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Local a Capella group Conceol performed in the 2014 production 'Scottish Power' at the Devonport Convention Centre on Saturday January 18th.

'Scottish Power' (presented by Launceston's St Andrew's Caledonian Pipe Band) is a regular fundraiser event to enable the pipe band to perform internationally. Conceol were a much appreciated addition to this year's cast, performing Celtic pieces in Irish and English for both matinee and evening concerts.

Conceol were proud to be performing alongside the magnificent pipe band, house band 'Schmeltic' and the Scottish Power Dance Troupe of Irish and Scottish dancers.

L-R Anne Cannon, Hannah Rubenach, Leissa Dane, Elizabeth Dean, Susannah Coleman-Brown (ensemble leader), Isabel Witton, Linda Robson Iles and Wendy Dawson with members of the Caledonian Pipe Band (back row) L-R Randall Roberts, John Ralph and Andrew Keane, with percussionist extraordinaire Justin Bennetts.

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Lions Christmas Parade St Marys 2013 pictures by Peter Troode on page 9

River & Willow Art Space arrives in St Marys!

Another new art space has opened its doors in St Marys, adding to the town's increasing reputation as a centre of the arts.

The River & Willow Art Space has been set up by the couple of the same names who, after travelling over much of Australia and then focusing on Tasmania, have decided St Marys is the place they want to stay.

The couple are skilled in a wide variety of media including painting, photography, fabrics, woodwork, jewellery, weaving and much more.

Work from these skills is on display, and available for sale, in the front area of their gallery in Story St, St Marys.

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Working Bee Improvements at Boucher Park, Avoca. More pictures on page 13.

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Community Announcements

The Break O'Day Woodcraft Guild Inc meet monthly on the last Thursday at 11am in the Goods Shed behind the St Marys Railway Station.

The Tasmanian Lymphoedema Centre Inc meet monthly on the 3rd Monday at 10am in the St Marys Community Health Centre, Day Care Room.

St Marys Ladies' Midweek Tennis meet at 9.30am each Wednesday. New players of any standard & beginners welcome. Child minding included - a lovely safe place to bring toddlers while you play. Karon 6372 2382 or Dana 6372 2033.

St Patricks Head & Esk Valley Historical Society Inc. meet every second month on the third Wednesday at 3pm at various venues throughout the valley. Barry 6372 5752 (aulich@bigpond.com) or Jim 6372 2127 (jimhaas@bigpond.com) www.fingalvalleyhistory.com

St Helens Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) meet every Wednesday 8pm at St Paul's Anglican Church Hall, St Helens. Call Murdoch on 6376 3335.

The Falmouth Community Centre contact for booking club facilities is Cherrie Schier on 0417 887 941.

The Scamander and Beaumaris Community Development Association meet monthly on the third Wednesday at 7pm in the Scamander Sports Complex. New members are most welcome.

Suncoast Singers meet every Friday, 10am in the Catholic Hall Cecilia Street. St Helens. New singers are always welcome... if you can yawn - you can sing. Call Mary-Anne Wadsworth on 6376 2969.

BINGO at the Cornwall Hall every Monday at 7pm, 2 jackpots each week. All welcome.

St Marys Hospital Auxiliary meet monthly on the 1st Monday at 2pm in the St Marys Community Health Centre.

The St Marys School Association Op Shop is happy to receive pre-loved items (not electrical) weekdays 10-4 & Saturdays 9-12pm (as volunteers are available - new volunteers welcomed). Small donations can be left at the St Marys Newsagency. Support your local school & pick up some great bargains. Coordinator Janet Drummond 0404 562 320.

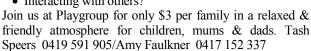
The Cornwall Community Development Group meet monthly on the first Tuesday at 7pm in the Cornwall Hall.

St Marys Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) meet every Friday 8pm at Holy Trinity. Mick & Shirl 6372 2909.

Scamander Garden Club meet monthly on the 3rd Monday at 1.30pm in the Scamander Sports Complex. Enjoy sharing garden activities. Val 6372 2762.

St Marys/Falmouth Playgroup is held 10:30-12:30 each Wednesday at the Falmouth Community Centre. Does your child/children enjoy

- Painting &arts & crafts activities
- Riding bikes
- Playground play
- Exciting activities & celebrations
- Interacting with others?



St Helens Al-Anon Family Group (Al Anon) helps families & friends of alcoholics recover from the effects of living with the problem drinking of someone close. 2pm Sunday at St Paul's Anglican Church Hall St Helens. Anne or John 6376 4270/Rose 6376 3335.

The Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House Op Shop is happy to receive pre-loved clothing & goods weekdays 9-3. Donations can be collected on Mondays or items can be left at the Centre. Come along, check it out & pick up a bargain. Deb Speers for FVNH.

Stallholders Market Inc is a non profit organisation that hold markets each Saturday 8-12 noon in the Portland Hall St Helens. e: sthelenmarket@yahoo.com.au

The B.O.D. Stitchers meet each Friday 10-3 at the Neighbourhood House Bungalow in St Helens. Stay for as long or short a time as you choose & the choice of projects to work on is also optional - either bring your own or join in & assist on a group project.

Greater Esk Tourism meet 7pm at Fingal Neighbourhood House on the 2nd Monday of each month, unless otherwise notified. 0412 425 666

Beaumaris Swap Markets are held on the 1st & 3rd Sundays in summer at Beaumaris Park from 11-2pm. Swap, barter or buy fresh produce, herbs, bread, flowers, crafts & more. Plastic bag free, gold coin donation per stall (bookings required). Laura 6372 5687

Community Announcements

The **Chocolate Shop Singers** meet at the Mt Elephant Fudge shop St Marys every Thursday at 5pm for informal & fun singing. Everyone welcome.

Jan Saunders, **East Coast Community Transport** Coordinator. Community Hall, 23 Main Street, St Marys, Tasmania 7215. 6372 2137

The St Helens Walking Group walk each Wednesday and 3rd Saturday of each month. New members are most welcome. Call Healthy House 6376 5242 or Bryan Edhouse 63763439 for info.

St Marys Online Access Centre, 23b Main Road St Marys. Mon~Fri 9.30~4.30 Sat 11~2. 6372 2005 e: stmarys@tco.asn.au

St Marys Markets are held monthly on the 1st Saturday (excluding July & August) at the St Marys Community Hall 9am to 1pm. Michael Smith 6372 2056

Community Transport Christmas Raffle, drawn 21st December 2013

1st prize went to Troy Broadbent of Swansea, 2nd prize to Lynette Bell of St Marys and 3rd prize to Diane Earney of Coles Bay. Your kind support has contributed greatly to the purchase of a GPS for each of our East Coast Community Transport vehicles.

Our very special prizes were generously donated by the Break O'Day Woodcraft Guild, the Break O'Day Stitchers and Graham Derbyshire.

Thank you to everyone and best wishes for 2014! Jan Saunders, East Coast Community Transport Coordinator.

