed by fire in the early part of the Twentieth Century. This unfortunately led to all records being lost, and with newspapers covering very little on Local Government matters in those days, not a lot is known about our early Council's affairs.

One major development that did make the papers, however, was the drawing up of new boundaries in 1877, which saw the Fingal Municipality end at Scamander River, resulting in the loss of the Municipality of Georges Bay (St Helens).

The Fingal Council was extremely irate about the change, and the Warden wrote to the Colonial Secretary informing him that the Council's legal advice stated the boundary change was illegal. He said under no circumstances would his Council give up the Grant Deed of the municipal land at Georges Bay. But the Colonial Secretary had the ruling hand, the new boundaries were enforced, and no compensation was paid to the Fingal Council for their loss of what was later to become part of the Portland Municipality.

A new Council Chambers was built at Fingal immediately following the fire in the early 1900s. This building still stands proudly today, but not as Council offices. A new state of the art structure was built opposite the old Tasmanian Hotel in Talbot Street only a few short years before the 1993 merger of the Fingal and Portland Councils to form the current Break O'Day Council, the headquarters of which was soon established at St Helens.

The Fingal Valley people thought they were short changed back in 1877 when they lost the Municipality of Georges Bay. Today, with the loss of the headquarters and administration to St Helens under the Break O'Day regime, one wonders if the Valley hasn't been short changed yet again.



*Pictured right:
Fingal Municipal Council Chambers,
early 1900s.*

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor, Reply to Councillor Clement:

St Marys is truly blessed to have a councillor with such wonderful knowledge of all things and everything. I have read his musings in the last quite a few issues of the Valley Voice, and I am quite convinced that he is absolutely dead right on everything and all things.

His track record as a team player is awsum, and with the combined talent of our other councillor (sausage king) how can we possibly go astray.

I think that in the interest of good local government we should sack the entire council, but retain the services of our two local talented men.

By such a move we could regain control of all things and everything including the weather.

I agree with them that a SLSC on any beach is entirely inappropriate, Fingal or Avoca would be so much better.

Also the council's "two questions without notice" rule is a bit like trying to teach a cockatoo to shut up.

I.A. Wannaka,
St Marys.

In reply to Clr Reon Johns Letter to Editor.

Please get your facts straight:

We did refer to Council (not a council meeting) regarding submitting a different design and that it is now to be a split level design only **6% not 60%** bigger in total. This was done in consideration to the residents behind the facility, to have less impact in restricting their views and space.

I also take offence personally to the comments of the nameless letter to the editor. The petition gathered by Mr Greg Chippendale was of his own doing as a rate payer and resident of the Break O'Day Council and at the time he was not even a member of the East Coast Surf Lifesaving Club.

We are a voluntary organisation working tirelessly for the youth of our community and make every effort to train our junior members to become good citizens not ones who would deface the skate park. After all the skate park facility is for their benefit and use also.

Peggy Ryan,
Secretary,
East Coast Surf Lifesaving Club.

To the Editor,

As a rational reader, I would like to comment on a letter to the Editor in your last issue.

The author of the letter accused an S.L.S.C. member of vitriolic and belligerent behaviour, which cannot be condoned, BUT, they did NOT walk away, instead they chose to act in a "vitriolic and belligerent" way themselves—in a public forum—accusing him of future vandalism to the skatepark and withholding their own name suggesting intimidation.

As a new reader of your paper, I find their double standards amusing.

As a point of interest, our most famous Tasmanian, "Princess Mary", was herself a Bronze medallion holder and patrolling member of Clifton Beach S.L.S.C.—proof God Is helping the Surf Lifesaving Movement!
Malcolm Mighall—Scamander.

Dear Editor.

I would like to clarify some points in regards to the designs/setbacks of the Surf Life Saving Club and subsequent Skatepark, and believe the rate payers have been grossly mis-informed in previous articles.

The new design is 362m². The design submitted with the second DA is 340m². I believe this is around 6% difference.

The original design is double storey, long and skinny and site specific. With the new location and large site area this double storey design impedes the visual sighting of the foreshore from neighbouring properties. On-site discussions were had with the General Manager, council staff and representatives. A preliminary split level design and site plan was discussed and agreed upon. The site plan showed the setback as 10m from the skatepark. Council agreed to pay for the new design and have done so. The new design is split level with a height reduction to allow neighbouring properties minimum visual intrusion.

The skatepark position is not as the site plan discussed that day and has a reduction of approximately 1.5m thus reducing the setback to the proposed surfclub to 8.5m.

This setback is to only part of the surfclub with the storage section setback 11.8m.

The setback from the skatepark to the carpark is 8.5m. What is the bigger safety risk, a skateboard hitting a car, occupants or a solid building.

I am well informed on these matters as I produced the Development Application, skatepark drawings and detail as with site plans for the skatepark to be a success and have been involved all the way with the Proposal for the Surfclub. I have all the drawings and detail to back this up and you are hearing it from the Horses Mouth (so to speak) not hearsay.

I surely hope both these projects are successful and will become an asset to the community and more importantly bring the community together. I also envisage this foreshore area to become the hub for social and recreational activities for residents and visitors alike and promote the beauty and lifestyle that we all relish.

Michael Eastwood, Onshore Designs.

Dear Editor,

Regarding the repair of the St Patrick's Head Track, it may be of interest to your readers to know the following:

Parks and Wildlife had come up with a plan to partially reroute the track, estimated at \$50,000. We wrote to various State Ministers asking for the money to be allocated and we received word that an amount of \$20,000 would be made available for an amended plan.

On the 8th of August, I received a telephone call from Michelle O'Byrne's office to say that the funds were no longer available.

On direction of the Premier of Tasmania, Mr Bartlett, funding for these local footpaths in small towns was to be directed elsewhere. The officer to whom I was talking suggested Mr Bartlett wanted the money directed to cycleways.

I hope your readers will take the above into account at the next State elections and vote accordingly.

Yours,
Neil Capill, S.M.A.C.D.

Letter to Ed,

Is anyone else out there as shocked and disgusted in their winter energy bill as I am? I have spoken to several people with exorbitant bills, compared to last winter's.

I have decided to take some kind of action by contacting the energy Ombudsman to get them to look into this issue.

If you feel the same as I do, I urge you to do the same.

If we all complain, they might do something about it.

Kim Chappell.

LEGACY

LEGACY BADGE DAYS ON THE EAST COAST AT
BICHENO, ST MARYS AND ST HELENS
HAVE RAISED THE INCREDIBLE AMOUNT OF
\$1335.50.

THANK YOU TO ALL.

Letters to the Editor

Letter to the Editor: Cancer & The "RIFE" Machine.

Last VV edition's letter from Dianne Troode was at last a positive one, while some editions have been heavily sided with the "Rife" Machine toward its ability to "cure" all cancers and, the writer telling us that he had not only written to, but DEMANDED to know what the Cancer Society had done with the millions of dollars they had raised over the years.

I don't purport to know exactly what they have done with it all but I do know firsthand all about research and the cost of same. Now just to put everyone in the picture, without research on any subject matter we would not be where we are today, i.e. we would not have penicillin, we would still be having plagues, there would be no life saving surgery to the degree it is done today, we would have no frozen, tinned, packaged foods or dehydrated foods (for our armed services or explorers etc), no electricity, aeroplanes or cars, as a matter of fact everything in life comes from some sort of research or another.

That means research, research and research again, until they get it right and that means the investment of money and time to allow those processes to happen. What better research than trying to find not only cures but preventatives for an insidious disease like cancer, especially in our children.

