



The Valley & East Coast Voice

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Dear Valley Voice readers,

As you may know, the building housing the Cranks and tinkers museum is up for sale, and we are consequently seeking new premises.

A grant is being sought from the Tasmanian Community Fund to erect a new building not far from the railway station, and to assist us with our application we need letters of support.

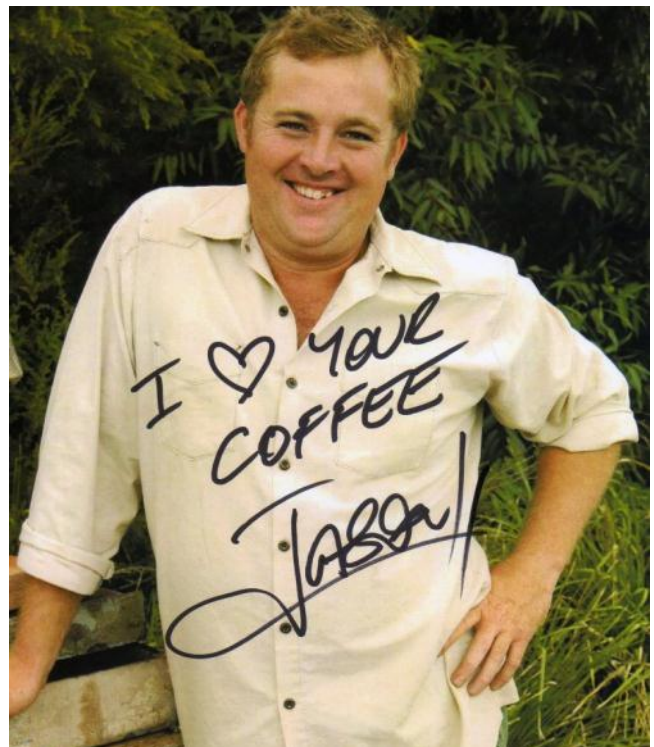
Letters should address several things:

- Benefit to the community over the three years of operation
- Perceived future benefits of keeping the operation going
- Any other positives you can think of, such as opportunities for volunteers, custody, safe-keeping and display of both personal items and town memorabilia, playing a part in having motorists stop for a while instead of driving through...

If you think you can put pen to paper to give your written support, would you please do so by the end of the month? Either drop it in to the museum itself, leave it with Grant Faulkner, or with Rita at Gone rustic.

Many thanks in advance for your help with our project.

Ian Summers.



We may not get many celebrities in our small town, but guess who was tickled pink, gob-smacked and star-struck at the Purple Possum last Thursday when Jason Hodges, a television presenter on Better Homes and Gardens, called in for a coffee. I'm told he was also recognised by Ruth Spencer?

Sandra is walking tall, because she made him his coffee!! I believe he was also coerced into visiting the school for a talk with some of the students.

A warm welcome to
Dr. Cyril Latt
and his delightful family.

We all hope you have a long
and happy stay.

From the St Marys Community.

Congratulations to Rita Summers for the great night, good food, and wonderful visual experience obtained from the beautiful display of quilts at her Gallery, Gone Rustic.

Reon and Wendy.

Please note: Deadline for articles in the next Valley Voice is 5pm Tuesday March 8, 2011

EMAIL ADDRESS: judith.spilbury@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 for meetings the last Saturday of the month at 2pm at the goods shed behind the St Marys Railway Station.

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.

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 Monday 10.30am - 12 noon at the **Falmouth Community Centre**, during school terms. \$2 a session per child or \$3 per family. Please bring a piece of fruit to share and your child's personal drink bottle. Bikes plus helmets welcome. **Phone or text: Danyelle: 0427 073 100.**

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)

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 Rachel Woods. Rachel can be contacted on: **03 6372 5118.**

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.

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.

Break O'Day Regional Arts - General meetings held on the first Wednesday of each month at 5.30pm in the supper room at the back of the St Marys Hall. All welcome. Inquiries to Colin 6372 2707.

St Marys Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) Friday 8pm Weekly. Holy Trinity. Mick & Shirl: 6372 2909.

Break O'Day Regional Arts Diary of events coming up in Feb and March 2011



February - NSW Quilt Challenge Exhibition - now on display at Gone Rustic, Main St, St Marys.

March - St Marys market -theme -Autumn Harvest Saturday 5th March local produce, local music, café and home cooking.

- second Art Made Easy workshop - Tuesday 22nd - presented by Dr Jane Deeth and 10 Days on the Island.

- "In Teers" - 20th March - 3rd April - a large-scale, site-specific art installation by Michael McWilliams as part of 10 Days on the Island with assistance by BO'DRA - Rostrevor Estate, Fingal Valley - Exhibition opening on site at 11am on Sunday 20th March with a morning tea.

"Rivers meander across the valley depositing precious nutrients and creating fertile plains that have fed people of the millennia. in the 200 years since the arrival of Europeans, much has changed, yet much remains the same."

Take the opportunity to get out and see some truly beautiful art right on your doorstep!

June - stay tuned for details of the Winter Solstice celebration to be held on Saturday 25th June - get ready for great food, music and dancing! Please consider how you can again make this a wonderful evening for all by volunteering to help in some way."

Meeting dates for **Friends of St. Helens History Room & Museum for 2011.**

Executive Meeting Dates:

07/02/2011 - 02/05/2011 - 01/08/2011- 07/11/2011

General Meeting Dates:

28/02/2011- 29/05/2011- 22/08/2011- (AGM) 28/11/2011

Contact the Centre at 6376 1744.

St Helens Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) Wednesday 8pm Weekly. St Pauls Anglican Church Hall, St Helens. Murdoch 6376 3335.

St Helens Al-Anon Family Group (Al Anon)

To help families and friends of alcoholics recover from the effects of the living with the problem drinking of someone close. Sunday 2pm weekly.

St Pauls Anglican Church Hall St Helens

Anne or John 6376 4270 or Rose 6376 3335

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. Every effort will be made to have correct details and phone numbers. However if there is a mistake, it will be corrected in the following issue.

Classifieds

Yamaha keyboard. 1000 voices. Cost \$750, take \$200.
Viking ride-on hydrostatic four wheel steer 16hp Vanguard motor. Valued over \$2000, take \$1600.
Ph: 6372 2251.

Mixed daffodil bulbs. 20c per bulb. Digging now.
 Paddy's View, Pass Road, St Marys. **Ph: 6372 2265.**

Large round dining table, with pedestal base and 4 matching cottage chairs. \$75. **Ph: 6372 2969.**

Fowlers bottles—lids. Large quantity. Also Fowlers bottling outfit. Will separate. **Ph: 6372 2446.**

Honda road bike VFR750, '89 model. New brakes all round, recently serviced, forks reconditioned. In very good condition. \$4000. ono. **Ph: 0428 722 472.**

32cm 12/240 colour TV with DVD combo with cigarette lighter connection. \$160. ono. **3 stage adjustable sports spoiler** suitable for commodore, or similar. \$350. ono. **Very large Tosca suitcase** with wheels. \$150. ono.
Ph: 0429 676 593. (can deliver)

Pram, Steelcraft 3 wheeler, jogger style. Black. Sheep skin insert, rain cover. Great condition. \$95.