The **Community Italian Dinner** at the Holy Trinity Anglican Church Hall St Marys will be held on Saturday 15th February 2014 at 6pm for 6.30pm. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Choice of main meal will be provided, all welcome. RSVP Kevin on 0427 062 406. Donations will go to the Break O'Day Woodcraft Guild.

I wish to express my sincere and humble gratitude to the valley people, also to all those individuals who supported and encouraged me to follow my heart and finish my Fingal Valley Heritage Project.

Furthermore, many thanks to those who nominated me for the Australia Day Awards. Thanks to Sarah Schmerl and committee for gifting me a priceless recognition from your Council.

I haven't forgotten you Jim Hass, your compliment was heart-warming.

Thank You.

George Keri

Meals on Wheels meeting dates for 2014: 20/2/14, 15/5/14, 21/8/14, 20/11/14, held in the Community Health Centre St Marys. Lundy Vosper, Secretary.

Circle of 4 - exhibition of art quilts by Tasmanian textile artists on display at *Gone Rustic Studio + Gallery* until 4 pm, 27 Feb 2014. Entry is free; come and be inspired! 37 Main Street, St Marys (Tues-Sat, 10-4); 03 6372 2724 or 0417 027 424

Operation Cover-up. 3rd Friday each month at *Gone Rustic Studio* + *Gallery* from 11-2. Making quilts and knitwear for those in need locally and overseas. Donation of \$5 goes towards wadding for quilts; byo lunch, cuppa included. 37 Main Street, St Marys (Tues-Sat, 10-4). 03 6372 2724 / 0417 027 424.

Rustic Ragamuffins - every Wednesday at *Gone Rustic Studio* + *Gallery* from 7-9 pm. Bring along your current stitching project and have some time-out while catching up on your UFO's (UnFinished Objects)! Cost is \$5 which includes homemade treats and a cuppa. 37 Main Street, St Marys (Tues-Sat, 10-4); phone 03 6372 2724 or 0417 027 424.

For Sale

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Round bales, garden mulch or bedding, \$50 each with free delivery in St Marys area. 0407 944 158

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6 bolts of **New Hessian** 50m x 1.8m, new cost \$140 ea sell for \$100 ea. **Hardwood rough sawn lattice battens** 100 of 2.5m x 40 x 15mm \$5ea & 60 of 3.3m x 40 x 15mm \$7 ea. **Trencheroo** - pedestrian trench digger, diesel 4wd. digs 150mm wide and up to 1100mm deep, v. good cond. see working, \$2,500. **Worm Reducer** (gearbox) 41 to 2, good cond. \$300 ono. **New timber and used colourbond roofing & capping**, unwanted. Big saving on Job lot. About 60 pieces of **timber** from 2.1 to 6.1, incl. 70 x 35, 90 x 35,190 x 50, 130 x 35, 90 x 90mm (full list avail). **Used roofing** approx 147m in 3m to mostly 5-6m. **Capping** - 4 lengths of 5.5 x 340mm. **Lucas Grabber**.

Capping - 4 lengths of 5.5 x 340mm. Lucas Grabber. Stump / bale carrying implement with 3 point hitch. Little use. Cost \$1200. Offers over \$400 accepted.

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Wanted

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Female seeking experienced/qualified **Australian Free-style Kickboxing** trainer or sparring partner for fitness work. Preferably St. Marys or St Helens areas. I have skills and good technique but need to rebuild fitness; start ASAP. 0400 274 364

Letters to the Editor

Letter to Editor.

Members would like to express our sincere gratitude to Diana Foster who, by her own volition and with no solicitation from any of our members, wrote to the Examiner with a story of the Guild's theft which has led to the many donations and well wishes from all corners of the state. A thank you to Veronica Jupp from St Helens Books Café, Rita and Ian Summers, Surf Coast Realty, Mad Mudd, River and Willow, Peter and Bev Rubenach, the Wildlife Carers from St Marys, the Valley Voice and to all the people who have donated anonymously. A special thank you to police officer John Chandler whose professionalism has been exemplary and who has kept us continually informed, and to the Break O'Day Council. We apologise if we have left anyone out; it would not be intentional.

Finally, many thanks to all who have bought one of our raffle tickets from trusty ticket seller Lorraine Gill.

Wendy Brennan Secretary BreakO'Day Woodcraft Guild

The Giving Tree

I would like to take this opportunity in this first edition of the Valley Voice for 2014 to sincerely thank all the generous people in St Marys and surrounding areas, for the wonderful response to my request for donations to the Giving Tree set up at my salon for Christmas.

What a huge amount of gifts were given. It never ceases to amaze me at the generosity of the residents of this lovely community.

Thanks must also go to Thom Ryan from Anglicare and Melanie Norton from The Salvation Army for their efforts in distributing all the gifts. I am sure there were many families who benefited at Christmas as a result of over one hundred gifted donations.

Thank you one and all and I am hoping to do it all again this Christmas.

Many thanks,

Ana, Eric, Lily-Mae and Casey, Ana's Hairdressing Salon.

We are updating the Arts/Crafts or Hobbies Guide for up-coming editions. If you have a group you would like included please contact Rod McGiveron on 6372 2215 to pass on your details. Thanks. Ed.



Friday 7th March 2014

Bus Trip to

Ross Female Factory and Wool Centre

Museum

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River & Willow Art Space arrives in St Marys!

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In the large open part to the rear different areas are allocated for the various medias and it is here that workshops are planned to be held in the future.

Such workshops will aim to promote each individual's creativity with River and Willow encouraging play and experimentation in a variety of media. River firmly believes that true art is not just the finished product but also in the creative process and workshop participants, while using the same starting block, will take different paths and produce different works.

River and Willow are keen to hear expressions of interest from people on which areas they would like to develop their skills and creativity in.

Their talents are diverse and the population of St Marys and beyond can only benefit from them!

Article and photo by Diana Foster.



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Above: Woodcraft Guild members Colin McKenzie and Reon Johns continue with what tools they have left after the robbery.

Woodcraft Guild at St Marys Thieves broke into the important community asset last weekend and stole all the hand and power tools painstakingly collected by the Guild's members over the past ten years. They have been left with

nothing.

At least \$5000 worth of hand and power tools have been stolen from the Break O'Day

The Woodcraft Guild provides an important role in an isolated community such as St Marys. It is a place where retirees and newcomers to the district can socialise and become integrated into the community. It enables the learning of new skills and the rediscovering of old arts. Members provide a service repairing items for the elderly and helping those with problems.

B.O.D. WOODCRAFT GUILD

Guild President, Reon Johns, is devastated. Many of the stolen tools were those owned by pensioners and retirees including his own and his partner's who had donated tools used by her late father, a skilled cabinet maker and WW2 veteran. Fund raising efforts are already underway and an Open Day and Fair will be held on Saturday 5 April 2014.

Article and pictures by Diana Foster.

