



The Valley & East Coast Voice

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Welcome to the first edition of the Valley Voice for 2010.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the readers who contacted me after the last edition for 2009.

I received many letters, emails and had personal meetings, encouraging me to continue with letters to the editor.

One of the most obvious facts emerging from the personal correspondence received by me is the division being caused in this community by the personal attacks made in some of the letters published.

The Valley Voice does not want to be the cause of any division. This is a wonderful, caring community, and a beautiful place in which to reside.

The letters in this issue arrived before the new guidelines were finalised, so with a couple of exceptions, most of them are printed.

Consequently, we have now compiled a new set of guidelines, printed right, which from the next edition will be published on the letters page.

Whilst freedom of speech is everyone's right, I would hope that more thought and consideration for the feeling of others, will be put into the letters before you decide to send them to us.

One complaint last year was that letters were too long, so we will be adhering to 300 words or less.

Another complaint was that subject matter continued over too many issues, so the editor's decision will be final as to when the subject is closed.

Please read the guidelines carefully before sending in your letters.

As we are not journalists, only volunteers, we rely on the public to send in their stories and photos. This is what keeps the paper interesting, when it contains local content.

So let's hear from more of you in 2010.

PLEASE NOTE:

THE NEW CONTACT PHONE NUMBER FOR BOOKINGS FOR THE ST MARYS COMMUNITY CAR

0428 308 622

ALL OTHER NUMBERS ARE NOW OBSOLETE.

The Valley & East Coast Voice Guidelines.

Opinions in letters published are not necessarily the views held by the editor and voluntary workers.

Our pages will remain open to fair and honest criticism, so that on all questions, both sides may be presented, but any letters containing personal attacks or hinting at libel or slander will not be accepted.

Please do not attack the editor, the paper or the authors of previous letters.

Letter writers will be given the chance to respond over a suitable period of time, but anonymous and/or non-deplume letters received as from 11-02-10 will not be published. Subjects may be closed at the editor's discretion.

Please make sure of your facts. Do not write letters just to let off steam. Keep letters short and simple. Letters restricted to 300 words or less will be given preference.

All letters arriving by post must be signed, including a printed name and also contain your contact details, such as full name, address and phone number.

All letters sent by email must contain your contact details, such as full name, address and phone number.

All letters left at drop-off points must have a signature, plus a printed name and also contain your contact details, such as full name, address and phone number.

Articles for any edition may be left at the St Marys Pharmacy. This also includes items for sale and wanted. Please ensure that your details are included.



JAM:

Will resume on Tuesday February 16, at 3.15pm.

JOY:

Will also resume on Sunday February 14, at 6.30pm, beginning with a shared meal as usual.

WOW:

The first WOW (Women of Worth) will be on Wednesday March 3, at 1pm.

All women welcome.

Enquiries: Mel - 6372 2099 - 0409 838 816.

Please note: Deadline for articles in the next Valley Voice is 5pm Tuesday February 23, 2010.

PLEASE NOTE: NEW EMAIL ADDRESS: judith.spilsbury@telair.com.au

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.**

St Patricks Head & Esk Valley Historical Society Inc has a meeting one month and a field trip the next. We invite everyone to come along on the third Sunday of the month and enjoy an informative time with lots of fun.

For more information Phone: Barry Aulich (637225752) Darlene Wright (63722416) or Jim Haas (63722127)

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.

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

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

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

The Friends of the History Room hold General Meetings: 8th February, 10th May, 12th July --AGM, 11th October. Executive Meetings: 9th March, 14th June, 9th August 13th September, and 8th November. All held at Tidal Waters at 5pm. Also there is a new exhibition in the History room "A few of our Favourite Things !" This

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Dick Adams MP
Federal Member for Lyons


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Written and Authorised by Dick Adams, 53B Main Road Perth
Tas. 7300



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Have a great 2010.

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available I will get back to you.**

Margaret Osborne

Classifieds in the Valley Voice are free of charge. If your articles are not sold after the first entry, we will repeat the ad in the next issue. Please let us know if items are sold.

A LITTLE BIT OF HERITAGE: Jim Haas “Amazing Grace”

Without a doubt the most popular Christian hymn sung today is “Amazing Grace”. Almost every Gospel singer in the last hundred years or so has recorded a version. But whether it is sung by famous artists or as a hymn in church by a group of amateurs, the lyrics and tune have a way of uplifting the faithful and stirring the souls of even the non-believers.

For those of us who love the hymn, we all have a favourite version and whilst modern singers like Whitney Houston, who, with her strong voice, sings it well; I think the Elvis version from the sixties takes a lot of beating. But, then, you can throw in Burl Ives, Nana Mouskouri and Willie Nelson, all of whom have very different voices, but the feeling they put into this song shows their commitment to their faith and the message the song portrays.

In the Book of Common Prayer most of the hymns go back to the sixteenth Century and beyond. Amazing Grace, however, is a little more modern; it was written by a remarkable man by the name of John Newton sometime between 1760 and 1770.

John Newton was born in London on the 24th July 1725. He was the son of a merchant sea captain and at age eleven joined his father at sea. In 1744 he joined the British Navy, but found conditions on board the man-of-war ship *H.M.S. Harwich* intolerable and deserted. He was soon recaptured, flogged and demoted from midshipman to common seaman and at his own request was exchanged into service on a slave ship. Around 1748 he was taken in by an old sea captain friend of his father’s and under his guidance, soon became captain of his own ship.

Although Newton had some religious instruction as a young boy he had long since given up any religious convictions, and for some years worked entirely in the slave trade. On a homeward voyage, however, while he was attempting to sail through a violent storm, he experienced what he later referred to as his great deliverance. He recorded in his journal that when all seemed lost and the ship was about to sink he cried, “Lord, have mercy upon us.” Later in his cabin he reflected on what he had said and believed God had guided him and his ship through the storm.