I also want to thank Charles for giving me a disk so I could see for myself the history of the Rife. With the Rife Machine, if Mr Trollope believes it worked for him, so be it, and I applaud him for being a survivor.

That does not give him the right to denigrate the Cancer Society in the manner with which he has done. 22 years ago I had ground breaking surgery and treatment for an advanced cancer, my work colleague was diagnosed with an identical cancer at the same time. I was as Charles so eloquently put it "cut, burned and poisoned", my colleague had surgery but no other treatment - I am still alive today, sadly she died 18 months later.

My sister was diagnosed with aggressive cancer throughout her body, stopping just shy of the brain and given 3 months to live. She had emergency surgery as an unknown quantity, followed by massive chemotherapy but, she also had God on her side and in her heart. After stopping chemo treatment (her own call) 6 months ago, she is still with us today, she believed that God would either heal her or it was meant to be. What I am getting at is that the power of the mind can also play a big part in the healing process, along with conventional medicine.

People diagnosed with terminal illnesses will grasp at or try anything. Wouldn't you? Just don't deny effective treatments at the same time because someone says "this machine will cure you", the medical profession is around for a reason, not only to give people jobs, they go into the industry to do some good throughout their life and help others, this is enabled only by continuous research.

Rife machines that go on sale "second hand" - who used them and no longer felt the need for them? Could it be that the person who believed in the Rife Machine for a "cure" wasn't cured and sadly didn't survive after all?

I have also done some research on these machines, they were banned for very good reason, not as implied "sought out and destroyed" as they are still around. All I am asking is that if you do purchase a Rife Machine and believe in it, good things may occur, but don't forsake convention and research as well as alternative treatments, just to partake in a mind altering maybe, (power of the mind) that needed research to be done on it in the first place before they could build it!

Good luck and best wishes to all cancer sufferers and survivors and please keep buying the golden daffodils and assist with research into cancer, because I sure will be.

Charlie Hersey.

"Without Prejudice"

Dear Editor,

Bob Oates' (Voice 14 Sept "Do We Have An Image Problem") remarks about the hawthorn hedges which frame the approaches to St Marys contrast with his previous delight in the sense of place of St Marys as "Heaven".

Bob wants to change the hawthorn lined approaches to Heaven by "giving the place a civilized and tidy entrance", to be achieved by "a bloody great John Deere with a flail mower on a long arm". St Peter on a tractor could be the town logo.

An alternative point of view may be an appreciation of the beauty of the hawthorns through the seasons, the billowing white blossom and spring green of the new leaves, the changing autumn colours, the scarlet berries and stark outlines of the winter branches, a recognition of a living and enduring heritage from early colonial days, providing habitat, shelter and protection for birds and a natural roadside landscape.

Such rampant countryside exuberance, characterised by Bob as "a scary monster type experience", is a refreshing welcome, at least to this resident, as we return home along the Valley, and seems to be regarded as a real attraction by tourists.

And if he wants a more civilized and tidy look, why not learn how to layer the hedges in the traditional way to make them stock proof, establish a Valley Hedging Society, and put us on the map by organising the Tasmanian State Hedging Championship.

If we must manicure our hedgescape to accommodate some suburban ethos, let us at least do it in an imaginative, creative and innovative way, not just flail it physically and in the Voice.

Bob's comments also raise the issue of the progressive encirclement of our town by plantations, a "tidy" monoculture swiftly changing the landscapes which are such an integral part of the St Marys scene.

Hawthorns are not the scary monsters, Bob, it is the ever increasing number of plantations surrounding St Marys that are the scary monsters, they are what will give us "an image problem", drive away tourism, stop new settlement, dry up the water supplies, and destroy this town, plantations artificially fed by tax breaks, and justified by social impact studies claiming that they are beneficial to the 'regional' economy - but not to the local economy, where the trees are actually planted.

Evercreech is a good example, trees in, dairy out, jobs gone, and isn't the plantation at the Falmouth turnoff "civilized and tidy"?

David Clement,
St Marys.

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Letter to the Editor

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I write with regard to the letter published in the Valley Voice on the 28 August 2008 written by Mrs Rachel Tonkinson relating to the Council appointment of the General Manager.

I have read with great concern the contents of the letter and especially the request for the Mayor and Councillors to reply via the Valley Voice. It is accepted that councillors will be in receipt of confidential information that may or may not be part of a formal Council meeting. It is **MY** responsibility to ensure that such information is treated confidentially, so as not to harm, prejudice or compromise the interests of Council or any individual or organisation, or enable any individual or organisation to gain a financial advantage.

Council operates in an environment of public accountability in which it seeks to inform the public of issues under consideration and the nature of decisions made by Council. At the same time, Council is conscious of the need to handle Council information in a way that promotes and maintains trust and confidence in the integrity of the local government.

Whilst endeavouring in the interest of public accountability to limit the number of matters which are considered in confidential sessions, Council acknowledges that it is appropriate to consider certain matters in closed meetings.

These included (but are not limited to):

- Information of a personal nature or about personal affairs, for example the personal details of councillors and Council staff;
- The appointment, dismissal or discipline of employees;

Therefore, in accordance with Council policy and good ethical behavior, I will not comment on items that fall within the above areas, but will make the following facts that are specific to letter in question.

- A personal response was drafted and forwarded to Mrs Tonkinson within two (2) days of her letter being published providing relevant responses to her queries.
- The letter, although addressed to the "address as provided, was returned, "UNKNOWN AT THIS ADDRESS".

Research then demonstrated:

- A white pages inquiry provided no contact number for the details provided
- Mrs Tonkinson is not a ratepayer of the Wodonga Council
- The "return address as provided" belongs to a family that has been in residence for the last 11 years (name is not Tonkinson, nor a derivative of same)
- Mrs Tonkinson advised in the letter that she is receiving the Valley Voice by mail, she states that she is informed by the contents of the Valley Voice – I question how can she receive the Valley Voice by mail if the postal address provided is incorrect?
- Mrs Tonkinson states that her son has been waiting for the General Managers position to be advertised – although I question "why" he expected the position to become vacant or other issues this raises; I was subsequently surprised that Council did not receive an application for the job of Business and Corporate Services Manager that was recently advertised.

In my personal opinion, there are too many unanswered questions relating to this letter, and I can assure the community that all efforts to address the contents and concerns were undertaken, however, there are too many areas that demonstrate that perhaps the authenticity of the letter should be questioned.

Whether the matter is pursued further will depend on legal advice.

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Letter to the Editor

Letter to the Editor

I write in reply to the many articles recently published in the Valley Voice.

Unfortunately, and to the detriment of everyone, good governance has been overtaken by personal point scoring and at times, Councillors express their own opinions on Council matters, which undermine the standing of Council in the community. The Council is made up of nine (9) Councillors, and should operate as a cohesive body to ensure the best for the Break O'Day Community. I too, have fallen in to the trap of "reacting" instead of "responding", however, I now want to ensure that a response to recent articles in the Valley Voice (dated 14 September 2008) is provided.

Woodcraft Guild: On the front cover of the paper there are the comments regarding the opening of the Woodcraft Guild operations at the railway station area. There is a long list of credits given to those who helped but not a mention of the Break O'Day Council who gave the Guild the use of building, financial assistance, and recently graveled the road and graded it. The Community, whilst they may be aware of the support from Council, it should be included in any list provided publically.