The Say, by Cagerattler

It doesn't seem too long since the last Valley Voice of 2013 but suddenly here we go again. Like I do every year, can I just remind those who read the Voice that Cagerattler is a chance to touch on many and varied subjects. I never claim to ALWAYS do tons of research on a subject but the main object in the past decade or so is to get people talking about mostly local, but occasionally wider range subjects. If you disagree with what I write and you see it totally differently then please write a reply - that's the whole idea. I make a point of not personally attacking anyone by mentioning actions, decisions or impending decisions that affect us all. Also the opinions of this column are not necessarily those of the Valley Voice.

A few weeks ago a stupid, selfish person or persons decided to break into the Woodcraft Guild/Men's Shed and take much of their hard earned, integral tools and equipment and didn't even leave a tiny amount of petty cash for day to day incidentals behind - as small an amount as it was. If you are local and you read this you should be totally ashamed of yourself. It is reprehensible to take things from any volunteer/community group, not least one which does great hands-on repairs and work for many who can't do it themselves. If you get caught (and we all hope you do) you'll need to think long and hard how you might make some sort of compensation to the marvelous group of dedicated people who provide this service. And if you are local and you want to begin the road back, either own up to it or at the very least anonymously return some or all of the stolen goods. If the thieves are not local...we hope they never darken our doorsteps ever again because you're lower than a snake's belly and a waste of good oxygen.

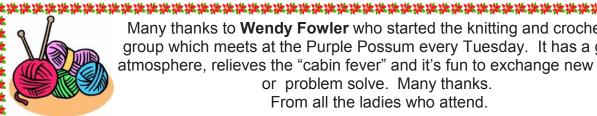
The Guild have now upgraded security further, and it's hoped that the insurance might begin to replace some of the gear but the real damage is goodwill. These sorts of stupid acts, and I really do mean stupid and greedy, erode one's faith in human nature. What helps retain that faith though is the actual people who were robbed and who are the exact opposite of the thieves.

The Guild will be once again be holding the Open Day in a couple of months time and we trust that as many of us as possible will do what we can to support that function, but also gain from these amazing contributors in this local community who give far more than they receive.

They didn't need or deserve this and it leaves a bad taste in everybody's mouth.

TO THE THIEVES IF YOU READ THIS...Grow a conscience and do something about it please. You never know, they might even forgive you one day if you do...

What do you think? Rod McGiveron.



Many thanks to **Wendy Fowler** who started the knitting and crocheting group which meets at the Purple Possum every Tuesday. It has a great atmosphere, relieves the "cabin fever" and it's fun to exchange new ideas or problem solve. Many thanks.

From all the ladies who attend.

Member for Lyons Tim Morris MP meets with Break O'Day Council

13 January 2014

Tasmanian Greens Member for Lyons Tim Morris MP spent the 10th January 2014 inspecting strategic infrastructure projects in Break



O'Day for which Council is pursuing funding in order to bring economic growth and development to the area. Council officers made a presentation to Mr Morris outlining those projects making up Council's long range strategic plan for the future, while also identifying which projects Council is focused on obtaining support for in the short term. The marine infrastructure project for Pelican Point and the St Helens barway is one of these projects, as is the redevelopment of St Helens Aerodrome to allow for growth in the seafood industry, recreational fishing and golf tourism. Other projects Council wishes to progress in the short term include planning for the relocation of the St Helens District Hospital, continued upgrades of St Marys Pass and the construction of north and south bound slip lanes, including a redevelopment of the public space, at the intersection of St Helens Point Road and Tasman Highway. After the presentation a series of site visits were undertaken. Mr Morris was interested and pleased to inspect the newly purchased proposed site for the relocation of the St Helens District Hospital; Mayor Sarah Schmerl explained to that Council will be holding a facilitated workshop with stakeholder organisations at the end of this month to develop a shared vision for the future of the site. At the St Helens Aerodrome, Mr Morris could clearly see the potential for

Other site visits included the Binalong Bay Causeway, where problems with flooding are well documented; the St Helens Sport and Recreation Ground; and the walking track at Beauty Bay, which currently remains closed due to a landslide caused by the poisoning, by an unknown party, and subsequent necessary removal of 12 sheoaks on the embankment there.

The tour concluded with a briefing at the Business Enterprise Centre from Peter Paulsen and Nick Crawford on their efforts to obtain the HMAS Tobruk, once decommissioned, as an artificial reef and dive wreck to be installed at Skeleton Bay, bringing a world class diving experience to the east coast.

Mr Morris commended the Council on their vision and strategic approach to making some of these much needed infrastructure projects a reality for the community of Break O'Day and the wider region.

Council looks forward to working further with Mr Morris in taking the next steps to realising this vision.

For further information call Mayor Sarah Schmerl on 0428 736 578.

growth that a redevelopment of this facility would bring.





Dear Residents,

I wish to stomp on any rumours that may be circulating regarding health care provisions within Break O'Day. Recently Council was able to secure a large block of land we believe is suitable for a new hospital in St Helens. This was quite simply an opportunity too good to pass up and a way to push the State Government on their already existing commitment to replace the current hospital.

At NO TIME in any discussion has there been any mention of down-grading or closing St Marys. In fact the opposite is true. It is about providing all the services that are required for the whole community. Some will be available in St Marys and some in St Helens but everyone will have accessible emergency health care when required. I hope this helps to alleviate any concerns some may have.

Regards,

Sarah Schmerl

Mayor | Break O'Day Council t: 03 6376 7900 | f: 03 6376 1551 | m: 0428 736 578 e: sarah.schmerl@bodc.tas.gov.au | w: www.bodc.tas.gov.au

The BODC will hold their next meeting on Monday 17th February Enquiries 6376 7900

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Stakeholders meet to discuss vision for greenfield St Helens

site 30 January, 2014

Break O'Day Council held a facilitated workshop on Tuesday 21 January, 2014 to allow stakeholders in health care provision in St Helens and surrounds to join in developing a vision for the future of the greenfield site that Council has purchased with the relocation of St Helens District Hospital in mind.



The workshop was held at the current St Helens District Hospital and was very well attended, with representatives from the Department of Health and Human Services; Tasmanian Health Organisation - North; Ambulance Tasmania; Tasmania Medicare Local; the Cancer Council; Independent Practitioner Network, operators of the St Helens General Practice; Medea Park aged care facility; Family Based Care (North); St Helens Healthy House; St Helens District Hospital, and the Auxiliary of the Hospital; St Marys Community Health Centre; Advanced Rural Health; the Department of Economic Development, and Break O'Day Council.

Member for Lyons the Hon. Rebecca White MP, the Minister for Human Services, attended the workshop and participated in the discussion about what other services could be provided at the site, and how an evidence based approach to assess demand should be used to move the project forward. Minister White was supportive of the development of a facility with the capacity to meet the needs of the community, and pleased to be able to provide her input and representation regarding the future of the site.

Mayor Sarah Schmerl was pleased and encouraged with the great ideas and vision coming out of the workshop.

"Many of the ideas and suggestions covered in the workshop related to services that are already being provided by the hospital, which could be more effectively provided in a better and larger facility, and there were additional ideas for consideration as well. It was great to get all the stakeholders together to make sure we're heading in the right direction, and the level of engagement was really exciting," the Mayor said.