Boat fuel tank. Red plastic 24 litre with inbuilt gauge fittings but no line. Good condition. \$15.

Motorcross pants. Thor brand. Size 32 red/grey/black. Good condition. \$20.

Welder. "Esseti" 150c inverter Tig & stick welding. DC only. Heavy duty leads, all Tig accessories. Compact & portable. New condition. \$800. **Ph: 6372 2813.**

Ranbuilt shed, blue. 9m x 6m with 6m x 6m car port. 2 roll-a-doors. All still in packaging. \$9,000.
Ph: 6372 2287.

Chainsaw: Husqvarna 55cc, 18" bar, Low usage. Includes carry case and all accessories, including spare chain. \$650. **Ph: 0437 645 504.**

Mitsubishi Magna auto, 1989, registered. \$1,390.
Ph: 6372 2380.

Tractor slashing available. Ph: 0407 944 158.

Portable milling available. Ph: 0427 715 577.

For Sale (reduced):

Commercial building on large block
 Currently commercial artist studio.
 Renovated in rustic style and fully approved by council.
www.propertypoint.com.au/13303
 email: bigshedstudios@yahoo.com
 ph. 0428 725 228.

Small square bales of garden mulch \$5.
Small bales of grass & clover hay. \$5. (undercover)
Garden mulch, in big round bales. (wheat straw, weed free) \$60 a bale, delivered free in St Marys area.
Ph: 0407 944 158.

Frozen blueberries - \$11 kilo **Phone 6372 2341.**

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

WANTED TO BUY

Open weave mesh fire screen with folding sides.
Ph: 6372 2105.

WANTED TO BUY

food dehydrator,
 preferably with 2 temperature settings.
 Phone Leissa - **6372 2686.**

WANTED TO BUY

Small modern piano. Must be as new.
Ph: 6372 2251.

FOR SALE

Steelcraft Port A Cot - Navy - Excellent Condition \$90. FIRM (Newborn to Infant*)

Black Stroller with Foot Muff - Good Condition \$15

Cargo Barrier for Ford Falcon Station Wagon \$100.

Baby Car Capsule/Seats x 2 - Harness Style \$15 each

8 Ball Table + Accessories (Cues / Balls / Chalk / Triangles / Kelly Balls) \$350.

Westinghouse Freestyle 380ltr Fridge \$300. New Condition - Firm on price + Matching freezer not working (ideal for storage/Eskey*)

Brand New Milkshake Maker - Still in Box \$20.

Ronson Juice Factory Juicer - In Box \$50.

Epson Photo Stylus Printer + HEAPS of Spare Cartridges (needs service) \$80

Child Booster Car Seat Covers x3 assorted. Ex Cond \$5 ea.

Blue Clam Sandpit / Pool (2 sides) \$20.

Plastic Table/Chairs - Rocker + Plastic Slide
OK condition (Both Faded but still OK - to give away)

Sewing Patterns - Box Full - \$1 each - Most never used

Assorted Dress/Casual Fabrics- Inspection welcome*

4 Drawer Filing Cabinet - Black & Woodgrain finish - Good condition - Deep drawers \$50.

Photos can be emailed of items if requested & inspection welcome. bonzoe@bigpond.com

Phone Linda - Scamander

0419 347 626 or 6372 5637.

Remedial Massage and Naturopathy

ring Sue Christiansen for an appointment.
0418 515 419

MANGANA MISSION MUSICIANS JAM NIGHTS
 Monthly musicians jam nights will be held at Mangana Mission, 63 Elizabeth Street, Mangana on the 2nd Friday evening every month.

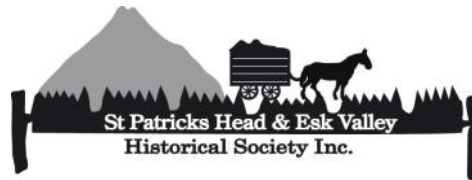
Mar 11th, Apr. 8th, May 13th, June 10th, Jul. 8th, Aug 12th - Sept. 9th, Oct. 14th, Nov 11th, Dec 9th.

Starting time will be 6.00 pm

BYO Meat and drinks for a BBQ

All styles of music, instruments and vocalists are very welcome.

For more information call Andre' or Kate on 6374 2212



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“WALKATHONS”

Over the years community groups in St Marys have tried many different ways of raising that hard earned dollar for their various projects. Forty odd years ago one of the most fashionable events to get people moving, socializing and raising a buck was the ever popular walkathon.

The following article and inserted photo featured in the *Examiner* in the late 1970s gives us an insight on their popularity and the range of people participating:

“In St Marys this weekend walkers and cyclists of all ages will take part in a combined “walkathon and bikeathon”.

Training for it in the photo at right are eight year old Kevin Barwick, with Messrs Mick Gatty (69) and Harold Thomas (60).

Moneys raised will help pay for renovations to the St Marys Methodist Church and parsonage.

The walkathon (10 miles) will commence at 9:30am and the bikeathon (20 miles) will commence at 10:30am. Both events will be started by the Warden of Fingal, Councillor A. S. McKenzie.

About 200 participants are expected to take part. Among them will be 73 year old Mr R. Denny, a former pastor of the church. As well the chairman of the Tasmanian Methodist

district, the Reverend H. B. Freeman and Mrs Freeman, will be accompanied by Messrs Gil Duthie MHR, Bob Ingamells MHA, Tom McDonald MHA and George Shaw MLC.

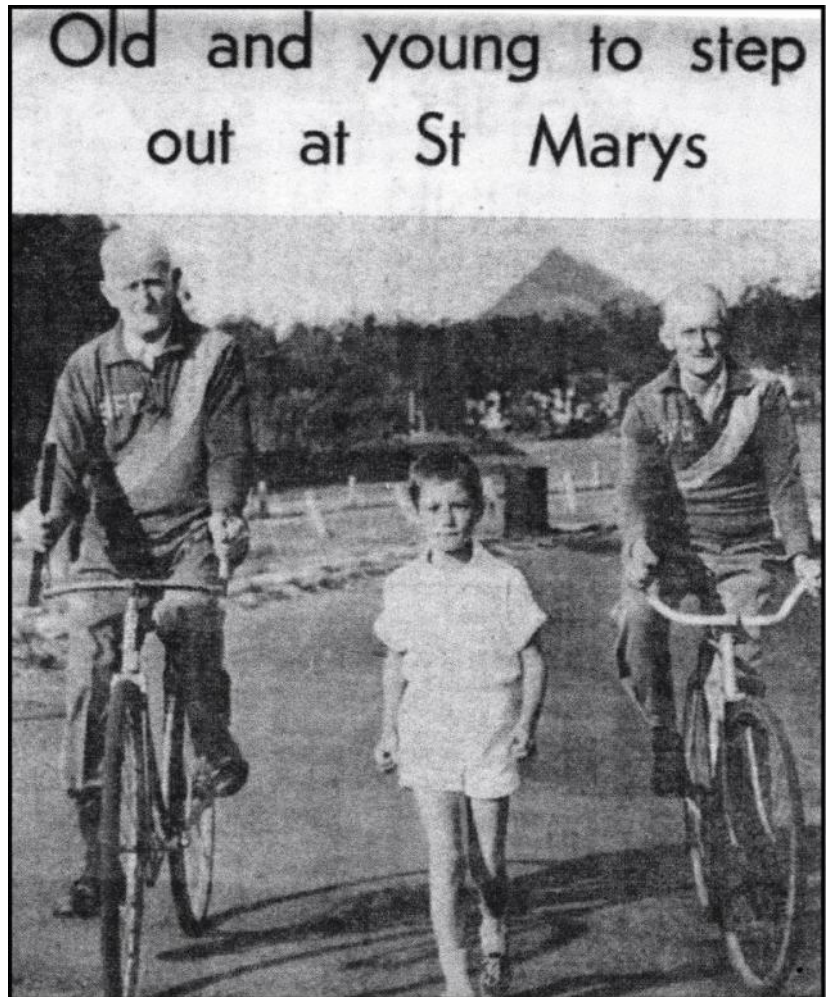
Major prizes given on the day will be: first across the line in the walkathon, first across the line in the bikeathon and the person who has raised the most money. Prizes will be presented at a function in the R. S. L. Institute after the event.