Surf Club, Scamander: Whilst I don't feel the Valley Voice was the correct vehicle, or contained the appropriate context for the letter from Cr Reon Johns, I want to remind the Community that it is a Councilors role to vote on the information supplied. I do not think it is a Councillors role to publicly state that the club took a gamble in submitting a new design. After all is said and done, the majority rule of Council is binding; every Councillor has the opportunity in Council to make their argument at the time of debate Why are we always reading in the Valley Voice a Councilors personal views long after the debate?

Mrs Tonkinson (General Manager's Position): This has been responded to in a separate letter to the Editor; however, I wish to advise the Community that the General Manager's appointment was a unanimous decision (with all Councillors present).

Councillor Clement's reply to Mrs Tonkinson carries on his attack on the General Manager and myself. How convenient was Mrs Tonkinson's letter for Councillor Clement to be able to reply with his own personal opinion.

I have found that the performance of the General Manager has been of the highest standard at all times and his ability to drive this Municipality forward, however, his direction is being hindered by what could only be described as a "personal attack" by one or two of those who endorsed his appointment.

I believe the General Manager has a tolerance level far beyond the average persons to have put up with these comments and remarks that have been written and spoken of him. I know only too well that these same individuals **do** not like adverse comments directed to them; a fair thing is all that is asked.

Governor's Visit: How nice to see an article about the visit by the Governor and his wife to the Wombat Walk park, they are truly a delightful couple. I was disappointed that so few Councillors were in a position to be present at the civic reception in St Helens, and thank the Community for the strong support they showed.

Council Watch: Council Watch is a personal report from Councillor Clement and any views or opinions expressed are solely those of the author, and do not represent those of the Council. As with any "good article", only one side of the story is portrayed in several instances, and whilst I will not enter into a public war of words, I repeat that the whole Council votes on motions put before it, not just myself, Clr Clement has the chance to put forward his argument for debate in the Council Meeting, Council (as a whole) then makes the final decision, this should be without further public written or spoken word from any individual Councillor.

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Letters to the Editor

Letter to The Editor

Thank you Councillor Johns for responding to my Letter to the Editor of August 28, as one of the two of our nine Councillors who voted against DA 153-08.

Councillor Johns:

Point 1

What condition/s required by Council were not met by the Applicant? Would you identify the specific condition/s not met by the Applicant?

Point 2

All DA's are subject to the BODC Planning Scheme 1993, which includes the design of any structure, there can be no prior approvals.

Points 3 & 4

It is common knowledge that there was a site meeting held and in attendance were interested parties of the ECSLC, Onshore Designs and the General Manager BODC. This site meeting was as a result of the re-location of an adjoining development which necessitated the change in design of the proposed structure. The ECSLC had no choice but to submit a new design

A decision was made at the site meeting to re-design a more suitable structure on the new site and also that Break O'Day Council would pay for the re-design. This design has been completed, the BODC invoiced and the invoice paid. I WOULD SUGGEST COUNCILLOR, THAT COUNCIL DID KNOW OF THE NEW DESIGN. The new design conforms with the BODC Planning Scheme and as such was recommended for approval.

If you check the plans submitted to Council they show a much greater clearance distance than the 3 metres you stated.

If you had any doubts relating to safety, you had the opportunity to raise these at the Council meeting and suggest additional Conditions be applied. The Minutes do not indicate that you took this opportunity.

If an appeal is lodged, this is a separate issue and will be dealt with by the appropriate body.

Councillor, it would appear that I am again asking the same question. Why did you vote against the recommendation for approval of DA153.08? Please respond to this specific DA and the criteria of the BODC Planning Scheme only.

It appears that you often vote against DA's which are recommended for approval, compliant or not. A quick check of past Minutes confirms this is a practice of yours.

Resident, Ratepayer & Voter.

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Letter to the Editor

Thank you Councillor Clement for responding to my Letter to the Editor of 28 August, as one of the two of our nine Councillors who voted against DA 153-08.

Regrettably, you have chosen to introduce personal opinion and conclusions in your response. Therefore I would like to clarify a few items.

I am not an apostle, nor was my letter an extract from a communion service; therefore no Epistle to the faithful was written. A letter containing factual information addressed to the Editor for the purpose of providing public information was provided.

My letter contained no intent or implication that a Councillor is or should be a "supine rubber stamp", **these are your words Councillor, not mine.**

You did acknowledge that my letter does however contain one clear message; perhaps this was the one point of substance you alluded to:

"A Councillor is to represent accurately the policies and decisions of the Council in performing their role as a Councillor".

The BODC Planning Scheme 1993 is a Policy of the Council.

Don't let the fact that 7 out of 9 Councillors have reached the same conclusion and voted for this Application in the affirmative, based on the above criteria, suggest that my conclusion is correct.

Councillor Clement, **do not** attempt to suggest that you can anticipate my opinion or position on other issues, none of which were referred to in the original letter, which you have chosen to introduce in your reply. Is this a defence mechanism introduced by you trying to distract the reader?

Something I will clearly state is that I am neither an advocate for denial of public access to public information, nor am I a cat, fit to "purr".

Likewise I do not wish to be drawn into debate by reference to another application. Each Application must be dealt with individually on its own merits relative to the BODC Planning Scheme. The purpose of this correspondence is to address DA153-08 and your reasons for voting in the negative.

The "faceless men" to whom you refer I can only anticipate are the Planning Appeals Tribunal. Yes I do place my faith in their decision. However, if it is the belief of the Applicant that the tribunal has made an error in law, then there is an avenue for a High Court challenge. This is where these "unaccountable experts" as you have so named them, can be challenged and indeed held accountable for their decision.

No Councillor Clement, I will not have to go back to my barricades to fight for my democratic rights. They are already in place in the appeals process. Again your anticipation is wrong. Prior experience with the Planning Appeals Tribunal has shown them to be both thorough and professional. Some appeals upheld, some appeals not upheld, depending on my position. I may not necessarily like or be happy with the outcomes, however, I have never lost nor will I lose my respect for "due process" and applaud and support our democratic systems and society.

I have not "kicked my elected representative" as I did not vote for you; however I have asked a question of an elected representative relating to their decision making which is still unanswered. Please respond to this specific DA and the criteria of the BODC Planning Scheme only.

Why did you vote in the negative to DA153-08?

I await what will no doubt be a detailed response.

Resident, Ratepayer & Voter. (Name Supplied)

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Letter to the Editor



CEMETERY FIELD DAY

Report & Photo: Jim Haas

For many folk a day wandering around old grave sites would not be their cup of tea, but for the dozen or so members and friends of the St Patricks Head & Esk Valley Historical Society who braved the wind on Sunday the 21st September to do just that, it was an enjoyable, informative day.

The day started with a visit to the old convict cemetery in Pass Road, St Marys where it was depressing to find someone had attempted to dig one grave up, while the others were almost unrecognisable due to the sandstone headstones being removed some years ago and the current spread of prickly gorse.

After a stop halfway down St Marys Pass, where Barry Aulich pointed out where the Maney family had once farmed down in the gully, it was on to Falmouth where a quick look around the cemetery was followed by lunch and an informal meeting at the Community Centre.

The day finished with a trip to Seymour where photography and an audit was carried out on the old cemetery there. Again it was sad to find that, although both Falmouth and Seymour Cemeteries appear to have been regularly mowed, it appears the markings of a number of graves have simply disappeared.

The cemetery index being worked on at the moment will, however, give people looking for family members a comprehensive record of graves in the geographic area covered by the Society.