The next step for the project is to use the outcomes of the workshop to develop a master plan and long range vision for the whole site, outside of the footprint of the new hospital proposed for construction by the Department of Health and Human Services.

The workshop was facilitated by Roxanne Chugg of Excellent Outcomes.

For further information please contact Mayor Sarah Schmerl on 0428 736 578.

Break O'Day Council requests meetings with party leaders

6 February 2014

Break O'Day Council has this week written to Premier Lara Giddings, Opposition Leader Will Hodgman, Greens Leader Nick McKim and Palmer United Party candidates for Lyons to request a meeting with each of them in the lead up to the state



election, in order to discuss commitments their parties are prepared to make to Break O'Day to facilitate improving access and promoting economic development and growth.

Council's short term priorities for which it is requesting commitments of either allocations of funding or expressions of support include the relocation of the St Helens District Hospital, the St Helens – Pelican Point and Barway Marine Infrastructure project, the redevelopment of the St Helens Aerodrome, the upgrade of St Marys Pass and assisting in getting the feasibility study underway for the community-led project to obtain the HMAS Tobruk as an artificial reef and dive wreck for Skeleton Bay. Mayor Sarah Schmerl has let the party leaders know that Council is more than happy to make the trip to Hobart to discuss these important projects.

Council has been raising awareness of the infrastructure needs of Break O'Day for some time, and is excited and hopeful to be able to share some positive news with the community ahead of the state election.

For further information please contact Mayor Sarah Schmerl on 0428 736 578.

Garage/Moving Sale

You want it, we have it! (maybe)

Lots of timber, household items, bric a brac, power tools, work benches, bass guitar amp, 20' shipping container and many other items.

'If you miss this you must be dead'

98 Richardson St St Marys Saturday 22nd February 8am - 2pm

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Lions Christmas Parade and Concert, St Marys 2013 Pictures by Peter Troode





































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St Helens ~ Georges Bay Esp St Helens Tas 7216.

St Marys ~ 4 Story Street St Marys Tas 7215.



Motor Vehicles on Beaches & State Owned Land

Tasmania Police and Parks and Wildlife Service (PWS) have recently received an increase in complaints relating to the operation of vehicles on beaches throughout the north of the state. PWS Compliance Officer Michael Spaulding said the complaints were in relation to the operation of vehicles on reserved land consisting of beaches and coastal areas throughout the state.

Mr Spaulding said foreshore areas were particularly vulnerable to four wheel drives, all terrain vehicles and motor cycles that were operated in areas clearly marked as prohibited. The enforcement of these regulations is particularly important in protecting the values of the reserved land estate in terms of the limiting impact on flora, fauna and geological values as well as preventing erosion in fragile coastal areas and impacting on Aboriginal Heritage.

All operators must stay to formed roads in all public coastal areas with the exception of those dedicated to recreational vehicle use. These areas can be found in publications listed on the Parks and Wildlife Service's internet site. www.parks.tas.gov.au

- "Ride Around Tasmania"
- "Cruisin' Without Bruisin'"
- "Policy for the Use of Recreational Vehicles on State Owned Lands"

Inspector John King said Tasmania Police had also received complaints about vehicles being operated in a manner that causes excessive noise close to residential There have also been complaints received in relation to vehicles being operated without licences or registration. Inspector King said operators of vehicles on state owned land open to the public (including beaches and reserves) need to have current licences and registration. Parents should also be aware that under certain circumstances they may be proceeded against for allowing children to operate vehicles without licences and registration in public areas. Tasmania Police and Parks and Wildlife Service personnel will be conducting joint operations over the summer period to ensure compliance with current legislation.

Mort Douglas opens St Helens development

DEVELOPER Mort Douglas recently



opened a \$5m retail and office building at St Helens, promising an even larger tavern and accommodation centre to make the tourist town the 'Noosa of the south'. The Launceston-based entrepreneur said the East Coast project had been difficult but the response had been overwhelming. He said St Helens needed more population and jobs and he planned an even larger development next door. Mr Douglas said he would spend a year bedding down this project before getting into the bigger one, which he expects to open within three years. Mr Douglas estimated that the next development would cost \$10m and fill the remainder of the block, which is now a car park.

He plans to build an upmarket tavern near the Cecilia-Quail intersection with a two-storey, 100 room accommodation centre wrapping around the tavern and retail/office building.

Morty's on the Bay, which opened a month behind schedule, is in Cecilia Street, on the site of the pub that burnt down. It has five leased ground-floor tenancies, including a restaurant called Mohr and Smith, and four first-floor offices and a conference room, which Mr Douglas expects will be leased when opened next month. The building is in the middle of the large vacant block that extends to Quail Street.

Mr Douglas estimated that Morty's on the Bay would create 50 jobs and the next development would create even more.

http://www.examiner.com.au/story/2031605/10-millionvision-for-st-helens/?cs=94

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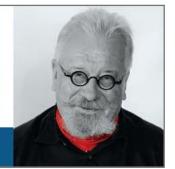
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Heather Lye from **Madd=Mudd** has created this spectacular window in her Gallery at St Marys to be raffled as a fundraiser for the local **SES** unit. The window can be viewed at the Gallery.

Ray Walker, Deputy Unit Manager, Break O'Day SES.

buildingdesignSTUDIO

We wish to advise that the *buildingdesignSTUDIO*, formerly located at 56a Main Street St Marys, will be moving to 24 Steel Street, Scamander - a home based office. Our current premise is for sale and we are starting the new year in our new office.

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Views on St Marys

From my vantage point at Planet Sandi I can see and hear a great deal of St Marys and the Break O'Day valley. It truly is quite amazing what I can see with a good pair of binoculars.

From rusty iron sheds, fallen down fences, neatly stacked fire wood, grazing herds, antiquated washing lines, old boats and cars, exotic trees, who's having a barbecue, the comings and goings from the pub, passing traffic, rainbows, ocean mist cascading into the valley from Gray, Christmas lights, piles of what some locals might call RUBBISH whilst other who appreciate the importance of cultural artefacts might refer to as ALL GOOD STUFF, rabbits by the many, billboards, Bare Rock, winter inversions, summer sunsets, frozen ponds, soaring eagles, constellations, locals playing sport, televisions through lounge room windows, children at play, caged squawking birds, barking dogs, approaching storms, spring blossoms, fields being ploughed and crops being harvested, to miners at work, roofs being repaired, houses being painted and think to myself, what a fortunate bloke I am.

All of the above and more is what attracted me to St Marys but it is equally important what hasn't infiltrated the village. Traffic lights, [I'm OK with roundabouts as long as there is tasteful landscaping included], major fast food outlets, city noises and aromas, population explosion, polluted streams, run away urban expansion and peak hour traffic. Although,

two children on their bicycles and a stray dog in the main street one day did causes me to look both ways when crossing.

I see opportunities for the Break O'Day Council to plant more street trees and flower beds to enhance the village's rural streetscapes.