First-aid officials will be in attendance along the route and refreshments will be available.”

Many of those who took part in the walkathons of the 1970s are not with us anymore, but wouldn't it be nice if history was to repeat itself and one of our town community groups could organize another walkathon.

Perhaps they could cash in on Premier Lara Giddings campaign for a healthy Tasmania and invite her and a number of her colleagues along. Surely, there would be some sponsorship money in that.

Jim Haas.



l/r: Mick Gatty, Kevin Barwick, Harold Thomas. (1970s)

The Valley Voice is now available at St Helens SUPA IGA.

Due to the unfortunate loss by fire of The Village Store, St Helens, we lost one of our important distributors. Mr & Mrs Walker at SUPA IGA, St Helens, have kindly offered to sell this community paper for us.

We would like to say how sorry we are to Mareka and Nick, and wish you well for the future. Thank you to IGA for taking us on. Would all our readers please pass this information on to their friends, so no-one misses out on the fortnightly publication.

SHOP LOCALLY AND SAVE.

Letters to the Editor

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Letter to Editor,

I think that the Editor of the Valley Voice, has gone beyond the call of duty to publish the many letters concerning Fee Simple from Charles Trollope and many other writers, myself included.

Therefore, Charles, I put this opportunity to you and your faction who support your philosophy of Fee Simple, the chance to take centre stage at the St Marys Town Hall on any evening that suits.

To answer the many queries I believe you have not addressed concerning this issue.

I will personally pay for the hall hire, organise the advertising and seating. Have agreed guidelines and mediator.

Please advise when you will be available.

Wendy Brennan .6372 2094.

To the Editor Valley Voice,
Without prejudice,

I had received second hand information about the existence of a plan approved by the Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources (DIER) for the implementation of parallel parking on the southern side of Main Street, St Marys (Esk Highway) and that line marking changes were to be commenced shortly.

On Thursday the 17th of February 2011, I telephoned the General Enquiries number for DIER's roads and bridges.

I was put through to Mr Richard Burke, who informed me that DIER had indeed APPROVED a plan for parallel parking on the southern side of Main St St Marys.

The plan produced by Sinclair Knight Merz Pty Ltd, was submitted by the Break O'Day Council in November 2010, and that this is the only plan DIER have approved.

One hour before arriving to pick up my wife and to pass on this information, the Mayor visited her in her shop, in response to her letter to council re this matter.

He stated in the presence of two witnesses that he has always been for angle parking, was unaware of any plan and when he phoned DIER, that they were NOT aware of any plan for parallel parking on the southern side of Main Street and that he would investigate.

In further conversation with Mr Burke he stated that parallel parking or "S" treatment was the standard practice for main highways for safety reasons.

When informed that, I could understand this but asked if the current angle parking could be made safer as the previous proposal I believed that was submitted by the St Marys Street Scape Community to council showed, the conversation ceased.

I can understand there are pros and cons for both systems, but why should we be forced to fit into a standard box when it goes against strongly voiced community wishes and practicalities.

If a compromise is not obtainable should not the authorities at least have the decency to explain WHY and not just implement THEIR changes and assume we will just accept it. I am hopeful that this letter is printed by the Valley & East Coast Voice so that this matter will receive full public scrutiny. (again)

David Watkins.

Letter to the Editor.

In response to the Mayor's letter in the last issue of this paper, I consider that the public would like some clarification of one of the Mayor's statements, so that property owners who decide to build themselves a house without Council approval can deal with the situation and understand it better.

You stated, Mr Mayor, that *"if any person takes notice of me and builds or does other things without taking on board the regulations that are relevant to this Municipality they will be fined for doing so, or have any illegal structures removed"*

I believe it is in the public interest to know this Council's *modus operandi* for removing illegal structures.

First, Council would have to seek the permission from the property owner to enter his property for the purpose of destroying his home, and, I suppose in some cases leaving he and maybe his family with nowhere to live, and then, surely Mr Mayor, let me remind you that destroying and removing a persons property without permission, is nothing short of vandalism and theft, for which the police are here to protect us.

Let me further remind you, Mr Mayor, that if you, or one of your minions should authorise such an act of vandalism, the legal consequences and costs to the community could be substantial!

Please allow me to put to you a hypothetical case? A good citizen builds, without Council interference, a structurally well built home for he and his wife and kids. My question is: Would Council demand that the house be destroyed and the family rendered homeless?

There are several good citizens living in this municipality who are in this position. Is it your intention to attempt to cause hard working people to be turfed out of their dwellings and their property destroyed to gratify some sort of power play?

Please allow me to remind you that the ratepaying residents are the ultimate power in this municipality whether you like it or not!

Charles Trollope.

Without prejudice

In reply to Mrs O'Donnell Feb 10th 2011 Valley Voice.

It may well be advisable to obtain all the facts before going public with accusations that are not correct. It is hard enough to deal with issues that are factual from time to time let alone deal with issues that are far from the truth.

It may also be advisable to get the information that you require from the right sources.

Robert Legge,
Mayor.

Dear Editor,

What a nice start to the new School term for the parents and children to see this ugly new mobile phone tower next to our school with its microwaves and radio waves etc. The Council could not have allowed it to be in a worse place, with all the land around St Marys they had to approve it next to our school.

Do any of the councillors have any of their children at St Marys School? We have only ourselves to blame as we voted these people into council and they made this decision on our behalf.

P. McDermott.

In accordance with our guidelines, all letters referring to 'fee simple' will no longer be published. The subject is now closed. If you wish to still consider the matter, please take it up personally with the people concerned. Ed.

Letters to the Editor

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Towards the end of last year I wrote to the General Manager of Break O'Day Council expressing concern at the terrible state of the St Marys football oval. It was thick with tufty weeds, wheel ruts were all over the ground, the surface was uneven – it was a mess. It was unsafe for football and the Cricket Club couldn't play there either.

Without much fuss or fanfare Council staff have restored the surface of the oval and it is now in fantastic condition. If I understand correctly the oval was cored, re-seeded, rolled, holes were filled in and it has been regularly mowed. A sincere vote of thanks to all Council staff involved from both the Football Club and Cricket Club; you have done a fantastic job in restoring what was little more than a rabbit paddock to a safe and extremely usable playing field – congratulations to you all.

