

### Letter FROM the Editor,

In this issue of the Valley Voice, several people have expressed their concern as to the content of letters published in the last edition. This is not the first time readers have not been happy with published letters.

### I DO NOT WRITE THE LETTERS.

As we are all entitled to freedom of speech, it is very difficult for me, when receiving letters that are derogatory and maybe not signed, to choose to print them.

May I say that there are some letters which are not printed, not because of any opinion I may have as to the content, but because I consider them to be too inflammatory.

As the writer's of this issue's letters have stated, this is a small community, and letters are causing some division.

Is it my place to stop that, by not printing the letter-writers opinions? Do we stop printing any letters to the editor at all? I receive more compliments than complaints, and I am at a loss to know where the line should be drawn.

I would like your opinions on that next year.

This is a non paying volunteering position which takes up much of my time between editions, and I have enjoyed doing this job for the past 4½ years. If the public would like to see the Valley Voice with another editor, I am willing to be replaced.

Considering all that, this is the last issue for 2009, and I would like to thank all our loyal readers, contributors of articles, which come from many different sources, and include regulars Jim Haas, Cage Rattler and Kackhander, distributors of the paper, including the delivery boys and girls, the advertisers who keep our paper in production, the many photographs sent in regularly, from Peter Troode and others, the St Marys Pharmacy for allowing us to use them as a collection point, the St Marys District High School for their page every issue, the St Marys Community Health Centre for their contribution, the Fingal Primary School for their colour page, and last but not least the volunteers who turn up regularly once a fortnight, including my grandson, and put the paper together ready for sale after it is printed.

May I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday period, and all the best for 2010.

Judy Spilsbury, Editor.





### **Christmas Party & Parade**

Lions Club of St Marys Inc. Christmas party will be held

December 24th on Faulkner's Green.
Party begins at 3.00pm
Santa arrives at 3.30pm

Christmas Parade starts 5.00pm in Newman St. Christmas Stocking drawn 6.00pm (Tickets \$1.00)

There will be free sweets, drinks, chips, icy poles, and jumping castle for the children, with free raffle draws for the different age groups.

Lions will be running a BBQ this year, selling gourmet burgers and sausages.

Build a float and join in with the Christmas Parade. **Help us to make** 

Christmas 2009 one to remember.

### Apology

In the last edition of the Valley & East Coast Voice a list of candidates for the Break O'Day Council election was published as a community service.

Due to an error in proof reading, entirely on my part, as no other volunteer has any input until the paper is printed, Mr Peter Roy Power was omitted from that list.

I have apologised privately and now wish to publicly apologise for any distress caused to Mr Power, and to make known that Mr power remains a candidate.

Judy Spilsbury.

Editor.

Please note: Deadline for articles to be included in the next Valley Voice is 5 pm <u>Tuesday February 9, 2010.</u>

PLEASE NOTE <u>NEW</u> <u>email address: judith.spilsbury@telair.com.au</u>

### **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 Meetings are now held at 5pm on the first Wednesday of every month at the Happy Belly Deli. Come along and enjoy the fun and bring along your ideas for the Arts in this community.

The Tasmanian Lymphoedema Centre Inc., holds meetings every 3rd Monday of the month at 10 am at the St Marys Community Health Centre, Day Care room. The AGM will be held on Monday February 15, 2010.

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 Danyelle Briggs:** 

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: John 6376 3130.

**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.

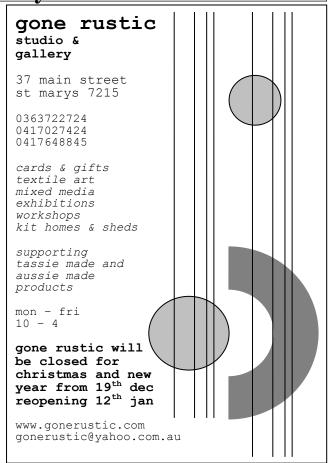
The Falmouth Community centre would like to advise members and the community that the new contact for bookings of club facilities is Ben Morgan. Ben can be contacted on 03 6372 5604.

**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**,

### **AGM**

The Annual General Meeting of the Tasmanian Lymphoedema Centre Inc., will be held on Monday February 15, 2010, at 10am in the Day Care Room at the St Marys Community Health Centre.



### PUBLIC NOTICE

**Lions Club of St Marys Inc.** will be conducting their **Annual Christmas Parade** on Christmas Eve, 24th December, 5pm - 5.30pm.

Parade will assemble **IN** Newman Street, down Main Street, left into Cameron Street, left into Groom Street, left into Story Street, back to Main Street and then disperse.

### Road will not be fully closed but some short delays could occur.

We ask that everyone involved conducts themselves in a safe and responsible manner please.

John McGiveron, Secretary.

Just a reminder.....Learn to Swim Program commences on the 4th January—15th January.10 lessons, 1 per weekday. Lessons will cost \$70 per child with payment to be made in full by December 7th.The instructors for the lessons will be Auswim qualified teachers.

### **Christmas Carols**

St Marys Hospital Auxiliary wish to advise that due to unforeseen circumstances the annual Christmas Carols will not be held this year.

We would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you for your generous past support and to wish every one a very

Happy Xmas and a Great New Year.

Kevin,

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### Classifieds

### For sale

**Inversion Table.** Helps relieve back pain, improve circulation, increases flexibility and spinal alignment. \$20.**Bruce Ph: 6372 2181.** 

New season's hay, in paddock. \$5.00 Small bales. Round bales \$60. Ph: 0407 944 158.

Pipe bender, Old mower, (not going) Guillotine for cutting steel, Scrap metal ¼ ton. \$50 the lot. PH: 6372 2848.

**Hoover 290ltr fridge.** \$120. Stihl brushcutter. \$60. Ph; 6372 2552.

5 brass sprinklers on steel stands. \$10 each or \$45 the lot. 1 x 5 Tyne chisel ripper. \$300. ono. 1 set of chain harrows. \$90. Ph: 6372 2848.

Small Bale's of grass and clover hay, available late Dec.

please ring 0409 460 039 after 6pm.

3 x 3 phase electric motors. \$50 each.

1 x 3 phase high pressure cold water cleaner. \$100.

1 x 3 phase stick welder with pilot arc. \$350.

1 x 3 phase long extension cord. \$25.

1 x 20 watt guitar amp. \$10.

New size 9 motorbike boots and body armour. \$150. Ph: 0417 344 209 or 6372 2258.

7ft x 4ft slate pool table, Edwardian legs, green cloth, excellent condition. All accessories included. Cost \$3,300. For sale at \$2,600. ono. Ph:6372 5383 or Mob: 0427 187 245.

**Multifunction printer -** Lexmark X1170. \$45. Call into 37 Main St St Marys or call **0417 027 424.** 

Portable massage table as new. \$300 Antique double bed with mattress. \$250 for enquiries, ring Fe 6372 2410.

### R/H Golf Clubs

Cleveland TA2 irons, 3-PW, exc condition, \$350 Cleveland Hi-Bore Driver, 9.5 degree, stiff graphite shaft, mint condition, \$250

Cobra Driver, 9.5 degree, stiff graphite, \$125 Ph. Andrew, 0429 932 931(W) or 63 274 222 (H).

York X202 Elliptical Trainer \$500 CASIO WK 110 Electric Keyboard with floor stand \$295 Roland Drum Practice Pad \$100 18 Speed Women's Bike + baby seat \$75 Drum Kit \$75 PH: 6372 5745.

**5 Piece Drum Kit** + hardware, cymbals & stool, excellent condition, \$450. **Ph: 6372 2220.** 

**Demon (Honda) 90cc Motorbike**, 4 speed manual, electric start, good condition, goes well, \$500 neg, **Ph: 0438 637 220.** 

Play Station Portable (PSP), with case, 8 games, wall & car charger, PC connector & memory card, \$280 on Ph: 6372 2220.



### WANTED CHEST FREEZER Ph: 6372 2684

WANTED TO BUY Store yearling beef Cattle, Please ring 0409 460 039 after 6pm.

WANTED TO BUY
Flat tray 4WD Ute, any condition.
Please Ring 0437 541 674

WANTED TO BUY Second hand roofing iron Reasonable condition. Ph: 6372 2742 or 0419 322 035.

### TWO DAY GARAGE SALE

Saturday and Sunday Dec. 19 & 20, 2009.

2 Franks Street St Marys 8:00 am onwards

wardrobe, kitchen stuff, chairs, whipper snipper, toys, clothes, tools, china, barbecue, coffee table, double bed, John Campbell, McHugh, royal doulton, lots more.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST BLUEBERRY PICKERS (STARTING EARLY TO MID JANUARY 2010. APPLY: FRANK GILES 0419 372 192

### Stallholders Market Inc.

Is a non profit organisation holding markets every Saturday from 8am in St Helens, at the Library car park. There is a variety of stalls and the fees charged to stall holders is donated to various charities.

For stall booking or any other inquiries, please phone Sylvia on 6376 8390. Saturday mornings only:0447 589 803.

**Try me for your firewood.** Delivery free St Marys area.

Ph: 0408 596 152.

**Garden mulch,** in big round bales. (wheat straw, weed free) \$70 a bale, delivered free in St Marys area.

Ph: 0407 944 158.

**Frozen blueberries** -this season's -\$12 kilo. 2 or more kilos, \$10.50 per kilo. **Ph: 63722341.** 

### **Homebrew supplies**

Beer and spirit <u>making</u> supplies. All your kits, yeasts, essences and equipment available. Free local delivery in St Marys and district. **Ph: 6372 2540.** 

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

Tractor slashing available. Fire wood. 1, 2, & 3 tonne

### A LITTLE BIT OF HERITAGE: Jim Haas Veteran's Golf

Veteran's golf in Australia came about when four businessmen met in Sydney on the 7<sup>th</sup> July 1965 and formed the Australian Veteran's Golf Association. The purpose of the Association was firstly to become affiliated with the World Senior Golf Association whose policy was to promote golf for seniors and through it generate goodwill between nations. A team was selected to represent Australia in the World Seniors Championships of 1965, of which formed the basis for Veteran's golf to kick off in Australia. Within a decade Veteran's golf spread throughout the country, including Tasmania with the major clubs in Hobart and Launceston being the first to form Associations consisting of affiliated golfers who were at least fifty five years of age.