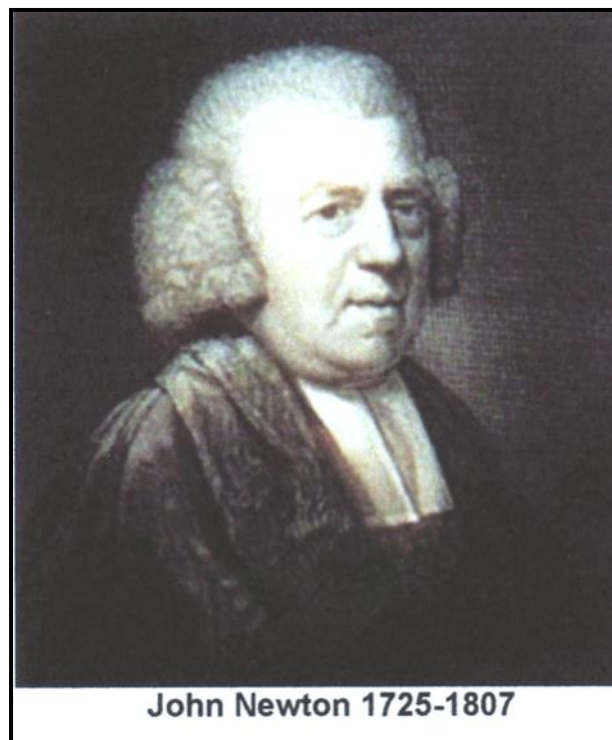
After that day Newton became a strong believer and although he continued in the slave trade for a few more years, he made sure the slaves under his care were treated humanely.

In 1755 Newton suffered a serious illness which ended his seafaring days. But by then he had begun to educate himself by learning Latin, among other subjects. In 1760 he moved to Liverpool and became friends with George Whitefield who was a prominent leader of the Calvinistic Methodist Church.

Newton became an enthusiastic disciple of Whitefield’s, which soon led to him deciding to become a minister and applied to the Archdeacon of York for ordination. His first application was refused, but he persisted in his goal and was eventually ordained by the Bishop of Lincoln and given a small church in Olney, Buckinghamshire. His sermons, like his hymns, were inspiring and the little church soon became so crowded it had to be enlarged.

With the help of poet friend William Cowper, Newton wrote hundreds of hymns during his years as a minister. Little would he have known that the hymn inspired on the night he first believed, in that horrific storm at sea, would become the most sung hymn of all time.

Although he went blind in his latter years, Newton continued to preach until the very end. He died in London on the 21st December 1807, secure in his faith that amazing grace would lead him home.



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Letters to the Editor

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Letter to the Editor.

I wish to clarify a point. The Local Govt Act 1993 is quite clear that you can only display a political poster when authorised by the candidate.

“Page 18 of the Information for Candidates Issued May 2009 states:

(3) A person, within the relevant period, must not print, publish, broadcast or distribute any electoral advertising that contains the name, photograph or a likeness of a candidate or intending candidate at an election without the written consent of the candidate or intending candidate.”

It is also an offence to damage any political poster.

I did not supply, authorise or approach the premises in question to display any of my posters for the December 2009 council elections.

It also beggars belief that a businessman and a figure of authority would condone and treat as “trivial” any matter that contravenes the Law.

Cllr Reon Johns.

Dear Editor,

I am under the impression that one of the original concepts of the “Valley Voice” was to allow debate on a subject to its obvious conclusion.

You, as Editor, have displayed an even handed approach to any subject raised in the letters to the Ed.

Anyone who buys a copy of “the Valley Voice” does so knowing full well that, like most papers, it has a section dedicated to public voicing of opinions as well as sections on sport, history, politics etc.

The purchaser is not obligated to read all sections. If the Letters to the Ed. were stopped does this mean that any other section will come under pressure too?

Where does it stop!!!

Cllr Reon Johns

Dear Editor,

I would like to express my dismay that you feel under pressure to cease the “letters to the editor” section of The Valley Voice.

As a new-comer to the town it has provided me with some fascinating insight into the workings of the community.

In particular I valued the way you provided a forum for electoral comment from readers across the board while rigorously enforcing the rules imposed by the electoral commission... a tough task not appreciated by many and clearly not understood by a number of potential and actual contributors I suspect, and one certainly not performed with the same rigors by editors of other publications in the municipality.

The election campaign was a fascinating exercise and generally a “clean fight” as far as the candidates were concerned... no mean feat in a small community. Congratulations to the successful candidates. I for one, look forward to a future underpinned by observance of a code of ethics which underlines the communication, transparency and accountability they all promised.

I remain saddened by the attitude/ignorance of some who, in an attempt to shore up the chances of their chosen candidate, committed serious breaches of the ACT (Local Govt Act 1993) as it pertains to the conduct of elections.

Ms Chappell is quite right... it is her democratic right to display the advertising material of her chosen candidate... with the consent of that candidate; to display material without the candidates’ consent places both her and the candidate in breach of the ACT...it is not OK to copy something from this, or any other publication for display or distribution during an election.

Ms Peryman is also quite correct, the defacing of any electoral material is a breach of the Act, to deface Councillor McGiveron’s poster is just as illegal, and childish, as defacing that of Councillor Johns.

We certainly all live in a small community and feelings frequently run high at election time.. That is why the conditions imposed by the relevant legislation exist, they protect us all by ensuring a level playing field; they regulate the nature, timing and cost of advertising, prohibit anonymous comments (including those written as poorly disguised satire) and prohibit the display of electoral material on crown (or public) land and the defacing of posters.

I am aware that there are those who consider me a little pedantic but I will not apologise for my belief in the democratic process, to live in a society which allows participation without fear or favour is a privilege and with that privilege come responsibility. The Electoral Act protects us all and breaches of it can incur fines or imprisonment.

Thank you for keeping us all on the straight and narrow and keep up the good work.

Wendy Fowler,
St Marys.

Tim Morris MP
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No more correspondence pertaining to the 2009 Break O’Day Council Elections will be accepted for publication. Ed.

Letters to the Editor

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Dear Editor,

My letter is a response to one written by David Clement in the VV Dated December 17, 2009 in which he complains about visual pollution and multiplicity of speed signs within towns. A few years ago in his personal campaign to reduce speeds within towns, Mr Clement without authorisation, undid the 60KMPH speed sign within the township of St Marys and placed them upside down. Speeds have since changed which now include 50KMPH signs, but he continues to complain that now we have the changes, too many of these signs exist, obviously some people are never satisfied!

Later in his letter he states he painted one of his election signs with colours that complement those of our wheelie bins. Those of us who have lived here long enough will remember his letters in the VV complaining about their colour. I suggest next time you pass his property on rubbish collection days you have a look at his bins. They are not the colours originally delivered to his premises due to them having been painted mostly green with scratches all over them. The bins are the property of the contractor collecting our rubbish, not the Council and not Mr Clement so that begs the question what authority does he have to deface another person's property? I suspect he has no authority whatsoever and should someone paint graffiti or deface his property or fence he would probably report it to police.