Should Council need professional advice on this topic I am happy to offer my services free. Colourful flags and banners as well as some new street furniture would also lift St Marys profile and give reason for more people to stop a while, enjoy the surrounding environs and support local businesses.

From a social perspective I see neighbours helping neighbours, families connected to the land and characters being themselves in the safety of their community, no matter how colourful or offbeat they might be.

I am saddened to see teenagers and especially some with babies who are not at school broadening their life options or hearing about a pensioner being taken advantaged of by an unscrupulous individual whose moral compass has no direction [the name of this particular low life will be provided on request].

My tolerance regulator overheats when I hear spoken opinions based on rumour and ignorance, misunderstandings between folk which has turned into World War 3 and the denigration of residents by others who think they are HOLIER THAN THOU. These shortcomings in human nature, and I don't exclude myself here, are the recipe for conflict which fractures rather than galvanises a community.



Sandi aged three with Scooter

At these moments I try my best to ignore the blinded bigotry and attempt to redirect the conversation onto more interesting topics, such as trout fishing. Should the need be I'll even debate the latest footy or cricket results even though I would find it more interesting to discuss the mating habits of blow flies or listen to grass grow.

For most of my life I've been told I inhabit my own world which is why I called my St Marys property, Planet Sandi. A place to dream, live out my time and do the things which suit me and enrich my life.

My family heritage began mostly in Scotland and Germany. Some of my forbears visited Tasmania in the first half of the 1800s, stayed a while and moved on to new endeavours after becoming free citizens. Two of my great grandfathers arrived in Hobart in the late 1890s, had too much of a good time and were encouraged to sailed on to Brisbane which they did and began new lives in a new country.

My first Tasmanian term of my charmed life was in the late 1970s and it was then when I developed a fondness for what I describe as my favourite Aussie state. I have chosen to live in Tasmania and in particular St Marys because I believe it is a fantastic location. How long I will be here is anybody's guess but for now, St Marys is the centre of my universe.

Some of my life long friends said to me that I would be bored in small town Tasmania but this is certainly not the case. And whilst I haven't a TV and veranda gazing is an important part of my daily responsibilities, I am yet to be bored. I will admit to being guilty of doing nothing some days and when asked, "what about tomorrow?" I reply "I am doing more of the same because I wasn't finished yesterday". On an extreme day of lizard laziness I've exceeded my past performances and done less than nothing, struggling at best to turn the pages of the latest book I am reading.

This lavish lifestyle for the fortunate ones who have realised that as the years progress the one commodity in short supply is TIME, is the joy of being retired. From the bottom of my empty stubby I wish to take this opportunity to thank those wonderful tax paying public who help maintain the nation's infrastructure which I continue to enjoy.

When I am not in Tasmania and for that matter, the Australian north island, I am off cycling the world, exploring over the horizon and around the corner. To date my bicycle which I call The Cannon [short for Cannondale t1] and I have ventured some 15,000 km together through Australia, the UK, Ireland, Belgium, the Netherlands, Germany, Denmark, Sweden and Norway. My adventures this year will take me back to the UK, Ireland and Germany, with the inclusion of new territory through France, Switzerland, Czech Republic, Hungary, Croatia, Slovenia and Italy.

The grass cutting crew and catering committee at the Golf Club will have to soldier on in true ANZAC tradition without me. My good neighbour will have to bare the full weight of the pub's public bar at happy hour and Snoopy will need to find another dog walker in my absence. Bossy Boots, Spotty, White and Brown chook will go to the High School to

enrich the student's lives and contribute to the canteen's egg/mayo salads.

Planet Sandi may look abandoned but as the American general Douglas Macarthur once said to the people of the Philippines, "I shall return."

Go safe, best regards and please look after the best little secret in Tasmania. And if there is no gossip about me while I am away, I will be more than happy to make up some.

Sandi [John Sandilands - no relation to Kyle or Arron, and who sometimes goes by the pseudonym of Cycling Sandi, The Happy Horticulturist, Tassie Trout Tragic, The Wandering WWOOFer and Baby Boomer Biker who used to be a hitch hiker]

PS. You are invited to join me on my 2014 adventure by emailing *sandilands01@bigpond.com* to say, "Sandi, please keep me informed of your wanderings".

John Sandilands, St Marys



Avoca Museum and Information Centre Old School Building AVOCA TASMANIA 7213



Newsflash!!! AMIC has been successful with the funding application to the Tasmanian Community Fund to have two pieces of gym equipment installed at the park for the use of our youth, adults and visitors.

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Mary Knowles, Secretary. 6385 2002 gippscreek@skymesh.com.au

Calendar fact

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Break O'Day Stitchers After a lovely Christmas lunch for which we were joined by members of the Busy Fingers Group from Bicheno we have all had a well-earned break and have now returned for another year of quilting and craft. We occasionally entertain visiting crafters from other states and have already had a visitor from Queensland who was happy to pass on her beading skills to our group. Our members have started selling tickets in the town in our annual quilt raffle and will be doing so until the draw which will be held at the Easter Exhibition in St Helens over Easter weekend. Entries for the various sections in the exhibition are welcomed from non-members and enquiries can be made to Kay Roberts on 6376 3985/0402 007 802 or Angela Reid on 0419 307 719.





For the past decade artist Greg Duncan has been carving his niche in the wilderness of Tasmania

The hamlet of Derwent Bridge is the gateway to the world heritage area and is the location of a unique art gallery in the heart of Tasmania.

The former Victorian artist relocated to Tasmania to set up what he calls the Wall in the Wilderness. He is using panels of huon pine 1m wide x 3m tall to carve out images of early rural Australia. His plan is to carve 100 panels and so far 75 have been completed. He says each panel is worth \$5,000 and can't estimate the cost of setting up the unique building to house the wall. Greg says he has received no funding for the project and relies on passing traffic heading into the world heritage area to help with the cost.



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2013 Carols by Candlelight at JAM

On a wet, very rainy night on the Friday before Christmas last year, parents and children alike joined in a celebration of the birth of JESUS. With Nativity costumes abundant, candles aglow and voices raised, we sang and clapped and laughed and smiled and thoroughly enjoyed the night.

We did not let the inclement weather dampen our spirits or spoil the chance to also celebrate the first big event in our new premises.

We ended the night with the most delicious BIRTHDAY cake for JESUS, cooked once again for us by our wonderful local bakery!





Above: The youngest and oldest JAMmers cutting the Jesus Xmas cake



The St Helens Walking Group met on January 22nd at Crossroads Café, our popular and welcoming meeting venue, to plan an itinerary for 2014. Bryan Edhouse was unanimously appointed 'walks organiser' for the year ahead - many thanks Bryan. Walkers submitted suggestions for suitable walks and an itinerary will be available shortly.

Following the meeting, Andrew Howard from Tas Ambulance gave an informative talk on basic first aid and advice on handling mishaps the group are most likely to encounter.

The group walk each Wednesday - these walks are low grade, last approximately one hour and are taken at a leisurely pace. Longer and more strenuous walks are organised for the 3rd Saturday of each month.