It was a little slower taking off in the country areas, but in 1988 Ken Davey from Bicheno, along with Frank Singline and Scotty Jansen of the St Marys Golf Club, met over a couple of beers. They tossed the idea around for clubs on the East Coast and in the Fingal Valley to form a Veteran's Golf Association with a rotating roster. Seniors at Bicheno, St Marys and Malahide Golf Clubs were keen on the idea and on the 1<sup>st</sup> December 1988 the first game was played at St Marys with members from the three clubs, plus visitors from Ben Lomond and Swansea. Both Swansea and Ben Lomond, however, joined soon after in 1989.

From the humble beginnings of 1988 and a first year membership of 40 the fellowship of Veteran's golf continued to grow year after year. In 1995 Freycinet Golf Club at Coles Bay saw the benefits of Vet's golf and joined, they were followed by Scamander in 1998 and Campbell Town in 1999. Today, although Ben Lomond dropped out in 1998, there is a membership of almost 100 with an average of well over 30 players at each game, with around four visits to the seven, affiliated clubs each year.

Much of the success of Vets golf must go to the ladies of each club who provide a wonderful meal at half-time. Mary King and Betty McCarthy, too, have been valuable contributors over the years in administration duties. But without a doubt the person who has given the most to East Coast Veteran's golf is Arthur McCarthy who has been a member from the very beginning and was Secretary/Treasurer from 1991 to 2007. He ran the competitions with a casual professionalism that made the game fun and a day every Vet looks forward to. Arthur and his wife Betty have moved from Swansea to Hobart these days, but they still make the effort to attend most Vet days.

Arthur left a pair of big shoes to fill, but his successor, Garry (Speed) Maher of St Marys, is filling them well, so much so that he organised a magnificent event at St Marys Sports Centre on Tuesday the 1<sup>st</sup> of December 2009 to celebrate the 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday of the East Coast Veteran Golfers Association.

Players from all the clubs in the Association, plus a couple from Launceston and a few from St Helens, made up the field of fifty, who played a stableford event. This was complimented by a delicious half-time meal, catered for by the St Marys Golf Ladies.

There is always a small trophy or two given out to the golfers with the best score at Vets, but the real winner is every bloke who is fortunate enough to make it to the tee on Thursdays.



Arthur McCarthy was Secretary/Treasurer of East Coast Veteran's Golf for 16 years.

OLD FARTS & FOSSILS By Darrell Parker
Well, they came from down the East Coast
And from the Midlands too
And high up on the mountains there's also one or two
They are called the Veterans
And yes they sure get around
Once one becomes a Veteran, one becomes renowned
Yes they are called the Veterans
Old farts and fossils you will agree
But take away the Veterans
And where would all the Golf Clubs be



Long time Veteran golfer John McDonald waits to tee off at the Vets 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday of Vet's golf at St Marys on the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2009".



Gary (Speed) Maher the current Secretary/Treasurer of East Coast Veteran's Golf.



### **Letters to the Editor**

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FIFTY YEARS OF ST MARYS AS A HIGH SCHOOL Dear Editor,

Being a former pupil at St Mary's (from 1959 to '69) I have been fortunate to have attended two class reunions which were very successful and extremely enjoyable.

But I am aware of many other classes who have not had organized class reunions, including my sister Val who would love to catch-up with her school friends from her years concluding in 1966.

At a reunion held just over 12 months ago primarily organized by Patsy (Owens) Burgess and Irene (Waller) O'Neill, there were 75 attendees of school friends and partners and 8 or so teachers including John Tate and Bill Tomlin

So, my idea is to capitalize on the fact the school has been a High School, (or is it District School now) for 50 years and open it up to all pupils and teachers from 1960 through to 2010, or anybody who attended school in St Marys! (The school became an Area School in its present location in 1949)

My suggestion is to make a real event of it and organise it over at least a few days from Friday, Saturday and Sunday. I am suggesting a golf and/or bowls tournament for past players and teachers, open day at the school, art exhibitions, dinner dance etc.

Of course this would be a great stimulus for the local economy as we could expect hundreds of attendees.

With the technology available through e-mailing and Facebook etc., it is much easier to contact people no matter where they live.

This gives us ten months or so to get this off the ground and I would suggest having as many of the community groups involved including the school itself, the Parents & Friends, SMACD, The Lions Club, sporting groups etc.

So, who is willing to raise their hand and volunteer to be on an organising committee?

Sincerely, John Schier

Darwin (Formerly of Falmouth)

Email: John Schier [john schier@toll.com.au]

Ph: 0418 819 359.

To the editor, Valley Voice,

In reply to "lost customer for good" - name supplied, by email but not printed.

You were outraged by Councillor Johns poster being defaced, but not by Councillor McGiveron's also being defaced. I wonder why?

Election posters are put up with the permission and goodwill of the business proprietor and they can't be expected to police the safety of the same.

I suggest you take your dole money and spend it at the Salvation Army or St Vinneys, however please correct me if I am wrong and you are an employed and contributing member of our community like Col and Kim of 'Main Street Clothing.

Have a nice day. Phil Peryman.

7 DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS



To The Editor

Valley Voice

I am writing to express my extreme disappointment that you chose to publish the "name supplied" letter berating the owners of Main St Clothing. The degree of vitriol displayed over such a trifling matter is beyond belief. Was it a cheap political stunt – who knows? Did it influence my voting intentions? Damn right!

To the author of the letter, maybe if you choose to reveal yourself people could compare your relative worth to the community against the hard working business people you so savagely attack.

My fear is that the Valley Voice is moving from being a community based publication to a self-serving organ for a minority of people with an extremely over inflated sense of achievement and self worth, causing only division and destructive influences within St Marys.

Harry Veldums,

St Marys.

Dear Editor,

The past issue of the Valley Voice had some "Letters to the Editor" which were/are offensive to many people.

The writers need to understand that we live in a small COMMUNITY, with many various opinions.

To disagree with freedom of speech/expression is ok.

But being rude and ignorant is no way to counter what you may have seen as rude and ignorant.

And in no way makes a respected point.

Regards

Anon. (name supplied, via email)

To the editor,

This is the first and last time I will address the accusation made in the last issue for the Valley Voice.

The <u>nameless</u> person who attacked us should be mindful of their duty to have all the facts before making such allegations. Also, it's a pity you remained anonymous, as this substantially weakens your claim if you cant even own up to it. I wonder what your motives are?

I have an absolute <u>right</u> to support whom I wish in the upcoming elections. I <u>refuse</u> to allow myself to be bullied, harassed or influenced by misguided, misinformed people, or be taken in by hidden agendas.

On a happier note, I would like to thank all those nice people who stopped us on the street or came in to <u>MAIN</u> <u>STREET CLOTHING</u> during the past 2 weeks to offer their support and advice. It helped a lot and made us really feel accepted by the community.

Our lives are happy and fulfilling and we will not jeopardize it in any way by being pulled into ridiculous, petty rubbish. It is a waste of time and energy. Life is too short.

Thanks for the extra promotion of  $\underline{MAIN\ STREET}$   $\underline{CLOTHING}$ .

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND GOOD VOTING EVERYONE!!!!

Kim Chappell

MAIN STREET CLOTHING

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To St. Marys People

St.Marys doesn't look very Christmassy. Please put some Christmas lights and decorations up so people can see them

Jackson Spilsbury.

Editor of the Valley Voice,

I attended the 'Meet the Candidates for Council', with 20 plus other audience members at St Marys Town Hall on Monday 7th of December.

It was interesting to see the different way each candidate presented themselves and their ideas.

Some of their ideas were commendable and even if those candidates are not elected, I hope that their ideas will be looked ay by council and implemented.

At the end of the session it seemed a shame to me that only 6 positions were available to the candidates; for there were more than that number worthy of a position on council.

It was also interesting to see only one (1) of the six (6) current councillors that are running for re-election attended the meeting.

Are they so confident of being re-elected, that they felt they did not need to present themselves, or was it that they did not wish to answer any questions?

I was asked by a St Helens client if the candidates from St Helens are the same ones that St Marys can vote for, or are they different?

Could this misunderstanding be another reason for the current councillors complacency?

David Watkins.

Dear Editor.

A few days back I had a brief meeting with Mr Clement. He said to me in a half-smart manner, "I'm glad you like my sign." Then he took off too quickly to properly hear my reply.

Well David, I do not like your sign. Say whatever you like to others, but here in writing I am telling you, that I, personally, do not like it at all. I cannot speak for everyone else.

I would like to take this opportunity to ask all the residents of the community to just take a moment and think of what kind of images they would like our visitors to take away with them when they leave?

How do we effectively convey who we are?

A poor approach to any activity yields a poor result.

Which way can we go forward in our New Year? Merry Christmas to all.

Jeanette Peryman.

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Dear Editor,

I am totally opposed to the visual pollution of our townscapes, highways and landscapes by authoritarian, unnecessary and inappropriately located signs such as "Water Restrictions Do Not Apply-Conserve Water".

"Unauthorised Maintenance of this Road is Forbidden" and "Throwing Stones at this Notice is prohibited-By Order". St Marys Pass and the western approach to Fingal are prime examples of local sign pollution, where a consolidation of signage would quieten the highway and increase the impact of the signs. The multiplicity of speed signs approaching and within towns is also a distraction to drivers and degrades townscapes, particularly when reinforced by tourist signs, as within St Marys, where signs direct visitors to an "Escape Route" to Bicheno and St Helens. Painting the back of signs along highways would also reduce driver dazzle at certain times of the day, and visually calm the highway.