Now to the sign on his property described as 1 CLEMENT also put up during the election campaign. There are a couple of things he asserts about this sign, firstly he claims his property is number 1 Gray Road, one only has to look in the telephone book to discover his advertised address is number 11 and has been for years. It is also quite ironic that this so called name and address identification sign was removed immediately after completion of the election.

These are just some examples of his behavior which can only be described as personal stunts which in my view does nothing to enhance the reputation of this town or its residents.. I agree with the view of Harry Veldums who in the same VV stated that some of the articles and letters printed recently can only cause division and destructive influences within our town. Be careful when looking for the truth in what you read.

Bob Hersey.

Dear Editor,

I refer to David Clement's article of 17/12/09.

In paragraph 2 of his musings he states: "so I was interested in the view of the writer in the last issues of the 'voice' regarding election signage, which by a process of deduction, appeared largely directed at the two signs erected by myself, a candidate standing for re-election and election as Mayor".

He goes on in paragraph 3 to state that the writer has misunderstood his intentions, but in reading and re-reading his paragraph 2 as quoted above, it is distinctly clear that he displayed two election signs.

It was not his first and most important thought to claim one of those signs as being for anything else and not for the election. "A candidate standing for re-election...."

Just another plug for the cause.

Jeanette Peryman.

Dear Editor,

I hate hypocrisy. However, I must admit I found it quite amusing that one letter writer asked "the community to just take a moment and think of what kind of images they would like our visitors to take away with them".

Referring to Councillor Clement's recycled election chookhouse sign.

I saw this person on two consecutive days standing under and laughing at an unauthorised and defaced election poster. I wonder what this message conveys to tourists!

We are a small community and I will never dispute that. However, that does not exonerate any person from being above the law no matter how trivial it may appear to some.

I hope that the Valley Voice will always remain an open forum for discussion and debate no matter how emotive the subject. I believe that Judy has displayed the sensitivity and intelligence that comes from unbiased editorial control and I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her professionalism.

Wendy Brennan,

St Marys.

Letter to Editor,

We are deeply saddened by the number of intentional deaths we have had over the past year in the Break O'Day municipality. We would like to take this opportunity to reiterate that one of the main reasons we started the Break O'Day Woodcraft Guild was to provide a safe and harassment free environment for people of all ages who may be feeling socially isolated. To either participate in learning old wood techniques and restoration or to join just for the camaraderie.

Break O'Day Woodcraft Guild and Men's Shed

Old Railway Goods Shed

Main Street

St Marys Ph: 0408 656 014.

Letter to the editor.

In the last issue of Valley Voice for 2009 some people complained that some sitting councillors did not attend the "meet the candidates" for the recent Local Government elections.

It may surprise these people that the councillors were advised by many people not to attend, as it was being run by an organisation aligned to some candidates and that the perception of bias existed.

If there had been a meeting run by an independent group/organisation these councillors would have attended.

Instead of running some misguided smear campaign against these councillors maybe you could have asked and got your facts straight before writing letters and making yourselves look like fools .. or worse tools .. of the organisers..

Anon (Via email. Name supplied)

Dear Editor,

We admit that the yellow pages cover of the telephone directory does not hold much interest. However, what a delight to see Esther Rubenach with the well deserved photo and title of Courageous Australians on the 2010 cover.

Wendy and Reon.

Letter to the Editor

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Dear Editor, I would be most pleased if you would submit my letter: "A Cruel Indecency".

It has taken me 14 years of hard labour, loss of my right hip, and my eye sight, to finally buy my little 4 acre bush block. For over 9 years I had searched Tassy seeking the perfect place to initiate my driving desire.

For the past 5 years I have been slowly building Mermaids Retreat. It was to be a teaching and respite centre for children with disabilities, who are sick and traumatized. A foundation was to be set up and placed in perpetuity.

I have just returned from visiting Appin Hall, started by singer Ronnie Burns and wife Maggie. It was a truly wonderful experience. These children are very fortunate to have such a magical place to experience and come to. They have many years yet to the completion of their goal. (Visit the website: www.appinhall.com) Maggie took me on a grand tour after I had expressed that I had similar intentions. They told me they started totally broke, but with good intent, miracles happened. In just one day \$30,000 was gifted to kick start their goal.

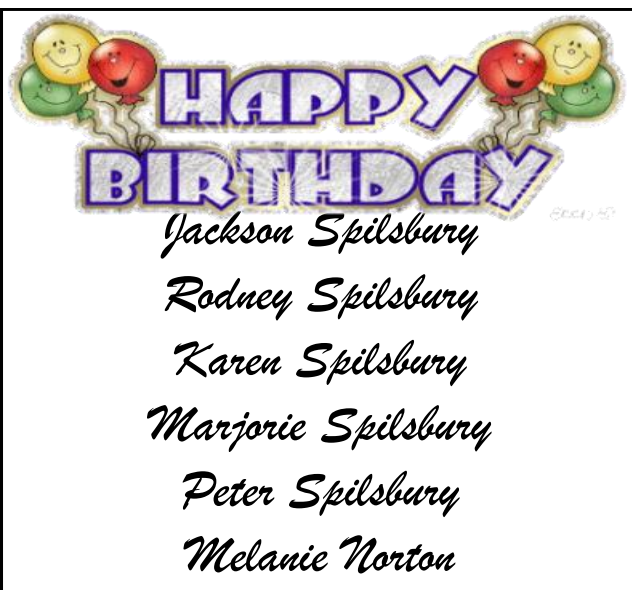
I have been a WWOOF host on Mermaids, and teach Steiner and Rolf D Storl principles of Biology Biodynamics, having been a passionate gardener since 14 years of age. I am an artist/sculptor; my work was on display at e.ScApe. I work in many mediums. I was with the faculty of the School of Fine Arts in Launceston in 1985/6, studying Bronze Techniques and teaching carving.

My role at Mermaids was to teach survival skills, looking after and building immune systems, and have a rotation of visiting Artisans to teach with me. This is hands on in field work, the place to do this is crucial in its requirements. No noise, clean environment, to enable these children to respond quickly.

I was looking forward to a major leap this summer, to getting my main accommodation up; friends had pledged help and materials. Many people in St Marys have known of my venture, however it all come to a halt when the adjoining land was sold, and our only access road up to the old Wescom farm was cruelly taken from us, (pictured) leaving 4 properties with no entrance to their land. My neighbour and I have been driving along and maintaining this road for over 15 years, the other land owners since early 1990s.

Since being given 1½ hours to vacate my property on the 4th October, I have been living in my vehicle, my beautiful Mermaids left to bear the ravages of the heat, no water, vermin, snakes and overgrowth.