To learn more about our fascinating history call into the St Marys Railway Station History & Gifts, or phone: Darlene 63722007, Barry 635752, or Jim 63722127.



St Patricks Head & Esk Valley Historical Society Members Barry Aulich, Lois Hayes and Peter Rubenach study the convict graves hidden under the gorse in Pass Road, St Marys.



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Membership

Membership renewals have now been sent out . If you have not received one or wish to join this year I would be pleased to hear from you.

Sunday Pennant

If you wish to play Sunday Pennant this summer please notify Maureen Bushing (6372 3900 business hours)

Coaching

Club coach Harry Ebsworth is about to resume his coaching sessions.

Harry can be contacted on 0409 036 245

Twilight tennis

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The Schier family wish to sincerely thank the local community for the condolences received with their loss of Michael.

Michael was a life member of both the St Mary's Pacing Club and the former St Mary's Football Club, and it was only fitting the funeral service was conducted in the pleasant surrounds of the Recreation Reserve where Michael spent so much time.

Thanks also to the eulogists, Len Miles, Bruce Hogarth, Frank Nott and Brian Baxter.

Being a former 'vollie' it was fitting that members of the volunteer fire brigade were able to assist as pall bearers.

A hearty lunch and refreshments was served at the St Mary's Sports Club, followed by a 'wake' at the Falmouth Community Centre where Michael was also a life member. We are pleased that it was decided that "Moscow's Corner" will become official at the Centre!

Special thanks to Lindsay and Dianne Harris, Eric Bean, St Mary's Sports Club, The Falmouth Community Centre who all contributed to a fitting farewell of Michael.

The Schier Family.



COMMUNITY FUNDING PROGRAM 2008/2009

The Community Funding Program provides grants to communities to improve facilities/programs in their township or to improve the overall amenity of their town. All community groups that represent the ratepayers of their community are eligible to apply for funding.

Projects that will be considered for funding but not necessarily restricted to:

Beautification projects

Projects to improve or construct recreation facilities

Projects that will improve the amenity of the township/community

Projects that **will not** be considered:

Any projects on privately owned land or which cannot be freely accessed by all community members

Capital Works projects (ie. Footpaths, kerb and guttering etc.)

Eligibility

All community groups that represent the ratepayers of their township/area are eligible to apply for funding.

Only local **NOT-FOR-PROFIT** community groups will be given consideration for funding assistance.

Preference will be given to incorporated organisations with proven capacity to administer grants.

Application forms can be downloaded from Council's website or obtained from the Council Office. Applications can be made under the Community Funding Program up until 1 February 2009. For further information contact Chris Hughes at the Council Office on 6376 7900 or chris.hughes@bodc.tas.gov.au.

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Dick Adams, Federal Member for Lyons, welcomed the opening of the expanded funding round, announced by Jenny Macklin, Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

"The Rudd Government has expanded the items eligible for funding under the program to include petrol for volunteers who use their vehicles for volunteering purposes.

"This delivers on the Government's election commitment and acknowledges the pressure of rising fuel costs on volunteers.

"The Volunteer Grants Program has also been expanded to include school Parents and Friends Associations for the first time", said Dick Adams.

Eligible organisations can apply for grants of between \$1000 and \$5000 to purchase equipment including computers, sporting items, BBQ's and fridges. Organisations can also apply for up to \$2500 to help offset the costs of fuel used by volunteers.

"This is the first time organisations will be able to apply for a contribution to help reimburse the fuel costs of volunteers.

"Every day, in every community there are people out there giving their time and energy to help the elderly, children, and those who need a helping hand.

"The Government understands the important role played by volunteers and this is a way of recognising their valuable contributions.

"This is a way of giving something back to volunteers for all that they give to us", Dick Adams said.

Application guidelines and forms are available from www.fahcsia.gov.au or the toll free hotline on 1800 183 374.

Applications close Friday 17 October 2008.

Recognition of Community Contribution



Break O'Day Council's Recognition of Community Contribution Award is open again for nominations. The award recognises the contribution that individuals and groups make within our community.

Nominations should be in writing (not less than 100 words) outlining the person or group who have demonstrated a strong commitment and dedication by contributing their time and skills to our community.

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Recognition of Community Contribution

Break O'Day Council

PO Box 21, St Helens, 7216

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Nominations must be received by 5.00pm
Tuesday 30 September, 2008.

OUT OF THE WOODWORK

Wendy Brennan, Secretary

Thank you to Audrey and Dale Wright for their kind donation of Blackwood to the Guild.

As space was limited in my last article I would like to take this opportunity to give a posthumous thank you to our late Mayor Steven Salter. Mayor Salter saw merit in what we were trying to achieve and gave us his full support. The Guild will always have fond memories of Steven as a visionary who not only saw the Guild as a need for a community but helped us achieve that need. We all raise our glasses in gratitude.

The Guild will be sponsoring the **Northern Veterans Cycle Club** who will grace our town with their athleticism on the **5th October 2008** and hopefully will for many years to come.

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

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What do we all really think of angle parking these days? I must admit that when the Main Street makeover was at the forefront I really didn't pay due diligence to this aspect of the proposals but anticipate it was a major component of the several designs. At least I hope it was.

A few of us can recall the days before Main Street angle parking occurred in St Marys. I suppose it does allow a few extra vehicles to park near the shops but in relation to safety, I for one am not convinced it is a good thing.

Over the years several minor bingles have occurred when a larger vehicle obscures a clear view especially on busy days. Fairly recently our local police have cracked down on incorrect crossing when reversing out and heading easterly. People still do it though.

At times a car park idea has been mooted, mainly for tourists and visitors. The hardest part of that of course is finding a suitable site close to everything to make it worthwhile.

One of the suggested places was behind the deli and bakery area. Perhaps another alternative would be opposite the new emergency services building or a combination of both. Who knows?

In any event maybe the parallel parking would then return to the southern side of Main Street and another factor might be that most prefer angle parking anyway.

Has anyone heard much more about the new doctor situation. Somehow there seems to be more than one opinion about this important subject and perhaps soon someone in the know, so to speak, could enlighten us a bit more on the likely scenarios for next year.

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St Patricks Head & Esk Valley Historical Society Inc. will still be based at the Railway Station.

The photo and memorabilia display will also remain, the society being the sole owner and caretaker of these items. I plan to be on site as a volunteer in the research Room 1 to 2 days a week, compiling and copying old files, along with new information we are lucky to access.

The requests for family research from people who have ancestors from the Fingal Valley are increasing, as word of our Society is filtering through different organisations. If you have information or photos of the Fingal Valley that you think would be important to keep for future generations, please contact one of our members. These items do not have to leave your home, we photo images on digital cameras.

Darlene Wright.

If you have any questions about our Society, please contact:

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Due to a computer glitch, this photo did not arrive in time for inclusion in last issue.

Pictured at the Woodcraft Guild Official Opening: MHA Rene Hidding, Mayor Bob Legge, Constable Sam Lloyd (Avoca), Councillor John McGivern.

Sam loved meeting and chatting with the locals and dignitaries at a well organised event.

The Woodcraft Guild wishes to apologise to the Break O'Day Council for not giving them recognition for their assistance in the credits printed on the front page last issue.

Photo: Courtesy Charlie Hersey.



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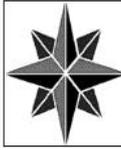
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The Valley Voice may soon need to consider broadsheet format to accommodate the burgeoning self-promotions and explications of 'Quilts n Pomes' and 'Tilts n Tomes'.