So I was interested in the views of the writer in the last issue of the Voice regarding election signage, which, by a process of deduction, appeared largely directed at two signs erected by myself, a candidate standing for re-election as a Councillor and for election as Mayor.

Unfortunately the writer was incorrect in certain of her claims, and totally missed the point of the signage. Firstly the sign on the Esk Highway at the western entrance to St Marys will not be there for "a long time", but only for some 28 days until 22nd December. Secondly, it does comply fully with the Council regulations, in that it is less than 2m2, it is erected with the permission of the owner of the property, has been notified to Council, will be removed within 42 days, and is not within the road reservation. Thirdly, it is in a location where everybody can read it, which is indeed the point of the sign, admittedly not a neat little A4 sign, but that would create a road hazard as passing drivers strained to read the important message.

I should also point out that the blue and yellow colour of the sign was chosen to complement the colour of our wheelie bins. Additionally, but not least, I am in favour of recycling, so that the use of ex chook house sheeting was an indication that I practice what I preach.

As for the sign near the school entrance at Gray Road, all ratepayers and residents have been asked to clearly identify their properties - my name is CLEMENT and my property is No1 Gray Road, hence the sign on my gate 1 CLEMENT.

David Clement ( aka "ChookHouse Dave) Candidate for The Break O'Day Local Elections

And the winner was democracy. Dear Editor, I would like to express my gratitude to those candidates in the upcoming municipal election who gave up their evening on Monday the 7th December to participate in the "Meet the Candidate" forum at St Marys. Equally deserving of gratitude are Mr Le Fevre for chairing proceedings in a non partisan manner and the Break O'Day Woodcraft Guild for arranging the event.

Congratulations to Councillors Osborne, Johns and Clements for being prepared to face the public and answer some tough questions about equity, communication and accountability... shame on those sitting candidates who failed to front or do the people of the municipality the courtesy of even replying to the invitation... your complacency will be remembered when I cast my votes. It was great to meet the new aspirants for office too, and to hear their vision for the municipality. We certainly have a quality field of candidates who are keen to get their message out to the voters; they all spoke well, answered difficult questions honestly and were very happy to engage with individuals afterwards.

Perhaps those sitting candidates who chose to ignore the forum would do well to glance over their shoulders... a pretty impressive field of starters has been assembled, they represent a diversity of life experience and views, and they are approaching fast, some of them might just beat you across the finish line.

Wendy Fowler, St Marys.

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Dear Editor,

I would like to thank you for the professional way you handled the human error when not including myself in the list of candidates in the Valley Voice for the Break O'Day council elections, I fully understand that it was human error and it was not intentional.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish every candidate the very best in the elections and to thank my supporters and the people who have voted for me.

On behalf of my partner and myself we wish everyone the best for Xmas and the New Year.

Kind regards,

Peter Power.

Candidate Break O'Day Council Elections.

### The Say Cagerattler

The final Valley Voice is happening now and due to circumstances much of 2009's subject matter has revolved around local government issues. This is how it has to be sometimes. Guess what.? My final subject matter is still the same. Go figure as they say. Very, very important is this issue too.

All of us would have received by now our Council election documents. USE THEM WISELY. I don't know how many times this year I have heard people complaining or commenting on the various virtues of our current councillors. Here is you chance to either stick with the status quo or to make big changes to our local officials. It is amazing to see the remarkable and diverse array of candidates this time around and whether you get in or not you should all be congratulated for taking such an interest in our community. It's wonderful.

It would also be terrific to see a cohesive, well organized and committed Council in 2010 and onwards. I don't know whether this requires personnel changes or just a need to focus on the issues and not on personalities. I for one would rather not continuously see arguments on procedural matters and the like in deference to a growing number of important matters that confront us nowadays. Good luck to all the candidates and please just get on with the job on it's merits next year regardless whoever is there.

For anyone fortunate to attend the St Marys District High School Presentation Day you would have seen a great result across a wide variety of academic, performing arts and sporting fields. It has indeed been an outstanding year, tempered with extreme sadness with the loss of two wonderful staff members, but the Presentation Day was a high point and shows the kids are in great hands.

As this is the final Valley Voice of 2009, I'd personally like to thank our incredible editor (J.S.) and her amazing helpers across the board for nothing less than outstanding service to this community through the Voice. Anyone who can put up with me all year is amazing indeed.

From Cagerattler, please have a safe and happy new year and hope to reconnect with you again in 2010.

What do you think?



### New Year's Day Pacing



Our annual race day is again fast approaching and we are gearing up for another great day.

We have had to do quite a bit of work such as fencing and gates to prevent runaway horses gaining access to public areas. The general public are not allowed into the stable area, for safety reasons.

We do not wish to have a bad accident or a possible fatality, so we would like people in attendance to please abide by these rules, they are not only ours, but are Tasmania wide.

As usual there will be plenty of food and refreshments, with the afternoon tea served by our ladies the best in the state

Five bookmakers will be operating, plus the Tote.

There will be a \$100 lucky programme, and a \$100 losing betting ticket. An entry form for a Sony Hi-Fi donated by Robin Wilson will also be in the programme.

A bouncing castle and face painting for children will also be available.

Any persons wishing to assist on race day will be very much appreciated.

Seven races have been programmed and we could possibly have eight. Come along and support your local club and help make it another great meeting on New year's Day 2010.

Eric Bean, Secretary.



### **SANTA HAS BEEN!!**

Last few days to write to santa and place it in the box at St Marys Post Office. Please, remember to write your name and address on your letter so Santa can send a reply.

Postage is free for this service.







### **New Business for St Marys**

On Friday December 11, 2009, Mariton House Horse Riding Bed & Breakfast on Irishtown Road, pictured, top left, was officially opened by Mr Michael Polley MP, before a number of guests.

Owner, Diane Foster, pictured above with Mr Polley, can be proud of the work done to get to opening stage. Another business, an asset to St Marys.

Photos courtesy Peter Troode



### New connecting foot-bridge open

The new footbridge connecting the Lions Park, BBQ, play area and toilet facilities with the lovely Wombat Walk area is now open for use. Congratulations to all concerned for a job well done. As there is to be an official opening, the full story of the build up to this event and the story about the gazebo currently being erected, will be published next year.

Photos courtesy Peter Troode.



I wish to thank my wonderful family for the love and care which they have given me before and after

I am indeed very blessed to have such a devoted family. Words cannot express my gratitude for all

family. Words cannot express my gratitude for all you have done for me.

Many thanks also to all of the staff of the St Marys Community Health Centre and the St Helens Hospital, for taking great care of me during my convalescence.

Many friends sent good wishes, flowers, cards, made phone calls and visits.

To everyone I sincerely thank you.

Gloria Ward.

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Matt and Deputy Mayor Margaret Osborne on the new footbridge over the St Marys Rivulet at Wombat Walk.





Fancy an ice-cream a chocolate or drink How about a smoothie, milkshake or good ol' banana split

A sundae, a cone or a hand-made sweet treat All gift boxed and ready, and so yummy to eat.

Come in and see me - I'll try to assist I'll relish your visit – no need to resist

I'm happy as larry – right here in the shop That's Mt Elephant Fudge & the lady with the funny gob.

Lizzie at Mt Elephant Fudge HQ wishes **EVERYONE** a joyous, safe and happy Christmas!! Ho Ho Ho !!! He He He!!! Ha Ha Ha!!!

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**End of big year for the Salvation Army** 



JAM's excursion to Colin Buchanan live in Concert at the Door of Hope in Launceston.



Some of the WOW ladies enjoy an ice cream.



JAM's end of year event included a puppet show and some great singing, party food, balloons, streamers & games.

The St Marys Salvation Army has had another big year, and 2010 is already shaping up to be big too!

But with this year nearly behind us, we look back and remember some great times, including JAM's fourth excursion to see Colin Buchanan, Leadership lessons at JLT (Junior Leader Training) many wonderful Sunday nights at JOY, friendship and encouragement at WOW and many people helped through LEGAL AID being hosted at the church (currently in suspension due to funding cutbacks)

The SALVATION ARMY welcomes all people and we encourage you to pop in for a cuppa and a chat. Please phone 6372 2099.





Envoy Melanie Norton.



### FINGAL RAILWAY STATION BACK ON TRACK

We finally have the Fingal Railway Station project back on track. The fence that has been sitting at the Council depot for the last 4 years has been started. Council have been very gracious in paying for the erection of the fence. Below are photos of the start of the job.





The Fingal District Progress Committee Inc. (a not for profit committee) is in the process of trying to transfer the Fingal Railway Station from the Break O'Day Community Enterprise Co-Operative Society Ltd (BODCEC). Unfortunately, BODCEC's members have declined and they cannot continue with the planned restoration of the Railway Station.

Our Business Plan for the Railway Station is to restore the Railway Station and put in a kitchen to provide light refreshments, e.g., toasted sandwiches, soup, Devonshire teas etc. Also to provide employment to for a full time co-ordinator and part time workers to run the tea rooms and also open an opportunity for work for the dole recipients and work experience for the St Mary's District High School students.

It is also envisaged with the support of the Don River Railway to run return train trips to Fingal. We have also received support from St Patrick's Head & Esk Valley Historical Society. They have suggested that in conjunction with Don River Railway they could put on a bus trip to meet with the train and take visitors further into the valley, either to historical towns or properties and possibly having meals at various businesses e.g.. Fingal Hotel, St Mary's Hotel or Mt Elephant Pancake Barn.

We also envisage further down the track to set up a website to advertise the restoration and tours that could be available. We have been doing some fund raising for this project. We have had a quiz night and we currently have a raffle, which is drawn on 23<sup>rd</sup> December.