My gracious thanks to all the wonderful people who have helped us to try and claim our homes, I am yours eternally.
Gratefully, Babs Strainig.



Congratulations Eiko (Judy) Waller



*To celebrate Judy's
80th birthday, the
family would like
to invite her friends
to afternoon tea,
2 - 4pm on*

*Saturday 20th February
at her home.*

*Your presence but no presents
would be appreciated.*

*Irene and Kim look forward to
seeing you on this happy
occasion.*

AUSTRALIA DAY 2010

The traditional Break O'Day Council Australia Day celebration, organised by Community Development Officer Chris Hughes, was held again at Tidal Waters Resort, St Helens. This year it was held in the evening commencing at 5.00 pm and once again it was well attended by people from across the Break O'Day region. Mayor Robert Legge opened the celebration by acknowledging the traditional custodians of the land on which the ceremony takes place. He went on to say how vital volunteers were to the community and how fitting it was to recognise their work on Australia day. **Jim Haas.**

NOMINATIONS & AWARDS WINNERS

Volunteer Organisation

Break O' Day Stitches
St Helens Ex-Servicemen's & Citizens Club
Friends of the St Helens History Room & Museum
Break O' Day Woodcraft Guild
Riding for Disabled – St Helens
St Helens District High School Op-Shop

Winner: Break O' Day Stitches

Australian Citizen of the Year

Geraldine Barker – Commitment to Community Work
Ian Summers – Automotive History and Youth Mentor
Michael Kelb – Youth Worker

Winner: Michael Kelb

A Special Award went to Suncoast Singers

Individual Volunteer

David Barker – St Helens volunteer
Janet Munday – Community worker
Cindy King – Co-ordinator, Riding for the Disabled
Craig Freiboth – Community Worker
Geraldine Barker - Community Worker
Heather Lodge – Community Worker
Judy Spilsbury – Editor, Valley Voice
Jeff Faulkner – Community Worker

Winner: Cindy King

Community Event of the Year

St Marys Memorial Service on Anzac day
St Helens Game Fishing Classic

Winner: St Helens Game Fishing Classic

Australian Young Citizen of the Year

Kim Pursell
Kaycee Richards

Winner: Kaycee Richards



Nominee Craig Freiboth.



Nominee Heather Lodge.



Nominee Jeff Faulkner.



Nominee Ian Summers.



Nominee St Marys Memorial Service on ANZAC Day. Accepted by Col McKenzie.



Nominee Judy Spilsbury.

Photos this page: Jim Haas & Judy Spilsbury.

Christmas Eve in St Marys



Christmas Eve was a fun filled afternoon for the residents of St Marys and surrounding areas, with the Christmas Party and Parade, 2010 being hosted once again by the Lions Club of St Marys Inc.

Tents, tables, chairs and BBQ were set up ready for the afternoon activities. Ute loads of presents, ice creams, cordial, fruit drinks, fresh hamburgers etc., all carted and set up ready for the party.

3pm, and the party was just beginning, but by 3.30pm Faulkner's Green was alive with families from around the district. Raffle tickets for the Christmas stocking were selling well, with much interest in the contents of this great prize. The BBQ was running hot. (as were Bob, Charlie and Rachael) This was very well patronised during the afternoon.

Free tickets were handed out for raffle draws of presents for children and adults. Ice creams, drinks, chips and sweets were all free for those attending. A jumping castle and ball pit (also free) were a great favourite with the younger children.

4pm, and Santa arrived; he had rented a beautiful blue ute for the day, as his sleigh was being serviced ready for the night's work. Santa was absolutely swamped by the children with their last minute orders for the 'Big Night'. He gave out 200 packets of sweets during the afternoon to excited boys and girls. Santa left the party at 4.45pm to go and join the Christmas Parade, before it got underway from Newman St.

What a parade; Fire Trucks, Ambulance, Paramedics, Aurora, plus many and varied floats from St Marys and Scamander, children on their decorated bikes and many dressed up to delight all who attended.

Kirk McGiveron gave his experience as MC for the day, announcing prize draws and playing CDs during the afternoon, thus keeping everyone entertained between events.

After the parade was over the Christmas stocking was drawn, and the winner was: **Nadia Fraser of St Marys**. Congratulations Nadia.

Float prize winners were: **1st: Surf Life Saving Club, 2nd: St Marys Hospital, 3rd: St Marys Junior Fire Brigade.**

Lions Club of St Marys Inc., wish to thank Mark Carrick from St Marys IGA, Ross and Tracy Bean from Coach House Restaurant, and Harwood Plumbing for their donations and assistance with our 2009 Christmas Party and Parade. Also to Jeff and Margaret Faulkner for allowing us to use their block every year.

The cost of this party is over \$2000, but to see the enjoyment in the faces of all who attend is most rewarding.

Ruth McGiveron,
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Lions Club of St Marys Inc.



Photographs of some of the floats for this year's Parade & Party by Allie Spilsbury.

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RAIL TRAIL UPDATE

Over the past six months Neil Capill, on behalf of the St Marys Association for Community Development Inc., has been busy researching the possibility of turning the old rail line from St Marys to Fingal into a recreational trail. It is envisaged this would cater for walkers, cyclists and horse riding.

Neil has been in contact with Crown Land, who are the owners of the land, The Department of Sport and Recreation, Break O'Day Council, State and Federal politicians, local business people and community groups, all of whom have given preliminary support for the project.

This, of course, is a big project and would take a great deal of funding from Government bodies, none of which will even look at an application without a feasibility study carried out by a qualified consultant. The best quote we have on this is \$8,019 from John Hepper of Inspiring Place Consultants, who have previous experience in this particular field. The consultancy fee could be funded through community grant programs, but the first step in the grants process is for the land to be licensed to the Local Council.

Other State Governments, particularly Victoria, have spent millions of dollars turning old disused rail lines into recreational trails. We can only hope the Tasmanian Government can see the benefits and do likewise.

We all see this project as being a wonderful asset to the St Marys /Fingal communities, both as a local recreational facility and a tourist attraction. As well it has the potential to attract a long term work for the dole program with a full time employee. The process to make it work, however, is rather complex and will take some time to work through.

Neil and his committee are passionate about the project and you can be assured that they are taking each step as it comes, which will hopefully lead to a positive outcome.

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THANK YOU TO EVERYBODY INVOLVED IN ALOFA SAMOA !