The first walk of the year, through part of the Winifred Curtis Scamander Reserve, was attended by a large group of nineteen, including four new walkers. At all times of the year there seems to be something of botanical interest in this piece of coastal heathland. On this occasion the highlight was a pair of hyacinth orchids (Dipodium punctatum) and a few of the group sampled samphire. Our walkers come from Fingal, St.Marys, Seymour, Scamander and of course, St Helens.

New members are most welcome - please call Healthy House on 6376 5242 or Bryan Edhouse on 63763439 for further information.



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The **Suncoast Gallery** is pleased to announce that Irish born Fingal resident, Stuart Mullan, will feature as Artist of the Month at 27b Quail Street, St Helens. Stuart, although a rather quiet person, has a sense of humour and will answer any questions you have about his art.

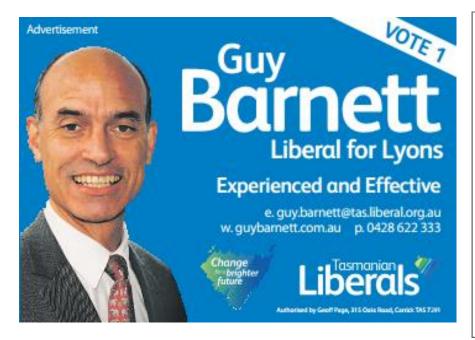
Previously employed in the Irish Guard, British Army and as a logger in Canada he then worked in construction eventually coming to Australia to

continue in that industry. Now retired Stuart turns his hand to making good paintings and influenced by "Old Masters", particularly Jan Vermeer, enjoys using oils but also at times acrylics and airbrush.

It has been 30 years of drawing, painting and at times wood carving - using the Japanese Netsuke style Stuart created miniature works. Now Stuart is more likely to use a palette knife and larger brushes to paint on canvas; can we say he is more daring now? Stuart will put a work aside for a fortnight and when he feels ready out it comes again and he can finish the project although he tells me there are a few rejects in his shed.

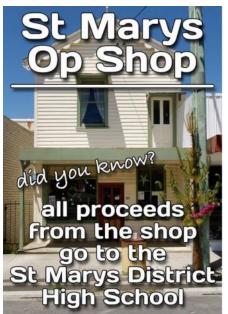
Mixing colours gives Stuart's painting a vibrancy and sparkle so please come and view his artwork. Call the Gallery on 0400 827 860. By Peggy Bogar.







Milquetoast is an American English dysphemism for a weak, timid, or bland person. The word *milquetoast* derives from the name of Caspar Milquetoast, a diffident character in H. T. Webster's comic strip *The Timid Soul*. The comic strip first ran in 1924 in the *New York World*; it was later published in the *Herald Tribune*.



The **St Marys School Association** would like to thank Glyn Johnson for his skill and expertise in designing a new Op Shop notice which lets people know the funds raised support projects at the St Marys District School.

In 2012 Op Shop funds contributed to the following projects:

- \$1000 towards the student trip to Melbourne
- \$1,500 towards the playground upgrade for kinder and prep/1
- \$459 for a freezer for Home Economics
- \$1500 to support music activities
- \$800 for book prizes, supporting the Mini Olympics at Fingal
- \$600 to provide a hot water system at the Op Shop

I would also like to thank the community for their support and to all the volunteers for their hard work. We currently need new volunteers for the casual relief.

Janet Drummond, Op Shop coordinator.

East Coast RC Flyers Australia Day Fly-In

Members of the East Coast RC Flyers literally flew the flag at their inaugural Australia Day Fly-In. Model flyers from St Marys, Scamander, Beaumaris and St Helens brought along their family members to the flying field, where everyone enjoyed a great day of flying and delicious food.

Nobody was left in doubt about the theme of the day: Australia Day. Several radio controlled models were decorated

with Australian flags and stickers, even a scaled-down version of the RAAF PC9, in Roulette colours, provided entertainment in the form of aerobatic manoeuvres.

The East Coast RC Flyers club was formed in September 2013, and has come a long way since then. Membership is growing rapidly and the club is now incorporated with its own insurance. We have a large flying field at the corner of Ansons Bay and Reids Road, just outside St Helens.

If you wish to be part of the fun and action, contact the club through their website at: eastcoastrcflyers.org.au

Manfred Weihrauch (webmaster and instructor) http://eastcoastrcflyers.org.au/

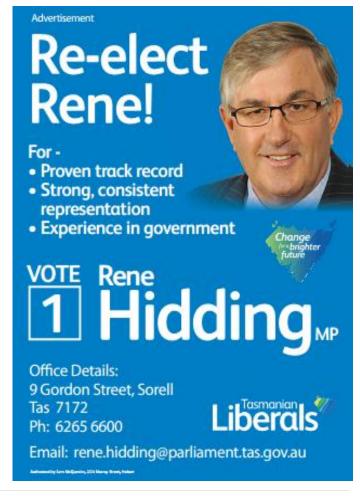












The Bleat

Hello all. Back again. I do hope you all had a great time over the last month and a half...

My first job is to apologize to the gentleman who spoke to me in front of the supermarket at St Marys, as I'm all for telling you what you need to do and then I let the side down by not even asking him his name. Sorry Sir, I shall try to do better.

Any one learned something good in the break? I have learned quite a lot; mainly that I don't want to be forced to think and act like I have something to hide or I have done something wrong by just having an opinion. All too often today we are told we can't do this or that because someone may be offended and we just accept it even when we don't agree, so we won't rock the boat. I want to rock the boat and I intend to speak up when and where I don't agree with some people.

God gave us one mouth, two ears, two eyes - doesn't that tell you something? Listen twice as much as you speak, because while you are talking you are not learning anything. Watch and see twice as much as you speak, for by observation man has learned much over time. We don't learn while we are bashing our gums, speak as though your life depends on it because in reality it is who you are, what you think and what you do.

We all need to engage even if we don't want to get into an argument. I need to make a statement and then listen to you and move on. Maybe my attitude will change because of it or perhaps your perspectives will change, who knows? But unless I engage in conversation I become more isolated in the community, at home, in my thinking, in life. I become a loner - not so bad some would say? Loneliness is a very sad existence

Too many of the folk who have wisdom are gagged by the radical opinions of the noisy few, and the wisdom is not heard over the noise of the rowdy just because the wise want a peaceful life and the rowdy few are determined to have things their way.

People may claim to be of a particular belief, like me for instance, a Christian. But if I only take on bits and pieces of the teaching of Christ then I am lying if I say I am a Christian. I cannot have a foot in both camps, I am either a Christian by belief, attitude and action or I am not a Christian at all. Jesus said you can't sit on the fence... You cannot serve two masters

If I do not follow all the teaching of Christ and act on those teachings then I am not a Christian. I am not complete without Christ because I am only a man with faults like any other man; but if I allow the teaching of Christ to be corrupted by teaching, or by my thinking, or my actions then I am an enemy of Christ and He will have nothing to do with me. Satan on the other hand will embrace you in whatever you do as long as it takes your mind-thoughts away from belief in God. Satan encourages you and any diverse actions, keep on hating, stealing, lying, breaking the laws, it's all great stuff for Satan. Ask yourself, how old am I now? Should I make up my mind who and what I am? And what I want to be in the time I have left on this earth? If there is Heaven and Hell where do I want to be? This is some food for thought.