If anyone is interested in helping our small committee continue with this project please feel free to attend our next Progress Meeting on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2010 at 7pm.



### SHED CLEANOUT SALE 2 X Duetz diesel motors \$1000 each 228 Mercruiser V8 rebuilt (extra good) \$4500 Mazda diesel (good) \$900 4 Cyl Dodge diesel & gearbox \$1000 13 speed RR gearbox full reco \$4500 280 Volvo leg & transom plate \$1500 3 inch Water transfer pump (Honda copy) \$400 Suzuki Sierra 4 x 4 soft top. Goes well, no rego \$1200 Suzuki 400 foreman 4 x 4 four wheel bike \$4500 Fordson Major Tractor with slasher \$3000 Pride boat with 115 Merc Motor \$2500 555 Cummins parts & motors (offers) Old 6 x 4 trailer frames & wheels (need rebuild) Old boat & motor (dead) good project \$150 Bolens ride-on mower (goes well) \$800 Tasco rifle scope 5-24x50 (illuminated) new \$200 60 Series landcruiser diesel 9mechanically good, rego, (rusty) with near new Cooper 33 tyres \$4500 Old Cray bait freezer, with cray bait \$60 Honda generator 1900 \$600 Quick cut saw Stihl (good cond) \$600 Alloy bull bar, suit larger 4 x 4 modern type \$250 Free wheel hubs suit 60 series cruiser \$50 Large block & tackle \$120 Lowrance fish finder (as new) \$500 Sea max colour fish finder \$500 ½" drive socket & spanner set \$40 4 sets of roof racks from \$20 Life jacket, suit child to eight years \$20 Bentwood chair \$50 Leatherman tool adapter with bits \$40 Craypots from \$50

### PHONE 6372 2107

### Your Duck is dead

A woman brought a very limp duck into a veterinary surgeon.

As she laid her pet on the table, the vet pulled out his stethoscope and listened to the bird's chest. After a moment or two, the vet shook his head sadly and said, "I'm sorry, your duck, Cuddles, has passed away."

The distressed woman wailed, "Are you sure?" "Yes, I am sure. The duck is dead," replied the vet. "How can you be so sure?" she protested. "I mean you haven't done any testing on him or anything. He might just be in a coma or something."

The vet rolled his eyes, turned around and left the room. He returned a few minutes later with a black Labrador Retriever.

As the duck's owner looked on in amazement, the dog stood on his hind legs, put his front paws on the examination table and sniffed the duck from top to bottom. He then looked up at the vet with sad eyes and shook his head.

The vet patted the dog on the head and took it out of the room

A few minutes later he returned with a cat. The cat jumped on the table and also delicately sniffed the bird from head to foot. The cat sat back on its haunches, shook its head, meowed softly and strolled out of the room

The vet looked at the woman and said, "I'm sorry, but as I said, this is most definitely, 100% certifiably, a dead duck.

The vet turned to his computer terminal, hit a few keys and produced a bill, which he handed to the woman. The duck's owner, still in shock, took the bill. "\$150!" she cried, "\$150 just to tell me my duck is dead!"

The vet shrugged, "I'm sorry. If you had just taken my word for it, the bill would have been \$20, but with the Lab Report and the Cat Scan, it's now \$150.

### Only an Aussie could pull this one off! Supposedly happened in Queensland. Don't try this in Tasmania.

Recently a routine Police patrol car parked outside a local neighbourhood pub. Late in the evening the officer noticed a man leaving the bar so intoxicated that he could barely walk. The man stumbled around the car park for a few minutes, with the officer quietly observing. After what seemed an eternity and trying his keys on five vehicles, the man managed to find his car, which he fell into.

He was there for a few minutes as a number of other patrons left the bar and drove off. Finally he started the car, switched the wipers on and off, (it was a fine dry night) then flicked the indicators on, horn then then off, tooted the and switched o n the lights. He moved the vehicle forward a few cm, reversed a little and then remained stationary for a few more minutes as some more vehicles left. At last he pulled out of the car park and started to drive slowly down the road.

The Police officer, having patiently waited all this time, now started up the patrol car, put on the flashing lights, promptly pulled the man over and carried out a random breathalyser test. To his amazement the breathalyser indicated no evidence of the man's intoxication. The Police officer said "I'll have to ask you to accompany me to the Police station - this breathalyser equipment must be broken."

"I doubt it," said the man, "tonight I'm the designated decoy".



### We will be offering a local and friendly service at

	St Marys	St Helens
January	$7^{th}$	8 <sup>th</sup>
	21 <sup>st</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup>
February	<b>4</b> <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
•	18 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup>

St Marys Community Health Centre & St Helens Hospital

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### HERBERT PLAQUE UNVEILING Reunion

HERBERT: Descendants of John Alexander Herbert, (First Fleet Convict) are invited to attend the unveiling and dedication of a commemorative plague to John Herbert and Hannah Bolton at the Westbury Church of England Cemetery on Australia Day, January 26th 2010 at 11.00 a.m. to be followed by a BYO picnic at Westbury. For further information contact any of the following numbers 03 6397 3558—03 6344 5607— 03 6344 7699-03 6344 3238.

### Main Street Clothing

**Extended hours up to Christmas Eve are:** 10am to 5pm weekdays 10am to 1pm Saturdays 10am to noon Sundays



Kim and Col would like to wish all our customers A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!!!!







### www.fingalvalleyhistory.com

Members of the St Patricks Head & Esk Valley Historical Society Inc. extend our best wishes to everyone for a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

We would also like to thank all those who supported us during 2009, with a special thanks to Greg Cruse and the St Marys Online Access Centre for training, research facilities and office space. Also thanks to Break O'Day Council for their Community Grant which has provided us with IT equipment to research, document and electronically store valuable photos and documentation relating to the history of the Fingal Valley, much of which is increasingly being loaded onto our website.

Please feel free to browse our website over the holidays. or call into the St Marys Online Access Centre. We would love to talk to you about our work and give you information on the history of the Fingal Valley

Grassy Bottom Regional Arts are holding their markets more frequently coming into summer.

. Watch out for notices as to markets in January and February, as the Valley Voice has a few weeks off between December and February, so no notices can be posted here during that time.

Markets start at 9am and go through till 1pm. Why not come along and have a stall table of your own.

So come and join us to buy or sell ... all proceeds go to Grassy Bottom Regional Arts.

For booking a stall please phone 6372 2818. G.B.R.A. Marketing Manager.





& best wishes to all From Claine & the staff at Purple Possum



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### St. Marys Tigers Football Club Inc.

The standard of football just gets better and better! On Friday evening the 4<sup>th</sup> of December a very good crowd turned up to watch a very entertaining match. As usual the young Bees bolted out of the gate and were over 6 goals in front at the end of the first quarter. The Tigers however steadied and gradually took the game up to the Bees but just couldn't claw back the big lead and went down narrowly by 7 points.

So the stage is set for the "decider" to be played on Saturday 19 December at the footy ground with a 6ish start. We know this is a busy time of the year but the players were keen to have another game before year's end so please make an effort to come out and enjoy some great footy. Santa will be making a flying visit at some stage of the evening and I'm sure that there will be some treats for the kids.

It would be remiss of me not to acknowledge the financial support given to those people who signed up as members this year and I apologise that we haven't really had many opportunities to repay your kindness. Bring along your membership card on Saturday and we will shout you a beer and something to eat.

Finally to our hard working committee and all those who have helped us this year goes a special vote of thanks. We might not be where we would have originally liked but we are hanging on and slowly building up funds and support that we hope will carry us back into a meaningful competition in the not too distant future.

It makes your heart ache to see all that talent out on the field; young players that under normal circumstances would have been playing with a St Marys Football team but it does provide you with the desire to keep going.

A merry Christmas to all our supporters, hope to see you at the footy ground on the 19th.

Harry Veldums,

Club President.

St. Marys Tigers Football Club, P.O. Box 42 St. Marys Tas 7215 Ph. (03) 63 722256 Mob. 0418564710



### VALLEY COASTERS LINE DANCING RAFFLE WINNERS:

1ST PRIZE: LIZ RICE
2ND PRIZE: NADIA FRAZER
THANK YOU TO ALL WHO BOUGHT TICKETS.
Sue fisher, Valley Coasters.



### St Marys Police report

We wish everyone a safe and merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

As a result of some changes in the stated legislation we would like the community to be aware of these. The new legislation increases penalties and are a focus of Tasmania Police:

### **Seatbelts:**

### Drivers to make sure seatbelts and child restraints are used

It is the responsibility of the driver to ensure that all passengers in the car are wearing a seatbelt or a child restraint. Drivers must now also ensure that adult passengers wear a seatbelt.

When all seatbelts or child restraints are used, no extra unrestrained passengers can travel in the vehicle.

### **Penalties**

Penalties for seat belt and child restraint offences now range from \$300 to \$350 fine and 3 demerit points for drivers and \$300 fine for passengers.

### **Child Restraints**

**From 30 November 2009** all children under four years of age must wear an approved child restraint that is properly fastened and adjusted when travelling in a car for improved safety. The type of restraint will depend on the age of the child as follows:

- under the age of six months: to be restrained in an approved rearward facing child restraint (e.g. infant capsule)
- from six months to less than the age of four: to be restrained in either an approved rearward facing child restraint or an approved forward facing child restraint with inbuilt harness (e.g. child safety seat)

### Penalty

The penalty for failing to ensure a child aged under 16 years wears a child restraint or seat belt as required, is 3 demerit points and \$350 fine.

### **Mobile phones**

Using a mobile phone while driving is banned except to make or receive a phone call provided the phone:

- is secured in a commercially designed holder fixed to the vehicle: or
- can be operated by the driver without touching any part of the phone.

All other functions (including video calls, texting and emailing) are prohibited.