2011 is an important year for the Tigers; we are now an officially registered AFL Masters Club and the only such club on the whole of the NE coast of Tasmania. We were probably never going to have much luck re-inventing a conventional football team but now we have a structure and a purpose in promoting mature age football in the area. We don't pose a threat to any of the traditional football clubs in the district and now can provide players who would normally have hung up their boots an opportunity to extend their playing careers in a safe and friendly environment.

AFL Masters football is well established in the southern part of Tasmania and now St Marys will play an integral part in establishing a vibrant and exciting AFL masters competition in the north of the state. 2011 is a "starter" year and at this stage we are scheduled to play five games (once each month April-August) with two games in Launceston, two games in St Marys and the fifth to be decided. We aim to have a "proper" season with awards, social events and a return to the traditional end-of-year presentation night; could be the social highlight of the year.

We will always be looking for volunteers on match days so we hope we can get as many people involved as possible. A pie and a beer watching a footy game in St Marys will be back this year and if we get it right we will be bigger and stronger next year.

First training run at St Marys is on 11 March (see notice elsewhere in the VV) but if you know anyone who might be interested in playing tell them to get in touch with me at the Post Office. Playing AFL Masters footy opens up all sorts of opportunities with the National Championships being played in Maroochydore in age groups up to 55s. Wouldn't it be fabulous to see a couple of St Marys players make the state AFL Masters team!

Watch this space.

Harry Veldums,
Club President.

St Marys streets.

For some time I have been meaning to write and congratulate the people who mow our roadside edges and our nature strips.

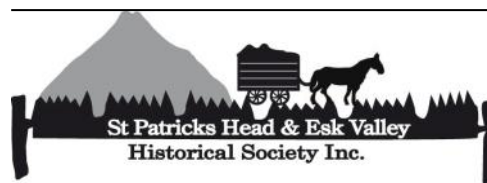
Also they left the recreation ground in terrific shape for our New Years Day race meeting. A lot of people commented on the ground and surrounds.

Now I hear that quite a few complaints have been sent to the council regarding these matters.

What is wrong with some people? Before they started mowing nature strips people moaned. Now they are doing the same. All I can say is: Get a life!

Keep up the good work. Gray Road has never looked better, as indeed the rest of the town.

Eric Bean.



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HISTORICAL WALK

IRISHTOWN to FOUR MILE CREEK

The first St Patricks Head & Esk Valley Historical Society's history walk for 2011 is planned for

*Sunday the 20th March,
meeting at the Purple Possum
in Story Street,*

St Marys at 10:00 am

Society President, Barry Aulich, who spent most of his life living and working in the Irishtown/Four Mile Creek area will lead the walk, and talk about points of interest along the way.

Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy the day, as well as a BYO lunch when we find a suitable spot

Transport will be arranged to ferry people from Four Mile Creek back to Irishtown after the walk.

*For more information contact: Barry 6372 5752,
Darlene 6372 2416, or Jim 6372 2127.*

THANK YOU

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK ALL THOSE WHO VISITED ME WHILE I WAS A PATIENT IN THE L.G.H.

ALSO FOR THOSE WHO SENT FLOWERS AND CARDS AND WHO MADE PERSONAL PHONE CALLS

ALL WAS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO MAY, FOR ALL THE HELP SHE HAS GIVEN TO MURRAY AND MYSELF.

HEATHER HAYES.

Beautiful Crystal Healing

Necklaces for sale.

Custom made. \$40

Phone Rose and let her know of your health needs.

Ph: 6374 2265

FOR SALE

Dog wants good home, owner leaving area. **GIVEAWAY Sharpei-Kelpie cross.** Good guard dog, playful.

Aluminium caravan 14ft, Gas-electric fridge, stove, oven. New upholstery. Suit block. Extra room etc., No rego. \$2900. ono.

26ft caravan, sliding main door, rear door, en-suite, separate double bedroom, large lounge-kitchen, high ceilings, Gas stove, oven, fridge. Good Cond. \$15,500. ono.

Honda rotary hoe. Little use. \$950.

Trailer tandem 11ft x 5ft 6in. Holden wheels. Little use. Shedded. No rego. Good cond. \$1300.

Dual cab flat tray ute. Nissan Navara 2.7 diesel Original. V.G.C. New tyres. \$6500. ono.

Leather lounge recliner, blue. As new. Offers. Viewings: Monday to Friday. Ph: 0419 371 405.

1 single wooden bed, mattress & base. \$200 the lot, o.n.o..

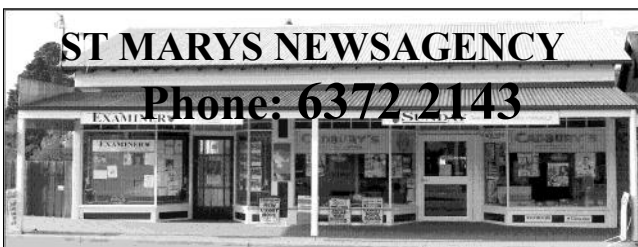
1 white girls double door with draws wardrobe matching corner unit. \$200 the lot. ono.

All in excellent condition. Ph: 6372 2164.

Paddy spies a letter lying on his doormat.

It says on the envelope "DO NOT BEND".

Paddy spends the next 2 hours trying to figure out how to pick it up.



Open 7 days a week for your convenience.
6am - 7pm Mon. to Fri. 7am - 6pm Sat. & Sun.

CALOWS BUS DEPOT

AURORA PAYG

PRE-PAID MOBILES - PHONE CARDS

DVDs - FISHING GEAR - ICE

Have you checked out the wonderful range of items on sale at the Newsagency lately?

Magazines, papers, gifts, cards, DVDs, mobile phones, pens, school items, drinks,

ice creams, fishing gear, bait, party ice and much more.

Call in for a friendly chat with Ric, Ros, Deidre, Dale and staff.

Tired? Need a Break from the kitchen?

The ST MARYS Anglican Church Community Dinner is just what you need!

All are invited to a free night out, 2 course meal, entertainment and fellowship with your neighbours.

Come and take a Night off.

Saturday 26 March at 5.30PM

Bring your Mom, Dad, Brother, Sister and the Kids!

BUT you must RSVP by March 23rd

Barbara 6372 2428

Juanita 63722952

so we will know how many to serve...

we don't want anyone going without.

I just want to add a special thanks to the people who have helped with the last meals.

The Latt family

Lynette Bell

Barbara McAllister

Tanya

Thank you all for your help.

Juanita MacDonald.

Now the kids are back at school, catch up with your friends at the Possum!

It's great having them home for the holidays but let's face it, you've been flat out for weeks and weeks - you deserve a break! We suggest you give your mates a call and meet up at Purple Possum for a lovely coffee, a piece of cake and a chat. Or perhaps brunch or lunch - whatever the time of day, you're always welcome at Purple Possum - the perfect place to catch up with friends!

Purple Possum

Wholefoods & Café

7 Story Street St Marys. Phone 6372 2655.



LIONS CLUB OF ST MARYS INC

MINI AUCTION

WE ARE FUNDRAISING FOR NEW CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS FOR OUR TOWN FOR 2011.

A MINI AUCTION IS AN OLD IDEA REGENERATED. COME ALONG WITH A SMALL PLATE OF SUPPER TO SHARE AFTER THE AUCTION.