Alofa Samoa! was an event hosted by the Falmouth Community Centre Committee, marking the launch of my mission to raise money to help rebuild in Samoa after the devastating tsunami struck the south side of the beautiful islands last September.

It was held on Saturday December 5th and saw the centre come to island life, full of colour, dance, live music and a feast of Samoan food all day and all night. With almost 200 visitors throughout the day, \$2300 was raised – just off a quarter of our \$10 000 aim. This is a great start !

I would like to send out a huge thank you to the many individuals and local businesses who supported this event: the cooks, the musicians, door crew, dancers, cleaners, bar staff, umu (stone oven) / spit makers and keepers, both St Helens supermarkets, St Marys butcher and supermarket, St Marys School catering staff, Falmouth Community Centre crew, video editor, and ALL guests and donators. It has been a very humbling experience being on the receiving end of such generosity. Fa'afetai lava! Thank you from the bottom of my heart!!

Currently, Samoa is still very much in recovery. Thousands are still homeless and are now using makeshift sites in the hills as their base. In some areas there is still a shortage of fresh water, and many are totally reliant on relief aid. Although by nature Samoans are strong and resilient, for those who were directly effected (some losing up to twenty family members), many are now showing signs of depression and post traumatic stress. Reports say there are not nearly enough counsellors to call upon for support.



Preparing the Umu (Stone oven)



Island dancers. Rafi.

Like many other individuals around the globe who are connected to Samoa in some way, I too feel the need to help. I aim to travel to Samoa, with my family, in June with at least \$10 000 to offer direct support to those in need.

My partner, who is an experienced builder, will contribute his professional skills, and the majority of funds raised will be spent on building materials and related building costs. After considerable discussion, we have decided to do this independently of any organization and will hold ourselves accountable to the community and financial contributors in the way of visual documentation and a detailed record of spending.

Fundraising efforts have been going well so far. Recently, I have sent out an 'experimental' text to friends and community asking for a donation of \$5 into the special bank account kindly set up by Healthy Community House, and in turn, urging that the text be forwarded on. I am interested to know if this strategy might see \$1000 raised.

I greatly appreciate all support received so far from our wonderful Tasmanian community and businesses. If anyone is interested in donating to this cause the account details are as follows: *(Story and photographs supplied by Lila Meleisea)*

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Maybe you have a skill to share or something to offer for sale – a trestle table is only \$5 for the day or \$10 for a room for the day – on a first come first served basis – so get in quickly and book your spot. We will even take your bookings for the day while the payment goes to you.

The gardens are lovely – but if its cold and wet there will be a fire inside – so why not come and be a part of it – or book your stall and really get involved and make some cash.

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2009/2010

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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.

A detailed submission must be developed, addressing the following criteria:

Applications can be made under the Community Funding Program up until 4 March, 2010.

For further information and application form please contact

Chris Hughes or Jenny Singline at the council.

Phone: 6376 7900.

chris.hughes@bodc.tas.gov.au/jenny.singline@bodc.tas.gov.au



A little history about St Valentine's Day.

The widely practiced tradition of sending cards, letters, and poems as part of Valentine's Day got a late start in the western world, but the tradition of celebrating the

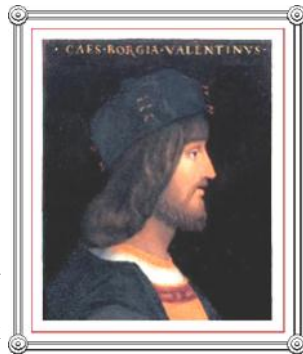
day has a long history.

The origin of St. Valentine's Day stems from the days of Claudius II in the third century, when a Roman priest named Valentinus was persecuted and imprisoned for helping Christian martyrs. On the eve of his beheading, he wrote a farewell note to his friend, the daughter of the jailer. He signed the note "From Your Valentine." The date was February 14th.

Valentinus' death took place at a time of year when the pagan feast Lupercalia was celebrated. The beheading, which was public, was probably incorporated into the pagan celebration.

As Christianity spread throughout the world, Christian priests began to look favorably upon pagan festivals, turning them into Christian celebrations. It is likely that Lupercalia became increasingly associated with Valentinus and his departing message, leading to the eventual popularity of sentimental cards and letters.

Taken from the World Wide Web.



Valentinus.



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ST PATRICKS HEAD & ESK VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC FIELD TRIP FOR FEBRUARY 2010

Our next Field Trip is planned for Sunday the 21st February, and will be a walk along the beach from Chain of Lagoons to Piccaninny Point.

Our history theme will be the Dalmayne Coal Mine, along with the aerial ropeway, wharf and loading infrastructure built at Piccaninny Point in the 1920s.

Meeting place will be the Elephant Pass junction on the Tasman Highway at 10.30 am, or the Purple Possum in St Marys at 10.00 am if you require transport.

Everyone is welcome to come along, just bring a picnic lunch and plenty to drink.

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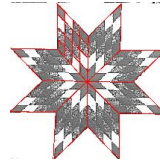
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GBRA has some exciting plans for the coming year and we're hoping there will be a little of something for everyone to enjoy. We will keep you informed in more detail as the year progresses but included are the following:

Car Boot Sale – Saturday 13th February, 2010 (Sat 20th if it rains)

Tasmanian Regional Arts Touring Program performances such as an international film festival for kids, the Harambee choir, a range of visual arts exhibitions and hopefully guitarist Bruce Mathiske and a historical musical theatre production examining the life of Jane Franklin

Winter Solstice – our annual event

Also, GBRA annual memberships are now due for renewal so we'll be out and about to welcome new and existing members to the group. We're giving everyone the chance to win a Husqvarna 455 Rancher chainsaw so look out for our raffle books around town.

A new sub-committee is forming to develop a plan for the River Park public space. A group of local artists, designers and interested people are keen to see this beautiful spot turned into something unique to St Marys that the whole community and visitors can enjoy and appreciate. If you have some ideas and are interested, please contact Eo Greensticks on 0438 571 291.

It is also exciting to see BODC acknowledge the revitalizing role of arts and culture in the community by investigating the possibility of purchasing a dedicated art space in St Marys. It could be a place for local artists to practice their work, an exhibition space, a retail outlet for all community art, a social place to gather and share, and more.

Our meetings are still at 5pm on the first Wednesday of every month at Happy Belly Deli. We are always looking for new ideas and appreciate whatever assistance you can offer to help us present our community events.

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The Say Cagerattler

G'day everyone. Welcome back to another year of Cagerattler. Just a couple of points to re-mention though, that I'd like to clarify with you.