Holding the phone (whether or not engaged in a phone call) is also prohibited. 'Holding' includes resting the mobile on the driver's lap, or between the chin and shoulder or passing the phone to a passenger.

### Penalty

The demerit point penalty for using a mobile phone whilst driving will increase from 2 to 3 demerit points on 30 November 2009.

We would also like the community to be aware that Tasmania Police are Targeting speeding, disqualified driving, risky and dangerous driving behaviour.

New vehicle clamping and confiscation laws have been enacted to deter people from using their vehicles in an irresponsible and dangerous manner on our roads.

### The offences

If you are the driver of a vehicle that is involved in:

- reckless or dangerous driving
- street racing or time trials
- making unnecessary and unreasonable noise (including playing your stereo system too loudly)
- an exhibition of speed, acceleration or loss of traction (burn-outs or donuts)
- speeding at, or in excess of, 45 kilometres per hour over the speed limit
- driving while disqualified, when caught on a second or subsequent occasion
- evading police under the *Police Powers* (Vehicle Interception) Act 2000
- trespassing on the property of another with that vehicle
- refusing to leave an area, or returning to an area, after being told by a police officer to leave.

### The consequences

- The vehicle may be clamped or impounded by police for at least twenty-eight days.
- You may be arrested.
- You may be required to appear in court at a later date.
- If convicted, you may be fined a large sum and will be ordered to pay a special compulsory penalty of \$600 by the court.
- You may lose your licence for up to two years.
- You may face imprisonment for up to three months. If you are caught committing any of the offences listed above for a second or subsequent time, the following penalties apply:
- The vehicle can be clamped or confiscated for a period of three months or longer.
- Police may seize the vehicle until all existing charges are resolved.
- Police may seek a forfeiture order (the vehicle can be seized permanently).

It does not matter if the vehicle you are driving at the time of the offence is yours.

### **General Street Offences:**

Again we would remind the public that there is an on the spot fine if found with an open container of alcohol on a public street, the fine is \$120. It is also a \$120 if seen drinking from this open container.

We wish everyone a safe and merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

St Marys Police Phone Number **63721010**Non Urgent Number **131444** 

Urgent and Life threatening



Thank You to Ruth Mc Giveron for pulling some of the weeds and grass growing in the cracks of the cheap mis-matched uneven pavers around the St Marys War Memorial. Why is it that private citizens have to do this sort of work?

The anonymous person that authorised the removal of the solid cement path and unique rock walls should be ashamed of themselves and clean the mess up HIMSELF.

Rod Corfe



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### Christmas Wishes

Harry and Kerry at the St Marys Licensed Post Office would like to wish all our customers a very merry Christmas and we genuinely thank you for your support and patronage throughout the year.

Special thanks to our "helpers" Ebony Bennett, Ruth McGiveron and Minnie Goss for their valuable assistance and for allowing us to take at least a little time off.

Also our sincere thanks to Craig Freiboth our indispensible "postie". Another year without missing a day; what great service to the people of St Marys.

Finally our best wishes to our fabulous helper of three years Elise Wright, who shortly moves to Queensland. We will miss your efficiency and valuable assistance; you light up our Post Office whenever you enter. From all of us our love and kindest regards go with you.

Big Shed studios will be hosting an Arts night market/ Exhibit for the month of December.

Friday Dec 4th Friday Dec 11th Friday Dec 18th

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### St Marys Child Care Centre We are now taking enrolments for 2010.



Our service meets the national Quality Assurance standards of the

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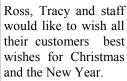
Our staff are passionate and committed.

We provide a safe environment for children with fun and stimulating programs.

Families are eligible for the Child Care Benefit.

For an enrolment pack contact our centre ASAP to ensure your place tel: 6372 2187 or stmarys@ncn.org.au

### Coach House Restaurant

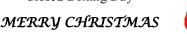




### Please note Opening Hours for the holidays.

Open all day Christmas Eve until 7pm

Closed Christmas Day Closed Boxing Day



### Cooking up a storm in St Marys.

The first Community Kitchen program in Tasmania begins in St Marys.

What is a community kitchen? A Community Kitchen involves a group of 6-8 individuals coming together on a regular basis to socialise and cook before enjoying a delicious, affordable and nutritious meal together.

Our St Marys Community kitchen began in October and has been cooking together every Thursday morning at the Day Centre at the St Marys Community Health Centre. Cathy Parker is the "kitchen facilitator" and she is there to give the group a helping hand. They have chosen to cook dishes from around the world, from Nasi Goreng to Strawberry cake and many other delicious treats. The youngest member is 13 and our most senior member is quite a bit older than that!

Food appeals to everyone! You're never too young or too old. This program has been a partnership project between the Healthy Active Program in Break O'Day (at Healthy House)

and St Marys Community Health Centre. We are hoping to hold another one next year.

If you would like more information, please call Michelle at the Healthy House on

6376 5242.



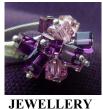
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Merry Christmas to all our customers. Thank you for supporting us for another year.

We would like to thank Judy and her volunteers for another great year with the Valley Voice.



### FIRE HAZARDS

Council highlights the need for owners and occupiers to reduce the fire hazards as the bushfire season approaches. It is recommended that "defendable space" is created where necessary by clearing all flammable vegetation. Dry grass and other fuel at ground level pose the greatest threat.

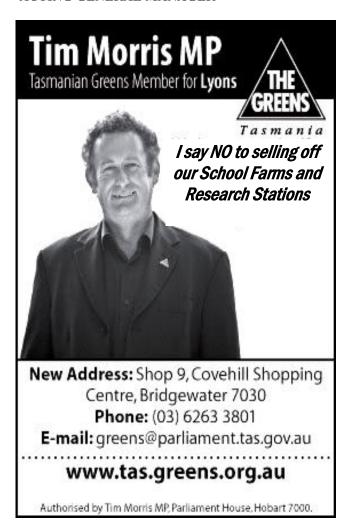
Owners and occupiers of property in the Municipality are reminded that over the coming weeks abatement notices, where considered necessary, be issued for the appropriate clearing of fire hazards. Under the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council is required to issue Fire Abatement Notices that calls for the removal of the hazard within a specified time period. Failure to remove fire hazards in the specified time could lead to compulsory clearance at the property owners' expense.

Council seeks the cooperation of owners and occupiers in ensuring that their property does not constitute a threat during the coming months.

For further information or reporting of a potential fire hazard please contact the Municipal Inspector on (03) 6376 7900.

Ngaire McCrindle

**ACTING GENERAL MANAGER** 



### The following is an article from Carers for Wildlife Tasmania Inc. a group of volunteer wildlife carers based in St Marys and throughout the Break O Day region.

Wombat...The common wombat is the largest burrowing herbivorous mammal. Indeed, it is such an accomplished burrower that early settlers called it a 'badger', a term that is still heard today. However, the closest relative of the wombat is, in fact, the koala. With its short tail and legs, characteristic waddle and 'cuddly' appearance the wombat is one of the most endearing of Australia's native animals.

The common wombat is a protected species in Tasmania and it is illegal to shoot or harm them, a permit is required to shoot or hunt the common wombat.

Wombats can be seen in a number of our national parks, including Douglas Apsley, Freycinet National Park, Narawntapu (formerly Asbestos Range) and Cradle Mountain National Park.

They are also common in the Break O'Day region and throughout the Fingal valley.

In Tasmania the wombat is widespread and found from sea level to alpine areas but shows a preference for heathland, coastal scrub and open forest, where soils favour their burrowing habits. Wombats often dig their burrows in the areas above creeks and gullies. Burrows can be up to 20m long and more than 2m below the ground, and have numerous connecting tunnels and entrances. There may also be more than one nest in the burrow, which they make from sticks, leaves and grasses.

The distinctive cube shaped dung of the wombat is a useful indication of its comings and goings. Any new object within a home range is a prime target for marking with dung, particularly if it is elevated. Fallen trees, fresh mushrooms, rocks and even an upright stick have been found with dung on top! The cube shape means that dung is less likely to roll off such objects.

The rump of the wombat is covered by a very tough, thick skin. If threatened, a wombat will dive into a nearby burrow or hollow log, using its rump as protection from the teeth and claws of its attacker. The wombat is also capable of crushing attackers against the burrow roof. Their natural enemies are Tasmanian devils and eagles, while no doubt the thylacine once preyed upon them.

### Status

The wombat is common in Tasmania, particularly in the northeast of the state. However, since settlement, they have faced resentment from farmers as their burrows can be hazards to stock, and thousands were killed for this reason alone. Although common at present, the clearing of land for agriculture is reducing their range. Wombats are killed by poison such as '1080' used in baits intended to reduce rabbit or wallaby numbers. Dogs, indiscriminate shooters and vehicles also take their toll.

### How you can help

- \* Contain dogs at night to prevent them roaming, particularly in areas where wombats are known to live.
- \* If wombats are causing damage to fences, heavy hinged gates can be installed which will allow wombats to push through but prevent less powerful animals from entering.
- \* Drive carefully in 'wombat country' -- apart from killing or injuring them, wombats can damage cars.
- \* Occasionally young wombats become orphaned and require nurturing. It is important that specialist advice is obtained on their rearing and release as they can become very boisterous if not treated correctly.

Please contact Peter Power from Wildlife Tasmania on **0417 017 105**.

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### A Life Changing Christmas - Beverly Rubenach

Christmas can be the saddest of times, or the happiest of times. Christmas can be a hurting time, or a healing time. Christmas is a time when memories well up and overflow.



Curtains were hand-washed, carefully ironed (with those heavy, clumsy irons heated on the stove-top) and lovingly rehung. Amazingly, they had all withstood another year of this Christmas preparation. Should they have torn, there would be no replacement curtains hanging in the windows. The meager household income certainly didn't cater for new curtains. Therefore, these 'many year's old ones' had been handled ever so gently.