Liftout sections titled 'Much Ado About Nothing' and 'Educating Rita' - upper case and bold, respectively - may furnish readers with firelighting material and composting matter, as inflammatory detritus is useful in these verbose and verdant times.

DO YOU THINK? (Name supplied)

BOOK LAUNCH FOR LOCAL POET

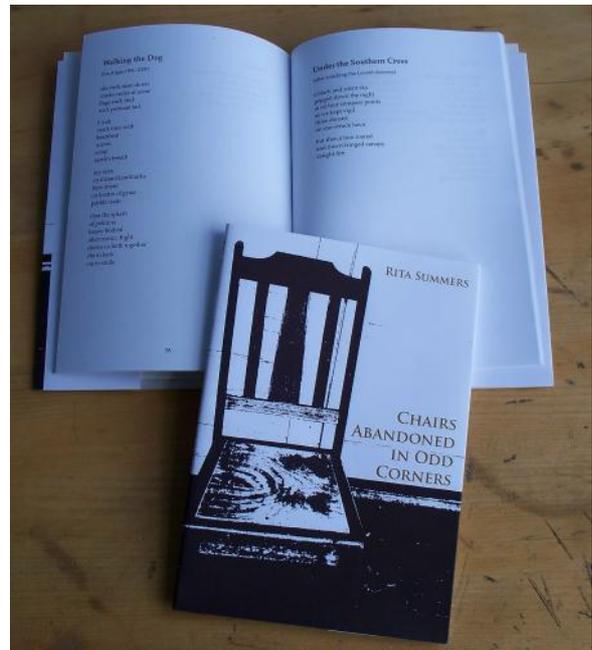
Love ... anger ... joy ... pain ... these emotions and more are expressed with clarity and honesty in the poetry of Canadian-born poet and local resident Rita Summers.

Stephen Matthews (editor, Ginninderra Press, Adelaide, S.A.) has recently accepted and produced a collection of Rita's poems and photographs in a book entitled Chairs Abandoned in Odd Corners. The book will be launched at a readings night (organised by the editor) at *Hobart Bookshop* from 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, 9th October. Many of the poems in the collection have previously featured in anthologies, literary journals and ezines, as well as in two earlier small editions of her work published in the USA. Some new, unpublished writing is also included.

Although much of Rita's writing comes out of her own experiences, there is also a deep empathy with the human condition and its capacity for grief and happiness, disappointment and fulfilment, frustration and triumph ... these poems express with a minimum of words a heartfelt response to life and breath in a world that is not always kind but which is often exhilarating. As a result, this collection cannot help but resonate with anyone who reads it.

This first major collection of Rita's work represents a cross-section of poems written at different periods in her life. The photographs which illustrate the book, taken by the poet around her home in Tasmania, are an attempt to express the isolation often felt by individuals who are deeply sensitive to their surroundings and who seek answers to the often unexplainable events which threaten to overwhelm them. The poems themselves, like prayers, speak, whisper, shout or scream in response to different situations. Perhaps the answers can only come as a result of the recognition (and admission) that these situations do exist and that explanations are not easy (or at times even impossible) to find. Ultimately, the expression of them brings release, closure and – finally – freedom.

To purchase a copy of Rita's book, contact her on 0417 027 424 or visit *Gone Rustic*, The Old Garage, 37 Main Street, St. Marys 7215. Cost: \$20



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Church Full to Almost Bursting



It was in the pipeline for several years, and planned intensively over several months, but finally it happened – the inaugural *Country Music Gospel Service* was held at the local Holy Trinity Anglican Church on Sunday, 31st August 2008.

The twang of guitars and banjos, the sweet sound of autoharps, the sweeping notes of an accordion, the deep sound of bass guitar, the tinkle of a piano, the husky voice of a sax, the beat of drums – all these, combined with lusty singing from 150 throats almost raised the roof, as everyone joined in old favourites such as “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”. The singing was enthusiastic and tuneful, the musical items from musos and singers from this municipality were presented and listened to with enthusiasm, the “good yarn” (i.e. sermon) was both humorous and thought provoking, and Mulga Bill did an excellent job with the Aussie Bible readings.

Feet were tapping, hands were clapping, and some people were even line dancing! Some people also got into the country mood by wearing hats, boots, jeans and any other country gear they could lay their hands on. What a great way to spend a Sunday morning – praising God, enjoying each other's company, sharing in some great music – it all came together thanks to the many talents and generous help of a lot of people.

Personal thank you cards have been sent, but for the record the service couldn't have happened at all if not for the support of so many. A special thank you goes to the Break O'Day Anglican Parish Council for their trust and support in allowing us to run with this, and their encouragement to give it another go next year. Thank you also to everyone who contributed donations – over \$600 was raised for the East Coast Counselling Service/Anglicare, which will be used in the local community. Last, but definitely not least, thanks to all the good cooks out there who put on some really good tucker!

Personally, we were very humbled by the response, and grateful for God's strength and guidance as we planned and worked towards this event. We are tired, but happy! And soon, we will start planning for *next* year's Country Music Gospel Service ... hope you'll come!



Rita and Ian Summers



DOING THE ROUNDS

Cllr Reon Johns 0429 722 091

On the 1st July 2009 the State Government will take over the water and sewerage from all 29 Councils in Tasmania. This includes all equipment, infrastructure, staff and outstanding water and sewerage loans, which the Councils own.

The Councils will then become shareholders in the venture. If the venture is successful then a dividend will be paid to each shareholder.

This process has been ongoing for some time. The underlying reason for the State's taking over of the water and sewerage is to eliminate the "boiled water" alerts and provide a universal standard across the State.

However, I believe that while the gesture is right, the procedure has been rushed, and Councillors have been given little time to digest debate and decide on the issue.

There remains today a list of issues that are still unresolved such as:-

- Emergency management
- Planning referrals
- Water re-use responsibility
- Plumbing inspections
- Cost of water etc

Until these issues are resolved and conveyed to the general public I remain unconvinced of this take over.

The constitution for the water and sewerage reform was given to Council and a special meeting called on the 25 August 2008. Councillors voted to have the Objectives of this constitution include the phrase "must be of a quality meeting the requirements of the Public Health Act 1997."

The original objectives were only concerned with delivery and supply of water and to make a profit with no regard to quality.

The Mayor moved a motion to rescind this at the September Council meeting and again commonsense prevailed and the motion was lost.

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

I can be contacted on mobile 042922091 or Fax 63722098.

Councillor Reon Johns.

I would like to invite any other Councillor to share this article with me and help keep the Break O'Day informed. Like to raise an issue? Feel free to contact me on mobile 0429 722 091.

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17. Everyone has a photographic memory. Some just don't have film.
 18. How much deeper would the ocean be without sponges?
 19. Eagles may soar, but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines.
 20. What happens if you get scared half to death twice?
 21. "I couldn't repair your brakes, so I made your horn louder."
 22. Why do psychics have to ask you for your name?