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This is the last Bleat I am writing because I find it too difficult to write without referring to my main source of inspiration, the Bible. I said at the start I wouldn't bash you with religion and most would see my writing that way. Perhaps if there is enough interest I may write again but call it something else, maybe you have a suggestion. Let the Valley Voice know.

David Brewster, signing off, thanks for your kind words.

The Valley and East Coast Voice Inc. strongly encourages local/regional contributions from the public.

Stories, current events, historical information, lifestyle pieces, anecdotes, articles and written or visual art with a community-based theme are welcome, especially with relevant pictures included.

Regular columns can be made available for talented and dedicated contributors. Contact the editor if you have any questions or would like more information on guidelines. We aim to reflect and represent all those who make up the community of the Valley and East Coast.

Nostalgia is not what it used to be...

I enjoyed Don Pike's article in the November 21st issue of the Valley and East Coast Voice. His reference to Velocettes, Ariel 500s and a Triumph Tiger 650 provoked a warm *frisson* of nostalgia for my own early years of motorcycling.

I must take issue, however, with his conflation of Bob Hawke, Paul Keating and Gareth Evans with the Fabians. The Fabian Society (est. 1884) was dedicated to the achievement of democratic socialism by gradual process. Gough Whitlam was the last (possibly the only) prime minister who came close to this ideal and look what happened to him: he was jumped on from a great height by



the forces of global capitalism (i.e. the U.S.) and by the Australian conservative establishment, fearful as they were of losing their privileged position and their open licence to exploit the working class, because he tried to 'buy back the farm' and establish a fair and equitable society for all Australians. The Keating government marked the beginning of the steady drift to the Right which has culminated in the current situation where any politician hoping for re-election would not dare utter the word 'socialist'. I agree with Mr Pike's opposition to globalisation and free trade agreements (which always seem to be free for the United States at the disadvantage of everyone else) but these are products of capitalism, not socialism.

Having said that, I'll get down off my soap-box and return to the more enjoyable and less contentious subject of motor-bikes.

When I first swung a leg over a motorised bicycle, Brittania ruled the roads. Triumph, Norton, Matchless, BSA, Royal Enfield, Velocette and Ariel were names to conjure with. Those were the good old days. Or were they? Before you could experience the joy of the open road, the wind in your hair (helmets were optional) and the throaty roar of a gutsy British single, first you had to start the machine. Seated astride the bike clad in a 'Marlon Brando' style leather jacket, stovepipe pants and WW2 flying boots (choice of riding apparel was limited), you followed this procedure:

- 1. If the machine is cold, pull in the valve lifter (a small trigger device on the left handlebar) and rotate the motor several times with the kick-starter to free up the piston.
- 2. Set the manual spark advance/retard lever (on the left handlebar) to about ³/₄ retarded. Attempting to start the machine with the spark advanced will result in a 'kick-back' ferocious enough to break your ankle.
- 3. Close the air control (on the right handlebar) just the right amount (determined by trial and error).
- 4. Turn petrol on.
- 5. Depress the 'tickler' button on the carburettor until the float bowl is full of petrol.
- 6. Use the kick-starter to rotate the piston until it is at the top of the compression stroke.
- 7. Pull in the valve lifter and use the kick-starter to ease the piston over compression.
- 8. Open the throttle about an eighth of an inch too much will flood the engine and it will not start.
- 9. Leap into the air and apply all your weight to the kick-starter in a 'long, swinging kick'.
- 10. Repeat steps 6,7,8 and 9 until the engine starts; usually no more than three or four times will be necessary on a well-tuned machine.
- 11. Move the spark lever to full advance and the air lever to open.

These days I ride a Kawasaki. The starting procedure is as follows:

- 1. Turn ignition key.
- 2. Press starter button.

Did I enjoy my time on those classic British motorbikes? Immensely. Would I willingly return to the 'good old days'? Not on your nelly!!

Bill Greer, Mathinna.

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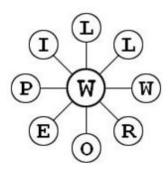
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- 28. God of love
- 29. Invention
- 30. Willow
- 31. Frigid
- 33. Greek letter
- 34. Pear-shaped instrument
- 35. Biblical garden
- 36. Collections
- 38. Pertaining to tactics
- 41. 52 in Roman numerals
- 42. Relating to an orbit
- 44. Precious stone

- 45. Weave diagonal lines into
- 46. Lift
- 47. Angers
- 48. Smelting waste
- 50. Not a single one
- 51. Carry
- 52. A hemispherical roof
- 53. Nameless
- 54. Canvas dwelling
- 55. Therefore

Is that better, Maisie?

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Solutions next issue.



How many words can you find? Each word must contain the central letter W and no letter can be used twice. Proper nouns are not allowed but plurals are. There must be a nine letter word. Excellent 23, good 18, average 15.

Community Diary February 13~27th 2014

Thursday 13th Valley Voice #18 Sports Centre GM 7pm

Friday 14th

Saturday 15th AMIC Market & full moon

Sunday 16th Anglican Community Outreach Dinner

Monday 17th Tuesday 18th Wednesday 19th

Thursday 20th MOW meeting St Marys CHC

Friday 21st

Saturday 22nd Beaumarus Park Swap Market

Sunday 23rd

Monday 24th 5pm deadline for next Valley Voice People Poles meeting at St Marys Hotel 5.30pm Tuesday 25th

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A much loved pet and working dog.

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inbox - https://m.facebook.com/craig.hingston?refid=17 (Alycia)

- 1. Open fridge. Nothing to eat.
- 2. Open pantry. Nothing to eat.
- 3. Lower standards and repeat.

Heard on Grand Designs this fortnight: *fur-lined ocean-going balls-up*.

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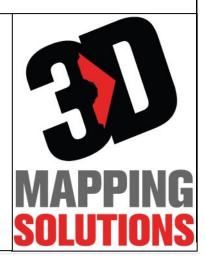
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The first Holy Trinity Anglican Community Outreach Dinner for 2014 was held on 19th January 2014, attended by 26 community members. The theme was a summer BBQ, although the BBQ ceased working during the event; everyone pulled together and an enjoyable evening was had by all. The surplus food was taken to St Helens to be distributed to those in need. \$100 was raised and has been donated to a South Sudanese charity to assist in the provision of relief and education. Janet Drummond on behalf of Holy Trinity Anglican Church.

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St Helens 9.30am St Marys 10am St Helens 10.30am Pyengana 7.30pm every 4th Sunday 3rd Saturday of each month Community Dinner @ St Marys

SPORT NEWS

St Marys Cricket Club - McGrath Foundation Pink Stumps Day

On the February 1st the St Marys Cricket Club held its very first Pink Stumps Day. This is a fund-raiser for the McGrath Foundation which helps families dealing with breast cancer.