The last 'pin feather' was plucked from the butchered geese. What a painstaking task, sitting at the kitchen table for what seemed like an eternity, removing those half-hidden, unsightly, stubborn little "monsters" with tweezers. My dad took great pride in the geese he either gave away or sold at Christmas time. They had to look perfect, so wonderful in fact, they could have almost been eaten raw.

Furniture, riddled with the scratches and battering of at least two generations of farming families, had been polished with floor polishing wax. Firstly, that oily gluggy stuff had covered all the surfaces, then it had been rubbed off again until not a trace remained. Everything gleamed and reflected the worker's smile (or frown) Furniture cleaning seemed such a waste of 'elbow grease' not to mention wasted time. Time that could have been spent wading in the cool mountain stream on a beautiful summery day—energy that could have been used playing chases with the farm dog. No matter! All these frantic preparations would only last a couple more days. I attacked those tasks and all my other 'getting ready for Christmas' work with vigour, touched with a hint of reluctance. Thankfully, soon the rewards would come.

Mum and Dad would smile at me proudly, hug me lovingly and praise me abundantly. I liked that, but the best reward for being "a good little girl" would manifest itself on Christmas morning. For months, I had voiced my heart's desire just in case Santa was already listening in. I wanted a bike.

Every year, for as long as I could remember, the 'desire of my heart' was waiting for me at the foot of my bed when I woke on Christmas morning. One year, there was even a doll-not just any ordinary doll-a state of the art doll. She had eyes that opened and closed, and she had hair. I must have been the best behaved 7 year old in the whole world to be so rewarded. In fact, I had proof of my goodness. My cousin, who lived at Cornwall, found a doll at the foot of her bed that same Christmas. Her doll had eyes that opened and closed, but her doll was bald-headed!

Then when I was 10 years old, a mystery occurred. Two of my cousins, living in different locations each got a bike for Christmas. A bike! The grandest of all presents – so grand that I had never ever thought of letting Santa know I was interested in one. But then again, he should have known without me having to voice it. My cousins hadn't put in any specific request that year and yet, a bike was dropped off at their homes. I thought I had better examine my year long behavior in case there was a problem.

Oh sure, there were numerous occasions when I had been a little brat-poking my tongue out at my mother (behind her back of course), stomping my feet and throwing just a bit of a tantrum when things didn't go quite as I had planned, and oh yes, there was one occasion when I received a stripe on my rear end from Dad's belt. That misdemeanor was so minor I could no longer remember what it was, so that didn't count as naughtiness.

All in all, I felt I'd been fairly good. In my estimation, the good out-weighed the naughtiness by miles. Anyway, one thing I knew for certain-I'd been a whole heap better than those two cousins who had got bikes!

Well, that was last Christmas. This was this Christmas. I was determined not to miss out on any bike handouts this year. Just to make absolutely certain, I did additional tasks—standing sweating over the hot wood stove stirring raspberry jam, churning cream that refused to turn into butter, and pushing (until my arms ached) lumpy icing through a rickety, almost worn out icing forcer to decorate dozens of Christmas biscuits.

Finally, it was the day before Christmas Eve. My parents had dispensed the well earned hugs, smiles and thankyous. "Now I know for certain, I'll get my bike on Christmas morning", I announced happily. Mum and Dad exchanged glances. Dad's blue eyes lost their usual sparkle. Mum's face turned ashen. "I knew you should have told her sooner," Dad muttered as he headed for the kitchen door, "I'm going to cut wood", he added, hastily departing.

Mum's countenance told me something was wrong. How could anything possibly go wrong so close to Christmas? "Come and sit on the verandah", Mum instructed quietly, then added ominously, "we need to talk".

There we sat. Me knowing I was about to hear something I didn't want to hear. Mum about to say something she didn't want to say.

"You're a big girl now - eleven years old. Most children know much younger, but I wanted your childish delight of Christmas to remain as long as possible," Mum began.

Soon we were both crying. The truth was out! It hurt! There would be no bike. Mum explained how she and Dad had scrimped and saved throughout the year, but to no avail. There simply wasn't enough money.

"You're such a good daughter, and we love you," Mum continued, trying to hug me. I pulled away. I wanted no hug. The words she was speaking now sounded empty and false. I had always totally trusted and believed everything my parents had ever told me. Now there was disillusionment. Now betrayal. How could I ever trust them again? What in life was truth? What in life was make-believe? How would I ever distinguish the difference? Soon resentment, anger and fear joined my already explosive emotions. I was crying over the hurt. Hurt that my parents I no longer trusted or believed.

I fled to my "comfort spot' high in the branches of the willow trees. After hours of solitude, I knew there was only one thing to do - pray.

My question time with God produced answers. Memories welled up and overflowed-Bible stories of God's love and forgiveness. The story of the very first Christmas when God the Father gave the world the gift of his Son Jesus, as a baby born in Bethlehem - the ultimate gift that allowed all wrong doers to be in a right relationship with God and people through love and forgiveness. Memories of all the wonderful, loving sacrificial things my parents had done for me during my eleven years. Memories of sad times, of happy times, but whatever the circumstances, we were family together.

Then came the challenge. What was I going to do about this Christmas? I could choose to make this Christmas the saddest of times or the happiest of times - a time of hurting or a time of healing.

I can't even remember what was at the foot of my bed on that eventful Christmas morning. I do remember it was the beginning of my emergence from childhood to adulthood. I remember it was a happy Christmas full of family reconciliation, love and forgiveness.

I've transgressed and regressed countless times since that Christmas long ago, especially in the areas of unforgiveness, and lack of love. This has caused division, hurt, strained relationships, loss of inner peace and diminished joyful living. Whenever these things occur, so do memories of an eleven year old girl's special Christmas. Along with those memories comes the same challenge I was confronted with 50 years ago. The choice is still mine. What sort of Christmas will I give my family? I want Christmas 2009 to be a time of accepting, practicing and celebrating forgiveness and unshakeable love.

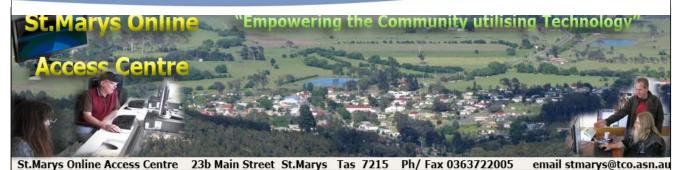
What was at the foot of my bed Christmas morning when I was 12 years old? A bike! Was it a stat-of-the-art bike? No! it was a bike with some rust and lots of peeling-off paint. But it was love at first sight

That bike and I were almost inseparable for many years. Then came a time when I heard of someone who longed whole-heartedly for a bike - a bike that a widowed mother could never afford to buy. That Christmas morning, that same bike was waiting at the foot of a bed. The recipient awoke.

It was love at first sight!



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To be eligible, the person must be 27 years or older on or before the 26<sup>th</sup> January 2010

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### **Community Event of the Year**

Presented to the person or group who has staged the most outstanding community event during the year.

### **Award for Outstanding Volunteer Effort (Individual)**

This award is for a volunteer who has demonstrated a strong commitment and dedication by contributing their time and skills to our community.

### Award for Outstanding Volunteer Achievement (Organisation)

This award will be presented to an organisation that has made a valuable contribution and can demonstrate their dedication and achievements to the general community.

Nominations forms are available from the Council Office or by emailing chris.hughes@bodc.tas.gov.au.

Completed forms should be sent to:

### **Australia Day Awards**

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accompanied by an entry form available from Break O'Day Council.

There will be a prize of a gift voucher from a local business for the overall best photo.

### Media Release



### **BIG4 St Helens Holiday Park Takes Out Tasmanian Tourism Award**

BIG4 St Helens Holiday Park was recently announced as winner of the 'Tourist and Caravan Parks' award at the 2009 Tasmanian Tourism Awards for the second consecutive year.

BIG4 St Helens Holiday Park is located just ten kilometres from the Bay of Fires, named by influential tourism publisher, Lonely Planet, as the world's best travel destination, and is enjoyed by more than 15,000 guests each year.

The Walls family, together with park managers Robyn and Ian Pearce attended the Gala Presentation Dinner and said they were thrilled to win the award.

"We strive to exceed our guests' expectations to ensure they enjoy a first class holiday experience. We are extremely proud our hard work has been recognised two years in a row," Allan Walls said.

Terry Goodall, CEO, BIG4 Holiday Parks was delighted that BIG4 St Helens Holiday Park was recognised as the leading Tourist and Caravan Park in Tasmania.

"BIG4 St Helens Holiday Park works exceptionally hard to maintain the level of standard that guests expect of a BIG4 Holiday Park, and tourism awards provide well-deserved recognition for all tourism operators. We're proud they wear the BIG4 name," says Terry.

BIG4 St Helens Holiday Park is no stranger to awards; it recently received the "Most Improved Park Award' at BIG4's National Conference, and it also received a Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Award earlier this year.

The now 4 ½ star Holiday Park boasts facilities including a large recreation, games and TV room complete with table tennis and arcade games, as well as one of Australia's best camp kitchens and a giant jumping pillow for the kids.

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"We have also just installed brand new ensuite sites that include a shower, toilet and hand basin, which are proving to be the perfect option for our visitors who like to bring their own caravan or motorhome but still want the convenience of onsite amenities," adds Robyn Pearce.

The Tasmanian Tourism Awards represent an industry framework for peer recognition which fosters a culture for business development excellence and innovation. BIG4 St Helens Holiday Park is now in the running to take out the National Tourism Award to be held on Friday 26 February 2010.