Want to know more about cancer? Open to people affected by cancer and interested others

Where: The Day Room, St Helens Hospital

When: October 16th from 1.30 – 3.30pm

Who: Dr Stan Gauden, Head of Holman Clinic, Launceston
Dr Robert Brodribb, Clinical Liaison Officer
Abbie Ford, Social Worker

Programme

- 1.30 The nature of cancer, prevention and screening
- 2.00 Treatment: Surgery

Break (light refreshments)

- 2.45 Treatment: radiation therapy, chemotherapy
- 3.00 Social and practical issues

Questions and close

This is a free session

Registrations are essential

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on 6376 5242 to register**



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1. Save the whales. Collect the whole set.
 2. A day without sunshine is like.....night.
 3. On the other hand, you have different fingers.
 4. 42.7 percent of all statistics are made up on the spot.
 5. 99 percent of lawyers give the rest a bad name.
 6. Remember, half the people you know are below average.
 7. He who laughs last thinks slowest.
 8. Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.
 9. The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese in the trap.
 10. Support bacteria. They're the only culture some people have.
 11. A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.
 12. Change is inevitable, except from vending machines.
 13. If you think nobody cares, try missing a couple of payments.
 14. OK, so what's the speed of dark?
 15. When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
 16. Hard work pays off in the future. Laziness pays off now.
 23. Inside every older person is a younger person wondering what happened?
 24. Just remember - if the world didn't suck, we would all fall off.
 25. Light travels faster than sound. That is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

Death of a Town

Settlements in the north west have been destroyed by being surrounded by plantations. St Marys now faces the same fate, it may take longer, but the pattern has been set, and the recently advertised Denny plantation at Gray continues that pattern. And the destruction of this town will come about because of the complicity of the Break O'Day Council.

The issue is simple-plantations in the wrong place have the capacity to cause harm, harm to the local economy, the local environment and the local community. A plantation (1200 trees per ha) in the wrong place can dry up water supplies, surround houses and settlements, generate truck movements on local roads (at the rate of 14 per hectare planted), eliminate traditional landscapes, skylines, hillsides and sea views, adversely affect tourism, reduce local employment, drive out residents, deter new settlement, degrade the soil, and destroy wildlife habitat and its connectivity.

A **combination** of plantations in the wrong place can have a **cumulative** and **aggregate** impact that is greater than the total impacts of the individual plantations- and that is the situation at St Marys. The town is being encircled by plantations, as land owners take the easy dollars offered by commercial timber companies, financed by taxpayer funded Managed Investment Schemes providing 100% write offs of investments in 'woodlots'. The map will indicate which properties are being targeted-privately owned, already cleared land, containing creeks or springs, and with access to a main road. St Marys is being surrounded by plantations, feeding off the streams, creeks, springs and aquifers of the St Marys water catchment

Start at the railway station and drive west to Fingal and within a kilometre or so, to the right, is the first plantation, on Bryar Wah, and next door, opposite the entrance to Cullenswood and reaching to Cornwall is the one planted on Beckers. From the hill at Cornwall, look across the valley to the vast plantations on Cullenswood, then back towards the Elephant where the Harefield plantations stretch out and join those on Cullenswood.

Now the Denny property at Gray at the back of Harefield has just been advertised to be converted to plantation. Drive up to the Elephant Pass, go past the Pancake Parlour and turn left up Elephant Farm road to see the plantation there.

Go back to the town and towards St Marys Pass, and drive along Irishtown Road. to the plantation that the Forest Practices Tribunal stated, on the basis of expert evidence, will dry up Margison's Creek. Look at an aerial photograph of the town, and see how the Irishtown Rd plantation is the other side of the hill behind the High School, which faces the golf course. Next to the golf course is Brooklyn, which was advertised to go under plantation until a local landowner stepped in to buy it and maintain it for traditional farming use.

Negotiations have also taken place in respect of 3 other properties adjacent to Brooklyn and Bryar Wah, properties targeted for their cleared land, access to water and to the main road. St Marys will become a cluster of houses in the middle of a sea of plantations, property values will fall, school numbers decline, tourists won't stop, businesses will close, people will move out, the water will dry up, until the Break O'Day Plains becomes nothing more than a woodlot on an investment prospectus for mainland investors and a tradable commodity in the carbon offset market. Ask not for whom the bell tolls, it tolls for thee.

How are Forest Enterprises Australia, Great Southern Plantations and Gunns getting away with this massive change in land use on the Break O'Day Plains and surrounding area. Because the Council Planning Scheme allows it to happen, and because the Council has refused to alter it to require a plantation to be subject to a planning permit to be assessed for adverse impacts on water, settlement, roads, landscapes, or tourism.

Firstly, the land surrounding St Marys is zoned Natural Resources Zone, which makes it very difficult for people owning land to build a home, plant an orchard, →

develop a veggie patch, run some chooks or a cow and bring up their family using the natural resources of the land, what used to be called 'living off the land', even on titles that have existed for more than 100 years and have a long history of people living there, at places like Irishtown, Germantown, Gray, and Gardiners Creek Road. In 1857, there were 54 tenancies on Cullenswood, Harefield and Londavra, supporting small farmers and their families.

What now? Why can't people be allowed to use the natural resources of land, water and air to live off the land, why are these resources restricted to industrial forestry use or large scale agri-business, whose contribution to the so called triple bottom line of social, environmental and economic benefit at the local level is nil. At least the average family does not call in the helicopters to drop napalm on the valley to clear the land for planting, and poison and shoot the local wildlife, just for starters.

Secondly, the Planning Scheme provides a loophole for plantations, a plantation does not need a permit to be planted on already cleared land. While a permit **is** needed to clear trees already growing on land, there is another loophole - Council can give a permit to clear trees for converting the land to grazing land or pasture, then when the land is cleared there is no need for a permit to plant a plantation on the now cleared land !

The combination of this zoning and these loopholes means that small land owners can't easily build a house on their properties in the "Natural Resources Zone", but plantations can be planted without any control. People are being replaced by trees.

One hundred and fifty years of pioneer work in clearing the land and settlement of the St Marys district, growing a community with a history and a future, is being destroyed by a combination of corporate greed, Federal and State Government indifference to the impact of their big picture policies on small local communities, maladministration by public servants in failing to fulfill their environmental protection duties, and the failure of the Break O'Day Council to fulfill its duty to protect the health, safety and welfare of residents by amending its Planning Scheme.

I am more than happy to discuss the matter with anybody. Telephone calls (6372 2647) will usually get me after 6.00 pm, or you might like to call other local Councillors to get their views, a balance to what might be considered my extremism.

David Clement,
Councillor.

Tim Morris MHA
Tasmanian Greens Member for Lyons



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During Seniors Week we will be giving all seniors of St.Marys and surrounding areas the chance to come into the Online Access Centre and record their memories.

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Sept/Oct	St Marys	Fingal
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Tuesday 30th	Geoff Herrmann	
Wednesday 1st	R & B McAllister	
Thursday 2nd	Patricia Barr	
Friday 3rd	Geoff Herrmann	Susan Woods
Monday 6th	Fe Gillies	Carole Woods
Tuesday 7th	Pam Gillies	
Wednesday 8th	Liz Rice	
Thursday 9th	Kaye Nailer	
Friday 10th	Pat O'Donnell	Mim Woods

Church Services

Catholic Parish of St Marys

Sr. Lorraine Groves

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

1st Week: MASS

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

2nd Week LITURGY

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

3rd Week: MASS

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

Week 4 LITURGY

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

5th Week MASS

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

Anglican Parish of Break O'Day

Ph: 6376 1144

St Helens Every Sunday
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Kanga Sunday School
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every Sunday for children
5 – 12 yrs
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Pyengana 4th Sunday, 2pm.

Salvation Army Monday JAM

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except school holidays.

Envoy Melanie Norton Ph: 6372 2099

Sunday Joy
will resume Sept 28.