**FREE COFFEE.
NO ENTRY FEE.**

BRING AN ITEM (EITHER SECOND HAND OR NEW) TO BE AUCTIONED DURING THE EVENING, WITH ALL PROCEEDS GOING TOWARDS NEW DECORATIONS FOR 2011.

VENUE: ST MARYS COMMUNITY HALL

TIME: 7.00PM

**DATE: SATURDAY 26TH FEBRUARY
2011.**

ANYTHING NOT SOLD TO BE TAKEN HOME.

DickAdamsMP

Federal Member for Lyons

Please contact one of my offices if I can be of any assistance
53B Main Road 58A High Street
PO Box 50 PO Box 271
Perth, Tas 7300 New Norfolk Tas 7140
Ph 6398 1115 Ph 6261 3366
Toll free 1300 132 689
Email D.Adams.MP@aph.gov.au



**WORKING WITH YOU FOR A
STRONG COMMUNITY**

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

WRIGHT - Raymond Alfred France 1st May 1917 - 10th November 2010 - Ray -

Sandra, Samantha, Lou and Anna, would sincerely like to thank everyone for their kindness, support, cards, phone calls and attendance at the funeral, following the loss of Ray.

A special thank you must go to Judy & Wes, Liz & Dean, Trevor, Willie and Ingrid, with out you all, Pop would never have been able to stay in his own home and have his independence as long as he did and for that we are eternally grateful to you all for allowing him to do that, it was very reassuring to us knowing that you all were "keeping an eye" on him for us.

Judy & Wes, you went above and beyond what any neighbour could do, we appreciate everything that you did, you both are angels.

Thanks must go to Len Miles, you did a wonderful job with the eulogy and your support over those last weeks was fantastic. Thank you to Trevor, Willie and Dean for being pallbearers, this is not and could not, have been an easy job for you all. Thank you to the St Marys Sports Centre and Ladies for a fantastic morning tea, country towns provide the most wonderful caring spirit and that we are thankful for.

To Jenny, Jacqui and to all the nurses, doctors, ambulance drivers at the St Marys community Centre, you all do a fantastic job and the care you provided was exceptional for Pop and for the family.

To Tam and the team at Harris Funerals, we do thank you for doing a marvelous service, just having a family friend helping us through the process made it just a little easier.

So many people were in pop's life, he had so many friends and acquaintances, so if we have missed anyone we apologise but thank you.



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Thirty-two stitched works of art

Once again, St. Marys is hosting a collection of quilts from the New South Wales Quilting Guild. This is the fourth year this touring display has been shown at Gone Rustic Studio and Gallery, and each year the exhibits show a stunning array of colours, textures and designs.

This year's theme is "What Tickles Your Fancy", and each artist has interpreted the subject in a unique and interesting way. The designs range from realistic to abstract, serious to humorous, simple to complex. Some works feature embellishments, including feathers, buttons, sequins, beads, charms, braid and buttons. Others incorporate photo transfers, hand-dyed and painted fabrics and thread 'painting', as well as hand-stitching and machine-stitching techniques.

A launch was held at Gone Rustic at 7 p.m. on Wednesday 16th February, with decadent desserts, coffee and tea enjoyed by all those who attended.

Many thanks to Break O'Day Regional Arts for making this exhibition available for our local community.

The quilts are on show until close of business on Saturday 26th February. Entry is free; opening hours are Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Christmas Eve 2010, was a fun filled afternoon for the residents of St Marys and surrounding areas, with the Christmas Party and Parade 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. were 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 and was very well patronised during the afternoon. (great work Brian and Harry)

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, by courtesy of local Fire Service, as Santa's 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 as 4.45pm to go and join the Christmas Parade before it got underway.

What a Parade! Fire trucks, ambulances, paramedics, Aurora, plus many 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.

Lions Club of St Marys Inc. wish to thank Jeff and Margaret Faulkner for once again allowing us to use "Faulkner's Green" for our Christmas Party. A perfect venue for so many to enjoy.

Our thanks also to the local businesses for their financial assistance, and to members of the public who turned up to help. As our club is shrinking and ageing, your help was much appreciated. 24 appreciation certificates have been sent out—a great testament to our community.

The winner of the Lions Club Christmas stocking was Jacqui Bianci of St Marys.

Float prizes were: 1st: Paul Aulich and family

2nd Lyn Plummer

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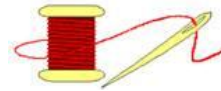
*Olga Targett of St Marys,
who is celebrating her
88th birthday
on 23rd February.*

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Break O'Day Stitchers Inc. Exhibition 2011



QUILTING & EMBROIDERY EXHIBITION

Saturday 23rd - Wednesday 27th April 2011,

10am to 4pm

Portland Memorial Hall, St. Helens

This year's challenge is 'Butterflies' along with our usual entries of Quilts, Cross Stitch, Embroidery, Knitting, Journal Cover, Dolls and Teddy Bears, miscellaneous, with Men's and Novice sections.

Juniors - This year to encourage more junior entries, you can enter three times for free

Section 1/13 **BAGS** - Sponsored by Sew Knit, Launceston (see entry form for more details)

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 - Machine Pieced - Machine Quilted by a professional
 - Mixed Technique
 - Art Quilt,
 - Group Quilt
3. Embroidery: Candlewicking, Hardanger, Crewel, Stump Work, Ribbon Embroidery
4. Cross Stitch and Canvas Work: Long Stitch, Needlepoint, Tapestry
5. Dolls & Teddies
6. Knitting, Crochet, Tatting, Lace Work
7. Men's Section
8. Junior Section - Entry fee \$2.00
(Three entries for free)
Ages 10 and under - Ages 11 - 16
9. Novice - First attempt at anything
10. Miscellaneous includes Basketry & Weaving
11. Journal Cover
12. Exhibition only

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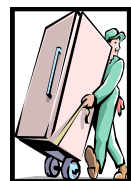
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Paradise not lost

A Tassie expat is leading the recovery push in Queensland's storm-battered north, writes Hannah Martin, of the Sunday Tasmanian.

The Tasmanian-born Mayor of cyclone battered Cairns is urging southerners to holiday in tropical North Queensland. The palm trees might be leaning to one side and the odd beach shack has lost its roof, but Val Schier says its the perfect place for a family getaway. "We're open for business," she said. "If people want to help us out in any way, come and have your holiday in the tropical north."

Ms Schier, 60, said the Cairns community was coping well in the aftermath of Cyclone Yasi.

"We're a very resilient community," she said.

"The sorts of people that tend to choose to live in the tropics tend to be independent, adventurous and resourceful."

So how's the Tassie expat coping in the wake of Yasi?

"I'm fine," she said.

"I'm one of those very strong and focused people and at a time like this I guess the community really needs leadership and I've been there being as calm, as measured and as informative as I can be," she said.

But the region is doing it tough financially.

She said the tourism industry had slumped in the face of the strong Aussie dollar and the global financial crisis has put a halt to population growth.

Until 2008, the population of Cairns was growing by three per cent each year.

"At one stage 75,000 people per year were moving to Queensland," Ms Schier said.

The population explosion has taken its toll on resources. housing and the state's once enviable affordable lifestyle. But the slowdown isn't all bad news to Ms Schier.