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### MEALS ON WHEELS ROSTER February 2010 St Marys **Fingal** Monday Debbie Barnes Carole Woods Tuesday 2nd Trish Pike Wednesday Dianne Troode 3rd Thursday 4th Heather Griffiths Friday 5th Claire Bean PHONE: 0488 384 344 **MOW** Contact Pat O'Donnell Christine Woods (P) Monday 8th Tuesday 9th | Pam Bretz 19th B & B McAllister Wednesday Thursday 11th Dianne Foster Fri 12th Wendy Aulich

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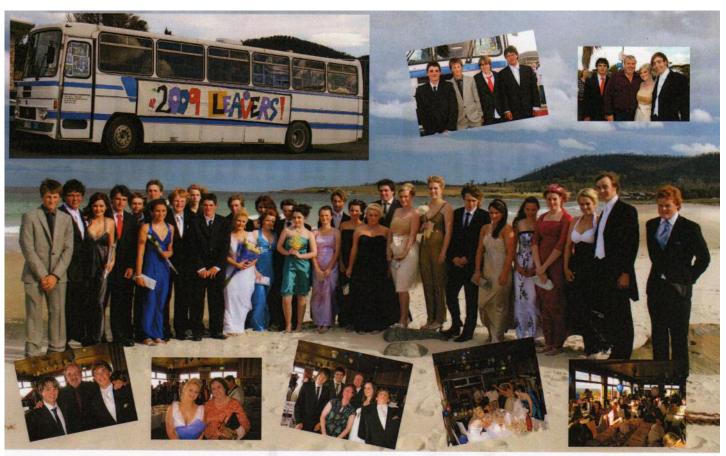
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Sophie Bourke	Elise Wright	Ellis Johns	Toby Micek	Nic Symons	Elise Wright	<b>Bronti Cooke</b>	Zoe Greenfield	<b>Brendan Tildesley</b>	Elise Wright	<b>Brendan Tildesley</b>	Shannon Rosskelly	Jessica Heron	Tom Hunt

### SPECIAL

AWARDS

	Sam Child	Lawrence Bretag	Sharnie Bosworth	Dan Male	Ellis Johns	Zoe Greenfield	Jemma Davern	Dan Male	Jemma Davern	Dan Male	Sophie Bourke	AWARD Lawrence Bretag	NT Charlotte Gray	Zoe Greenfield	Ellis Johns	AWARD Brendan Tildesley	Emma Squires
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Elise Wright & Joel Bennett

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Nic Symons

R.W. LEGGE CITIZENSHIP AWARD

Elise Wright & Joel Bennett

RICOH AWARD FOR ALL ROUND ACHIEVENENT Caitlin Viney

Explore the possibilities

### Fingal Primary School News



### Marakoopa Caves

On Wednesday 9th December 2009 the whole of Fingal Primary School Students travelled to Mole Creek to visit the Marakoopa Caves. After a long bus trip down we had recess and then split into two groups to go off exploring the caves. The children learnt about stalactites and stalagmites, and we were all fascinated with the glow worms. WE stopped at Deloraine Train Park for lunch before the long trip back home.





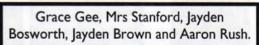


Carley Baldwin and Taylah Munro.



Thomas Gee, Breeana Francis, Lauren Templar-Kunta and Mackenzie Woods.







Ashleigh Templar and Sharnee Casserly.







Fingal School Association Seymour Street Fingal Tas 7214.

Dear Parents and Community Members

Update on the school Federation.

At the meeting it was decided that there would be a process to follow.

- -That we would work towards one governance model that will give each Community equal representation.
- A Steering committee was formed to create a new constitution which will Continue in 2010 with the view of a single association for 2011.

The option for next years Grade 6 was taken to this years Grade 5 parents for a decision on which school campus they would like to attend.

It was decided by the parents that Grade 6 will remain at the Fingal campus for 2010. It was also decided that once we form the new Association in 2011 that each campus Would still have there own separate sub committee members to deal with the local Fundraising and local matters e.g. school lunches and catering.

The structure of the school for 2010 should be much the same as 2009.

Yours sincerely Fingal School Association



### ST MARYS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

### DOCTORS ROSTER 5th Dec- 5th Jan Dr R Swannell

### 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

### SCRIPTS AND DOCTORS APPOINTMENTS

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

Scripts can not be requested by patients over the phone and are unable to be done over the weekends ensure you have enough medications in advance. PLEASE BE PATIENT waiting periods

can apply.

10th Jan-24th Jan
No midwife available
We cannot except Post Natal transfers between these dates.

Tom Bain, Rae & Partners Lawyers.

At the Community Health Centre Tuesday fortnights. For appointments please phone 6337 5555

### ANGLICARE FINANCIAL COUNSELLING

Our service is FREE and confidential

Anglicare can provide counselling information, advocacy and support service to individuals and families experiencing financial difficulties. It is also involved in community education and development.

For appointments please phone Anglicare on: FREECALL 1800 243 232

Appointments available every 4 weeks depending on demand 2nd Tuesday each month

AA CONFIDENTIAL SUPPORT SERVICE

Wednesday nights <u>St Helens Anglican Church</u> 8:00pm Friday nights <u>St Marys Anglican Church</u> 8:00pm For further details phone 6372 5026

### WHAT'S ON AT THE CENTRE

15th Dec <u>Child Health Session</u> with Sue Gofton. Every Tuesday by appointment. Please phone

0428 136 381

15th Dec Physio-Peter Jenvey

15th Dec Tom Bain—Rae & Partners Lawyers. For appointment please phone 6337 5555.

Available Tuesday fortnights at St Marys

Community Health Centre

15th Dec <u>Tas Carers</u> 12:pm By Appointment

16th Dec Day Centre- For details on the group please

contact Ann Jetson on 6372 9512

16th Dec Social Worker

17th Dec Social Worker

17th Dec Community Kitchen 10 AM

18th Dec Social Worker

18th Dec G.P. North

9am—5pm

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

21st Dec T.L.C Meeting 10:AM

22nd Dec Child Health Session with Sue Gofton.

Every Tuesday by appointment. Please phone

0428 136 381

22nd Dec Physio-Peter Jenvey

23rd Dec CRS 10:30 AM

23rd Dec <u>Dohertay</u> psychologist by appointment only

24th Dec <u>Eyelines</u> Appointments made through provider

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT
THIS SERVICE IS NOT AVAILABLE FROM THE
HEALTH CENTRE. PLEASE MAKE APPOINTMENTS BY PHONING DAVE MALLETT ON
0409802536.

Day Centre will be finishing on the 16th Dec and will resume on the 20th Jan 2010. On behalf of Hayley and Ann, we would like to wish clients and families a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.





We will be offering a local and friendly service beginning

Monday 22 June

If you want a professional consultation with one of our qualified optometrists then

6343 6333

contact us on

All consultations are bulk-billed to Medicare.