Break O'Day Uniting Church

The Manse St Helens
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Fingal 11.15 am
Seventh Day Adventist
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Divine Service 11 am

St Marys Online Access Centre

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ALL WELCOME

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		24th September ♦ Australian Business Week	25th September ♦ Australian Business Week	26th September ♦ Australian Business Week
29th September ♦ Australian Business Week ♦ Dental Service	30th September ♦ Australian Business Week ♦ Dental Service	1st October ♦ Grade 8 Camp	2nd October ♦ Next School Newsletter ♦ Grade 8 Camp	3rd October ♦ Grade 8 Camp
6th October	7th October	8th October ♦ School Association Meeting 7pm in staff room	9th October	10th October

SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE

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

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

Dates for St Marys:



- ♦ Monday 1st September
- ♦ Monday 22nd September
- ♦ Tuesday 23rd September
- ♦ Monday 29th September
- ♦ Tuesday 30th September

ST JOHN AMBULANCE CPR COURSES

St John Ambulance CPR courses with Roxy Cowie will be held on:

Monday 13th October

At St Marys District High School

People who have not attended previous CPR courses are required to enrol in the 2.5 hour session, while regular participants only need to attend one of the other sessions.

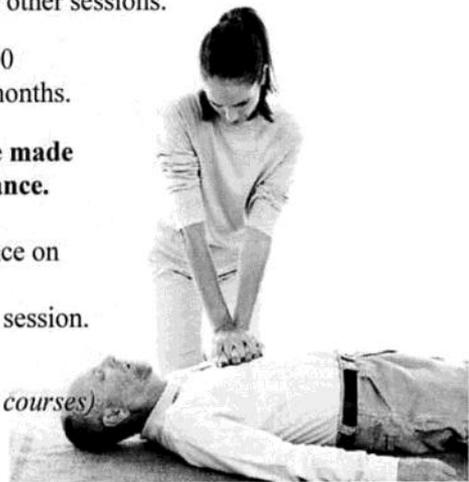
Cost for this course is \$40.00 and certificates are valid for 12 months.

Bookings and Payment must be made directly with St John Ambulance.

Please contact St John Ambulance on 1300 360 455 to book and pay for your preferred session.

Session Times:

- 11.00 - 1.30pm (for people who have not attended previous CPR courses)
- 2.30 - 4.00pm
- 5.00 - 7.00pm



13 Gray Road, St Marys, TAS, 7215.
 Phone: 6372 3900 Fax: 6372 2543
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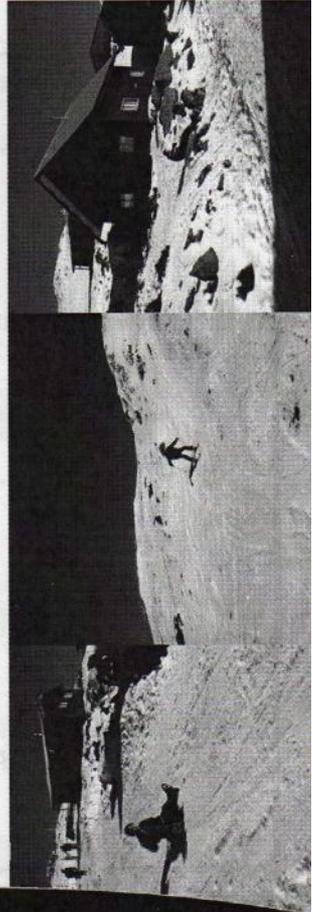
NEET SKI TRIP

On the 4th and the 5th of August St Marys and St Helens NEET centre students went up to Ben Lomond on a ski trip. It was fun and enjoyable and we learnt how to ski.

Kodey Street, Eldene O'Shea and I were the only students to go up the summit and the other students played on toboggans and skied the smaller slopes. On the day there were 4 lifts, 2 T-bars and 2 poma's operating. The snow was cold but the air was warm, better than what we expected.

Most people were very talented on their skis but at times had their faults, which was to be expected from first-timers. Overall the trip was an experience that none of us will forget and we all enjoyed ourselves. Our ski instructor, Hannah is HOT! Ha-ha

Report by Aarin Simpson
 Grade 11



North East Education and Training Centre Inc.



We are presently taking NEET enrolments for 2009.

NEET provides a diversity of programs for both students entering Grade 11 and mature age learners within the community.

NEET Centre Inc is a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) offering a wide range of vocational packages and some TCE subjects.

There have been lots of mature aged students gaining employment or recognition of skills they already have, resulting from their NEET enrolment.

If you are thinking about returning to study to increase your job prospects or just for your own interest, contact -

Brian Shephard, Barry LeFevre, Sue Hindley,
 Margaret Forsyth, Mary Targett or Sally Johnson
 on (03) 6372 3900



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ST MARYS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

DOCTORS ROSTER

Please be aware of changes to the doctors roster.

DOCTORS on ROSTER

Dr Ali- 25/9/08- 9/10/08

4- St Marys Community Health Centre

GP Surgery Hours:

Monday—Friday 8:50am-12:30pm

12:30pm-1:30pm LUNCH

NO PATHOLOGY SERVICE 12:00-1:30pm

1:30pm-5:00pm

There is no regular Saturday GP Clinic

SCRIPTS AND DOCTORS APPOINTMENTS

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

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

AFTER HOURS SERVICE

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AMBULANCE 1800 008 008 or

EMERGENCY 000

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE 6372 2111

BEFORE PRESENTING AFTER HOURS.

PLEASE BE PATIENT waiting period can apply.

WHAT'S ON AT THE CENTRE

- 23rd Sept **Rae & Partners Barristers and Solicitors**, Tom Bain phone 6337 5555
- 23rd Sept **Child Health Session** with Sue Gofton
Every Tuesday by appointment.
on: 0428136381
- 30th Sept **Child Health Session** with Sue Gofton
Every Tuesday by appointment.
on: 0428136381
- 30th Sept **C.H.A.T Session** 1pm in the Day Room
with Hayley phone 6372 2111 for further
details. All parents and guardians welcome
to attend.
- 1st Oct **Psychologist** Dahotay Teboul,
appointments by referral from your GP.
- 3rd Oct **Arthritis Tasmania- Heather Donaldson**
10:30am-12:00noon at the CHC. Available
to answer any Arthritis related questions
and a cuppa. All welcome just turn up
RSVP not necessary. For further details
phone Hayley on 6372 2111
- 6th Oct **Hospital Auxiliary Meeting** 2:00pm in the
Day Room.
- 8th Oct **Psychologist** Dahotay Teboul,
appointments by referral from your GP.

SENIORS WEEK

1ST -7TH OCTOBER 2008

KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR ACTIVITIES IN BREAK O'DAY

THANK YOU

To all the Nursing Staff at the St Marys Community Health Centre thank you for all the extras shifts that have been covering recently due to staff shortages and ill health. Your team approach has been fantastic.

- Karen O'Shea DON.

OPTOM EYES

Visit St Helens 2 days a month. For appointments please phone 6376 1374

Times: Day 1- 11:40am- 4:40pm

Day 2- 08:40am- 2:20pm

Dates for remainder of 2008:

30th & 31st October

27th & 28th November

18th & 19th December

Love doesn't make the world go round. Love is what makes the ride worthwhile.—Franklin P. Jones

AUSTRALIAN HEARING

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



**Message from Lara Giddings
Deputy Premier, Minister for Health and Human Services**

If one of your family or friends had a stroke would you know what to do? Would you even know how to recognise if it might be a stroke?