"We had been struggling to deal with the population growth and we need to plan very well for the future, particularly with the natural disasters that have visited Queensland."

"It's been a huge challenge for Queensland to try to cope with [and] a huge burden on local and state governments trying to provide roads and schools and all of the infrastructure that's needed for all of those people," she said. Ms Schier was one of the early sunseeking migrants to settle in Queensland.

She left Tasmania for the big island after graduating from university in 1970. After spending time in the Northern Territory and Western Australia, she travelled to North Queensland. "Then I discovered the tropics and decided that's the place I'd prefer to live, rather than in cold Tasmania," she said. That was about 30 years ago and during that time Ms Schier has worked as a teacher, cook, mining treatment plant operator, motel manager and joined the state public service where she held senior managerial positions. She was elected mayor in 2008 the first woman to hold the position.

"I just love the laid-back tropical lifestyle and that suits me," she said.

Ms Schier said she visited Tasmania once a year and hadn't ruled out a permanent return in retirement.

She owns a "little cabin on half an acre" in Falmouth, on the East Coast, where she spends most Christmases with her brothers and other family members. Her ancestors were pioneers in the area.

"I love visiting Tasmania," she said.

"I see Tasmania as being very similar to tropical North Queensland, as in they're both stunning areas with creative people, with stunning coastlines, but were remote from major centres which brings challenges."

But she didn't find it difficult to leave her birth state.

"When you live in Tasmania, you're always aware that there's a big wide world outside and I always wanted to travel," she said.

"I think travel and living in other places certainly broadens your life experiences."



But Ms Schier said she still had a "very strong emotional connection to Tasmania".

"I just feel incredibly privileged in some ways, because I feel that I have two home bases," she said.

"I think, in the end, what anchors us in our community is the environment and friends and family. I'm lucky because I have that in two different places and not many people have that" Her only son and his wife also live in Cairns.

Ms Schier isn't the only Tasmanian to forge a career in Queensland politics.

Brisbane's Lord Mayor is Campbell Newman, the son of two one-time Tasmanian federal politicians. Kevin and Jocelyn Newman, who were both Coalition government ministers.

Campbell Newman, a Liberal, has held the position since 2004.

This story and photo was published in the Sunday Tasmanian on February 13, 2011.

Val's brother David, forwarded this to the Valley Voice.

All of Val's family are very proud of her achievements, and I am sure the community here is also just as proud.

Well done Val. Many of us watched as it all unfolded, and you were a credit to us here in Tassie.

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OUT OF THE WOODWORK

Wendy Brennan, Secretary 0408 656 014.

Many thanks to **Reon Johns** who drove the troops to Scottsdale, while under the supervision of **Dave Mallett**. (From all members: **Dave we hope and know that you will soon be back with the bright eyes and bushy tail we all know**).

It was an interesting and enlightening day especially when we were given a lesson in the beautiful art of marquetry. It made us appreciate the assiduous detail that goes into these pieces.

On our journey home we stopped at the Derby tin museum which took us all back to yesteryear with the realisation of how hard times must have been, when using such primitive apparatus in the search for minerals. **Wendy Fowler and Dave Mallett** empowered the group with their expansive knowledge of the mining history of the town and the wonderful displays were mesmerising.

Our garden is progressing slowly and I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank **Lorraine Gill** whose help has been paramount in restoring some look of semblance to what a garden bed should resemble.

While on the subject of plants many thanks to **Mrs Heather Lodge, the Duck and Kim Watkins** from second hand rose who kindly donated plants. One especially will be treasured, as it was propagated from Heather's grandmother's private grounds.

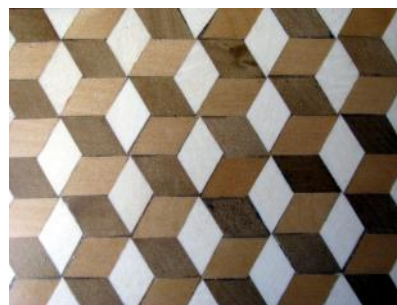
As winter is approaching and it's near time to batten down the hatches the committee has decided that over the colder months we will cease the **Woodcraft Guild's Market in the hall commencing in March**. We would like to thank the **Tasmanian Regional Arts** who have been very supportive and remind people to get behind the great market which they hold on the **first Saturday of every month**. Many thanks to all the stall holders and hope to see you at our **ANNUAL OPEN DAY ON THE 16TH APRIL AT THE OLD RAILWAY SHED IN ST MARYS. SITES WILL BE FREE TO ALL OUR MEMBERS.**

Finally the Guild would like to extend to **Kelly Bond (Strawberry Jelly)** a sincere thank you for all the support she has given our organisation over the years and we sincerely wish her and the family all the best on the new road travelled.

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*Photos of
marquetry
by Wendy
Brennan.*



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**handpainted fabric class with
cindy watkins of deep peace studio**

This talented and multi award-winning textile artist will be sharing her talents and techniques with us again in February.

Come and be inspired! Create your own unique fabrics, to use in projects such as quilts, bags, cushions, etc. – the only limit is your imagination!

Date: Saturday, 26 February 2011

Time: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Cost: \$65 (members \$60) – to be confirmed

Bookings: deposit of \$20 required with booking

Materials: see list

BYO lunch; tea and coffee provided

2011 quilt challenge

Would you like to **win \$100 worth** of quilting and sewing supplies and other goodies?

Why not enter the new **Gone Rustic Friendship Quilt Challenge**!?!

You **do not** have to be a member of *Gone Rustic* - **anyone** can be in it.

All you have to do is **make a quilt** using blocks made by friends, or finish one you've already started, or you can enter one you've already made (it must have been completed since January 2010). It can be **any size**; and it costs only \$5 to enter 1

Deep Peace Studio

**materials list for
handpainted fabric class
with cindy watkins**

- Lunch and a mug. Tea & Coffee provided.
 - Note Book, Pen.
 - Plastic ice cream container.
 - 8 to 10 pieces of white or light fabric.
- If you bring calico it must have been washed at least twice. 30 x 30 cm Must be cotton.
- Old towel.
 - Rubber gloves. The disposable ones are fine.
 - Something to cover your clothes. Apron or old shirt.
 - 2 White rubber erasers
 - Craft knife
 - Any Rubber craft stamps you have.

N.B. - Cindy will provide dyes, brushes and other items needed for this class – this is included in the price.

Class will start at 10 am and finish at about 3pm.

At Gone Rustic
Phone Rita 03 6372 2724

Councillors Corner

By Cllr Reon Johns.

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

The Council is currently involved in Strategic Planning for the Break O'Day. This process is supposed to be carried out every 5 years.

In order to complete this massive task the Council decided to employ a company who is an expert in this field.

I have been asked how this process works. It is quite simple really. Council or someone on its behalf organises a series of community consultations throughout the region and records what the community would like to see. A letter was sent out inviting comment from people who could not be present at any of the meetings.

These ideas are then presented to the Council and senior staff and grouped into various categories, e.g. Community Building, Governance, Environment etc. From memory I think that we ended up with 10 categories. As there is only so much that can be carried out in the 5 years, we decided on what we believed were the most important. The 5 are:

1. Community Building
2. Economic Development
3. Environment and Planning
4. Leadership and Governance
5. Asset Management

All of these have clearly defined strategies and goals.