First of all is the subject matter. We always try our best to keep it local if at all possible but occasionally it might go a bit further afield. To do this though I might need your help. Please don't hesitate to suggest subjects that I might not think of. Perhaps you could submit a Letter to the Editor on the matter that concerns you or even just contact the Valley Voice with an idea either acknowledged or not. That would be terrific.

The second point is this .. Please remember this important fact. Through Cagerattler I never claim to necessarily have an intimate knowledge of every facet of the topic. That would be nigh on impossible. All these columns are meant to do is to encourage discussion and debate within the community on the particular matter at hand. That's all. Now I've got that off my chest , here goes.

Over the past few months I've been doing a fair bit of bushwalking in the local area. As much as I love doing this with my dogs, I am constantly dismayed and disgusted by the amount of illegally dumped rubbish around the place. I mostly walk deserted old mining or forest tracks at several locations and numerous times I come across impromptu sites in the trees or holed out ground where rubbish has been disposed of.

Who ever is responsible please just stop this lousy practice. It's just not on.

Can you imagine what our visitors must think when they come across such things.? I can, and it makes me ashamed to call myself a Valley person when considering this fact.→

JUST TAKE IT TO YOUR NEAREST RECOGNISED TIP or just stick it in YOUR WHEELIE BIN. How hard can that be.? Just to finish on this the other day I was at the Top Camp at Mt. Nicholas and saw several dumped white goods and television sets that had been used as target practice. In all likelihood it is probably not the same dumpers being shooters but it sure doesn't help when you see bullet riddled objects over such a wonderful peaceful place like up on this former mining town of days gone by.

By chance last week I bumped into one of our more active local councilors and I took the opportunity to talk to him about this very subject. He told me that anyone caught illegally dumping rubbish or litter will invariably face Court proceedings and large fines. Do you dumpers want to risk that ? If you've got any brains at all, I'd say not. Who knows who just might be watching you next time....

Just to finish, a new couple in our area of just a few years or so are keen to upgrade their beautiful old Victorian era house and eventually would like to offer some B and B opportunities to visitors. This exceptional house is quite close to the bakery rivulet and pub (guess where) and has been an integral part of the town for a very long time indeed. What the couple would love is for anyone who might have stories of their house either of historical or maybe anecdotal. especially dating back prior to the 1930s, to contact them and it would help greatly with all sorts of restoration work and interesting information for future guests in this house. The couple would greatly appreciate your help and will doubtless recognise the information givers at a date a little later on. If you'd like to help please contact the couple whenever you get the chance. Believe me they are great people and would love to see you sometime. What do you think ?

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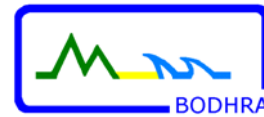
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It's on again! After a very successful program last year, we are holding another one!

The program will be held on Thursday mornings, 10am to 1pm, beginning on the 25th February at the day centre at the Community Health Centre.

It will cost \$2 per week.

Transport will be available for those who require it.

If you would like to find out more, please call Michelle at the Healthy House on 6376 5242. Booking are essential.

OUT OF THE WOODWORK

Wendy Brennan, Secretary. Mobile 0408 656 014

Well another year is upon us and let's hope it's filled with health and happiness for all.

I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate that the club's fundamental reason for starting was to have a venue where both men and women who may be feeling socially isolated are more than welcome to join.

The Guild would like to send its heartfelt sympathy to the Bradbury family on the loss of Peter, and Mark and family from the IGA on the loss of their father.

Condolences to both families.

Thank you, to Verna and Dennis Rice for their kind donation of wood offcuts which will be put to good use. Peter Morris for the donation of a kettle, and to the person or persons who nominated the Guild's Open Day for the Community Event of the Year. Although we were not successful, this recognition was very much appreciated by all members. Congratulations to the well deserved winner, St Helens Game Fishing Classic.

Please keep a look out soon for our faithful and trusty ticket seller Mr Pete Williams.

The Guild will be raffling an outdoor chair, picnic table and two wooden tubs. Which will be drawn at our

Open Day on the 17th April. Will provide pics next issue.

The Guild meets on the last Saturday of the month at the Old Railway Goods Shed at **2.00 pm**. The Guild is open Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Any other times by appointment.

Please note: **The Guilds new number is Mobile 0408 656 014.**



:-Photo shows the progress of our annex.

Are you interested in using a Commercial Kitchen at St Marys?



Break O'Day Council has secured a grant to set out St Marys Town Hall kitchen as a commercial kitchen. This means community groups and individuals can hire out this facility at a low cost to produce food for sale. This might include baking cakes for markets, making jam and preserves to sell at local shops, selling curries at local events, etc.

So if you are interested – please let us know. We are looking to establish an interest group to help plan the kitchen, liaise between council and the community, and to manage it from a community level.

A meeting will be held at the **St Marys Town Hall supper room on Friday 12th February at 7pm**. Please come along and have an input into how this community facility will be operated.

For further details, contact Hannah on 0417 528 088.



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Entries will be judged by Owen Hughes, Tasmania's award winning master photographer and the Fellow of Australian Institute of Professional Photography.

For further information about the competition, please visit: www.valleysofadventure.com.au and click on the 2010 Competition link.

Valleys of Adventure Photo Competition

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DOING THE ROUNDS

Cllr Reon Johns.

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

I would like to congratulate all the successful candidates-

Mayor Legge
Deputy Mayor Osborne
Alison Bleaney
David Clement
John McGiveron
Hannah Rubenach
John Le Fevre
Sarah Schmerl

And commiserations to all the candidates who were not elected.

I know it is disheartening to put all that effort into your campaign and not get the expected result. However, there are lessons to be learnt and better luck next time.

The Council had two meetings in January, one on the 11th and the other one the 18th. The column I am combining both meetings.

The federal Government has offered a grant called Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program and this was for project over a million dollars.

There were two projects put forward, one for the Surf Life Saving Clubhouse at Scamander and a swimming pool at St Helens. After some strong debate Cllr Osborne moved that Council was not in a position to satisfy the application guidelines, this was seconded by Cllr McGiveron. Cllr Clement moved an amendment seconded by Cllr Johns that Council make application for a swimming pool. This was carried with only Cllrs Osborne, Legge and McGiveron opposing.

A motion was moved that Council set aside the amount of \$20,000 from the public open space reserve. An amendment was put that this matter be moved into a workshop. Carried unanimously.

Cllr Bleaney moved a motion regarding the Crepes Celeste Hawkers License and the conditions placed on this enterprise. Seconded by Cllr Rubenach.