Stroke is Australia's second biggest killer and recent studies have shown 15 per cent of people do not recognise any of the symptoms.

Facial weakness, Arm weakness and Speech difficulties are signs of stroke. Recognising even one of these signs means it's Time to act FAST - calling 000 immediately could prevent death or severe disability.

Knowing these signs is the first step in saving lives from Australia's second biggest killer.

I encourage all public sector workers to know and understand the **FAST** test so they can recognise the signs of stroke in themselves, colleagues and loved ones.

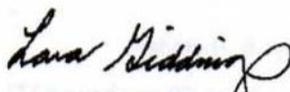
The **FAST** test involves asking three simple questions:

- Face** - Can the person smile, has their mouth drooped?
- Arms** - Can the person raise both arms?
- Speech** - Can the person speak clearly and understand what you say?
- Time** - Act **FAST** and call **000 immediately**.

Recognising any of these signs and calling 000 immediately can be the difference between death or severe disability and making a good recovery.

For more information visit www.strokefoundation.com.au or call StrokeLine on 1800 787 653.

Thankyou.


Lara Giddings, MP

Fingal Primary School News



Dance Day at St Helens

On Thursday 4th September the whole school travelled to St Helens to participate in Dance Day. Schools from Avoca, St Marys and St Helens came along, and we all danced on the foreshore. Thank you to St Helens District High School who performed their Wakakirri performance entitled Firestorm which was based on the East Coast Bushfires of December 2006. This performance won the Tasmanian Finals of Wakakirri - National story competition.



Daniel Bishop and Aaron Rush



Leo Davies and Shyann Wheldon



Carley Baldwin and Mark Death



Sam Herbert, Madelaine Mc Gill and Claire Oates



Connah Tuck and Joseph Gee



Chelsea Lohrey, Ashleigh Templar, Ben Bishop, Tayla Stingle, Claire Oates and Curtis Westbrook

Calendar of Events - September/October

22nd	23rd	24th	25th Big Newsletter ENE Meeting St Marys 4.00 p.m. Launching into Learning 1.30 p.m.	26th Principal's Forum
29th	30th Premiers Reading Challenge concludes	1st Assembly Student Leaders to lead 2.15 p.m.	2nd Launching into Learning 1.30 p.m. Choir Performance	3rd

Sports Centre News Kackhander

Over the past fortnight the club held the 50th Anniversary Spilsbury Trophy. This special perpetual event is always a highlight but as this year celebrated half a century of the event, it was great to see a good roll up. A very special thank you must go to Keith, Elma, Stephen (Spaz) Rod and Betty Spilsbury, who year in and year out generously support this top event and with Spaz and John and Rod playing as well as Paul and Blairy, it truly added a special touch with their direct on field participation. Thank you all so much.

Congratulations to the winner Kodie Donald. Kodie has had an absolutely incredible season winning all manna of events and the 50th Spilsbury Trophy would indeed be a highlight for him. To ALL those who played or helped out with the two days also thanks heaps. It is not to be underestimated. We also had visitors taking part and again thanks to them. Let's hope for another fifty years of the Spilsbury Trophy.

It was good to see a few hardy members going to Malahide for a big day last Sunday. At time of writing we were not sure how they went but they'd have a top day at Malahide regardless.

On AFL Grand Final Day the popular Breakfast and 9 hole comp is on again. To aid with catering could all those taking part please try and get your names up soon. It's a great event.

Now to bowls. All bowlers please take note that regular practice commences very soon so try to get over if you can on Thursday nights and feel free to bring a prospective new player with you if you wish.

Everyone will be very welcome indeed. Opening Day is on October 5th and again ALL are very welcome to come along. It is hoped to organise a real game that day which is a bit of a novelty these days on Opening Days. President Jim Turner is keen to get us off to a flyer, so please try to help out in any way you can during the season.

Just a reminder that subscriptions are due so if they can be paid in the next few weeks it would really aid us in determining how we are situated for our Affiliations obligations to the various golf and bowls bodies.

Anyway until next time, good hitting and rolling.

CONGRATULATIONS

To one of our own residents of St Marys
ERIC BEAN,
for last week being named the winner of
Harness Racing Tasmania's prestigious
Edgar Tatlow Medal for 2008.

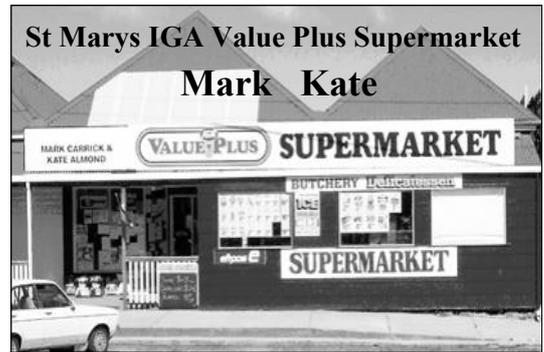
Eric has been a licensed driver from 1959 until 1974,
also holding a harness racing trainer's licence since
1955.

He has been the mainstay of the St Marys Pacing Club
since he became Secretary in 1960, of what was then
called the St Marys Trotting Club.

Eric has held the position since then
and is a life member of the Club.

Prior to this award, Eric received the Harness Racing
Tasmania's meritorious service award in 1991.

Congratulations from all at St Marys and surrounding
districts Eric. An award richly deserved.



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Mon - Fri 8am - 6pm

Sat 8am 12 noon

In-store butchery

This week

Chicken kebabs	.99ea
Rump steak	\$10.99kg
Corned silverside	\$ 6.99kg
Scotch fillet steak	\$21.99kg
Nichols 6 legged chicken	\$ 4.99kg

In the Freezer

Ingham chicken pieces 1kg	\$ 1.99ea
Ingham chick/breast munch/nugs 400g	\$ 5.99ea
Tassie meat pies 4pk	\$ 3.99ea

Footy Final Promotion

Lethborg footy franks/savs/cocktail 400g	\$2.99
Lethborg cabana 250g	\$3.29ea
Smiths potato chips 175g	\$1.99ea
Coca cola/Sprite/Zero/Fanta 2lt	\$2.39ea

Late week specials

Black & Gold sliced bread 680g	\$ 1.99ea
IGA party pies/Sausage rolls 12pk	\$ 2.39ea
Arnotts shapes 160/200g	\$ 1.99ea

In-store butchery

Next week

T-bone steak	\$15.99kg
1st grade beef mince	\$ 8.99kg
Nichols cheesy breast fillets	\$14.49kg
Nichols gourmet chicken sausages	\$ 8.99kg
Round BBQ steak	\$ 7.99kg

In store specials

Spree conc. laundry powder 1kg	\$ 1.99ea
Sorbent toilet tissue 6pk	\$ 3.99ea
Arnotts cream biscuits 180/250g	\$ 1.99ea
Black & Gold spark.apple cider 750ml	\$ 1.99ea
Spree dishwashing liquid 1lt	\$ 1.99ea
SPC sliced beetroot 425g	.99c
SPC Baked beans/ spaghetti 410/420g	.99c
SPC canned fruit 825g	\$ 2.49ea

Late week specials

Milo bonus 900g	\$ 7.99ea
International Roast coffee bonus 250g	\$ 5.99ea
Snugglers nappies 24/36	\$ 9.99ea
Arnotts TimTam/Caramel slice/Mint & Mandarin slice 150/205g	\$ 1.99ea

HOT CHICKENS AND PREPARED SALADS
AVAILABLE IN STORE.