This is then presented back to the community by community consultations throughout the region, for comment and any changes. This then goes back to the council and senior staff for review. Then, again, this is up for public review before it is finalised.

At the present stage the plan has been well received and is in the final review before the last public comment.

This Strategic Plan is totally in the hands of you, The residents of the Break O'Day and not the Council or Staff, all ideas and comments have been sourced from the community and the only ones who can rubber stamp this Plan is **YOU.**

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Where: NEET Centre 13 Gray Rd St Marys. 7125

Information/Selection sessions will cover information about course content, costs, and time commitments related to this course, in addition to career pathways. Following the Information Session you will be offered an opportunity to complete an application for entry into the March intake and to complete a written task (literacy and numeracy) to determine your suitability for this course. Certificate III in Aged Care is conducted 1 day per week over 3 school terms

Important: to be considered for a place in this course you must attend this session.

For more information call **Mary Targett on 63723900**

February 2011



Building Blocks also has home visits so feel free to contact me, to arrange a time if you are unable to travel or are homebound.

Play & Learn Sessions are on:

15th Feb at St Marys Community Hall
18th Feb at Pyengana Community Hall
23rd Feb at Fingal Park
28th Feb at St Marys Playgroup at Falmouth Community Hall

All sessions are from
10.30-12.30

March 2011



Play & Learn Sessions are on:

1st March at St Marys Community Hall
9th March at Fingal Park
11th March Pyengana Community Hall
15th March at St Marys Community Hall
16th March at Bicheno Community Hall
23rd March at Fingal Park
25th Pyengana Community Hall
29th St Marys Community Hall



For more information and to share ideas/suggestions
Please call Cathy at Healthy House on 6376 5242
Or email: cathy.parker@healthyhouse.org.au
All Building Blocks sessions are free of charge

The Say Cagerattler

Remember a rather contentious issue I touched on last year regarding parking in our town? It caused quite a bit of angst and discussion and I promised not to mention it any further unless developments occur. I think developments are beginning to occur and since a very recent discussion with the town's most prominent retail employer, I have had to think closely about what he told me. Over recent days I have also canvassed other locals on this issue and am truly gobsmacked to admit that almost every one of the dozen or so I have spoken to have indicated strongly that angle parking is preferred to parallel parking for all sorts of differing reasons.

Personally and mainly on the grounds of unblocked viewing of moving traffic I still like the idea of parallel parking and if done right, scope for aesthetically pleasing footpath development might be realistic but in total fairness it would be very wrong to disregard the opinions of so many fellow residents and business owners. It has become totally evident to me that the community in general wish to stick with the status quo. As they say, majority rules and this being the case I'd have to yield to popular opinion in a democratic community.

One of the original recommendations was a realignment of the centre line by a metre thereby giving reversing drivers from the parking bays that much more clearance to see vehicles moving toward them. If angle parking was to stay, surely the additional metre could be converted for added safety reasons.

I cannot agree entirely that because no serious collisions have occurred then NOTHING needs to change. I know there have been near misses and I know the frustration of becoming impatient whilst having a few tries at getting a clear view when backing out. Be honest. It's happened to us all but with a conciliatory approach to angle parking improvements and street modifications then the majority might yet see it stay.

One of our most respected councillors told me only a few days ago that Council cannot dictate this road design. It's not their road to administer but I'd like to think that relevant recommendations by Councils are considered by D.I.E.R. This State Government statutory body is ultimately responsible for the road in question it seems. Whatever the final outcome is, please don't blame Council for it all but I'd suggest that Council should pass on any decisions pending, to the community as a matter of course.

One last point that I need to clarify in this column is this. I wasn't asked to write the article last year. It was my decision entirely. The topic came from discussions I had with another prominent resident and business proprietor who sees benefits in parallel parking and has had experience in other places for such things. I really liked the concept. I still do on most fronts. Equally though I have now been made more aware on how so many fellow townfolk, friends, business people and community members feel in regard to parking changes. It is crucial that ALL OPINIONS are given the fullest consideration by D.I.E.R. in coming months before final decisions are made, maybe even with concessions as needed on some points because we all have to use this precinct so we had better get it right if at all possible. We all have to live here. D.I.E.R officials don't.

On the illegal dumping of rubbish touched on in the first Valley Voice, I was dismayed to find further rubbish (disused 20 litre oil drums) left on the track right adjacent to one of the water courses there this week along with other items. Can those people PLEASE take these things with them when they leave. Just a favour and consideration to others. Thanks also to the same councillor previously mentioned for his advice on procedural matters re a future more effective and expedient clean up of the main offending "tip" up on Mt Nicholas. Much appreciated.

What do you think?

Deliberations

By Charles Trollope

We are entering a time of the greatest disruption that the world has ever known. Many of the things that we rely on will be either destroyed or greatly altered.

As always, people are ignoring the many signs that should be noticed and have gone into a state of disbelief expecting the system which they have relied on over the years to keep going as it always has. Even so, nobody can deny that there is a "feeling in the air" that something big and sinister is imminent. They are in for a very big shock as has happened before in other lands where people have ignored the warnings.

The World's Monetary System is now unsustainable and will collapse very soon. America is so deeply in debt that they cannot possibly ever recover. They have been for a number of decades, running on credit, which they cannot ever service and will very soon go "Belly Up". Recently, Hillary Clinton signed an agreement with China acknowledging that the massive debt owed to them by America is secured by an agreement allowing China to take sovereignty over the land.

With the debt ever increasing, this now means that America has agreed to allow China to take possession of parts of America to pay the huge debt. Although this is a betrayal of the American people and a major breach of the American Constitution, it was the only way out to keep the ship afloat, albeit only in the short term.

When, not if, the big crash occurs, there will probably be civil war, fighting in the streets, and the greatest time of hardship that the world has known. China has only been propping up America for two reasons. First so that it can take possession, and the other, because it relies on the American market to buy Chinese imports. So when America collapses, this will destroy the Chinese export industry, which will in turn destroy Australia's export of raw materials etc. resulting in the collapse of the "Total World Monetary System"!!! Preparations have already been made, as in a large number of American states, huge "concentration camps" have been built to hold the protesters.

Recently, the Federal Reserve has resorted to printing very substantial amounts of money to keep afloat. This has been always shown historically to be the last desperate act of an economy about to collapse.

Hyman Minski's "Financial Instability Hypothesis", pointed out several years ago that owing to greed, "uncontrolled financial institutions were totally unsustainable, much to the derision of the "experts". He has been proven correct, with the "top financial experts" such as Alan Greenspan, Ben Bernanke and others of their ilk reeling in "shock, horror and disbelief!!! And Europe is not much better, with calls now being heard to abandon the Euro and revert back to independent sovereignty as they had before. When one examines what has happened in Iceland, Spain, Portugal, Ireland, as well as the UK, with the other nations not far behind, it is obvious that the plan for "World Government" is not working. And how can it, when people show loyalty to their own country and their own flag!

So where do we go from here? People who rely on essential services will as always, find themselves in a very vulnerable position. How can they cope if the power stops working, the food stops being delivered to the shops, or the Banking System crashes???

We may find that the safest place to be is to live in a small rural community. Then one will find that civilisation has gone full circle!!!