In perfect sunny conditions at St Marys the day started off with our juniors playing Scamander, and the main game St Marys vs Pyengana followed.

Cars rolled in, people arrived dressed in pink and set up chairs to settle in for the afternoon. Pink balloons and streamers around the clubrooms were setting the scene to greet spectators to our bar and kiosk. It was picture perfect with pink creating the theme for the day and to see so many mums, dads and kids with faces painted and hair coloured was fantastic.

Our very special guest for the day Marianne Smith, northern Tasmanian McGrath Foundation Breast Care nurse, gave a great speech to the spectators on what the Foundation does for families and her role in providing care to breast cancer patients. Thank you Marianne for taking time out of your busy schedule to come to our club and to see you helping our ladies in the kiosk was a highlight.

After all this it was time to get the game underway. Mandy Turner tossed the coin to start things off and the teams lined up for the national anthem and a minute's silence. That was fantastic to see. The match started and some great performances by players were enjoyed. St Marys was victorious, see match report below. We hope everyone who came along, made donations, bought

raffle tickets and volunteered their time to help on the day enjoyed themselves. What a great day - thank you!

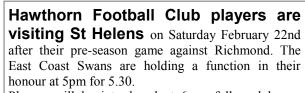
For a small community we achieve big things. All profits made will go to the McGrath foundation and will be announced next issue. Once again from the St Marys cricket club THANK YOU!!!

Match reports: St Marys vs Scamander 15/12/13 Scamander batted first and made

127 from 20 overs. Our bowlers copped a bit of stick but we had great bowling from Jye Baldwin (2/8) and Roger Salter (2/39). In reply the Tigers fought hard right to the end, only to lose by a single run! Scott Bentley (52) and Brad Mitchell (16) were our best.

Pink Stumps Day 1/2/14 Pyengana won the toss and sent St Marys in to bat. The Tigers were in trouble early at 2/8 but Craig Freiboth and Chris Turner steadied to be 2/64 after 10 overs. After 20 overs St Marys posted 142 with Craig going on to bat the innings out with 79 n.o. Jacob Spilsbury (20) and Chris Turner (18) made some handy runs as well. In reply the Tigers bowlers dug in and bowled out Pyengana for 86. Gary Cooper (5/17) and Baden Alexander (4/23) were the destroyers. Great effort fellas! Craig Freiboth was voted St Marys Best and Ruben Moore Pyengana Best.

Chris Turner, St Marys Cricket Club Coach.



Players will be introduced at 6pm, followed by an autograph session.

The meal will be BBQ meats, fish and salads at a cost of \$20 per adult, \$10 per junior. Bar will be open.

Bookings essential to Matt Osborne 6376 1772, St Marys Hotel 6372 2181 or Ned Hyland 0417 493 109.

Open forum conducted by Glenn McGuiness starts at 6.45pm followed by a memorabilia auction. Players will leave for Freycinet at 7.30pm.

Matt Osborne











From the Souvenir Edition printed in 2007.

Back l/r: Terry Targett (Coach), Robert Grainger, Michael Barnes, Larry Stingle, Glen Lodge, Murray Schier, Stephen Spilsbury, Craig Gatty, Michael Read, Chris Spilsbury, Shane Brooks, Des Faulkner Jnr, Rick Ward (front) Ken Maynard, Glen McDonald, Kim Waller, Les Newman,

Front 1/r: Robert Hinds, Shane Gavaghan, Andrew Singline, Michael French, Michael Singline.

SPORT NEWS

ST MARYS SPORTS and SOCIAL CENTRE INC.

Thursday 5.30-7.30, Friday 5.30-Close & Happy Hour 6.30-7.30. Sunday 1.30-4.30.

We trust everyone has had a restful time over the silly season, including Wendy our VV editor.

Things have quietened down for the club after a pretty hectic time with private functions and the Clive Berwick day. What a wonderful day the Clive Berwick day turned out to be. To show our appreciation to all our wonderful volunteers whom we couldn't do without, we hope to soon have a special thank you function just for you.

The first half of the financial year has been pretty good to us however we must not rest on our laurels. Winter could see us slide back to where we started unless we hold some successful functions of our own at the club.

Presently we have a trivia night and Christmas in July planned.

We have been donated two great prizes to raffle. One is a super duper Milwaukee power tool valued at over \$500. There will only be 50 tickets sold at \$10 each, so check it out at the club rooms.

Secondly is a Rinnai portable BBQ, this will be raffled at Easter. All members will be given some tickets to sell. Both raffles will have a second prize.

BOWLS NEWS We started off the new year with some pretty good wins but unfortunately we went down to Scamander at Scamander last week. This coming week we have a bye, so enjoy the break as the following week we play Saturday and Sunday.

Championships are moving along slowly. Please get your matches organised asap.

A special thank you to Helen and Leanne for always being there to serve our afternoon tea on home games. You sure do take the pressure off the bowlers.

GOLF NEWS Black Rock Sunday is still going well. Details are on the board at the club rooms.

This is pretty much a fun day so please come along and join in. Australia Day there were 18 players...best turn up yet...fantastic!

JAG THE JOKER AND LUCKY MEMBERSHIP DRAW These two games of chance are going well and attracting a regular group to the Friday night happy hour. Mark Carrick and Belinda Wayer have been lucky enough to take home a carton. There have been others who missed out as they weren't there for the draw at 7.30.

Jag the Joker has jackpotted to \$400...a \$2 ticket could give you the chance to try your luck at picking the joker. You do not have to be a member to participate in this game of chance.

GENERAL MEETING on Thursday 13th Feb 7pm. CATERING MEETING on Thursday 27th Feb 2pm.

Annette Wines, Secretary

Vol 46 No 17 puzzle solutions.

All words: Acerb, acre, amber, ar, arb, arc, arch, are, ark, arm, backer, baker, barker, bare, bark, barm, barmen, barn, bear, becharm, BENCHMARK, berm, brace, brach, bracken, brae, brake, bran, branch, brank, breach, break, bream, brecham, brecham, bren, caber, camber, caner, canker, car, carb, care, cark, Carmen, carn, chamber, char, chare, chark, charm, crab, crake, cram, crambe, crane, crank, creak, cream, ear, earn, embar, embark, er, era, ern, hacker, hanker, hare, harem, hark, harken, harm, hear, her, herb, herm, herma, hern, karn, kbar, kebar, kerb, kern, knar, macer, maker, mar, marc, march, marchen, mare, mark, merk, nacre, namer, nark, near, race, rack, rah, rake, ram, ran, rance, ranch, rank, re, reach, ream, reb, rec, reck, rehab, rem, reman, rhea.



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The art of letter-writing is fast dying out. When a letter cost nine pence, it seemed but fair to try to make it worth nine pence. Now, however, we think we are too busy for such old-fashioned correspondence. We fire off a multitude of rapid and short notes, instead of sitting down to have a good talk over a real sheet of paper. The Sunday Magazine. 1871.

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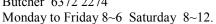


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