Cllr Clement moved an amendment, seconded by Cllr Johns that the original conditions be reinstated. Carried with Cllrs McGiveron, Schmerl, LeFevre and Legge opposing.

Cllr Clement moved a motion identifying three suitable buildings that could be used as an Arts space, seconded Cllr Johns. Carried unanimously.

A motion for the use of the St Helens Sports Complex to be used for overnight camping, from November till April was raised. Carried unanimously.

A motion to spend \$3200 on the line markings for the Fingal Community Centre was raised. This was carried.

Rate Remissions were approved for-
Boat ramp PID 6808334

The Council was advised that there was a vacancy on the NRM Special Committee, however no Councillor was able to fill the position.

The General Manager has called for applications for the position of Community Support Officer – Natural Resource Management (NRM).

The Council debated for meeting times that are night or day meetings, the consensus was that day meetings be kept as they are.

The following matters were listed for the next Council Meeting-

Outreach Worker for the Fingal Valley

Break O'Day be declared a motorcycle friendly municipality

Cllr Osborne moved that Council endorse the proposal for the Break O'Day Health Resource Association in their submission for a grant to extend their premises.

Carried Unanimously.

DO YOU KNOW?

That if you own property in the Break O'Day but live elsewhere you can apply to be on the General Manager's list and this entitles you to cast a vote in the Break O'Day Council elections?

PLEASE NOTE THAT I AM STARTING MY VISITS THIS FEBUARY.

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

I will be in Fingal. At 08:30 to 9:30 at the Neighbourhood House, Mathinna from 10:00 to 11:00 at the Post Office. St Marys, 12:00pm to 1:00pm at the Bakery. Then on to St Helens Neighbourhood House from 2:00pm till 3:00pm. Mouth Café Scamander from 3:30 to 4:00

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

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St Marys Police report

As this is the first report for me for 2010 I would on behalf of all personnel from the St Helens Police Division wish all readers a safe and happy new year. I have for the first time for a very long time enjoyed having both the Christmas and New Year periods off and spent some quality time with my wife and family, whom are now spread all over Tasmania and the Mainland. Many people would not consider or recognise the sacrifice made and the disruption caused, to the family environment of not only police officers, but of all Emergency Services and Health Care workers over the Christmas/New Year holiday period. I take my hat off to you one and all!

CRIME REPORT

St Marys police recently attended the scene of a burglary and stealing from a shack at Falmouth. A number of forensic samples were obtained from the scene and hopefully analysis of the samples will identify an offender. Other evidence gained at the scene has given police a line of inquiry in the interim period.

Avoca, Fingal and St Marys police attended the scene of a violent street incident at Fingal involving a female victim and other persons. The offender was apprehended after the valuable assistance from members of the Fingal community, resulting in the offender being charged with a series of crimes and offences and being remanded in custody.

PUBLIC ORDER OFFENCES

During the recent Australia Day Celebration weekend St Helens Division personnel and members from the Northern Public Order Response Team performed duty in the St Helens and Fingal Valley areas. I'm pleased to report there were no arrests made, however 14 liquor infringement notices were issued to individuals for consuming/possessing open container of alcohol in a public street. It never ceases to amaze me (as the law has existed for nearly two decades) that people still choose to walk the streets with open containers of alcohol, knowing full well they can be fined. Treasury officials must rub their hands with every L.I.N. issued. It is one the easiest \$120 the government must receive!

St Marys police have received a number of complaints regarding the noisy and nuisance conduct of persons walking between houses around the town or from the local licensed establishment late at night and in the early hours of most Friday's and Saturday's. Not only is this conduct selfish, immature and unacceptable, it will not be condoned by police, with offenders being given zero tolerance, resulting in arrest/charge and a court appearance.

TRAFFIC REPORT

Most readers would have no doubt by now heard of the new laws relating to hooning, excessive speed, noise etc resulting in lengthy periods of vehicle confiscation and large mandatory fines and automatic loss of licence.

Other road safety measures relate to a big increase in the fines for offences relating to the use of mobile phones whilst driving, together with driver and occupants failing to wear seat belts.

Some may say it is revenue raising by government, however in reality Tasmania has languished well behind the mainland states for many years, in the area of penalties for traffic offences.

What has now occurred is that input from all stakeholders together with the Road Safety authorities, whom having closely analysed the crash statistics and identified those offences relating to the crash data and then lobbied the government to have the fines increased in those areas. In my opinion a common sense and justifiable position and one that hopefully will reduce the road toll to a much lower level than 2009.

What is pleasing from a policing perspective is the number of motorists reporting dangerous or unacceptable driving behaviour on the 131444 number resulting in an increase in the detection and proceedings against those drivers responsible.

MARINE SAFETY

Sadly a recent boating accident near St Helens resulting in the death of a 59 year old woman and a pet dog. This matter is now the subject of a Coroners Inquest. Whilst boating is generally an enjoyable experience on most occasions, it is a solemn reminder of the power of the sea and the need to ensure your boat is equipped with the necessary safety equipment.

Tasmania police can also random breath test vessel owner and operators with a 0.05 limit applying on the water just like the road. Additionally, one person on your motor boat must possess a speed boat licence and the boat is required to be registered. Please find below a list of safety equipment for your motor boat.

- All passengers in a vessel under 6m must wear an approved life jacket whilst the boat is under way
- Children under 12 in any vessel must wear an approved life jacket whilst the boat is under way
- Carry an auxiliary method of propulsion (i.e. oars or second motor)
- A fire extinguisher
- A bailing bucket
- Anchor and chain
- Flare kit (not required for smooth waters) consisting of a minimum of 2 x orange smoke flares and 2 x red flares (sheltered waters). You will also need 2 x parachute flares if you are going more than 3 nautical miles to sea.
- A marine radio if you are going more than 3 nautical miles to sea

An EPIRB if you are going more than 3 nautical miles to sea.

Please ensure to use our roads and waterways responsibly and in consideration of others.