Sorry about the bad news

WAKE UP TIME

When the shearing sheds are silent,
and the stock camps fallen quiet,
When the gidgee coals no longer glow,
across the outback night,
And the bush is forced to hang a sign,
'gone broke and won't be back,'
And spirits fear to find a way beyond the beaten track.
When harvesters stand derelict,
upon the wind swept plains,
And brave hearts pin their hopes no more
on chance of loving rains.
When a hundred outback settlements
are ghost towns overnight,
When we've lost the drive and heart we had
to once more see us right.
When 'Pioneer' means a stereo and
'Digger' some backhoe,
And the 'Outback' is behind the house,
there's nowhere else to go.
And 'Anzac' is a biscuit brand
and probably foreign owned,
And education really means brainwashed
and neatly cloned.
When you have to bake a loaf of bread
to make a decent crust,
And our heritage once enshrined in gold
is crumbling to dust.
And old folk pay their camping fees
on land for which they fought.
And fishing is a great escape; this is until you're caught.
When you see our kids with yankee caps
and resentment in their eyes,
And the soaring crime and hopeless hearts
is no longer a surprise.
When the name of RM Williams
is a yuppie clothing brand,
Not a product of our heritage that grew off the land.
When offering a hand makes people think
you'll amputate,
And two dogs meeting in the street
is what you call a 'Mate'.
When 'Political Correctness'
has replaced all common sense,
When you're forced to see it their way,
there's no sitting on the fence.
Yes one day you might find yourself
an outcast in this land,
Perhaps your heart will tell you then,
'I should have made a stand'.
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(Penned by an ex soldier, author unknown)

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No Doctor's Surgery on this day but normal surgery hours will resume on Tuesday 15th March.

(St Marys Community Health Centre

GP Surgery Hours:

Monday—Friday 8:50am-12:30pm

12:30pm-1:30pm LUNCH

1:30pm-4:30pm

PATHOLOGY SERVICE

No Pathology Service between

12:00-1:30pm or before 8:30am daily.

If you require Pathology **before 8:30am** an appointment **must** be made with the Nurses Station **the day/night before**.

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

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Oral Health Competition

The St Marys Health Centre has been running an Oral Health Campaign during the last month with a competition to win an electric tooth brush simply by completing a questionnaire about Oral Health . The winner of the toothbrush was: Jackson Spilsbury— drawn by Leni Miles 16/2/11.

SOCIAL WORK SERVICES

Due to a rotating Social Work Roster please be aware that Shan Williams will be the Social Worker available during 2011 at the St Marys Community Health Centre. For appointments please phone 6372 2111. Shan is available on a Thursday and Friday and every second Wednesday.

WHAT'S ON AT THE CENTRE FEB 2011

24th Feb	Eyelines- For appointments please phone 1300 139 363. All consultations Bulk Billed to Medicare
	Social Worker- Shan Williams appointments available by phoning 6372 2111
25th Feb	Diabetes Educator (GP North) – Appointments available by referral from your GP
	Dietician (GP North) - Appointments available by referral from your GP
	Exercise Physiologist (GP North) - Appointments available by referral from your GP
	Social Worker- Shan Williams appointments available by phoning 6372 2111
	TABIS (Tasmanian Acquired Brain Injury Service) Hannah Rubenach.
1st March	Child Health Session with Sue Gofon every Tuesday— Appointments only. Please phone 0428 136 381
2nd March	Day Centre- For details on the group please contact Hayley Gilbert 6372 2111.
	GP North Mental Health Worker- Brady Young for appointments please see your GP for a referral.
3rd March	Social Worker- Shan Williams appointments available by phoning 6372 2111
	Drug & Alcohol Counsellor. As by arrangement with Counsellor. For referrals please see your GP.
4th March	Social Worker- Shan Williams appointments available by phoning 6372 2111
	TABIS (Tasmanian Acquired Brain Injury Service) Hannah Rubenach
7th March	Hospital Auxiliary Meeting 2:00pm in the Day Room
8th March	Tom Bain, Rae & Partners Lawyers. At the Community Health Centre Tuesday fortnights. For appointments please phone 6337 5555
	Child Health Session with Sue Gofon every Tuesday— Appointments only. Please phone 0428 136 381
9th March	GP North Mental Health Worker- Brady Young for appointments please see your GP for a referral
	Social Work- Shan Williams. Please phone 6372 2111 for appointments
	Day Centre- For details on the group please contact Hayley Gilbert 6372 2111.
10th March	Relationships Australia- Leanne McMurtie for appointments please phone 1300 364 277
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11th March	Social Work- Shan Williams. Please phone 6372 2111 for appointments.

MEALS ON WHEELS ROSTER

March		St Marys	Fingal
Monday (Feb)	28th	Debbie Barnes	Neighbourhood House
Tuesday	1st	Trish pike	
Wednesday	2nd	Val Spencer	
Thursday	3rd	Heather Griffiths	
Friday	4th	Claire Bean	
MOW Contact		Phone:	0488 384 344
Monday	7th	Wendy Dawson	Neighbourhood House
Tuesday	8th	Pam Bretz	
Wednesday	9th	Barbara McAllister	
Thursday	10th	Kaye Nailer	
Friday	11th	Pam Gillies	Neighbourhood House

Church Services

Catholic Parish of St Marys

Sr. Lorraine Groves
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Mob: 0409 172 741

1st Sunday: MASS

St Helens Vigil L/W 6.00pm
Bicheno L/W 9.00am
Swansea LWC 9.30am
Mangana 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

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Fingal 11.15 am

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Contacts for Valley Voice

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St Marys Sports Centre Inc. news. Kackhander.

Bloody rain. Summer (what Summer?) Give you the s...ts , are what members are saying at present, going on the rain still falling. This weekend another crucial Bowls pennant game and more likely than not, vital East Coast championship games at Scamander will be cancelled. One thing is certain. You can't control the weather.

Thanks to all those who were available to help get the maximum result really needed last weekend to help in the push for the finals in a few weeks time. A shame further chances were missed after the most recent washout. We couldn't do it without the crucial help of our female bowlers who almost always find ways of propping up the men's team when required. We thank them greatly for this help. Also to our intrepid band of catering ladies. You are incredible. There is only 3-4 of these wonderful people but they NEVER let us down and it is highly appreciated by us all. Similarly to our volunteer bar people each week. Last time it was Chris Arratta and Roger Donald. Thanks again.

Next weekend we have a vital match at St Helens, so if players are unavailable can they please let the selectors know by Thursday night. Thanks. Also we really need to get club games done fairly soon (when the weather allows) because next season St Marys is Host Club and any greens work will need to be done before autumn begins to bite in late March/April. Look out for golf aplenty soon. BAZ IS WORKING ON THE CALENDAR - So be warned....

Anyway, until next time, good hitting and rolling.

Childbirth at 60 ?

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'May I see the new baby?' I asked.
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 Thirty minutes had passed, and I asked, 'May I see the new baby now?'
 'No, not yet,' she said.
 After another few minutes had elapsed, I asked again, 'May I see the baby now?'
 'No, not yet,' replied my friend.
 Growing very impatient, I asked, 'Well, when can I see the baby?'
 'WHEN HE CRIES!' she told me.
 'WHEN HE CRIES?' I demanded. 'Why do I have to wait until he CRIES?'
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