### **StMarys Emergency & Business contacts**

CRIMESTOPPERS 1 800 333 000 AM POLICE 000 CO NON URGENT 131 444 DOO		FIRE 000 SES 132 500 (FLOOD & STORM ONLY)
ACCOMMODATION ADDLESTON HOUSE B&B (GRAY RD) 6372 2783	CRAFTS BLUEBERRY COTTAGE (OPEN GARDEN & CRAFTS)	ONLINE ACCESS CENTRE ST MARYS ONLINE CENTRE 6372 2005
FISH-TALES ON THE BAY (BH) 0439 265 363 (PET FRIENDLY) (AH) 6372 2128	(ELEPHANT PASS) 6372 2755 dave@blueberrycottage.com.au	OP-SHOP MAIN ST ST MARYS 6372 2733
RAINBOW RETREAT (LOT 1 OFF GILLIES ROAD) (info@rainbowretreat.com.au) 6372 2168 SEAVIEW FARM 6372 2341	GONE RUSTIC STUDIO & GALLERY 6372 2724 (37 MAIN ST ST MARYS)  DRAFTSMAN	ORGANIC VEGETABLES JACK FOREMAN (7STORY ST ST MARYS 6372 2034
ST MARYS HISTORIC HOTEL 6372 2181 (48 MAIN ST ST MARYS)	BUILDING DESIGN STUDIO 6372 2000 (56a MAIN ST ST MARYS)	PACING CLUB ERIC BEAN SEC. 6372 2136
ARTS GRASSY BOTTOM REGIONAL ARTS (CONTACT ANY MEMBER)	ELECTRICIANS ST HELENS ELECTRICAL 6372 5522 0407 615 072	PAINTERS MLN ENTERPRISE PAINTING RAY ROSSKELLY 6372 2218
ART SUPPLIES WHATEVER ART (LOT 1 GARDINERS CREEK ROAD)  AUSTRALIA POST	RANSLEYS HOME APPLIANCES 6372 5307 (SCAMANDER) 0428 761 811	PHARMACY ST MARYS PHARMACY (MAIN ST ST MARYS)  6372 2844
ST MARYS POST OFFICE 6372 2124	RICK ENGINEERING (MAIN ST ST MARYS) 6372 2460	PLUMBERS
(MAIN ST ST MARYS) AURORA 132 004	FUNERAL DIRECTORS HARRIS FUNERALS (ST HELENS) 6376 1153	P J & H K CHILD 6372 5378 R G & R I HARWOOD 6372 2445
BAKERY ST MARYS BAKERY 6372 2131	GARAGES CALTEX ST MARYS (MAIN ST ST MARYS) 6372 2335	PROOF READER
(MAIN ST ST MARYS)	GIFTS	LEISSA DANE 6372 2686  PROPERTY CONSULTANT
BANKS COMMONWEALTH BANK (MAIN ST ST MARYS)  6372 2268	AVAILABLE IN MANY BUSINESSES GLASS REPLACEMENT	LYN DAWES PROPERTY CONSULTANT (TOWNS SHEARING) 0427 560 565
BERRY FARM	EAST COAST GLASS 6372 5361	RESTAURANTS/CAFES
BLUEBERRIES SEAVIEW FARM 6372 2341  BOARDING KENNELS	GOLF CLUB ST MARYS SPORTS CENTRE INC 6372 2177	COACH HOUSE RESTAURANT ESCAPE WILDERNESS CAFÉ HAPPY BELLY DELI 6372 2529 6372 2444 0404 725 430
THE GUMS KENNELS AND CATTERY (IRISHTOWN ROAD ST MARYS) 6372 2512 UPPER SCAMANDER KENNELS AND	INSURANCE BROKERS MCKILLOP INSURANCE (LYN) 0400 984595	MT ELEPHANT PANCAKE BARN 6372 2263 PURPLE POSSUM WHOLE FOODS 6372 2265 SEASALT 1300 646 001
CATTERY (905 UPPER SCAMANDER ROAD) 6372 5157 WAGABOUTS (0429 170 077) 6376 2131	JUSTICES OF THE PEACE	SECONDHAND DEALERS &
BREAK O'DAY COUNCIL ST HELENS 6376 7900	K FAULKNER 6372 2196 H VELDUMS 6372 2124	COLLECTABLES CORNWALL COLLECTABLES (CNR LENNOX & ALEXANDER ST CORNWALL)  6372 2365
BREAK O'DAY BUSINESS	HAIR DRESSER DESIGNER HAIR (MAIN ST ST MARYS) 6372 2108	SECONDHAND ROSE (AH) 6372 2267
ENTERPRISE CENTRE BEC SHOP 1/34 QUAIL ST ST HELENS	HEALTH FOODS	SEPTIC TANK CLEANERS SPLASH ST MARYS 0488 777 713
(ADMIN@SMALLBUSINESS,ORG.AU) 6376 2044	PURPLE POSSUM WHOLE FOODS 6372 2655 (STORY ST ST MARYS)	SCHOOLS
BUS SERVICES CALOWS BUS SERVICE (ST MARYS) (ST HELENS) 6372 2476 6376 2161	HEALTHY COMMUNITY PROJECT (5 PORTLAND COURT ST HELENS) 6376 5242	ST MARYS DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL 6372 3900 (GRAY ROAD ST MARYS)
BUTCHER INSTORE SUPERMARKET 6372 2274	HORTICULTURIST PETER DANE (QUALIFIED HIRTICULTURIST) 6372 2686	SUPERMARKET ST MARYS SUPER VALUE 6372 2240 (MAIN ST ST MARYS) BUTCHERY 6372 2274
CABLE LOCATIONS	HOTEL	SURFING SUPPLIES
TELSTRA COPPER NETWORK & UNDER- GROUNG POWER CABLES ETC.	ST MARYS HOTEL (MAIN ST ST MARYS) 6372 2181 <b>JAM</b> (JESUS & ME) M NORTON 6372 2099	SCAMANDER BEACH SURF SHOP 6372 5529 (6 LAGOON ESPLANADE SCAMANDER) BAY SURF SHOP (2 PENDRIGH PLACE ST HELENS) 6376 1755
MICHAEL SMITH 0408 059 521	LIBRARY	TELEPHONE, DATA & TV
CARTAGE CONTRACTORS C & D EXCAVATIONS 6372 2033 M HENDLEY 6372 2145	ST MARYS LIBRARY 6372 2114 (MAIN ST ST MARYS) LINE DANCING	EAST COAST PHONE & COMMUNICATIONS (JOHN HERON) 0409 959 121 6372 2402
TROTTERS CONTRACTING6372 2107 6372 2742 (EXCAVATION, DRAINAGE, & GENERAL CARTAGE)	VALLEY COASTERS 63 72 2266 (SUE FISHER)	DELAFRONTERA (DAVE MORRIS) INSTALLATION & SERVICE TECHNICHIAN MOB: 0402 969 393 Ph: 6372 2743
CHILD CARE ST MARYS CHILD CARE CENTRE 6372 2187	LYMPHOEDEMA CENTRE	SURVEYORS EAST COAST SURVEYING (ST HELENS) 6376 1972
CHURCHES 65/2 218/	ST MARYS LYMPHOEDEMA CENTRE 6272 2900 (LOCATED AT ST MARYS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE)	VALLEY VOICE PUBLICATIONS ACCOUNTS 6372 2328
ANGLICAN CHURCH 6376 1144 CATHOLIC CHURCH 6372 2252	MARRIAGE CELEBRANTS	ADVERTISING 6372 2155
UNITING CHURCH 6376 2405 SALVATION ARMY 6372 2099	PETER POWER (peterpowercelebrant@gmail.com) 0417 017 105	(judith.spilsbury@telair.com.au)  WATER CARRIERS
CLOTHING	TERESE TANNER 0400 512 845 6372 5745	SPLASH ST MARYS 0488 777 713
MAIN STREET CLOTHING 6372 2211 STRAWBERRY JELLY (MAIN ST) 6372 2684	MEALS ON WHEELS 6374 2193 MECHANICS	WOODWORK GUILD OLD RAILWAY GOODS SHED (ST MARYS) 6372 2094
COMMUNICATIONS	MICHAEL AULICH (MECHANICAL & WELDING REPAIRE	WIDE SPAN SHEDS 6372 2724
DAVID MORRIS 0402 969 393 6372 2743 (david@delafrontera.com.au) (INSTALLATION & SERVICE TECHNICIAN)	& GENERAL STEEL & ALUMINIUM FABRICATION. 209 IRISHTOWN ROAD MOB: 0417 507 239 6372 2991 GRANT FAULKNER (CALTEX ST MARYS) 6372 2335	YOGA ST MARYS YOGA ROOM 6372 2034
CONFECTIONARY MT ELEPHANY FUDGE 7 STORY ST ST MARYS	MUSEUM	(7STORY ST ST MARYS)TEACHER JACK FOREMAN
(PROPRIETOR LIZ DEAN) 6372 2034	CRANKS & TINKERERS (IAN) 0417 648845 (MAIN ST ST MARYS)	YOUTH HOSTEL

NEET CENTRE (ST MARYS)

NEWSAGENCY

ST MARYS NEWSAGENCY (STORY ST ST MARYS)

(AH): 6372 2773

**COMMUNITY CAR** 0409 802 536

6372 2143

6372 2175

SEAVIEW FARM (GERMANTOWN)

6372 2341

### St Marys Sports Centre Inc. News Kackhander.

Guess what? It hasn't rained for two weeks and we have actually got to use the facilities. Amazing.

First to bowls and the club has recorded two very big wins, to again be back in the 2009/10 pennant race. Our premiership ladies team is also doing exceptionally well also.

Despite being short of players most weeks the men's team is beginning to gel really well and provided we do get all the players back after the Christmas/New Year break we should be a force to be reckoned with at finals time again. We have unfinished business after last years final. Don't we.

The ladies likewise would love to win back to back titles and have a great chance to do so.

Don't forget our special Annual Clive Berwick Memorial Triples on December 27<sup>th</sup> so get your teams together very soon for that terrific day. Thanks especially to Pauline and Drew Berwick for their incredible support of this event each year.

Well done to a great crew of golfers who supported the recent two person Ambrose and congrats to Barry and Kirk who won the main prize. With a home bowls pennant match and a nice field of golfers as well it reminds us of the good old days when this happened every week. Now that bowls is on the break over Christmas there is a chance for golf to continue strongly also.

Club president Jim Turner wishes all the members a very safe and happy holiday period and welcomes you along to the club during this time.

The club thanks greatly the Valley Voice for allowing us the space each fortnight to get the news out and to everyone at the Voice we really appreciate this fabulous support to the club.

Until next time, good hitting and rolling.

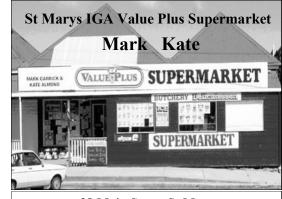




ST MARYS IGA SUPERMARKET OPENING HOURS FOR THE HOLIDAY PERIOD.

CHRISTMAS EVE: NORMAL CLOSING CHRISTMAS DAY: CLOSED BOXING DAY:CLOSED OPEN MONDAY DECEMBER 28TH. NEW YEAR'S DAY: CLOSED

Mark, Kate and staff would like to wish their many loyal customers a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday season.



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

Porterhouse steak	\$15.99kg
Regular beef mince	\$ 7.99kg
Turkey leg & rump	\$ 5.99kg
Boneless lamb roast	\$10.99kg
Short loin chops	\$13.99kg

### Instore specials

Coca cola canned soft drink 18pk	\$11.99
Sanitarium Weetbix 750g	\$3.49
Cadbury family blk choc 175/220g	2 for \$6
Wondersoft toilet tissue 8pk	\$2.99
Nestle carnation milk 375ml	\$2.49

### From the freezer

Nestle drumstick 24pk	\$23.99
Ingham turkey ready roast thigh roll 1kg	\$11.99
Ingham turkey ready roast breast roll 1kg	\$16.99
Bulla creamy classic ice cream 2lt	\$5.99
Nestle icy pole 8pk	\$3.99

### Next week's specials.

### From the butchery

\$12.99kg
\$ 8.99kg
\$ 5.99kg
\$ 8.99kg
\$ 8.99kg

### Instore specials

Raffaello T15 gift boxed chocs 150g	\$5.99
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Cadbury Favourites gift boxed chocs 300g	\$7.99
Golden Circle fruit salad 825-850g	\$3.79
	\$2.99

### Get ready for Christmas!

### ORDER YOUR CHRISTMAS HAMS, TURKEYS, DUCKS, CHICKENS, PRAWNS, ROASTS ETC. ETC. NOW!

BUTCHER'S HAM ON BONE	\$11.99KG
PANDANI NEW YORK NUGGET HAM	\$7.99KG
PANDANI BANJO HAM	\$8.99KG
PANDANI KENTUCKY NUGGET HAM	\$14.99KG



Thanks for your help again this year.

everyone.

I couldn't do it without you.