St Marys Police Phone Number **63721010**
Non Urgent Number **131444**
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MEALS ON WHEELS ROSTER

February	St Marys	Fingal
Monday 15th	Fe Gillies	Kaylene Sutton
Tuesday 16th	Pam Gillies	
Wednesday 17th	Liz Rice	
Thursday 18th	Yvonne Salter	
Friday 19th	Hannah Rubenach	
MOW Contact	Phone:	0488 384 344
Monday 22nd	Pam Lynch	Sharon Hall
Tuesday 23rd	Wendy Dawson	
Wednesday 24th	Denis & Verna Rice	
Thursday 25th	Kay Nailer	
Fri 26th	Wendy Aulich	

Church Services

Catholic Parish of St Marys

Sr. Lorraine Groves
Parish House. Ph: 6372 2252
Mob: 0409 172 741

1st Sunday: MASS

St Helens Vigil 6.00pm
Bicheno 9.00am
Swansea LWC 9.30am
Fingal 11.30am
Campbell Town 5.00pm

2nd Sunday: LITURGY

St Helens Vigil LWC 6.00pm
St Marys LWC 9.00am
Bicheno LWC 9.00am
Swansea LWC 9.30am
Fingal LWC 9.30am
Campbell Town LWC 5.00pm

3rd Sunday: MASS

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

4th Sunday LITURGY

St Helens Vigil LWC 6.00pm
St Marys LWC 9.00am
Bicheno LWC 9.00am
Swansea LWC 9.30am
Fingal LWC 9.30am
Campbell Town LWC 5.00pm

5th Week MASS

St Helens Vigil 6.00pm
Bicheno 9.00am
St Marys 11.00am
Swansea LWC 9.30am
Campbell Town 5.00pm

Anglican Parish of Northern Midlands

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

Anglican Parish of Break O'Day

Ph: 6376 1144

St Helens Every Sunday
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St Marys every Sunday 10 am
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10th Feb	Day Centre- For details on the group please contact Hayley Gilbert on 6372 9512
10th Feb	BOD Health Resource Association- downstairs at the Health Centre.
11th Feb	BOD Health Resource Association- downstairs at the Health Centre.
11th Feb	Continence Nurse- Appointments available by referral from your GP or Health Professional
11th Feb	Podiatrist- Appointments available by referral from your GP
11th Feb	Community Kitchen- 10am in the Day Room. For details please call the Healthy Community House on 6376 5242
12th Feb	BOD Health Resource Association- downstairs at the Health Centre

12th Feb	Diabetes Educator (GP North) - Appointments available by referral from your GP
12th Feb	Dietician (GP North) - Appointments available by referral from your GP
12th Feb	Exercise Physiotherapist (GP North) - Appointments available by referral from your GP
15th Feb	BOD Health Resource Association- downstairs at the Health Centre.
15th Feb	TLC (Tasmanian Lymphoedema Centre) Monthly Meeting and AGM 9am-12noon in the Day Room
16th Feb	Child Health Session with Sue Gofton every Tuesday- Appointments only. Please phone 0428 136 381
16th Feb	BOD Health Resource Association- downstairs at the Health Centre.
16th Feb	Social Work- Helen Jennings. Please phone 6372 2111 for appointments.
16th Feb	MOW Meeting 2pm in the Day Room
17th Feb	BOD Health Resource Association- downstairs at the Health Centre.
17th Feb	Day Centre- For details on the group please contact Hayley Gilbert on 6372 9512
17th Feb	Social Work- Helen Jennings. Please phone 6372 2111 for appointments.
17th Feb	Psychologist- Doherty. Appointments available by referral from your GP.
18th Feb	BOD Health Resource Association- downstairs at the Health Centre.
18th Feb	Eyelines- For appointment phone 1300 139 363
18th Feb	Community Kitchen- 10am in the Day Room. For details please call the Healthy Community House on 6376 5242
19th Feb	BOD Health Resource Association- downstairs at the Health Centre.
22nd Feb	BOD Health Resource Association- downstairs at the Health Centre.
22nd Feb	Social Work- Helen Jennings. Please phone 6372 2111 for appointments
22nd Feb	Child Care Meeting- Day Room
23rd Feb	BOD Health Resource Association- downstairs at the Health Centre.
23rd Feb	Social Work- Helen Jennings. Please phone 6372 2111 for appointments
23rd Feb	Child Health Session with Sue Gofton every Tuesday- Appointments only. Please phone 0428 136 381
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St Marys Sports Centre Inc. news Kackhander.

Welcome to all, who are about to endure these lines again. It is very much appreciated that the Valley Voice grants us this page to help us get our news out.

First to bowls and after a somewhat rocky start to the season both the Men's Pennant team and the defending champion ladies teams are seriously vying for their respective flags again as the finals approach. Both sides have excellent chances of securing the all important double chances thanks to some incredibly consistent results since the summer break. In the past fortnight the teams have won really strongly and have shown they are a force to be reckoned with.

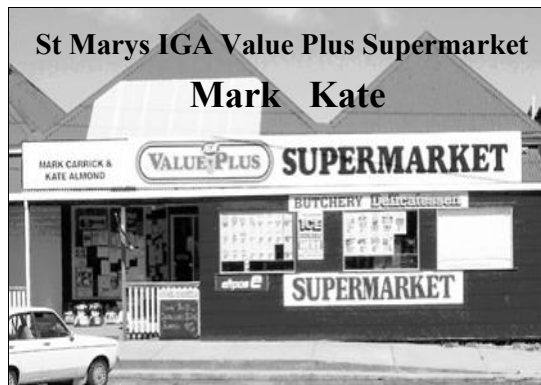
A bit of housekeeping . We really need all those still yet to catch up with club games, could you please do so soon or at least make some sort of decision on results. There is to be some work done to the green while it's still warm enough to get good outcomes so all competitions need to be completed by early March or so. Thanks for that. Well done to Chris Davern who is again through to the East Coast Men's singles semi finals in a couple of weeks at St. Helens. Our ladies are due to play theirs soon.

Now to golf and thanks to all who continue to either volunteer their time to work on an ever improving course or have fantastically supported events right through the Summer. We are very proud to say we now have a great little core group of players now making continuous summer rosters a reality. It is bloody marvelous as they say in the classics. Imagine what it will be like with the bowler-golfers back into the fray in the not too distant future. It could be a terrific season to come. A bit more housekeeping . On Monday February 22nd the golf sub committee have organised aeration of all the greens. If you can offer any assistance thereabouts you would be very welcome indeed, so keep it in mind if there is anything you think you might be able to help with.

A very big thank you to Pauline and Drew Berwick and family for ongoing support for the highlight of the club bowls year with the Clive Berwick Memorial Triples. It was a truly wonderful day again just after Christmas. We thank the family very much indeed.

Finally to one of our most respected members and Committee Members. Our sincerest condolences to Mark Carrick and family in the recent loss of Mark's dad. He doubtless will be greatly missed by all who knew him

Anyway until next time, good hitting and rolling.



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